

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*News, Events, and More*

## NEWS

### **Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot Appointed Chair of Torah She-b'al Peh Department at SAR**



Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot has been appointed Chair of the Department of Torah She-b'al Peh at SAR High School, where he teaches Judaic Studies. Rabbi Helfgot, a beloved rebbe at YCT since its inception in 2001, will continue to teach *Tanakh* and *machshava*, and to convene YCT's annual Yemei Iyun on Bible and Jewish Thought.

### **2014 Meorot Fellowship now Accepting Applications**

The Meorot Fellowship is now accepting applications for 2014. The Fellowship is open to college juniors, seniors, and recent graduates interested in exploring and grappling with the opportunities and challenges of Orthodox identity and Jewish communal leadership.

The Fellowship consists of eight sessions, each built around a topical presentation by a leading academic, community leader, or rabbi. Presentations are followed by the core of the program – open and honest discussion. Past speakers have included Rabbi Saul Berman, Blu Greenberg, Rabbi Dov Linzer, and Dr. Bat

Sheva Marcus; and past topics have included Science and *Halakha*, Biblical Criticism, and Homosexuality.

The sessions will be held on selected Thursdays between October 23 and December 18, from 6:30–9:30 PM, on Manhattan's Upper West Side. A stipend is provided for participation in the Meorot Fellowship.

For contact information or to download the application, click [here](#).

## IN THE PRESS

July 11, 2014 – *The Jewish Standard* published an in-depth article on Rabbi Asher Lopatin as part of its ongoing "Focus on the Issues" series. In it, Rabbi Lopatin provides a specific responsa to charges of heresy on the part of YCT leveled by Rabbi Yaakov Perlow, leader of Agudath Israel, last May. Rabbi Lopatin also details his vision for the future of Modern Orthodoxy and the yeshiva. The article, written by Larry Yudelson is titled "[All in the Family](#)."

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Joshua Feigelson

**Home Town:**  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Graduating Class:** 2005



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**Position:** Founder and Director of Ask Big Questions, Hillel International

**About Rabbi Feigelson:** Rabbi Joshua Feigelson is Founder and Director of Ask Big Questions ([www.askbigquestions.org](http://www.askbigquestions.org)), an initiative of Hillel International that has trained thousands of people worldwide to facilitate and participate in text-based reflective learning. Ask Big Questions has won wide recognition as a transformative approach to both Jewish learning and, more broadly, general education. Joshua previously served as Campus Rabbi at Northwestern University Hillel in Evanston, Illinois, and as a member of the senior staff at the iCenter for Israel Education in Northbrook, Illinois. He is a graduate of Yale University and a doctoral candidate in Religious Studies at Northwestern University. His dissertation research focuses on the work of Rabbi Yitz Greenberg and American Jewish life in the 1960s and 1970s.

Joshua is a Wexner Graduate Fellow and currently co-chairs the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Alumni Coordinating Committee. He also chairs the Ritual Policy Committee for Chicago Jewish Day School and serves on the Ritual and Education Committees of Kol Sasson Congregation in Skokie, Illinois. Joshua and his wife, Natalie Blitt, live in Skokie and are the proud parents of three boys: Jonah, 11; Micah, 9; and Toby, 1.

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