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The Center for Modern Torah Leadership awards 2010 Summer Beit Midrash Fellowships

*2010 SBM will focus on the theme "Informed Consent in Halakhah"*

SHARON, MA: The Center for Modern Torah Leadership, the intellectual catalyst of Modern Orthodoxy, is proud to introduce the Fellows for its 2010 Summer Beit Midrash. Fellows include men and women from leading universities, *yeshivot*, and seminaries with advanced textual skills and a passionate commitment to learning Torah in an environment that welcomes the moral challenges of modernity as spiritual opportunities and sees recognition of each human beings as a Divine Image as a fundamental assumption and *telos* of Torah study.

The Summer Beit Midrash is an intense and exhilarating learning program that allows Fellows to pursue compelling questions with intellectual rigor and ethical integrity in the framework of a warm and challenging Orthodox community, and to experience themselves as active contributors to the halakhic conversation.

This year's seminar, our fourteenth, will center on the theme "Informed Consent in Halakhah." It will run from July 6 - August 11 at Young Israel of Sharon, 100 Ames Street.

SBM is headed by CMTL Dean Rabbi Aryeh Klapper, with an array of distinguished guest lecturers including Rabbi Howard Jachter, author of *Gray Matters Volumes 1-3* and a member of the Elizabeth Beit Din and of the RCA Halakhah Commission; Binyamin Appelbaum, reporter on national economic issues for the *Washington Post*, who, while at the *Charlotte Observer*, was among the first to spot the emerging foreclosure crisis; and Mark Jurkowitz, Associate Director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism, and former *Boston Globe* Ombudsman and Media Critic.

SBM Fellows will lead a variety of public learning opportunities during the seminar, including one-on-one study, thematic text-study groups, and formal classes. For more information, please contact Anne Sendor at [ModernTorahleadership@gmail.com](mailto:ModernTorahleadership@gmail.com). For more information about CMTL and its programs, as well as for many terrific articles and audio and video classes, please see [www.torahleadership.org](http://www.torahleadership.org).

**Elliot Dine**, from Silver Spring MD, spent the past year in Israel studying Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa. In the fall he will be entering Cornell University where he hopes to study biochemistry. Over the summer, he hopes to ask and respond to insightful questions that open up new layers of interpretation to Jewish texts. He looks forward to being a part of the vibrant learning community in Sharon MA.

**Roy Feldman**, a New Yorker, recently graduated from Columbia and has spent this year studying at Yeshivat Hesder Petach Tikva. This coming fall he will be learning and teaching in the kollel at SAR High School in Riverdale. Roy enjoys Yiddish culture, films that take place in New York, and Modzitzer niggunim; he looks forward to learning in Sharon this summer to participate in a public beit midrash where he could gain the experience of dealing with Jewish learning that is not only theoretical Talmud study, not just ritually-oriented halacha study, studying complex and intellectually stimulating topics that are currently affecting Jewish people and Jewish communities.

**David Fried** is originally from Plainview, NY. He attended Brandeis University, where he earned a BA in mathematics and psychology. After graduating, he studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion for a year and went on to earn an MS in applied math from Stony Brook University. He is currently living in Washington Heights, NY and is entering his second year of semikhah at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. David looks forward to learning how to better bridge the gap between the Torah in the Beit Midrash and the real world.

**Rob Golder**, who grew up in Stow, MA, is excited to be joining SBM for his third summer. A graduate of Swarthmore College, Rob has attended Yeshivat HaMivtar and taught in the post high-school program at Yeshivat Shvilei HaTorah. He has worked as a Ba'al Koreh for synagogues in Philadelphia, Yonkers and Bangor. He looks forward to another enjoyable summer of discussing interesting halakhic issues, and learning with the community in shiurim and chevrotot.

**Tal Kohn**, a native of Chicago, is currently finishing his semikhah in Israel at Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush). Tal holds a degree in actuarial science from DePaul University. He looks forward to meeting and learning with the Sharon community this summer before he starts work as an actuarial consultant in New York this coming fall.

**Goldie Gold**, from Worcester, after attending seminary in Tzfat is now a senior at UMass Amherst. She feels that the experience that she gains this summer will help her and her chatan Moishe Mindick work with students on a college campus not too far in the future. At the same time she looks forward to widening her scope of Jewish texts, and be exposed to more opinions and sources. "Honestly, there is no better way to spend a summer than to be with other young Jews learning Torah."

**Adi Hoory**, born in Jerusalem, is the thirteenth generation of her family in Israel. She attends Bar Ilan University majoring in Jewish and general philosophy, and she also studies at the Midrasha at Bar Ilan. Her daughter Assif was born in the end of her second year of studies. She is currently completing her degree as well as working as a teacher's assistant for special education. Adi is looking forward to the unique experience of the SBM; meeting different people, confronting a foreign land and its customs, while at the same time being united with our Jewish spirit and our desire to learn Torah. In addition, her extensive experience in learning will enable her to contribute to the Beit Midrash and the whole community.

**Ran Hoory**, born in Haifa, is now learning at Yeshivat Petach Tikvah and also in university. He is looking forward to experiencing a different kind of intensive learning experience that will enrich his Torah life. Ran also thinks that he and his wife Adi, along with their daughter Assif, will be able to bring a distinctive personal and educational Israeli perspective to the SBM and the Sharon community.

**Moishe Mindick**, from Sharon, has learned at Yeshivat Yesodei Hatorah, Yeshivat Otniel, and is now a senior at UMass Amherst. This summer, he hopes to come to a fuller and more acute understanding of the Halakhic process, that he can utilize in personal (and perhaps communal) Halakhic decision making, and in education. He also hopes to contribute a vibrant and challenging mind and perspective to the learning atmosphere in a variety of learning settings with individuals in the Sharon community, and also with his Kallah Golda.

**Toviah Moldwin**, from Skokie, attends Yeshiva University. He looks forward to studying Torah with intellectually motivated people from different backgrounds and gain from their opinions and perspectives. He also hopes to gain from the experience that he will receive teaching Torah to members of the community and the program.

**Rori Picker Neiss**, a native of Brooklyn, NY, graduated from the Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College in 2007 with degrees in Religious Studies and Political Science. She has worked as the Acting Executive Director for Religions for Peace-USA, Program Coordinator for the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance, and Assistant Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee and is co-editor of "InterActive Faith: The Essential Interreligious Community-Building Handbook," a practical guide for embracing the growing religious pluralism in America. Rori spent the past year studying in the Drisha Beit Midrash, and will be entering Yeshivat Maharat this fall.

**Yair Rosenberg** is an undergraduate at Harvard University, majoring in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and minoring in History. He has also studied at Hebrew University. A native of Queens, he previously attended Yeshiva University High School for Boys and Yeshivat Har Etzion, and is returning for a second year in SBM. He is an Arts and Culture editor at *The Harvard Crimson*, and the chair of the Harvard Hillel Orthodox Minyan.

**Yedidya Schwartz** is a native of Riverdale, New York, an alumnus of Yeshivat Maale Gilboa, and a current rising Senior at Yale University. Yedidya presumptuously hopes to go into the rabbinate, and as such he hopes that he can use time at SBM well to grow in his knowledge of practical halakha and its applications. He also relishes the prospect of learning and growing together with such an exciting and dynamic community of learners and teachers. Yedidya will have spent the first months of the summer in Fes, Morocco, learning Arabic and studying the Jewish community there.

**Deirdre Willner**, originally from Seattle, spent four years at Boston University simultaneously earning her BA in English and teaching certificate for secondary education. She was a leader in the Hillel community at BU and has since used leadership qualities she learned there to become an active member of the Anshe Sholom community in Chicago, where she currently resides. Presently working as an educator, she has the goal of eventually becoming an administrator at a Jewish school. As one who has always loved studying Torah and delights in the difficulties that coincide with in-depth text study she looks forward to strengthening her skills in an environment that will challenge her, as well as help prepare her for her future as an educator and leader within the Jewish community.

**Janice Weinstein**, from Maryland, is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and is learning at Beit Morasha in Jerusalem. She is excited to be in a small community in America, as nearly all of her exposure to Orthodoxy has taken place in Israel. She is thrilled at the notion of being in a setting of halachically minded men and women who are committed to their own spiritual and academic growth and is eager to be a part of a co-ed learning community

**Jonathan Ziring**, from Staten Island, NY is returning to Sharon and the SBM for year number two. He had an amazing time last year, learning from everyone, and the scenic Sharon is a nice change from Washington Heights, his not-so-scenic base during the year, where he attends Yeshiva University. This coming year he will be entering his third year, as well as beginning semikhah and a BA-MA program in Bernard Revel Graduate School and will be studying Jewish Philosophy. Above all, he's looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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