



The International Interfaith Diplomacy Fellowship

The Ohr Torah Interfaith Center

Purpose

As the war in Gaza ends, a new chapter opens for Israelis and Palestinians, the Middle East, and Judaism and Islam at large. As President Trump's 20 Points Peace Plan reminds us, **peace agreements alone cannot heal hearts**. Clause 18 calls for "an interfaith dialogue process based on tolerance and coexistence." The Ohr Torah Interfaith Center (OTIC) is uniquely positioned to make that vision real—through faith, education, and genuine partnership. **We invite rabbis worldwide to join us.**

The Ohr Torah Interfaith Center was established in 2020. It operates a Beit Midrash (a think tank) and the Blicke Institute for Interfaith Dialogue. The Center aims to **make religion part of the solution** to global challenges by promoting mutual recognition and respect between Judaism and other faiths. It is based on the belief that Judaism has a significant role to play in the larger story of humanity, especially in this new era of globalization on the one hand, and the establishment of Israel, on the other. **This work has always been as urgent as it is complex**, but never more so since October 7th.

The Center's initiatives include developing an intellectual infrastructure, garnering support within the Jewish people for interfaith dialogue, and advancing long-term connections with leaders of other faiths (with an emphasis on the Muslim world). The Center is headed by Rav Yakov Nagen, **one of the most prominent rabbis in the global interfaith scene**. It is recognized by religious and political leaders and organizations nationally and globally, with connections spanning Morocco, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iraq, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Europe, the US, and more, as well as Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

The Ohr Torah International Fellowship Program will be a **home and professional network for rabbis, educators, and communal leaders who wish to act in light of the aforementioned vision and goals**. The program will offer various opportunities for deep learning and meaningful interfaith activities such as meetings with religious figures in Israel and around the world, lectures, writing and publishing, developing educational programs, etc.

We invite you to get involved.



Logistics and Registration

1. Please find the detailed program below.
2. Please note that the schedule is subject to change due to speakers' availability and unexpected events.
3. Registration will open on October 15th and continue until December 15th.
4. Two info sessions will be held in November:
 - a. November 10th, 2:00 PM EST
 - b. November 18th, 2:00 PM EST
5. The participation fee is USD 3,000, which covers the educational program and two conferences in Washington, DC (not including travel costs). If this cost could prevent you from attending the program, please reach out to us, as subsidies are available.
6. **Application Process:**
 - a. To apply, please [click here](#) and fill out the online form.
 - b. Please add a short paragraph explaining why you think you are a good candidate for this program, and what you hope to gain from it.
 - c. Interviews will be held with relevant candidates.
 - d. **Please Note:** we have limited spots available, and we will be accepting fellows on a rolling basis. If you would like to join the fellowship, please complete your registration as soon as possible.



Timeline

Event	Date	Time	Notes
Registration Opens	15-Oct-25		
Online Info Session #1	10-Nov-25	9pm IST / 2pm EST (60 minutes)	
Online Info Session #2	18-Nov-25	9pm IST / 2pm EST (60 minutes)	
Registration Closes	15-Dec-25		
Opening Session	07-Jan-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction & Orientation. 2. The Interfaith Diplomacy Strategy.
Jewish Perceptions of Other Religions (continued)	14-Jan-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Jewish attitude towards other religions. 2. Minorities in a Jewish state.
The Interfaith Ecosystem	28-Jan-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding the landscape and key players. 2. Key findings from a research on interfaith dialogue after October 7th (JPPI).
The Allies of the Jewish People	21-Jan-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Key findings from a recent research mapping and analyzing the allies of the Jewish people.



Immersive Seminar + IRF Summit	01-03-Feb-26		Immersive 24-hour opening seminar (Sunday-Monday), followed by participation at the IRF Summit in Washington, DC (Monday-Tuesday).
Introduction to Christianity #1	18-Feb-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The roots of the Christian-Jewish conflict. 2. The Nostra Aetate: past, present, and future. 3. Current trends in Jewish-Christian dialogue.
Introduction to Christianity #2	25-Feb-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	
Introduction to Islam #1	11-Mar-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Islam's core beliefs and theology. 2. Muslim sociology, history, and politics. 3. The roots of the Jewish-Muslim conflict. 4. Understanding Islamism, Terrorism, and the Muslim Brotherhood. 5. Major Muslim organizations and players.
Introduction to Islam #2	18-Mar-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	
OTIC Delegation to the 3rd International Dialogue of Civilizations and Tolerance Conference in Abu Dhabi	22-26-Mar-26		Optional (extra payment)
The Jewish-Muslim Fraternity Project	15-Apr-25	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Joint study and discussion with Rav Yakov Nagen
Abrahamic Beit Midrash Meeting	29-Apr-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Joint text study with Muslim partners for Ramadan



Adjacent Circles: Conversos	06-May-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Getting to ethnic and religious groups that are adjacent to the Jewish people (part 1/2)
Hebraic Christianity	13-May-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	The Hebrew Roots movement
Antisemitism in the Muslim World	27-May-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	With ISGAP
Abrahamic Beit Midrash Meeting	03-Jun-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Joint text study with Muslim partners
Minorities in the Middle East	10-Jun-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Getting to know allies in the Middle East and their American diaspora
Adjacent Circles: Lost Tribes	17-Jun-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Getting to ethnic and religious groups that are adjacent to the Jewish people (part 2/2)
Abrahamic Beit Midrash Meeting	24-Jun-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	Joint text study with Muslim partners
Preparation for the G20IF Summit	15-Jul-26	9pm IST / 2pm EST (90 minutes)	
G20 Interfaith Forum Summit in DC	09-13-Aug-26		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participating in and speaking at the conference. 2. Year-end concluding discussion and summary.