

THE CHIEF RABBI'S
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“The most exciting aspect of the Shalem Fellowship is that it will allow motivated undergraduates in the UK to grow in their Avodat Hashem and their Torah learning ensuring that they can simultaneously aspire to reach the highest standards of both Torah and secular study in ‘shleimut’.”

- Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis KBE



About us

Keviyut.

We encourage and enable our students to study both Torah and their secular subjects at university to the highest standards.

We inspire our students to value learning Torah as a central part of their day, even when life gets challenging. We teach our students to balance a multitude of Torah values, so that they can emerge from their undergraduate years as strong Bnei and Bnot Torah.

We provide our students with the opportunity to learn skills of analysis as a path to truth, and middot as a path to personal character refinement and the achievement of a kiddush Hashem in the wider world.

Shleimut.

We push beyond the Beit Midrash to teach our students to live lives filled with meaning, seeking greater and closer connection with HaKadosh Baruch Hu in every part of their lives - in the Beit midrash, in the library, at work and at home. Our shiurim address ways that we can harness our Torah and secular studies to better understand and make a positive impact in the world.

We believe that the worldview of our students should have the benefit of being filtered through a Torah lens. While sefarim are a start to understanding this, role-models are also key. Therefore, we provide our students with access to our programme directors and teachers one-on-one.

We are privileged to host exceptional Rebbeim and scholars from Yeshiva University each year in London who support our own team of outstanding local teachers.

While it is possible for students to sign up to the programme for a single year, we encourage our students to stay on as fellows throughout the time they are studying in university. This is because our curriculum builds year to year, developing exceptional, inspired and deeply rooted graduates who will help Am Yisrael grow from strength to strength.

Shalem is an outstanding initiative of the Chief Rabbi, who has personal interest and involvement in the programme of studies throughout the year.

The fellowship includes:

- Stipend
- All expenses paid trip to New York
- Shabbatonim, onegs and other events
- Mentorship
- Access to incredible educators from Yeshiva University
- Opportunity to earn a Certificate in Judaic Studies from YU Global
- Structure and incentive to achieve your goals in Talmud Torah and Avodat Hashem!

Fellowship Responsibilities

Your commitment is for one year of your degree, although we very much hope that you will stay on and continue learning with us throughout your degree! The Fellowship is open for students in all years of their undergraduate studies.

Beit Midrash Attendance

We require our fellows to learn in the Evening Beis at least four nights a week during term time (excluding exams). They are welcome to take advantage of the fantastic shiurim on offer at the Beis and depending on interest, there will be a Shalem specific shiur.

Learning on Sunday Mornings

The fellowship also includes regular learning on Sunday mornings with a guest shiur and breakfast followed by a Halacha limmud.

Section 1:

Guest Shiur | 9:00-9:45

- Shiur-series and one-off shiurim from local and visiting Rabbanim and from Rav Yoni.
- These shiurim will be on a wide-range of topics to increase exposure, broaden our fellows' knowledge and mesorah in derech ha-limmud to include Tanach/ Parshanut, Aggadeta, History and Hashkafa.

Section 2

10:00-12:00

- Halacha b'Iyun Seder and Shiur with **Dayan Eliezer Zobin Shlit" a**.

Halacha b'Iyun Track

It is an incredible honour for our program that **Dayan Eliezer Zobin Shlit" a** will be teaching our fellows Halacha b'Iyun. An opportunity to learn Halacha and receive Mesorah in derech ha-psak from one of London's finest Talmidei Chachamim is something which our fellows are encouraged to take full advantage of.

Dayan Zobin's shiurim will follow a seder of preparation facilitated by Rav Yoni as the Sho'el u'Meishiv.

Last year, we were honoured to welcome:



**Rabbi
Daniel Feldman**

Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman is a Rosh Yeshiva at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University, as well as an instructor in the Sy Syms School of Business, and has taught for the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and the Katz School of Continuing Education. He also serves as the Executive Editor of the RIETS initiative of YU Press. He is an alumnus of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh and received his ordination (Yoreh Yoreh and Yadin Yadin) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, where he was a fellow of the Bella and Harry Wexner Kollel Elyon. Rabbi Feldman is a prolific author of sefarim in Hebrew and English, which have been published with the approbations of R. Avraham Schapira, R. Ovadiah Yosef, R. Natan Gestetner, R. Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg, R. Asher Weiss and others.



Dr. Nechama Price

Dr. Nechama Price is the Director of Yeshiva University's Graduate Program for Advanced Talmud and Tanach Studies (GPATS) and teaches Tanach and Halacha at Stern College. Nechama received certification from GPATS, earned masters degrees from Azrieli Graduate School and Bernard Revel Graduate School, and an Ed.D from Azrieli Graduate School focusing her research on the impact of female Torah scholar role models on high school students. She is a certified Yoetzet Halacha, and currently serves as a Yoetzet Halacha (Halakhic Advisor) for the communities of Teaneck, Englewood, Tenafly, Livingston, West Orange, and Long Branch NJ. Nechama is the author of Tribal Blueprints, a Maggid imprint which analyzes the lives and personalities of the twelve tribes. Nechama is a community scholar and speaks all over North America. She lives in Bergenfield, NJ with her husband and four children.

We also welcomed: Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh (Sgan Rosh Kollel at Gruss - Yeshiva University in Israel) and Professor Shaina Trapedo (Professor of English specialising in the impact of Tanach on Western literature)

Scholar-In-Residence Participation

Four times a year, top educators and Rebbeim from Yeshiva University will be visiting London specifically to learn with our programme and spend time with our students. Students are expected to be at a couple of additional shiurim with these speakers on weeks when the speakers are visiting (arranged around student schedules).

Certificate in Judaic Studies from Yeshiva University

We are privileged to work with YU Global, an advanced online learning platform. In advance of our Yeshiva University speakers coming in person, fellows have the opportunity to deepen their learning from some of these speakers by completing short online modules based on the material the speaker is expert in. The courses are custom-made for us and will reflect Shalem's values, interests and goals. By completing all seven modules over the course of three years, fellows have the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Judaic Studies offered by Yeshiva University. Fellows are required to complete at least one of these modules per year of their fellowship.

Some examples of courses:

- Shaping the Shevatim: Family Dynamics & the Development of Israel's 12 Tribes
- Jewish Interpersonal Ethics & Business Applications
- 'Words, Words, Words': Hashgacha, Hashkafa & Hamlet.

Stipend

Stipends will be paid to all our Fellows in termly instalments. Receiving a full stipend will be conditional on attendance (barring exceptional circumstances, and university commitments).

Term Dates Elul programme:

Yemei Iyun

21st, 28th September,
5th October

Winter Term

19th October - 12th December

Spring Term

11th January - 20th March

Summer Term

3rd May - 19th June



Trip to Yeshiva University, NY

All our fellows are invited to an all expenses paid trip to learn in Yeshiva University in the winter holidays! We will be learning in their Beit Midrash, attending Torah classes and meeting and learning from exceptional teachers and Rebbeim there. Of course it's also an amazing opportunity to catch up with friends from the States and see some sites in Manhattan.

Last year we met with President Rabbi Ari Berman, Rabbi Aryeh Leibowitz, Rabbi J J Shachter and more! We also hosted a networking dinner, meeting with exceptional baalei batim who are at the executive level of their chosen careers, as well as making time for Torah learning and involvement in their communities.

The trip will take place the week of the 14th December 2025 for all new fellows.

Who's who at Shalem

Rav Yoni Abrams, Director of the Shalem Men's Fellowship

Rav Yoni grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, a suburb outside of Washington D.C. and studied in Yeshivat Sha'arei Mevaseret Zion for a couple of years prior to his studies at Yeshiva University where he completed a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Afterwards, he studied for Semicha at YU's RIETS, mostly in the Gruss Kollel in Yerushalayim, where he was blessed to live for four years.

Rav Yoni has had the opportunity to work as an educator and summer-program director for OU's JLIC and teach at Moshava IO.

Aside from his work for the Shalem Fellowship and being father to his three fabulous children, Rav Yoni works remotely as a Data Scientist for an Israeli startup in Tel Aviv.



Dayan Eliezer Zobin, Maggid Shiur

Dayan Eliezer Zobin serves as the Rav of Ner Yisrael, London, one of the most thriving modern orthodox communities in the UK. Dayan Zobin grew up in Golders Green, London. After graduating high school, he learned at Yeshivot in Israel, including studying at Yeshivat Be'er Yaakov, and under Rav Yitzchok Soloveichik. He graduated with an MA in Jewish Education from the University of London.

As well as being a Dayan on the London Beth Din, he serves as Principal of the Independent Jewish Day School, Rabbinic Patron of The British Association of Orthodox Jewish Mental Health Professionals, Rabbinic Patron of Chana - the fertility charity - and Rabbinic Leader of the Sinai Youth Movement. He is also a Maggid Shiur at "The Hendon Beis".

Dayan Zobin is a qualified teacher who taught at, and was Principal of, Immanuel College for some 15 years, he was a Posek for the Federation of Synagogues' ShailaText, and served as Rosh Beit HaMedrash at LSJS, as well as having taught on the Montefiore College Semicha programme. He lectures widely in the community, including at United Synagogues, JLE, SEED, and for J-TV.



Rabbanit Hannah Abrams, Director of Shalem Fellowship

For the past six years, Rabbanit Hannah has been learning Torah around the world. She earned her MA in Stern College in Biblical and Talmudic studies, learnt Halacha in the Matan Beit Midrash in Jerusalem and most recently studied at and was the Assistant Director of Tagel, a full-time learning programme for women in Israel under Yeshiva University with Rabbanit Shani Taragin. Rabbanit Hannah has also taught in various seminaries in Jerusalem and at Matan, and taught at and directed Torah programmes for university students with OU-JLIC. Rabbanit Hannah grew up in London, and is excited to return with her husband, Rav Yoni Abrams, and three gorgeous children to bring her love of learning and teaching to the Shalem Fellowship, as well as supporting the students in an administrative role.



Examples of Guest Shiurim:

- Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis • Rabbi Anthony Manning • Professor David Latchman
- Rabbi Akiva Tatz • Rabbi Avichai Goodman • Rabbi Sam Millunchik





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