

RAJE TANACH FELLOWSHIP

for Russian-speaking college Students and Young Professionals

Congratulations on joining the RAJE TANACH Fellowship program!

The TANACH 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- TANACH (the Written Torah), Halacha (Jewish Law) and Hashkofa(Jewish worldview)
- 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:

SESSION DATES: February 25th, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6th

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

- TANACH class
- Adventures in Jewish law and tradition: a hands-on exploration of Halacha
- An exploration of core Jewish texts
- Interactive study session (small group setting)

2. Two weekend retreats (Shabbatons)

SHABBATONS: Community Shabbaton - April 17th, RAJE Shabbaton (joint with Talmud Program)-April 30th

Program rules:

'Program completion': graduating students are eligible for the winter trip, presented at a highly subsidized cost of \$699 for full-time college students and \$899 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 \$35.00 Shabbaton fee, must be submitted by:
 - April 2nd for Community Shabbaton
 - April 15th for RAJE Shabbaton
4. **Essay** - your individual research work, in the format of a traditional Dvar Torah on any topic, or your thoughts on a given topic (chosen from the Suggested Topics list) The Essay must contain your original thoughts, suggested size - 1-2 pages (printed text).

3. Europe – Israel Trip:

Trip Details:

Zurich-Israel: June 13th - June 28th - \$899 Deposit

(\$599 + Europe ground cost surcharge \$300 (non-refundable))

Trip location and costs are subject to change, at any point through the semester

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 7th.

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

Mobile: 718-877-1356

Email: reuvenkhaskin@yahoo.com

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 _____