



American Jewish World Service is delighted to announce the recipients of the AJWS *Dvar Tzedek* Torah Commentary: Lisa Goldberg Memorial Writers' Fellowship for 5770. 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. To subscribe to the weekly podcast, visit 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.



Aviva Presser Aiden, a first-year medical student at Harvard Medical School, received her PhD from Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in 2009. She co-founded Bears Without Borders, an organization fostering economic opportunities among developing-world artisans, and is co-founder and CTO of Lebônê, a social enterprise developing microbial fuel cells as an off-grid energy and lighting solution for Africa. These initiatives have received significant public acclaim, including a novella inspired by Bears Without Borders and *New York Times* coverage of Lebônê's technology.



Guy Izhak Austrian is a community organizer and 2nd-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He first saw an integrated model of community, spirituality and social justice while working at a Latino immigrant workers' center, as part of his 10-plus years of experience in social change movements. Hoping to develop such a model with Jews, he worked at the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in Chicago and Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City and decided to pursue the rabbinate. This year he will be in Jerusalem, studying at the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary and living with his life partner, Rabbi Jill Jacobs.



Daniel Bloom is an Australian-born environmentalist who currently works as a program associate at Hazon. He has a degree in Jewish Studies from Monash University in Melbourne and also studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Daniel enjoys travel: he has backpacked through China and Southeast Asia and served as a volunteer English teacher in Danang, Vietnam. After moving to Israel, he studied for a year at Yeshivat Hamivtar before serving for six months in the Israeli Defense Forces. He currently lives with his wife in New York City.



Rachel Farbiarz is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, as well as of an Orthodox yeshivah high school. After clerking for a federal appellate judge in San Francisco, Rachel practiced law focusing on the civil rights and humane treatment of prisoners. In this role, she helped to improve the basic living conditions on California's death row at San Quentin. Rachel currently lives with her husband in Washington, D.C., where she works on her own writing and art. This is the second year that Rachel has penned *Divrei Tzedek* for AJWS.



Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster is director of education and outreach for Rabbis for Human Rights—North America. She was ordained in 2008 from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she also received her MA and BA in Midrash, and is a graduate of Barnard College. A teacher of Jews of all ages and a committed activist, Rachel was deeply inspired by her trip to El Salvador with AJWS in 2004. She is a contributor to the Jewish food sustainability blog *The Jew and the Carrot* and recently joined the board of Hazon. Her writing has also appeared in *Conservative Judaism*, *Sh'ma* and *Jvoices.com*.