

## THE RAJE TALMUD FELLOWSHIP

*Adventure • Discovery • Connection*

**Congratulations on joining the RAJE Talmud Fellowship program!**

The Talmud Fellowship is an elite program, uniquely designed for young Russian American Jews.

### The program goals are:

- Strengthening of your Jewish identity and development of a personal connection to your heritage
- Gaining knowledge in the most important fields of Judaism- Talmud , Halacha(Jewish Law) and Hashkofa( Jewish worldview)
- Mastering the methodology and the structure of the Talmudic discourse
- Hands-on exploration of an authentic Jewish life in Yeshiva communities during the Shabbatons and Israel trip

### Program Overview

The program consists of two components which are both mandatory for program completion and eligibility for the trip:

#### **1. Study sessions:**

The study sessions will be held on Thursdays 7:00 PM– 10:00 PM and will feature

- Talmud class
- Adventures in Jewish law and tradition: a hands-on exploration of Halacha
- An exploration of core Jewish texts
- Interactive study session (hevrusa program)

#### **2. Two weekend retreats (Shabbatons)**

### Program Dates

**Sessions:** Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>, Apr 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Shabbatons:** March 27<sup>th</sup> Shabbaton, May 1<sup>st</sup> Shabbaton

### Program rules:

'Program completion': graduating students are eligible for the summer trip, presented at a highly subsidized cost of \$599 for full-time college students and \$799 for non-full time students. In case students will opt for a two-semester program, total cost of the trip will be FREE for full-time college students, \$299 for non-full time students.

### Requirements for program completion:

1. Weekly on time attendance and participation in Thursday sessions 7:00-10:00 PM.  
**Missing more than one session disqualifies a student from program graduation.**  
**Showing up late to a session counts as if the person did not show up.**

2. Upon the completion of each Thursday session a program evaluation form must be completed and submitted online prior to the following session.
3. Two Shabbatons. Missing either of the two Shabbatons disqualifies a student from the program graduation. Participants MUST arrive to the Shabbatons on time. This will require you to leave your workplace early on Friday; please make all arrangements as soon as possible. Transportation for each of the weekends may be provided for a fee of \$10 each way, or you may travel there on your own. The transportation fee must be submitted with the Shabbaton fee.

**A non-refundable \$25.00 Shabbaton fee, must be submitted by:**

- **March 19<sup>th</sup> for the March 27<sup>th</sup> Shabbaton**
- **April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the May 1<sup>st</sup> Shabbaton**

### **3. Europe – Israel Trip:**

**Trip Details:**

**London – Israel: May 31st – June 18th – \*FREE Extension\***

Deposit for this trip due by March 15th, 2009

**Israel Heritage Trip: June 14th - June 30th – \*FREE Extension\***

Deposit for this trip due by March 15th, 2009

**Israel Full Throttle Trip: June 28th – July 14th**

Deposit for this trip due by March 15th, 2009

Copy of passport must be submitted with the deposit.

**Spots for these trips are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis (pending completion of the program requirements) in order to reserve your spot a deposit must be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>**

All deposits are non-refundable if the student misses the trip for whatever reason. All students who do not to participate in the trip during the summer season are eligible for a similar trip during the subsequent winter season **provided that such a trip is offered by the organization and subject to all subsequent rules and pricing changes.**

**Participation on trips is subject to program completion and deposits**

The portion of the deposit due to the student for program completion will be returned during the next semester at the graduation ceremony. **Students who do not complete the program will not receive deposits back.**

RAJE staff reserves the right to determine eligibility of a participant (despite completion of the program requirements) based on various factors such as disruptive conduct during all aspects of the program, falsifying information, and the like.

**If you have any questions or comments please contact:**

**Rabbi Reuven Khaskin Program Director**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the above information and understand the rules and regulations as well as the deadlines and deposit details for the program.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_