

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:
GARTH SILBERSTEIN

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NAME: Garth Silberstein

GRADUATING CLASS: 2016

SPECIAL INTEREST: Jewish Environmentalism

As a leader in the growing Jewish environmental movement, Garth Silberstein strives to help Orthodox Jews discover that environmental stewardship is not only compatible with *halakha*, but indeed a mandate of it. He also aims to help the broader Jewish environmental community deepen their roots in Torah. Garth has served as a rabbinic intern at Hazon, where, for the past two summers, he has led the Hazon Cross-USA Ride, a nine-week bicycle journey from Seattle, Washington, to Washington, D.C. As the ride manager, Garth was responsible for everything from Jewish education to menu planning, from kashrut supervision to conflict resolution. This summer, Garth will be leading Organic Yeshiva, a new program which integrates work on an organic farm with advanced study of agricultural *halakha* and Torah sources relevant to environmental ethics. Garth also recently joined the leadership circle of Canfei Nesharim, the leading environmental organization in the Orthodox community.

After graduation, Garth hopes to serve as a pulpit rabbi, using arts and environmental education to engage Jews of diverse backgrounds in a synagogue community.