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The Tikvah Mission

Tikvah's purpose is to educate the rising generation of Jewish, Zionist, and American leaders and to advance the most serious thinking about the great challenges facing the Jewish people in the modern age. We seek to cultivate Jewish citizens with moral confidence and civic courage, informed by the hard-won lessons of Jewish history and devoted to strengthening Western civilization through Jewish ideas and institution-building.

To advance this mission, Tikvah operates intensive fellowship programs, summer institutes, working groups, and honors programs for students of all ages; and we produce publications, podcasts, conferences, and online courses that bring Tikvah's ideas to the world.



Our Founder, Zalman C. Bernstein

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.

A Letter from Tikvah's Leadership

Dear Friends,

For nearly two decades, Tikvah has been focused on awakening young Jews to the eternal significance of Jewish civilization and the moral imperative of defending our most cherished Jewish, Zionist, and American ideals. And we have tried to develop an arsenal of good ideas, drawing upon the riches of Jewish history, political thought, literature, and strategy: all in the purpose of fortifying the Jewish mind and heart.

Today, we see the gravity of the threat and the urgency of the challenge. As we write this, Israel is at war with ruthless terrorist states who seek the annihilation of the Jewish people and the Jewish state. American Jews on college campuses are physically threatened and morally assaulted, while university administrations look on with equivocation at best and anti-Semitic sympathy at worst. Our schoolchildren are taught that Israel and Hamas are morally equivalent and that "the Israeli occupation" is really to blame for the current war.

In our view, the current crisis only makes the significance of Tikvah's mission—to educate the rising generation of proud Jews, courageous Zionists, and patriotic Americans—all the more important. Young Jews need the knowledge and moral self-confidence to answer these assaults on our dignity, our ideals, and our nation. And over the long-term, we know that Jewish civilization endures because young Jews believe in the majestic importance of our history and heritage. Israel endures because young Zionists believe in the heroic story of our people. And the America-Israel alliance endures because of our shared values: freedom, faith, and family.

Yet again in history, the Jews find themselves—we find ourselves—at the center of world events. Yet again, we are on the fighting frontlines of Western civilization—this time with a Jewish army, air force, and national legacy of courage under fire. And in this moment, we are grateful for the strength, support, and seriousness of the ever-growing Tikvah community. Together, we are devoted to carrying the Jewish story forward—one student, one teacher, one high-level seminar at a time.

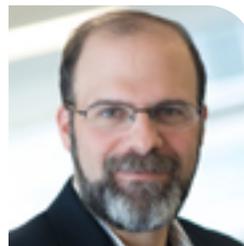
We thank everyone who has joined us in advancing this critical mission of education and ideas, and we are honored to share with you a portrait of our vision, our strategy, and the impact we have been able to achieve together.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliott Abrams".

Hon. Elliott Abrams
Chairman



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Cohen".

Eric Cohen
Chief Executive Officer

Tikvah by the Numbers

250,000+

BOOKS SOLD THROUGH
OUR SHIBBOLETH PRESS

1,000+

TIKVAH SCHOLARS
SUMMER PROGRAM
ALUMNI



3,950

UNIQUE DONORS
WHO HAVE GIVEN TO
TIKVAH IN THE LAST
24 MONTHS



1,200

ARGAMAN INSTITUTE
ANNUAL APPLICANTS

62,000+

MEIRSOLOVEICHK.COM NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

31

PARTICIPANTS ON THE
2023 TIKVAH SOCIETY
LEADERSHIP MISSION
TO ISRAEL

8,638

JEWISH PARENTS FORUM
EVENT ATTENDEES

50,000+

UNIQUE READERS OF
TZARICH IYUN



16

DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS IN OUR MA PROGRAM IN JEWISH CLASSICAL EDUCATION

52,000+

TIKVAH ONLINE UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS

100+

JEWISH DAY SCHOOL EDUCATORS AT OUR LOBEL TEACHERS COLLOQUIA AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



7,000

ATTENDEES AT OUR LAW AND LIBERTY STUDENT EVENTS AND CONFERENCES



565

MEMBERS OF THE TIKVAH SOCIETY

\$14,600,000

PROJECTED FUNDRAISING REVENUE IN 2023

153

US FACULTY IN THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

80,000+

MOSAIC NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

3,956

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS IN TIKVAH ONLINE ACADEMY IN THE PAST THREE YEARS



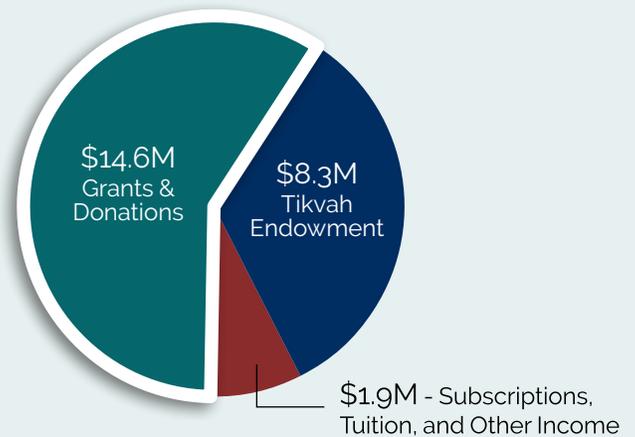
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Revenue

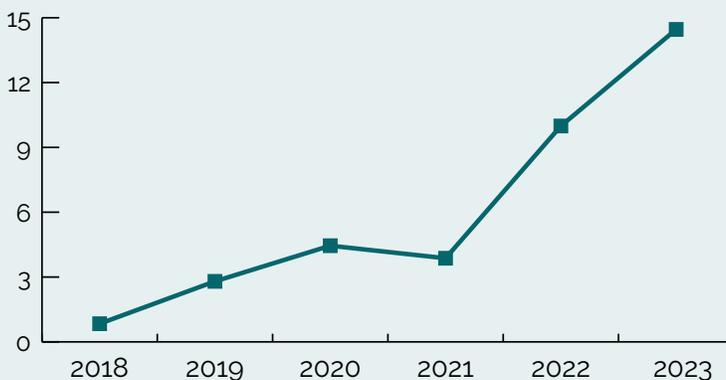
Sources of Revenue

The majority of Tikvah's revenue—59%—is generated from visionary partners, foundations, and philanthropists. **In Fiscal Year 2023, we are projecting over \$14,600,000 of donation revenue from more than 3,000 donors.** Tikvah's programs are also supported by tuition and subscription revenues and by strategic allocations from the Tikvah Endowment Fund.

2023 Projected Revenue



Annual Fundraising Income (in Millions)



Growing Base of Support

Tikvah's ability to educate and cultivate Jewish excellence is made possible by the support of thousands of donors—at all levels—who share our mission of building the next generation of Jewish leaders. Over the last five years, Tikvah's annual fundraising revenue has increased from \$800K to over \$14M.

Governance

The Tikvah Fund is a US-based 501(c)3 private operating foundation, and donations to Tikvah are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Tikvah's bylaws require a permanent Finance Committee, which, together with Tikvah's Board of Trustees, maintains the highest standards of nonprofit financial management and governance.

The Finance Committee oversees the critical areas of operating finances, internal controls and levels of authority, the annual budgeting process, Tikvah's investments and money management, and Tikvah's annual audit.

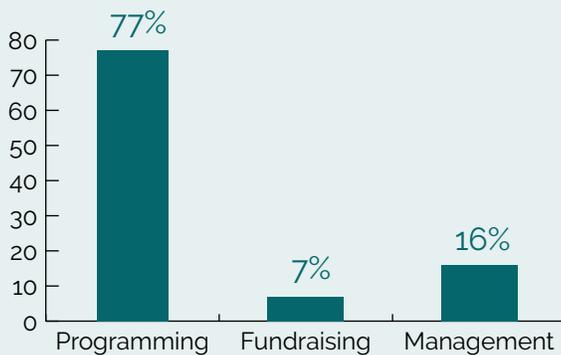
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Expenditures

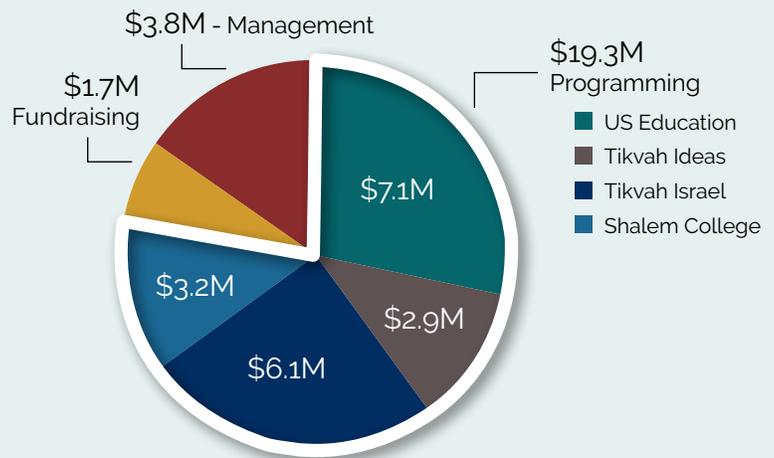
Expenditures

Over 77% of our expenditures directly support the programs described in this Impact Report. In fiscal year 2023, we project our global expenditures to be \$24,800,000. These expenditures support teachers and students, invest in the next generation of Jewish and Israeli leadership, and cultivate vital ideas and conversations.

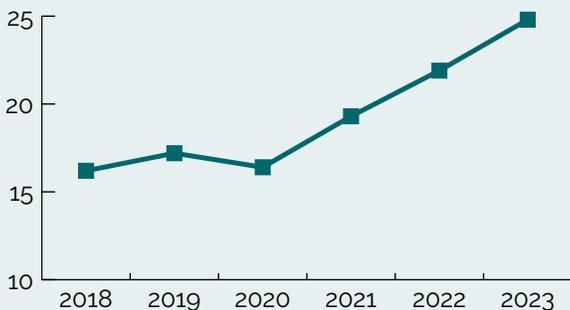
Expenditures by Functional Area



2023 Projected Expenditures



Annual Expenditures (in Millions)



Growth of Impact Over Time

As Tikvah's scale has grown, so has our spending. In the past five years, our annual budget has increased by 54%—from \$16.2M in 2018 to \$24.8M today—and our student enrollment has increased more than 10-fold to over 2,000 students per year.

Financial Integrity & Transparency

GAAP-Compliant Accrual Basis Accounting

Tikvah's global financial reporting is GAAP compliant and is issued on a full accrual basis.

Annual Audit

Tikvah engages in a comprehensive annual audit, which reviews financial integrity, legal compliance, internal controls, and financial and operational practices. Tikvah's most recent audit, conducted by Condon O'Meara LLP and KPMG—was issued with a "clean" unqualified opinion.

Financial Transparency

Tikvah files an annual Form 990-PF with the Internal Revenue Service and a Form CHAR-500 with the New York State Charities Bureau, both of which are publicly available and are available upon request from our office.

Tikvah's commitment to financial transparency and integrity has been recognized by Candid/ GuideStar—the leading nonprofit that provides the most comprehensive data and insights about the social sector—with their "Gold Transparency 2023" accreditation.





Student Programs

Tikvah's educational strategy is clear: Cultivate young Jews in the best of Jewish, Western, and American civilization. Invest in serious students from middle school to high school to college to their early careers. Develop a new generation of Jewish leaders who believe in Jewish exceptionalism and who boldly commit to facing the greatest moral, political, and strategic challenges of the modern age.

1,300+
STUDENTS

220
CLASSES

13
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Millstone Scholars

Inspiring young Jewish minds and Zionist spirits in cities across America.



Millstone Scholars: Graduation Day (NYC)

The Millstone Scholars program provides 7th and 8th graders—drawn from public and secular independent schools—the opportunity to study the great ideas, leaders, and texts of Jewish civilization. For most Millstone students, this new Tikvah program is the most significant Jewish learning experience in their lives.

This year, the Millstone program plans to operate in 20+ locations. Our Millstone students come together in person every week for the entire academic year. They participate in seminar-style classes with fellow young Jews eager to rediscover their own Jewish history and heritage in an intellectually serious way. As they explore the Hebrew Bible and Jewish philosophy, the influence of Jewish ideas on American democracy, and the heroic story of modern Israel—a new Jewish identity is being born.



MILLSTONE
SCHOLARS

In 2024, Millstone will operate 20+ cohorts:

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|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Brooklyn | Livingston | Palo Alto |
| Cleveland | Los Angeles (3) | Scottsdale |
| Five Towns | Miami | Tribeca |
| Glen Rock | Nashville | Upper Manhattan (3) |
| Greenwich | Newton (4) | Vernon Hills |



Inside the Seminar Room (Newton, MA)

A Unique Jewish & Zionist Curriculum

The Millstone Scholars program is built around three core trimesters of intense learning.

Fall Semester – The Foundational Ideas of the Jewish People

In the first trimester, our students explore the foundational stories and ideas of the Jewish people—the faith and moral vision of Abraham, the founding of God's nation by Moses, the political leadership of David and Esther, the Jewish map of the human soul offered by thinkers like Rabbi Akiva and Maimonides. We say to B'nai Mitzvah: Here is the full tapestry of your Jewish story. Enter the narrative, debate with the greatest leaders of your rightful history, and claim it as your own.

Winter Semester – Zionism: The Great Leaders Who Built the Jewish State

In the second trimester, our students explore the remarkable story of modern Zionism. We discover how Jews preserved the longing for Zion throughout centuries of exile, and then study the heroic men and women who created the modern state of Israel: visionaries like Herzl and Rav Kook, statesmen like Jabotinsky and Ben-Gurion, moral leaders like Menachem Begin and Natan Sharansky. We also explore the defining moments—like the recovery of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War—that changed Jewish history forever.

Spring Semester – Land of Hope: The Jewish Meaning of America

Our third trimester is devoted to the Jewish experience in America. We explore how Hebraic ideas shaped the founding of our exceptional nation, and how Jews have been woven into the fabric of American democracy, from the colonial era to the modern age: from Jonas Phillips's bold defense of religious freedom to Emma Lazarus's poetry of American liberty, from the Zionist leadership of Justice Brandeis to the incredible victory of the Soviet Jewry movement. Our Millstone students emerge as proud champions of the American spirit.



Meet Jennifer and David Millstone

The Millstone Scholars program is possible only because of the incredible vision, leadership, and generosity of the Millstone family. **Jennifer Millstone** is the President of Infinite Hospitality, a leading advocate for criminal justice reform, and Vice Chair of the 92nd Street Y. **David Millstone** is Co-Chief Executive Officer of Standard Industries and currently serves on the University Council at Yale, the Board of Advisors of the Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance, and the Board of Trustees of the Wildlife Conservation Society. Their vision: Give young Jews access to the great ideas of Jewish and Western civilization. Take young Jews seriously at the very age of their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Set them on the path of lifelong engagement with the defining texts of Jewish life.

Truman Scholars

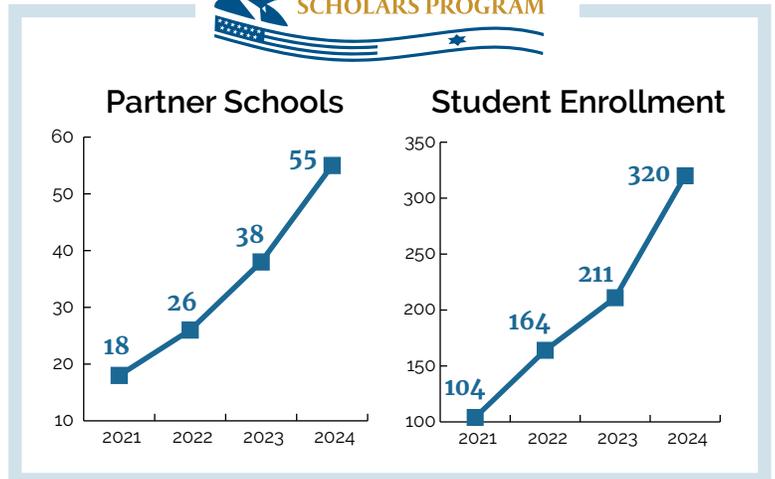
A Two-Year Fellowship for outstanding 7th & 8th graders from 50+ Jewish day schools.



Truman Scholars Graduation (NYC)

The Truman Scholars Program provides the top 300+ middle-school students in Jewish day schools across North America a unique opportunity: study the defining values of our two exceptional and covenantal nations—America and Israel.

We launched Truman Scholars in 2021 with 18 partner schools—and the program has already grown dramatically to 50+ schools because it serves a unique need. We know that many of the future leaders of American Jewry will come from our Jewish day schools. These devoted young Jews need a deep understanding of why Israel matters, why America matters, and why Jewish civilization matters. This is the spirit of Truman Scholars.



Inside the Truman Seminar Room

Our Truman Scholars learn together over 18 months in a core curriculum focused on America and Israel.



7th Grade: Jewish Leadership in America

In 7th grade, Truman Scholars explore how Jewish leaders like Jonas Phillips, Emma Lazarus, Justice Brandeis, and Rabbi Herschel Schacter have left their mark on the American story. Through the careful reading of speeches, letters, and poems, they come to understand why America is a covenantal nation and a land of hope for the Jewish people.

8th Grade: The Spirit of Religious & Political Zionism

In 8th grade, Truman Scholars focus on the re-birth of Israel and the religious, cultural, and political leaders who shaped the modern Jewish state. They come to understand the political crisis that spurred the modern Zionist movement and the leaders—from Herzl to Ben Gurion to Natan Sharansky—who created modern Israel.



Building A Community of Young Jewish Scholars

While our Truman Scholars come from across North America, we are focused on creating a community of young Jews ready to shoulder the responsibilities of Jewish citizenship. Throughout the year, we bring them together for special events, and every June we welcome our Truman Scholars and their families to Manhattan for a graduation ceremony.

Why Truman Scholars Matters

Truman Scholars enriches the learning of more-than-50 leading school communities

Rabbi Daniel Alter, Head of School | THE MORIAH SCHOOL, PARAMUS, NJ



I have argued for years that the most underserved population in the Jewish Day School world are our most gifted and motivated students. By investing in these students, the Truman Program is working to create a cadre of young leaders who will significantly impact the Jewish people as a whole.



Dr. Deborah Rapoport, Head of School | OHR CHADASH ACADEMY, BALTIMORE, MD



The Truman Scholars Program is a treasure that provides our students with the opportunity to go beyond the boundaries of the typical academic curriculum. Our students have absolutely loved the engaging discourse, depth of analysis, historical insights, and lessons on leadership.



Tikvah Online Academy

Online seminars for 6th to 12th graders interested in Jewish, Western, and American civilization.



Tikvah Online Academy offers a year-round menu of high-level seminars—taught by master teachers, in discussion-based classes, live on Zoom—for exceptional middle and high school students. Our mission: to bring the intellectual spirit of Tikvah to young people everywhere.

Jewish parents are concerned about the education of their children. Tikvah Online Academy is creating a vibrant community of ideas that connects eager students across the globe. We give young Jews the chance to study (i) Jewish thought and philosophy, (ii) Zionism and modern Israel, (iii) the foundations of American democracy, and (iv) the great books of Western Civilization. Our approach: Everything that matters in human life also matters to the Jewish people.



TIKVAH
ONLINE
ACADEMY

In its first three years, Tikvah Online Academy has had:

364

Classes

3,956

Enrollments

78%

Students Taking
More Than 1 Class

Recent Classes at Tikvah Online Academy



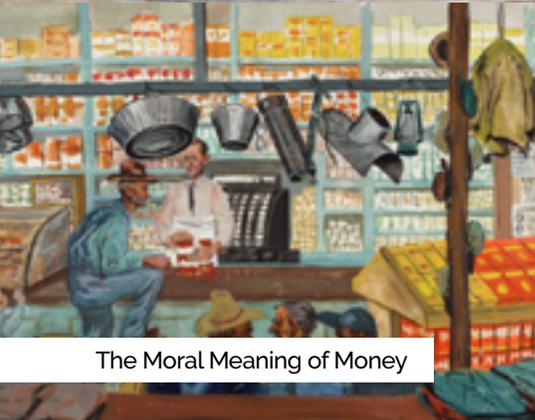
The Future of the American University



An Introduction to Russian Literature



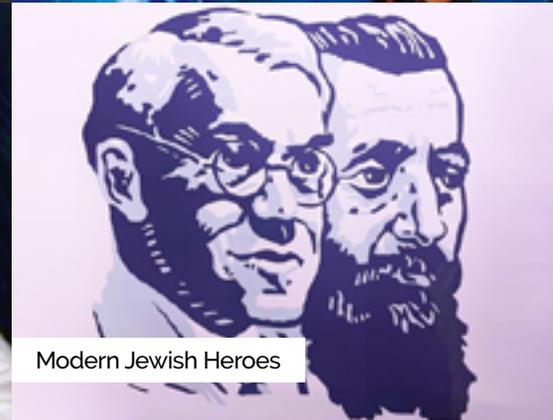
The Sabbath in Jewish Thought and Literature



The Moral Meaning of Money



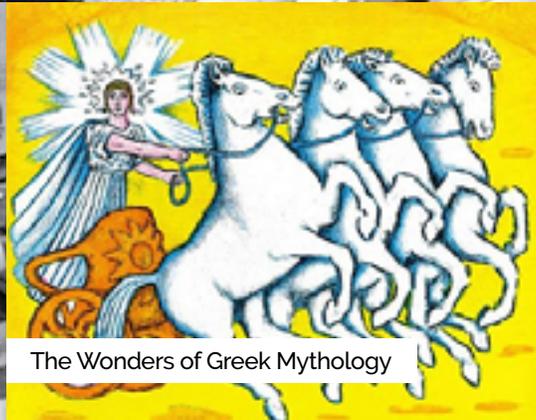
The Bold & Courageous: Women in Tanakh



Modern Jewish Heroes



American Statesmanship: The Cold War



The Wonders of Greek Mythology



The Human Quest for Meaning



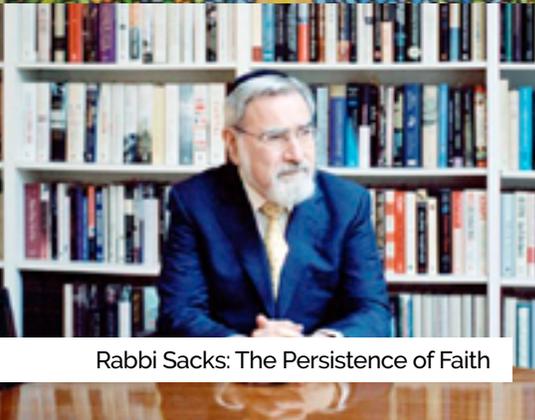
The Jewish Idea of Giving: Tikkun Olam?



Plato and the Talmud



Baseball and American Jews



Rabbi Sacks: The Persistence of Faith



What Defines the American Spirit?



The First American: Benjamin Franklin

High School Fellowships

Our most selective leadership programs: the Menachem Begin Scholars and the Solomon Fellowship.



At Tikvah, we believe individuals matter, and we believe that we can identify students with the character and capacity to become future leaders. Every year, we carefully select 175 high school students for our most rigorous fellowships. This is the Tikvah generation.

Our Menachem Begin Scholars and Solomon Fellows engage in a sequence of learning opportunities over four years—including advanced institutes, conferences, and Oxford-style tutorials. High school fellows also help run Tikvah's student magazine and receive mentorship from our university student leaders. They get the chance to meet with some of the world's most accomplished Jewish leaders—including statesmen like Ron Dermer and David Friedman and intellectuals like Professor Ruth Wisse and Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. Our mission: Expose young Jews to models of Jewish excellence.

קרן תקווה
TIKVAH
HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS

In the 2023-2024 academic year, Tikvah's flagship high school fellowships will include:

124

Begin
Scholars

53

Solomon
Fellows

30

Master
Teachers



Fellowship Highlights

A sequence of intense learning experiences from 9th to 12th grade



9th Grade The Princeton Retreat

We welcome our incoming 9th-grade class of Menachem Begin Scholars at an intensive three-day retreat at Princeton University. Our students explore (i) the deeper purpose of studying Jewish and Western ideas, (ii) the models of great Jewish and Zionist leadership throughout history, and (iii) the challenges facing young Jews in the modern age. We ask them: What does it mean to be a courageous young Jew today?



10th Grade The Israel Trip

After two years of intense study focused on Jewish political thought, we take our graduating class of Menachem Begin Scholars on an 8-day trip to Israel, during which we focus on the enduring lessons of Israeli statesmanship. We explore the defining moments of decision faced by leaders such as Herzl, Jabotinsky, Ben Gurion, and Golda Meir. And we explore the exceptional role of America and Israel in defending democracy in an age of promise and peril.



11th Grade Tikvah Tutorials

For our most advanced high school students, we craft Oxbridge-style tutorials, allowing our Solomon Fellows to study topics of special interests with master teachers who challenge them. The subjects span everything from the philosophy of Jewish law to American constitutionalism, from Israeli grand strategy to modern Jewish literature, from the political philosophy of the Hebrew Bible to the future of religious freedom.



12th Grade The Solomon Journal

High schoolers develop their own voices as young Jewish and Zionist thinkers in *The Solomon Journal*, our student-run magazine of ideas. Each issue features a symposium tackling the toughest questions facing Jews today—such as the struggle against assimilation and anti-Semitism, the future of Jewish education in the age of social media, and the purpose of the US-Israel alliance.

Meet Our Begin Scholars

Our 124 Begin Scholars look to Tikvah as their home for Jewish and Zionist ideas.



Claire Ambinder Kanner
9th Grade
LYCÉE FRANÇAIS

Claire Ambinder Kanner is from New York City and attends the Lycée Français de New York. One of her biggest interests is language and communication in all of its forms, be it verbal (she is fluent in English, Mandarin, Spanish and French, and is studying Hebrew, Italian, Latin and Ancient Greek); musical (she sings in the National Children's Chorus and loves to play Chopin on the piano); numerical (she started coding in the middle of the pandemic and created a program with AI to detect skin cancer in biopsies); as well as athletic (she is training to do competitive fencing, plus she has been dancing since she was very young); and artistic (she loves to write short stories, poems and screenplays in multiple languages).



Simon Riley
10th Grade
SLEEPY HOLLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Simon Riley lives in Rye Brook where he attends the local public high school. Academically, Simon is passionate about math, English, and history. He's especially interested in American, Israeli, Greek, and Roman history. He loves learning about the theological side of Judaism and has a knack for asking deep and pointed questions. In his free time, Simon reads, plays tennis, watches sports, plays the piano, and volunteers for JCCA with developmentally disabled kids. He is on his school debate team, and takes extracurricular classes in Latin, computer science, and writing.



Meet Our Solomon Fellows

Our 50 Solomon Fellows are young Jewish leaders in the making.



Gianna Goldfarb
11th Grade
RAMAZ SCHOOL

Gianna Goldfarb is a Manhattanite through and through, but has a Continental side to her personality, too (her mom is from Switzerland). Gianna attends the Ramaz School, where she is passionate about her humanities classes. She has been studying Ancient Greek for the past two years at Ramaz and took a giant leap forward in her classical education this summer, studying Greek at the Intensive Language Program at Harvard. Deepening her engagement with the Ancient World, Gianna debuted this summer as a co-teacher with her mom in the Tikvah Online Academy class teaching *D'Aulaires Mythology* to the sixth-grade cohort.



Judah Marcus
12th Grade
RAY KUSHNER YESHIVA
HIGH SCHOOL

Judah Marcus is from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and attends the Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School. He enjoys discussing and writing about a wide variety of topics, particularly related to Judaism. In school, he edits both the newspaper and yearbook and plans Jewish student activities. In his spare time, he plays piano, tennis, skis, tutors, and loves to spend time with friends and family. He tries to live by the words of President Theodore Roosevelt: "Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."



Tikvah Scholars Summer Program

Our flagship summer institute for 11th and 12th graders. Two weeks immersed in Jewish, Zionist, and Western civilization.



The Tikvah Scholars Summer Program brings together 11th and 12th graders with the intellectual drive, moral seriousness, and civic spirit to become Jewish leaders. For two intensive weeks, they focus on the great human questions and form enduring friendships rooted in shared Jewish purposes and values.

Launched in 2010, the Tikvah Scholars Summer Program has become a true institution in the world of Jewish education. We have educated over 1,000 students from diverse Jewish backgrounds. Our unique curriculum combines classical learning in Jewish, Zionist, and Western thought with strategic thinking about the great political and cultural issues of the modern age. We are creating a network of emerging Jewish and Zionist leaders, connected to one another and ready for the challenges of college and beyond.



1,000+
Alumni

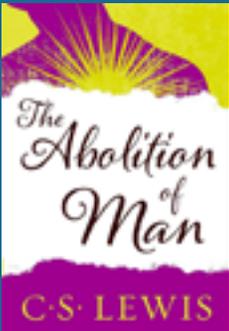
30+
Classes
Each Summer

9:1
Student-
to-Faculty
Ratio



Inside the Seminar Room

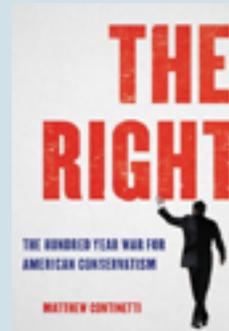
The Tikvah Scholars Summer Program offers 30+ seminars every year. Here are just a few:



Judaism and the Crisis of the Contemporary West

Rabbi Mark Gottlieb
Tikvah

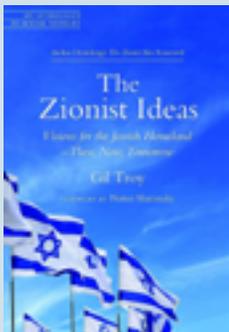
The tragic events of the 20th century—world war, the rise of tyranny, the loss of faith—raised serious questions about the fate of the West. In this seminar, we offer a Jewish response to our civilizational crisis, drawing upon thinkers such as theologian Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, spiritual-musar dean Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe, political philosopher Leo Strauss, and Yiddish poet Chaim Grade.



The Future of American Conservatism

Matthew Continetti
American Enterprise Institute

American conservatism is in flux. The alliance between social and economic conservatives is under pressure and the relationship between freedom and tradition is being rethought. In this seminar, we will explore the history and foundations of American conservatism, and we will examine how a new generation of populists is challenging the conservative consensus of prior generations.



Zionism and Its Critics

Dr. Rachel Fish
Harvard University

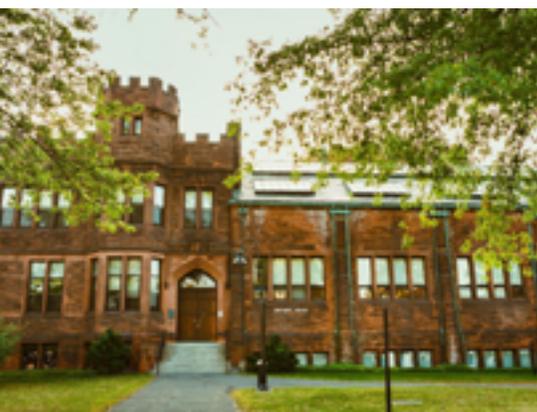
The Zionist project was born of many purposes: restoring Jewish political sovereignty in our ancient homeland, creating a safe haven for Jews after the Holocaust, spurring a renaissance of Jewish culture centered in the modern nation of Israel. This seminar explores the multiple strands of the Zionist spirit—and the ideological attacks against Zionism that have emerged from Marxism, Islamism, and modern progressivism.



Freedom and Tyranny: Politics and the English Language

Dr. Sarah Skwire
The Liberty Fund

How can language shape the world, and what happens when language becomes a tool of tyranny? Drawing upon literary masterworks like George Orwell's *1984* and historical case studies from the Renaissance to the American and French Revolutions, this seminar explores how language can be used to empower people in the face of totalitarianism, and how the misuse of language can destroy human freedom.



Tikvah Overseas Institute

A gap year program focused on the meaning of Zionism, the Israeli future, and the responsibilities of American Jews.



The Tikvah Overseas Institute offers highly-motivated gap year students in Israel something unique: a chance to think about the modern Jewish condition—politically, culturally, and strategically—with exceptional peers from 20+ yeshivas and seminaries.

Our program combines four key elements: (i) studying Jewish texts in conversation with the great ideas of the Western tradition, (ii) understanding the political history of Zionism, (iii) debating the major questions facing modern Israeli society, and (iv) preparing for the cultural and political challenges of college. Armed with moral confidence and intellectual courage, our alumni have emerged as campus leaders at America's leading universities.

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OVERSEAS INSTITUTE

In the 2022-2023 school year, the Tikvah Overseas Institute had:

53
Gap Year
Students

26
Programs
& Events

13
Faculty
Members

A Unique Gap Year Program in Israel

A mix of intense seminars, high-level roundtables, and leadership retreats

Our Core Seminars: The Jewish Political Tradition

Our core seminars focus on different aspects of the Jewish political tradition—including the idea of freedom in the Hebrew Bible, the perspective of Jewish law on the major social-policy issues of our age, and the defining speeches of the Zionist political tradition. Our core seminars allow students to study key texts in depth around the Tikvah seminar table—bringing their yeshiva and seminary studies into conversation with the broad sweep of Jewish and Western civilization.



The Zionist Roundtable: Debating the Future of Israeli Society

The Zionist Roundtable focuses on the great challenges facing Israeli society today—such as the security threats from Hamas and Hezbollah, the future of the Israeli political system, the role of religion in Israeli life, the changing geostrategic map of the new Middle East, and the dynamics of the America-Israel alliance. Our students meet with leading Israeli public figures—including journalists, Knesset members, ambassadors, rabbinic leaders, and intellectuals.



Shabbat Retreats: Preparing for Leadership in College

Our Shabbat retreats focus on the theme of leadership—including the lessons and legacy of great Zionist leaders like Herzl and Menachem Begin, and the meaning of leadership today for young American Jews heading to college. Our Shabbat retreats occur twice each year, deepening the friendships among our Tikvah students as they prepare for the next phase of their lives. We are forging the Tikvah community of shared values and ideas.



“The Tikvah program has been instrumental in providing our students with an enriching educational environment that greatly enhances their gap-year experience. Tikvah challenges our best students to consider the toughest issues facing the Jewish people. Through Tikvah, our students have sharpened their Jewish sense of purpose, participated in many great debates, and developed a deeper understanding of the West and the world.

Rabbi Yehuda Seif, Rosh Yeshiva of Midreshet and Yeshivat Torah V'Avodah



Beren Collegiate Forum

A network of student leaders at 60+ colleges—all committed to advancing Jewish and American ideals.



Tikvah's Beren Collegiate Forum works closely with hundreds of 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 a deep belief in Tikvah's core values. Every week, we convene Forum members for in-depth seminars and conversations. We connect them with thought leaders in journalism, politics, business, and education. We invest in student-led programs, publications, and reading groups on campus. Tikvah's aim is to create a national community of public-spirited Jewish college students, armed with ideas as they stand up for Jewish, Zionist, and American values.



קרן תיקוה
TIKVAH
 BEREN COLLEGIATE FORUM

354
 Student
 Participants

60+
 College
 Campuses

33
 Campus
 Chapter
 Presidents

Great Essays & Debates

Our seminars examine works of philosophy, literature, and history that define Jewish civilization.

The Political Philosophy of the Hebrew Bible

An exploration of how the Hebrew Bible illuminates the truths of the human condition. Students closely study great essays on topics such as the biblical vision of politics embodied in the Ten Commandments, the nation-building leadership of Moses, and the statesmanship and the heroism of Esther.

Religion and the American Character

A series of conversations about the role of religion in shaping the American character. Our students explore how religion lies at the heart of American exceptionalism, and why American society welcomed Jewish beliefs and practices from the beginning. Thinkers we read include Irving Kristol, Milton Himmelfarb, Yuval Levin, and Wilfred McClay.

Zionism and Anti-Zionism

A careful study of the political and cultural vision of the Zionist founders. Students explore how the creation of a modern Jewish state has changed Jewish history and Jewish identity, and how Zionism is an answer to the perennial plague of anti-Semitism. We read classic sources like Herzl, Jabotinsky, and Ahad Ha'am, and contemporary thinkers like Natan Sharansky, Einat Wilf, and Ruth Wisse.



Robert Beren z”l

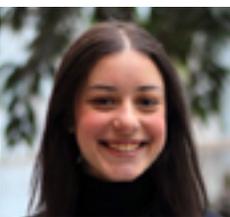
On August 8, 2023, Tikvah lost a great leader, benefactor, visionary, and friend. Mr. Robert M. Beren left his mark on Jewish history. May his memory—and his legacy—be a blessing for generations to come.

Meet Our Campus Presidents

Tikvah student leaders are shaping campus discourse about Judaism and Israel at universities across the country.



Isabella Brannon
UCLA



Layla Frischman
University of Toronto



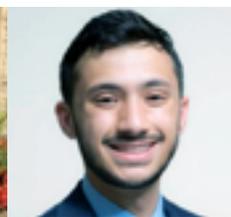
Avi Koenig
Queens College



Brandon Leach
American University



Michael Lippman
Columbia University



Alexander Lucero
George Washington
University



Tzivia Lutch
Touro University



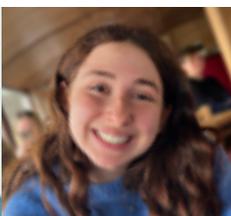
Isaac Nadaner
University of
Chicago



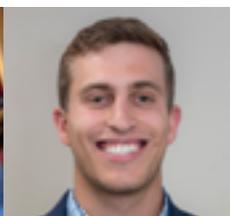
Gabi Negrin
George Washington
University



Jordan Paraboschi
Cornell University



Leah Powell
Princeton University



Joshua Shapiro
Yeshiva University



Jacob Shofet
UCLA



Catherine Zelensky
UCLA

Beren Summer Fellowship

Tikvah's flagship program for college students. Eight weeks in the arena of Jewish ideas and public policy.



The Beren Summer Fellowship brings together our most committed college leaders 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 Beren Summer Fellows combine serious Jewish learning from teachers such as Ruth Wisse, Yuval Levin, and Leora Batnitzky with high-level practical experiences. Recent projects include working on US-Israel relations with Senator Tom Cotton's office, working with the Becket Fund to advance American religious liberty, developing a new and innovative film series on Zionism for American college students, and working directly with the Abraham Accords Peace Institute to advance peace in the Middle East.



Beren Fellows have interned at the following leading institutions:

Philos Project
Hudson Institute

Vandenberg Coalition
Becket Fund

Abraham Accords Peace Institute
Foundation for Defense of Democracies
Office of US Senator Tom Cotton



Meet Our Summer Fellows

Every summer, we select 18 Beren Fellows dedicated to advancing the ideals and interests of the Jewish people, the state of Israel, and the United States. Meet a few recent alumni:



**Class of
2023**
Isabella
Brannon

Isabella Brannon is a junior at UCLA pursuing a major in Public Affairs and minors in Religion and Digital Humanities. Outside of her studies, Bella is the President of Hillel, Editor-in-Chief of *Ha'Am*, a bass player in the Klezmer Ensemble, and a researcher into bias in artificial intelligence with the School of Technology, Law, and Policy. Bella became involved with Tikvah in high school through the Tikvah Scholars Summer Program and Tikvah Online Academy. She is now a member of the Tikvah College Forum, and she co-led UCLA's Tikvah reading group on Chaim Saiman's book *Halakhah: The Rabbinic Idea of Law*.



**Class of
2022**
Juliana
Castillo

Juliana Castillo is an undergraduate at Columbia University who spent a fellowship year working at Tikvah. She was the assistant director of the Tikvah Scholars Summer Program and the Solomon Fellowship. In 2022, she researched the post-COVID landscape of Jewish education as a Beren Summer Fellow. Juliana is also a violist and has trained at the Perlman Music Program and Juilliard School. This year, she is the associate principal of the Columbia University Orchestra and a Dolan Prize recipient. Juliana is broadly interested in philosophy, education (both theory and pedagogy), and the intersection of the artistic and the intellectual.



**Class of
2021**
Jacob
Viviano

Jacob works in external affairs for the Republican Party of Florida, coordinating strategy with stakeholders and communities. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in public policy. For his Beren Fellowship project, Jacob worked on the foreign policy team for US Senator Tom Cotton, where he produced high-level research on Iranian politics and nuclear proliferation. Following his Beren Fellowship, Jacob worked as a Hertog Research Fellow and special assistant to Ambassador Ron Dermer.



**Class of
2020**
Matthew
Samilow

Matthew Samilow is an analyst at a Jewish philanthropic foundation in New York. He graduated from Cornell University in 2022 with a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations. While in college, Matthew led the Freedom Caucus of the Cornell Political Union and was a columnist for the *Cornell Daily Sun*. In 2022, he was a Hertog Foundation political-studies fellow. Matthew lives in New York and is originally from the South Florida area. He plans to attend law school in the future.

Krauthammer Fellowship

Launching the next generation of thoughtful and influential Jewish intellectuals.



The Krauthammer Fellowship helps advance the careers of outstanding young writers and intellectuals by bringing their ideas to the public square. The program is named in honor of the legendary columnist Charles Krauthammer.

Our fellows come from think tanks, graduate schools, magazines, and other civic institutions, bringing a wide range of expertise as well as a shared commitment to American ideals and the security and flourishing of the Jewish state. Our team works closely with each Krauthammer Fellow in crafting a major long-form essay or series of shorter articles for publication in premier outlets. Fellows also participate in online educational programming and in-person conferences, during which they address serious challenges in politics, culture, and Jewish life.



Since 2021, the Krauthammer Fellowship has had:

50
Fellows

800+
Published
Pieces

50+
Partner
Publications

Essays Shaping the Conversation

Our Krauthammer Fellows have published important essays in the world's leading magazines, journals, and newspapers. Here are a few recent examples:



Will the Right Always Stand with Israel?

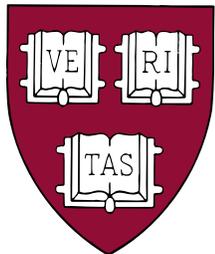
National Review | Daniel Samet and Andrew Gabel

An increasingly China-focused foreign policy has not weakened the American Right's embrace of Israel. But this might not always be so. Political shifts are notoriously difficult to predict, great-power rivalry often mars relationships with middle powers, and there's no universal law requiring the GOP to be pro-Israel in perpetuity. The conservative case for Israel needs reaffirmation and vigilant defense.

Equity ≠ Equality

Commentary | Tal Fortgang

Just a few decades after the vast majority of Americans accepted the civil-rights movement's argument for equality—based on equal treatment rather than equal outcomes—they have been told to think again. Equality of opportunity is now wrongly treated as a nefarious way to perpetuate disparities. This is bad for America and bad for the Jews.



BDS at Harvard

City Journal | JJ Kimche and Angelique Talmor

Why are Harvard students absorbing and endorsing BDS attitudes? Why have they abandoned the pursuit of truth in favor of wholesale condemnation of the world's only Jewish country? And if hatred of the Jewish state becomes the default position across campus, do Jewish students have a future at elite universities like Harvard?

Shabbat Among the Exiles

The Free Press | Cole Aronson

The war in Ukraine has upended many Jewish lives. Cole Aronson spent Shabbat among the exiles. "Stand and leave the tumult; too long have you lived in the valley of tears," reads the third verse of *Lecha Dodi*, the central hymn of Friday night's liturgy. On this Shabbat, God brought His people to a way-station between war in Ukraine and a Jewish nation free in its land.



The Settler and the New Jew

Mosaic Magazine | Daniel Kane

What does the Israeli settlement movement stand for? While the streets of Tel Aviv are named after the original *chalutzim* (pioneers), Israeli communities beyond the Green Line are today filled with Zionist idealists and close-knit communities of faith committed to restoring, settling, and defending the land. This essay explores how the new settlers are changing Israeli society.

Tikvah Legal Fellowship

A summer program for law students interested in advancing Jewish values in the American public square.



The Tikvah Legal Fellowship provides first- and second-year law students a unique summer experience—including high-level seminars with leading figures in the legal profession; internships at prestigious law firms and clerkships with federal judges; and mentoring as they look ahead to their careers.



For many Jewish students, law school is a crucial gateway to effective advocacy for great causes—such as the defense of religious liberty, a strong alliance between the US and Israel, the promotion of school choice, and the restoration of equality under law. The Tikvah Legal Fellowship challenges top law students across the country to approach their careers as Jewish leaders in the civic arena. We connect them to fellow Jews and Christians across the country who share these ideals.



Our fellows attend law school at:

- | | | |
|----------|--------------|----------|
| Cardozo | Georgetown | Penn |
| Chicago | Harvard | Stanford |
| Columbia | NYU | UVA |
| Fordham | Northwestern | Yale |

Our fellows have been hired by some of these leading institutions in US law.

Meet Our Legal Fellows

Our Tikvah Legal Fellows are exceptional attorneys-in-training interested in public affairs.



**Class of
2023**
Elias
Neibart

A student at Harvard Law School, Elias will be clerking for Judge Steven Menashi of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals after graduation. Before beginning law school, Elias received an MPhil in political theory from the University of Cambridge. He has also held positions with the Manhattan Institute, the New York County District Attorney's Office, and the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.



**Class of
2022**
Elisheva
Marcus

Elisheva was valedictorian of Touro University's Lander College for Women, where she earned a degree in history and political science. She is currently a student at NYU School of Law, where she is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law and Liberty* and vice president of Law Students Against Antisemitism. She has worked at the US Bankruptcy Court in the Eastern District of New York and as a summer associate at Jones Day.



**Class of
2021**
Ari
Spitzer

Ari is an incoming associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP. A 2023 graduate of Harvard Law School. Ari was active in Harvard's Federalist Society chapter as well as the Jewish Law Students Association, and edited the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Prior to law school, he attended New York University's Stern School of Business and worked in private equity.

Meet Our Speakers

Tikvah Legal Fellows learn from leading judges, law professors, and attorneys. Recent speakers include:



Harry Ballan



Judge Alice M.
Batchelder



Josh Blackman



Robert P. George



Judge Robert Luck



Michael McConnell



Judge Neomi Rao



Judge David Stras



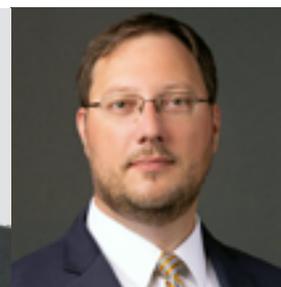
Ilya Shapiro



Judge Matthew H.
Solomson



Edward Whelan



Adam White

The Jewish Strategy Project

Working groups of Tikvah alumni focus on the greatest challenges facing the Jewish people in the modern age.



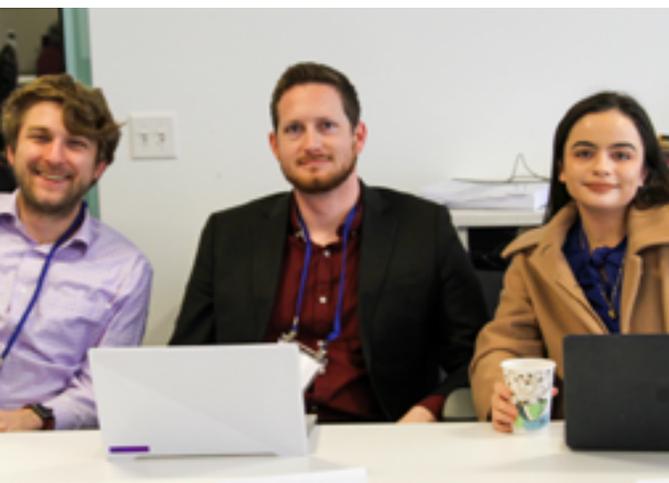
Tikvah's alumni are working in every field of Jewish and American life—including law and public policy, education and culture, and strategy and world affairs. The Jewish Strategy Project puts this incredible Tikvah talent network to use.

Throughout the year, we convene special working groups on very focused questions—such as Jews and the future of American conservatism, the changing nature of the US-Israel alliance, and the reform of American higher education. We carefully select our most impressive alumni, bringing them together for three days of intense analysis with preeminent experts in the field and ongoing Zoom sessions that continue the discussions.



In 2024, the Jewish Strategy Project will focus on:

- Hamas, Iran, and Israeli Strategy
- Artificial Intelligence and Jewish Education: Opportunities and Dangers
- Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and the Political Left
- Religious Leadership in the 20th and 21st Centuries: Where Do We Go From Here?



Our 2023 Working Groups

The Jewish Strategy Project focuses on concrete issues facing America, Israel, and the Jews.



Jews and the Future of Conservatism

Princeton, NJ, March 12-14

Led by Witherspoon Institute dean R.J. Snell and Argaman Institute dean Ronen Shoval, this working group focused on the future of the conservative movements in the United States and Israel. Is American conservatism undergoing a fundamental transformation as the voice of conservative populism strengthens? Or do the core principles of the Reaganite consensus endure? Can Israeli conservatism fashion a governing coalition that brings together secular, National Religious, and Haredi citizens? And what can

Jewish ideas uniquely contribute to conservative political thought? We focused on concrete ways to strengthen conservative thinking in the years ahead—including advancing education reform, curbing the administrative state, articulating the role of tradition in a modern democracy, and deepening the Jewish-Christian alliance.



The Renewal of Jewish Classical Education: K-12 and College

New York City, April 16-18

Led by Tikvah's Chief Executive Officer Eric Cohen and Chief Education Officer Rabbi Mark Gottlieb, this working group focused on ideas for launching new Jewish educational institutions in America, both K-12 Jewish classical schools and a new Jewish university. The group explored how the foundational principles of Western classical education can be married to traditional modes of Jewish learning in Tanakh, Talmud, and Hebrew language. And we discussed the core elements of a Jewish liberal education at the college level aimed at

preparing the rising generation of Jewish political, intellectual, and religious leaders. The guiding spirit: now is a time to build, because many of our legacy educational institutions have lost their moral and intellectual compass.



The Future of the US-Israel Relationship

Washington, DC, May 21-23

Led by Middle East expert and former White House advisor Elliott Abrams and former Israeli national security official Eran Lerman, this group explored the historical, sociological, and security aspects of the US-Israel relationship. They surveyed the evolution of the US-Israel alliance over the past many decades, and then focused on overcoming emerging critical policy divisions that might emerge over China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian question.

The participants were all young practitioners involved in security and foreign policy—some in the United States and some in Israel. The connections forged in this group led to several co-authored publications and professional friendships that will pay dividends in shaping strategic actions by these two countries in years to come.

National Student Leadership Conference

Bringing together our top students and alumni from high school, college, and the professional world.



“Tikvah” means hope—and nothing inspires greater faith in the Jewish future than seeing hundreds of Tikvah students gathered together in strength as a community. This is the spirit of Tikvah’s annual National Student Leadership Conference.

Every January, we invite our top high school students, college students, graduate students, and young professionals for a multi-day conference in Washington, DC focused on advancing our Jewish, Zionist, and American ideals. In addition to high-level sessions with leading thinkers and policymakers, our Tikvah students teach each other. High school students see what it means to be a Tikvah college leader, and college students get to explore the best options for graduate school or possible careers in the arena.



At the 2024 National Student Leadership Conference, we will have:

190 Participants



The Tikvah Generation







THE LOBEL CENTER FOR JEWISH CLASSICAL EDUCATION

The Lobel Center for Jewish Classical Education is focused on four major initiatives: developing and disseminating a new K-12 curriculum that immerses students in the best of Western and Jewish culture, recruiting and training master teachers, partnering with Jewish schools across North America, and launching Tikvah classical schools that bring this vision fully to life.

16

**MA DEGREE
STUDENTS**

44

**PILOT
COURSES**

112

**PARTNER
TEACHERS**

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Lobel Teachers Colloquium

Building a community of Jewish educators, school heads, and lay leaders committed to Jewish classical education.



Tikvah launched the Lobel Teachers Colloquium—an ongoing series of three-day conferences and workshops at Princeton University—to cultivate master educators around the country who are interested in bringing Jewish classical education to schools across North America.

In our first four colloquia this spring and summer, we convened 100+ participants—including experienced and aspiring teachers, school heads and principals, and active lay leaders and board members. Over three intense days, we explored the relationship between Western civilization and Jewish studies, organized working groups on curriculum development, and engaged in strategy sessions on how to build a Jewish classical education movement.



The Lobel Colloquium has had:

4
Inaugural
Colloquia

100+
Participants

55
Schools
Represented

Meet Our Lobel Teachers

Educators from every field of Jewish and general studies have joined the Lobel program. Meet a few of our teachers:



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Miss Frieda Wercberger

Manhattan Day School, Grade 2

Frieda Wercberger teaches 2nd grade at Manhattan Day School. She is inspired by the idea of exposing young Jews to the classical arts of learning and the masterworks of literature that set young minds on the path of appreciating the good, the true, and the beautiful.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Ms. Sharon Bilar-Goldfarb

Ramaz School, Grades 7-8

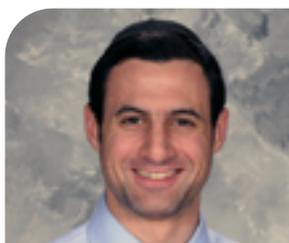
Ms. Sharon Bilar-Goldfarb is a lawyer who found her true calling in Jewish education. She now teaches US history—along with French and Spanish—at Ramaz Middle School, and is working closely with Tikvah to develop a model curriculum on the Jewish meaning of the American story.



HIGH SCHOOL Rabbi Rick Schindelheim

Fuchs Mizrahi School, Grades 9-12

Rabbi Rick Schindelheim has worked as a Judaic studies director and teacher at the Fuchs Mizrahi School in Cleveland since 2013. He is a pioneer in thinking about the foundational ideas at the heart of Tanakh and Talmud—and is excited to develop new courses with Tikvah that bring Jewish texts into conversation with the great ideas of the West.



Working with Schools Across the Country

The colloquia attracted teachers from more than 50 schools.

Akiba Yavneh Academy
Arizona School for the Arts
Austin Jewish Academy
Bais Yaakov of Baltimore
Barkai Yeshiva
Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School
Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy
Bnei Akiva Schools of Toronto
Chicago Jewish Day School
Chofetz Chaim Los Angeles
Contra Costa Jewish Day School
Denver Academy of Torah
Emek Hebrew Academy
Frankel Jewish Academy
Fuchs Mizrahi School
Georgetown Day School
Great Hearts Academy Online
Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis
Hebrew Academy of Miami (RASG)

Hebrew Academy of Long Beach
Heichal Hatorah
ISF Academy
Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton
Katz Yeshiva
Lubavitch Girls HS of Chicago
Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School
Maimonides School
Manhattan Day School
Manhattan High School for Girls
Margolin Hebrew Academy
Mazel Day School
Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
Milken Community School
Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School
of the Nation's Capital
Montclair Kimberley Academy
Moriah School
Northwest Yeshiva High School

Ohr Chadash Academy
Ramaz School
Robert M. Beren Academy
SAR High School
Shevach Beis Yaakov High School
TanenbaumCHAT
Torah Day School of Dallas
Yeshiva High School of Arizona
Yeshiva of Flatbush
Yeshiva of Telshe
Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh
Yeshiva University High School for
Boys (MTA)
Yeshiva University High School for
Girls (Central)
Yeshiva University High School of
Los Angeles (YULA) Boys

MA in Jewish Classical Education

A new degree program aimed at developing the next generation of Jewish day school teachers.



Jewish day school teachers are heroes, shouldering the burden of cultural and spiritual transmission and renewal. This fall, we launched a new program—the first of its kind—that immerses aspiring and experienced teachers in the core subjects of the Western classical tradition in a uniquely Jewish way.

Developed in partnership with the University of Dallas—one of the premier universities dedicated to classical education—the Tikvah MA program combines the study of history, literature, Jewish studies, and classical pedagogy. In addition to focusing on in-depth study of the humanities, the MA program also offers mentorship to students in effective teaching and educational leadership. Following graduation, Tikvah will actively help place top students at partner Jewish day schools and yeshivas.



UNIVERSITY
OF DALLAS

Our MA program has:

16

Inaugural
Students

12

Core
Courses

36

Required
Credits

A Unique Course of Study

The Tikvah MA is a 36-credit program, offered both part-time and full-time.

FALL 2023

PHL5381: The Classical Philosophy of Education (3 credits)
HUM6340: Trivium (4 credits)
HUM6325: Great Works of the Ancient World (3 credits)

SPRING 2024

HUM6344: Quadrivium (4 credits)
HUM6348: Classical Pedagogy, Ancient and Modern (4 credits)
HUM6326: Great Works of the Medieval World (3 credits)

SUMMER 2024

HUM6191: Summer Intensive: Workshopping Jewish Classical Education (4 credits)

FALL 2024

HUM6331: Great Works in the Renaissance & Baroque Eras (4 credits)
JCE202: Tanakh and the Formation of Western Civilization (3 credits)
MAT201: MA Thesis (2 credits)

SPRING 2025

HUM6333: Great Works of the Modern World (3 credits)
MAT202: Thesis (2 credits)
JCE 301: The Core Elements of a Jewish Classical School (3 credits)

Sample Syllabi

Our students enroll in a wide range of core classes and electives tailored to their interests. Here are a few examples:

The Classical Philosophy of Education

This course considers themes such as the relationship between student and teacher, the goals of education, the nature of knowledge, and the connection between classical education and the common good. We explore these questions in light of more fundamental considerations, such as the nature of the human person, the relationship between reason and virtue, and the dual inheritance of Jerusalem and Athens.



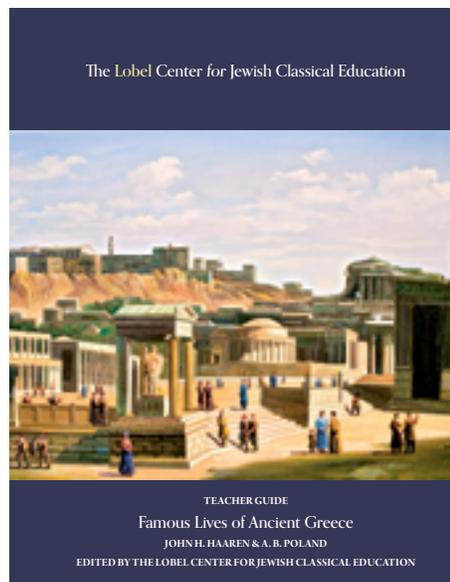
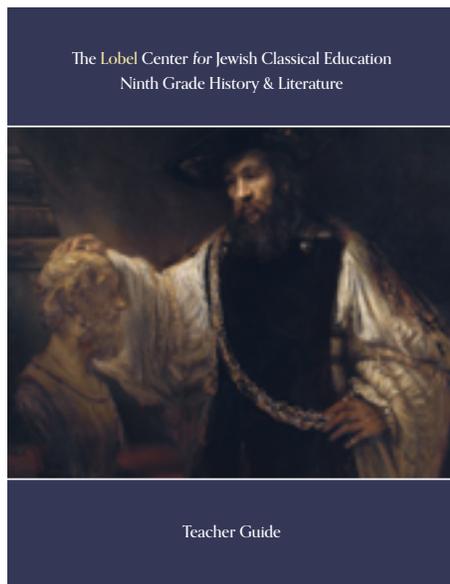
Master Teachers in the Western Tradition

This course studies the master teachers of the Western tradition—exploring different methods of teaching and learning, different models of designing schools and universities, and the ways in which the culture of education is shaped by the perennial pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. Students study classic works across the disciplines—philosophy, history, literature, theology, natural science—and explore the enduring significance of these works in shaping the Western tradition of liberal education.



Lobel Classical Press

Developing a K-12 classical curriculum for Jewish day schools and yeshivas around the world.



Tikvah has a distinctive educational vision for young Jews—including the study of Western civilization through a Jewish lens, Hebrew immersion from an early age, and mastery of Tanakh and Talmud oriented to the formation of a Jewish worldview and way of life.

We launched Lobel Classical Press to produce an integrated course of study in every key subject from kindergarten through 12th grade—including history, literature, the Hebrew Bible, Jewish philosophy, Zionism, and Hebrew. We have created working groups of experienced teachers to help us perfect our educational program, and we have assembled a team of editors, intellectuals, and educational leaders to spearhead this project. This will be a major multi-year effort. In just our first year, our curriculum is being used in 30 different schools.



In the 2023-2024 Academic Year, the Lobel Classical Press has:

7
Faculty
Working
Groups

44
Teachers Using
Our Curriculum

10
Titles
Released

— Bringing Jewish Classical Education to Life —

Over the next five years, we plan to create a full K-12 course of study in every subject area.
Some early projects include:



Western Civilization: A High School Program in History and Literature

The Lobel Center has developed a new four-year program that immerses high school students in the religious, cultural, and philosophical underpinnings of the West from a uniquely Jewish point of view. Our students study history and literature in an integrated way—including the great books and defining epochs of Western civilization—as they move from the ancient world to the modern age.

The Shakespeare Project: A Jewish Reading of the Bard

Arguably the most important author in the English language, William Shakespeare is indispensable in forming our literary, moral, and political imagination. To bring his work to life for Jewish students, Tikvah is developing a new Shakespeare curriculum that explores his major plays and poems through a Jewish classical lens. Our first two titles: *As You Like It* for middle school and *Hamlet* for high school.



Memoria Press: A Strategic Partner

Memoria Press is one of the most prestigious classical education publishing houses in the world, boasting over 1,200 titles. The Lobel Center has forged a strategic partnership with Memoria, granting us full rights to adapt, edit, and re-design any work in the Memoria canon for use in Jewish schools. Our pilot project is focused on the master works of Greek culture—from mythology to Homer's epics—studied in a uniquely Jewish way.



“The Lobel Center’s curricular offerings promote a comprehensive classical-liberal education in which the pursuit of truth is accompanied by an appreciation of goodness and beauty in all things. Our young students are ready and hungry to read the great books, and we help students feel a responsibility for the legacy that Judaism made possible in the West because of its role in transforming the Greco-Roman disciplines in a way that built our civilization. The Center’s goal is to educate Jews who understand the relationship between their religion and culture, and who wish to promote both.

Rabbi Dr. Mitchell Rocklin
Academic Director & Dean, Lobel Center

Jews and the Western Mind

Bringing the ideas of Jewish classical education to the world.

To build a Jewish classical education movement, we need to awaken parents, teachers, and the general public to the foundational ideas of the West. We need to invite them into the grand intellectual and spiritual adventure of understanding the origins, meaning, and destiny of Western civilization through uniquely Jewish eyes. In 2024, we plan to launch a podcast and online course on "Jews and the Western Mind" bringing these ideas to the world.



Here is a glimpse of some early episodes:

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- ▶ Different Deluges: The Uniqueness of the Bible's Flood Story
- ▶ Back to the Beginning: Biblical Creation as Covenant

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- ▶ Death: The Bible on Why Mortality is Necessary
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- ▶ Government: The Bible on How a Nation Should be Ruled and Redeemed
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- ▶ Jews and the Early Persian Empire
- ▶ Judaism Against Paganism: A Clash of Worldviews
- ▶ Why Cult is not Enough: On the Significance of Greek Culture

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Tikvah Ideas

In essays, books, podcasts, and video courses, Tikvah Ideas aims to advance the most serious Jewish thinking about the major challenges facing the Jewish people and to explore the enduring riches of Jewish, Zionist, and American civilization. Our aim is to shape the current debate by taking the long view and to kindle Jewish souls by probing the depths of Jewish tradition and history.

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Mosaic Magazine

Advancing ideas, argument, and reasoned judgment in all areas of Jewish endeavor.

Mosaic's monthly essays and daily email offer serious analysis and intellectual provocation on every subject that matters to the Jewish people. We aim to cover politics, society, culture, religion, and the arts with unrivaled depth.

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Mosaic explores ancient and modern Jewish texts and practices, mapping the Jewish mind and probing the Jewish soul.



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Defining Monthly Essays

The Spirit of Jewish Classical Education

FEBRUARY 2023 *Eric Cohen & Mitchell Rocklin*

Jewish teachings have shaped Western civilization from the beginning, and Jewish ideas are more essential than ever to renewing a modern culture in crisis. What kind of Jewish education and curriculum best prepares young Jews for this dual mission: carrying forward the Jewish covenant and transmitting the best of Western culture? What modes of learning can best shape the Jewish mind and heart to appreciate the unique riches of Jewish civilization and the ways that Hebraic ideas helped give birth to the West and to America? In this visionary essay, the founders of the Lobel Center for Jewish Classical Education set forth their vision for educating a generation of Menorah Jews, rooted in the texts, traditions, and moral vision of our civilizational inheritance.

The Yom Kippur War's Hidden Calculation

JUNE 2023 *Michael Doran*

Fifty years ago, Egyptian troops crossed the ceasefire line into the Sinai Peninsula and Syrian troops invaded the Golan Heights. On Yom Kippur 1973, Israel found itself in a war for its survival. Assessing five decades' worth of newly available archival material, Michael Doran offers a major retrospective on the Yom Kippur War. Unlike Israel's strategy of preemption in the Six Day War, this time Israelis mobilized only after their adversaries attacked. Doran explains how that came about, while also bringing readers into the decision-making and strategic calculations of some of the war's most important figures: Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan, David Elazar, Henry Kissinger, Richard Nixon, and Anwar Sadat.

I.L. Peretz and the Golden Chain

AUGUST 2023 *Ruth Wisse*

For decades, the great literary scholar Ruth Wisse has been reading, thinking about, and writing about the Polish author who straddled the 19th and 20th centuries, and whose work helped chart the course of Jewish modernity. The "golden chain" of Jewish inheritance is imperiled by the forces of history, but as a founder of modern Yiddish literature, I.L. Peretz saw that the writer of fiction could serve an indispensable role in transmitting a culture from one generation to the next, from biblical prophets to Talmudic sages to literary giants like Heine—and himself.

The Tikvah Podcast

A weekly in-depth conversation on Jews, Judaism, America, and Israel with leading thinkers and policymakers.

Hosted by Mosaic Editor Jonathan Silver, the Tikvah Podcast invites listeners to 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 probes the most interesting and wide-ranging questions with his guests. Over the years, he has spoken with hundreds of writers, rabbis, educators, military officers, artists, and political figures, including members of Israel's Knesset, the US Senate, and the prime minister of Israel. Episodes explore religious and political trends, important new essays and books, classic works of Jewish thought, and the state of Jewish politics in North America, Europe, and Israel.

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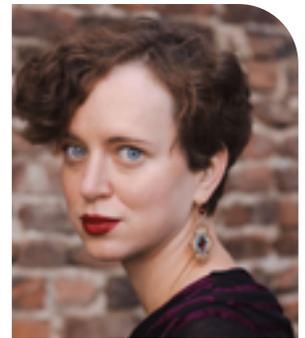


Yaakov Amidror, Should Israel Preemptively Attack Iran?

In the spring of 2023, Yaakov Amidror, Israel's former national-security advisor and a retired IDF major general, remarked during a radio interview that Israel must prepare for war. "It's possible," he said, "that we will reach a point where we have to attack Iran even without American assistance." Why? Iran, he explained, is relatively confident in its regional power in light of a recent agreement with its erstwhile rival Saudi Arabia and the fact that America is reducing its involvement in the Middle East. Israel, in Amidror's view, must be ready to take independent action to strike Iranian nuclear targets and safeguard its citizens.

Tara Isabella Burton, The Making of the Modern Self

Modern philosophical movements have invited us to look for answers to fundamental questions not outside of ourselves—as traditional religions and classical philosophical schools did—but instead on the inside. This is an impulse to seek contentment through self-realization and to judge ourselves by the extent of our authenticity. Modern people do not want the self to melt away into something greater, or holier; modern people are self-made. In her recent book, Tara Isabella Burton tells how modern people came to believe in the importance of creating bespoke personalities, in "branding ourselves," in self-definition, in fashioning desires into purposes.



Benjamin Netanyahu, Decision-Making Under Pressure

In the final English-language interview that Prime Minister Netanyahu granted before resuming the premiership, he focused on three key episodes from his recent memoir: his decision to liberalize the Israeli economy as finance minister in the early 2000s; his decision to speak in front of the US Congress in opposition to the Iran deal in 2015; and his decision to undertake, and then to publicize, a massive 2018 Mossad operation that resulted in the seizure of a half-ton of records, notes, and plans documenting Iran's nuclear-weapons program. We probe Netanyahu's political mind at work.

Cynthia Ozick, The Meaning Behind her Latest Work of Jewish Fiction

Writing electric prose into her 90s, this year the legendary author Cynthia Ozick published a new short story, "The Conversion of the Jews." Set in the 1930s but drawing on the 13th-century disputation between the Jewish-born Dominican friar Pablo Christiani and Nahmanides, Ozick's story asks what compels a person to turn against his family, his teachers, his neighbors, and his religion—and not as a matter of indifference but as a matter of revenge on the sources of his own formation. A masterclass in the Jewish literary mind at its best.



MeirSoloveichik.com

Rabbi Meir Soloveichik is one of America's preeminent Jewish thinkers and rabbis. MeirSoloveichik.com is the home of his seminal podcasts, courses, essays, and events.

The Bible365 Podcast

In over 300 15-minute episodes, Rabbi Soloveichik teaches the entire Hebrew Bible—from Genesis to Chronicles—uncovering deep meaning and enduring insights. He draws on literature, art, archaeology, philosophy, American history, and the heroic drama of modern Zionism. The Bible365 subscriber community numbers in the thousands—convening Americans, Europeans, and Israelis, Jews and Christians, young and old—all dedicated to recovering the Hebrew Bible's wisdom.



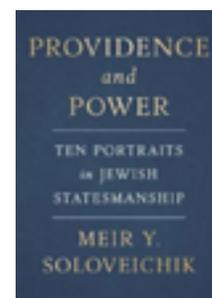
Jerusalem 365 Podcast

In his daily podcast, Rabbi Soloveichik covers the entire 4,000-year history of Jerusalem, from biblical times to the present day, along the way guiding listeners through the dramatic story of the most interesting city in history. Uniting every episode is the conviction that Jerusalem is the moral and religious capital of the West, and that in uncovering its history we can reinvigorate Jewish and Western civilization.



Providence and Power

In his new book *Providence and Power: Ten Portraits in Jewish Statesmanship*, Rabbi Soloveichik portrays the most consequential Jewish political leaders of the past three millennia. Analyzing figures from King David and Queen Esther to Louis Brandeis, David Ben-Gurion, and Menachem Begin, Rabbi Soloveichik paints a picture of Jewish thought and action that inspires students and statesmen alike.



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Faith in Film

People of faith often lament the ways in which contemporary media distort the culture and denigrate traditional religion. Yet many films, when viewed through a Jewish lens, can offer real spiritual insight. In this eight-part video course, Rabbi Soloveichik will explore some of his favorite movies—from *Groundhog Day* and *The Ten Commandments* to *Chariots of Fire* and *Jiro Dreams of Sushi*—probing them for the Jewish wisdom they can provide.



Why Jews Do That: Judaism's Most Unique Rituals

Why do Jews blow a ram's horn to mark the new year? Why do they pray wearing leather boxes and four-cornered shawls? Why do they shake the lulav and etrog? In this 18-episode podcast, Rabbi Soloveichik explores some of Judaism's more outwardly peculiar rituals, explaining why Jews do them and why they remain essential to Jewish spiritual life.

The Rabbi's Book Club

Readers and listeners of Rabbi Soloveichik's work remark on the wide range of historical and literary references that are woven into his teaching. In this online course, Rabbi Soloveichik invites you to join his bi-monthly book club, where he'll re-read some of his favorite books and discuss how they've shaped him as a teacher, scholar, and Jewish thinker. Some of this year's books include: David McCullough's *Truman*, C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters*, Menachem Begin's *The Revolt*, and Maria Johnson's *Strangers and Neighbors*.



Tikvah Online University

Our series of in-depth video courses explore the riches of Jewish civilization with master teachers and thinkers.

Our vision for Tikvah Online University is to create the most interesting Jewish Studies department in the world, with courses on the Hebrew Bible, Jewish and Zionist history, Jewish literature and philosophy, and the Jewish meaning of Western civilization.

Our courses allow anyone in the world to study the masterworks of Jewish literature with Ruth Wisse, the meaning of Jewish history with Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, the philosophy of the Hebrew Bible with Micah Goodman and Leon Kass, the Zionist story with Daniel Polisar and Martin Kramer. Tikvah Online University brings these exceptional teachers to life, capturing for all time and for everyone the courses they've perfected in lecture halls around the world.

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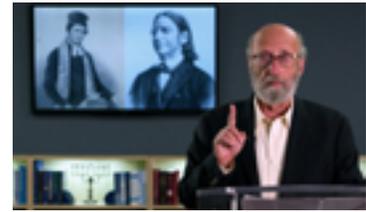
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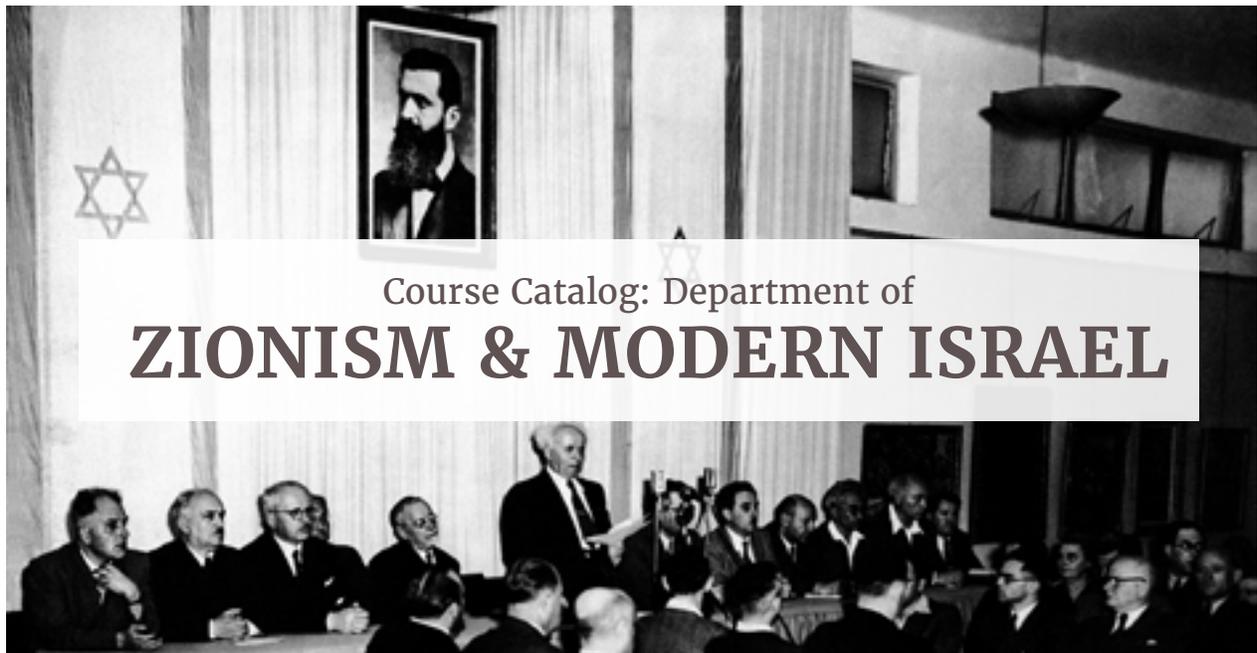
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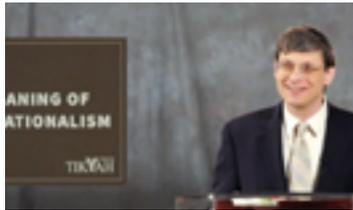
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An Interview with

Dr. Michael Doran

FEATURED ONLINE COURSE: "ISRAEL ON THE PRECIPICE: THE YOM KIPPUR WAR AT 50"

Dr. Michael Doran left the faculty of Princeton University to serve on the National Security Council at the White House. A Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute, Dr. Doran teaches history and national security at Tikvah.

In the course of your career, you've taught at distinguished universities like Princeton and NYU. Now, most of your teaching happens at Tikvah. What is distinctive about what you do here?

The most liberating and exciting thing about teaching at Tikvah is that the students haven't absorbed the progressive worldview that's now so common among young people. And I don't mean political ideas, but the assumptions about the world that underlie those ideas. When I teach in other settings, I usually have to begin by justifying my own, alternative assumptions. At Tikvah, I can skip that step, and go straight into discussing the world and all its complexities. I'm a Zionist, and it's incredibly liberating to be in a roomful of people who don't automatically associate Zionism with all kinds of sins and crimes.

In the class you're teaching now, you present a monumental new interpretation of the Yom Kippur War. How did you come to that interpretation?

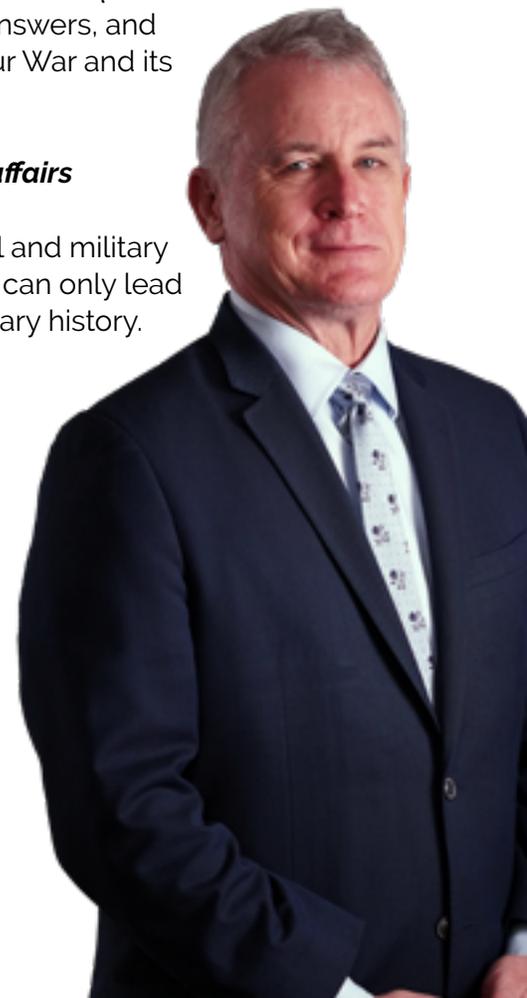
When you first suggested that I give these lectures, I thought, "This will be easy, because I've taught classes on the history of the Middle East, and I have a basic view of the war that I can present." Then I started to read some things that have been written in the 20 years since I last taught the subject. And I also realized that my own understanding of the world has changed, and I have questions about the war that never occurred to me before. I started to look for the answers, and that eventually led me to an entirely new understanding of the Yom Kippur War and its significance.

Why is it important for us to study events like the 1973 war, and military affairs and statecraft more generally. Why not focus on other things?

I have a very old-fashioned view. I think that the spine of history is political and military history. Social and cultural history are absolutely worth studying, but they can only lead to serious insight if they are placed within the context of political and military history.

After I worked in the White House and the State Department, I ended up working at the Department of Defense. That experience gave me a very different view of how the world works. A lot of people working in the government, just like a lot of people in universities, have an idea of the Middle East that has no correlation whatsoever to reality. It's a "dream palace," as the great Lebanese-American scholar Fouad Ajami called it.

In the real Middle East, hard military power is the main driver of events. Every Middle Eastern ruler understands that. The United States has become so powerful that we've developed the illusion that military power really isn't that important. But the world is changing, and if we're not careful we'll be reminded very soon of what it's like to feel insecure.



An Interview with

Professor Ruth Wisse

A preeminent scholar, a wise teacher, and a fearless voice of Jewish political courage, Ruth Wisse exemplifies Jewish leadership in argument and ideas.

What draws you to writing in *Mosaic* and teaching at Tikvah?

I have never been in a learning and teaching environment that was so exciting and so fulfilling in every way—despite the fact that I've spent my entire life in the academy and in the world of ideas.

What makes the Tikvah community distinct?

First of all, because it has the energy and excitement of something that hasn't been tried before. Second, the people who teach and study at Tikvah believe in the power of ideas to shape human history, both for good and for ill. Third, Tikvah is responding to a crisis that has grown much more severe in recent years. Americans have lost confidence in themselves, in their country, in their Constitution and Bill of Rights. These are some of the greatest achievements of human history, yet so many people have ceased to take pride in them, and to make the effort to transmit them to the next generation. And Jews are experiencing something similar.

Worse, bad ideas are driving out the good. Tikvah aims to stop that process by taking responsibility for the best of Western civilization and for the best of Jewish civilization.

At Harvard and at Tikvah, you've pioneered a way of teaching Jewish literature that focuses on the existential, moral, religious, and national questions facing the Jewish people. Why take this approach?

It's the opportunity to address precisely these questions that drew me to this subject. Teaching Jewish literature is unlike teaching any other literature in the world. It's a literature that exists in seven or eight languages, and through it you can teach the entirety of the Western experience. And it grew out of a response to a crisis of transmission that has a lot in common with the one we face today.

You've also taught a class about the New York intellectuals. Why do you think these thinkers are so important?

These American Jews, children of immigrants, began to realize that they had a role to play in bringing strains of Europe into America with a new confidence, and also in interpreting America in a new way. And they realized that as newcomers they had amazing insights into their country that others didn't.

This group created a world of ideas all of its own, which was very much a product of a particular moment in history that's now gone. It's our responsibility to build on what they accomplished, through institutions like Tikvah and through publications like *Mosaic*.



The Stories Jews Tell: A Podcast with Ruth Wisse



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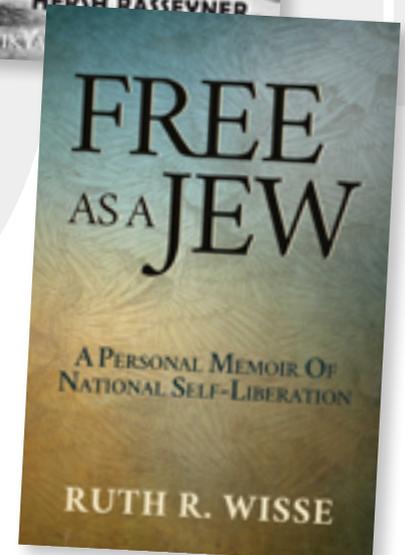
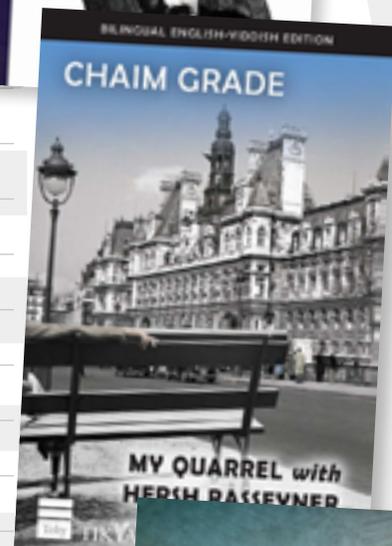
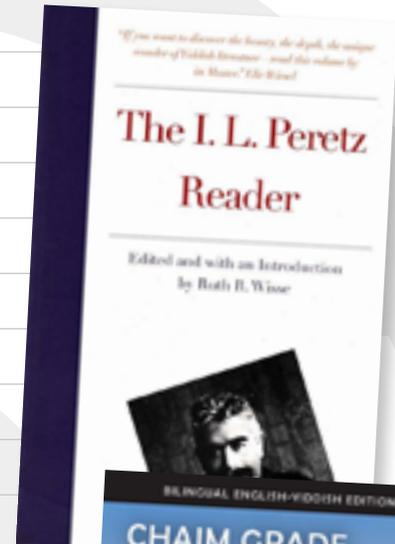
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Shalem College & The Herut Center

For many years, Tikvah has invested in educating future Israeli leaders and shaping the Israeli national debate. This includes helping to found Shalem College, a BA program focused on the great books and ideas of Jewish and Western civilization; and the creation of Herut, a thinktank and educational center dedicated to advancing new thinking on the great political, economic, and strategic challenges facing modern Israel.

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

Over the past two decades, Tikvah has partnered with Shalem—initially as a think tank and now as a degree-granting college—to strengthen the intellectual leadership of the Jewish state. Shalem is expanding towards 200+ full-time BA students, and Shalem graduates have already emerged as leaders in the worlds of business, education, and public policy.



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An Update from Shalem's Leadership

A letter from Dr. Russ Roberts, the president of Shalem College

As I begin my third year as President of Shalem College, I want to share some of what our remarkable team has accomplished and where we hope to head in the future.



- Inside the Shalem Classroom: Since appointing Leon Kass as Dean of the Faculty in early 2021, we have relentlessly focused on the special dignity of the classroom, on elevating faculty who can serve as intellectual pillars for the long haul, and on talent-scouting young scholars who can teach what we teach the way we teach it.
- Expanding the Student Body: To increase our impact on Israeli society through our graduates, we determined that we must grow our cohort sizes from an average of 50 to roughly 100 per year—slightly larger (when scaled for Israel's population) than the graduating classes of Harvard and Yale combined. This growth will also allow us to maintain critical mass as we add academic offerings, build a more robust full-time faculty, and secure permanent accreditation.
- Shalem in the Public Square: This past year, my colleagues and I worked to lay the groundwork for magnifying Shalem's profile within Israel as a premier undergraduate program for Israel's future leading citizens. This includes a national conference; a Shalem-branded series on the popular "Think and Drink Different Podcast"; and a series of speaking engagements targeting leading tech companies and venture capital funds.
- Educating Leaders: When Shalem was little more than an idea in the minds of its founders, the vision was always to build not a four-year college, but a forty-year college, the first four of which would be in residence. Our graduates have already achieved remarkable success. They are making their mark by assuming positions of influence in all major areas of Israeli society.
- New Majors: The new major in "Strategy, Diplomacy, and Security" is designed to cultivate strategic thinkers who can meet Israel's geopolitical and domestic challenges with historical perspective, big-picture thinking, and effective leadership. And we're now working on a major in the area of economics and public policy that will advance Israel's prosperity and stability through a focus not on theoretical economics, but on human flourishing, decision-making under uncertainty, market forces, and data analysis.

While we did not anticipate the specific political and cultural moment in which Israel now finds itself, we built the college to respond to just such a moment—a moment when Israel needs thoughtful leaders more than ever.

Russ Roberts
Jerusalem

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Advancing a vibrant, free, and prosperous Jewish state



Over the past decade, Tikvah created a network of programs, publications, and people in Israel devoted to one clear purpose: building a new generation of Israeli leaders with serious ideas about how to strengthen the Jewish nation. With our strong support and encouragement, this effort—in true Zionist fashion—has become an independent Israeli think tank: the Herut Center for Israeli Liberty, under the capable leadership of our long-time partner Amiad Cohen.

We are confident that Herut will help foster an Israeli society which is sovereign, flourishing, and free. Herut is rooted in the belief in “Jewish exceptionalism” upon which Israel was founded; and in the decades ahead it aims to cultivate a new generation of Israeli civic leaders who carry forward the legacy of Herzl, Jabotinsky, and the pioneer generation that created the Jewish state.



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6 Programs **10,000+** Annual Participants

350,000+ Books and Subscriptions Sold



How Herut is Reshaping Israeli Society

Herut operates a range of initiatives which promote new ideas in Israeli public discourse.



Argaman Institute

Educating the next generation of Israeli political, intellectual and civic leaders. Each year, about 100 exceptional college students and young professionals undergo an intensive year of learning, analyzing the great challenges facing modern Israeli society. Alumni bring new thinking to the Israeli public square, and fresh ideas to the realms of politics, journalism, law, national security and education.



Law & Liberty Forum

Cultivating the next generation of Israeli legal thinkers, judges and policymakers who believe in the core principles of judicial restraint, the separation of powers, and limited government; in the face of a great and unresolved debate about the question of Israeli legal reform that touches on religion, national security, the economy, and the general political culture.



Iyun Institute

Strengthening the Haredi contribution to the Israeli body politic by creating new publications, programs, fellowships and institutions, led by Rabbi Yehoshua Pfeffer. The Haredi community is growing faster than any other sector of Israeli society, making it more important than ever for Haredi citizens to contribute to the economic well-being, political strength, and national security of the Jewish state.



Shibolet Press

A Hebrew-language book series bringing the most important books—both enduring classics and new works on current affairs—to the very center of Israeli discourse, publishing 10 books per year on social and economic thought, military strategy, political biography, Jewish history, and modern Zionism.



Hashiloach Journal

Israel's most influential journal of political, cultural and economic ideas, publishing long-form essays on every aspect of Israeli society—from the future of the Israeli economy to the meaning of Zionism; from the transformation of the Middle East to the reform of Israeli schools; from Israeli military strategy to the vitality of the Israeli family.



The Hertog Forum for National Security

An annual conference of world leaders analyzing the major strategic challenges facing Israel, America, and the West; offering new thinking about how Israel and its allies can navigate a world of grave dangers and new opportunities, from the Iran threat and the strategic ambitions of Russia and China, to the possible normalization of Israel-Saudi relations and the future of the U.S.-Israel alliance.



Tikvah Community

Building a new generation of committed Jews and Zionists. Learning from the most important teachers in America and Israel. Standing together for our most cherished Jewish and American values. Finding a Jewish home and haven in turbulent times. The Tikvah community offers deep purpose and fraternity to its diverse members.

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Jewish Leadership Conference

Tikvah's annual summit on the big questions confronting America, Israel, and the Jewish people.



The Jewish Leadership Conference (JLC) was founded in 2017 to bring together the world's leading thinkers, statesmen, and institution builders to discuss the major challenges and opportunities facing Jewish civilization in the modern age.

Each year, hundreds of Tikvah supporters, students, and alumni come together to discuss why Jewish ideas are essential to the renewal of Western civilization and to debate the critical issues facing the Jewish people, Israel, and American democracy. The JLC embodies the spirit of Tikvah—gathering leaders, focusing on serious ideas, and building a movement dedicated to shared ideals.



JEWISH
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

Since 2017, the JLC has convened:

5k+

Participants

82

Speakers

86

Sessions



JLC 2023: In Focus

Our defining question this year: Will our children defend America, Israel, and Jewish Civilization?



The Spirit of Jewish and Zionist Education: A Generational Purpose

The biggest long-term challenge facing the Jewish people is how to educate a rising generation of committed Jews, proud Zionists, and patriotic Americans. We all know the problems: rising anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, widespread assimilation and indifference, the woke assault on Jewish and American values. The only enduring answer is the renewal of Jewish education. At JLC 2023, we heard from leading thinkers and institution-builders—including Jewish intellectuals Rabbi Meir Soloveichik and Ruth Wisse on the aims of Jewish education; university leaders Larry Arnn and Robert George on the situation on campus; and Bill Barr and Paul Clement on the prospects for a renaissance of religious education.

Dr. Leon Kass, 2023 Herzl Prize Laureate

We are deeply honored to award Dr. Leon Kass—one of the most profound Jewish thinkers and educators of our age—the Herzl Prize for Jewish Leadership. Dr. Kass is a master teacher of the great works of philosophy and literature that illuminate the enduring truths of the human soul, and he is the author of three magisterial commentaries on the Hebrew Bible, which have reshaped how we think about and teach the foundational texts of Jewish civilization. He is the dean of faculty at Shalem College and Professor Emeritus in the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. In his life, his classrooms, and his writing, Dr. Kass embodies the Tikvah educational project in full.



Meet Our 2023 Speakers

Here are just some of the leading thinkers and institution builders who joined us at JLC this year:



Ruth Wisse



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Jewish Parents Forum

A national community of parents committed to raising morally courageous Jews, Zionists, and American citizens.



JPF Executive Director: Caroline Bryk

The Jewish Parents Forum (JPF) is a growing movement of parents and grandparents who believe that transmitting Jewish and Zionist values to our children is our greatest civic responsibility.

Founded in 2021, the JPF already has thousands of members across North America. Our participants join with leading thinkers and practitioners to consider the practical challenges facing Jewish parents today; to strengthen their own Jewish and Zionist identities; and to work together as they navigate modern American life. JPF events have covered a variety of topics such as: the perils of social media, the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in American schools and universities, the perils of gender ideology and critical race theory, and how parents can use their Shabbat tables as tools to cultivate character.



Jewish Parents Forum

Since 2021, the Jewish Parents Forum has convened:

19
Events

10k+
Attendees

45
JPF Leadership
Circle Members



Confronting the Big Challenges

The Jewish Parents Forum hosts regular events, conferences, and parlor meetings that focus on the critical questions facing Jewish parents. Some recent discussions include:

Boys Adrift and Girls on the Edge

In March 2023, Caroline Bryk sat down with Dr. Leonard Sax, MD PhD, for a dynamic discussion about the dilemmas of American girlhood and boyhood today. Joined by 50 people in person and 800 over zoom, they explored how contemporary American culture affects children, how parents can re-assert their authority, and how Jewish tradition can serve as an invaluable guide to human flourishing as our sons and daughters come of age.



The Spirit of Jewish Resolve

As parents, we are struggling to process the unspeakable evil perpetrated against our brothers and sisters in Israel. How do we explain this harrowing reality to our children? What is our call to action as Jewish parents? How do we build in our homes a spirit of Jewish resolve? In the immediate aftermath of the terror attacks on Israel, Caroline Bryk sat down for a serious discussion with leading Israel educator Dr. Rachel Fish.



“ JPF is a unique community of parents who share a commitment to raising children with strong Jewish and American values. JPF's events and resources have empowered me, along with many other parents, to become informed ambassadors in our schools and broader Jewish communities.

Ilana Golant, *Executive Vice President of Manhattan Institute, JPF Leadership Circle Member & Tikvah Advisory Board Member*

“ JPF has offered me clarity on a variety of complicated issues and the inspiration to focus more of my own effort and action on protecting and strengthening my own communal institutions. It has made me a stronger parent with a better sense of what I want to build within my own home and has also connected me to many incredible moms along the way!

Kim Rechtshaffen, *JPF Leadership Circle Member*



Tikvah Society

With more-than-500 members across North America and Israel, the Tikvah Society affords our most generous partners year-round opportunities for deep engagement—including access to special conferences and trips, private events and seminars with our leading teachers and writers, and firsthand learning experiences alongside the rising generation of Tikvah students. The Tikvah Society is the gateway to a world of Jewish, Zionist, and American ideas and to a social network of friends with shared ideals and values.



Gary Rosenthal
Vice Chairman, Tikvah Board of Trustees

“ Tikvah is a unique and indispensable Jewish and Zionist institution. Real education, high-

level ideas, incredible influence in the public arena, both in America and in Israel. I only wish Tikvah had found me when I was in high school or college.



Shelly Kassen
Co-Chair, Tikvah Advisory Board
Michael Kassen
Member, Tikvah Society

“ Tikvah's mission to educate and excite the next

generation of proud Jewish leaders is more critical than ever. And for our generation, *Mosaic* magazine, classes, podcasts, and conferences are invaluable resources.



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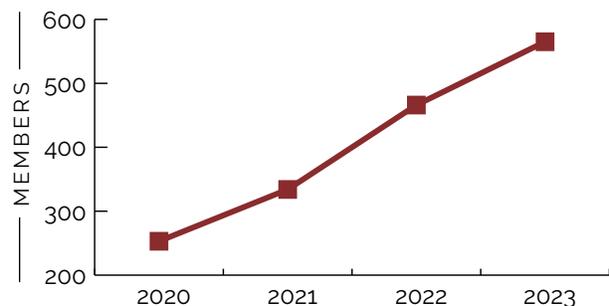
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Tikvah Society Growth



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Join Our Community

Throughout the year, our Tikvah Society members come together around shared purposes and ideals.



Tikvah Leadership Mission to Israel

In May 2023, we brought 30 of our Tikvah Society Leaders on a special mission to Israel led by Rabbi Meir Soloveichik. Throughout the trip, we moved from the heroic battles of ancient Israel to the brave martyrs of modern Zionism; from the holiest places of the Jewish past to the great issues facing the Israeli people today. Together we considered one big theme: why the greatest empires of history failed—and why the Jewish people endures.

Bringing Tikvah to Communities around the Country

We work regularly with Tikvah Society members to sponsor events in their own communities across the country. In Deal, NJ, we came together to discuss the history of Jewish statesmanship in a private home. In Boca Raton, we discussed why Jews have a stake in the meaning of American history in a major synagogue. Later this year in Austin, Texas, we are hosting a panel on the future of American universities. Led by Tikvah Society members, we are bringing Tikvah's ideas to the Jewish world.



Special Events and Seminars at the Tikvah Center

The Tikvah Center in NYC is a thriving intellectual hub, and we regularly hold special events, dinners, and conversations for Society members. Earlier this year, we invited Tikvah Society members to an intimate discussion to launch Professor Ruth Wisse's new Tikvah Online University course on the New York Jewish intellectuals—such as Irving Kristol, Saul Bellow, Cynthia Ozick, Norman Podhoretz, and Midge Decter—who changed the American cultural and political landscape in the 20th century.

Front-Row Seat: Learning Alongside Tikvah's Students

Throughout the year, Tikvah Society members are invited to learn alongside our students—at our summer programs in New York City and Mount Holyoke College, our National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, our Millstone Scholars and Truman Scholars graduations, and other private seminars. These gatherings provide a front-row seat to the heart and soul of Tikvah: educating young Jews in the ideas that matter.



Tikvah Legacy Society

The Tikvah Legacy Society—founded in 2022—honors supporters who have committed to safeguard and strengthen the Jewish people for generations to come through planned gifts and charitable bequests. Such a legacy gift serves as a powerful testament of the core values you share with Tikvah: a commitment to Jewish excellence, Jewish strength, and Jewish continuity. Your gift will help Tikvah carry these supernal values forward to new generations.

Ways to Leave a Tikvah Legacy



Charitable Bequests

The most common and straight-forward way to support Tikvah into the future



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Designate Tikvah as a beneficiary of a savings account or insurance policy



Gifts of Real Estate

Outright gifts of real estate can provide both immediate and long-term tax benefits and preserve the right for you to live on the property for life



Join the Tikvah Society
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Meet Our Supporters

CAMILLE & SANDY KRESS, MEMBERS OF THE TIKVAH SOCIETY AND LEGACY SOCIETY

Camille and Sandy Kress of Austin, Texas, are the founders and supporters of Tikvah's Kress Project on the Hebrew Bible.

What inspired you to get involved with Tikvah?

We always admired Tikvah's thoughtful and in-depth content, from the Tikvah podcast to *Mosaic* essays. We later discovered the array of educational courses and met the delightful and thoughtful staff that makes all this work possible. We found in Tikvah a community—a place where we could become serious participants and make a real difference in the Jewish world.

At Tikvah you founded the “Kress Project on the Hebrew Bible,” to grow our array of video courses, curricula, and programs aimed at teaching and promoting the centrality of Tanakh. Why is this so important to you?

We believe in the centrality of the Hebrew Bible to Jewish, American, and Western culture; to the Jewish people; to the family; and to the self. Unfortunately, we see Biblical literacy receding from the public square and our culture, and we fear the downstream effects this will have. We believe that the Jewish people have inherited a guidebook of deep wisdom and insights for all aspects of human life. Our work with Tikvah is dedicated to bringing the Hebrew Bible back to the fore and inspiring young people with the great stories, moral lessons, and foundational debates of Jewish tradition. This work—conserving our inheritance—is the best strategy for strengthening and sustaining the Jewish people into the future.

What inspired your philanthropic leadership?

Though we come from very different backgrounds, we were both raised by families that recognized the importance of faith, community, and giving back. We believe our parents and grandparents would be proud of our work with Tikvah to bring the Hebrew Bible to young Jews and adult learners around the world. Our parents gave us the skills to become successful and the wisdom to use our resources in this important way. And we are thrilled to now be passing this tradition onto our own adult children today.

How does Tikvah fit into your Jewish legacy?

The work we are doing with Tikvah to promote the Hebrew Bible—to educate and inspire the next generation—will be a major part of our legacy. We can confidently say that Tikvah has become the most important organization that we now support. We trust Tikvah to work hard, pursue bold ideas, and stay true to its core values—and to ours. Supporting Tikvah is like investing in a promising company on the ground floor. There is so much promise, passion, and dedication. And it's exciting to think about what the future holds.



Tikvah Students and Alumni in Focus

Harry Halem

While a junior at St. Andrews University in Scotland, Harry Halem decided to look up summer fellowship opportunities in political philosophy. A quick Google search brought him to Tikvah's website, where he discovered the Beren Summer Fellowship.

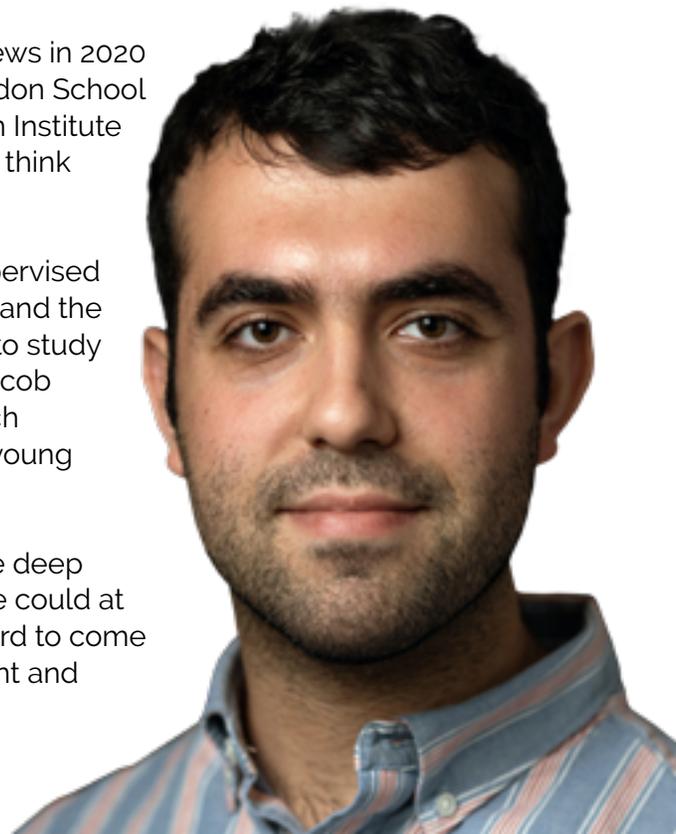
Harry had long been torn regarding what next after graduation. When he applied to the Beren program, he was looking into PhD programs and serving as a research assistant to Seth Cropsey, a former U.S. Defense Department official who was then director of the Center for American Seapower at the Hudson Institute. A student of both Western philosophy and international relations, Harry hoped to blend his interests in concrete strategy and intellectual history. He was eager to meet the right mentors to focus his path and the right peers who shared his wide range of interests in understanding the hard realities of history.

At Tikvah, Harry was also challenged to explore "the Jewish question" in much greater depth, both in the world of ideas and in his own life. He discovered, to his great amazement and delight, a culture of unmatched "intellectual openness" that characterizes what he calls "the Tikvah mindset." In a series of carefully designed Tikvah tutorials, he expanded his interest in classical philosophy to include Jewish thinkers like Maimonides and Leo Strauss. Being part of an impressive group of Jewish peers encouraged him to "have feet in multiple worlds."

After his summer at Tikvah, Harry earned an MA from St. Andrews in 2020 and is now pursuing a PhD in international relations at the London School of Economics. He also works as a senior fellow at the Yorktown Institute and a research fellow at Policy Exchange, both London-based think tanks.

Tikvah remains at the center of his life and work. Harry has supervised two Beren Fellows undergraduate projects on strategy in Asia and the Middle East, and he was awarded a Krauthammer Fellowship to study and write about ancient political thought under philosopher Jacob Howland. He has spearheaded our China Working Group, which brought together leading foreign policy experts and budding young strategists like himself.

As he explains, "Some of the sessions were difficult; there were deep disagreements. But by the end, we had a shared sense that we could at least intellectually understand what was happening. That is hard to come by in academic settings. The culture of Tikvah is simply different and unique."



Tikvah Students and Alumni in Focus

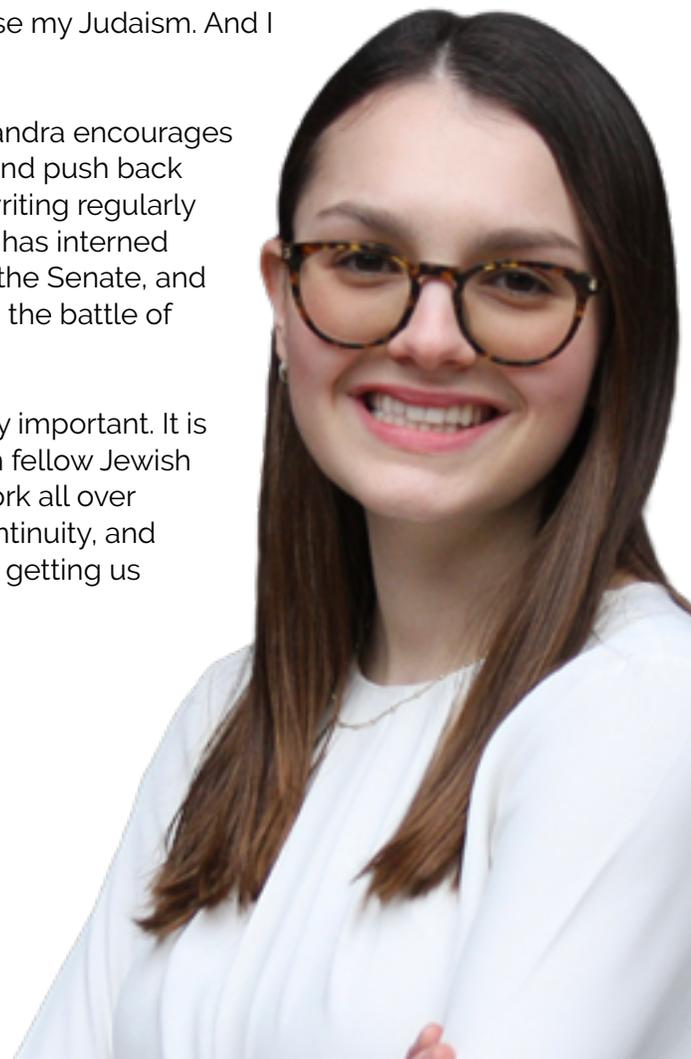
Alexandra Orbuch

Alexandra first became acquainted with Tikvah during her gap year in Israel at Midreshet Lindenbaum. In a Tikvah course led by Daniel Polisar, Alexandra was encouraged to explore the relationship between law, politics, and Judaism. "It was the sweet spot of everything I was interested in," Alexandra says, only lamenting that she did not know about Tikvah's programs until after graduating high school. "I wish I had found Tikvah earlier—in high school or even middle school. I knew immediately that I had found a true intellectual and Jewish home."

Alexandra has since become a key member of the Tikvah community at both the local and national levels. At Princeton University, she is helping to spearhead our campus Beren Collegiate Forum chapter, bringing together fellow Jews who want to think about the big questions facing the Jewish people, Israel, and America. She was a key participant in our 2022 working group on "Anti-Semitism and the Universities". In the face of anti-Israel sentiment on campus, Alexandra stands tall as a proud Zionist and observant Jew. "I'm never afraid to showcase my Judaism. And I never walk away from a fight."

As the intrepid editor of the conservative *Princeton Tory*, Alexandra encourages her fellow Princeton students to defend freedom of speech and push back vigorously against anti-Zionism on campus. She has begun writing regularly for national publications like *JNS* and *The Jewish Journal*. She has interned on Capitol Hill in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, and she is gearing up for law school. It will be "yet another front in the battle of ideas."

Being a part of the Tikvah community is "very special and very important. It is remarkable to have access to the highest-level seminars with fellow Jewish students who care about ideas, to be part of a growing network all over the country, to be talking about Jewish civilization, Jewish continuity, and American politics. We are living through history, and Tikvah is getting us ready to play our part."



Tikvah Students and Alumni in Focus

Jake Greenspan

Jake Greenspan wears many hats: technology entrepreneur, Tikvah educator, and lifelong student of the classics. On the advice of college friends, Jake joined Tikvah as a Beren summer fellow not long after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago. By the time he arrived at Tikvah, Jake had already been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach at Athens College in Greece; led humanities courses in South Side high schools in Chicago; and prepared a publication, funded by Peter Thiel, on the “aims and limits of liberal education.” Jake enjoyed his summer as a Tikvah fellow so much that he ultimately turned down the Fulbright grant, opting instead to join Tikvah as a full-time teaching fellow. “If you care about the nexus of Jewish ideas and Western civilization, Tikvah is simply the place to be. I gave up Athens to return to Jerusalem.”

As a Tikvah teacher and fellow, Jake helped develop our new integrated four-year classical-education curriculum in history and literature for Jewish high-school students at what he calls “Tikvah’s laboratory schools.” He also taught courses for seventh and eighth graders on the Jews and Greeks.

As Jake explains, he had been “a sort of Hellenized Jew in Chicago, and Tikvah represented an opportunity to come back to Jerusalem.” He hadn’t received very much Jewish instruction growing up, and his summer with Tikvah offered “remedial courses on philosophical theology in a Jewish context.”

In preparing lessons on Athens and Jerusalem, he explains, he “became more interested in Jerusalem, in Judaism, in the Jewish tradition. The Jewish way of thinking and living contained depths that were simply not present in Homer or Greek tragedy.”

Jake also sees conservatism as fundamentally connected to Judaism. As he puts it, “a cardinal feature of conservatism is the feeling that I’m embedded in culture, a living chain of people and institutions to which I have responsibilities and obligations that supervene my individual free choice and interest. That constraint doesn’t limit but creates the condition for possible flourishing.” His encounters with Tikvah made it “ever more crystalline that the real meaning of my conservatism can only be found in my Judaism.”

Jake left Tikvah to start an education-tech company, in part due to a sense of “responsibility animated by the very principles that Tikvah takes seriously.” He hopes to inspire other Jews to start unconventional entrepreneurial ventures, and to strengthen the Jewish people by applying the most innovative technologies to the noble cause of advancing Jewish education and Jewish life.



Tikvah Students and Alumni in Focus

Zoe Zeigherman

Zoe Zeigherman first crossed paths with Tikvah in 2021, during her junior year at Georgetown University. Born in New York and raised in the U.K., Zoe made the bold decision during high school to spend her college years in the U.S., in search of a more immersive liberal arts education than is commonly available in England. In Fall 2021, she signed up for a seminar on “Zionism and Anti-Zionism,” led by former Knesset member Dr. Einat Wilf. The timing of the course was auspicious, since Zoe had witnessed alarming examples of anti-Zionism throughout the summer. She wanted to make sense of the ideological assault on Israel.

As she explains, the outcry against George Floyd’s killing by the Black Lives Matter movement had taken a “dark turn, mostly online.” The state of Israel was being blamed for Floyd’s death and “Jews were being brought up in so many different ways.” Shocked by what she saw, Zoe was moved to act.

Dr. Wilf’s seminar placed much of what Zoe had encountered that summer in historical context and helped to “renew her confidence in Judaism.” Dr. Wilf recommended that she apply to Tikvah’s 2022 summer fellowship. As part of her application, Zoe proposed that she might turn Dr. Wilf’s course into a film, thus widening its reach.

The idea took off. Working with Tikvah’s Senior Director Alan Rubenstein, Tikvah Professor Ruth Wisse, and film expert Rachel Greenberg, Zoe crafted the script, molded the production strategy, and developed the marketing plan.

Zoe was inspired in other ways by her time at Tikvah. For her senior thesis project, she created a short film called “Liat,” a coming-of-age story that begins at a Shabbat dinner. Zoe credits the Tikvah-assigned readings for the “seed idea” of the film.

Zoe’s 5-part series on “Zionism and Anti-Zionism” will premiere in Los Angeles in late 2023—as timely as ever given the assault on Israel at college campuses and around the world. She hopes it will be screened at Jewish college organizations across the U.S. and internationally, and that it will empower young Jews to defend both Zionism and Judaism without compromising their other ideals.



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