National Scholar May 2019 Report

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To our members and friends

It has been an incredibly productive spring with our Institute programs and classes. We continue to build bridges throughout the community and promote our vision in communities, college campuses, and schools.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

On **Shabbat, May 3-4**, I will be the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Ohav Sholom in Manhattan (270 West 84th Street, between Broadway and West End Avenue). Please see here for the schedule: https://www.jewishideas.org/rabbi-hayyim-angel-scholar-residence-congregation-ohav-sholom-manhattan

On **Shabbat, June 1**, I will be the scholar-in-residence at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Teaneck, New Jersey (641 West Englewood Avenue).

On **Sunday-Monday June 23-24**, I will present four papers at the Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Yemei Iyun on Bible and Jewish Thought. The annual conference is co-sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals, and I participate every year. For a complete schedule and registration information, see here https://www.yctorah.org/giving/yemeiiyun/

Our Campus Fellows of our University Network continue to run effective programming through the United States and Canada. Please see our latest report here

https://www.jewishideas.org/article/campus-fellows-report-may-2019

If you know of eligible university students who would be good Campus Fellows for the 2019-2020 academic year, please have them contact me at hangel@jewishideas.org, or have them go online here https://www.jewishideas.org/university-network/application. Applicants first must join the University Network, which is free, here https://www.jewishideas.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=9

I continue to serve as the Tanakh Education Scholar at Ben Porat Yosef Yeshiva Day School in Paramus, New Jersey. Ben Porat Yosef creates a complete feeling of what the Ashkenazic and

Sephardic worlds of thought, halakhah, custom, and history can do to complement one another, very much in line with our vision at the Institute. We are currently developing an innovative Bible program for grades 1-8 that likewise reflects our deepest values at the Institute, which combine commitment to tradition with critical-mindedness, openness to ideas, and a rationalist, non-fundamentalist approach to sacred texts. It is a privilege partnering with this singular institution.

I also am the guest editor for *Conversations* 34, which will feature a collection of Rabbi Marc D. Angel's essays in celebration of his fifty years in the rabbinate. We also plan on holding several events in honor of this momentous occasion in the coming year.

If you have not yet seen our two symposia on Conversion and Ethics, please see them here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG17aaahdPQ and here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjL_o2e4B68.

As always, thank you for all of your support, and we will continue to spread our vision to educators, university students, and the broader Jewish community.

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