

THE CHIEF RABBI'S  
**שלם**  
FELLOWSHIP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE WOHL LEGACY AND YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

**“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**



## Why Join Shalem?

### Keviyut.

- We encourage and enable our students to study both Torah and their secular subjects at university to the highest standards. Our Beit Midrash programme is organised around the YOUR schedule, to make this possible.
- We offer a wide range of shiurim in our diverse weekly schedule, which are stimulating, inspiring and challenging, fostering continued curiosity and ongoing engagement with Talmud Torah.
- We give our students the opportunity to learn Torah as a path to truth, and to develop middot to make 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.
- We give our students the opportunity to develop deep relationships with exceptional role models, teachers and rebbeim to help guide them in this complex part of life.
- We are privileged to host world-class Rebbeim and scholars from Yeshiva University each year in London who support our own team of superb local teachers.

**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
- 2 Shabbatonim a year
- 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!

### Term Dates

#### Winter Term

13<sup>th</sup> October - 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term

17<sup>th</sup> January - 25<sup>th</sup> March

#### Summer Term

2<sup>nd</sup> May - 13<sup>th</sup> June

## 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

During term-time there are four sessions each week with a variety of different shiurim - discussion based classes, chavruta and shiur, and chaburot. They run on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday nights in our Beit Midrash. Our fellows choose three of these sessions to commit to on a weekly basis.

### 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).

Shana Bet students will receive a higher stipend, and benefit from some special Shana Bet shiurim and sessions.



## Yeshiva University Partnership

### Scholars-In-Residence

Three 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.



Examples of previous guests:



- Dr Nechama Price, Professor of Tanach and Halacha at Stern College, author of Tribal Blueprints



- Rabbi Daniel Feldman, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, prolific author of sefarim, teacher of Business Ethics



- Professor Shoshana Schechter, Dean of Torah Studies at Stern College



- Rabbi Dr Yitzchak Schechter, Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Center for Applied Psychology in Monsey, NY



- Rabbi Dr Eddie Reichman, Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Tedler Chair of Medical Ethics at Yeshiva University

### Certificate in Judaic Studies

We are privileged to work with YU Global, an advanced online learning platform. In advance of our Yeshiva University teachers coming in person, fellows have the opportunity to complete short online modules based on the material the speaker is expert in. By completing 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
- The Lonely Man of Faith: Then and Now



### Trip to Stern College, NY

All our first year fellows are invited to an all expenses paid trip to learn in Stern College in the winter holidays! We will be learning in their Beit Midrash, attending Torah classes and meeting and learning from exceptional Torah 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! The trip will take place the week of the **13th December 2026**.

# Weekly Schedule 5787 - Term 1

## Sundays

09:00 - 09:15	Breakfast!		
09:15 - 10:00	Miss Rivka Simmonson <b>Sefer Shmuel</b>	Rebbetzen Shuli Liss <b>Middot and Mussar</b>	Chavrutot with Rabbanit Hannah Time to study for YU Global courses
10:00 - 11:00		Rabbi Kurzer <b>Mesorah through History</b>	
11:10 - 12:00	Guest speaker series		

## Tuesdays

20:00 - 20:55	Rabbi Shmuli Sagal <b>Mishnah Sukkot</b>	Miss Rivka Simmonson <b>Principles of Tefilla</b>	Chavrutot with Rabbanit Hannah Time to study for YU Global courses
21:05 - 22:00		Rabbi Dovi Lebrecht <b>Understanding Jewish Mysticism</b>	

## Wednesdays

14:00 - 15:00	Miss Rivka Simmonson <b>Sugya b'Parsha</b>	Rabbi Dovi Lebrecht <b>Rediscovering the Rishonim</b>	Chavrutot with Rabbanit Hannah Time to study for YU Global courses
15:00 - 16:00		Rabbi Matt Marks <b>Lessons and Leadership</b>	

## Thursdays

20:00 - 20:50	Mrs Aliza Sinclair <b>Mefarshim on Chumash</b>	Rabbi Shmuli Sagal <b>Major Machlokot in Hashkafa</b>	Mrs Ariella Joy <b>Aggadata: Stories of Chazal</b>
21:05 - 22:00	Dayan Zobin Q&A / Rabbi Birnbaum Shiur Klali		

## Director

### **Rabbanit Hannah Abrams**

Director of the Shalem Fellowship. Previously studied in Tagel-YU Women's Advanced Learning Programme, Matan, OU-JLIC and the Graduate Programme of Advanced Talmudic Studies at Stern College. Teacher in various Seminaries in Jerusalem



## Teachers

### **Rabbi Dr Yoni Birnbaum**

Senior Rabbi of Finchley United Synagogue (Kinloss). Director of Marriage Authorisation at the Office of the Chief Rabbi. Previously Rabbi at Hadley Wood and Toras Chaim. MA and PhD in Jewish Studies.



### **Rabbi Ben Kurzer**

Senior Rabbi of the Golders Green United Synagogue. Previously Rabbi of Pinner Shul and Assistant Rabbi at Edgware United. BA in Jewish History and Semicha from Yeshiva University.



### **Rebbetzin Shuli Liss**

Rebbetzin of Highgate United Synagogue, inspiring community leader and teacher. Graduate of UCL in Maths and Computer Science, former madricha for Ezra.



### **Rabbi Matt Marks**

Executive Head of Tribe UK, Strategic Consultant for Jewish Life at the Brighton and Hove Jewish Centre, Sacks Scholar and former Bnei Akiva madrich.



### **Rabbi Shmuli Sagal**

Rabbi of Shomrei Hadath Federation. Director of Operations at the Evening Beis in Hendon and Registrar for Marriages and Divorce at the Beis Din of Kehillas Federation. Previously Rabbi of Sutton & District Synagogue. BA, MA and Semicha from Yeshiva University.



### **Mrs Aliza Sinclair**

An Educator for Aish Young Professionals and Jewish Futures. B.Ed in Tanach and English from Michlalah Jerusalem, M.A. in History from the Hebrew University, graduate of the Eshkolot Fellowship in Advanced Tanach Education. Teacher one-on-one with students.



### **Miss Rivka Simmonson**

Adult, post-seminary and high school teacher, sought after lecturer in the UK and the US. Previously Director of Learning for Kodesh at Hasmonean High School for Girls.

### **Dayan Eliezer Zobin**

Rav of Ner Yisrael, London. Dayan on the London Beth Din, 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, and Rabbinic Leader of the Sinai Youth Movement.





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