

**RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION - SPRING 2020/5780**

For all students

- When and where to register:
  - The RIETS office is located in the Glueck Center, 629-630.
  - Financial Aid forms are available now and are to be returned to the RIETS office no later than Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you received a reduction in Fall 2019, that same amount will apply for the Spring and there is no need to reapply.
  - FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS: Registration is scheduled for Wednesday-Thursday, January 8-9<sup>th</sup> and Monday - Wednesday, January 13-15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and 3:00-6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in G629 beginning Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> for appointments with Rabbi Bronstein at 10 minute intervals during this time. Every student must make an appointment and meet with Rabbi Bronstein to have their Registration and Outside Work forms approved.
- How to Register:
  - Carefully fill out the information requested on the Program Registration form and on the Outside Work form. Be sure to register for each shiur, kollel, or course you are taking on your Program Registration form.
  - At your pre-arranged time, bring both forms to Rabbi Bronstein at the RIETS office (Glueck Center, Room 630) for approval.
  - Completed registration forms together with the registration fee (checks and/or credit card forms) should be submitted to Sharon Bar-David (G629). The RIETS office will then forward these to the Offices of the Registrar and Student Finance.
- Late Registration Fees:
  - It is critical for proper planning of shiurim and professional classes that talmidim register in a timely manner. Any returning student NOT registered by Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> is subject to a late fee of \$50.
  - Students not registered by Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, are subject to a late fee of \$100.
  - Students not registered by Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> are subject to a late fee of \$300.
  - For Students receiving stipends: In order for the stipends to be processed efficiently it is imperative that all students receiving stipends be registered in a timely fashion.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Shiurim in Sephardic halakha are available for all students and are mandatory for Maybaum Fellows. Please speak with Rabbi Bronstein for more information.
  - Each student must pass a Comprehensive Examination demonstrating his proficiency in the Hebrew language. A student who has passed an approved Ulpan is excused from this requirement. The Comprehensive Examination will be administered on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and the fee is \$25. The deadline for registering for this examination is Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Changes during the semester:
  - If you wish to change Shiurim or classes during the semester, complete a Shiur Change form and bring it to Rabbi Bronstein for approval. RIETS students who are still undergraduates in MYP, should also see Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky (G631).
- Questions regarding registration, shiurim, and program of study should be referred to the RIETS office in Glueck 630. Telephone: 646-592-4066.

## Review of Requirements for the Completion of Semikha:

- Residence:
  - Three years full time (S 9:00AM-1:30PM, M-Th 9:00AM-3:00PM). Summer and late afternoon/evening study do not count towards full-time residence.
  - One year of part time study.
- Talmud Shiurim or Full-Day Halakha Shiurim: Two years (four semesters) in:
  - A regular morning Talmud shiur
  - A full-day halakhah limmud other than Yoreh Deah (this year – Niddah with Rav Lebowitz and Shabbat with Rav Tandler and Rav Schwartz.
- Yoreh Deah: A year of full-time study
- Additional Halakha Limmudim
  - Hilkhhot Niddah
  - Hilkhhot Aveilut
  - Contemporary Halakha (two semesters)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Year Halakha LeMa'aseh (7 units)
- Co-Requisite – see below under Second Year students for expanded details. Students must complete:
  - Six Semesters of Kollel study (3:00-6:30 PM)
  - A Masters degree (or, in some cases, a certificate program) in a field related to rabbanut, or
  - The Machshevet Yisrael track, consisting of 12 courses in Jewish Thought
- Completion of Professional Coursework in one of three tracks:
  - Pulpit track: A series of 18 courses along with internships
  - Education track: A series of 9-10 courses, and a Masters degree from either Azrieli, Revel or a similar school. Complete the certificate program in Mental Health Counseling through the joint RIETS/Ferkauf Graduate Program.
  - Lay Leadership track for students who are not pursuing careers in Avodat HaKodesh (10 courses plus Internships). Please note: Special permission is required to enroll in this track.
- Hebrew Examination – see above

## First Year Students

- Welcome to RIETS! It is our pleasure to have you as part of the Yeshiva!
- Most students register for Talmud Shiurim in years one and two. Please discuss your shiur selection with Rabbi Bronstein. Limmudim include:
  1. Hullin (with most of the Roshei Yeshiva)
  2. Masechet Yoma with Rav Simon; Makot with Rav Adler; Ketubot with Rav Goldwicht; Baba Metzia Chabura with Rav Werblowsky.
- For those who would like to focus more on halakha in their years of semikha, the following full-morning limmudim might be considered:
  1. Shabbat shiur - with Rav Tandler (as regular morning limmud) including Hilkhhot Shabbat, with a focus on the pesakim of Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l and covering all the Fourth Year Halakha topics.
  2. Shabbat Shiur – with Rav Schwartz (as a regular morning limmud) with a focus on the Shabbat sections of the Fourth Year Halakha L'ma'aseh.

3. Chaburot in Hilkhhot Shabbat with Rav Wiederblank including the Shabbat section of Fourth Year Halakha L'Ma'aseh. Geared towards the most advanced students. Accepted for the afternoon Kollel Seder Part C.
  4. Hilkhhot Nidah with Rav Lebowitz.
  5. Yoreh Deah – with Rav Taubes
  6. Yoreh Deah – with Rav Reichman focusing on the Torah of the Rav zt"l.
  7. Yoreh Deah – with Rav Willig for the most advanced students.
- It is recommended that you take “Contemporary Jewish Law” with Rabbi Uri Orlian (HAL 6144) on Thursdays in your first year of Semikha unless you have a scheduling conflict. Please note that in 2019-2020 we plan to offer the class on Tuesdays and, in subsequent years, to alternate every year between Tuesdays and Thursdays.
  - See the attached pages on “Professional Classes” at the end of this packet before registering for Friday classes. If you are starting Semikha, but will not be taking the professional classes this fall, please be in touch with Rabbi Rothwachs at [lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu).
  - If you will be working towards your co-requisite requirement this year, please see the instructions listed under “Second Year Students”.

### Second Year Students

- Most students register for Talmud Shiurim in years one and two. Please discuss your shiur Selection with Rabbi Bronstein. Limmudim include:
  1. Hullin (with most of the Roshei Yeshiva)
  2. Masechet Yoma with Rav Simon.
  3. Masechet Makot with Rav Adler.
  4. Masechet Ketubot with Rav Goldwicht.
- For those who would like to focus more on halakha in their years of semikha, the following full-morning limmudim might be considered:
  1. Shabbat shiur - with Rav Tendler (as regular morning limmud) including Hilkhhot Shabbat, with a focus on the pesakim of Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l and covering all the Fourth Year Halakha topics.
  2. Shabbat Shiur – with Rav Schwartz (as a regular morning limmud) with a focus on the Shabbat sections of the Fourth Year Halakha L'ma'aseh.
  3. Chaburot in Hilkhhot Shabbat with Rav Wiederblank including the Shabbat section of Fourth Year Halakha L'Ma'aseh. Geared towards the most advanced students. Accepted for the afternoon Kollel Seder Part C.
  4. Hilkhhot Nidah with Rav Lebowitz.
- You may, however, choose to learn Yoreh Deah (Issur v'Heter) this year and complete your Talmud Shiur requirement next year. See below (under “Third Year Students”) regarding Yoreh Deah. Yoreh Deah should be taken for a full year, Fall and Spring, in sequence.
- Sephardic students may study Hilkhhot Aveilut with Rav Sarfaty in addition to attending a full-time Shiur.

- See the attached pages on “Professional Classes” at the end of this packet before registering for Friday Classes. If you are starting semikha but will not be taking professional classes this fall, please be in Touch with Rabbi Larry Rothwachs ([lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu)).
- You should be beginning your co-requisite this year. To complete Semikha, students must either:
  1. Attend six semesters of the Katz Kollel (TAC 7008). To join the Kollel, please fill out a separate application and schedule a bechina with Rav Schachter. The Kollel offers options as follow:
    - a. Main track of the Kollel (40 blatt Gemara, Masechta TBD).
      - i. 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.
      - ii. Note: All Wexner Semikha Honors students must participate in the first or second (Halakha) section of the kollel unless given special permission by the Dean. Honors students in the second section of the kollel receive a slightly reduced stipend.
    - b. Halakha track - for those learning Hilkhoh Niddah in depth with Rabbi Michael Zylberman Section B or Hilkhoh Shabbat with Rav Wiederblank Section C.
    - c. Section D - 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); or
  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).
- 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.

### Third Year Students

- It is recommended that you study Yoreh Deah (Issur V’Heter) this year. Yoreh Deah can be studied during the 5780 year in a number of different ways. Yoreh Deah should begin in the Fall and continue in the Spring for a full year of study.
  1. Daily Yoreh Deah Shiur with Rav Taubes, Rav Reichman and Rav Willig.
  2. Yoreh Deah Chaburot with Rav Genack. Rav Genack meets Sunday morning and possibly one afternoon per week.
  3. Yoreh Deah Chaburot with Rav Simon Monday and Wednesday from 9:00-10:30 am.
  4. Rav Wieder will learn Masechet Hullin. Students attending his additional chaburot in Yoreh Deah will receive Yoreh Deah credit.

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.

- All third year students must fulfill their Third Year Internship requirement. Third Year Shimush is a 20-30 hour (total) commitment to prepare you for the rabbinic/educational activities you plan to engage in. Please register for RTP 6201, even if you have already completed your shimush but have not yet received credit. Placements must be approved by Rabbi Larry Rothwachs ([lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu)). Students need register for only one semester of third year internship.

#### Fourth Year Students

- Please note that you must learn in Yeshiva at least one seder per day to receive credit for your fourth year of Semikha.
- You must register for the “Fourth Year Halakah Lema’aseh Program” (HAL 8002) unless you have already completed this requirement. Chaburot take place on Thursdays from 1:30 – 2:30 PM, in the Glueck Center and are supplemented by guided textual study. Five units are covered (Eruvin, Ishut, Amira L’Akum U’Pikuach Nefesh, Geirut, and Mikvaot) and bechinot are given on each section. In addition, Bishul B’Shabbat, a sixth unit, is learned separately. It is offered in January and June as a morning Limmud. This program is coordinated by Rabbi Daniel Stein, ([rdnstein@yu.edu](mailto:rdnstein@yu.edu)).
- You should already have arranged for an appropriate internship for this year. If you have not yet done so, please contact Rabbi Gideon Shloush at ([gshloush@yu.edu](mailto:gshloush@yu.edu)) immediately. You should register for “Fourth Year Professional Seminars / Internship” (RTP 6202).
- Students in the Pulpit track must take Advanced Pastoral Counseling, the Derasha (Senior Homiletics) Workshop and Practical Rabbinics. If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Rabbi Larry Rothwachs at ([lrothwachs@yu.edu](mailto:lrothwachs@yu.edu)).
- 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 Career Development and Placement for the Center for the Jewish Future (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).

#### Semikha Honors Program

Students in the Semikha Honors program register for shiurim in the same manner as non-honors students.

- Professional coursework:
  - First year semikha: Take the same courses as all semikha students.
  - Second year semikha: Take Pastoral Psychology Foundations II – Blumenthal or Pelcovitz (RTP 61112H) at 9:15 AM and Public Speaking II – Baer (RTP 6142H) at 11:00 AM.
  - Third year semikha: Take Rabbinic Writing II – Professor Newman (RTP 6172H) online.
  - Fourth year semikha: All students take Rabbinic Writing IV – R. Willig (RTP 6174H). Students in the Pulpit Track – follow the instructions in the RIETS registration packets to also take mid-week courses taken by all semikha students.
  - Those who will have completed all the Honors courses should register for Rabbinic Writing IV with Rabbi Willig as a tutorial.

#### Post-Semikha Students

- Students who have completed residency requirements for Ordination and are enrolled in the Katz Kollel, Kollel L’Horaah or Kollel Elyon, must register for these programs as well as any regular shiurim or coursework which they will attend.

○ Professional Coursework:

- First Year in Kollel Elyon: Students who have completed RIETS residency and taken all the courses above should take: Rabbinic Writing IV – R. Willig (RTP 6174H). Students who, for some reason, have not completed the semikha level professional courses should see Rabbi Rothwachs to create a schedule.
- Second year in Kollel Elyon (and beyond): Take Rabbinic Writing IV – R. Willig (RTP 6174H).
- All Wexner Kollel Elyon students should take Teaching Tanakh (RTP 6193H) with Rabbi David Fohrman and Rabbi Allen Schwartz, Tuesdays 12:30-1:30 PM.