

# SHURAT HADIN'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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# **SHURAT HADIN - ISRAEL LAW CENTER**

**SHURAT HADIN  
IS AT THE  
FOREFRONT OF  
FIGHTING  
TERRORISM AND  
SAFEGUARDING  
JEWISH RIGHTS  
WORLDWIDE**

We are dedicated to protecting the State of Israel. By defending against lawfare suits, fighting academic and economic boycotts, and challenging those who seek to delegitimize the Jewish State, Shurat HaDin is utilizing court systems around the world to go on the legal offensive against Israel's enemies.

Based in Tel Aviv, and directed by attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, Shurat HaDin works with Western intelligence agencies, law enforcement branches and a network of volunteer lawyers across the globe to file legal actions on behalf of terror victims.



# THE PROGRAM



The program will bring students together with top lecturers, hold annual seminars and tours alongside the establishment of an alumni network.

The Weissblum Internship Program will work to train Israel's next generation of leaders in the public-legal arena by imparting knowledge and a broad set of tools in the fields of public diplomacy of Israel, the fight against the (BDS) movement, and legal warfare.



# PROGRAM FACULTY

## ADV. NITSANA DARSHAN LEITNER

Israeli activist attorney, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner has been leading the legal fight against Israel's enemies in the courts worldwide. She and her colleagues pioneered the strategy of combating terror financing, the anti-Israel boycott campaigns (BDS) and the multitude of lawfare threats against the Jewish State by its enemies using civil lawsuits. As the president of the Tel-Aviv based civil rights organization, Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center, she has represented hundreds of terror victims in legal actions against terrorist organizations and their supporters and has won hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation on their behalf. Under the motto: "Bankrupting Terrorism – One Lawsuit at a Time!", she and her associates are handling civil actions against Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the PLO, The Palestinian Authority, Hezbollah, Iran, Syria, Egypt, North Korea, UBS, and the Lebanese Canadian Bank. The cases, being litigated in Israeli, American, Canadian and European jurisdictions, allow the victims of terrorism to fight back. In recent years, Ms. Darshan-Leitner initiated a legal campaign to deprive terrorists of social media resources such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, which they use to incite violence on-line against Jews and promote terror attacks.

In her efforts to combat anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli extremism, Ms. Darshan-Leitner assisted in blocking the Gaza Flotilla, brought war crimes complaints against Hamas and PLO leaders in the International Criminal Court, prosecuted multiple lawsuits against the BDS movement. She recently won a major victory against Airbnb for delisting Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria from its website. Ms. Darshan-Leitner is the nationally bestselling co-author of the book HARPOON (Hachette Publishers). The narrative recounts Shurat HaDin's work with the Israeli Mossad to wage financial warfare against Israel's terrorist enemies. In 2016 and 2018, Ms. Darshan-Leitner was chosen as one of the 50 most influential Jews in the world by the Jerusalem Post, and named by the Israeli financial magazine, The Marker, as one of the 50 most influential Israeli women. A mother of six, including triplets, Ms. Darshan-Leitner is a graduate of the Bar-Ilan University Law Faculty and holds an MBA from Manchester University.





## ADV. AVI GUEZ

Avi was born and raised in Jerusalem. He holds an LLB from Ono Academic College, a B.Ed from Herzog College and a B.Sc in neuroscience from Bar Ilan University. He is currently studying for a dual LLM in Tel-Aviv/Northwestern Universities. Prior to joining Shurat HaDin, Avi worked as an intern in the office of Israel's Civil Deputy Attorney General, Sarit Dana. Avi joined Shurat HaDin in 2014 and holds several key responsibilities including, administering legal matters with Israel's High Court, litigating cases against the Palestinian Authority, collecting evidence regarding cases of liability and damages tried in the United States, and coordinating relations with Israeli government officials. Avi is academic director of Shurat HaDin's annual New Laws of War Conference.



## GENERAL GAL HIRSCH

General Gal Hirsch is IDF's Depth Command, as well as the Founder and Chairman of Defensive-Shield Holdings Ltd. He has served in various commanding positions in anti-terror, commando and paratroopers' units and is experienced within the fields of counter terrorism, counter insurgency and guerilla warfare. For 34 years, Brigadier General Hirsch spearheaded Israel's fight against terrorism, on all fronts, as a commander of several elite units, and as a field officer.



## SHAI MASOT

Shai Masot is a Digital Marketing Consultant specializes in digital marketing strategy, marketing operations and digital transformation. Shai has ten years of vast experience in managing high exposure campaigns and collaborating with strategic partners, lobbyists, PR and advertising firms.



## YOAV LIMOR

Yoav Limor is the senior defense correspondent for "Israel Hayom", host of the morning show and documentaries on Keshet TV, and host of "The Defense Magazine", on I24news TV. Limor is a veteran military correspondent, covering the Middle East conflict for the last 33 years. Limor has covered all major events in the region, such as the on-going conflict with the Palestinians, the 2000 withdrawal from Lebanon, the 2005 disengagement from Gaza, the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the 2006 Lebanon war (he co-wrote the best-seller, Captives of Lebanon), the operations in Gaza and the on-going battle to stop Iran's nuclear project. Limor also covered major events around the world. He has a new book, Snapshot (with the photographer Ziv Koren).



## ITAY REUVENI

Itai is the Director of Communications at NGO Monitor, a Jerusalem based non-profit research institute with UN ECOSOC status. His areas of expertise are social movements and civil society, NGOs role in conflict, foreign funding, and antisemitism. Itai is an alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Program, a prestigious program run by the US State Department. He earned a BA in political science, Iranian studies, and an MA in political Science and international affairs at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2018, he was included in Makor Rishon's list of the most influential young adults in Israel, and in 2019 he was awarded Haifa University's "Online Ambassadors Award" for his work in combating antisemitism. Itai's articles and op-eds have appeared in many publications. He also lectures in various forums around the world.



## DR. MORDECHAI KEDAR

Dr. Mordechai Kedar, the Director of the Center for the Study of the Middle East and Islam (under formation), a research associate of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies and a lecturer in the Department of Arabic at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, is one of Israel's leading figures in understanding the Arab world. He is the Middle East analyst of the daily newspaper "Makor Rishon" as well as other publications.

Dr. Kedar is a frequent guest in the Israeli, Arab and international media. In January of 2011, Dr. Kedar gave a very insightful presentation on Capitol Hill on "Why is the Middle East Such a Difficult Area for Americans and Westerners to Understand?"



## ADV. AMIT HADAD

Amit Hadad, co-founder and managing partner of Hadad, Roth & Co., is a prominent attorney in the State of Israel. He is renowned for leading some of the most complex and famous civil litigation, and white-collar criminal proceedings in Israel. Amit was a close associate and disciple of the late Dr. Jacob Weinroth, a towering figure in the Israeli legal arena. Amit has extensive acumen in multiple areas of law, accompanying high profile clients, public officials, senior executives, and leading corporations on a wide range of issues that are at the center of the public and legal discourse in Israel. Among his clients, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Boaz Harpaz (a high-ranking military commander), Tali Keidar (the Yisrael Beiteinu affair), Eyal Golan and Kobi Peretz (Israeli celebrities).



## ADV. AVI SEGAL

Attorney Segal is principal at the Law Offices of Avraham Moshe Segal & Co. He has worked in all branches of civil law, including many years as a litigator. Attorney Segal represents and works with many pro-Israel groups including Shurat HaDin, where he has assisted the organization with many anti-terror cases, representing hundreds of terror victims in lawsuits against the PA and PLO. Attorney Segal has also assisted Shurat HaDin with anti-BDS litigation in Israel. Attorney Segal holds an LL.B. degree from Bar Ilan University.



## ADV. SHAUL GORDON

Shaul Gordon was the senior legal advisor for Israel National Police (INP) from 2006-2016. During that time, Gordon provided legal advice on several key domestic security challenges with international reverberations, including the sustained stabbing attacks of 2015. Gordon provided legal counsel on administrative detention, rules of engagement and house demolitions. He served as President of the Military Court of Appeals in Judea & Samaria, the Gaza Strip from 2000-2006, and served as the Deputy Legal Advisor for Judea & Samaria during the preceding five- year period. Gordon was also the President of the Military Court in Gaza and Vice President of the Military Court in Ramallah. He earned his law degree at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and holds an MBA from Derby College, UK.





## ADV. MICHAEL SFARD

Michael Sfard is a lawyer specializing in international human rights law and the laws of war, with a special emphasis on the law of belligerent occupation. He has served as counsel on the successful litigations for the removal of settlements built in Judea and Samaria (such as Migron and Amona). He also spearheaded petitions concerning the Separation Barrier (among them the "Alfei Menashe" and Bil'in cases). He is the legal adviser to several Israeli human rights and humanitarian organizations as well as peace groups (such as Yesh Din, Peace Now, Breaking the Silence, Comet Middle-East and the Human Rights Defenders Fund). He represents Palestinian communities, Israeli and Palestinian activists, and advises international human Rights and humanitarian NGOs.



## ADV. MAURICE HIRSCH

Lieutenant Colonel Maurice Hirsch is an International Law expert who specializes in the prosecution of terrorists, the PA, and international law as applied in Judea and Samaria. Hirsch was born in South Africa and educated in the UK. Hirsch served in a number of senior positions in the IDF: In the Military Advocate General's Corps., including assistant to the legal advisor to Judea and Samaria; head of legal advice to the navy, air force, ground forces and home Front, and as the head of the military prosecution for Judea and Samaria. Hirsch retired from the IDF after 19 years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel. Hirsch represented the IDF, and the State of Israel in talks with a UN organization. Since retiring from the IDF, Hirsch acts as the Head of Legal Strategies for Palestinian Media Watch.



## PROF. AVI BELL

Avi Bell is a leading scholar of international law. A professor at the University of San Diego School of Law and at Bar Ilan University's Faculty of Law, Prof. Bell also serves as a visiting fellow in the Project on the Foundations of Private Law at Harvard Law School, a senior Fellow at the Kohelet Policy Forum, and as dean of the Tikvah Institute and the Foundations of Democracy. Prof. Bell is involved in public service and diplomacy, and assisted various non-profit organizations including service on the Board of Directors of NGO Monitor and as director of the Global Law Forum at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Prof. Bell holds B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Chicago and an S.J.D. degree from Harvard University's School of Law.





## YARIV OPPENHEIMER

Yariv Oppenheimer is a left-wing Israeli activist and politician. He was the director of Peace Now, for a year and a half until his resignation in April 2016, reportedly due to internal struggles.

Oppenheimer ran for a spot on the Meretz list for the April 2019 Israeli legislative election. He obtained 13th place on the Meretz list



## FORMER JUDGE MOSHE DRORI

Moshe Yair Drori was born in Jerusalem in 1949. He received his LLB and LLM in 1970 and 1975 respectively, both with honors, from the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University. During 1970-1975, he served as an officer in the I.D.F. Since 1976, he has served in various teaching capacities at the Hebrew University, and was appointed visiting professor by the Hebrew University in 2005. In September 2001 he was appointed as a Judge in the Jerusalem District Court and on February 2013 he was appointed as the Vice President of the Jerusalem District Court. He retired on 2019 April, and since then he is an arbitrator and mediator.



## OR HIKRY

Or was born and raised in Israel. He received his L.L.B. in law from The Academic Center for Law and Science, and his M.A. in Public Policy and International Relations, from the Tel Aviv University. He is currently a candidate for receiving his teaching license. Or paved his legal career interning at the D. Brotfeld Law Offices, where he practiced civil and commercial law. He later served as the Deputy Director of the Israeli Leadership Institute ("ILI") and worked as the Head of Informal Education for Youth at the Rosh Ha'ayin Municipality. Prior to University, Or completed his mandatory military service in both the Samson Unit and Brigade 91 during the Second Lebanon War, was honorably discharged from the IDF as a Chief Sergeant. Or is the Project Manager for Shurat HaDin

