



# Meet Dahlia Shaham!

Dahlia Shaham is a student at the Israeli Rabbinic Program at Hebrew Union College Jerusalem, about to be ordained in November this year. She lives in Haifa with her partner Aran and their son Nouri.

Born and raised in Haifa, Dahlia attended the Leo Baeck High School, where she joined the reform youth movement and participated in NFTY E.I.E student exchange program to the USA.

She served as an Arabic translator in the IDF and went on translating English and Arabic for TV news during her undergraduate studies.



With LL.B in Law (Hebrew University), M.A in international political economy (The Fletcher School, Tufts University) and a passion for peace, Dahlia has worked for over 16 years with Israeli, Palestinian and international NGOs on research, education and policy initiatives aimed a building bridges between people otherwise divided by their religion, nationality and ethnicity.

In 2015 Dahlia entered the Israeli Rabbinic Program at HUC-JIR wishing to enhance the religious roots of peace-seeking and combine intellect with musical and spiritual work.

She has been leading Shabbat, Holiday & Bar Mitzvah services in various progressive congregations in Israel, organizing interfaith activities, and teaching Beit Midrash sessions for teenagers and adults.

During the 2018 High Holydays, Dahlia served as rabbinic scholar in residence at Kedem, engaging and inspiring the Kedem community and the wider Progressive community. Dahlia brought a high level of musicality, spirituality, wisdom and warmth to the shule services, learning sessions and social events that her program included, and we can't wait for more of the same again this year! Last year's Master Chef cooking sessions with chef Aran were extremely popular. Opportunities to cook and feast with Aran will again be included this year's program!

Dahlia will be back at Kedem again this year, from September 23rd until October 22nd.

*See Dahlia's program in the Kedem newsletter and website [www.kedem.com.au](http://www.kedem.com.au)*

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