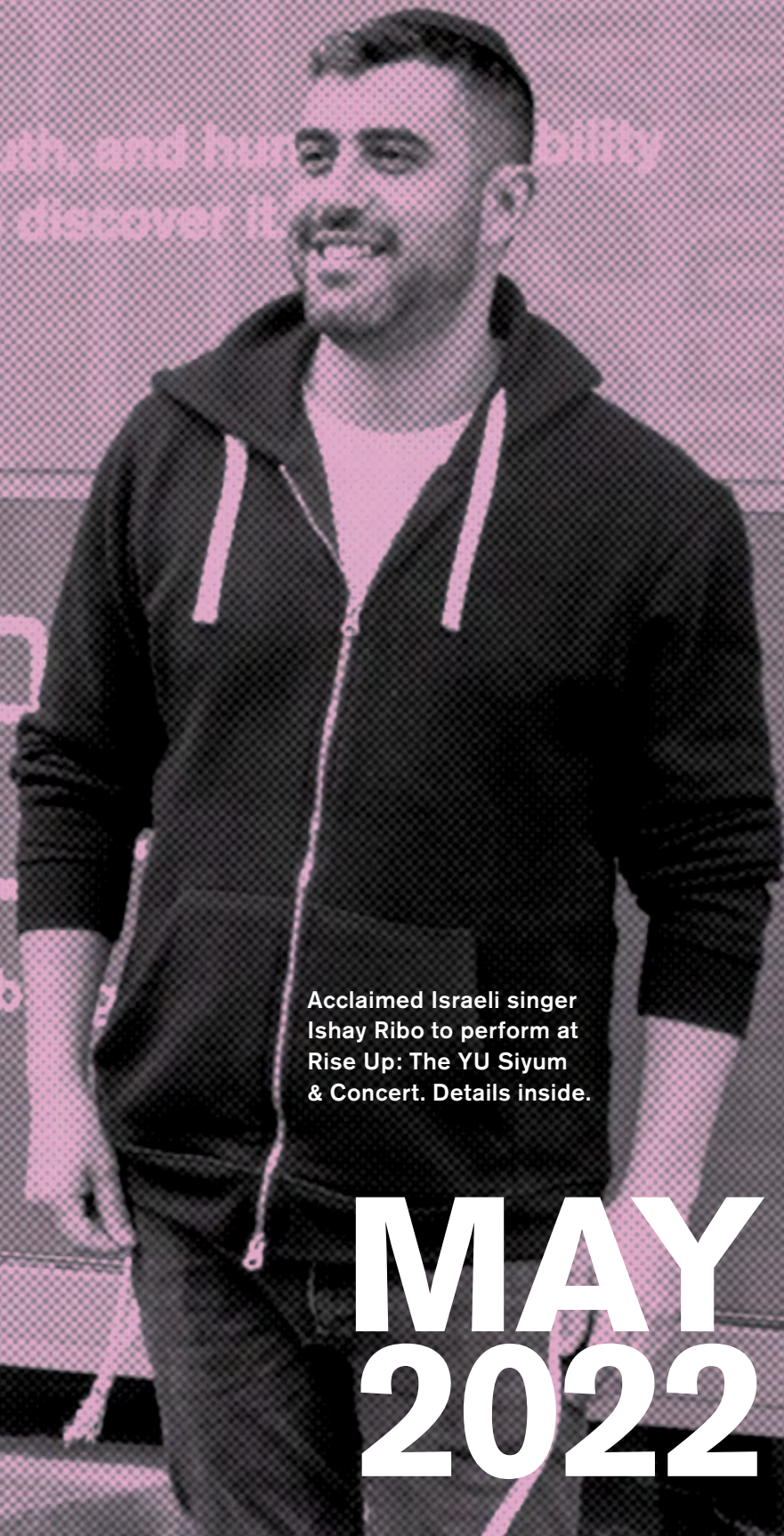


# THE VIEW FROM YU



Acclaimed Israeli singer  
Ishay Ribo to perform at  
Rise Up: The YU Siyum  
& Concert. Details inside.

# MAY 2022

# Commencement Message From The President

Dear YU Community,

Commencement season is upon us. And as we look back on an amazing year of growth and leadership, we congratulate our upcoming grads, celebrating all they have contributed to our University, the flagship Jewish university—and all they are sure to contribute to their communities and the world. Along with our faculty, staff and administrators, our graduates continue to move history forward with their tremendous dedication, creativity and vision.

I am pleased to invite you to share in celebrating our esteemed graduates. In the pages that follow, you will find information about each of our commencement ceremonies and other exciting events at YU in May.

The largest of our events is the undergraduate ceremony which will take place in person in Arthur Ashe Stadium at the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in Queens, New York, on Thursday, May 26, at 1 p.m. We anticipate that over 5,000 of our friends, families and alumni will be in attendance as we confer degrees to 700 undergraduates, while an additional 1,000 degrees will be conferred to our graduate students over the course of this commencement season.

I am excited to announce that Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt will serve as the keynote speaker and be the recipient of the inaugural Presidential Medallion of Exemplary Leadership. Ambassador Lipstadt's distinguished career as a historian, defender of truth, and advocate for Israel and the Jewish people is well known throughout the world. Earlier in May, Ambassador Lipstadt was sworn into her newly appointed position as the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism.

We will also confer an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to our alumnus Ken Jacobson, Deputy National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Ken Jacobson has devoted his life and career to fighting for the welfare and security of the Jewish people. As he marks his 50th year of service at the ADL, we are pleased to honor him as an example of an alumnus who has impacted the world.

This year we have added a special event starting at 7:45 p.m. following our undergraduate graduation ceremonies in celebration of our graduates and marking the launch of our Rise Up campaign. Rise Up: The YU Siyum and Concert will feature Israeli superstar singer Ishay Ribo performing for an estimated 10,000 people expected to be in attendance. The concert will follow a community-wide Siyum honoring the Torah studied by our students this year.

Our students represent hope; they represent the future. They are the next generation of heroes and the leaders of tomorrow, and the future will be brighter because of their contributions. This is such a wonderful time of year for our University, and I congratulate our distinguished faculty, stellar administrators, outstanding staff and especially our dear graduates. Their success is truly the success of us all.

Warmest regards,



**Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman**  
President, Yeshiva University



Nissim Black performs at YU's "Shuk Experience."

## YOM HASHOAH (APRIL 27)

The Student Holocaust Education Movement (SHEM), the Office of Student Life and the Fish Center produced "As We Testify" to commemorate those killed in the Holocaust. Among the hundreds who participated in the event at Lamport Auditorium were New York City Council Members **Eric Dinowitz** and **Carmen De La Rosa** and New York State Assemblymember **Nily Rozic** (D-Queens).



Students celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Student performers reenacted scenes from *The Investigation* by Peter Weiss depicting the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials of 1963–1965 as a way of introducing a video testimonial from **Anna Waller**, a childhood survivor. [READ MORE](#)

## YOM HAZIKARON (MAY 4)

Hundreds attended a Tekes Ma'avar ceremony at Lamport Auditorium for Yom HaZikaron commemorations and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations. Featured speakers included

**Miriam Peretz** (via video), winner of the Israel Prize 2018, and **Rabbi Elli Fischer**.

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## YOM HA'ATZMAUT (MAY 5)

Yom Ha'atzmaut programming continued with a Yom Iyun followed by the "Shuk Experience" at Tenzer Gardens on the Wilf campus, featuring food, fun and a musical performance by Hasidic hip-hop star **Nissim Black**. [READ MORE](#)



Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon greets students.

## RIETS Presents Kollel Elyon Conference

"Beyond Agriculture, The Values of Shemittah in the Modern World," the inaugural Bella and Harry Wexner Kollel Elyon Conference, was held on May 1 on the Wilf campus to showcase the intersection of high-level Torah learning with issues of communal and philosophical significance. Program

speakers included **Rabbi Mordechai Willig** and **Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon**, and the ten Kollel fellows offered their perspectives on debt transfer, taxation, bankruptcy, private ownership and charitable obligations.

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## What Does the Holocaust Mean Today?

On May 8, **Yitzchak Mais**, former director of the museum at Yad Vashem and founding chief curator of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, spoke about "Remembering the Holocaust in Museums: What are We Remembering?" Mais explored the impact of public history on the ever-evolving field of museology in this latest installment of the Fish Center's six-part lecture series on "What is the Holocaust Today?"



## Entrepreneurship and Innovation



### TEDx Returns to YU

After a five-year hiatus, on April 26, TEDx Yeshiva University came back to the stage, presenting six dynamic speakers with six diverse opinions on the topic of Jewish Values in Action. Presenters included **David Siegel**, CEO of Meetup, and **Adam Neuman '13YC**, chief of staff, strategy and operations at the Big Ten Conference. [READ MORE](#)



## Great Jobs and Impactful Careers

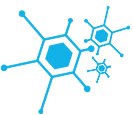
### Summer of Opportunity 2022

The YU Consulting Force/Innovation Lab (CFIL) is gearing up for its third summer of high-impact internships. In the seven-week program, students learn the fundamentals of business management consulting from analysts at such top firms as Boston Consulting Group, Accenture, Morgan Stanley and Mercer Consulting and then apply those skills to project-focused internships at nonprofits and Israeli startups. On a separate front: the Shevet Glaubach Center will resume its Summer Internship Experi-

ence in Israel in which select students work at technology-focused companies.

### Careers in Management Consulting

Two soon-to-be graduates of the Sy Syms School of Business will join McKinsey & Company, one of the world's top-ranked management consulting firms, as business analysts this fall. **Dov Schlossberg '22SB** will work in McKinsey's New York headquarters and **Rachel Doretsky '22SB** in the Tel Aviv office.



## Science and Technology



### STEM on Display

**Tamar Leiser '23S** and **Temira Koenig '24S**, with help from the Office of Student Life, the Shevet Glaubach Center, Admissions and various student clubs, organized Yeshiva University's first-ever STEM Exposition. The April 26 event in Weissberg Commons allowed students to demonstrate their passion for all things STEM with presentations on such topics as space exploration and genetic studies. The Expo offered ample opportunity to network with YU faculty and learn more about STEM-focused careers. [READ MORE](#)

## David Drelich Bloomberg Finance Lab Opens

May 3 marked the official opening of the David Drelich Bloomberg Finance Lab at the Beren campus. Named in memory of David Drelich, MD, CFP, the Lab, facilitated by Steven Drelich, Esq., and Fred Krause, Ph.D., trustees for Dr. Drelich's estate, is equipped with six licensed



Bloomberg Terminals, the same as used by financial and business professionals around the world. Six other terminals will be located on the Wilf campus. Bloomberg staff will provide hands-on training.

The opening ceremony, which featured remarks by **Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman**, President of Yeshiva University, and **Dr. Noam Wasserman**, Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business, included a panel discussion, moderated by **Michael McKee**, an economic and political correspondent for Bloomberg TV, on the future of

(l-r): Dr. Noam Wasserman, Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, Dr. Fred Krause, Steven Drelich, Michael Strauss and Tali Goldman '21SB

economics with **Dana M. Peterson** (chief economist of The Conference Board and a board member of the Global Independence Center) and **Dr. S. Abraham Ravid** (Sy Syms professor of finance and chair of the finance department). [READ MORE](#)



## Valedictorians

Nine undergraduate students were named valedictorians in 2022. In addition to their noteworthy academic achievements, these impressive young men and women made their mark at YU, from planning the University's annual Hackathon to serving as senior opinions editor of *The Commentator* to volunteering on YU's recent humanitarian mission to Vienna to aid Ukrainian refugees. [READ MORE](#)



(l-r): **Debbie Cohen**, General Studies, Stern College for Women; **Shoshi Tuchman**, Sy Syms School of Business and **Dafna Levine**, Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies, Stern College for Women

(l-r): **Naftali Shavelson**, Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies; **David Rubin**, Irving I. Stone Beis Medrash Program; **Michael Fagin**, Mazer Yeshiva Program; **Yehuda T. Goldberg**, Yeshiva College; **Jonah Loskove**, Sy Syms School of Business; and **Marc Ziarno**, James Striar School of General Jewish Studies



## Congratulations Class of 2022

### Undergraduate Commencement

On Thursday, May 26, at 1 p.m., YU graduates, their families and friends along with faculty, staff and administration will gather at the Arthur Ashe Stadium at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in Queens for YU's 91st Annual Commencement Ceremony.

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More than 1,700 students from Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women and Sy Syms School of Business as well as graduate students in law, medicine, social work, education, Jewish studies and psychology will be awarded degrees from Yeshiva University during its commencement season.

### Celebrating Our 2022 Graduates with Torah, Music and Unity

Later in the evening on May 26, YU will host Rise Up: The YU Siyum & Concert with a Torah-focused Siyum at 7:45 p.m. followed by

a performance with acclaimed Israeli singer Ishay Ribo at 8 p.m., both of which are open to the community. This unforgettable event will honor YU's 2022 graduating class and celebrate the unity and creative strength of

the Jewish people. The concert will be one of the largest Jewish music concerts in North American history. Visit [yu.edu/ribo](https://yu.edu/ribo) for ticket information. [READ MORE](#)



### Graduate Commencements

Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, Monday, May 9, 7 p.m., Weissberg Commons

- Speaker: **Dr. Erica Brown**, director of Sacks-Herstein Center for Values and Leadership

Katz School of Science and Health, Monday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., Weissberg Commons

- Speaker: **Lorraine Marchand**, general manager of life sciences, IBM Watson Health

Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Tuesday, May 17, 1:30 p.m., Lamport Auditorium

- Speaker: **Carmen De La Rosa**, New York City Council Member, District 10

Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Wednesday, May 18, Noon, Lamport Auditorium

- Speaker: **Dr. Therese Rosenblatt**, psychologist, psychoanalyst and author

Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Studies for Women, Monday, May 23, 10:30 a.m., Stern College for Women, Beit Midrash

- Speakers: **Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman** and **Shoshana Schechter**, associate dean of Torah Studies and Spiritual Life

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Wednesday, May 25, 2 p.m., Carnegie Hall

- Speaker: **Dr. Mary T. Bassett**, New York State Health Commissioner

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Tuesday, May 31, 3 p.m., United Palace

- Speaker: **Hon. Eunice C. Lee**, United States Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

For more information, visit [yu.edu/commencement](https://yu.edu/commencement)



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