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Shalom u'vracha to all of our friends and members.

This year has been record breaking for our University Network and Campus Fellowships Program. We are currently on 21 campuses from UCLA to New York University. We have international fellows at McGill and University of Toronto in Canada, and for the first time in England at Oxford University.

We are off to a great start this semester on our campuses. Our fellows are leading groups tackling various issues in Modern Orthodoxy.

Here are some of our highlights. Many of our students are leading conversations around immigration and refugees. In Binghamton Marc Generowicz and Sara Pincus are leading a discussion about Activism for Aleppo. At Muhlenberg College, Emily Goldberg will be discussing Immigration and Refugees. Other fellows are also making Orthodox Judaism relevant by examining pressing issues through a Torah lense. Samuel Hamermesh at Johns Hopkins, will be looking at LGBT issues. In January, Nicole Mashian and Daniel Levine, at UCLA, looked at what it means to have privilege as a Jewish person. Ari Barbalat, of the University of Toronto, will be doing an event called, "Where is God in Acts of Genocide?"

New York University, Stern College and Baruch College have invited Rabbi Hayyim Angel, our National Scholar, for a downtown New York City lecture. And with thanks to the Rabbi Arthur A. Jacobovitz Institute, Brandeis will be hosting Rabbi Avi Weiss in March. Students will also focus on the Philosophy of Halakha at Rutgers, Being Jewish Outside of Israel at Drexel and The Relationship with Truth, Law, and Authority at Harvard.

Our University Network continues to grow, reaching out to students all over the world. If you are a student, you can join the network for free by simply signing up on our website. Information and registration can be found on our homepage at

[jewishideas.org](http://jewishideas.org)

We thank you for your continued support of our students and their efforts.