

GOLDA MEIR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

From Miriam to Esther to Golda Meir, Jewish women have historically been at the forefront of leading movements and advancing societal change; fomenting change where there is injustice, and inspiring others through faith, values, ethics, and strength.

What is the Golda Meir Fellowship?

Part of the newly-created Yeshiva University Women's Initiative for Leadership and Learning (YUWILL), The Golda Meir Fellows is a small group of like-minded Yeshiva University undergraduate students who meet together twice a semester with a faculty mentor to discuss leadership through topics that impact society and one's own ability to lead. The intent of the group is to build the future leaders of society, create comradery, and offer mentorship between and to a high-achieving group of Yeshiva University undergraduate students. The Fellowship is an exciting opportunity for growth, and exposure to amazing mentorship possibility. Acceptance to this group ensures your membership over the duration of your time at YU (and after).



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Sample past topics include: Capitalism and Freedom, Crowd Mentality, Fear, the Implications of the Metaverse on Society, and Comparing and Contrasting Current Leadership Failures.

Past and current Fellows include: Rachel Doretsky, Kayla Forman, Rachelli Klibanoff, Mila Krugman, Frayda Laine, Abigail Lerman, Eliana Raskas, Leah Schewitz, Liana Seidenfeld, and Sarah Zaoinz.

Who should apply?

Any currently enrolled undergraduate YU student passionate about leadership and learning, who clearly exhibits self-directed initiative. Applicants must also be able to commit to meeting twice a semester on campus for one hour and a half, and spend a significant amount of time preparing for and participating in each meeting. In addition, with a newly forged partnership with Batsheva (Batsheva.tv), a premier Jewish Women's Leadership organization outside of YU, students will be required to volunteer at two Batsheva events per year. Other significant mentorship opportunities through Batsheva will be provided. Fellows who consistently fail to make these time commitments will respectfully be asked to leave the group.



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What is the application process?

Applications consist of two parts. The first is an explanation of why you belong in this group. Be creative, take initiative, make your points clear. There is purposely no structure provided so students can demonstrate their own initiative. The second is an email reference from one professor besides the GMF Faculty Mentor. This does not need to be a letter, but rather a short explanation (in email form) in support of your application. If you are accepted to the program, you need not apply again for the rest of your time at YU.

When are applications due?

Applications are due September 1, and can be submitted any time prior as well. Zoom interviews will be conducted in early September and decisions made before the first GMF meeting in early October. All applications as well any questions can be emailed to Dr. Sharon Poczter (sharon.poczter@yu.edu), the Golda Meir Fellows Faculty Mentor.



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