



**American Jewish World Service** is delighted to announce the recipients of the AJWS *Dvar Tzedek* Torah Commentary: Lisa Goldberg Memorial Writers' Fellowship for 5771. Each writer brings a unique and powerful voice to Jewish social justice. We hope they will inspire and motivate us toward a Jewish identity that embraces justice and social responsibility.

### About the *Dvar Tzedek*

The *Dvar Tzedek* is a weekly Torah commentary highlighting global justice teachings that are deeply rooted in Torah. To read and subscribe to this publication, visit [www.ajws.org/dvartzedek](http://www.ajws.org/dvartzedek). To subscribe to the weekly podcast, visit [www.ajws.org/podcast](http://www.ajws.org/podcast).

### About Lisa Goldberg

As President of the Charles S. Revson Foundation, Lisa Goldberg had a profound commitment to the Jewish community and to social justice. She was a creative and vigorous supporter of leadership development, public interest law, women and public policy and Jewish culture. Lisa died tragically at the age of 54. She was a good friend and generous supporter of AJWS. We are honored to name this writers' fellowship, which embodies many of the values she held dear, in her memory.

### 5771 Fellows



**Shira Fischer** is an MD/PhD candidate in epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts and holds a BA in biochemistry from Harvard College. She is an alumna of the Dorot Fellowship, through which she spent a year post-college studying Talmud and working at the Academy for Hebrew Language in Jerusalem. She subsequently worked on health policy in Washington, D.C., and served on the Massachusetts Medical Society's Committee for Public Health. Shira enjoys teaching Jewish studies and reading Torah for several local communities in Brookline, Massachusetts.



**Dani Passow** is a third-year rabbinical student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York, where he is also a Wexner Graduate Fellow. A graduate of Cooper Union's Engineering school and formerly a researcher in chemistry and bio-engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, Dani has also studied in a number of *yeshivot* in Israel, including Yeshivat Har Etzion and Yeshivat Maale Gilboa. Dani is the director of the Tav HaYosher—a non-profit program that certifies and promotes kosher eating establishments that treat their employees fairly. He also lectures and writes frequently about Judaism and social justice, and was awarded the 2010 Whizin Prize for Jewish ethics.



**Jimmy Taber** is a second-year MA/MBA candidate at Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Professional Leadership. After completing his BA in Critical Theory and Social Justice at Occidental College in Los Angeles, Jimmy served as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow with KOREH L.A., the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles's literacy program. He has also previously worked at the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Coalition for Service, and Gateways: Access to Jewish Education. Upon completing the Hornstein Program, Jimmy hopes to work in the field of social justice.



**Rachel Travis** is currently the Curatorial Assistant for the Roman Vishniac Collection at the International Center of Photography. After earning a Masters in Jewish Art and Visual Culture at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rachel has worked at a number of museums and Jewish institutions, exercising her belief that art can serve as a vehicle for social change. Born in Manhattan and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, she currently lives with her husband in the Upper West Side where they enjoy biking, baking and urban farming.