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TIKVAH

A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

2022



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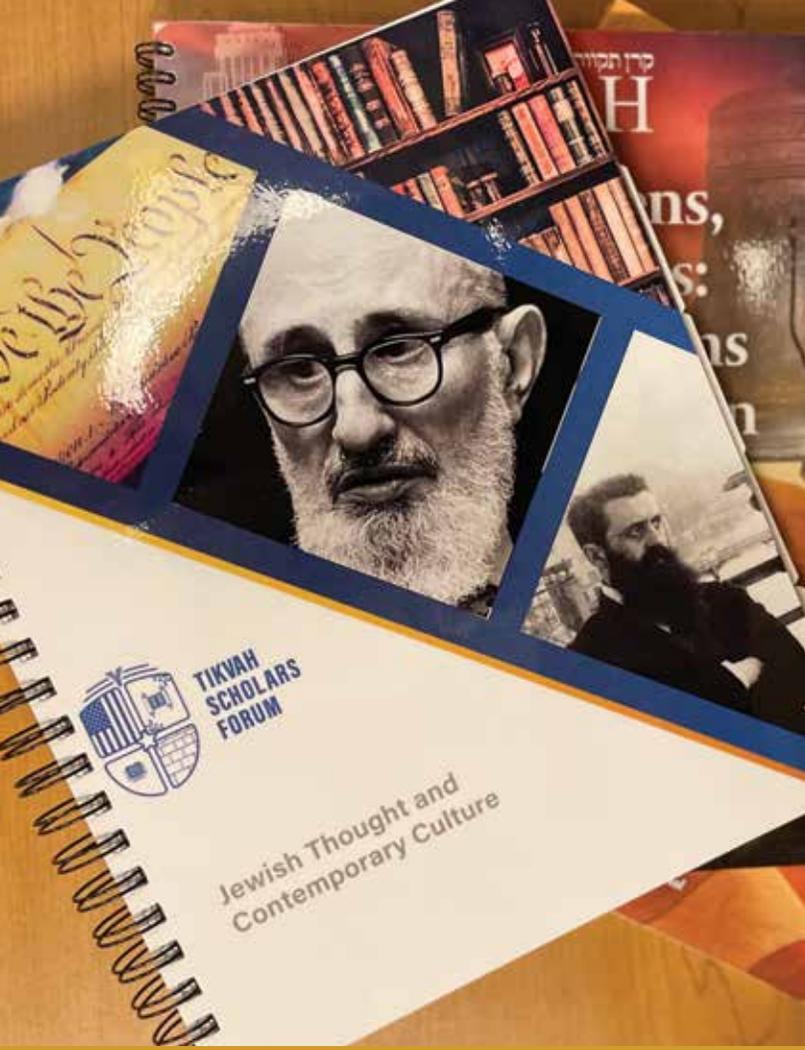
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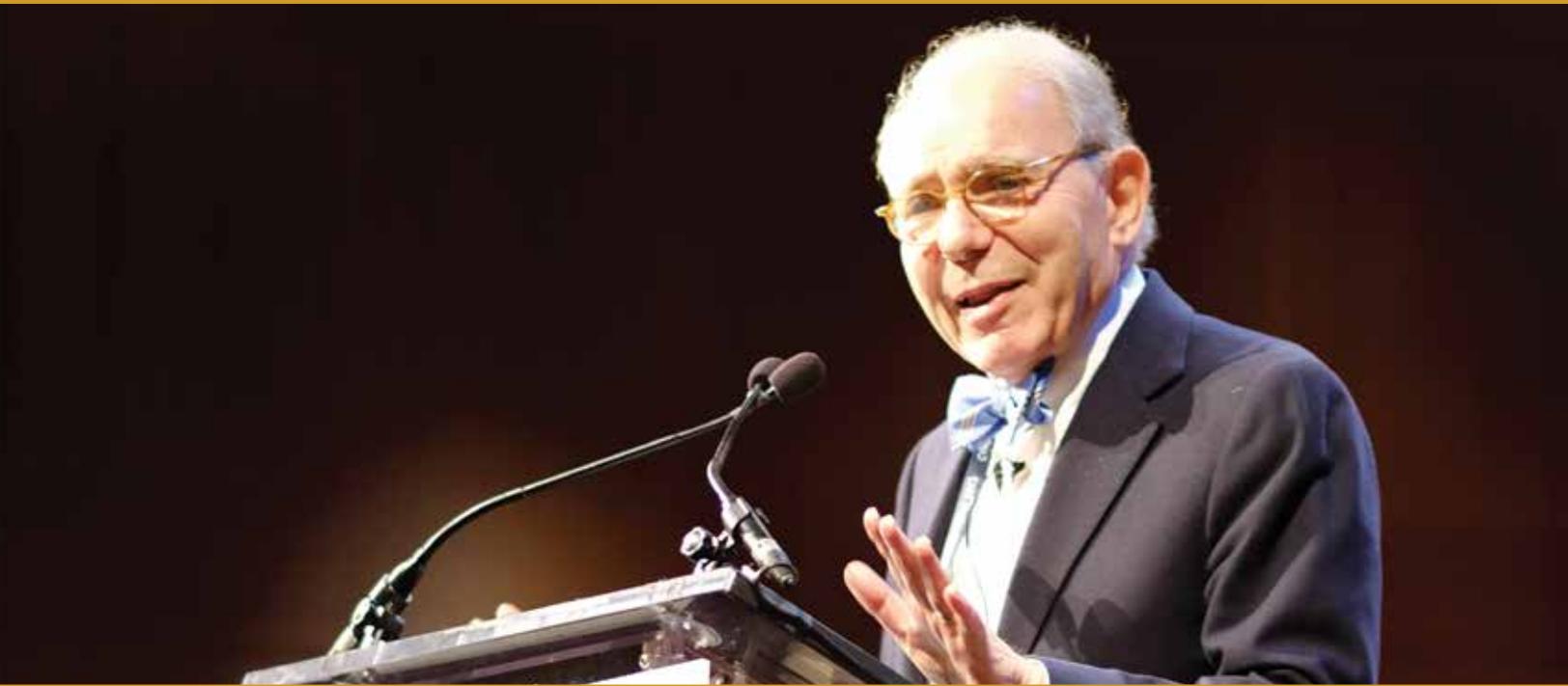
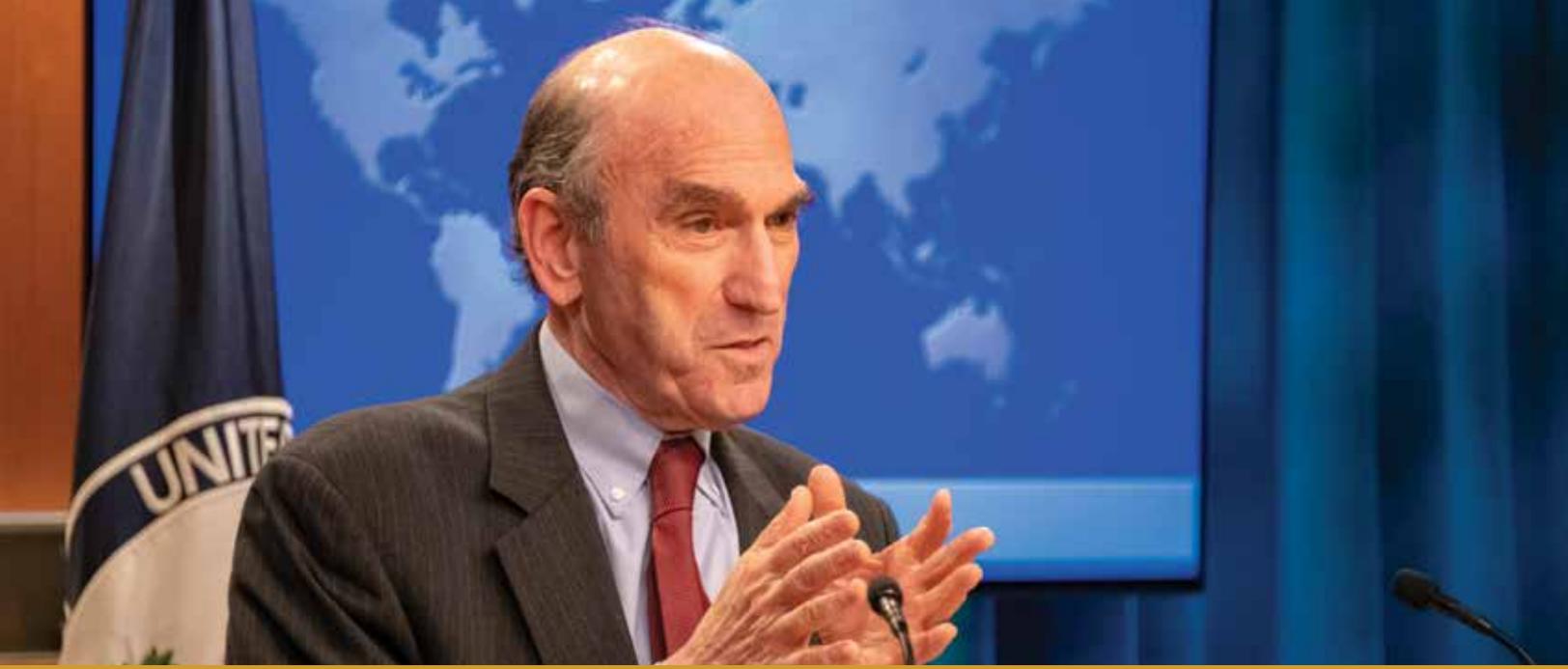
Tikvah’s purpose is to confront the most serious challenges facing the Jewish people, Israel, and America through education and ideas. We seek to cultivate a rising generation of Jewish and Zionist leaders with moral confidence and civic courage, informed by Jewish wisdom and the lessons of Jewish history. To advance this mission, Tikvah runs intensive seminar programs for young Jews; high-level fellowships for college students and emerging professionals; and publications, podcasts, and conferences that bring Tikvah’s ideas to the world.

Based in New York and Jerusalem, the Tikvah community now includes thousands of active students, alumni, subscribers, and supporters from America, Israel, and around the globe. We believe that the Jews are an exceptional people; that Jewish civilization is a treasure for the world; that the rebirth of Israel as a modern nation-state is a heroic achievement. We believe in preserving and promoting Jewish strength and Jewish sovereignty, and we treasure the special relationship between America and Israel. We believe in economic and political liberty, married to the Hebraic culture of family, community, and reverence for tradition. And we believe that Jewish ideas should be brought into rich conversation with Western civilization, and that the Jewish people have an important role to play in world history.



ABOUT OUR FOUNDER

Zalman C. Bernstein z”l was a visionary businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. In 1967, he founded Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, which grew into one of the most successful and respected investment companies in the world. As his passion for Judaism, Israel, and the Jewish people deepened, he immersed himself in Torah study, changed his name to Zalman Chaim Bernstein, and made his home in Israel. Always bold, always ideas-driven, always iconoclastic, Mr. Bernstein established Tikvah—and other important Jewish institutions—in the hope that by investing in great Jewish ideas and Jewish leaders, the heritage he cherished and the people he loved would be a light unto all nations.



Dear Friends,

The Jewish story is a tale of many miracles—including the emergence, at key moments, of great leaders who carry us forward as a people. From Abraham to Moses, from Ben Zakkai to Maimonides, from Herzl to Rav Soloveitchik: the Jewish spirit endures on the shoulders of giants.

When Tikvah began many years ago, we hoped that we could make a meaningful contribution to the world of Jewish education. We focused on bringing the enduring wisdom of Jewish tradition and the hard-won lessons of Jewish history to exceptional young people with the character, drive, and spirit to lead.

We didn't know, in the beginning, exactly how it would work. But we knew the mission of advancing Jewish excellence mattered. And we believed that we could create a Tikvah community of people and ideas: students and teachers hungry to learn, thinkers ready to advance new ideas and reinvigorate ancient Jewish wisdom, and supporters devoted to providing the resources we need to sustain the Tikvah project from strength to strength.

Year over year, Tikvah adapted and expanded: creating summer programs, starting fellowships, launching magazines, convening conferences. We created Tikvah communities of learners and doers in the United States and Israel—with a few dozen, and then a few hundred, and now many thousands of students, alumni, and members engaged. It was—and is—exciting.

We all know the challenges: the erosion of Jewish identity in the diaspora, the resurgence of anti-Semitism around the world, the zealous enemies of Israel. Tikvah aims to confront these challenges soberly.

But our north star is Jewish resilience, Jewish creativity, Jewish excellence. And while we address head-on the burning issues of the day, we are also playing a long game—in the belief that today's middle-school, high-school, and college students are the future leaders of the Jewish people.

We are grateful to everyone who has joined us in this bold mission, and we are honored to share with you a portrait of our vision, our strategy, and the impact we have been able to achieve together.

Sincerely,



Elliott Abrams
Chairman



Roger Hertog
Chairman Emeritus



Eric Cohen
Chief Executive Officer

Tikvah by the Numbers

3,500+

ENROLLMENTS IN TIKVAH ONLINE ACADEMY
SINCE WE LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2020

2,300+

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR 2021 ONLINE
JEWISH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, JOINING
FROM 45 U.S. STATES AND 16 COUNTRIES

423

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS AROUND
THE WORLD ATTENDED BY TIKVAH'S
2021 STUDENTS

750,000+

WORDS RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK WILL WRITE
THIS YEAR FOR THE BIBLE 365 PODCAST

1,100,000+

UNIQUE DOWNLOADS OF THE TIKVAH
PODCAST OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS

64

"GREAT SPEECHES" TAUGHT IN OUR AUGUST
2021 PROGRAM FOR 7TH TO 12TH GRADERS

300+

MEMBERS OF THE TIKVAH SOCIETY

4,600+

UNIQUE DONORS TO TIKVAH OVER
THE PAST 24 MONTHS

100+

STUDENT LEADERS IN THE TIKVAH-BEREN
COLLEGIATE FORUM, REPRESENTING 50
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

140,000+

BOOKS SOLD IN OUR HEBREW-LANGUAGE
SERIES IN ISRAEL SINCE LAUNCH IN 2018

450

GAP-YEAR STUDENTS IN ISRAEL STUDYING IN
TIKVAH SEMINARS IN 2020-21

7,000+

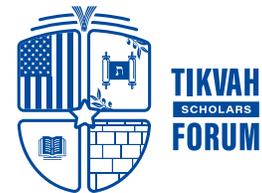
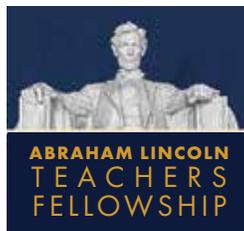
PAID SUBSCRIBERS TO *MOSAIC* MAGAZINE

150+

UNIQUE WRITERS IN *HASHILOACH*, TIKVAH'S
HEBREW-LANGUAGE POLICY JOURNAL

26,500

ENROLLMENTS IN OUR FIRST EIGHT TIKVAH
ONLINE UNIVERSITY COURSES



Middle & High School Programs

Tikvah introduces exceptional middle- and high-school students to the riches of Jewish civilization, the heroic story of modern Israel, the meaning of America, and the foundational ideas of the West. Through our online seminars, intensive summer programs, and fellowships for teachers, we are creating a Tikvah generation of students with moral courage and intellectual confidence. Our mission: to form committed Jews, proud Zionists, and patriotic Americans, ready for the challenges of college and beyond.

Tikvah Online Academy

Tikvah Summer Institute

Tikvah Scholars Forum

Jewish Day School Partnerships

Abraham Lincoln Teachers Fellowship



Tikvah Online Academy

A NEW STRATEGY FOR TEACHING JEWISH, ZIONIST, AND AMERICAN IDEAS

Tikvah Online Academy offers a year-long menu of high-level seminars—taught by master teachers, in discussion-based classes, live on Zoom—for exceptional middle- and high-school students.

Tikvah has always believed that young Jews of all backgrounds are hungry for serious learning. When the Covid crisis hit in 2020, we seized the opportunity to launch Tikvah Online Academy. We began with a few pilot classes for middle- and high-school students—and demand quickly exploded. Hundreds of seminars and thousands of enrollments later, we are now turning Tikvah Online Academy into a true educational institution—fueled by strategic gifts from the Marcus Foundation, the Millstone Family, and The Paul E. Singer Foundation.

A TIKVAH COMMUNITY OF IDEAS

In an era when Jewish parents are concerned about the education of their children, Tikvah Online Academy is creating a vibrant community of ideas. Our spirited seminars foster intellectual friendships among diverse young Jews from around the world. Our teachers are hand-picked college professors and high-school teachers, award-winning writers and policy experts, preeminent rabbis and communal leaders. At Tikvah, we challenge our students to learn together as equal members of the Jewish community, whatever their backgrounds or denominations, so that every young Jew can claim our majestic Jewish and Zionist inheritance as his or her own. Against the current culture of “wokeness,” we always encourage lively discourse and debate.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF TIKVAH ONLINE ACADEMY



The **CLASSIC TEXTS OF JEWISH CIVILIZATION**—including the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic thought, and Jewish philosophy—offer enduring wisdom about the meaning of being human.



The **ZIONIST PROJECT** is one of the great moral, cultural, and political triumphs in human history, and every young Jew should understand the achievements and challenges of modern Israel.



AMERICA IS AN EXCEPTIONAL NATION, influenced by Hebraic ideas from the colonial era onward and affording Jews unprecedented liberty and equality.



The **FOUNDATIONAL IDEAS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION**—from Greek philosophy to Renaissance art to political economy—are essential ingredients in shaping modern Jewish citizens.

100+

UNIQUE FACULTY WHO
HAVE TAUGHT FOR
TIKVAH ONLINE ACADEMY

3,500+

ENROLLMENTS IN TIKVAH
ONLINE ACADEMY SINCE WE
LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2020

64

“GREAT SPEECHES”
TAUGHT IN OUR AUGUST
2021 PROGRAM

“My Tikvah experience was nothing short of amazing. . . . The superb professor, camaraderie among the students, fascinating curriculum, and thought-provoking readings: everything was fantastic! I’m grateful for the opportunity and hope to do more with Tikvah in the future.”

— ELI BEAUBIEN | JACK M. BARRACK HEBREW ACADEMY | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



Tikvah Summer Institute

200 STUDENTS. TWO WEEKS. THE GREAT IDEAS
OF JEWISH, ZIONIST, AND WESTERN THOUGHT.

The Tikvah Summer Institute is an intensive residential program for 11th- and 12th-graders with the intellectual drive, moral seriousness, and civic courage to become Jewish leaders.

Ten years ago, we launched the Tikvah Summer Institute at Yale for a small group of high-school students eager to read the great books in a Jewish spirit. Over the past decade, the program has flourished: expanding to select 200 students per summer from every imaginable Jewish background; developing a curriculum that combines classical learning in Jewish, Zionist, and Western ideas with strategic thinking about the great political and cultural issues of the modern age; and creating an alumni network of emerging Jewish and Zionist leaders, ready for college and beyond. This program was expanded with the strategic support of the Maimonides Fund.

WEEK ONE: JEWISH IDEAS AND WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Week One focuses on the foundational ideas of Jewish civilization—including what they teach about justice and injustice, love and death, war and peace, family and friendship, freedom and tradition. We read the biblical stories of Genesis alongside Homer’s *Odyssey*; rabbinic texts alongside Plato’s *Republic*; the stories of David, Esther, and Ruth alongside Shakespeare; the political teachings of Deuteronomy alongside the *Federalist Papers*, Tocqueville, and Lincoln’s speeches. Through intense discussions and close reading with our world-class faculty, Tikvah students awaken to how the spirits of Jerusalem, Athens, Rome, and Philadelphia shaped the modern world.



WEEK TWO: ZIONIST THOUGHT AND HISTORY

Week Two focuses on one of the most remarkable achievements of the modern era: the re-establishment of Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people. Never before had a people dispersed throughout the world, deprived of sovereignty for millennia, returned to its ancient homeland to build a thriving country. From the biblical Joshua to the British novelist George Eliot, from early Zionist thinkers like Moses Hess to political founders like Theodor Herzl, from statesmen like Ben-Gurion to the entrepreneurial spirits of start-up nation: we explore the Zionist story in-depth. Building on this historical foundation, Tikvah students also explore the challenges of defending Jewish sovereignty in the modern age—from the Iranian threat to the rise of anti-Zionism to the preservation of the special America-Israel alliance.

750+

TIKVAH SUMMER INSTITUTE
ALUMNI SINCE 2009

200

TARGET NUMBER OF
STUDENTS FOR 2022

46

UNIQUE SEMINARS
WE WILL OFFER IN 2022

“The Tikvah summer program was intellectually transformative. Brilliant professors and passionate students challenged me to think about topics like religious freedom, Jewish ethics, and the morality of capitalism. My experience at Tikvah prepared me for Jewish life in today’s changing world.”

—ALEC FIELDS | SHALHEVET HIGH SCHOOL | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS



Tikvah Scholars Forum

PROMOTING JEWISH EXCELLENCE—ONE STUDENT,
ONE TUTORIAL, ONE MENTOR AT A TIME

At Tikvah, we believe that our most promising students are worthy of individual attention: to expand their intellectual imagination, deepen their Jewish and Zionist identity, and stir their ambitions to serve the Jewish people.

The Tikvah Scholars Forum selects 40 students per year (handpicked by our faculty and staff) for an intensive fellowship:

- Individualized **tutorials**, matching each student with a master teacher in his/her chosen area of study—from Jewish theology to Israeli grand strategy, from American education policy to political philosophy, from Jewish bioethics to Zionist history.
- Regular **workshops and strategy sessions**, focusing on current issues facing the Jewish people—such as the future of religious liberty, the resurgence of anti-Semitism, the debates over free speech in American universities, and the state of the U.S.-Israel relationship.
- Private mentorship and advice as Tikvah students **select gap-year programs and colleges**—including relationship-building with Tikvah’s network of college student leaders.
- An annual **leadership summit**, bringing together Tikvah’s strongest high-school students, college students, and young professionals.
- Leadership roles in our **national student magazine**, the *Solomon Journal*.

Dr. Robert Zeldin and Steve and Tina Price have provided strategic support for these initiatives—all focused in different ways on cultivating Jewish excellence.

MAYA TRATT THE FRISCH SCHOOL



Maya Tratt is a 10th-grader at The Frisch School in New Jersey. She has taken over two dozen Tikvah Online Academy courses, participated in the 2021 Tikvah Summer Institute, and is a writer and editor for the *Solomon Journal*. Her intellectual interests range from the Hebrew Bible to political philosophy to Russian literature. Maya is also interested in the history of the Middle East and the languages and cultures of the Arab world. Her Tikvah mentor Dr. Ronna Burger said that she is “one of the most capable and dynamic students I’ve ever taught—of any age.”

BENJAMIN SAMUELS BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE

Benjamin Samuels is a 10th-grade student at Bard High School Early College in Manhattan. He has recently started to explore his Jewish roots more seriously—including a growing passion for modern Jewish literature, nurtured in Dara Horn’s Tikvah class on the Yiddish classics. His intellectual interests range from Shakespeare to chess to ancient Greece. Benjamin says it is “important for his generation of Jews to gain an education in how to navigate the cultural and political storms arising around them.”



MILADA SIROTA GOLDSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES



Milada Sirota is a 12th-grader at the Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Arts and Sciences in Brooklyn. She is the class liaison in student government and the lead journalist on the student newspaper. She is also an active member in Club Z, a Jewish and Zionist advocacy organization with roots in the Russian-speaking Jewish community. In her words, “Tikvah has infused Jewish pride into every element of my life.” Her ambition is to bring “a traditional Jewish voice to the U.S. Supreme Court.”

ARI UNGER YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Ari Unger is a 9th-grader at Yeshiva University High School for Boys honors program. Ari has written a novel which won a Scholastic Art and Writing Gold Key award and currently has two more novels in development. He is also a participant in Columbia University’s Fiction-Writing Workshop. Ari has taken dozens of courses in Tikvah Online Academy, on subjects as varied as political philosophy, Jewish culture, and American history. Ari was in the Junior Knicks Basketball League and has also acted professionally, appearing on *Law and Order*.



SARAH GORBATOV THE IDEA SCHOOL



Sarah Gorbatov is a 12th-grader at The Idea School, a project-based yeshiva in New Jersey. Her favorite subjects are biology, the humanities, and Judaic studies. Sarah is the founder and president of her school’s STEM club “Mighty Chondria,” and founder and editor-in-chief of the school’s publication, *The Ideals*. Sarah sings in the Young People’s Chorus at Thurnauer and serves as the principal clarinetist of the Thurnauer Symphony Orchestra.



Jewish Day School Partnerships

CREATING HONORS PROGRAMS AND TIKVAH TRACKS AT AMERICA'S LEADING JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

Tikvah partners with dozens of Jewish middle schools and high schools to create honors-level programs in history and literature, philosophy and economics, Jewish thought and Zionism.

We know that many of the future leaders of the Jewish people will be educated and formed in full-time Jewish day schools. The most capable students in our Jewish schools are hungry for advanced classes that take Western civilization seriously. They seek enrichment opportunities that explore the foundational ideas and heroic figures of Jewish, Zionist, and American history. Working school-by-school, we have crafted a series of programs targeted at honors-level students in 7th to 12th grade, offering both in-school learning tracks at leading Jewish high schools (such as The Frisch School) and supplementary programs that bring together top Jewish students from across North America (like the Truman Scholars).

IN ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, THE TRUMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM WILL EDUCATE **107** STUDENTS FROM **20** PARTNER SCHOOLS

THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF OUR WESTERN CIVILIZATION HONORS PROGRAM WILL EXPERIENCE **700+** CLASSROOM HOURS

ACROSS ALL OF TIKVAH'S MIDDLE- AND HIGH-SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, **70+** JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS ARE REPRESENTED

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.
Jerusalem Meets Athens in New Jersey

HOUSES OF WORSHIP *By Elliot Kaufman* Teaneck, N.J. Graduates of Heichal HaTorah rare novels or revisionist history textbooks that Howard Zinn might applaud. Heichal HaTorah, which advertises a the year. Quickly, a 10th-grader explained that the revolutionaries' universalism sadly encouraged France to export its religion." It seems to be working. This year Heichal's honors track will expand to the 11th grade and a new Tikvah



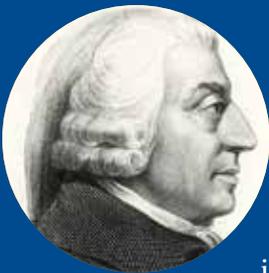
THE TRUMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM: 20+ SCHOOLS / 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

The Truman Scholars Program was launched in 2020 in the belief that top 7th- and 8th-grade students should explore the deeper meaning of our two exceptional nations: America and Israel. So we partnered with 20+ Jewish middle schools to nominate and select roughly 100 students for a two-year sequence of Tikvah courses. Mixed together with fellow students from across the nation, the Truman Scholars study great speeches and classic stories, biographies of heroic figures and short works of political philosophy, religious sermons and social commentaries. In weekly online seminars, special events, and occasional in-person gatherings and retreats, we explore the Hebraic roots of America and Israel and the enduring values that bind our two nations together.



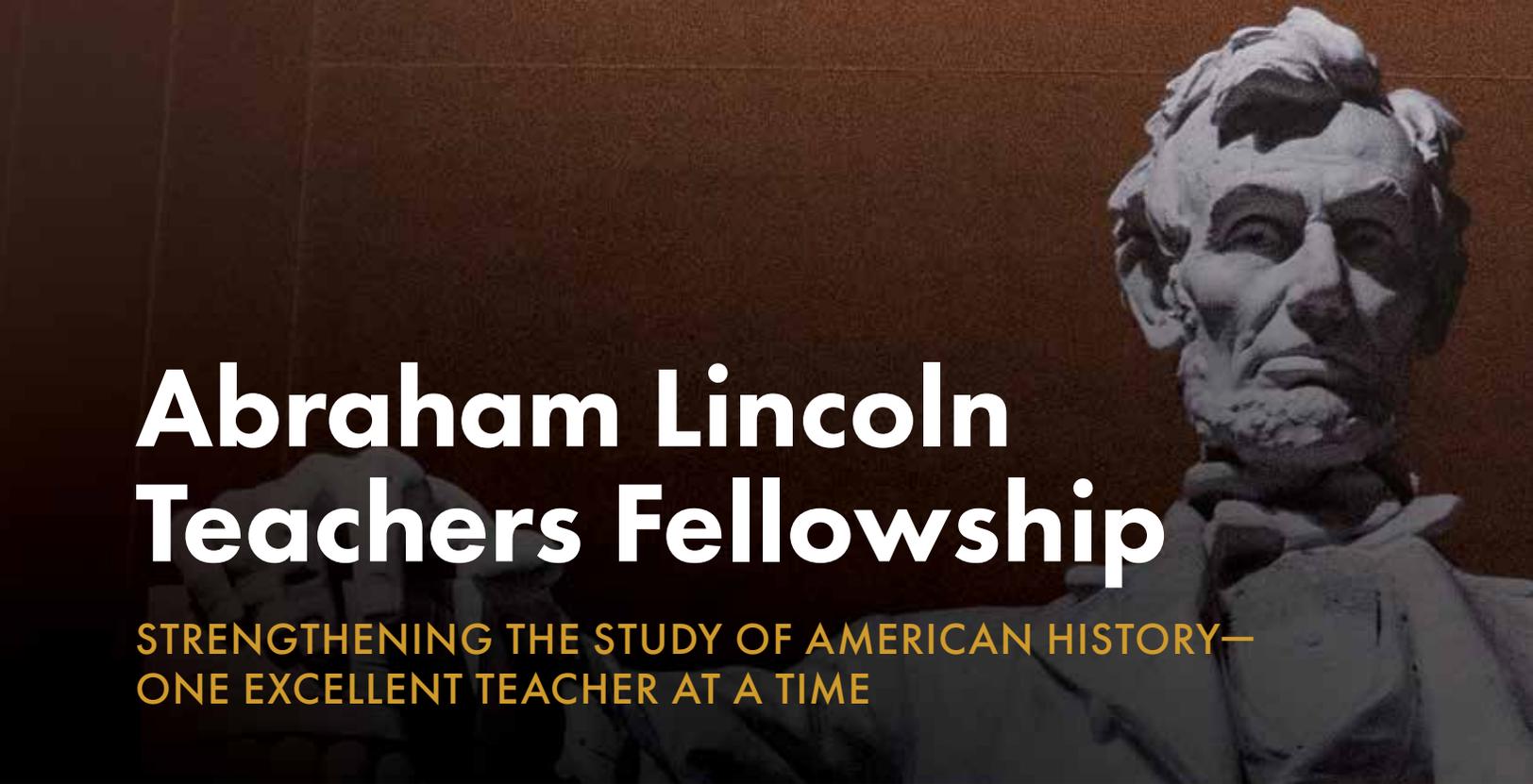
JEWS & WESTERN CIVILIZATION: A 4-YEAR HISTORY & LITERATURE PROGRAM

Should Jewish schools have a distinctive approach to teaching history and literature? Can Jews understand their place in world history without understanding Western civilization in full, and does Western civilization make any sense without understanding the story of the Israelite people? A few years ago, Tikvah partnered with a visionary educator named Rabbi Dr. Mitchell Rocklin to develop a four-year, full-time, honors-level program that takes 9th- through 12th-graders from the ancient world to the present age, from the Greco-Roman era to the Scottish Enlightenment, from the spirit of Philadelphia in 1776 to the challenges of the post-modern world. Our new Tikvah Humanities Program combines history, literature, art, and philosophy. Two of our partner schools have already adopted this program, and we are now developing a new Tikvah MA program in classical education to train teachers and school leaders around the country to bring our vision of Jewish liberal education to their own high schools.



THE TIKVAH TRACK AT FRISCH: POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY, & ECONOMICS

The Frisch School in northern New Jersey has emerged as one of the leading Modern Orthodox high schools in the nation. In 2021, Frisch approached Tikvah about developing a four-year track within their curriculum for students interested in studying the humanities in-depth. So we created a new “Politics, Philosophy, and Economics” (PPE) program—modeled on similar majors at Oxford and Hebrew University, but in a Tikvah spirit. The Tikvah PPE track explores the defining issues of our age—such as the role of technology, the future of capitalism, the meaning of nationalism, the ethics of war, and the role of religion in public life. And we immerse students in the classical texts of political and economic thought—from Plato’s *Republic* and Deuteronomy, to Adam Smith and Edmund Burke, to the *Federalist Papers* and Tocqueville.



Abraham Lincoln Teachers Fellowship

**STRENGTHENING THE STUDY OF AMERICAN HISTORY—
ONE EXCELLENT TEACHER AT A TIME**

The Abraham Lincoln Teachers Fellowship is an intensive program for middle- and high-school teachers committed to ensuring that young Jews understand the founding ideals and great figures of American civilization.

Teachers are the key to everything Tikvah does. In 2021, we announced a new fellowship for full-time educators at Jewish schools focused on strengthening the way we teach American history—an initiative more urgent than ever, given current efforts to delegitimize the American experiment. We received nearly 200 applications, and we selected 36 exceptional teachers—drawn from Jewish day schools across North America—for an intensive, 10-session, 30+ hour course of study on the great ideas of the American story, based on Wilfred McClay’s landmark new history, *Land of Hope*.

But this was just the beginning. Led by program director Harry Ballan, we created a whole new curriculum—with primary sources, guiding questions, and supplementary readings from the world’s leading U.S. history scholars. The Lincoln Fellows themselves spent the summer developing their own novel teaching ideas—with projects on everything from the Hebrew Bible’s influence on the American founding to the place of slavery in the U.S. Constitution, from the legacy of Andrew Jackson to how we remember the Civil War, from the evolution of the Supreme Court to the cultural significance of the 1960s.

In 2022, we plan to build on this effort to deepen Jews’ understanding of the American story, thanks to a strategic investment by Judy Fleischer.



HARRY BALLAN DEAN, LINCOLN TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP

Harry Ballan is the founding dean of the Abraham Lincoln Teachers Fellowship. Dr. Ballan holds a BA, MA, MPhil, and PhD from Yale University and a JD from Columbia Law School. He was for many years a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell, and served as dean of Touro Law School. “Like so many American Jews, I’m grateful to the country that has given so much to my family. I aimed to bring this spirit of gratitude into the Lincoln program.

America remains the last best hope on Earth. We must do everything in our power, for the sake of the Jewish people, of America, and of all mankind to see that it remains that way.”

AUDI HECHT TORAH ACADEMY OF BERGEN COUNTY

Audi Hecht is the dean of academics at Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) in Teaneck, NJ. Previously she served as the history chair at Yeshiva University High School for Girls (Central) in NYC, where she taught courses in history and political science and played a critical role in directing civics and experiential education initiatives. “Tikvah’s Lincoln Fellowship was like experiencing the Olympics of the mind and winning gold each time. The seminars transported one’s intellectual faculties in unparalleled ways, offering new angles of vision and trailblazing new historical paths.”



WHITNEY KENNON MARGOLIN HEBREW ACADEMY

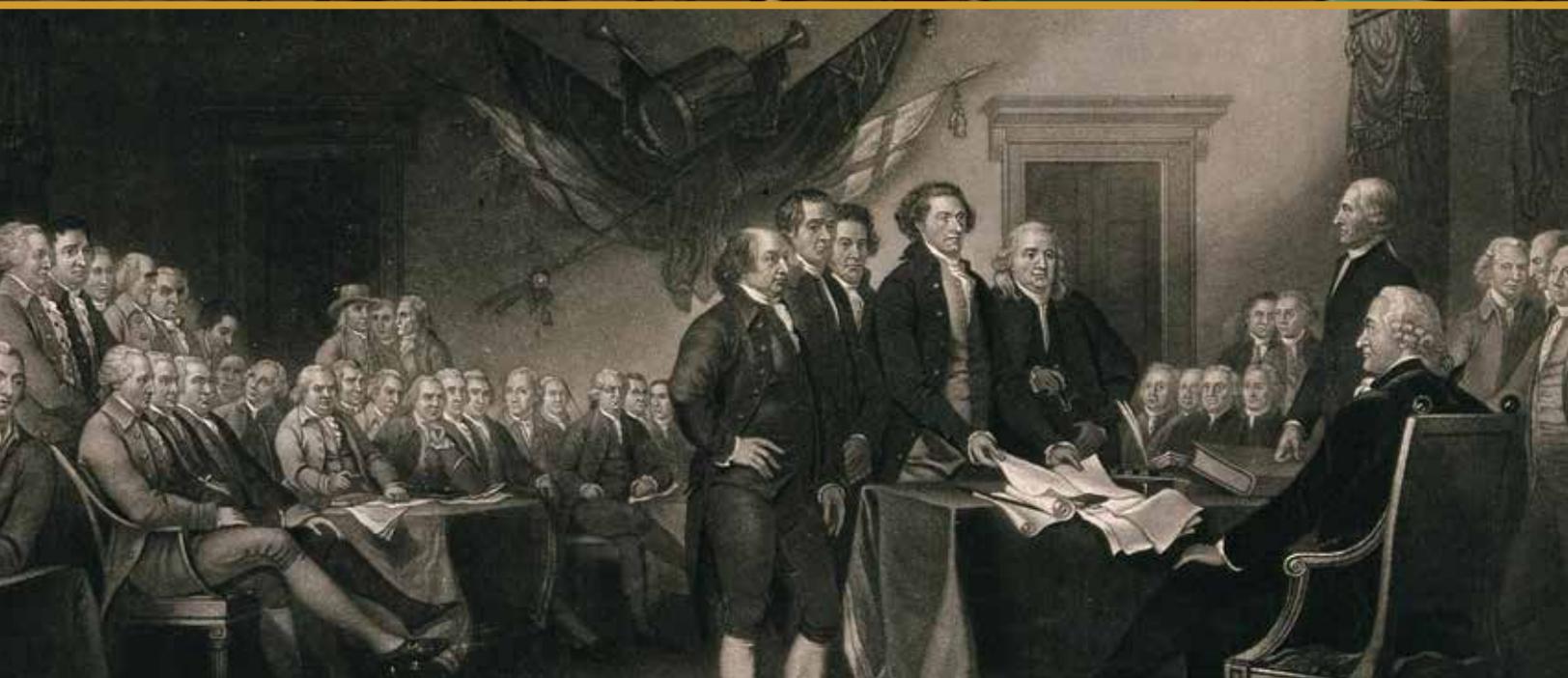
Dr. Whitney Kennon is the general studies principal at Margolin Hebrew Academy in Memphis. She has a PhD in Medieval and Renaissance History and specializes in political theory. She also teaches graduate courses in Medieval Studies at the University of Memphis. “The Lincoln Fellowship has revolutionized my teaching of American history, giving me the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions about primary sources and consider important themes like American exceptionalism. I am already reaping the rewards of this Tikvah opportunity. My passion for teaching America’s story has been renewed.”



NORMA JOHNSON MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY

Norma Johnson has been teaching a two-year American Studies course at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy in Maryland for over 20 years. She has been involved in the “Age of Lincoln” program at Oxford and the “9-11 and American Memory” project with the Gilder Lehrman Institute. She also serves on the Teacher Advisory Board of the National Constitution Center. As a Lincoln Fellow, she broke new curricular ground exploring how the U.S. Constitution and the American founders understood slavery. “The Lincoln Teachers Fellowship program has been one of the highlights in my professional learning. I felt re-energized and excited to take all I had learned back into my classroom.”





Gap-Year, College & Young Professional Programs

Training the next generation of Jewish intellectual, political, and religious leaders has been Tikvah's animating mission since its inception. Through summer institutes and year-long fellowships, seminars and conferences, working groups and internships, we are focused on cultivating gap-year students, college students, and emerging leaders in key fields. Our strategy: immersion in the foundational texts and ideas of Jewish, Zionist, and American civilization, combined with real-world experience facing the most serious policy issues of the modern age.

Tikvah Overseas Students Institute in Israel

Tikvah-Beren Collegiate Forum

Beren Summer Fellowship

Krauthammer Fellowship

Law Fellows and Policy Forum



Tikvah Overseas Students Institute

PREPARING GAP-YEAR STUDENTS IN ISRAEL FOR POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND ZIONIST LEADERSHIP

The Tikvah Overseas Students Institute offers seminars, tutorials, and intellectual retreats for gap-year students interested in Jewish political thought, the great debates shaping modern Israeli society, and the deeper challenges facing Western civilization.

Every year, a few thousand of the most committed young Jews from around the world spend a “gap year” in Israel between high school and college, typically immersed in a yeshiva or seminary curriculum focused on traditional Jewish text study. The Tikvah program identifies exceptional students from all over Israel, and we offer them something more: an education in Zionist political thinking.

Our teachers, speakers, and mentors include prominent figures in Israeli intellectual life—such as former Ambassador Ron Dermer, Israeli philosopher Micah Goodman, legal thinker Eugene Kontorovich, author Daniel Gordis, and columnist Caroline Glick.

Our program prepares students to affirm Zionism in an era rife with conflicts over nationalism; to deepen their Jewish faith in a secular age; to bring Jewish and Zionist values into a multicultural public sphere. Armed with moral confidence and intellectual courage, our alumni have emerged as campus leaders at the most elite universities in the nation.

450

GAP-YEAR STUDENTS IN ISRAEL STUDYING IN TIKVAH SEMINARS IN 2020-21

30

DIFFERENT YESHIVA, SEMINARY & GAP-YEAR PROGRAMS REPRESENTED

25

STUDENTS WE WILL SELECT IN 2022 FOR OUR MOST INTENSIVE PROGRAM



THE ZIONIST FOUNDING FATHERS

DR. DANIEL POLISAR, SHALEM COLLEGE

Many students have heard of Ahad Ha'am, Theodor Herzl, Max Nordau, and Ze'ev Jabotinsky, yet their ideas and achievements usually remain largely foreign to them.

In this in-depth seminar, Dr. Daniel Polisar brought the Zionist founders to life by explaining how their different visions of Zionism continue to animate current Israeli discourse. The class focused on close readings of great texts to help the students understand how monumental works can impact Jewish history.



JEWISH MILITARY ETHICS

RABBI DR. SHLOMO BRODY, TIKVAH ISRAEL

Some of the pivotal moments of 20th-century Jewish history were shaped by war.

How did Jewish leaders—thinkers and soldiers, rabbis and generals—tackle the novel political opportunities and moral challenges of warfare? In this seminar, we explored key moments of decision—including Jewish participation on both sides during World War I, the Irgun reprisal attacks against Arabs from 1937-1939, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Israel's fight for independence, and the amazing preemptive war of 1967.



WHAT IS ISRAEL'S GRAND STRATEGY?

DAVID M. WEINBERG, JERUSALEM INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Abraham Accords spawned great hopes for expanded ties between Israel and its Arab neighbors. How did this happen? What has changed? And what are potential benefits and risks of this new Israeli strategy? David M. Weinberg, a columnist for the *Jerusalem Post* and *Israel Hayom* and Vice President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, discussed how Israel's new strategy is built upon military strength, diplomatic courage, economic innovation, and a spirited sense of mission.



DOES ISRAEL NEED A JEWISH-STATE LAW?

A DEBATE BETWEEN PROF. EUGENE KONTOROVICH & FORMER MK DR. EINAT WILF

The "Jewish-State" basic law was one of the more controversial bills passed in recent years by Israel's Knesset. Some saw the bill as undermining Israeli democracy; others deemed it an important statement regarding the Jewish identity of Israel. In this session, two prominent public intellectuals, Eugene Kontorovich of the Kohelet Forum and former MK Einat Wilf, debated the merits of the bill.



THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWISH ZIONISM

DR. DANIEL GORDIS, SHALEM COLLEGE

One of the most important questions facing American Jewry is how to strengthen the next generation of American Jewish Zionists. This is a particularly important question for gap-year students heading soon to elite American universities that are often rife with hostility to the Jewish state. In this seminar, Dr. Gordis made an impassioned case for how Israeli and American Jews can work together to strengthen Zionism amongst American youth.



Tikvah-Beren Collegiate Forum

100+ CAMPUS LEADERS. 50+ UNIVERSITIES. ONE MISSION: ADVANCING JEWISH, ZIONIST, AND AMERICAN IDEALS

The Tikvah-Beren Collegiate Forum works closely with exceptional undergraduates around the country, creating a rising Tikvah generation of committed Jews who aspire to positions of intellectual, political, and religious leadership.

Campus by campus, we identify students with intellectual curiosity, entrepreneurial drive, professional ambition, and Tikvah’s core values. Every week, we bring Forum members together for in-depth seminars and conversations on the great speeches of Jewish, Zionist, and American history—from Moses to King David, Lincoln to Churchill, Ze’ev Jabotinsky to Menachem Begin. We convene wide-ranging conversations with mentors and thought leaders in journalism, politics, business, and education—such as former Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer, educational entrepreneur Eva Moskowitz, *New York Times* columnist Ross Douthat, Jewish intellectual Ruth Wisse, bioethicist Leon Kass, American historian Wilfred McClay, and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. We invest in student-led programs, publications, reading groups, and networks on campus.

Our aim is to create a national community of like-minded Jewish college students, armed with ideas and allies as they stand up for Jewish and Zionist values at college and beyond.

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ADAM HOFFMAN PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Adam Hoffman is a junior at Princeton University, where he studies politics, philosophy, and Jewish studies. At Princeton, he is editor-in-chief of *The Princeton Tory*, leads the conservative debate society, and is director of OUTPUT, Princeton’s club for social entrepreneurship. Adam previously worked in the White House, both for the Council of Economic Advisers and at the Office of Speechwriting.



KEREN BINYAMIN UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Keren Binyamin is a junior at the University of Maryland, where she studies business, management, and marketing. She is the co-president of Terps for Israel, the university’s leading Israel advocacy student organization. She is vice president of the university’s chapter of TAMID, an initiative connecting American college students with Israeli technology companies. In her free time, she sings in Kol Sasson, a Jewish a cappella group.



NATAN EHRENREICH YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Natan Ehrenreich is a junior at Yeshiva University, where he studies the great works of the Jewish and Western tradition as a Straus Center Scholar. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Natan was the valedictorian of his class at the Fuchs Mizrahi School, before spending a year in Yeshivat Orayta in Jerusalem. After college, he plans to attend law school and pursue a career in politics and public policy.



NATALIE KAHN HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Natalie Kahn is a junior at Harvard studying economics and English literature. She is a senior reporter for *The Crimson*, a leader at Harvard Hillel, a member of the conservative debate society, and a soprano in Harvard’s Collegium Musicum. In her (limited) spare time, Natalie loves writing and reading novels, listening to classical music, and hiking.



JACOB LEON WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Jacob Leon is a junior at Washington University in St. Louis studying political science. He is a research analyst for WashU’s student consulting group, and he is heavily involved with Chabad on Campus and WIPAC (WashU Israel Public Affairs Committee). He previously served as WashU’s Israel on Campus Coalition Fellow for 2020-2021.



PENINA SPEARMAN YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Penina Spearman is a junior at Yeshiva University majoring in philosophy. She is a fellow at the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, a chapter member of the Alexander Hamilton Society, and a liberal arts fellow at The Jewish Foundation for Education of Women (JFEW). She received the Torah U’ madda Book Award for her commitment to advancing the ideals and objectives of Yeshiva University.



Beren Summer Fellowship

TIKVAH'S FLAGSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS—
8 WEEKS IN THE ARENA OF JEWISH IDEAS AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Beren Summer Fellowship brings together our most committed college students for a full summer in NYC, combining a Tikvah masterclass on the strategic challenges facing the Jewish people with independent research projects and internships at leading policy organizations.

THE MASTERCLASS: DO MODERN JEWS HAVE A STRATEGY?

For the first three weeks, our Beren Summer Fellows take a grand tour of Jewish modernity—from the apparent promise of the European Enlightenment to the pogroms and the Holocaust, from the seductions of modern socialism to the birth of modern Zionism, from the promise of American freedom to the resurgence of anti-Semitism, from the creation of modern Israel to the crisis of assimilation in the diaspora. Led by Princeton Professor Leora Batnitzky, Jewish intellectual Ruth Wisse, conservative thinkers Yuval Levin and Samuel Goldman, and Tikvah CEO Eric Cohen, we challenge our students to assess the threats and opportunities facing the Jewish people, drawing upon the hard-won lessons of Jewish history. And we try to emerge with strategic recommendations that should guide Jewish and Zionist leaders in current era.

IN THE ARENA: INDEPENDENT PROJECTS & INTERNSHIPS

For the remainder of the Fellowship, the Beren Fellows undertake an intensive independent project or internship at a leading policy organization, focusing on the key issues facing modern Jews and modern Americans and gaining practical experience that helps advance their post-college careers. Recent projects and internships have included working with Senator Tom



Cotton's office on ways to intensify U.S. economic sanctions on Iran; working with the Becket Fund to assess the attitudes of American Jews about recent policy debates over religious freedom; building a new curriculum for high-school students focused on the Hebrew Bible's influence during the American founding; and working with the Philos Project to advance Christian Zionism in target communities around the world.

WHAT NEXT? JOB PLACEMENTS & GRADUATE SCHOOL

We see the Summer Fellowship as one chapter in an ongoing relationship—a relationship that typically begins years before becoming a fellow and continues for years afterwards. After the Fellowship, we work closely to help place our alumni in key jobs in policy, education, and journalism, and we advise them about law and graduate school.

“The Tikvah Summer Fellowship provided me with an educational experience—in the classroom and in the field—that I never had during my four years of college. Learning with some of the best teachers in the world and from the most accomplished leaders in the country, Tikvah prepared me for the big debates we face as Jews and as Americans.”

— JACOB VIVIANO, BEREN SUMMER FELLOW 2021
RESEARCH ASSISTANT, FORMER ISRAELI AMB. RON DERMER



The Krauthammer Fellowship

ADVANCING THE CAREERS OF
EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG JEWISH WRITERS

The Krauthammer Fellowship is an elite program for recent college graduates seeking to advance their careers as Jewish and Zionist intellectuals. The program was founded in partnership with The Paul E. Singer Foundation in memory of the late journalist Charles Krauthammer.

In 2021, the Krauthammer Fellowship received roughly 250 applicants from around the world—many of them Tikvah alumni from our high-school, college, and graduate student programs. Their ambition: to write in the spirit of Charles Krauthammer, with moral clarity, political depth, and real influence on the great debates of our time. We chose 36 new Krauthammer Fellows, a mix of young professionals and graduate students in the fields of law, academia, public policy, business, and journalism.

In addition to participating in Tikvah's advanced seminars and courses, each fellow will work with our editorial team to produce long-form essays on:

- American culture, law, and public-policy issues that directly affect the Jewish community
- Jewish thought and history
- Zionism and modern Israel
- The strategic situation in the Middle East
- The enduring significance of Judaism and Jewish civilization



ANDREW GABEL DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Andrew Gabel is a JD candidate at Duke University School of Law. He previously served as a special advisor to Sen. Tom Cotton, focusing on numerous national security issues such as the China threat, the future of the U.S. industrial base, and U.S. advanced technology strategy. He worked as a research analyst at Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) and started his career at the Bechtel Corporation. For his Krauthammer Fellowship, Andrew is writing about the risks and dangers of Chinese investment in Israel.



J.J. KIMCHE HARVARD UNIVERSITY

J.J. Kimche is a PhD candidate in religious philosophy at Harvard University. Born to a prominent family of British rabbis, he spent two years learning in Yeshivat Har Etzion, completed his military service in the 101st Division of the IDF's Paratroopers Brigade, and received his BA in philosophy from Shalem College in Jerusalem. For his Krauthammer Fellowship, J.J. is working on an in-depth assessment of the intellectual legacy of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.



ANGÉLIQUE TALMOR HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

Angélique Talmor is an MA student at the Harvard Kennedy School. She has worked for the French government in the ministries of the Interior and Defense and as a Public Consultant at Capgemini, a global leader in the consulting industry. She holds a BA summa cum laude from the University of Florida and studied at the Hudson Institute Political Studies Program. For her Krauthammer Fellowship, Angélique is writing about the transformation of anti-Semitism in France and what it means for contemporary French politics.



JONATHAN FELD YALE LAW SCHOOL

Jonathan Feld is a JD candidate at Yale Law School. He was previously a research assistant in the President's Office of the American Enterprise Institute and a research assistant for the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. Jonathan's first historical monograph was published by the United States Navy in 2017. He earned his MPhil with Distinction from Cambridge and received his AB summa cum laude from Princeton University. For his Krauthammer Fellowship, Jonathan will write about the evolution of the neoconservative movement and why it matters today.



DANIEL J. SAMET UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Daniel J. Samet is a PhD student in History at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is a graduate fellow at the Clements Center for National Security and focuses on U.S. foreign policy towards the Middle East. He previously worked at the Atlantic Council and the National Endowment for Democracy, and his writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *The National Interest*, *Foreign Policy*, and *National Review*. For his Krauthammer Fellowship, Daniel is exploring how Israel can leverage its relationships with Japan, India, and South Korea to create a meaningful counterforce to China.



Tikvah Alumni & Advanced Institutes

A COMMUNITY BUILT ON ADVANCED SEMINARS, POLICY WORKSHOPS & GIVING BACK TO YOUNGER TIKVAH STUDENTS

Tikvah has hundreds of alumni working at think tanks and magazines, teaching at Jewish day schools, serving in state and federal government, and attending graduate programs in law, rabbinical training, strategic studies, or social and political thought.

We engage with this alumni community in a variety of ways:

I. TIKVAH ADVANCED INSTITUTES

An ongoing series of graduate-level seminars on topics ranging from great speeches in Israeli history to the role of political philosophy in government, from American grand strategy to the role of religion in public life, from state-level education policy to the Jewish understanding of Plato, Homer, and Thucydides.

II. TIKVAH LAW FELLOWSHIPS

For law students, we offer a summer fellowship that combines high-level seminars on the foundational principles of American law with internships and clerkships with leading judges, think tanks, and law firms interested in religious liberty, school choice, medical ethics, and other key issues affecting American Jewry.

III. JOINING THE TIKVAH FACULTY

Our alumni have emerged as some of our best teachers, speakers, and advisors for Tikvah students in middle school, high school, and college. Many dozens of Tikvah alumni are teaching their own classes in Tikvah Online Academy, leading workshops about Jewish life at college, and serving as editorial advisors for our new high-school student journal.



TALIA KATZ THE PAUL E. SINGER FOUNDATION

Talia Katz is a program officer at The Paul E. Singer Foundation. She was previously a Public Interest Fellow and government-relations analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, focusing on Iranian state television, protection payments in Afghanistan, and human-rights issues in Syria. She was a 2019 Beren Summer Fellow at Tikvah, where she prepared a report about the U.S.-Israel relationship for Senator Tom Cotton's staff. She is now a regular speaker at Tikvah conferences and events—most recently, a panel on how to succeed as a proud Jew and Zionist at college today. She is currently enrolled in a Tikvah Advanced Institute with legal scholar Adam White.



ELLIOT KAUFMAN WALL STREET JOURNAL

Elliot Kaufman is the new letters editor and member of the editorial page of the *Wall Street Journal*. He was a Tikvah Summer Fellow in 2016, where he participated in a working group on U.S. education policy. Elliot spoke at the 2018 Jewish Leadership Conference on the subject of progressive activism in higher education and served as a member of Tikvah's Young Professional Advisory Board. He recently spoke at the inaugural event of our new student magazine, *The Solomon Journal*, teaching Tikvah high-school students about his early experiences in journalism.



ELIORA KATZ U.S. SENATE STAFF

Eliora Katz is a staff member on the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. Eliora previously worked on Middle East Policy at the Department of Defense. She was a 2015 Tikvah Summer Fellow and is taking part in the 2021 Tikvah Advanced Institutes with Jacob Howland on Plato's *Republic* and Elbridge Colby on American grand strategy. She previously conducted research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and the Brookings Institution. She was a Bartley Fellow on the editorial page of the *Wall Street Journal* and a Morris B. Abram Fellow with United Nations Watch in Geneva.



CARRIE FILIPETTI VANDENBERG COALITION

Carrie Filipetti works closely with Tikvah chairman Elliott Abrams as the Executive Director of the Vandenberg Coalition, a new foreign-policy organization. Carrie previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cuba and Venezuela and Deputy Special Representative for Venezuela at the U.S. Department of State. She also served as a Senior Policy Advisor for the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN), where she advised U.S. Ambassador Nikki R. Haley on issues related to counterterrorism, the Middle East, and the Western Hemisphere. Carrie began her career as a year-long Tikvah Fellow. She recently gave a career talk to Tikvah's Beren Collegiate Forum members.



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Tikvah Ideas

Tikvah aims to bring the most important Jewish and Zionist thinking—about the Hebrew Bible and Jewish civilization, about Israel and the Middle East, about Jews and modern society—into the larger marketplace of ideas. Through publications and podcasts, online courses and in-person conferences, books and briefings—we are bringing Tikvah’s intellectual vision to an ever-growing community of subscribers, listeners, and students around the world.

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THE INTELLECTUAL REARMAMENT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE—
ONE ESSAY, CONVERSATION, AND ARGUMENT AT A TIME

Launched in June 2013, *Mosaic* is an online magazine of Jewish thought and public affairs. We recover and reconsider the enduring ideas of Jewish civilization, and we confront head-on the major challenges facing the Jewish people and the state of Israel.

Nothing Jewish that matters is foreign to *Mosaic*: from the political teachings of the Hebrew Bible to the political legacy of Benjamin Netanyahu, from the classics of modern Jewish literature to the current security situation in Judea and Samaria, from the latest archaeological discoveries in Jerusalem to the future of synagogues and Jewish day schools in America.

Every month, *Mosaic* publishes a long-form essay—5,000 to 10,000 words—addressing a crucial issue, topic, or figure in depth. Every day, we disseminate our “Editors’ Picks,” selecting and summarizing the most important Jewish ideas from sources around the world. Our featured writers and columnists—like Ruth Wisse, Hillel Halkin, Martin Kramer, and others—weigh in on timely and timeless questions.

Occasionally, *Mosaic* also publishes special symposia and e-books on major developments—such as our August 2020 symposium on the meaning of Israel’s new peace agreements in the Arab world (the “Abraham Accords”) and our June 2021 symposium on Israel’s Gaza strategy.

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JANUARY 2021

“THE MYSTERY OF THEODOR HERZL”

RICK RICHMAN

How did a man opposed by Orthodox rabbis, Reform rabbis, assimilated Jews, Jewish socialists, and nearly every prominent Jewish figure create a worldwide Zionist movement? How did a young writer with no political connections, no ties to Jewish organizations, and little financial backing negotiate with leading figures in the world’s ruling empires? And *why* did this thirty-five-year-old assimilated Jew undertake the most transformative project in modern Jewish history? In this essay, Rick Richman examines Theodor Herzl’s Jewish motivations.



MARCH 2021

“HOW WILL SYNAGOGUES SURVIVE?”

JACK WERTHEIMER

A year after most American synagogues closed their doors to protect congregants from the coronavirus pandemic, historian and analyst Jack Wertheimer interviewed over 50 rabbis across the American spectrum to understand the condition of synagogue life in the United States. Looking at the coping mechanisms and improvised practices that synagogue leaders developed, Wertheimer asks if the very strategies they adopted to survive during the Covid exile will undermine the future of American synagogues when the pandemic recedes.



JUNE 2021

“HOW GAZA BECAME ISRAEL’S UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM”

MICHAEL OREN

May 2021 saw the fourth conflict in the last twelve years between Israel and Gaza. Israel’s former ambassador to the United States and renowned historian Michael Oren analyzes the conflict by situating it in the history of Gaza. Drawing upon decades of study and experience, Oren argues that responding to Hamas increases its prestige in the eyes of the Palestinians. And so does failing to respond. This essay sparked a major conversation, with extended responses from some of the leading strategists in America and Israel—including Elliott Abrams, Yaakov Amidror, Haisam Hassanein, Evelyn Gordon, Amos Yadlin and Ari Heistein, and Yechiel Leiter.



AUGUST 2021

“A THREAT ASSESSMENT FOR AMERICAN JEWRY”

RUTH WISSE

Mosaic columnist Ruth Wisse asks: which of the recent examples of anti-Semitism—on the street, on campus, in Congress, or in the clergy—constitutes the greatest threat to America and the Jews? Weighing these threats, she finds that the loss of Jewish moral confidence is ultimately more perilous than physical attacks, campus activism, and even anti-Semitic legislators.



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**RABBI MEIR SOLOVEICHIK IS ONE OF WORLD JEWRY'S
MOST INTERESTING AND INSPIRING JEWISH THINKERS**

Over the past few years, Tikvah and Rabbi Soloveichik have teamed up to bring his distinctive Jewish, Zionist, and American vision to audiences around the world—through his daily podcast, “Bible 365,” his numerous online courses, and his frequent essays, commentaries, and conversations.

Rabbi Soloveichik’s creativity and intellectual range is astounding: from the Hebrew Bible to the American founders, from Rembrandt to Mark Twain, from Zionist political leaders like Herzl and Menachem Begin to the saviors of Western civilization like Winston Churchill and FDR, from the archaeology of ancient Jerusalem to the latest cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Yet what makes Rabbi Soloveichik’s work so important is not simply the depth of learning but his inspirational account of why Jews, Judaism, and Israel matter. A master storyteller, he puts the Jewish people at the center of the world story, inviting Jews and Christians alike to appreciate our sacred Israelite inheritance.

In 2022, we will launch a new website—MeirSoloveichik.com—that brings all his work together under one digital umbrella.

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“JEWS: THE CASE FOR GOD”
VIDEO SERIES



BIBLE 365

A DAILY PODCAST

On July 4, 2021, we launched Bible 365—a daily 20-minute podcast, moving through the entire Hebrew Bible, in exactly one year. Every episode tackles a few chapters of the Hebrew text—illuminating the heroes, laws, and moral teachings of the Jewish people, always in conversation with the larger story of Western civilization, American democracy, and the rebirth of modern Israel.

In the months ahead, we plan to create new cohorts of listeners—Jews and Christians, Americans and Israelis, young and old—all looking to make the Hebrew Bible their own.



JEWS: THE CASE FOR GOD

A SHORT VIDEO SERIES

How do we make sense of the miraculous survival of the Jewish people through history and the outsized influence of Jewish civilization on the world? In a series of short videos, we explore the Jewish encounter with the great rival civilizations of the ancient past—the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Romans. They lie in ruins—yet Israel endures. Why? Are Jews the greatest evidence for God's hand in human history? These videos reached a large audience on YouTube of nearly one million views. Our next mission: a sequel, focused on the miraculous stories of modern Israel.



JEWS: POLITICAL GREATNESS

AN ONLINE COURSE

From biblical times to the Zionist age, the Jewish people have survived because of great political leaders, who brought a distinctively Israelite purpose and spirit to the challenges of statesmanship. In this 11-episode video course—every lecture 45 minutes, livestreamed before thousands, now available online—Rabbi Soloveichik moves from King David and Esther, to Shlomzion and Ben Zakkai, to Abravanel and Disraeli, to Herzl and Menachem Begin. Through these careful studies of great Jewish leaders, he explores how Jewish political thinking rivals that of the Greeks, Romans, and modern theorists of government.



Tikvah Online University

MASTER TEACHERS. ENDURING JEWISH AND ZIONIST IDEAS. ANYTIME. ANYWHERE.

Tikvah Online University aims to bring great teachers of Jewish civilization and Zionist history to wisdom-seeking students through in-depth, accessible, multi-session courses.

For many years, Tikvah seminars brought teachers like Ruth Wisse, Leon Kass, and Micah Goodman to small groups of eager students. Then we realized: why not record and produce these same classes for the world? So began Tikvah Online University. Our larger ambition is to create the most intellectually exciting department of Jewish and Zionist thought anywhere—with courses on the Hebrew Bible and classic Jewish texts, on Jewish history from ancient to modern times, on the Zionist founding and the heroic story of modern Israel, and on the canon of modern Jewish literature and philosophy.

Our courses are usually filmed live, then transformed by our editing team into master classes—with added images and text, study guides, and discussion questions. Our long-term plan is to offer memberships for adult learners and accredited online classes for university-level students.

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New Online Courses – Coming in 2022



LEON KASS | EXODUS: FOUNDING GOD'S NATION

According to Dr. Leon Kass, Exodus “not only recounts the founding of the Israelite nation, one of the world’s oldest and most consequential peoples.” It also “sheds light on enduring questions about nation-building and peoplehood.” In this video course, Dr. Kass moves from the confrontation with Pharaoh to the revelation at Sinai to the building of the Tabernacle. Thinking chapter-by-chapter and theme-by-theme, he draws out the moral, philosophical, and political teachings of this most important biblical book.



MICAH GOODMAN | JOB: POWER, JUSTICE, & DIVINE ETHICS

The Book of Job is one of the most enigmatic in the entire Hebrew Bible. Its dramatic dialogues are paralleled nowhere else in Scripture, and its central theological argument seems at odds with much of biblical and rabbinic thought. In this online course, Dr. Micah Goodman explores Job’s approach to the classic question of theodicy: why do bad things happen to good people? Dr. Goodman investigates the relationship between justice and power, and he asks whether man can dare to question his Creator.



RABBI JACOB J. SCHACTER | THE JEWISH MEANING OF MEMORY

The Jewish people have experienced many tragic events in our history—including religious persecution, economic hardship, and national dispersion. How does Jewish culture shape the memory of these difficult periods? What messages do Jewish rituals, prayers, and literature transmit about the Jewish trials of the past? In this course, Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter analyzes key moments in Jewish history—from the destruction of the First and Second Temples to the Holocaust. He explores the nature of Jewish memory as a way of redeeming the Jewish past and preserving the Jewish future.



RUTH WISSE | THE AMERICAN JEWISH INTELLECTUALS

In the late 1930s and 1940s, a host of young Jewish writers and critics emerged in New York around the magazines *Partisan Review* and *Commentary*—from literary figures Delmore Schwartz and Saul Bellow to political intellectuals Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz to Jewish voices Milton Himmelfarb and Cynthia Ozick. In this online course, Ruth Wisse looks at their fiction and essays, exploring their evolving ideas about politics, culture, and the Jewish experience in America.



DANIEL GORDIS | MENACHEM BEGIN: ZIONIST STATESMAN

Menachem Begin, Israel’s sixth Prime Minister, was a remarkable and complex figure. The leader of the pre-state underground paramilitary group known as the Irgun, he made history by signing a peace treaty with Egypt. A “Polish gentleman” throughout his life, he gained the trust of Israel’s North African immigrants in a way that no other Prime Minister ever has. Not punctiliously observant in any way, his reverence for Jewish tradition was unmatched by any other Israeli leader. In this online course, Dr. Daniel Gordis explores the enduring Zionist legacy of this complex and extraordinary man.

Jewish Leadership Conference & Herzl Prize

ADVANCING A NEW POLITICAL AND CULTURAL WORLDVIEW FOR AMERICAN JEWRY

Every year, the Jewish Leadership Conference (JLC) brings together Jews who believe in certain core values: Jewish exceptionalism, a strong Zionist state, an unbreakable U.S.-Israel alliance, the protection of religious liberty, the promotion of school choice, a free-market economy, and traditional Jewish values.

Launched in 2017 with a few hundred participants, JLC grew to more than 1,000 attendees at the packed ballroom of the Grand Hyatt hotel in midtown Manhattan in 2019. During the Covid pandemic, we launched a two-day online conference—with thousands of participants from across North America and around the world.

WHAT IS JLC'S MISSION?

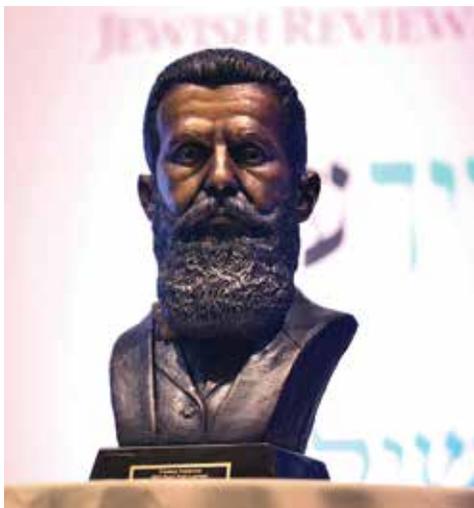
First, we invite some of the world's leading thinkers and policymakers, communal leaders and institution-builders, intellectuals and activists, to articulate and debate Jewish strategy on the major issues of the day. Our discussions are always informed by the insights and role models of Jewish, Zionist, and American history.

Second, we are building a community of Jews who believe that conservative ideas can help strengthen the Jewish people, the Jewish nation, and the American civic future. Over time we hope to create clusters of Jews around the country connected to each other and ready to act on these ideas.



PAST JLC SPEAKERS HAVE INCLUDED:

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HERZL PRIZE FOR JEWISH LEADERSHIP AND JEWISH EXCELLENCE

Every year, the Jewish Leadership Conference confers Tikvah’s highest honor—the Herzl Prize—to a Jewish leader of exemplary courage, accomplishment, and commitment to strengthening the Jewish people and Jewish state. Past Herzl laureates include Jewish freedom-fighter Natan Sharansky, the legendary editor Norman Podhoretz, and Jewish intellectual Ruth Wisse.

The Tikvah Podcast

AN IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION ON JEWS,
JUDAISM, AMERICA, AND ISRAEL



Hosted by *Mosaic* Editor Jonathan Silver, the Tikvah Podcast invites listeners into a weekly discussion about Jewish ideas and Jewish history, literature and politics, Israel and America, timeless texts and current affairs.

The age of podcasts has given new life to serious conversation, and Jonathan Silver is a gifted interlocutor. One-on-one, he sits with scholars and rabbis, generals and diplomats, writers and communal leaders, activists and elected officials. Episode by episode, he explores religious and political trends, important new essays and books, classic works of Jewish writing, and the state of Jewish politics in North America, Europe, and Israel.

Prominent recent guests include Ron Dermer, Israel's former ambassador to the United States; Dara Horn, award-winning novelist; Michael McConnell, Stanford Law School professor and former Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; and Einat Wilf, author and former member of Knesset.

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MICHAEL OREN | WRITING FICTION AND SERVING ISRAEL
JANUARY 21, 2021

A scholar and statesman, Michael Oren was Israel's ambassador to the United States during the Obama years and author of the definitive history of the Six Day War. With the recent publication of *The Night Archer*, a collection of short stories, Oren returns to the genre of fiction. In this episode, he explores how writing fiction relates to writing history, how the study of history relates to the practice of diplomacy, and how all of this came together in the service of Zionism and the state of Israel.



NIR BARKAT | JERUSALEM: THE CHALLENGES OF GOVERNING
JULY 23, 2021

Home to the Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem has unparalleled spiritual significance for billions. But Jerusalem is also an actual city, with gas stations and grocery stores and office buildings and more. So what is it like to be responsible for the everyday life of the moral and religious capital of the West? We sit down with former mayor and current Likud MK Nir Barkat to discuss what it takes to govern Jerusalem.



CYNTHIA OZICK | ON HER NEW NOVEL ANTIQUITIES
AUGUST 13, 2021

In 1970, the distinguished American writer Cynthia Ozick argued that Jewish literature could only succeed if it conveyed the rich particularism of Jewish experience. She famously wrote, "If we blow into the narrow end of the shofar, we will be heard far. But if we choose to be mankind rather than Jewish and blow into the wider part, we will not be heard at all; for us America will have been in vain." In this episode, Ozick discusses her new masterpiece *Antiquities*, probing the meaning of monotheism and the enduring significance of Jewish tradition.



ELLIOT KAUFMAN | THE CROWN HEIGHTS RIOT, 30 YEARS LATER
AUGUST 27, 2021

Thirty years ago, riots broke out in Crown Heights, a Brooklyn neighborhood shared by African Americans and members of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. Local black residents attacked Jews on the streets, burned their businesses, and killed one of them. For three days, local authorities looked on passively. The episode is a sad one in the history of black-Jewish relations. In this conversation, *Wall Street Journal* writer Elliot Kaufman reconstructs what happened in Crown Heights and what it teaches us today.



DARA HORN | WHY PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

The celebrated novelist Dara Horn's new book *People Love Dead Jews* has an arresting title, designed to make the reader feel uncomfortable. In this episode, Horn suggests that "the Jews" have come to serve a bizarre and grotesque role in the moral imagination of the West. It's easy to acknowledge the darkness of the Holocaust and to marvel at the optimism of Anne Frank, but Horn believes that something insidious underlies this obsession with Jewish death.

Jewish Review of Books

COVERING JEWISH CULTURE AND IDEAS FROM COVER TO COVER



Tikvah launched the *Jewish Review of Books* in 2010 with a large ambition: to produce the most thoughtful, interesting, and wide-ranging magazine of Jewish criticism and ideas in the world.

Beautifully illustrated and lucidly written, *JRB* essays and reviews continue to inspire intense conversation and controversy throughout the Jewish world. A typical issue ranges from the latest biblical commentary by Leon Kass or Robert Alter to the history of Israeli military power, from current Jewish novels to long-forgotten Hebrew manuscripts, from Israeli television to American Jewish politics.

During Covid, *JRB* launched a new online conversation series—in-depth discussions with leading Jewish authors and intellectuals, including the late Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, award-winning novelist Allegra Goodman, preeminent historian of American Jewry Jonathan Sarna, and *Wall Street Journal* critic Adam Kirsch.

In January 2022, the Jewish Review of Books will become an independent entity under a newly formed JRB Foundation, with Abe Socher continuing as the editor-in-chief and intellectual leader. The JRB has become a true adornment to American Jewish culture, and we are confident that it will continue from strength to strength.

Leora Batnitzky, Adam Kirsch, Ruth Wisse, Steven Zipperstein & More Pick Books of the Decade!

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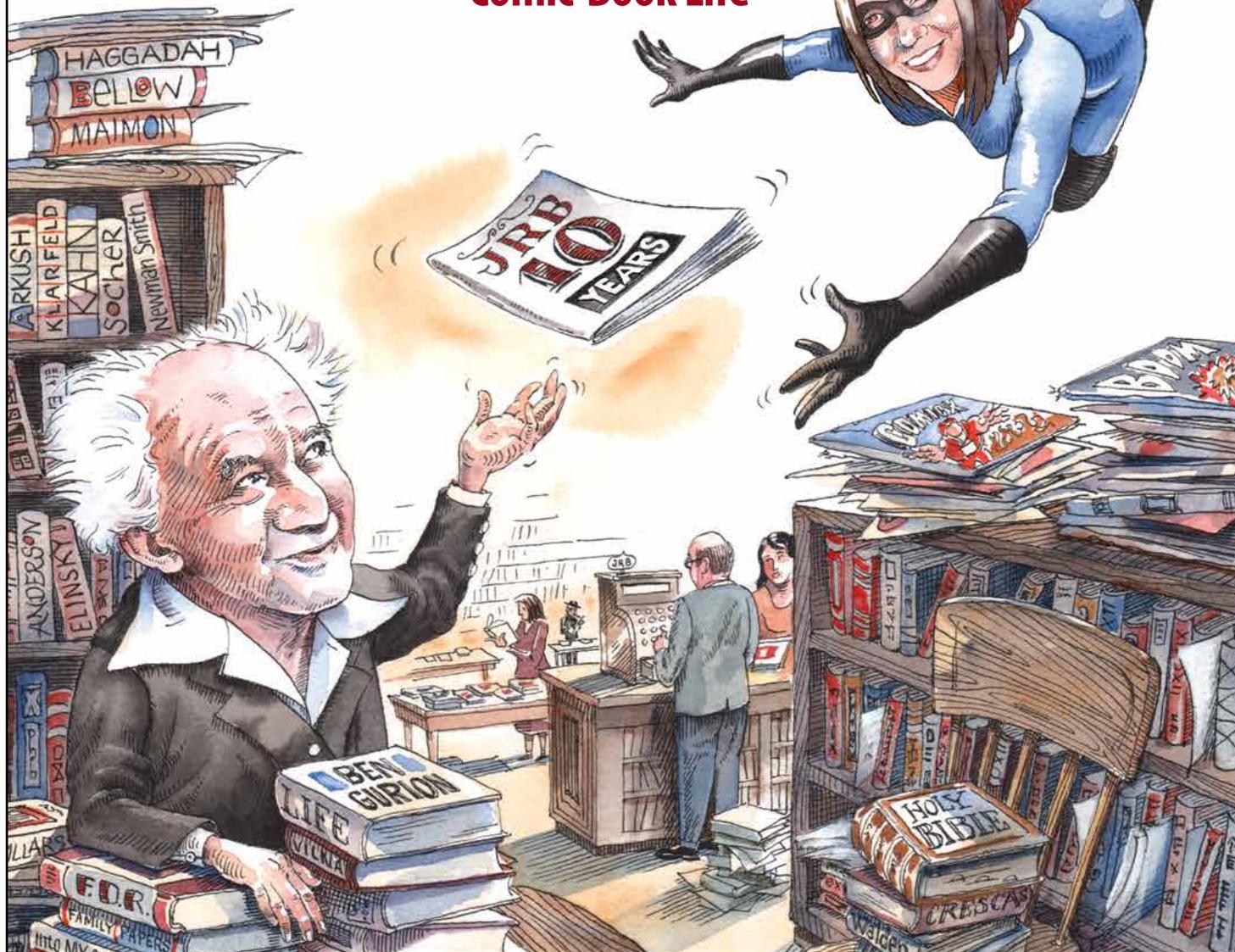
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Tikvah Israel

Over the past few years, Tikvah Israel has moved to the very center of the Israeli national debate. Our student programs immerse Israeli college students and young professionals in the foundational ideas of economics, political philosophy, and Zionist history. Tikvah alumni now hold key positions of influence in every sector of Israeli society: as Knesset members, journalists, experts in think tanks, and policymakers. Our publications address in depth the major challenges facing Israeli society, and the leading newspapers in Israel regularly review, analyze, and react to our books, conferences, and programs.

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Shalem College

A ZIONIST LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE FOCUSED
ON GREAT BOOKS AND GREAT IDEAS

Founded in 2013, Shalem College is a four-year undergraduate program in the very heart of Jerusalem. Its purpose: to provide the future leaders of Israel a core curriculum in Jewish, Western, and Zionist civilization.

Over the past two decades, Tikvah has partnered with Shalem—initially as a think tank committed to bringing political philosophy, economics, strategic studies, and Zionist thought to modern Israel, now as a college that aims to transmit these ideas to 175 full-time BA students.

Shalem College offers three majors: (i) a required core curriculum that explores the great philosophical, religious, historical, artistic, and scientific ideas that have shaped the human story; (ii) a program on Jewish and Western thought, which explores the Hebraic understanding of human nature from the Tanakh to Maimonides to modern Zionism; and (iii) a program in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, which combines fluency in Arabic with the serious study of Muslim society and Arab history.

Shalem students rank among the top 5% of undergraduates in Israel, and include five times the national average of commanders, officers, and combat soldiers in elite units. The majority are graduates of one of Israel's elite pre- and post-military leadership academies (mechinot).

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TARGET NUMBER OF
STUDENTS IN EVERY SHALEM
FRESHMAN CLASS

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RANKING OF SHALEM BY ISRAELI
STUDENTS IN A FIELD OF 63
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

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NEW MAJORS PLANNED IN
"STRATEGY, DIPLOMACY, AND
WAR" & "POLITICAL ECONOMY"

THE SPIRIT OF JEWISH LIBERAL EDUCATION AN OPENING ADDRESS TO SHALEM COLLEGE STUDENTS



FALL 2021 | DR. LEON R. KASS | DEAN OF FACULTY

Dr. Leon Kass is one of America's preeminent thinkers and educators, with a distinguished career at St. John's College, the University of Chicago, and now as Dean of Faculty at Shalem College. In remarks to the Shalem student body this fall, Dr. Kass explains why he "came out of retirement" to work with Shalem College—and why Jewish liberal education in the Shalem spirit is so important for the future of the Jewish nation.

I have had a lifetime's devotion to liberal education, which I hold to be of immense value for leading a worthy life. It is an education in and for thoughtfulness, seeking wisdom by pursuing the big questions of human life with the help of the great texts. . . . I was introduced to liberal education when I went, at age 15, to the University of Chicago, which pioneered in learning through inquiry and the great books; although I was then too young to benefit fully, seeds were planted that later took root and have since flowered. I was trained in medicine and biochemistry, but I returned to the humanities through the door of biomedical ethics. . . . I left the laboratory in order to start learning by teaching at St. John's College, the "great books college." After four years there, my wife and I taught for 34 years back at the University of Chicago. I taught mainly college students in discussion seminars, reading great texts slowly, one or two at a time—for example, Plato's *Symposium*, Aristotle's *Ethics*, Rousseau's *Discourse on Inequality*, later Bereshith and Shemoth, and, with my wife, *War and Peace* and *Moby Dick*. The habits of thoughtfulness and the friendships formed in these classes have lasted a lifetime; many of our students are now my friends. So I came to Shalem to add my experience in liberal teaching and learning to this amazing Israeli start-up.

I also came to Shalem because of my love of and concern for Israel. It is partly personal: I have a daughter here and two granddaughters, roughly your age. But it is mainly because, as I see it, Israel as a country, despite its problems, is culturally and morally in much better shape than the United States. To cite only one piece of evidence: Israel is the only nation in the developed world that has a birth rate well above replacement; all the other Western nations are below replacement and are on the path to committing demographic suicide. Israel believes in its future; Israel remains a country of hope.

But precisely because of its success, Israel faces new challenges, for it is no longer a new country. First, it faces the challenge of perpetuation. The people who founded this country, who fought and struggled to bring it into being and to defend it against existential threats, are now gone. With the death of Shimon Peres a few years ago, the last of that generation has gone to its reward. So you, who have inherited a country that you did not build, now bear a great new responsibility: to preserve what you have inherited and hand it on to your children and grandchildren and to bring it closer in practice to the ideals of the nation's founding. Second, because Israel is now an old country, the question is no longer survival but survival of what. A largely prosperous and secure country now must devote itself to questions of meaning and purpose, both personal and national. Again, neither perpetuation nor meaning and purpose are questions for high tech, venture capital, or even conventional academic scholarship. They are matters that call for a Shalem education.



The Argaman Institute

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF ISRAELI POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND CIVIC LEADERS

The Argaman Institute opens Israeli university students and young professionals to the best conservative thinking about Jewish nationalism and tradition, self-government and free-market economics, Israeli military strategy and diplomacy.

For decades, Israeli academic culture has been largely dominated by a narrow progressive consensus, shaped by Israel's socialist past and the adoption of the latest academic trends from America and Europe. Argaman aims to broaden, deepen, and rebalance Israeli public discourse through high-level learning and civil conversation. Every year, the Argaman Institute selects roughly 100 exceptional Israeli undergraduates, MA and PhD students, and young professionals for an intensive year of learning. We focus on four key areas: (i) political philosophy, (ii) economics and public policy, (iii) military and diplomatic strategy, and (iv) Jewish and Zionist thought.

Argaman students come from every major Israeli college and university—including Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan, IDC, and Shalem—who commit one full day per week to learning at Tikvah. Our programs include extensive reading of classic texts and policy papers, independent research and writing, public presentations and debates. Our students are hungry to bring conservative thinking into the Israeli public square, and they are ambitious to launch careers in politics, journalism, law, national security, and education.



EXODUS SEMINAR: FOUNDATIONS OF CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT

Exodus is our gateway undergraduate program on conservative political thought, with parallel tracks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Our students progress from the foundational texts of modern economic and political philosophy (e.g., Adam Smith, Edmund Burke, Alexis de Tocqueville, F. A. Hayek); to the study of great political leaders (e.g., Henry Kissinger, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher); to the careful analysis of key policy issues—including Israeli education policy, the reform of the Israeli welfare state, the relationship between religion and society, and the national security challenges facing modern Israel.

HERZL PROGRAM: JEWISH & ZIONIST THOUGHT



The Herzl Program focuses on the relationship between traditional Jewish ideas and the future of modern Israeli society. Moving from the political teachings of the Hebrew Bible to the founding fathers of the Zionist movement, Herzl students explore how to defend the “Jerusalem School” of social thought in an increasingly post-modern, post-nationalist, post-religious age. Israel is one of the most traditional nation-states in the West—with high birth-rates, a proud national culture, and a deep sense of the linkage between preserving our Jewish heritage and sustaining our Jewish future. Grounded in deeper Jewish roots, the Herzl Program aims to develop a new generation of intellectual leaders who believe in Israeli exceptionalism.



ADAM SMITH PROGRAM: ECONOMICS, POLICY & THE FREE SOCIETY

While Israel’s dynamic hi-tech sector is world-renowned, the rest of the Israeli economy is over-taxed, heavily regulated, plagued by persistent sluggish growth, and in urgent need of reform. The Adam Smith Program aims to advance a new way of thinking about the Israeli economy. Drawing on the thought of Adam Smith, F. A. Hayek, and Charles Murray among others, our program explores the relationship between economic and political freedom, the drivers of economic growth, and the debate between free markets and socialism. We then apply these frameworks of economic liberty to empirical analysis of Israeli labor markets, government regulation, education policy, and the promotion of Israeli entrepreneurship.

CHURCHILL PROGRAM: STRATEGY, DIPLOMACY & SECURITY



Israel’s strategic thinking is beset by critics, internal and external, questioning the very legitimacy of national self-defense through force. The Churchill Program focuses on teaching strategic analysis to graduate students and young professionals in the national-security sector. Moving from classical thinkers like Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Clausewitz to the latest analysis of Israeli military engagements against Hamas and Hezbollah, our program provides a thorough grounding in the philosophy of international relations. We study the core ideas of grand strategy, the moral basis for using force, the military history of ancient and modern Israel, and the threat matrix facing Israel today.



Hashiloach

ISRAEL'S MOST INFLUENTIAL JOURNAL OF
POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC IDEAS

Founded by Tikvah Israel in 2016, *Hashiloach* publishes long-form essays on every aspect of Israeli society—from the reform of the Israeli economy to the meaning of Zionism, from the Covid crisis to the future of Israeli schools, from Israeli military strategy to the state of the Israeli family.

In America, social-policy journals like *National Affairs*, *City Journal*, and *Commentary* have exerted a major influence on the policy agenda of the nation over the course of decades. No such thing existed in Israel—so we created it. We launched *Hashiloach* to reach an elite Israeli market—and it has now become the centerpiece of a larger movement, with nearly 5,000 paid print subscribers and a much larger readership online—by far the most widely read Hebrew-language publication of its kind.

Hashiloach is regularly debated and discussed in academic, cultural, governmental, and legal discourse. Published five times per year, every issue includes a variety of researchers and scholars, policymakers and practitioners, prominent Israeli intellectuals and first-time writers. We also regularly translate important essays from around the world—classic and contemporary—that we believe Israeli readers need to know. And we sponsor regular writing contests and workshops to identify new talent.

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AND AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE
APPEARED IN OUR PAGES



HASHILOACH # 23 | JANUARY 2021

Our January issue includes a thorough critique of the Israeli judicial revolution by law professor and former justice minister Daniel Friedman; an essay on the Bedouin population of the Negev by journalist Akiva Bigman; a series of articles on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a conservative perspective, on the state of archeological conservation in the West Bank, on the history of Israel's "Bureau of Future Generations," and on the rise of the "new religious historians." In our "Classic Texts" section, we revisit a speech by Ben-Gurion regarding the question of an Israeli constitution, and we offer a sobering review of the critically acclaimed yet not as critically watched Aaron Sorkin movie "The Trial of the Chicago 7."



HASHILOACH # 24 | MARCH 2021

Our March issue contains a proposed new strategy for determining Israel's permanent borders by MK Tzvi Hauser; a discussion of the paradoxical nature of current Western ideas of morality in warfare by Dr. Elad Lison; a series of articles on the situation of Mizrahi Jewry in Israel versus that in France, on the state of Israel's northern periphery, on the bureaucratic power which dictates Israeli legislation, and on the latest interpretations of Yehuda Amichai's poetry. We offer a review of two books about the Chinese "Belt and Road Initiative" and a review of *Never Alone* by Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy.



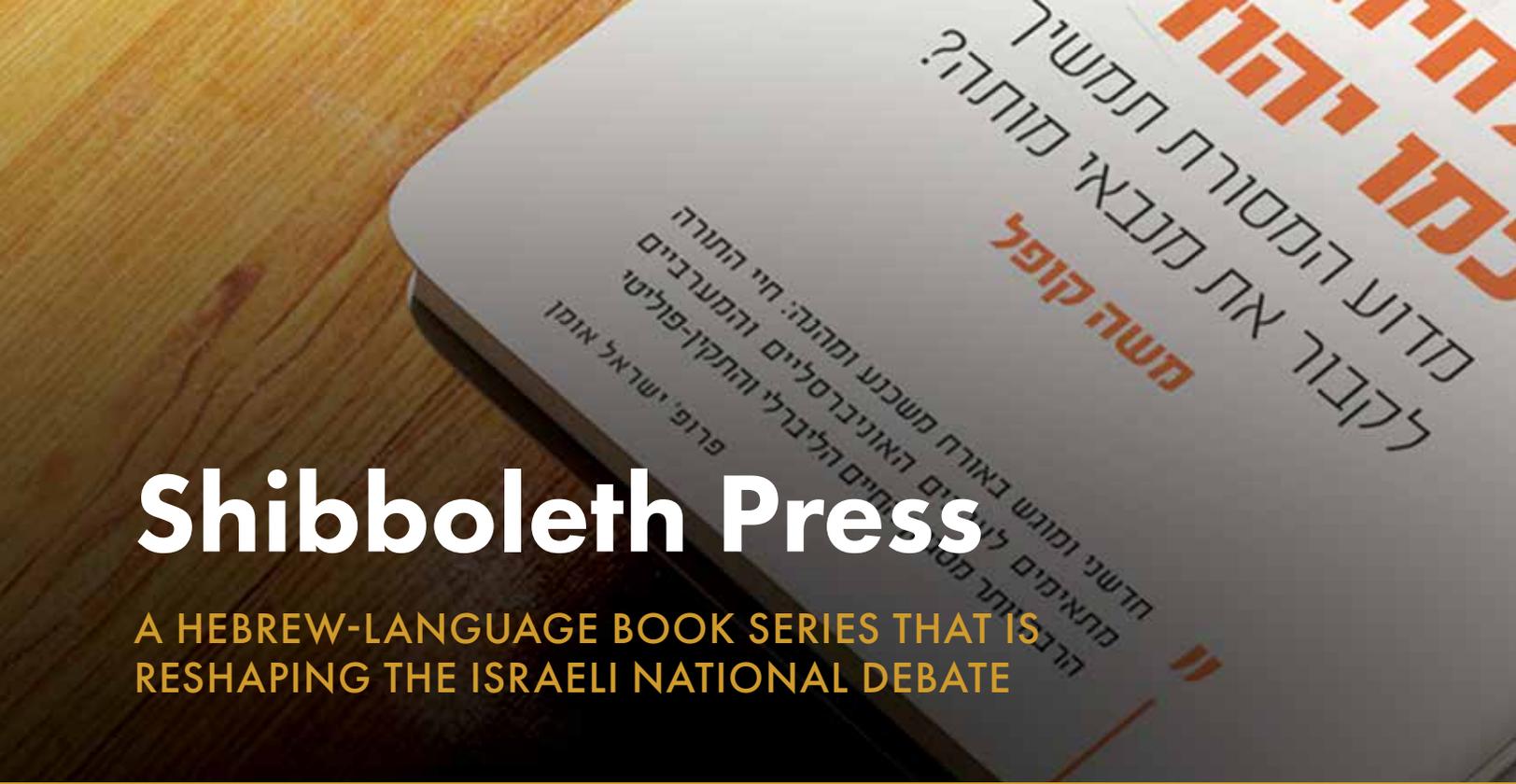
HASHILOACH # 25 | JUNE 2021

Our June issue presents an analysis and reform agenda for Israel's police force by Tikvah Israel's director Amiad Cohen; an Israeli introduction to neoconservatism by Dr. Sagi Barmak; articles on Israel's presidential institution, on the IDF's military strategy in Gaza, on court-mandated parental recognition for same-sex couples, and on the illiberal turn in Western progressive politics. In our "Classic Texts" section we revisit Hillel Zeitlin's account of his experience at the fourth Zionist Congress, and we offer a scathing review of Rutger Bregman's *Humankind*.



HASHILOACH # 26 | SEPTEMBER 2021

Our September issue includes a discussion of the relationship between conservatism and religion by prominent Israeli intellectual and Tikvah senior fellow Rabbi Chaim Navon; a piece about the history of Israel's law of return, in which Dr. Natanel Fisher dispels the myth of the law being based upon the Nazi Nuremberg laws; and articles on the state of Israel's education system from a teacher's perspective, on the relation between national identity and Israeli poetry, and on the question of Israel's political "center." We also include a Hebrew translation of Winston Churchill's "The Dream," and a review of Yoram Hazony's book on the political thought of Herzl.



Shibboleth Press

A HEBREW-LANGUAGE BOOK SERIES THAT IS
RESHAPING THE ISRAELI NATIONAL DEBATE

In 2018, Tikvah Israel launched Shibboleth Press to bring the most important books to the very center of Israeli discourse—on current affairs and economic policy, military history and political biography, Zionist thought and world politics.

Books matter in Israel—both to influence the current national debate and to shape the intellectual vision of future Israeli leaders. Yet many important books and ideas were never available in Hebrew—whether in academia, in the political arena, or in the larger culture and society. So we launched Shibboleth Press to fill this need, with the idea of producing original Hebrew versions of classic and contemporary books from thinkers like Roger Scruton, Charles Krauthammer, Thomas Sowell, Donald Kagan, Victor Davis Hanson, and Charles Murray. We are also producing Hebrew-language originals from influential and emerging thinkers.

Public interest is thriving. As we begin our fourth year, we have already sold well over 140,000 books, including numerous Israeli bestsellers. Our books are being debated and discussed—in leading Israeli newspapers like *Haaretz* and *Makor Rishon*, in university and yeshiva classrooms, and among policymakers at the highest levels of the Israeli government.

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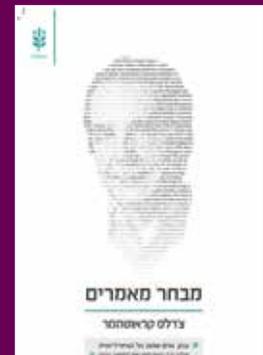
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Israel Law and Liberty Forum

ADVANCING A NEW DEBATE ABOUT
THE ISRAELI LEGAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM

Launched in 2019, the Israel Law and Liberty Forum aims to create a community of law students, lawyers, policymakers, and judges who believe in the core principles of a free society—including judicial restraint, the separation of powers, and limited government.

Inspired by the success of the Federalist Society in the United States, we launched the Israel Law and Liberty Forum with a few core principles in mind:

- Over the past many years, the issue of judicial activism and regulatory overreach has become one of the defining issues in Israeli public life, with far-reaching implications for national security, economics, and the Jewish culture of Israel. We wanted to offer a thoughtful intellectual alternative to the prevailing progressive legal culture, rooted in the highest-level judicial thinking and committed to civil debate.
- Law students are key, and they are hungry for serious debate and competing alternatives. And Israel is a small country, with only a handful of leading law schools training the future judicial and political elite. This is, for us, a huge opportunity.
- Ideas matter. We wanted to produce magazine articles, translations of important works of judicial philosophy, podcasts, and websites that create a new canon of Israeli judicial thinking.
- We wanted to create a network—even a movement—of people interested in these ideas, and a pipeline of talent into the key positions in Israeli government and for key appointments to the Israeli courts.

Our Programs and Activities

The Israel Law and Liberty Forum has quickly established a large footprint in the legal world. Our initial activities include:

— New **FORUM CHAPTERS AT THE LEADING ISRAELI LAW SCHOOLS**— including Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, and IDC. We already have over 120 active student members and our chapters have hosted over 30 public debates.

— Our **TWO-WEEK INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM** for exceptional law students, creating a core group of campus leaders. The program combines the study of classical legal theory with a detailed analysis of the major legal issues in Israeli society today, and the faculty have included some of the preeminent legal minds from Israel and the world.

— The first-ever **STUDENT WRITING CONTEST** on conservative legal questions at Hebrew University, which is expanding to all Forum campuses in 2022.

— Israel's **FIRST CONSERVATIVE LEGAL PODCAST & MAGAZINE** to explore the key issues and debates in Israeli law and policy. Both are growing in popularity.

— **ADVISORY BOARDS WITH SENIOR LEGAL ACADEMICS** in Israel as well as in the United States, which we believe are crucial to helping guide the organization, hone its brand, and help young jurists advance into public and academic life. The boards include former Minister of Justice Daniel Friedmann, Nobel Prize winner Robert Aumann, and Professor Richard Epstein.

— A **GROWING NETWORK OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS**, whom we will incorporate into the leadership of the professional chapters we plan to start in 2022.

— An **ONLINE LIBRARY OF CLASSICAL TEXTS** on law, including translating many of the most important modern legal works into Hebrew for the first time.

— **ISRAEL'S FIRST-EVER NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE**, planned for 2022, will bring together top law students from around the country to debate and discuss the major legal and policy questions facing Israeli society.





Haredi Leadership Project

A NEW CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF THE HAREDI COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL

Launched in 2015 and led by Rabbi Yehoshua Pfeffer, Tikvah's Haredi Division has two core aims: to advance serious new thinking about the future of the Haredi community and to educate a new generation of Haredi leaders who take greater civic responsibility for the Jewish nation.

The Haredi community is growing faster than any other sector of Israeli society, and the cultural and communal walls separating the Haredi community from greater Israel are more porous than ever. Pressed from the outside by those who believe that Haredi citizens are not fully integrated in their own country, the Haredi community is asking itself: What are the core Torah values that define Haredi life, and what will it take to preserve them in the modern age?

This period of reflection and change is a significant opportunity to build on the strengths of the Haredi community—including its commitment to perpetuate Jewish life from generation to generation—while also accepting much greater responsibility for the economic well-being, political strength, and national security of the Jewish state.

Rabbi Pfeffer—a graduate of Hebrew University Law School, a former clerk for the Israeli Supreme Court, and a former rabbinical court judge—has emerged as one of Israel's leading voices on these questions. Through a bold set of initiatives—launching a magazine of Haredi ideas called *Tzarich Iyun*, running seminars and fellowships for young Haredi leaders, and helping found new schools, yeshivas, and mechinot programs for Haredi students—Tikvah is helping to form the rising Haredi generation in Israel.



TZARICH IYUN: A HAREDI MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE

Tzarich Iyun is a unique and groundbreaking Haredi journal, which provides a platform for piercing discussion and thought on contemporary social, political, and religious questions—from Haredi involvement in the Israeli economy and army, to the curricular vision of Haredi schools, to the Haredi understanding of Israeli nationalism. With greater Haredi integration in broader Israeli society, coupled with the lowering of segregationist walls, the Haredi community requires a new generation of leaders to elucidate its own ideals, face up to its present challenges, and communicate the community's changing relationship with broader Israel. *Tzarich Iyun's* long-form essays provide in-depth analysis of these questions. Over time, we supplemented the original Hebrew-language version of *Tzarich Iyun* with an English version, a literary supplement that publishes high-quality short stories (*Bein Hazemanim*), and a popular magazine (*Hamakom*) that aims to galvanize and mobilize the community of Haredi families who combine civic responsibility with deep religious commitment. *Tzarich Iyun* reaches some 50,000 unique readers monthly, and it has become the center of gravity for a new Haredi conversation.



TIKVAH'S HAREDI LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Our Men's Leadership and Women's Leadership programs introduce Haredi students and young professionals to new ways of thinking about Israeli society and public policy—including economics, nationalism, political thought, jurisprudence, and the future of the Israeli family. Our aim is to provide a forum for participants to develop a modern Haredi approach to these questions, informed by a deep sense of responsibility for the national future of Israel. Our participants hail from a wide range of influential positions, including journalism, politics, the rabbinate, and Israel's civil service. We offer similar programs for even younger Haredi adults (under 25), inspired by the insight that building a movement requires the energy and vigor of youth. Our vibrant alumni community includes over 500 men and women, many of them active in building the institutions, programs, and projects required for moving the Haredi community toward a healthy integration in Israel, building upon rather than seeking to dismantle the deep social and religious virtues present within Haredi society.



Israeli Conservatism Conference

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF ISRAELI CONSERVATIVES & A NEW GOVERNING AGENDA FOR THE JEWISH STATE

Launched in 2019, the Israeli Conservatism Conference is the first-ever large scale gathering of Israeli conservatives from every sector of society united in the mission of advancing a free, flourishing, and sovereign Jewish state.

The inaugural 2019 Israeli Conservative Conference took place in Jerusalem, attracting nearly 1,000 Israelis for a full day of conversation and debate. Concerned citizens, activists, policymakers, and public intellectuals joined together to outline conservative priorities in law, society, economics, culture, education, and national security.

The crowd was young, energetic, and eager to build a movement, and the speakers included some of the most interesting minds in Israel: Amit Segal, a top Israeli investigative journalist and political commentator; Professor Gadi Taub, a prolific author and media personality; Dr. Yoram Hazony, political theorist and leader of the “National Conservatism” movement; Irit Linur, radio commentator and prize-winning novelist; Ricky Maman, economics columnist and policy advocate; Simcha Rothman, legal activist and new member of the Knesset. Follow-up sessions—held on Zoom during Covid—included leading businessman Shlomi Fogel, global venture capitalist Michael Eisenberg, and renowned human-rights advocate, the Hon. Irwin Cotler.

Tikvah Alumni: In the Israeli Arena



MK SIMCHA ROTHMAN

Simcha Rothman is a member of the 24th Knesset and a national leader on reforming the role of judges and legal advisors. He is the founder of Israel's Movement for Governability and Democracy and bestselling author of *Supreme Rulers: How Israel Became a Legalocracy*.



RICKY MAMAN

Ricky Maman is a weekly economics columnist at *Makor Rishon* newspaper. She is head of an NGO advocating for school choice and education reform. She is also a research fellow at the Kohelet Policy Forum, where she focuses on Israeli public sector unions.



AKIVA BIGMAN

Akiva Bigman is head of the investigative news desk for Israel's Channel 14. He was formerly a senior editor at *Israel HaYom* and editor-in-chief of *Mida*, Israel's first conservative news-analysis website.



RABBI CHAIM NAVON

A prolific columnist and public intellectual, Rabbi Chaim Navon has written numerous books on Jewish philosophy, Zionism, and Israeli culture. He recently authored a science-fiction novel exploring the transformation of the Israeli family.



MK AMICHAJ CHIKLI

Amichai Chikli is a member of the 24th Knesset. He was elected with the Yamina party, but now leads an independent conservative faction. He is the founder of Tavor Mechina, a pre-army academy, and is writing a book on Israeli identity.



SARA HAETZNI-COHEN

Sara Haetzni-Cohen is a prominent Israeli columnist, formerly for *Makor Rishon* and now for *Israel HaYom*. She is head of Yisrael Sheli, a massive online social-activism community advancing Zionist ideals.

Why Join The Tikvah Society?

As a member of the Tikvah Society, you are joining a community of committed Jews and Zionists with a clear set of principles and values.

We believe that the Jews are an exceptional people; that Jewish civilization is a treasure for the world; and that the creation and flourishing of modern Israel is a heroic achievement. We believe that American democracy—with its cherished principles of religious liberty, economic freedom, and strong faith communities—is a precious inheritance for American Jews and for all American citizens. And we believe that anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism should be opposed with moral, intellectual, and political courage.

As a member of the Tikvah Society, you provide crucial support for our educational programs for exceptional young Jews.

If we care about the future leaders of the Jewish community and the Jewish State—intellectual leaders, political leaders, religious leaders, educational leaders—then we need to educate young people in the great books, great debates, and great statesmen that have shaped Jewish, Western, and Zionist civilization. Your support and partnership will have a direct impact on thousands of young Jews and Zionists (ages 12-29) across the United States and Israel.

As a member of the Tikvah Society, you gain access to a wide variety of Society benefits.

This includes special “Tikvah Live” events and conversations with Jewish, Zionist, and American thought leaders. In-depth “Open University” courses with leading scholars and intellectuals. Participation in our annual Jewish Leadership Conference and (coming in 2022) member-only trips with educators like Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. The Tikvah Society is the gateway to a Jewish world of ideas—at your own pace, on your own schedule, and alongside other likeminded friends and allies.



Contact Our Team

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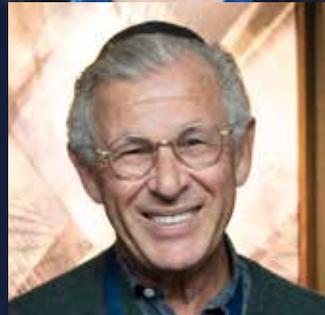
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