

A photograph of a rabbi in a dark suit, glasses, and a kippah leaning over a table to speak with a man whose back is to the camera. The man is also wearing a kippah. The background is a blurred indoor setting with other people. The entire image has a halftone dot pattern.

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Torat Adam / Discover Your Potential



(l-r) Lynn Dahan, Naomi Fried, Raphi Singer of the winning group AI-ccuracy receive \$1,000 grand prize for 2023 Innovation Challenge

YU Innovation Lab and Shevet Glaubach Center Announce Winner of Annual Innovation Challenge

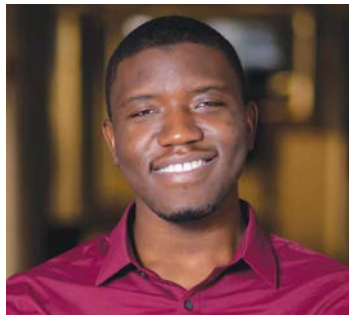
Yeshiva University's Innovation Lab and Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development recently hosted the final round of their annual Innovation Challenge, in which YU students showcased a diverse array of entrepreneurial business concepts. The winning team, AI-ccuracy, received a grand prize of \$1,000 to fund their company proposal aimed at improving medication management for mental health patients through AI profiling. [READ MORE](#)



YUPAC Delegation Heads to Washington D.C.

Over 150 students, organized by the YU Political Action Club (YUPAC) in collaboration with Jon Greenfield, YU's Director of Government Relations, and Yeshiva University High School for Girls (Central), visited Congress to rally support for the State of Israel. The visit included meetings at 45 congressional offices and talks with Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland and Senator Ted Cruz of Texas on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

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Scholarships Create Diversity

Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) are among the most impacted by student debt. In response, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology established its Diversity Scholarship Fund, which Bassit Mulam, a Muslim graduate student from Ghana, is benefitting from as he investigates the impact of asthma on depression and cognition in older persons. The aid Bassit received allows him to pursue his career with greater freedom. "I don't have to take out more loans. It makes a real difference." [READ MORE](#)

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YU Professor Dmytro Vovk Provides Expert Testimony to U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

Dr. Dmytro Vovk, visiting Cardozo professor and a human rights law expert, testified at a USCIRF virtual hearing on the Russian government's violations of religious freedom in Ukraine and Russia. As a refugee from Kharkiv, Ukraine, Vovk provided a unique

perspective on the unfolding events in Russian-occupied territories. Vovk offered policy suggestions to reinforce religious freedoms, urged for the continued documentation of potential human rights abuses committed by Russian forces, and provided an update on the safety of Ukraine's Jewish community along with Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, Moscow's exiled chief rabbi.

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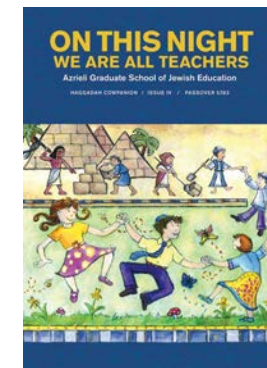


YUnite Shabbaton Comes to Teaneck/Bergenfield

On the Shabbat of March 24-25, YU held its YUnite Shabbaton in the Teaneck/Bergenfield area, uniting students, alumni, members of the community and prospective students in Torah and chizuk (strength). During the Shabbat, YU rabbis and roshei Yeshiva spoke at various shuls in the area, sharing YU's values and building a stronger connection between the community and the University.

Azrieli's Haggadah Companion, On This Night We Are All Teachers

Just in time for Passover 2023, the highly anticipated edition offers creative and innovative activities such as a poetry slam



and a talk-show style interview to help make the seder a more interactive, inspiring and enriching experience. With contributions by Azrieli faculty, alumni and current graduate students, the Haggadah Companion includes activities specially designed for preschool and elementary school children as well as tweens and teens. [READ MORE](#)



Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Hosts Second Annual Yom Hakahal Day of Learning

On Sunday, March 12, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) brought together its leading Torah scholars and Roshei Yeshiva (heads of Yeshiva) for the second annual Yom HaKahal/Day of Learning, spreading wisdom and insight to an audience of 750 students, alumni and community members.

The event covered a variety of topics, including a Shiur Kelali with Rabbi Hershel Schachter (pictured at left); a community address from President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, a riveting, never-before-seen 35-minute shiur from Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, zt"l, and dozens of unique presentations from the Yeshiva's rabbis and faculty. [READ MORE](#)

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Educating the Educators

YU convened a historic, multi-faith conference of over 70 teachers and administrators from across the U.S., as well as YU students, for an in-depth look at the role of the Hebrew Bible in the American story. The event was hosted by Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik, in partnership with Azrieli School of Jewish Education and Administration and the Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought. [READ MORE](#)



Dr. Jonathan Feiner Leads Mindfulness Workshop at Honors Luncheon

On February 22, students from the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program attended a luncheon featuring an experiential workshop on mindfulness, with leading clinical psychologist, Dr. Jonathan Feiner. The workshop led students through some of the questions and principles addressed in Dr. Feiner's 2020 book, *Mindfulness: A Jewish Approach*, including how mindfulness can affect Jewish practice, and how Judaism can, in turn, enhance and empower mindfulness-based interventions. [READ MORE](#)

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SCW Encourages Music Appreciation

SCW Honors Students recently attended a concert by the New York Philharmonic at the newly renovated Lincoln Center, conducted by Ruth Reinhardt. The concert featured a range of scores by woman artists, which included reflections on different periods in Jewish history. SCW also hosted

its annual concert of new music, which was initiated and organized by Chair of Music Dr. David Glaser. This concert emphasized the contribution of Jewish composers and was performed by members of the Momena Quartet, the SCW New Music Ensemble-in-Residence. [READ MORE](#)

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Honoring Emil A. Fish, Holocaust Survivor and Educator

More than 270 guests celebrated the leadership and commitment of the founder and benefactor of YU's Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, in a gala in Santa Monica, raising over \$400,000 to further the Center's work—to build a cadre of teachers, professionals and lay leaders committed to Holocaust education and remembrance. Mr. Fish will also be awarded an Honorary Doctorate at YU's 2023 Commencement. [READ MORE](#)

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Wall Street Journal Publishes YU Today

On March 31, the *Wall Street Journal* print edition published YU Today, Yeshiva University's periodic magazine. Titled "Powered by Innovators, Guided by Values," this magazine features profiles of eleven YU students, faculty and alumni who are making a difference and uplifting our world.

[READ MORE](#) about these exciting innovators.

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Record-Breaking Crowds at the 2023 Sarachek Basketball Invitational

The 30th annual Red Sarachek Invitational Basketball Tournament was held from March 23–27, hosted by MTA High School and taking place at Yeshiva University. The tournament welcomed 24 yeshiva high school basketball teams from across the United States and Canada to compete for the top spot in North America's most prestigious Jewish high school basketball competition.

Valley Torah High School of Los Angeles earned their second consecutive title against SAR High School of NYC in an electric 56–48 victory. The championship game attracted a large crowd of over 800 spectators in the Max Stern Athletic Center, with an additional 200 fans gathering at an outdoor viewing party featuring a high-tech digital broadcast truck in the heart of Wilf Campus. [READ MORE](#)

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Upcoming Events

Visit yu.edu/events/all to learn more about the programs listed here.

Monday, April 17 / 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Rav Soloveitchik: An Appreciation On the Occasion of his 30th Yahrzeit
Wilf Campus, Zysman Hall, Lamport Auditorium

Tuesday, April 18 / 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony: A Conversation with Emil Fish and Stephanie Butnick
Wilf Campus, Zysman Hall, Lamport Auditorium

Wednesday, April 19 / 8 – 10 p.m.

Stomp Out the Stigma
Wilf Campus, Zysman Hall, Lamport Auditorium

Tuesday, April 25

Yom Hazikaron / Yom Haatzmaut Events
Wilf Campus

Monday, May 1 / 6 – 10 p.m.

Sy Syms Dinner
Radio Hotel, NYC

Monday, May 8 / 6 – 10 p.m.

Senior Dinner
Tempura, NYC

Thursday, May 11 / 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Katz Symposium, Science, Tech, & Health
Beren Campus, 245 Lexington, Koch Auditorium

Thursday, May 11 / 6 – 10 p.m.

Athletics Banquet
Wilf Campus. Max Stern Athletic Center



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