



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews**

May 12-23, 2014

Deans: Peter Berkowitz and Eric Cohen

Core Instructors: Yuval Levin, Meir Soloveichik, William Kristol, Ran Baratz

**I. Description**

Most Jews have strong political beliefs—about the role of government, the uses of power, the meaning of social justice, and the proper place of religion in public life. But what, if anything, do these varying beliefs have to do with Judaism? Should Jewish politics be governed by what Judaism teaches, or by what is best for the Jews? In contemporary political life, should Jews be liberals or conservatives? This seminar will explore these questions as a problem of political philosophy, drawing on both the foundational texts and ideas of modern liberalism and conservatism and the Jewish writings, classical and modern, that suggest a uniquely Jewish political persuasion.

Part One of the course will ask big and fundamental questions, guided by political essayist Yuval Levin, theologian Meir Soloveichik, and political philosopher Peter Berkowitz. How does Judaism relate to liberalism, with its promise of individual rights, economic equality, and a society of fairness guaranteed by an empowered welfare state? How does Judaism relate to conservatism, with its promise of individual opportunity, economic freedom, and a society governed by traditional morality and the virtue-forming institutions that sustain it? When Jewish citizens recognize the need for political action, does their religious consciousness compel them to bring about the prophetic wish for a society of perfect righteousness? Or does the commandment-centered life of family devotion and ritual propriety invite them to embrace the limits of man's capacity to fully realize abstract ideals? Is the essence of Jewish theology an impassioned and even revolutionary demand to perfect the world, or does it endow its adherents with humility and sobriety within the imperfect but nourishing bonds of family, community, and nation?

Part Two of the course will look at some of the great contemporary political debates between right and left from a Jewish perspective, with attention to both America and Israel. Led by *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol and *Mida* editor Ran Baratz, we will explore competing ideas about religion and public life, market freedom and social justice, and marriage and family life.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

## II. Structure

- Week I, May 12-May 16, 2014
  - Monday begins with two introductory, framing discussions.
    - Tikvah Fund Executive Director Eric Cohen will lay out the themes of the course, situating our institute in the current theological-political moment, assessing the current state and future prospects of Judaism in the modern age.
    - Institute Dean Peter Berkowitz will then lead a study, in two parts, on Leo Strauss' essay on "Progress or Return," exploring the civilizational roots and philosophical dilemmas at the heart of Jewish thought and modern liberalism.
  - Tuesday – Friday will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions.
    - Morning sessions will be led by Yuval Levin, focusing on his new book *The Great Debate*.
    - Afternoon sessions will be led by Meir Soloveichik, focusing on a careful reading and exposition of the Haggadah as a text of Jewish political thought.
  
- Week II, May 19-May 23, 2014
  - Monday orients us to the big questions and animating debates about Judaism and the public square. The morning session will develop a distinctly conservative perspective, led by William Kristol. The afternoon session will develop a distinctly liberal perspective, led by Peter Berkowitz.
  - Tuesday – Thursday will take up three concrete questions at the intersection of public policy and political thought: religion and the public square, market freedom and social justice, and marriage and the family. Each day will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions.
    - Morning sessions will be devoted to a case study of Judaism and America.
    - Afternoon sessions will be devoted to a case study of Judaism and Israel.
  - Friday, our closing day, will focus on the general topic of Jews and power, probing competing ideas of Jewish sovereignty, the use of force, and the current strategic challenges facing the Jewish people and the Jewish State. We will conclude with a luncheon discussion that reviews and concludes our institute.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

### **III. A Note on Institute Readings**

#### **A. Preparation**

We expect that you will carefully prepare all of the reading for the entire institute before you arrive in New York. In addition, we have built time into the schedule for you to reread and review.

#### **B. Required Reading vs. Optional Reading**

Each session has “required reading” that all institute participants absolutely must read with care. Course sessions will focus on required reading and we expect that you will have read all of it before arriving in New York.

In addition, we are including “optional reading” for those participants who wish to probe more deeply. Optional reading is clearly marked on the syllabus and is not required.

#### **C. What you are Receiving**

1. Most of the readings are contained in a reader that Tikvah has assembled specifically for use in this institute. Most of the readings, including all of the optional readings, are contained within it. Everyone should receive this reader, and **you must** bring it with you to New York as we will not have extra copies.
2. Yuval Levin’s sessions in Week I are built around his *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left*, (New York: Basic Books, 2013). If you did not receive a copy of *The Great Debate* in this mailing, it will arrive directly from an online bookseller shortly. Everyone should receive *The Great Debate*, and **you must** bring it with you to New York as we will not have extra copies.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

3. Meir Soloveichik's sessions in Week I are drawn from the Passover Haggadah. Many of you will be accustomed to your own family's traditional Haggadah, and as long as it is the traditional version, you are free to use your own copy to prepare. So that everyone will be working out of the same edition in the institute, we will be sending you Jonathan Sacks' edition, *The Jonathan Sacks Haggadah*, (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2013). Institute participants outside of the United States will receive this text in a separate mailing shortly; American participants should receive the text in this mailing. We will not have additional copies in New York, and you **must** bring your copy of the Sacks Haggadah with you.

**D. Language**

The language of instruction for the course is English, and most of the readings included in the course reader are in English. For cases where we had readily available Hebrew translations, such as for Strauss, Locke, Tocqueville, and Hayek, both Hebrew and English have been included in the reader.

The following selections are included in the reader only in Hebrew. English translations will be sent in a supplementary mailing as soon as they are available.

- Moshe Zvi Neria, "Against Those Who Separate Israel's Torah From the State of Israel"
- Shelly Yachimovich, "Us," (Tel Aviv: Am-Oved, 2011), ch.1 (Reprinted from the website of Dr. Yachimovich)
- "Between Realization and Dehydration: Israeli Governments' Methods for Draining Social Services," a report from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Read section 1, "Worldviews Collide"
- Yigal Alon, "A State with its Back to the Sea" from *Sand Screen: Israel and the Arabs World Between War and Peace* [Hebrew]
- Shimon Peres, "The Regional Framework" from *A New Middle East* [Hebrew]



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**IV. Course Calendar**

Monday, May 12			
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>			
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>
8:30-9:00	Welcome Breakfast		
9:15-10:00	Eric Cohen	Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews: Course Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gertrude Himmelfarb, “Edmund Burke: Apologist for Judaism?” from <i>The Moral Imagination: From Adam Smith to Lionel Trilling</i>, (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman &amp; Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2012), pp. 21-28</li> </ul>
10:15-12:30	Peter Berkowitz	Reason, Revelation, and Human Nature: Judaism and the Political Dilemmas of the Modern West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leo Strauss, “Progress or Return?: The Contemporary Crisis in Western Civilization” from <i>Jewish Philosophy and the Crisis of Modernity: Essays and Lectures in Modern Jewish Thought</i>, ed. Kenneth Hart Green, (Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 1997), pp. 87-136 [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> </ul>
2:45-5:00			
5:30-7:00	Opening Dinner and Fellow Introductions		



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Tuesday, May 13				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Required Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:45-12:30	Yuval Levin	Theme 1: Nature and History Theme 2: Justice and Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Great Debate</i>, ch. 2-3</li><li>• <i>The Declaration of Independence</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Locke, <i>Second Treatise of Civil Government</i>, Ch. 2 [Hebrew and English]</li></ul>
2:30-5:00	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	The Origins of Israel and the Birth of Freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exodus, ch. 1-2</li><li>• The Haggadah</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, Transcripts of Har Etzion Lectures on Conversion, parts 1 and 2</li></ul>



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Wednesday, May 14				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Required Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:45-12:30	Yuval Levin	Choice and Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Great Debate</i>, ch. 4</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, vol. II, Part 2, chp.2</li><li>• Wilson Carey McWilliams, “Liberty, Equality, and the Problem of Community” from <i>The Democratic Soul: A Wilson Carey McWilliams Reader</i>, ed. Patrick J. Deneen and Susan J. McWilliams, (Lexington, Kentucky: The University Press of Kentucky, 2011), pp. 21-43</li></ul>
2:30-5:00	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	Freedom and Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Haggadah</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• George Weigel, “A Better Concept of Freedom,” in <i>First Things</i>, March 2002</li><li>• Jonathan Sacks, “The Universal Story,” from <i>The Jonathan Sacks Haggadah</i>, (Jerusalem: Maggid Books, 2013), pp. 75-84</li></ul>



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Thursday, May 15				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Required Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:45-12:30	Yuval Levin	Reason and Prescription	• <i>The Great Debate</i> , ch. 5	• Friedrich Hayek, <i>The Constitution of Liberty</i> , ch. 2 [Hebrew and English] • J.K. Galbraith, <i>The Affluent Society</i> , chapter 17
2:30-5:00	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik		• The Haggadah	• Aharon Lichtenstein, Summary of Har Etzion Lecture on “God and Man According to Judaism and Hellenism”





**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Friday, May 16 Candle Lighting: 7:48 pm <b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Required Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:15-12:00	Yuval Levin	Theme 1: Revolution and Reform  Theme 2: Generations and the Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Great Debate</i>, ch. 6-7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>, author's introduction and vol. I, Part 1, ch. 2 [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> <li>• Letter from Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, September 6, 1789.</li> <li>• Letter from James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, February 4, 1790</li> </ul>
1:00-3:00	Rabbi Meir Soloveichik	Israel and the Living Generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Haggadah</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leon R. Kass, "L'Chaim and its Limits: Why Not Immortality?" in <i>First Things</i>, May, 2001</li> <li>• Meir Soloveichik, "Why Beards," in <i>Commentary</i>, February 2008</li> </ul>



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Monday, May 19				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:45-12:30	William Kristol	Judaism and the Public Square: A Conservative View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irving Kristol, “Liberalism and American Jews,” from <i>The Neoconservative Persuasion: Selected Essays, 1942-2009</i>, ed. Gertrud Himmelfarb, (New York: Basic Books, 2011), pp. 272-280</li> <li>• Irving Kristol, “On the Political Stupidity of the Jews” from <i>Azure</i>, Autumn 1999</li> <li>• Norman Podhoretz, “The Prophets and Us,” from <i>The Prophets: Who They Were, What They Are</i>, (New York: Free Press, 2002), pp. 313-359</li> </ul>	
3:00-5:30	Peter Berkowitz	Judaism and the Public Square: A Liberal View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karl Marx, “On the Jewish Question” from <i>The Marx-Engels Reader</i>, ed. Robert C. Tucker, (New York: W.W. Norton &amp; Company, 1978), pp. 26-52</li> <li>• Michael Walzer, <i>Interpretation and Social Criticism</i>, (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1987). <b>**NOTE**</b> Focus on ch. 3, “The Prophet as Social Critic,” pp. 69-94</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Hartman, “Pluralism and Biblical Theology” from <i>Conflicting Visions: Spiritual Possibilities in Modern Israel</i>, (New York: Schocken Books, 1990), pp. 243-253</li> </ul>
6:30-8:00	Dinner Conversation with Norman Podhoretz – “Reflections of a Jewish Neoconservative”			



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Tuesday, May 20				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Optional Reading</i>
9:45-12:30	William Kristol	Religion and Public Life: The American Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milton Himmelfarb, “Church and State: How High a Wall?” in <i>Jews and Gentiles</i>, ed. Gertrude Himmelfarb, (New York: Encounter Books, 2007), pp. 223-242</li> <li>• Wilfred M. McClay, “The Soul of a Nation” in <i>Public Interest</i>, Spring 2004</li> <li>• Irving Kristol, “Why Religion is Good for the Jews” from <i>Commentary</i>, August 1994</li> <li>• Meir Soloveichik, “A Nation Under God: Jews, Christians, and the American Public Square” in <i>Yirat Shamayim: The Awe, Reverence, and Fear of God</i>, ed. Marc D. Stern, (New York: Yeshiva University Press, 2008), pp. 321-347</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilson Carey McWilliams, “Critical Rebound: Why America Needs a Catholic Recovery,” and “Religion, Morality, and Public Life” in <i>The Democratic Soul: A Wilson Carey McWilliams Reader</i>, pp. 371-376, 380-398</li> </ul>
3:00-5:30	Ran Baratz, with Moshe Koppel and Rabbi Barry Freundel	Religion and Public Life: The Israeli Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moshe Zvi Neriah, “Against Those Who Separate Israel’s Torah From the State of Israel” [<i>Hebrew</i>]</li> <li>• Moshe Koppel, “Religion and State in Israel” from <i>Mosaic: Advancing Jewish Thought</i> [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> </ul>	



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Wednesday, May 21				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Optional Reading</i>
9:45-12:30	William Kristol	Market Freedom and Social Justice: The American Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irving Kristol, “Christianity, Judaism, and Socialism” in <i>Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea</i>, (Chicago: Ivan R. Dec, Publisher, 1999), pp. 429-441</li> <li>Immanuel Jakobovits, “From Doom to Hope: Jewish Reflections on Britain’s Social Malaise”</li> <li>Irving Kristol, “The Welfare State’s Spiritual Crisis,” <i>The Wall Street Journal</i>, February 3, 1997</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irving Kristol, “What is ‘Social Justice?’” in <i>Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea</i>, (Chicago: Ivan R. Dec, Publisher, 1999), pp. 253-257</li> <li>Irving Kristol, “On Conservatism and Capitalism” in <i>Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea</i>, (Chicago: Ivan R. Dec, Publisher, 1999), pp. 230-234</li> <li>F.A. Hayek, “Why I am Not a Conservative” in <i>The Constitution of Liberty</i>, pp. 519-533 [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> <li>Hillel Halkin, “How Not to Repair the World,” in <i>Commentary</i>, July 2008</li> </ul>
3:00-5:30	Ran Baratz	Market Freedom and Social Justice: The Israeli Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zalman Levontin, “Words of the Zionist Founders: Zalman David Levontin on Economics and settlement” from <i>Mida</i>, March 2014 [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> <li>Shelly Yacimovich, “Us,” (Tel Aviv: Am-Oved, 2011), ch.1 [<i>Hebrew</i>]</li> <li>“Between Realization and Dehydration: Israeli Governments’ Methods for Draining Social Services,” a report from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Read section 1, “Worldviews Collide” [<i>Hebrew</i>]</li> </ul>	



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Thursday, May 22				
<b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Optional Readings</i>
9:45-12:30	William Kristol	Marriage and the Family: Philosophical Reflections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irving Kristol, “Reflections on Love and Family” in <i>Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea</i>, (Chicago: Ivan R. Dec, Publisher, 1999), pp. 54-57</li> <li>• Leon R. Kass, “The Vexed Question of Man and Woman: The Story of the Garden of Eden (II)” from <i>The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis</i>, (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2003), pp. 98-122 [<i>Hebrew and English</i>]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irving Kristol, “Life Without Father” in in <i>Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea</i>, (Chicago: Ivan R. Dec, Publisher, 1999), pp. 67-71</li> <li>• Joseph B. Soloveitchik, “Parenthood: Natural and Redeemed” from <i>Family Redeemed: Essays on Family Relationships</i>, ed. David Shatz and Joel B. Wolowelsky, (Jersey City, New Jersey: KTAV Publishing House, Inc., 2000), pp, 105-125</li> </ul>
3:00-5:30	Ran Baratz	Marriage and the Family: Public Debates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam Schulman, “Same-Sex Marriage and the Jews” from <i>Mosaic: Advancing Jewish Thought</i></li> <li>• With Symposium Responses:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “From ‘We’ to ‘I’” by Shlomo Brody</li> <li>○ “Is Jewish Marriage Unique?” by Sherif Girgis</li> <li>○ “Gay Love and Jewish Tradition” by David Wolpe</li> <li>○ “Who’s Afraid of Jewish Marriage?” By Sam Schulman</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6:30-8:00	Dinner Conversation with William Galston – “Jewish Values and American Democracy”			William Galston, “Traditional Judaism And American Citizenship”



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Friday, May 23 <i>Candle Lighting: 7:55 pm</i> <b>Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Jews</b>				
<i>Times</i>	<i>Lead Instructor</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Optional Reading</i>
9:15-12:00	William Kristol and Ran Baratz	Jews and Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yigal Alon, “A State with its Back to the Sea” from <i>Sand Screen: Israel and the Arabs World Between War and Peace</i> [Hebrew]</li><li>• Shimon Peres, “The Regional Framework” from <i>A New Middle East</i> [Hebrew]</li><li>• Efraim Inbar, “Contours of Israel's New Strategic Thinking,” <i>Political Science Quarterly</i>, Vol. 111, No. 1 (Spring, 1996), pp. 41-64</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ruth R. Wisse, “The Great Experiment,” in <i>Jews and Power</i> (New York: Schocken, 2007), pp. 3-77</li></ul>
1:00-3:00	Eric Cohen and Peter Berkowitz	Closing Session		



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

## **IV. Faculty Biographies**

### **Deans**

#### **Peter Berkowitz**

Peter Berkowitz is the Tad and Dianne Taube Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. He studies and writes about, among other things, constitutional government, conservatism and progressivism in America, liberal education, national security and law, and Middle East politics. He has written hundreds of essays, articles, and reviews on many subjects for a variety of publications, including *American Political Science Review*, *The Atlantic*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Commentary*, *Haaretz*, *The Jerusalem Post*, *The London Review of Books*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Post*, *The New York Sun*, *Policy Review*, *The Public Interest*, *Real Clear Politics*, *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The Wilson Quarterly*, and *The Yale Law Journal*. His most recent book is *Constitutional Conservatism*, published in 2013 by the Hoover Institution Press.

#### **Eric Cohen**

Eric Cohen has been the Executive Director of the Tikvah Fund since 2007. He was the founder and remains editor-at-large of the *New Atlantis*, and he serves as the publisher of the *Jewish Review of Books* and *Mosaic*. Mr. Cohen has published in numerous academic and popular journals, magazines, and newspapers, including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, *Weekly Standard*, *Commentary*, *The New Republic*, *First Things*, and numerous others. He is the author of *In the Shadow of Progress: Being Human in the Age of Technology* (2008) and co-editor of *The Future is Now: America Confronts the New Genetics* (2002). He was previously managing editor of the *Public Interest* and served as a senior consultant to the President's Council on Bioethics. Mr. Cohen currently serves on the board of directors of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Witherspoon Institute, and *National Affairs* and on the Editorial Advisory Board of *First Things*.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**Core Faculty**

**Yuval Levin**

Yuval Levin is the editor of *National Affairs*. He is also the Hertog Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a senior editor of *The New Atlantis*, and a contributing editor of *National Review* and the *Weekly Standard*. He has been a member of the White House domestic policy staff (under President George W. Bush), Executive Director of the President's Council on Bioethics, and a congressional staffer. Author and editor of numerous books, he most recently published *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left* (Basic Books, 2013).

**Rabbi Meir Soloveichik**

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik is director of the Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and the rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel, the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States. Prior to this, Soloveichik served as associate rabbi at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in Manhattan. Rabbi Soloveichik has lectured throughout the United States, in Europe, and in Israel to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences on topics relating to Jewish theology, bioethics, wartime ethics, and Jewish-Christian relations. His essays on these subjects have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Commentary*, *First Things*, *Azure*, *Tradition*, and the *Torah U-Madda Journal*.

**William Kristol**

William Kristol is editor of the *Weekly Standard*, which, together with Fred Barnes and John Podhoretz, he founded in 1995. He is the chairman and co-founder of the Project for the New American Century and the co-author, with Lawrence Kaplan, of the best-selling book *The War Over Iraq* (2003) and the co-editor of *The Neoconservative Imagination* (with Christopher DeMuth, 1995), *Present Dangers* (with Robert Kagan, 2000), and *The Future is Now: American Confronts the New Genetics* (with Eric Cohen, 2002). He has published numerous articles and essays on constitutional law, political philosophy, and public policy, and is a regular contributor on ABC News.





**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

Mr. Kristol has served as chief of staff to the Vice President of the United States and to the Secretary of Education. Before coming to Washington in 1985, Kristol taught politics at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

**Ran Baratz**

Ran Baratz is the founding editor of the Hebrew-language conservative news site *Mida* and the executive director of the Tikvah Fund's Political Thought, Economics and Strategy program. Baratz teaches philosophy, history and Zionist thought at numerous Israeli institutions, including at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Cornerstones program. He is also a senior faculty member and advisor at Ein Prat Academy outside of Jerusalem. Specializing in Greek Philosophy, Dr. Baratz earned his doctorate, *summa cum laude*, from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has published many op-eds, essays and studies in Israel's leading newspapers and periodicals.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**Visiting Speakers**

**Norman Podhoretz**

Norman Podhoretz was born in 1930 in Brownsville, Brooklyn to immigrant Jewish parents and attended Boys High School in Bedford-Stuyvesant. He received a full scholarship to Columbia College, where he became a protégé of Lionel Trilling and received his B.A. in English literature in 1950. Concurrently, he earned a B.A. in Hebrew literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He was awarded a Kellett Fellowship and a Fulbright Scholarship and received a B.A. in literature (1<sup>st</sup>) and an M.A. from Clare College, Cambridge. From 1953-1955, he served in the U.S. Army. In 1960 Mr. Podhoretz became editor-in-chief of *Commentary* magazine; he remained in that position until his retirement in 1995. He has been an adviser to the U.S. Information Agency and a senior fellow of the Hudson Institute. In 2004 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush. Mr. Podhoretz's books and articles include: *Why Are Jews Liberals?* (2009), *World War IV: The Long Struggle Against Islamofascism* (2004), *The Prophets: Who They Were, What They Are* (2002), *Ex-Friends* (1999), *The Bloody Crossroads: Where Literature and Politics Meet* (1986), *Why We Were in Vietnam* (1982), *The Present Danger: Do We Have the Will to Reverse the Decline of American Power?* (1980), *Breaking Ranks: A Political Memoir* (1979), *Making It* (1967), "My Negro Problem and Ours" (1964), "Hannah Arendt on Eichman: A Study in the Perversity of Brilliance" (1963), and "Israel, a Lamentation from the Future" (1989).

**William Galston**

William Galston, is a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Saul I. Stern Professor of Civic Engagement and director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland. Since 1995, Galston has served as a founding board member of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and as chair of the campaign's Task Force on Religion and Public Values. His books include *Liberal Pluralism* (2002) and *Public Matters: Politics, Policy, and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2005). He served as senior adviser to President Bill Clinton for domestic policy.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**Barry Freundel**

Rabbi Dr. Barry Freundel has been the spiritual leader of Keshet Israel: The Georgetown Synagogue, since 1989. He received his smicha from Yeshiva University and his doctorate from Baltimore Hebrew University. He has served as an Assistant Professor of Rabbinics at Baltimore Hebrew, an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Maryland, an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University, and a Consultant to the Ethics Review Board of the National Institute of Aging of the National Institutes of Health. Rabbi Freundel is also head of the conversion committee of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Freundel is Vice-President of the Vaad of Washington and is very involved in community issues in the Greater Washington area. He is regarded as a resource and authority on eruvim, and has assisted in their construction in a number of cities, including Washington. He is the author of *Contemporary Orthodox Judaism's Response to Modernity* and *Why We Pray What We Pray* as well as numerous scholarly articles.



**THE TIKVAH FUND**

165 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

**UPDATED 7MAY2014**

**V. Our Mutual Commitment:**

Our pledge to you is that the program will be excellent and that the teachers are, in every case, among the best people in the world teaching the subjects they are teaching. Your pledge to us is that you will invest yourselves in the texts and the seminars, and do the work to the fullest extent of your talents. You have put your everyday work on hold to join us, so we know you come to us with great interest and commitment. We will insist that you continue that commitment—a commitment to attending each and every session, a commitment to coming to class on time, a commitment to doing all the readings—throughout the duration of the Institute. If anyone fails to honor his or her commitment, he or she will be dismissed from the Institute.