



René Cassin Anglo-Jewish Association Fellowship Programme 2018



Anthony Silkoff



Anthony is the Interfaith and Social Action Officer at the Board of Deputies of British Jews, where he manages social action projects and relationships between the Jewish community and other faith communities across Britain. Prior to joining the Board of Deputies in 2016, Anthony worked in a number of campaigning and advocacy roles for charities including the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, Save the Children, OneVoice and Nazdeek, a human rights NGO in Delhi. Anthony has a Masters degree in Human Rights from the University of Glasgow.

Bella Lever



Bella graduated from Durham University this year with a BA in English Lit and Russian Language which included a very cold year living in Saint Petersburg and Tomsk. Bella spent her summers attending and leading Noam camps and started thinking about human rights issues through a Jewish lens during time on the Kelim programme at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Bella's interest in human rights work developed further during time volunteering in the immigration department at a local law centre and led to Bella current studying for a Masters in Human Rights at UCL.

Emma Pearlman



Emma was born in Hull, but now lives in Manchester and works as a Software Developer, after a good few years in Bristol, Sunderland and Israel. Emma was secretary of Hull BBYO, then chaired a revived Sunderland University Jewish Society. In Manchester Emma volunteered with Limmud, is a CST volunteer and is on the Representative Council Executive as Publicity Secretary.

For fun, Emma likes reading, baking and traveling – always having new places on the bucket list, or new things to see in old favourites, and photography is in there too. Emma could easily become a cinema addict.

Emma Shaw



Emma has just returned from America where she was a fellow in the Adamah Jewish farming programme for 3 months. Emma was inspired by the Jewish community she lived with to explore community organising and social justice issues. Previously Emma graduated with a B.Sc. in psychology with criminology and went on to work for 2 years at JCoSS with students as a learning support assistant and mentor. Emma is excited to enhance her skills in public speaking and engage in discussions on topics that are fairly new to her.

Gaviella Morris



Gavi grew up in Leeds and has been involved in the Jewish community throughout her life. She was a keen member of RSY-Netzer attending Shnat Netzer during her gap year and undertaking movement work in 2015. She currently serves as a board member of Reform Judaism. Gavi graduated with a degree in Sociology from the University of Nottingham and has since taken an interest in criminal justice, interning at the Howard League for Penal Reform in 2017. She now works as a Policy Officer for Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons.

Grace Diamond



Born in Canada and raised in Hampshire, **Grace** recently graduated from Leeds Beckett University in Business and Management where she started her involvement in the Jewish community as President of the Jewish Society. During her time at university she was involved in organising the annual Jewish Society Charity Ball and was a fundraising intern at a local charity. She now works at The Union of Jewish Students as Jewish Society Officer, focusing in social action, the opportunity to work with students to have a positive social change in our society is the biggest honour Grace could ask for.

Jonty Leibowitz



Jonty is a 22-year-old recent graduate from the University of Cambridge, and a current Social Innovation Fellow at Year Here. Jonty is a committed activist with the Labour Party and Citizens UK, as well as a long-standing youth leader with LJY-Netzer. He is relishing the opportunity to work with René Cassin to fly the flag for human rights issues both within the Jewish community and beyond, and wishes to pursue a career campaigning on the issues he is passionate about.

Lauren Chaplin



Lauren recently completed a Masters in Human Rights at University College London, where she wrote her thesis on the role of documentaries within Israel/Palestine. She holds an English degree from Cambridge, and submitted a dissertation on women's Holocaust literature in her final year. Currently, she's part-way through the Graduate Diploma in Law, and is hoping to pursue a legal career. She's interested in contemporary Jewish thought and culture, especially within the diaspora, and is excited to be part of this year's Fellowship cohort.

Samantha Lindfield



Over the last 6 years **Samantha** has volunteered, interned and worked, for various NGO's in the UK and abroad, including Amnesty International and VSO. Samantha quickly developed a keen interest in human rights issues and in 2014/15 interned at Latet ("to give" in Hebrew) and then Amnesty International Israel in Tel Aviv over the course of a year. On the back of this trip she then decided to come back to London and get a Bachelor's degree in Global Politics & International Relations, which Samantha has been doing in the evenings. Hobbies generally include; traveling, reading and politics."

Sam Alston



Sam grew up in Surrey less than two miles from the site of the Magna Carta's signing, attending Kingston Liberal Synagogue. Though university he became increasingly engaged in making positive change in the world, organising a number of environmental campaigns. As he became aware of the wider Jewish community through the Board of Deputies, he became more and more concerned about how to encourage human rights work in UK Jewish community.

Working for LJY-Netzer and co-founding Oil Vay the Jewish Climate Change Organisation, he is excited to find practical ways to apply human rights thinking to British Jewish life.

Samuel Walker



Since graduating from the University of Leicester where he read Politics and Economics, **Sam** has worked as a Civil Servant, specialising in Digital, Data and Technology. His work has ranged from public service operations to EU and International affairs.

Sam is particularly interested in digital technology as a tool for progressive change and would like to learn more about the impact that advances in the field may have on Human Rights.

Talia Blank



Talia is from North West London and works for a charity that educates young people on numerous topics, particularly sex and relationships. She has a decade of experience working with young people in the criminal justice system and from disadvantaged backgrounds and has an MA in Anthropology (specialising in Youth and Community Work). Talia has always had an interest in combining her Jewish identity with human rights; lately, she has volunteered with a Jewish humanitarian aid charity, travelling to Turkey, Ethiopia and India to support their projects. Her other passions include spending time with her nephew and eating Italian food.