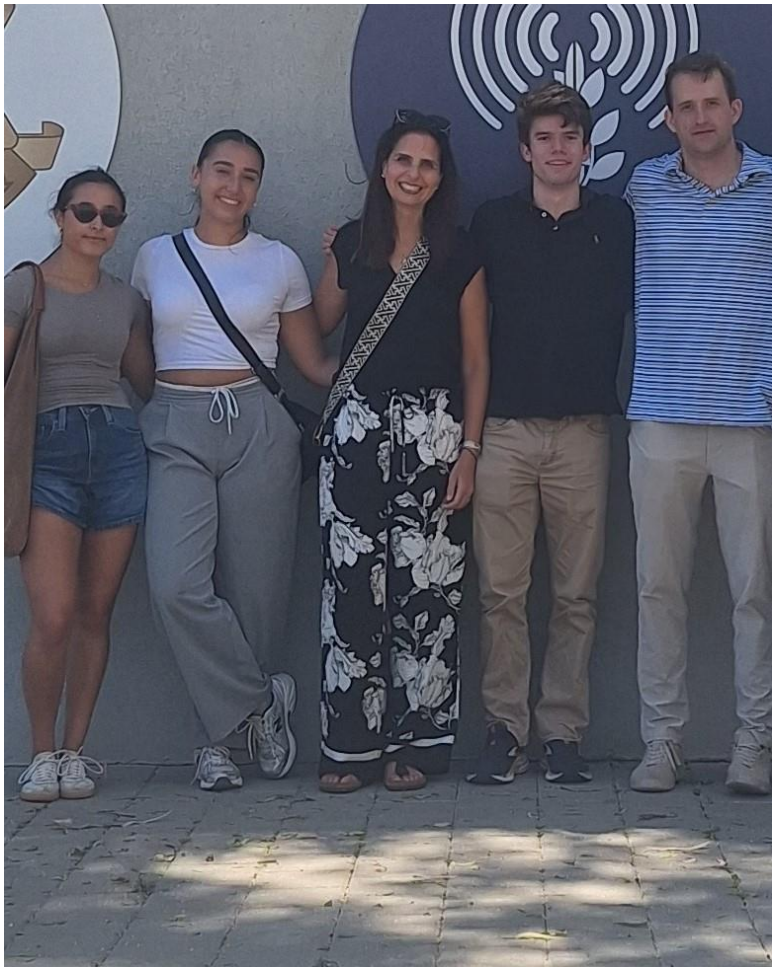


THE ANNA SOBOL LEVY FELLOWSHIP (ASL)

2025-2026



Left to Right:

Anna RAAB, Liora ETTEDGUI, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD, Reid BOND

Report & Activities Summary

Fellowship Manager:

Valérie Susskind

Fellows:

- Reid BOND
- William BOYD
- Liora ETTEDGUI
- Anna RAAB

THE ASL FELLOWS

In Their Own Words

Reid BOND



Reid Bond is a 24-year-old from Charlotte, North Carolina. He earned his degree in International Affairs with a concentration in Conflict Resolution from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Reid developed a heart for ministry through his work with I Am 24/7 Ministries in Grier Heights, Charlotte, where he served as a coach and mentor to young men in sports, discipleship, and leadership. Reid seeks to bring his love for God and people into the field of Counter-Terrorism. In his free time, Reid enjoys exercising, spending time with friends, and watching Premier League soccer.

William BOYD



B grew up in Southern New Hampshire and graduated from the Citadel's Honors Program in May 2025 with a double-major in mathematics and physics. Prior to coming to Reichman, I interned for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Office of Senator Tim Scott, and the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs. I chose to attend Reichman University to further develop my knowledge and to gain an international perspective, and am looking forward to learning more about Israel and the US-Israel relationship.

Liora ETTEDGUI



My name is Liora Ettedgui! I was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia, about fifteen minutes away from Washington, D.C. I went to American University for my undergraduate degree and received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in counterterrorism and homeland security. Additionally, I pursued a minor in the Arabic language at American University, and completed my final credits during my time at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France during my study abroad program. During my studies I strengthened my passion for a career in public affairs and global languages. My intrigue in the specialization of countering Islamic extremism efforts grew, and I found specific interest in the Middle East and Africa

regions. I look forward to learning more about these topics in the courses offered at Reichman University, and taking my newly gained knowledge back to the United States where I intend to begin a career in the international security sector.

Anna RAAB



Anna graduated in May 2025 with a B.A. in National Security & Foreign Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In the wake of October 7, with protests on her campus, she responded by co-founding Facts on the Ground (FOG) at Michigan to clear the "FOG" of disinformation surrounding the Israel-Hamas War. Through FOG, she co-organized two major speaker events to educate students on terrorism threats—one featuring former Shin Bet spy Mosab Hassan Yousef and Rep. Ted Deutch, and another with CNN's Van Jones and an FDD Senior Fellow—drawing over 2.4 million views across FOG's media platforms. Now, as an Anna Sobol Levy Fellow, Anna is excited to bridge her academic foundation and passion for national security with practical applications while studying at RRIS. She looks forward to collaborating with students from around the world and deepening her understanding of regional dynamics to bring back to the U.S. policy space. Following her graduation, she plans to move to Washington, D.C., where she hopes to work in the intelligence community to address the evolving threat of terrorism facing the U.S. and Israel, and to advance policies that promote a shared vision for peace and security in the region. In her free time, Anna enjoys staying active. Whether hiking—as she did this past summer while backpacking in Europe—training to run a marathon in Israel, or playing tennis at the Tel Aviv Tennis Center, she embraces every opportunity to explore the world around her and meet new people.

THE ASL MANAGER

Valérie Susskind



Valérie Susskind was born and raised in Paris, France. She spent many years in New York, NY where she earned a BA in English Communications at Yeshiva University and an MBA in Marketing and Management at NYU Stern School of Business. She held various Marketing positions and taught Marketing and Management courses at LIM Fashion College in New York City. She moved to Israel with her family in 2019 from Riverdale, NY and currently resides in Ra'anana. At Reichman University, Valérie is Deputy Director of Admissions and Recruitment for Master's Degrees at the Raphael Recanati International School, including the MA in Government. Valérie started managing the programming for the Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship in December 2021. For ASL, Valérie oversees the process from recruitment until the end of the Fellows' stay at Reichman, including programming, speakers and day trips.

Activities Summary

Due to the war and the current security situation, we had a reduced schedule this year. We still managed to bring top-notch programming to our Fellows!

Date	Speaker or Trip Destination	Topic
Oct 2025	Valérie Susskind	Welcome, introductions and expectations
Nov 2025	Mark Regev	Current events
Dec 2025	Jenny McReynolds	Personal stories and FBI career
Jan 2026	Trip to Jerusalem with David Gurevitch	Harmon Hanatziv Promenade, Old City, Mount Scopus
Jan 2026	Barak Ben Tsur	The Hamas surprise attack
June 2026	Naftali Granot	Current situation
June 2026	Visit to Machaneh-Aviv army base, home to IDF Spokespersons.	Discussion and presentation by the IDF Spokespersons Unit.

Speakers and Guides

Amb. Mark Regev



Mark Regev is an Australian-Israeli diplomat, government advisor and civil servant. Between June 2020 and April 2021, he served as the Prime Minister's Senior Advisor for Foreign Affairs and International Communications. From 2016 to 2020 Regev was Ambassador of Israel to the United Kingdom. Previously, he was the International Spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office (2007 to 2016). He serves as the s the chairman of the Abba Eban Institute for Diplomacy and Foreign Relations at Reichman University.

Jenny McReynolds (FBI)



Jennifer McReynolds is the Assistant Legal Attaché (ALAT) for Counterterrorism at the U.S. Embassy Branch Office in Tel Aviv. ALAT McReynolds became a Special Agent of the FBI in 2008 and was assigned to the New York Field Office (NYO) working counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations. Most notably, ALAT McReynolds managed the largest terror finance and sanctions evasion scheme ever prosecuted in a U.S. court. SA McReynolds was then promoted to FBIHQ Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) managing counterproliferation investigations across the FBI field offices.

ALAT McReynolds then held an SSA position within the NYO supervising the counterintelligence and counterproliferation squad. Notably, ALAT McReynolds oversaw the disruption of a foreign intelligence service's plot to kidnap a U.S.-based dissident, indicting a foreign intelligence officer for the first time in a U.S. court. In a second brazen plot, ALAT McReynolds directed the investigation and prosecution of a transnational organized crime network tasked to carry out an imminent assassination against the same dissident. The team's successful disruptions of state-sponsored lethal operations on U.S. soil lead to new legislation combating transnational repression.

ALAT McReynolds received a PhD in Analytical Chemistry in 2004 from the University of Illinois. Prior to working for the FBI, ALAT McReynolds was the Chief Toxicologist for the Cook County Office of the Medical Examiner.

Dr. David Gurevitch



Dr. David Gurevich is a licensed tour guide who has worked in the field since 2004. He specializes in guiding VIP visitors, academic audiences, and official guests. He holds a PhD in Archaeology. The focus of his academic work is research on Jerusalem, and particularly the Late Second Temple period. He also studies contemporary Israel, Israel-Church relations, as well as antisemitism worldwide. In 2017, he worked as the officer-in-charge for the City of Jerusalem on the diplomatic ties with the Christian institutions. David often leads scholarly trips to Israel and is invited to speak on Israel topics worldwide.

Dr. Barak Ben-Tzur



Dr. Col.(Res.) Barak Ben-Tzur is an expert in risk and threat analysis, strategic intelligence, Middle Eastern studies and counterterrorism.

Naftali Granot



Naftali Granot concluded his intelligence career as Deputy Director of the Mossad in 2007. He joined the Mossad in 1982 and served in Lebanon and various western countries. Granot was nominated Head of the HUMINT (Human Intelligence) division in 2002. Granot led many ground-breaking operations for the Mossad. In 2004, he was the recipient of the highest security decoration awarded by the President of the State of Israel.

Our Program in Pictures

Meeting with Marc Regev

November 2025



Left to Right: William BOYD, Reid BOND, Mark REGEV, Valérie SUSSKIND. Anna RAAB, Liora ETTEDGUI

On November 24th, 2025, the Anna Sobol Levy Fellows met with Former Israeli Ambassador Mark Regev. Having had an extensive Career in foreign policy, Regev opened up our conversation selflessly, asking about our backgrounds, ambitions, and where we grew up. Following this, Regev began the discussion about the Israeli intelligence failure of October 7th, 2023. Comparing the failure to an “own goal” in soccer or a “safety” in American football, he critiqued the Israeli response to October 7th as presumptuous of Hamas’ capabilities, and overlooking clear warning signs from junior intelligence officials and border scouts. Naturally, the conversation moved to current events in Israel and how impactful a state’s response can be amidst the ceasefire. With American backing of Israel, he discussed the importance of using simultaneous military and diplomatic solutions for a prosperous ceasefire for Israel. Interestingly, Regev mentioned how the British and French recognition of Palestinian statehood & Immediate Humanitarian ceasefire served as an opportunity to a vulnerable, under-pressured Hamas. Throughout the meeting, Regev’s engagement and knowledge of current and future events made the most of the hour. Before wrapping up, each fellow was able to ask questions, such as how the American F-35 Sale to Saudi Arabia and its implications for future diplomatic opportunities. With an emphasis on the future of advanced technology and outcomes in Israel's favor, Regev left the conversation having compared Israel’s defense capabilities before October 7th and how far Israel has come in Intelligence.

Meeting with Jenny McReynolds

December 2025



Left to Right: Reid BOND, Anna RAAB, Jenny McReynolds, Valérie SUSSKIND, Liora ETTEDGUI, William BOYD

During the meeting, ALAT McReynolds spoke about the evolution of her career and how she reached her current role. Beginning as a Special Agent within the FBI in 2008, she was assigned different cases throughout regions stemming from Iran, Turkey, and even China. Her work investigating some of the largest terror financing and sanctions schemes provided us, fellows, with insight into real-world assignments that align with the concepts currently studied in the counterterrorism track of the Masters of Government program. She kindly explained the challenges and satisfaction that came from the vast amount of cases her and her team landed on. With the ability to grow within her career, she was promoted to FBIHQ Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), where she took on counterproliferation investigations throughout various FBI field offices all over the world. ALAT McReynolds explained how she witnessed the way counterterrorism and counterintelligence overlap and the necessity of being flexible as the duties of the job tasks evolve. ALAT McReynolds touched on stories from a few cases she worked on during her career. Not only did each case teach us all a valuable lesson, but they showed us how much time it took to collect and thoughtfully assess the material she found in order to properly prosecute transnational organized crime networks. It was fascinating to see how many layers were hidden beneath the truth and the number of individuals

playing a role in these crimes. I personally appreciated seeing how these cases went full circle and how occasionally unpredictable they ended up being. Nonetheless, they each displayed justice through dedication. In the course of the discussion, we were able to ask questions and provide our own personal analysis on certain security issues we find prevalent. As the fellows were each on university campuses during the horrific attack on October 7th, 2023, concerns regarding safety on school grounds were brought up. Questions on how terrorist proxy groups use misinformation to guide students to complete an agenda were asked and brainstormed as well. ALAT McReynolds spoke on her own personal experiences with the families of American hostages who were kidnapped during the attack on October 7th as well. We were given an inside look at the difficulties, but incredibly meaningful work ALAT Jennifer McReynolds has been doing during her time working in Israel. The fellowship program was strengthened by the time ALAT McReynolds spent with us, and her words and insights will be carried with the fellows as they further both their academic and professional careers.

Trip to Jerusalem with David Gurevitch

January 2026



Left to Right: David GUREVITCH, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD, Reid BOND, Liora ETTEDGUI, Anna RAAB



Left to Right: Anna RAAB, Liora ETTEDGUI, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD, Reid BOND



Meat and Eat Restaurant, Jerusalem's First Station



Left to Right: David GUREVITCH, Anna RAAB, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD, Reid BOND, Liora ETTEDGUI



Mount Scopus

The Anna Sobol Levy Fellows had the opportunity to explore Jerusalem through a guided tour led by David, an experienced guide with extensive training in the city's archaeology and history. The tour offered a deep dive into Jerusalem's religious, political, and historical complexity, shining light on the current political debates surrounding the area. We began near one of the UN offices in Jerusalem, where we learned about the roles and functions of UN-affiliated institutions operating in the city today. Our guide explained how this complex differs from other UN offices in Jerusalem, including those associated with UNRWA, and discussed recent Israeli government actions related to concerns over UNRWA involvement with terrorist activity. We also learned that many individuals working in these buildings are local officials or representatives of NGOs collaborating with regional governments and communities in and around the West Bank. This discussion provided important context for understanding international involvement within Israel. From there, we walked over to the Haas Promenade, which offers a view of Jerusalem's skyline. At this lookout point, we learned about the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE and the role of the Romans in reshaping the city's architecture and urban design. We also talked about earlier historical periods, including the Muslim conquest of Jerusalem in 638 CE under the Rashidun Caliphate, which served as an important moment in Islamic history and helps us understand the controversy surrounding religious rights to Jerusalem today. Although I have

visited Jerusalem many times, it was especially meaningful to learn about the city from perspectives beyond my own Jewish background. Learning about the religious connections of other religions helped deepen my understanding of the enduring tension between religious claims to the land and realpolitik. We then stopped for a yummy lunch at meat and eat in Jerusalem's first train station that has been turned into a shopping area for lounging and eating, which was super cool to see. Then from there, David explained the religious significance of the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif. We learned about the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, including the Islamic belief that the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven from the rock over which the Dome of the Rock was later constructed. Muslims therefore view the entire compound as a sacred space, and during Ramadan, tens of thousands of worshippers gather there, often praying throughout the compound due to limited space inside the mosque itself. The Dome of the Rock is primarily a site of veneration rather than congregational prayer, but due to overcrowding in Al-Aqsa Mosque, Muslims may argue that the Dome of the Rock is a place of worship too. At the same time, we discussed the Jewish connection to the site, as it is believed to be the location of the First and Second Temples (also where the Third Temple lies for Jews as it is the place of the Holy of Holies), where the Ark of the Covenant once stood. Overlapping significance for Jews and Muslims help explain why the site remains one of the most sensitive and contested places in the world. Later, in the Old City, we viewed the meeting point of the four quarters from the rooftops and talked about the meeting of the markets below us. We also learned about the archaeological layers of the Old City and examined a painting by Cardo, which illustrated what Jerusalem looked like during the Roman and Byzantine periods. Our final stop was Mount Scopus, where we looked out over parts of Judea and Samaria and discussed the division of areas A, B, and C. We learned about the arguments both for and against Israeli settlement expansion, as well as how these territories are viewed by the international community as occupied, while under Israeli law they are administered by the IDF and are not formally annexed into the State of Israel, meaning that not all Israeli civil law applies there. Overall, the day was an engaging, informative, and thought-provoking experience that deepened my understanding of Jerusalem's layered history and the political realities that continue to shape the region in present day.

Meeting with Barak Ben Tzur

January 2026



Left to Right: William BOYD, Anna RAAB, Barak BEN TZUR, Valérie SUSSKIND, Liora ETTEDGUI, Reid BOND

Dr. Barak Ben-Tzur met with the ASL fellows.to discuss October 7th. First Dr. Ben-Tzur introduced the theoretical framework of a surprise attack and argued that this form of systemic collapse occurs from partial or complete failure on the strategic, operational, and tactical levels. He then gave several historical examples of surprise attacks, including Operation Barbarossa, Pearl Harbor, and 9/11. Speaking specifically on Israel, Dr. Ben-Tzur explained the constraints the IDF and Israeli intelligence officials face when allocating limited resources and also explained that in the Israeli intelligence community, military intelligence is preeminent over civilian agencies. He also explained the threat posed by Hamas prior to October 7th and the operational and tactical failures that occurred prior to the attack. Dr. Ben-Tzur told us about a failed special operation to collect on the ground intelligence in Gaza, which Hamas exposed. Due to constraints in planning and executing these types of operations, he stated that the failure of this operation left Israel lacking strategic intelligence in Gaza. Finally, Dr. Ben-Tzur emphasized the importance of accountability and argued that an inquiry should be conducted which includes the prime minister. He stated that the previous inquiries have all been at the operational level and have not fully examined the mistakes made in the lead up to the attack, which risks Israeli security.

Meeting with Naftali Granot

June 2026



Left to Right: Reid BOND, Naftali GRANOT, William BOYD, Liora ETTEDGUI, Valérie SUSSKIND

On June 29th, 2026, the Anna Sobol Levy Fellows ate lunch with Naftali Granot, a Mossad operative for 25 years. His career consisted of service as the leader of the HUMINT division and as Deputy Director of the Mossad. After brief initial introductions with the fellows, Granot gave a brief overview of his career in Israeli security, beginning as an infantryman in the IDF. The overall conversation consisted of a Q&A with the fellows for Granot, which mainly focused on Israeli relations with the United States and the existential threat posed by the Iranian nuclear program. Generally, in his overview of the current status of Iran, Granot provided his perspective on the ongoing talks between the United States and Iran and on the potential consequences of the US and Israel's diplomatic shift. Granot mentioned the sensitivity of building nuclear capabilities for Iran's desire to become a global power and its direct impacts on Middle Eastern countries and the West. After a long discussion, the conversation shifted toward the group's prediction of the outcome of Iranian negotiations and the major factors: the Strait of Hormuz, Middle Eastern independence from the United States defense "umbrella," and economic sanctions. After summarizing his major perspectives, the meeting concluded with a picture and an appreciation for Granot's time.

Trip to the IDF Spokespersons Unit

June 2026



Left to Right: Anna RAAB, Liora ETTEDGUI, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD, Reid BOND

The ASL fellows went to Ramat Aviv to meet with the IDF Spokesperson's Unit, and specifically, LTC Liad Diamond, the head of the IDF's Public Diplomacy Office. LTC Diamond presented information about the IDF's

activity in Gaza and Lebanon and the difficulties and challenges of these wars. LTC Diamond updated the Fellows on the current situation in Gaza and Lebanon and put into context much of the recent news that has come out of these conflicts, particularly in regard to Israel's conflict with Hezbollah. The discussion then evolved towards the Spokesperson's Unit's public diplomacy efforts. LTC Diamond discussed the unit's interactions with media, efforts to combat falsehoods, and messaging towards various audiences. He also took questions about the Spokesperson's Unit's strategy, messaging, and operations, and he discussed the IDF's efforts to reach American media, the Middle Eastern audience, and the global community. Finally, the ASL fellows got a tour of the base, including the Spokesperson's Unit's international and social media desks, and the war room, where the IDF keeps a 24/7 watch in case of a sudden emergency.



Left to Right: Anna RAAB, Reid BOND, Liora ETTEDGUI, Liad DIAMOND, Valérie SUSSKIND, William BOYD



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