

## Apply Now for the 2021 Bronfman Fellowship!

A transformative, one-of-a-kind Fellowship opportunity for intellectually adventurous Jewish high school juniors. Read more and apply at <u>bronfman.org</u>.



Every year, our pluralistic group of twenty-six Fellows embark on a **transformative**, **deeply personal journey in which they learn to see the world through a lens broader than their own**. Inspired by a diverse faculty of Rabbis and educators, Fellows explore the rich tapestry of Jewish texts and ideas, using them to spark conversations, engage with stimulating existential questions, and achieve a deeper understanding of themselves and one another. They also expand their perspectives through intensive encounters with a parallel group of

Israeli peers.

**The Fellowship begins with a free, five-week trip to Israel** (assuming the safety of travel\*) in the summer between the Fellows' junior and senior years of high school, followed by monthly virtual experiences and a winter and spring seminar in the U.S. Fellows continue their association with the Fellowship through our extraordinarily active, 1,300+ alumni community.

\*It is our hope that the 2021 Fellowship Year will proceed normally and that the Fellows will be able to meet in person and travel to Israel. **If international travel is not possible, please know that we are committed to running a stellar experience in 2021** – whether that involves a domestic travel alternative or virtual programming.

## **Eligibility and Important Dates**

High school students in the 11th grade who self-identify as Jewish, who are from the United States or Canada, and who were born before June 28, 2005, are eligible for the Fellowship. The Fellowship begins the summer after eleventh grade.

- Application Deadline: December 3, 2020
- Summer Seminar: June 28 August 4, 2021
- Winter Seminar: December 2 7, 2021
- Spring Seminar: April 29 May 3, 2022

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## The Bronfman Fellowship Year at a Glance

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The Bronfman Fellowship is a transformative, year-long experience for a cohort of 26 intellectually adventurous young people who want to see the world through a lens broader than their own. It includes:

- A five-week summer in Israel In between their junior and senior years of high school, Fellows encounter the land and people of Israel, study major issues in contemporary Jewish life, and meet with some of today's most influential figures. With the guidance of a diverse faculty of Rabbis and educators, the Fellows have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wide range of Jewish texts and ideas as well as artistic workshops.
- Monthly virtual meetings Opportunities for reflection, deep dialogue, and processing with the same small group of Fellows and a faculty member.
- Winter Context Seminar A collective retreat in December in the Northeastern U.S., in which the Fellows continue to learn and build relationships, and meet up with the Israeli Fellows who visit the U.S. at this time.
- Spring Seminar Several days in the spring when the Fellows and faculty meet in a Northeastern U.S. city – generally NYC or Washington D.C. – to explore American Jewish identities.
- Beyond Bronfman process Fellows choose a question, topic, or idea from their Fellowship summer that they would like to explore further. When they return home, they embark on a process of deep exploration with the help of alumni, staff, and faculty.



#### Summer in Israel 5 weeks in Israel the

summer after 11th grade. Includes an encounter with Israeli Fellows.



#### Winter Encounter

A weekend retreat in December, when the Israeli Fellows visit the U.S.



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Journal Groups

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Video conferences with Fellows and a Faculty member continue after the summer.



Spring Seminar

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#### Fellows join alumni community Upon completion of the Fellowship year, Fellows

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# **Meet the Fellows!**

Four recent Fellows explain what Bronfman means to them.

BEFORE BRONFMAN, I DIDN'T PULLY GRASP THE POWER DF UNDERSTANDING OTHER NARRATIVES, AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SEE THINGS TROM MORE THAN ONE PERSPECTIVE. NOW, LISEE EVERYONE IN MY LIFE DIFPERENTLY BECAUSE OF IT - YONI ALTMAN-SHAFER ('17)

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THE BRONFMAN FELLOWSHIP HAS INTRODUCED ME TO A DEEPER, MORE MEANINGFUL WAY OF THINKING ABOUT ALL THAT IS ENGAGING AND CHALLENGING. I'VE MET THE MOST INCREDIBLY CURIOUS, OPEN-MINDED, AND COHESIVE [GROUP OF DEERS THIS SUMMER WITH WHOM I AM EXCITED TO CONTINUE LEARNING." - SHULIE SMOLYANITSKY ('17)

## **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 3, 2020**

"I'LL ALWAYS THINK OF BRONFMAN AS MY 'SPIRIT HOME'. A PLACE THAT ENABLED MY IMAGINATION TO RUN WILD, WHERE I COULD SOAR INTO IDEAS COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO ME AND COME AWAY WITH DEEP AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES" - RAYA TREIBICZ ('19)

"OVER THE FELLOWSHIP I DEVELOPED LIFELONG BONDS, FELT THE WARMTH OF AN INCREDIBLE GROUP, AND APPROACHED TEXTS WITH PASSIONATE INTENSITY." - ISAIAH MILBAUER ('16)