

The Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel Summer 2011 – Day by Day Schedule

Standard Components of the Schedule

Bet Midrash: Literally, house of study. In these sessions all of the Fellows get together to study as a group. In spite of the structured nature of the summer program, the faculty will respond to the needs, interests and concerns of the Fellows and is prepared to alter the schedule accordingly. In past summers, the program has also been changed in response to unfolding events in Israel.

Chevruta Learning: This is the traditional Talmudic, dialectical approach to study, done orally and in pairs.

Faculty Panels: At various points in the summer, Faculty participates in panel discussions on an issue, providing Fellows with exposure to a range of perspectives and an opportunity for Q&A.

Journal Writing and Reading: Fellows are expected to keep a daily journal. Weekly, Fellows share a selection from their journal in their Journal Group. Journal Groups are like “home room” with one faculty member for the duration of the summer.

Madrichim Sessions: Weekly sessions led by Madrichim to provide ‘group bonding’ and a chance for communal reflection.

Shiurim: *Shiurim* is Hebrew for classes (in the singular: *shiur*). During the summer each member of the faculty teaches a course of his/her own design and choosing (four sessions, 1.5 hours each). Groups of Fellows are reconfigured each rotation. Most of the study is interactive, requiring the participation of teacher and student. All texts are available in the original language, with English translation.

Speakers: Speakers participating in the Bronfman Fellowship program come to explain different perspectives on varied ideas and issues. Attention is given to exposing Fellows to a wide range of views. It is the faculty's goal to help the Fellows interpret the feelings and thoughts stemming from their individual political and personal perspectives.

Talent Show: At one point in the summer, usually towards the end, Fellows and Faculty host a talent show.

Tiyulim (trips): We spend time in the north of the country as well as the Negev. We also climb Masada. These excursions are designed to exercise the body as well as the mind and heart.

Exploration of and developing a relationship to the land of Israel is a significant part of the Fellowship.

Shabbat

Shabbat Committees: Fellows divide into several planning committees each Shabbat and rotate (singing, decoration, clean-up, serving).

Shabbat Dinner: Friday night we have dinner together outside of our building at the Goldstein Youth Village. Dinner includes family of faculty and occasionally alumni visitors.

Prayer Options: Fellows are encouraged to attend various synagogues in Jerusalem during their Shabbatot. Faculty and Madrichim ensure coverage at each location and help Fellows navigate (literally by walking with Fellows and figuratively by helping Fellows follow the service).

Shabbat Lunch: During Shabbatot in Jerusalem, Fellows eat Shabbat lunch at the home of Faculty, rotating each week. BYFI provides catered food for lunch.

Shabbat Shiurim: Faculty rotate teaching a shiur on Shabbat afternoon.

Parsha Players: Shabbat afternoon, Fellows create skits in small groups about the weekly parsha. This is an excellent time for children of Faculty to join in and play.

Havdalah: We close Shabbat as a community.

Amitei Bronfman

Feurstein Seminar: A multi-day camp for adults with special needs organized and run by 2011 Amitim.

Garin: Gap year of service conducted by around half of our Amitim. In 2010-11, 7 Amitim led programs for disadvantaged youth in Bet Shemesh.

Mifgash: a week-long encounter with our parallel Israeli Fellowship program, Amitei Bronfman (Hebrew for “Bronfman Fellows”). In December, Amitim come to the US for 2 weeks and a second Mifgash takes place.

Seminars: Amitim participate in 8 seminars over the course of the year.

Zman Amit: Each Amit shares a personal skill or lesson with the group over the course of the program. Opportunity to show authentic self to the group.

Zman Kvutza: Regular group check-ins led by Manchim (group leaders).

Communications

BYFI Summer Blog: Parents of Fellows, alumni and educators follow the BYFI Summer Blog. Faculty and Fellows are encouraged to contribute writing to the blog throughout the summer. Faculty will contribute at least one excerpt from their journal groups in a summer.

Iphone: The Madrichim will have an Iphone in order to Tweet and send photos to the blog.

Newspapers: Several English language newspapers are provided for the Fellows each morning. Fellows will rotate in pairs the responsibility of updating the group on ‘current events.’

Monday, June 28 – Orientation

12:00 pm	Registration and Lunch
12:20 pm	Welcome and meet staff
12:30 pm	Introductions and Icebreaker
2:00 pm	Overview of Major Summer Themes: <i>Text Study – Aseh L'cha Rav, Pluralism, Israel, Tourists (Yehuda Amichai)</i>
5:30 pm	Summer writing
6:00 pm	Dinner & phone delivery
6:30 pm	Group Meeting
7:30 pm	Board Bus to JFK
11:50 pm	EL AL Flight #008, non stop to Tel Aviv

Wednesday, June 29

5:15pm	Land at Ben Gurion Airport
8:00pm	Dinner (falafel) at Tayelet
8:30pm	Learning at Tayelet
10:00pm	Return to Goldstein

Thursday, June 30

8:30am	General security orientation and community building responsibilities
9:30am	Shiur #1
11:00am	Who are the people in your neighborhood? - Supersol & surrounds
12:30pm	Walk to San Simon Park & discuss observations about neighborhood
1:00pm	Lunch in park
1:15pm	A Pigeon & a Boy – history of San Simon Park
2:00pm	Manchim & Matan introduce themselves
2:30pm	Free time
2:30pm – 4pm	Staff meeting
5:30pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
6:30pm	Bet Midrash: Cathedrals in Time, Shabbat discussion
8:00pm	Navah Tehila musicians
9:30pm	Community/Shabbat committees formed

Friday, July 1

8:30am	Shiur #2
10:00am	What's in the news?
10:15am	Personal presentations on Shabbat
12:00pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
12:30pm	Insider/Outsider/Bridge discussion
1:30pm	Shabbat norms
3:00pm	Prepare for Shabbat & free time
5:00pm	What to expect at synagogue (optional)
6:00pm	Synagogues: Shira Shiviyoni, Shira Chadasha, Yakar, Kol Haneshama
9:00pm	Dinner at Goldstein

Saturday, July 2 – Parshat Chukat

9:00am	To synagogues: Yedidya, Shira Chadasha, Kol Hanesama, Yakar
	Lunch at faculty homes
5:30pm	Shabbat shiur, Parsha Players, Seudah Shlishit
8:31pm	Havdalah
9:30pm	Free time on Emek Refaim

Sunday, July 3 – Rosh Chodesh Tamuz

8:30am	Shiur #3
10:00am	What's in the news?
10:30am	Bet Midrash: Holiness
12:30pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
1:30pm	Journal reading #1 in Yemin Moshe
2:30pm	Yemin Moshe & walk to Jaffa Gate
4:00pm	To Southern Wall & Kotel Journaling
6:30pm	Dinner at the home of Rabbi Daniel Sperber The Jewish legal, ritual, and textual tradition & contemporary development of halacha
10:00pm	Madrichim session #1

Monday, July 4 – Amitim Fuerstein program begins through July 7 (Rafi Ellenson's bday)

9:00am	Anat Hoffman @ Goldstein
10:30am	What's in the news?
11:00am	Bus to Old City: Migdal David, Mt. Zion, Room of the Last Supper & Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jewish Quarter, Arab Quarter, Herodian Quarter, Cardo Tour guide and speaker: Sadek Shaweki (Arab Israeli)
5:30pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
6:30pm	Bet Midrash: Revolutions – The Zionist Revolution & US

Tuesday, July 5

8:15am	Shiur #4
10:00am	Bus to Jerusalem center. What's in the news?
10:30am	Tmol Shilshom
11:00am	Nava Semel, author – Israeli literary scene, connection between writing, biography and Jewish identity Walk to Bet Harav Kook
12:00pm	Lunch in courtyard
12:30pm	Bet Harav Kook
1:30pm	Rechov Haneviim & Ethiopian Church courtyard
3:00pm	Donniel Hartman at Hartman Institute
4:45pm	Walk back from Hartman – along Hapalmach
6:30pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
7:00pm	Isabel Kershner, NYT
9:30pm	Free time, Life of Brian (film)

Wednesday, July 6

8:30am	Shiur #1
10:15am	Israeli political system
11:00am	Free time
12:00pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
1:00pm	Supreme Court, famous cases
2:30pm	Knesset, Einat Wilf
4:30pm	Bus to Goldstein
5:00pm	Shiur #2
6:30pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
7:30pm	Yossi Klein Halevi, "Why Israel Still Matters"

Thursday, July 7

8:30am	Shiur #3
10:00am	What's in the news? Open House prep film and discussion with Sharon on Judaism & Sexuality
12:00pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
12:30pm	Bus to Jerusalem Open House
2:30pm	Bus to Belz Synagogue
5:00pm	Free time and pack
6:00pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
6:30pm	Mishael Zion welcome & song discussion
7:40pm – 10:15pm	Kobi Oz Concert (free) – Jerusalem amphitheater, liberty bell park

Friday, July 8

2:00am	Bus to Masada
6:00am	Tour Masada
	Bet Midrash: Causes you would die for
8:00am	Climb down Masada
9:00am	Bus back to Jerusalem
12:30pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
6:00pm	Synagogues
9:00pm	Dinner at Goldstein

Saturday, July 9 – Parshat Balak

9:00am	To synagogues
	Lunch at faculty homes
5:30pm	Shabbat shiur, Parsha players, Seudah Shlishit, Havdalah
9:30pm	Film - Waltz with Bashir

Sunday, July 10

8:30am	Shiur #4
10:00am	Prep for Yad Vashem w/ Daniel Feldman
11:00am	Bus to Yad Vashem, What's in the news?
1:00pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Har Herzl
4:00pm	Journal reading #2
5:30pm	Faculty meeting – Manchim join, too
6:00pm	Dinner @ Goldstein
7:30pm	Sayed Kashua & TV clips
9:30pm	Madrachim session #2

Monday, July 11 – Tel Aviv: Economic Justice & Development

8:30am	Shiur #1
9:50am	Bus to Tel Aviv What's in the news?
11:30am	Reut Institute, Meet with Omri Zegen
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Bus to South Tel Aviv
3:00pm	Rabbi Idit Lev, Rabbis for Human Rights (at theater in Central Bus terminal)
4:30pm	Tour South Tel Aviv - led by BINA
5:30pm	Dinner eat in local park, get take-out for dinner
7:00pm	Return to Jerusalem by bus

Tuesday, July 12 – Tel Aviv (Andy in US, Mish not with group)

8:30am	Shiur #2
9:50am	Bus to Tel Aviv What's in the news?
11:30am	Kikar Rabin
12:10pm	Walk to Alma
1:00pm	Alma, singer-songwriter Yael Keidar & Lindsay Citerman, Tower of Babel–text study Bus to BINA
3:00pm	
4:00pm	BINA –Ari Elon Tour BINA and learn about Gap Year program
6:00pm	Dinner @ BINA with students
7:00pm	Bus to Yafo – walk around port
8:30pm – 10pm	Na La'ga'at

Wednesday, July 13 – Tel Aviv

9:00am	Shiur #3
10:45am	Bus to Tel Aviv, What's in the news? (on bus)
11:30am	Trumpeldor Cemetery - Fellows conduct presentations about influential Israelis
1:00pm	Lunch at Nachum Gutman Text study with Matan
2:30pm	Museum Nachum Gutman, tour
3:30pm	Free time in Neve Tzedek
4:45pm	Beach and Dinner

Thursday, July 14 – Jerusalem– Day of Service

9:30am	Bet Midrash: Responsibility and Service
11:00am	Speaker from Shatil - Ronit Heyd, Director
12:15pm	Shabbat prayer options – Tzfat intro
12:30pm	Lunch @ Goldstein
1:30pm	Bus to Botanical Gardens
2:00pm	Meet with Alan Freeman, Jerusalem Foundation
3:00pm	Work at Botanical Gardens
5:00pm	Complete work at Botanical Gardens
6:30pm	Dinner at Goldstein
7:00pm	Dr. Danny Gordis @Goldstein
7:30pm	Tzfat packing instructions

Friday, July 15 – Bet Shearim, Tzipori, Tzfat (Sharon w/ Hartman)

8:00am	Bus What's in the news? (on bus) Bet Shearim, Tzipori Arrive in Tzfat
3:00pm	Free time
5:00pm	Beit Midrash: Lecha Dodi & Tzfat
6:00pm	Synagogues : Walk around and dip-into shuls, Carlbach shul, Traditional Orthodox
8:30pm	Dinner
10pm	Boys - visit Tisches; Girls - Shabbat singing at hotel

Saturday, July 16 – Parshat Pinchas, Tzfat

9:30am	Tefillot (options: sleep-in, return to a shul from last night)
11:00am	Kiddush, Discussion – Gender & Prayer
12:15pm	Lunch
	Mid-summer check-ins
6:00pm	Shiur
7:30pm	Seudah Shlishit
8:30pm	Havdalah, singing
9:30pm	Intermarriage conversation

Sunday, July 17 –Tzfat

8:30am	Hike Yehudia
7:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Evening session: Text study together: Rabbi Akiva and the well (what can leave an imprint on your heart? We can all be changed by experience and encounter)
8:30pm	Israeli sing-a-long / YouTube dance party
10:00pm	Free time in Tzfat

Monday, July 18 – Tzfat – MIFGASH, Day 1 – Theme: Translation & Interpretation

9:00am	Shiur #4
10:30am	Journal reading #3
11:30am	help Amitim unload bus, greet and welcome
12:00pm	Welcome and Ice Breakers
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Ice breakers: Words/phrases that come to mind when think of America/n and Israel/i -
3:30pm	Faculty Panel: the challenges of translation - thoughts/experiences related to language and translation – barriers/opportunities
4:30pm	Break
4:45pm	Translation text study
6:15pm	Preparation of Israeli dinner: Tabuleh, Shakshuka, Falafel, Tahini–etc
7:45pm	Festive Israeli dinner – self prepared!
9:00pm	Leave for Kineret – night swim (EinGev)

Tuesday, July 19 / 17th of Tamuz (fast day)–Ma’ayan Harod–MIFGASH, Day 2–Theme: Power and Place

8:15am	Bet Midrash: Power 11 statements/images hung up on wall
11:00am	Meet A.B Yehoshua @ Haifa University
12:30pm	Written processing of AB Yehoshua (small group debriefing)
1:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm	5 groups – text study: Conceptions of Jewish Identity
3:30pm	Bus to Yemin Orde in Carmel Forest and meet with representatives
4:45pm	Carmel Forest – artistic reflection on destruction of forest
6:00pm	Arrive in Ma’ayan Harod
6:30pm	Dinner/Mincha
8:00pm	Meet with Madrichim/Manchim
9:30pm	Free time

Wednesday, July 20 – Ma’ayan Harod – MIFGASH, Day 3 – Theme: Community & Choice

7:00am	Bus to Ein Harod for Avi Schaefer Memorial
8:30am	Breakfast picnic and swim/water walk at Sachneh
11:30am	Bus back to Ma’ayan Harod
11:00am	Bet Midrash: Community
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Obligations and demands of community – Facebook
2:30pm	Free time
3:00pm	Community text study, small groups
4:30pm	Bet Midrash: The burden of choice
6:30pm	Dinner
8:00pm	Movie and ice cream party

Thursday, July 21 – Ma’ayan Harod – MIFGASH, Day 4 – Theme: Courage

8:00am	Bet Midrash: Courage
9:30am	Homestay discussion in small groups
10:00am	Check-out
10:30am	Bus for water hike
1:00pm	Head to homestays

Friday, July 22, Shabbat July 23 – Parshat Matot -- Home hospitality**Sunday, July 24 – Tel Aviv & Jerusalem – MIFGASH, Day 7 – Theme: Creativity & Expression**

10:30am	Mifgash resumes in Tel Aviv
11:00am	Dance class at Batsheva
12:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Etgar Keret @ ZOA building
3:30pm	Free time – visit tents on Rothschild Ave – speak to protesters Free time - Shenkin
5:30pm	Bus to Jerusalem and dinner at Goldstein
8:30pm	Talent Show

Monday, July 25 – Jerusalem – MIFGASH, Day 8

8:30am	Drawing/Reflection of themes of Mifgash
9:20am	Small groups discussion about Mifgash
11:30am	Thank people who influenced you
12:00pm	Lunch at Goldstein
1:00pm	Group processing
2:30pm	Free time (pack for Negev trip)
4:30pm	Journal reading #4
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Machaneh Yehuda – erev shuk

NEGEV: Assaf & Madrichim**Tuesday, July 26 – Sde Boker**

9:00am	Shiur in Ramat Rachel about the Desert
12:30pm	Lunch at Sde Boker
2:00pm	Hike Ein Ovdar
6:30pm	Dinner at Sde Boker
8:00pm	Night Walk in the desert + guided meditation

Wednesday, July 27Negev – Kibbutz Lotan (**Madrichim session #3**)

8:15am	Hike and swim @ Ein Akev
12:30am	Lunch
1:30pm	Jeep Ride from Ein Akev To Machtesh Ramon
5:30pm	Outdoor dinner @ Beerot Camping site
7:00pm	Bus to Kibbutz Lotan
10:00pm	Madrichim Session

Thursday, July 28

Negev, Eilat, return to Jerusalem, Dead Sea visit

8:30am	Tour at Lotan Ecological Village
12:00am	Boat trip in the Red Sea + lunch
6:00pm	Swim @ the Dead Sea
7:00pm	Bus to Jerusalem
9:00pm	Falafel Dinner @ Goldstein

Friday, July 29 –

8:15am	Shiur #1
9:45am	Bus to Machane Yehuda
11:30am	Walk to Ben Yehuda Street
6:00pm	Synagogues: Shira Shivyoni, Kol Haneshama, Shira Chadasha, Breslov, Yakar Dinner @ Goldstein

Shabbat, July 30, Parshat Massei

9:00am	To synagogues: Leader Minyan, Ramban, Shira Chadasha, Baka Shivyoni, Kol Haneshama
12:30pm	Lunch at faculty homes
5:30pm	Shabbat shiur, Parsha players, Seudah Shlishit
8:31pm	Havdalah
9:30pm	Bronfman Coffeehouse

Sunday, July 31

9:30am	Bus to Kotel, What's in the news on bus
10:20am	Kotel tunnels & Old City
12:30pm	Lunch in Old City
1:30pm	Model of Israel at Israel Museum
2:00pm	Arrive Israel Museum Shrine of the Book / Aleppo Codex/Matti Friedman – patrimony of diaspora
3:00pm	Explore the museum
6:00pm	Dinner at Goldstein
7:30pm	Journal reading #5 at faculty homes
9:30pm	Madrichim session #4

Monday, August 1 – Rosh Chodesh Av

10:00am	What's in the news?
11:00am	Speaker – Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz
12:30pm	Lunch and break
3:30pm	Love of learning -- faculty share favorite texts
4:30pm	Open Space discussion
8:00pm	Faculty Q & A

Tuesday, August 2

8:30am	Shiur #4
10:00am	What's in the news?
10:30am	Alumni life, Ma'aseh workshop
12:00pm	Israel in the future
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Individual conversations & packing
4:00pm	Closing discussion session – going home
6:00pm	To Banquet (Beit Ana Ticho)

Return to USA:

Aug 3rd, 1:00 am, EL AL Flight #001, Departs Tel Aviv. Arrives at JFK at 5:40 am on Aug 3rd.

FALL VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

A series of virtual monthly gatherings for Fellows and faculty. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn together and reconnect in advance of the Winter Mifgash

WINTER MIFGASH GATHERING (12/15-12/18)

During our Israeli Fellows' trip to the United States in December, we host a 4 day retreat including *Shabbat*, for reconnecting.

SPRING FOLLOW-UP SEMINAR (3/11-3/13)

The Spring Follow-up Seminar is a time when Fellows and staff meet in New York continuing the growth of friendships and thinking together about the future. It will also be a time to discuss the effects that the program is having on the Fellows' involvement in their local community and to look ahead at next year's plans for gap year or college.