



My Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to rejoice in one of the great annual celebrations of our generation, the graduation of our Yeshiva University students.



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Our students are amazing. They are not only excellent in their fields of studies but also carry with them a set of eternal values that enable them to authentically bring our centuries-old tradition into a world of innovation, creativity and promise.

As our future scientists and entrepreneurs, educators and rabbis, social workers and lawyers, psychologists and artists – communal leaders and philanthropists - mothers and fathers, they are the bearers of the covenant and the leaders of tomorrow.

This graduation was truly a milestone. In addition to celebrating our students, we honored the innovation and leadership propelling the modern State of Israel by awarding Dr. Daniel Gold, founder of Iron Dome, the Presidential Medallion for Global Leadership.



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We also bestowed an honorary doctorate to Emil Fish, Holocaust survivor and visionary founder of the Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at YU.



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As we conclude tonight the seven week journey from Egypt to Har Sinai and ready ourselves for Matan Torah, it is heartening to see the next generation emerge with such a love of Torah and commitment to the Jewish mission.

With all of the challenges facing the Jewish people, our students remind us of the great Jewish destiny promised to us at Sinai. They are the fulfillment of the dreams of generation's past and the hand that will chart the course of the future. They inspire me everyday and are a source of blessing not just for our people but for all people.

My warmest wishes for a chag sameach,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ari Berman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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