



Yeshiva University
Office of the President



From the desk of
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman

My Dear Friends, Students and Colleagues,

The [2023 Commencement season](#) has drawn to a close, and I am overjoyed to congratulate all of our new graduates – the leaders of tomorrow – who are beginning the next stage of their lives. These past six weeks were an exciting time for all of us, as we awarded more than 1,700 degrees to students across YU's four undergraduate and 11 graduate schools, affiliates and programs. Together with their family and friends, our graduates celebrated this great time in their lives and in the life of our university.

As we close this academic cycle, it is now a fitting moment for us to reflect on the achievements of this extraordinary year. From our rankings to our philanthropy to our enrollment, Yeshiva University is continuing our historic rise to meet the great opportunities of our time. I am pleased to share with you below some of our outstanding accomplishments of this past year.

COMMENCEMENT 2023



Commencement at Madison Square Garden on May 23 brought together more than 5,000 students, friends and relatives. For a gallery of images, click [here](#)



It was an honor to award the Presidential Medallion for Global Leadership to [Dr. Daniel Gold](#), Head of R&D for the Ministry of Defense of the State of Israel and inventor of the Iron Dome,



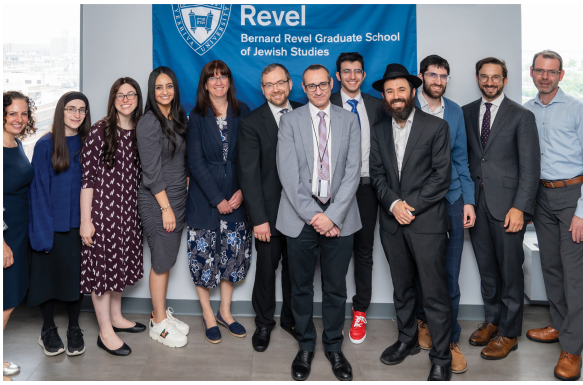
And a privilege to bestow an Honorary Doctorate to Holocaust survivor, philanthropist and visionary [Emil Fish](#).



[Cardozo's Commencement](#) at Lincoln Center, June 5 (left)



[Einstein's Commencement](#) at Lincoln Center, May 24 (right)



[Bernard Revel's celebration](#), May 21 (left)



[Wurzweiler's Commencement](#), May 16 (right)



[Azrieli's Commencement](#), May 10 (left)



[The Katz School Commencement](#), May 15 (right)



[Ferkauf's Commencement](#), May 18 (left)



[GPATS Graduation](#), May 17 (right)

YU ON THE RISE

Our national rankings continue to rise, moving up 30 places in U.S. News & World Report in the last few years and positioning us as the #7 university in the country among universities like MIT, CalTech and Dartmouth, who specialize in individualized attention for each student.


YU IS RANKED
#7
IN THE NATION
 among universities with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates



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Our enrollment at both the undergraduate and graduate level is soaring, with graduate enrollment increasing by over 86% during the last seven years and undergraduate enrollment increasing by over 20% this year over last, representing the largest incoming undergraduate class in 20 years.

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT rose significantly in fall 2022 with an over
20%
 Increase in new students from fall 2021.
 Representing the largest incoming class in over 20 years



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GRADUATE ENROLLMENT INCREASED BY OVER
86%

Fall 2016	1,927
Fall 2023 (proj.)	3,600+

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Our students are renowned for their excellence and success upon graduation. In fact, thanks to the efforts of our Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development, devoted faculty and extensive alumni network, 97.6% of YU's undergraduate students are employed, in grad school or both within six months of graduation.



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GROUNDBREAKING STORIES



YU convened the first-of-its-kind [Jewish studies conference](#) in Dubai, which drew extensive media attention and strengthened dialogue between Jews and Muslims in the Middle East (left).



My talk at the [BYU Forum](#) in Utah was warmly received by the close to 10,000 BYU students, faculty, alumni and staff in attendance (right).



In January, I had the pleasure of personally inaugurating [YU's Jerusalem Therapy Center](#), which was formed in partnership with the Wurzweiler School of Social Work to provide affordable and top-notch mental health care to the growing English-speaking population in Israel (left).



Beating out over 200 teams comprised of students from the finest universities in North America, four Yeshiva University students advanced to the finals in the [National Investment Banking Competition \(NIBC\)](#), the world's largest investment banking case competition and conference (left).

Protecting the world from cyber-attacks, the new [Security Operations Center](#) at The Katz School is the first of its kind in NYC, providing an unprecedented level of hands-on, real-world training in cybersecurity (right).



YU Museum's [groundbreaking Maimonides exhibition](#) features a collection of artifacts from across the world, some of which have rarely been seen in public and others signed by the great sage himself (right).



On June 5, over a thousand YU students, faculty and staff joined the throngs of Israel supporters in the [Celebrate Israel Day Parade](#) in New York.

Experiential education at Yeshiva University brought undergraduate students across the globe: our Straus center in [Rome](#), Sacks-Herenstein Center in [Morocco](#), JSS students in [Jerusalem](#) and a new YC/Stern sociology course in [Central America](#).

[CBS News Covers Yeshiva University's Migraine Research](#)

[Yeshiva University's Innovation Lab has initiated a new program that offers free support and expertise to local small businesses](#)

[Dmytro Vovk – Visiting Cardozo Professor Provides Expert Testimony to U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom](#)

[Sy Syms School of Business Celebrates its 36th Anniversary with Events Planned Throughout the Year](#)

[From Ghana to Ferkauf](#)

[For the 8th Year in a Row, HackYU Builds Student-Driven Tech Solutions to Modern Problems](#)

[YU Undergraduates and Local Students Celebrate the Success of START Science at Year-End Event](#)

[Stomp Out the Stigma Delivers a Message of Empathy and Unity](#)

[PA Student Helps Deliver Baby and a Career in Women's Health is Born](#)

[RIETS Installs Rabbi Ezra Schwartz as the Inaugural Harry Rabin Chair in Talmud and Jewish Law](#)

[Israeli Supreme Court Project at Cardozo Law Passes 10 Year Milestone](#)

PHILANTHROPY

YU's alumni and friends have contributed generously to the great success of our Rise Up Campaign. With the goal of raising \$613 million, we launched the campaign last year by announcing \$250 million dollars raised in the private

phase. In the past year, we have raised an additional \$100 million so that the campaign has passed its halfway mark, standing now at over \$350 million.



Isaac and Laura Perlmutter created the [Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice](#) at Cardozo with a gift of \$15 million, which will help defend the innocent and remove junk science from the courtroom.



Anita Zucker gave \$5 million to launch the [Anita Zucker Program for Jewish Early Childhood Educators](#), strengthening a field that is vital to Jewish youth (left).



A generous gift of \$3 million from the Eisenberg Family Foundation to Yeshiva University will establish the [Lea and Leon Eisenberg Writing Center](#) at Stern College for Women (right).

FEATURED ALUMNI

None of these amazing accomplishments would be possible without you, our YU family. The [talented valedictorians](#) and successful alumni below exemplify the spirit of achievements combined with values that makes YU the flagship Jewish university.



[Jonah Tripp](#) was valedictorian of Yeshiva College in 2023 (left).



[Leah Schewitz](#) was valedictorian of Sy Syms School of Business in 2023 (right).



[Dr. Laya Solomon](#)

'00 Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, M.A., Ed.D.
Director of Azrieli's Master's Program in Jewish Education
Associate Professor, Azrieli (left)



[Dr. Esther Berko](#)

'05 Stern College for Women,
'14 M.D./Ph.D. Albert Einstein College of Medicine,
Physician-Scientist, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology,
Schneider Children's Medical Center Israel, Clinical Instructor, TAU,
Research Associate, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (right).

This is just a taste of what we have accomplished this past year. Our successes are your successes, propelling us ever forward, toward greater achievements locally and on the world stage. Our recent graduates may leave behind the walls of Yeshiva University, but they will always be part of our greater community, joining a massive network of those who are ready and eager to support them in all their pursuits. With their values, vision and determination, they are poised to shape the future and leave an indelible mark on the world.

My warmest wishes for a wonderful summer.

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman
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