



## Yeshiva University

Office of the President

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you well.

I am pleased to share with you some news from campus.

Our Spring semester has begun with great success. Thanks to the collective work of our faculty, administration and students, we have additional in-person classes, upgraded technology in the classrooms and more students back on campus. In our yeshiva, high schools, colleges and graduate schools, both live and online, the exciting work of educating the leaders of tomorrow continues apace.

Our primary focus is to keep everyone healthy and safe. We are blessed with students, faculty and staff who embody our values and act with sensitivity and care for their own health and the health of those around them. Their strict social distancing and mask wearing combined with our rigorous testing protocol, contact tracing system and thorough quarantining regulations have enabled us to offer in-person instruction all throughout this year.

This year is a pivotal year in our students' lives. For character is formed and values internalized during times of adversity. And it is through education that we learn about ourselves. As we are taught in Proverbs (6:23): "For the commandment is a lamp and the law a light." Education is not only a window to the world but also a light onto one's soul. Through their classes and conversations with rabbis, professors and peers, our students are not only exploring the world but also developing themselves as future leaders and people of impact.

But even as we focus on this year, we are moving ahead with our plans for our future. As an institution deeply rooted and forward focused—deeply rooted in our 3,000-year-old tradition of values (the Five Torah) and forward focused on realizing the enormous opportunities of the future—we have established four key pillars on which we are building our growth: 1) Values and Leadership 2) Science and Tech 3) Entrepreneurship and Innovation 4) Great Jobs and Impactful Careers. Over the last few years, we have been executing on our strategy and seen extraordinary growth,

including adding 15 new graduate degrees across the University, recruiting top faculty and upgrading our facilities. This has led to a 60% increase in development, 30% increase in enrollment and a rise of 21 places in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. In this vein, I am pleased to share three great new announcements that will help us further realize our goals.

**Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development:** Preparing our students to be market ready as they secure great jobs and start impactful careers is one of our core strategic priorities. We are deeply pleased to announce that Drs. Felix and Miriam Glaubach and family donated a \$10 million gift to establish our new Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development. As one of the long-time leaders as a Trustee of Yeshiva University and of RIETS and a member of the Board of Yeshiva College and Yeshiva University High Schools, Felix's history and devotion to YU is legendary. I am deeply thankful to Felix, Miriam and the whole Glaubach family for their incredible partnership and generosity that will impact many generations of YU students. The enhanced Center will be guiding our students with job placements and connecting them to our extensive network of alumni and friends as well as preparing them with strategies for success for impactful careers in an ever-changing market.

**New partnership for students in STEM:** Through a new agreement between Yeshiva University and Montefiore Medicine, we will be launching a joint Yeshiva University-Albert Einstein College of Medicine B.A./B.S.-M.D. program in Fall 2022 for highly qualified high school graduates, ensuring their path to an excellent medical education and an impactful career in health care. Details on the program will be announced in the coming months. Yeshiva University and Einstein have also created a task force to study the creation of additional joint academic and career-related programs in the fields of health care and health sciences. This exciting new chapter in our relationship with Einstein further establishes opportunities for our students to attend and benefit from the incredible world-class research of our affiliate medical school.

**New Labs and Classrooms:** This semester we are pleased to open our new Selma T. and Jacques H. Mitrani Tech Lab on the Beren campus. This tech floor is specially designed for our growing number of computer science students. Additionally, we have secured funding from the Margaret and Leo Meyer and Hans M. Hirsch Foundation to build engineering spaces on both the Wilf and Beren campuses as well as a digital media lab on the Wilf campus. We have also upgraded the technology in 45 classrooms on the Wilf and Beren campuses to allow for an enhanced learning experience for both students in the classroom and those who are joining remotely.

All of these investments are part of our long-term ambition of moving Yeshiva University, the Flagship Jewish University, into our next great era. We look forward to working with our lay leadership, faculty and students to further develop our plans at this transformative moment for YU. As we look forward to shifting to the “new normal,” it is our faith in God and belief in our students’ success that inspire me with a great optimism about our future and confidence that we will emerge from this time even stronger.

Wishing all of our students much success in their studies this semester.

Warmest regards,  
Dr. Ari Berman

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