

# **RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

## **GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION – Fall 2021/5782**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

#### **1. The Fall 2021/5782 Zman:**

- RIETS will, iy"H, open this Fall in-person for rebbeim and talmidim. The first day of Zman is August 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, 17 Elul 5781. Of course, safety will continue to be given top priority in all the Yeshiva's decisions and we will alert you of any changes.

#### **2. Advisement:**

- Advisement and Registration for the Fall 2021 Zman at RIETS will take place online.
- Every student must make an appointment and meet with Rabbi Yaakov Taubes to discuss their registration for the Spring and resolve any issues from previous semesters. Please fill out this form to submit your information and schedule a meeting time. <https://forms.gle/fHDDtD6paNzph6r26>
- Following your meeting, you will receive a Registration Access Code which will allow you to register online (see below).
- All forms are attached to the registration email and can also be found at <https://www.yu.edu/riets/student-resources>. Please review the course schedule before your meeting.

#### **3. Registration:**

- Once you have met with Rabbi Taubes and he has provided you with a Registration Access Code (RAC), please register online using the following steps:
  - a. Go to [insidetrack.yu.edu](https://insidetrack.yu.edu) and enter your credentials
  - b. Under the Students tab, click on Graduate
  - c. Click on Add or Drop Classes under the My Registration Tools
  - d. Select Term Fall Zman 2021 and click "Submit"
  - e. Submit the COVID-19 Student Acknowledgement Form for Fall Zman 2021
  - f. Enter the RAC
  - g. Enter the CRNs from your approved Worksheet and click Submit Changes
  - h. Errors, if any, will be displayed at the bottom of the page.
- Once your registration form is processed, you will be billed the registration fee by the Office of Student Finance.

#### **4. Tuition and Registration Fees:**

- All students accepted to RIETS are given a full scholarship towards the \$24,900 tuition for the year.
- Registration and Campus fees for the Fall Zman will be \$1450.
- It is critical for proper planning of shiurim and professional classes that talmidim register in a timely manner. **Students not registered by August 26<sup>th</sup> are subject to a \$200 late fee.**

#### **5. Kollel and Fellowship stipends:**

- Stipend offers are contingent upon students' ability to fulfill their learning commitments and may be contingent upon the University resuming normal campus activity. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, the University reserves all rights to cancel or delay fellowship stipends at any time. If a fellowship is cancelled, no stipend payments will be made. If a fellowship is delayed, the stipend amount will be pro-rated, as appropriate.
- For stipends to be processed efficiently, it is imperative that all students receiving stipends be registered in a timely fashion. Any students who have not fully registered and submitted all necessary paperwork for payments by September 1<sup>st</sup> will not receive stipend payments. There will be no back payment for missed months.

#### **6. Professional Rabbinics Track**

- All students in, or entering, their third year of semikha must select a Professional Rabbinics Track (Pulpit, Education, or Community). Please contact Rabbi Rothwachs (lrothwachs@yu.edu) with any question regarding your track.
- Students who have chosen the pulpit or chinuch tracks are required to register for the MSCEIT Test and Analysis course in their third year. Contact Rabbi Turk [Neal.Turk@yu.edu](mailto:Neal.Turk@yu.edu) for more information.

#### **7. Changes during the Semester:**

- If you wish to change Shiurim or classes during the semester, please contact Rabbi Taubes at yaakov.taubes@yu.edu.

#### **8. Additional information:**

Questions regarding registration, shiurim, and program of study should be referred to Rabbi Taubes.

# OVERVIEW OF SEMIKHA REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Residence:

- Three years full-time study
  - i. Full-time study: Sunday, 9:00AM-1:30PM, Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-3:00PM
  - ii. Summer and late afternoon/evening study do not count towards full-time residence but may fulfill specific requirements.
  - iii. Students admitted to Semikha while in MYP, may fulfill residency with those years.
- One year of part-time study

## 2. Talmud Shiurim or Full-Day Halakha Shiurim

- Two years (four semesters) in:
  - i. A full-time morning Talmud shiur
  - ii. A full-time halakha limmud other than Yoreh Deah
    1. Niddah
    2. Shabbat

## 3. Yoreh Deah Issur v'Heter

- One year (two semesters) of full-time study

## 4. Additional Halakha Limmudim

- Hilkhhot Niddah is an almost full-year (1.5 semesters) limmud and can be fulfilled as either a morning seder Limmud (see above), or as part of the Halakha Kollel (Section B) in alternate years with Shabbat.
- Hilkhhot Aveilut is a half semester limmud and can be fulfilled either as part of Hilkhhot Niddah or a separate June/July Limmud
- NEW: Hilkhhot Shabbat- is a full year limud and can be fulfilled as either a morning seder Limmud (see above), or as part of the Halakha Kollel (Section B) in alternate years with Niddah.
  - i. The morning shiurim for Hilkhhot Shabbat will be open to undergraduates and talmidim who avail themselves of the opportunity as an undergraduate and takes the bechinot will not need to do so again.
  - ii. Students who took Bishul as part of 4<sup>th</sup> year Halakha LeMa'aseh (offered prior to 5781), or during a Winter Break Zman or June Zman, do not need to take Hilkhhot Shabbat again.
  - iii. Talmidim who are nearing completion of Semikha and have questions about how to fulfill this requirement are encouraged to contact Rabbi Lebowitz, Rabbi Schwartz, or Rabbi Taubes
- Contemporary Halakha: Two semesters or a full summer.
- 4th Year Halakha LeMa'aseh (6 units) (see below).

## 5. Co-Requisite (see below under Second Year students for expanded details)

- Students must complete one of the following:
  - i. Six semesters of Kollel study (3:00-6:30 PM)

- ii. A Master's Degree (or, in some cases, a certificate program) in a field related to rabbanut. (These include programs at AGS, BRGS WSSW and the Joint Certificate program with FGS. Programs with other institutions must be approved by the RIETS office.)

## **6. Professional Training Coursework**

- Pulpit track:
  - i. 10 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> Year internship
- Education track:
  - i. 7 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> Year internship
  - iii. Master's degree from either AGS, BRGS, WSSW or a similar school or completion of the certificate program in Mental Health Counseling through the joint RIETS/Ferkauf Graduate Program
- Lay Leadership track (note: special permission is required to enroll in this track)
  - i. 5 RTP (Professional Rabbinics) courses
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> Year internship

# FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

## **TALMUD SHIURIM**

- Most students register for Talmud Shiurim in years one and/or two. Please discuss your shiur selection with Rav Aryeh Lebowitz, Rav Ezra Schwartz or Rabbi Yaakov Taubes
- 5782 limmudim include:
  - Masekhet Bava Batra (with most of the Roshei Yeshiva)
  - Masekhet Bava Metzia with Rav Hershel Reichman
  - Masekhet Avodah Zarah with Rav Baruch Simon
  - Masekhet Hullin/Yoreh-Deah with Rav Moshe Tendler fulfilling both Talmud and Yoreh Deah requirements:

## **HALAKHA SHIURIM**

- For those who would like to focus more on halakha in their first year of semikha, the following full morning limmudim might be considered:
  - Yoreh Deah with Rav Michael Taubes
  - Yoreh Deah Chaburah with Rav Baruch Simon
  - Hilkhot Niddah/Aveilus with Rav Ezra Schwartz.
  - Hilkhot Shabbat with Rabbi Aryeh Lebowitz
  - Sephardic students may study Hilkhot Moadim with Rav Sarfaty in addition to attending a full-time Shiur.
  - Hilkhot Shabbat with Rav Michoel Zylberman. Please note that this an afternoon seder limmud only.

## **RABBINIC PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES**

- See the attached pages on "Professional Classes" at the end of this packet.
- If you are starting semikha, but will not be taking the professional classes this fall, please be in touch with Rabbi Larry Rothwachs at [lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu).

## **CO-REQUISITE**

- If you will be working towards your co-requisite requirement this year, please see the instructions listed under "Second Year Students".

# SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

## TALMUD SHIURIM

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## RABBINIC PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES

- Second year students must register for a professional track and take classes within their track. See the attached pages at the end of this on "Professional Classes" before registering for Friday classes. There are three professional tracks: Pulpit, Education, and Lay Leadership. Please be in touch with Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Director of Professional Rabbis at [lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu) with any questions.

## CO-REQUISITE

You should be beginning your co-requisite this year. To complete Semikha, students must either:

- Attend six semesters of the Katz Kollel (TAC 7001). (To join the Kollel, please fill out separate application, found here: <https://www.yu.edu/riets/apply> and schedule a bechina with Rav Schachter by emailing Rav Schachter at [rabihs@gmail.com](mailto:rabihs@gmail.com).)
  - The Kollel offers options as follow:
    - Main track of the Kollel (40 blatt Gemara, Masechet Bava Batra)
      - There is an advanced section within this track called the Kuppermann Fellowship. Students admitted to this fellowship have additional responsibilities and are given higher stipends.
    - Halakha track - for those learning Hilkhhot Shabbat of Hilkhhot Nidda during Kollel Seder
    - Section C - individual limmudim (in Gemara and Halakha - as approved and arranged with the Seganei Rosh Kollel Rabbis Hirsch and Sarfaty).
2. Complete twelve classes in Machshevet Yisrael (listed as JTH in the schedule of courses).
  3. Complete a Master's Degree from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education & Administration, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, or the Wurzweiler

School of Social Work. For more information about any of the above graduate schools, please see the appropriate links at [www.yu.edu](http://www.yu.edu)

4. Complete the certificate program in Mental Health Counseling through the joint RIETS/Ferkauf Graduate Program. Please see Rabbi Turk for further information [neal.turk@yu.edu](mailto:neal.turk@yu.edu).

## THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

### **YOREH DEAH**

- It is recommended that you study Yoreh Deah (Issur v'Heter) this year, beginning in the Fall and continuing through the Spring for a full year of study.
- Yoreh Deah can be studied during the 5782 year in several different ways.
  - Daily Yoreh Deah Shiur with Rav Michael Taubes
  - Yoreh Deah Chaburot with Rav Baruch Simon
  - Sephardic Yoreh Deah Chaburot with Rav Eliyahu Ben-Haim - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 am-12:00 noon.

\* Please note that although certain options for Yoreh Deah meet only once or twice a week, students are still required to be in attendance during regular seder / shiur hours.

### **TALMUD AND HALAKHA SHIURIM**

- See under "Second Year Students".



# FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

## **RESIDENCY:**

- Students must learn on the Yeshiva campus for at least one seder per day. They are strongly encouraged to learn a full day at Yeshiva unless internship / student teaching requirements conflict with sederim.

## **TALMUD SHIURIM**

- See above under Second Year students
- Yoreh Deah Chelek Gimmel with Rav Mordechai Willig [for advanced Talmidim]
- Berakhot Chaburah with Rav Netanel Wiederblank [for advanced talmidim who have already fulfilled their Shiur and Yoreh Deah requirements].

## **HALAKHA SHIURIM**

- See above under Second Year students

## **FOURTH YEAR HALAKAH LEMA'ASEH PROGRAM**

- Students must register for two semesters of the "Fourth Year Halakah Lema'aseh Program."
- This course will be taught asynchronously (online). Shiurim and material will be available through YU's Canvas platform. Students must be registered to access the material.
- Tests and any live shiurim will take place on Thursdays from 1:30 – 2:30 PM.
- Five units will be covered: Eruvin, Ishut, Amira L'Akum U'Pikuach Nefesh, Geirut U'milah, and Mikvaot, with a separate bechinah at the end of each section.
- This course will be taught by Rabbi Daniel Stein, ([dnstein@yu.edu](mailto:dnstein@yu.edu)).

## **FOURTH YEAR INTERNSHIP**

- Students should already have arranged for an appropriate internship for this year. If you have not yet done so, please contact Rabbi Larry Rothwachs at ([lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu)) immediately.
- Students should register for "Fourth Year Professional Seminars / Internship" (RTP 6201). This is a two-semester requirement.
- In order for the RIETS to initiate compensation for internship, students will need to fill out a W-9 form and Direct Deposit Form along with a voided check. These forms are available from Sharon Bar-David ([bardavid@yu.edu](mailto:bardavid@yu.edu)) and should be returned as soon as possible.

## **RABBINIC PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES**

- Students in the Pulpit track must take:
  - Advanced Pastoral Counseling
  - Derasha (Senior Homiletics) Workshop
  - Practical Rabbinics

- If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Rabbi Larry Rothwachs at ([lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu)).

### **CAREER PLANNING**

- If you hope to be working in Avodat Hakodesh next year, it is crucial that you begin the placement process during your fourth year. Please see Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg, Director of Career Development and Placement (Furst Hall room 419, 212-960-5212). You can make an appointment with Keren Simon at 212-960-5292 or [ksimon@yu.edu](mailto:ksimon@yu.edu).

## **RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING 2021**

The Rabbinic Training Program (RTP) of RIETS is designed to prepare students for their rabbinic careers, through courses which explore different features of the rabbinate, both as a life's mission and as a profession. The courses focus on various aspects of the rabbinate, in addition to providing comprehensive guidance as to how the rabbi can best fulfill his role, in a professional and effective manner.

The RTP program consists of several core courses, all of which are mandatory for all RIETS students. There are additional courses, which are offered specifically for students who enroll in particular professional tracks. There are three professional tracks in the RIETS program; pulpit, education and community/lay. A student should select the track which is most suited towards his specific career goals. The decision as to which track to select is one which should be made carefully and deliberately. Rabbi Rothwachs is available at all times to discuss any questions, thoughts or concerns a student has regarding this important decision. One should declare his desired track in the RTP no later than the beginning of his second year in the semikha program.

Students who select the Education Track are strongly advised to pursue a master's degree in education. Most semikha students pursue a Master's Degree at the Azrieli Graduate School of Education. Alternatively, a student may pursue a Master's Degree in academic Jewish studies, from the Bernard Revel Graduate School. It is important that the student contact the graduate school directly, in order to properly plan his course of study. All students in the Education track must register to take MSCEIT examination during the third year.

A student who enters the Pulpit Track will take special courses designed for pulpit preparation and training. These courses are offered on Thursday and Fridays in the third year and on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning approximately at noon, in the fourth year. All of these courses are required for students in the Pulpit Track. All students in the Pulpit Track must register to take MSCEIT examination during the third year.

The Community/Lay Leadership Track is designed for those students who intend to enter professions other than the rabbinate. A student who plans on attending medical school, law school or has other professional aspirations, should choose the Community/Lay Leadership Track. All of these courses are required and take place on Friday mornings, unless otherwise indicated.

Please keep in mind that all courses should be taken in the order presented here, unless the student receives explicit permission from Rabbi Rothwachs. Students who have any questions regarding the RTP program, courses or curriculum, should make every effort to meet with Rabbi Rothwachs for consultation.

When registering for RTP classes, please keep the following in mind:

- Any second semester course - as indicated by 'II' after course title - may only be taken after course 'I' has been completed. Therefore, incoming RIETS students must wait until Fall Zman to begin RTP classes.
- All courses should be taken in the order presented here unless the student receives explicit permission from Rabbi Rothwachs.

Students who have any questions regarding the RTP program, courses or curriculum, should make every effort to meet with Rabbi Rothwachs for consultation.

## FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

ALL TRACKS				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Survey of Professional Opportunities II	Rothwachs	RTP 6002	F	9:15-10:15 am
Survey of Jewish Thought II	Wiederblank	JTH 6002	F	10:30-11:30 am

## SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar II	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar II	Baer	RTP 6142B	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis*	Turk	RTP 6128		n/a

\* Only required for those who had not previously registered and taken MSCEIT examination

EDUCATION TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Baer	RTP 6142B	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
MSCEIT Examination & Analysis**	Turk	RTP 6128		n/a

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COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Pelcovitz	RTP 6112A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Public Speaking Seminar II *	Krohn	RTP 6142A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar II **	Baer	RTP 6142B	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141A	F	9:15-10:45 am
Public Speaking Seminar I	Landrum	RTP 6141B	F	11 am-12:30 pm

\* Strongly encouraged, although not required

### THIRD YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Pastoral Psychology Foundations	Pelcovitz	RTP 6112A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Life and Career of the Rabbi II	Bleicher	RTP 6162	F	10:45-12:15 pm
Rabbinic Leadership II	Rothwachs	RTP 6252	Th	12:15-1:15 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		

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Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Pelcovitz	RTP 6112A	F	9:15-10:30 am
Pastoral Psychology Foundations II	Blumenthal	RTP 6112B	F	9:15-10:30 am
Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II	Rothwachs	RTP 6156	F	11 am-12:30 pm
Seminar in Contemporary Jewish Education	Schiffman	RTP 6172	M	12:15-1:15 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		

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3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Shimush	Rothwachs	RTP 6201		

### FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS

PULPIT TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
Advanced Pastoral Counseling II	Pelcovitz/Rothwachs	RTP 6122	T	12:15-2:00 pm
Practical Rabbinics II	Rothwachs	RTP 6152	W	12:15-1:15 pm
Senior Homiletics Workshop II	Penner	RTP 6145	W	1:30-2:30 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Internship	TBA	RTP 6203		

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4 <sup>th</sup> Year Internship	TBA	RTP 6203		

COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK				
COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE NUMBER	DAY	TIME
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Internship	TBA	RTP 6203		