



THE VIEW FROM YU

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Students enjoying a day on Wilf Campus

Message From The President

My Dear Friends, Students and Colleagues,

As we move into the second half of our fall semester, I am inspired by the joyful routine of students studying, research developing and YU continuing to grow. The shift in the Jewish calendar from the peak of the holidays to a productive and full daily schedule is reflective of the pace and rhythms of our campus life. At YU, our innovative, value-driven education is always on display, as demonstrated by the pages in this edition of VFYU.

Wishing you much continued success and progress.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Berman'.

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman
President, Yeshiva University



Torat Zion / Bring Redemption



YU Hosts Isru Chag Concert to Celebrate Sukkot, Israel and its Students

On Oct. 18, YU hosted the Isru Chag Concert, starring Ishay Ribbo, at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem. More than 3,000 people attended the sold-out concert and were visibly moved by Ishay Ribbo's ability to distill the poetry and holiness of Judaism into song. Many of those who attended were YU students studying in Israel and some of the thousands of YU alumni who have made aliyah, as well as other Israelis eager to enjoy the music and experience this unique cultural event. The sold-out concert solidified YU's role as the flagship Jewish University, able to unite Jews from the United States and Israel in an evening of joy, unity and song, bringing an exuberant and moving end to the holiday of Sukkot. [READ MORE](#)

An Inspiring Shabbaton for the Women of Stern

More than 200 Stern College for Women students gathered at Camp Dora Golding in the Poconos on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah for an uplifting Shabbaton filled with learning and music. Also attending were more than 25 YU faculty and staff, including Rabbi Herschel Schachter and Shoshana Schechter, associate dean of Torah Studies and Spiritual Life. The yearly off-campus Shabbaton brings together a student body comprised of women from around the world and from a variety of backgrounds, giving them a chance to build friendships in a beautiful and inspiring setting. [READ MORE](#)



Stern College students at off-campus Shabbaton at Camp Dora Golding.

Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter Writes New Commentary on Selihot



A first-of-its kind English translation of Selihot has been released by Koren Publishers Jerusalem. *The Koren Selihot Minhag Lita* offers a detailed 70-page introduction and

extensive commentary by YU's Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter. Three years in the making, the new volume gives deep, personal meaning to the collage of Torah verses and poetically written Hebrew works that make up the 100 Selihot. [READ MORE](#)

A Talmud Novice Shares His Journey

Literary critic and *Wall Street Journal* editor Adam Kirsch met with YU students to discuss his latest book, *Come and Hear: What I Saw in My Seven-and-a-Half-Year Journey Through the Talmud*. In it, Kirsch, a non-Orthodox Jew, chronicles his involvement in Daf Yomi, a world-wide study program in which participants commit to reading the entire Babylonian Talmud in seven and a half years at the rate of one page a day.

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Torat Emet / Seek Truth

Honoring a Pioneer in Jewish Thought

On Sept. 11, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies hosted a one-day conference marking the 25th yahrtzeit of Rabbi Professor Yitzchak (Isadore) Twersky, a renowned academic authority on rabbinic literature and Jewish philosophy. Fourteen guest lecturers and panelists explored the late scholar's impact on halakhic thought, Jewish intellectual history and Maimonidean scholarship.



President of Israel Contributes to YU's Samaritans Project

Dr. Steven Fine's celebrated YU Israelite Samaritans Project, "The Samaritans: A Biblical People," had a successful opening at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 15. Isaac Herzog, President of Israel, contributed a special stone inscription to the exhibition along with a video of recorded remarks. The exhibition runs through to Jan. 1, 2023, before traveling to Germany.

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Torat Chaim / Live Your Values



(l-r): Isaac Perlmutter, Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, Laura Perlmutter

Isaac and Laura Perlmutter Donate \$15 Million to YU's Cardozo Law School

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University, together with Melanie Leslie, Dean of Cardozo School of Law, announced the creation of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law, supported by a \$15 million donation from Isaac and Laura Perlmutter and the Perlmutter Foundation—the largest donation in the law school's history. Isaac Perlmutter is the Chairman of Marvel Entertainment. Laura Perlmutter is a director of the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Foundation. The Center will train lawyers to prevent the use of junk science in court cases, fight wrongful convictions and obtain clemency for the unjustly incarcerated. "We are tremendously grateful to Laura and Ike Perlmutter for this gift," said President Berman. "It builds on Cardozo's proud tradition of innovation in the fight for justice, and it reaffirms Yeshiva's core values of truth, compassion and redemption, among others." [READ MORE](#)

Using Data Analytics to Fight Antisemitism

Faculty from the Katz School's Data Analytics and Visualization program have received a grant to develop an index of hate speech using a methodology that can potentially flag social media accounts trafficking in antisemitic language. The project will support the Katz School's involvement in the University's antisemitic Hate Speech Research initiative and provide participating students opportunities to use market-relevant tools such as graphical databases and natural language processing. [READ MORE](#)

Torat Adam / Discover Your Potential

Sacks-Herenstein Center Welcomes 13 Scholars to Inaugural Fellowship

The Sacks-Herenstein Center for Values and Leadership has announced its inaugural cohort of the Sacks Scholars Graduate Fellows in Ethics and Entrepreneurship, 2022–2023. This is the first initiative in YU history to bring together students from the University's 10 graduate programs. The 13 candidates chosen as Sacks Scholars will create and implement a project of social value impacting their field. [READ MORE](#)



Accounting and Finance Fair Returns

For the first time in two years, the Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development hosted the annual Accounting and Finance Fair for undergraduate students in an in-person setting. More than 150 students attended the highly anticipated event designed to give finance and accounting majors networking exposure to top-notch firms. Among the organizations attending were PwC, Deloitte, KPMG, UBS, Blackstone, Mazars, IRS Criminal Investigation, and CohnReznick. [READ MORE](#)



New Startups Arrive at the Innovation Lab

The YU Innovation Lab welcomed 10 new startups to its fall cohort: BioShade, Vings, Zymio, Rithem Life Science, Pin Dealer, Branda, Exosomm, Melafood, SecondShift USA and Rad Green. Ranging from categories as diverse as food tech, health tech, IP protection, e-commerce and lifestyle/wellness, the new cohort is, in the words of Dr. Maria Blekher, the Lab's founding director, "the most market ready and ambitious yet." For the first time, more than half of the startups partnering with the Lab are founded by women.



Albany, NY Student Delegation: Gillian Herzage, Baruch Lerman, Moshe Nasser and Avygayl Zucker.

Torah Tours® Return

After a three-year hiatus, the Aaron and Blanche Schreiber Torah Tours® Program sent more than 100 undergraduates to 24 communities to enliven the Simchat Torah holiday. Participating students spread enthusiasm, Torah knowledge, energy and passion across North America, forming partnerships that will last far beyond the holiday. [READ MORE](#)



Upcoming Events

Visit yu.edu/events/all to learn more and to register for the programs listed here.

An Evening with Jai Chakrabarti

Monday, November 7 / 8 p.m.
Furst Hall 308, Wilf Campus

Kristallnacht and Holocaust Distortion in Eastern Europe

Thursday, November 10 / 7 p.m.
Belfer Hall 430, Wilf Campus

When Hope and History Rhyme: Natural and Human Rights from Ancient Greece to Modern America

Thursday, November 10 / 8 p.m.
Gottesman Library, Wilf Campus

YU Women's Fall Open House

Sunday, November 13 / 10 a.m.
Beren Campus

YU Comedy Club Open Mic Night

Monday, November 14 / 8:30 p.m.
Belfer Hall, Sky Café, Wilf Campus

YU Men's Fall Open House

Sunday, November 20 / 10 a.m.
Wilf Campus

Jozef Pilsudski: Founding Father of Modern Poland

Monday, November 21 / 7:30 p.m.
Book talk with Dr. Joshua Zimmerman
Belfer Hall 430, Wilf Campus

98th Annual Hanukkah Dinner

Sunday, December 4 / 5 p.m. ET
The Glasshouse
660 12th Avenue, NYC

Torat Chesed / Act with Compassion

Cardozo Faculty Step in to Help Ukrainian Law Students



Professor Michelle Greenberg-Korbin has created an initiative with Ukrainian law schools to quickly develop curricula that help students address the new realities of

war. Delivered through Zoom, the legal educational clinics are designed to build critical skills in such areas as human rights violations, sex trafficking and the documenting of war crimes. [READ MORE](#)

Preventing Elder Abuse



Dr. Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. program at Wurzweiler, has received the 2022 Rosalie Wolf Memorial Elder Abuse

Award, which recognizes those individuals and organizations committed to the prevention of elder abuse through research, education, policy or practice. The award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Rosalie Wolf, a leading figure in the fight against elder abuse. [READ MORE](#)

Addressing Domestic Violence



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and as part of its Community Safety series, the Care Café, in conjunction with the Long Live Our Butterfly organization, hosted a self-defense workshop at the Drip Sweat Gym in Washington Heights on Oct. 23. Joining the event was New York State Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos (D-72). Through Nov. 30, the Care Café will continue its community outreach efforts with a winter coat and clothing drive. Donations are being distributed to its local community partners.



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