RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION - SPRING 2017/5777

**When and where to register:**

* The RIETS office is located in the Glueck Center, 629-630.
* Registration is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9-12 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm and 3:00-6:00 pm.

**How to register:**

* There will be a sign-up sheet in G629 beginning Wednesday, January 4th 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.
* 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 (G630) 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 forward your forms and payment 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 Thursday, January 26th is subject to a late fee of $50.
* Students not registered by Thursday, February 9th are subject to a late fee of $100.
* Students not registered by Thursday, March 23rd 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. Please note that students who have not registered by January 12th will not be able to receive a January stipend payment.

**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 5th, and the fee is $25. The deadline for registering for this examination is Thursday, March 2nd.

**Further questions and mid-semester changes:**

* 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:**

1. Residence:
   1. 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.
   2. One year of part time study.
2. Talmud Shiurim or Full-Day Halakha Shiurim: Two years (four semesters) in:
   1. A regular morning Talmud shiur
   2. A Talmud Chaburah (this year led by Rabbi Werblowsky)
   3. A full-day halakhah limmud other than Yoreh Deah (this year – Niddah with Rav Willig and Shabbat with Rav Schwartz or Rav Tendler)
3. Yoreh Deah: A year of full-time study
4. Additional Halakha Limmudim
   1. Hilkhot Niddah
   2. Hilkhot Aveilut
   3. Contemporary Halakha (two semesters)
   4. 4th Year Halakha LeMa’aseh (7 units)
5. Co-Requisite – see below under Second Year students for expanded details. Students must complete:
   1. Six Semesters of Kollel study (3:00-6:30 PM)
   2. A Masters degree (or, in some cases, a certificate program) in a field related to rabbanut, or
   3. The Machshevet Yisrael track, consisting of 12 courses in Jewish Thought
6. Completion of Professional Coursework in one of three tracks:
   1. Pulpit track: A series of 18 courses along with internships
   2. Education track: A series of 9-10 courses, and a Masters degree from either Azrieli, Revel or a similar school
   3. Lay Leadership track for students who are not pursuing careers in Avodat HaKodesh (10 courses plus
   4. Internships)
7. Hebrew Examination – see above

**First Semester 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. Kiddushin - Perek Alef (with most of the Roshei Yeshiva)
  2. Masechet Menachot with Rav Horwitz
* morning shiur, which will also cover 4th year Halakha L’Ma’aseh topics

Masekhet Shabbat with Rav Tendler

* If you are starting Semikha this term, you will not be taking the professional classes until Fall 2017.
* If you will be working towards your co-requisite requirement this year, please see the instructions listed under “Second Year Students”.

**Second semester students**

* Please register for the same halakha and Talmud shiurim as you did for the fall. If you would like to switch shiurim, please discuss with Rabbi Bronstein.
* Please register for the second semester of the professional courses you took in the fall.

**Second year students**

* Please register for the same halakha and Talmud shiurim as you did for the fall. If you would like to switch shiurim, please discuss with Rabbi Bronstein.
* Hilkhot aveilut replaces hilkhot niddah in the Spring 2017 semester. The following part-time options for learning hilkhot aveilut will be offered this Spring:

1. Shiurim with Rav Simon (2 chaburotweekly)
2. Shiurim with Rav Ben-Haim (for Sephardim)

* You should be continuing towards the fulfillment of your co-requisite. To complete Semikha, students must either:

1. Attend six semesters of the Katz Kollel (TAC 7002). Register for the kollel if you are a returning kollel student. To join the Kollel this semster, please see Rabbi Bronstein. You must fill out a separate application and schedule a bechina with Rav Schachter. The Kollel offers options as follows:
   1. Main track of the Kollel (Masechta Beitzah).
      1. 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.
      2. Note: All Wexner Semikha Honors students must participate in this first or second section of the kollel unless given special permission by the Dean. Semikha Honors students in the second section of the kollel receive a slightly reduced stipend.
   2. Halakha track - for those learning topics in 4th Year Halakha L’Ma’aseh in depth with Rabbi Michoel Zylberman. Kollel members who have received permission to join Rabbi Netanel Wiederblank’s full-day Yoreh Deah chaburah.
   3. Section Three - 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; or
4. Complete the certificate program in Mental Health Counseling through the joint RIETS/ Ferkauf Graduate Program.

* 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**

* Please register for the same halakha and Talmud shiurim as you did for the fall. If you would like to switch shiurim, please discuss with Rabbi Bronstein.
* Hilkhot aveilut replaces hilkhot niddah in the Spring 2017 semester. The following part-time options for learning hilkhot aveilut will be offered this Spring:
* Shiurim with Rav Simon (2 chaburotweekly)
* Shiurim with Rav Ben-Haim (for Sephardim)
* You should be continuing towards the fulfillment of your co-requisite. See further under “Second Year students”
* 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. A list of suggestions for fulfilling this requirement may be discussed with Rabbi Rothwachs (G626). 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). **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.

* 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. Six units are covered (Eruvin, Ishut, Amira L’Akum u’Pikuach Nefesh, Geirut, Mikvaot and K’lalei Hora’ah) and bechinot are given on each section. In addition, Bishul B’Shabbat, a seventh unit, is learned separately. It is frequently offered in January and June as a morning Limmud. This program is coordinated by Rabbi Daniel Stein, (r[dnstein@yu.edu](mailto:dnstein@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.
* 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) Moskowitz at 212-960-5292 or [ksimon@yu.edu](mailto:ksimon@yu.edu).

**RIETS RABBINIC TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING 2017**

The Rabbinic Training Program (RTP) of RIETS is designed to prepare you for your rabbinic career by offering courses that will teach you about the life of the rabbi and how to fulfill that role in a professional manner. You are expected to declare one of three tracks in the RTP - pulpit, education, or community lay leadership - at the beginning of your second year of the semikha program. You should choose the track most suited to your career goals. If you choose the education track, it is expected that you will pursue a master’s degree in education. Most semikha students do so at the Azrieli Graduate School of Education. It is important that you contact Azrieli in order to properly plan your course of study in graduate school. If you choose the pulpit track you will, in the fourth year only, in addition to the courses on Fridays, take special courses designed for future pulpit rabbis. These courses are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning approximately at noon. All are required courses, and are in addition to the co-requisite that you choose. The Community Lay Leadership Track is meant for those students who intend to enter professions other than the rabbinate. If you plan on attending medical school, law school or have some other professional goals, choose the Community Lay Leadership Track. All courses are required and take place on Friday mornings unless otherwise indicated. **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 semester to begin RTP classes. All courses should be taken in the order presented here, unless the student receives explicit permission from Rabbi Rothwachs.**

**FIRST YEAR STUDENTS**

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| **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**

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| **PULPIT TRACK** | | | | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | **INSTRUCTOR** | **COURSE NUMBER** | **DAY** | **TIME** |
| Public Speaking Seminar II | Gedaliah | RTP 6142A | F | 9:15-10:45 am |
| Public Speaking Seminar II | Baer | RTP 6142B | F | 9:15-10:45 am |
| Homiletics Seminar\* | Lookstein | RTP 6143 | F | 9:30-10:45 am |
| Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II | Rothwachs | RTP 6156 | F | 11 am-12:30 pm |

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| **EDUCATION TRACK** | | | | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | **INSTRUCTOR** | **COURSE NUMBER** | **DAY** | **TIME** |
| Public Speaking Seminar II \*\* | Gedaliah | RTP 6142A | F | 9:15-10:45 am |
| Public Speaking Seminar II \*\* | Baer | RTP 6142B | F | 9:15-10:45 am |
| Homiletics Seminar\* | Lookstein | RTP 6143 | F | 9:30-10:45 am |
| Contemporary Issues in the Rabbinate II | Rothwachs | RTP 6156 | F | 11 am-12:30 pm |

\* Optional alternative to Public Speaking II

\*\* Encouraged for those who are interested

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

\*\* Encouraged for those who are interested

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| **PULPIT TRACK** | | | | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | **INSTRUCTOR** | **COURSE NUMBER** | **DAY** | **TIME** |
| Intro to Pastoral Psychology II | Pelcovitz | RTP 6112A | F | 9:15-10:30 am |
| Intro to Pastoral Psychology 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 |
| 3rd Year Shimush | Rothwachs | RTP 6201 |  |  |

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| Intro to Pastoral Psychology II | Pelcovitz | RTP 6112A | F | 9:15-10:30 am |
| Intro to Pastoral Psychology II | Blumenthal | RTP 6112B | F | 9:15-10:30 am |
| 3rd Year Shimush | Rothwachs | RTP 6201 |  |  |

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| Intro to Pastoral Psychology II | Pelcovitz | RTP 6112A | F | 9:15-10:30 am |
| Intro to Pastoral Psychology II | Blumenthal | RTP 6112B | F | 9:15-10:30 am |
| 3rd Year Shimush | Rothwachs | RTP 6201 |  |  |

**FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS**

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| **PULPIT TRACK** | | | | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | **INSTRUCTOR** | **COURSE NUMBER** | **DAY** | **TIME** |
| Successful Synagogues II | Brander | RTP 6154 | M | 12:00-1:00 pm |
| Advanced Pastoral Counseling II | Pelcovitz/Rothwachs | RTP 6122 | T | 12:15-2:30 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 |
| 4th Year Internship | Shloush | RTP 6203 |  |  |

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| **EDUCATION TRACK** | | | | |
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| 4th Year Internship | Shloush | RTP 6203 |  |  |

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| **COMMUNITY / LAY TRACK** | | | | |
| **COURSE TITLE** | **INSTRUCTOR** | **COURSE NUMBER** | **DAY** | **TIME** |
| 4th Year Internship | Shloush | RTP 6203 |  |  |

WEXNER HONORS PROGRAM

(Semikha Honors and Kollel Elyon)

SECOND YEAR SEMIKHA

9:15 AM Pastoral Psychology II Drs. Pelcovitz and Blumenthal

11:00 AM Rabbinic Writing II Professor Leslie Newman

THIRD YEAR SEMIKHA

9:15 AM Teaching Tanakh Rabbi Hayyim Angel

11:00AM Public Speaking II Professor Brent Baer

*Students in the Pulpit Track should also take Successful Synaogues II on Mondays.*

FOURTH YEAR SEMIKHA

9:15 AM Teaching Tanakh Rabbi Hayyim Angel

11:00 AM Group Facilitation Dr. David Schnall

*Students in the Pulpit Track should also take Advanced Pastoral Psychology on Tuesdays and Practical Rabbinics II and Derasha Workshop II on Wednesdays.*

KOLLEL ELYON

If you have not yet taken the courses listed for Fourth Year Semikha, please do so. If you have taken these courses, please speak with Rabbi Bronstein.