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President of Yeshiva University

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Dear Friend,

I am delighted to present to you our annual President’s Report, showcasing YU’s tremendous growth and accomplishments in 2022. As you will see in the following pages, we have had an amazing year, punctuated by many key successes.

From robust increases in both graduate and undergraduate enrollment and dramatic growth in philanthropic donations to a significant rise in national rankings, we are demonstrating our status as the flagship Jewish university.

In this report, you will see why students across the world are increasingly drawn to YU’s undergraduate schools, whose 2022 enrollment is up over 15 percent from 2021. Thanks to our world-renowned Torah faculty, top-tier academics, vibrant student life and impactful career services, record numbers of students and parents are recognizing that YU is the most effective bridge to students’ future lives of enormous professional and personal success.

You will also see some of the stellar achievements of our graduate students. With expert faculty, over 25 new cutting-edge graduate school programs ranging from Artificial Intelligence to Biotechnology, and groundbreaking research, our graduate schools uniquely qualify students to become experts in their fields and the leaders of the future.

All across our university, our five Core Torah Values are on display: Seek Truth (Torat Emet), Discover your Potential (Torat Adam), Live your Values (Torat Chaim), Act with Compassion (Torat Chesed) and Bring Redemption (Torat Tzion). From significant contributions in the sciences and medicine to civil rights initiatives and criminal justice reforms, to raising the next generation of rabbis, educators, health workers, and value-driven leaders of industry, we are dedicated to uplifting humanity and ultimately redeeming the world.

The recent launch of our Rise Up Campaign has set the stage for success across Yeshiva University. Already having raised over $250 million, we are advancing forward to reaching our goal of $613 million. Due to the success of the campaign, we have been able to increase scholarship programs to ensure greater affordability, update our facilities to build the campus of tomorrow and sustain and attract our highly-ranked faculty. Philanthropic donations have tripled in the past five years and the number of donors is up nearly 20% from last year, showing the great confidence and commitment of our YU supporters.

In this edition, I invite you to read about our impressive students, innovative faculty and devoted alumni who work together to ensure the success of this esteemed institution. We look forward to rising even higher and continuing to serve the Jewish community and the broader society, creating a better world for all.

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YU STUDENTS FIND SUCCESS: Over 95% of YU undergraduate students are employed, in grad school or both within six months of graduation.

THE CARDOZO LAW SCHOOL INNOCENCE PROJECT directly exonerated 193 innocent people using DNA testing for crimes they did not commit.

YU CELEBRATES GRADUATES AT EXPANDED 2022 COMMENCEMENT: YU Isay Ribo Concert capped the day of festivities that attracted over 16,000 people to Arthur Ashe Stadium in Queens, New York.

THE UNIVERSITY ROSE 29 SPOTS in its U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges 2022 ranking, from 97 to 68.

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THE KATZ SCHOOL’S ONLINE MASTER’S DEGREE in cybersecurity ranked 2nd in the nation.

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YU IS THE 3rd RANKED UNIVERSITY in all of New York City.

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YU UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE ENROLLMENT ACHIEVE RECORD GROWTH

Undergraduate enrollment rose significantly at Yeshiva University in fall 2022, with new student numbers growing over 15% from 2021. Graduate school enrollment also has increased, with enrollment up 60% since 2016. These students are increasingly drawn to YU thanks to its world-renowned Torah faculty; top-tier, highly ranked academics; enriching Jewish student life; stellar academic counseling; and extensive alumni network, which ensure great jobs and impactful careers throughout every student’s life. Since 2016, YU has created over 25 new cutting-edge graduate school programs to prepare students for careers in today’s most sought-after professions.

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BRINGING LIGHT TO DARK MATTER

“Fly me to the moon and let me play among the stars” could well be the lyrics to the life of DR. EDWARD BELBRUNO. His recent publication, co-authored with James Green, former chief scientist at NASA (where Dr. Belbruno used to work), outlines a NASA mission that could analyze, for the first time, dark matter in the universe. It is a fitting mission for this renowned painter and mathematician who once used his art to trace a mathematical trajectory to recover a lost satellite.

ANCIENT PEOPLE OF THE MODERN WORLD

DR. STEVEN FINE, director of the Center for Israel Studies, completed the YU Israelite Samaritans Project, a six-year effort working with an international team of artists, scholars, friends and students to document the lives and traditions of the Samaritans. A film by Israeli filmmaker Moshe Alafi, ha-Shomronim: Edah. Torah. Har., had a special viewing at the YU Museum accompanied by two companion books and an exhibition of Samaritan-themed art by the Jewish Art Salon. The Project next moves to Washington, D.C. and the Bihelhaus Museum in Frankfurt, Germany.

JEWISH EDUCATION ON THE MOVE

The Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration launched On the Move, a pioneering fellowship in Jewish education that introduces educators to innovations in the field of student-centered learning and works with the fellows to integrate those innovations into their own pedagogical practices and schools. The fellowship is supported by a partnership with the Jewish Education Innovation Challenge (JEIC), an educational initiative of the Mayberg Foundation.

DR. MARIAN GIDEA EARS ANOTHER HONOR

DR. MARIAN GIDEA, chair of the mathematics department at Yeshiva College, was selected by the National Science Foundation to be a program director in the Division of Mathematical Sciences, a distinction awarded only to the most accomplished researchers in their fields. A renowned expert in dynamical systems and applications, this honor follows many impressive milestones in Dr. Gidea’s stellar career: he has co-authored two books, published many articles, been invited to more than 50 conferences around the world and received over $900,000 in research funding since he joined YU in 2013.

RESEARCH TO COUNTER DIABETES

DR. JEFFREY GONZALEZ, professor of psychology at Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology and director of the New York Regional Center for Diabetes Translation Research (NY-CDTR) at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, has been recognized for his pioneering work in the prevention and management of diabetes, with an emphasis on health equity. The National Institutes of Health recently awarded a five-year, $4 million grant to support the research Dr. Gonzalez and his fellow investigators are conducting at the NY-CDTR. “Our research is aimed at helping those who shoulder the greatest burden of diabetes in the U.S.—namely people of color and those with lower socioeconomic status,” noted Dr. Gonzalez.

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Every person is created in God's image, and at YU, we recognize each individual's inherent worth and encourage our students to grow and discover their full potential.
A REDESIGN FOR IMPACT

The Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development opened its new home on the Beren Campus, designed as a modern facility for forward-thinking career readiness practices. The space—complete with a glass-encased leadership lounge for board meetings and offices for virtual interviews—mirrors the pioneering initiatives the center has introduced to prepare students for the workplace. The new center will allow YU career counselors to work individually with students to help them succeed in whatever field or life path they choose.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH TEAM AT WURZWEILER

The Wurzweiler School of Social Work last year began original research to craft educational materials that will help criminal justice social workers improve how they communicate about voting to individuals with criminal histories and their communities. The researchers (including nine Wurzweiler Ph.D. students) expect that their findings and materials will be a key resource for those advocating for policy changes that help disenfranchised people regain their right to vote.

SAVING LIVES FROM A KILLER DISEASE

DR. RADHASHREE MAITRA, associate professor of biology at Yeshiva University and a senior scientist at Montefiore Medical Center, received a three-year award of $433,953 from the National Institutes of Health for her research on fighting colorectal cancer, considered by the CDC as the second deadliest cancer in the United States. She is working on a therapy for a particular subset of patients who do not respond to standard treatments and have no therapy to counter the aggressive development of the disease.

Yeshiva University opens the David Drelich Bloomberg Finance Lab

YU’s Sy Syms School of Business announced on May 3, 2022, the opening of the new David Drelich Bloomberg Finance Lab to serve as a hub of learning for students and professors. The lab is named in memory of David Drelich, MD, CFP, and facilitated by Steven Drelich, Esq., and Fred Krause, Ph.D., who are trustees for Dr. Drelich’s estate. The lab is designed for Yeshiva University’s Wilf Campus with an additional six to be used at the Beren Campus. The Bloomberg Terminal will provide real-time and historical data, market-moving news and analytics to help leading business and financial professionals worldwide make better informed investment decisions.

KATZ’S CUTTING-EDGE CLINICAL TRAINING HUB

The Katz School of Science and Health created state-of-the-art clinical training labs for its

A pre-Purim Shabbaton on the Beren Campus on March 12, 2022, marked the first time the Stern College for Women’s Machina Program celebrated the broad diversity of its students, who come to YU and the program with little or no formal Jewish education. A panel comprised of women from all over the world shared stories and perspectives, describing reasons for choosing YU and the successes and challenges they have experienced in their religious journeys. “It was incredibly impactful,” says Shoshana Schechter, associate dean for Torah Studies and Spiritual Life and director of the Machina Program. “There wasn’t a dry eye in the room. We’re hoping to do it on a much larger scale in the future.”

Students at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law claimed a major victory for civil rights in fall 2021. Cardozo’s Civil Rights Clinic, in partnership with attorneys in New York and New Orleans, had been fighting since 2017 on behalf of death row inmates in Louisiana, filing a class-action lawsuit to protest inhumane conditions such as permanent solitary confinement. Thanks to the clinic’s students and faculty, a settlement was reached — and inmates will now be permitted group time, opportunities for recreation, study, religious worship and more.

“[The settlement] reflects a substantial change in the conditions for people on death row in Louisiana,” said Cardozo Professor Betsy Ginsberg, who expressed a hope that it is only the beginning.
As the world’s flagship Jewish university, we don’t just talk about values, we live them and instill them in everything we do. YU’s entire curriculum is infused with life-guiding values for each student to incorporate into their personal and professional path so they can live lives of meaning and purpose.
FORGOING A SPOT AT THE OLYMPICS TO KEEP SHABBAT

ESTEE ACKERMAN ’23S, one of the top-ranked table tennis players in the United States, was honored in November 2021 by the Town of Hempstead, her hometown, for her professionalism and her commitment to her Jewish faith. Ackerman chose to not attend the USA Olympic trials for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics since they occurred on the Jewish Sabbath. She was presented with a complimentary Town of Hempstead ping pong paddle featuring the town seal and is looking forward to landing a spot at the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SACKS-HERENSTEIN CENTER

To commemorate the first yahrzeit of RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS ZT”L, YU announced in November 2021 that Terri and Andrew Herenstein were establishing the Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks-Herenstein Center for Values and Leadership to disseminate Rabbi Sacks’ teachings throughout the world.
RENOVATION STARTS ON NEW BELZ BUILDING

A generous gift from the Belz family of Memphis, Tennessee, has allowed for the start of a comprehensive renovation of Furst Hall, a cornerstone academic facility on Wilf Campus that will be renamed the Belz Building. All classrooms and administrative spaces are being modernized, the interior and exterior will be refurbished and a new gallery space will display much of Jack and Marilyn z”l Belz’s lifetime collection of Judaica and artwork.

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS OF THE NEW GALLERY SPACE THAT WILL HOUSE THE BELZ FAMILY’S JUDAICA AND ARTWORK.

YU HOSTS ISHAY RIBO CONCERT AS PART OF EXPANDED COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

Yeshiva University was pleased to host acclaimed Israeli singer ISHAY RIBO for one of the largest Jewish music concerts in North American history. The event drew over 16,000 people to Arthur Ashe Stadium on the day of YU’s Commencement Ceremony as a way to honor YU’s 2022 graduating class and celebrate the unity and creative strength of the Jewish people. The YU Ishay Ribo Concert featured a siyum celebrating the completion of a course of study in Torah, followed by Ishay Ribo’s heartfelt and poignant music. Only Yeshiva University, the flagship Jewish university, could put together a show like this together as an exciting way to honor students’ achievement with an evening of music, Torah, unity and celebration.
Humanity has a shared responsibility to support each other and help those in need. YU is proud to offer many initiatives, programs and opportunities inside and outside the classroom that inspire everyone in our community to help the less fortunate and, through each act of kindness and compassion, change lives for the better.
NEW CLINICAL DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK

The Wurzweiler School of Social Work launched a new clinical doctorate in social work (DSW) for experienced post-MSW clinicians who are either currently in direct practice with a client base or are administrators of clinical programs. Distinct from Ph.D. programs that emphasize social work research and research skill development, the clinical emphasis of the Wurzweiler DSW focuses on transforming practicing social workers into top-notch evidence-based clinicians who will become the next generation of leaders in social service agencies and educators in clinical social work education.

MEETING TRAGEDY WITH COMPASSION

On Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, a deadly fire ripped through 333 E. 181st St. in the Tremont section of the Bronx, killing 17, including eight children. YU community members immediately responded by pulling together relief items for the victims of the blaze, working with the office of New York City Councilmember Oswald Feliz, whose district covers where the fire took place. The effort included volunteers from the Office of Student Life, the Office of Government Relations and the Care Café of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

ON A MISSION OF MERCY TO FLORIDA

BATYA JAFFE, a Ph.D. student and an adjunct professor at Wurzweiler School of Social Work, was one of the six Psychotrauma and Crisis Response Unit (PCRU) members from United Hatzalah in Israel who worked in Surfside, Florida, after the Champlain Towers South condominium collapse on June 24, 2021. Her partner on this mission of mercy was Lucy, a rescue dog from a K-9 unit that supports the work of the PCRU. The pair, together with five other team members, assisted displaced families, first responders and community members in coping with the tragedy that shook their lives.

TAKING PASTORAL COUNSELING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The Advanced Certificate in Pastoral Counseling, offered by Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology in partnership with the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), was officially recognized by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). The certificate program—one of the first of its kind to serve the Orthodox community—strengthens the mental health counseling skills of both pulpit rabbis and communal educators by equipping them with practical knowledge to support people across a wide range of mental health issues, from crisis intervention and trauma to bereavement and family therapy. Credits earned through the program can now be applied to a master’s or doctoral program.

PARNES CLINIC HELPS PATIENTS THROUGH CHALLENGING 2022

While continuing with its online psychotherapy platform, the Max and Celia Parnes Family Psychological and Psychoeducational Services Clinic fully reopened its doors in September 2021 to accommodate patients without adequate internet or privacy for telehealth visits. With 356 new patients in 2021, the training clinic of the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology is logging more sessions than ever in its 40-year history as it helps patients cope with the tumultuous events of 2022, including continuing threats from COVID-19 and anxiety over the war in Ukraine. This includes treating families that were victims of Hurricane Ida and the tragic Bronx fire that killed 17 people in January 2022, as well as New Yorkers with relatives in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.
YU GRAPPLES WITH THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Under the leadership of DR. SELMA BOTMAN, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and DR. RONNIE PERELIS, director of the Rabbi Arthur Schneier Program for International Affairs, the university convened five online panel discussions that brought together YU’s collective expertise in history, politics, ethics, law (both secular and Jewish), the arts and psychology to help attendees process and understand the ongoing war in Ukraine. In addition, DR. SHAY PILNIK, director of the Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, collaborated with the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center in Ukraine and dozens of other organizations to convene an online discussion with Ruslan Kavatsiuk, its deputy CEO, and Natan Sharansky, its chairman of the supervisory board, about “Ukraine: Past, Present, Future.” The panel discussions demonstrated YU’s unique ability to inform and educate on world events and drew an audience of several thousand.

YU STUDENTS TRAVEL TO VIENNA TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

When the war in Ukraine broke out, 28 YU students traveled to Vienna, Austria, on a relief mission to help Ukrainian refugees by coordinating housing, bringing supply packages, providing Jewish educational programming for kids, and sorting and distributing donations. The week-long mission was led by Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University; Dr. Erica Brown, vice provost and director of the Sacks-Herenstein Center for Values and Leadership; and Rabbi Josh Blass, mashgiach ruchani [spiritual supervisor] at RIETS.

“The incredible response of the students is so encouraging,” said Dr. Brown. “It reminds us all that evil is combated by thousands of acts of kindness. It’s the Jewish way. It’s about believing that every single person has within the power to redeem darkness.” The YU relief mission participants were thanked in person for their efforts at the Hofburg Palace, the seat of the Austrian government, by Wolfgang Sobotka, president of the Austrian National Council.
We find ourselves in an imperfect world, yet striving to heal, uplift and transform our world is what gives our lives meaning and purpose. From supporting Israel and the rights of the marginalized to discovering medical and scientific breakthroughs that promote the greater good, YU’s students, faculty, staff and our entire community are committed to creating a peaceful, just and bountiful future for us all.
On Nov. 22, 2021, SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN RASHID AL KHALIFA, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States, engaged in a historic dialogue with the YU community both in person and online during a live taping on the Wilf Campus of “The Diplomat,” a Newsweek podcast hosted by YU alumnus Jason Greenblatt, former White House Middle East Envoy. Shaikh Al Khalif shared his thoughts about the Abraham Accords, Jewish life in Bahrain and the opportunities for U.S. college students in the region, encouraging his listeners to spread the word about the positive changes occurring in the Middle East.

On May 16, 2022, YU's Wurzweiler School of Social Work and YU in Israel sponsored the Mental Health Expo at the Nefesh B’Nefesh Aliyah Campus in Jerusalem. The event attracted 1,400 participants for a daylong series of events aimed at discussing, confronting and solving the challenges of mental health as well as destigmatizing the subject.

For the first time in the school's history, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies is launching in East Asia. DR. JEONG MUN HEO, formerly of South Korea, completed his Ph.D. at Revel in 2021 and has since joined its faculty as the Head of Development for South Korea. Inspired by The Dignity of Difference, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks’ book on reconciling hatred, Dr. Heo is leading a graduate certificate program in Jewish-Christian relations and establishing a center for Jewish-Christian relations in South Korea. Heo says he was “deeply inspired by the values and ideas of Yeshiva University, such as Torah Umadda and Torah Lishmah, encouraging a balanced perspective between faith and scholarship.”
YU HOLOCAUST EVENT IN DUBAI

EMIL A. FISH, a Holocaust survivor, and DR. SHAY PILNIK, director of the Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, partnered with the Crossroads of Civilizations Museum in Dubai, UAE, to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27, 2022. The program included a testimonial film about Emil A. Fish and a panel discussion about Holocaust education in the 21st century. “We promised never again,” said Fish, “but that means we must never forget. That can only happen by commemoration and education.” The event, the first Holocaust exhibit in an Arab country, hosted 100 guests in person and was livestreamed to hundreds more around the world.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY LEADS TO LAW

MYRIAM GILLES, professor at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and celebrated expert on forced arbitration, testified before the House Judiciary Committee in February 2022, as she has done several times before. Speaking powerfully about how forced arbitration favors employers over workers who have experienced sexual harassment, she said, “I can’t imagine how you could design a worse system for dealing with sexual harassment,” calling it “a deep injustice.” Less than one month later, after it passed overwhelmingly in both houses of Congress, President Biden signed the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021 into law, invalidating arbitration agreements that preclude filing a lawsuit in court. Several members of Congress cited Prof. Gilles when explaining their votes.

Myriam Gilles, Professor
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

CARDozo LAW REVIEW GETS FIRST BLACK EDITor

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law hit an exciting milestone when JHATON WHITE became the first Black editor-in-chief of the Cardozo Law Review. Jhaton hopes his election will help other Black students picture themselves in the role and that he will be able to diversify the pool of authors. “If I can do it, I want Black law students to know that they can too,” he says. Jhaton lost no time creating the first-ever Journal Week, an innovative event designed to expose students to Cardozo’s journals and introduce them to Bluebook rules.

Jhaton White, Editor-in-Chief of the Cardozo Law Review

PAtENT DIVERSITY PROJECT SECURES ITS FIRST PATent

The Patent Diversity Project, part of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law’s nationally renowned Intellectual Property Program, secured its first patent on behalf of Rose Coppee, a Black inventor, for her modular hairbrush. Funded in part by Google, the project provides free legal assistance to inventors from historically underrepresented groups. Students and faculty help entrepreneurs navigate the patent system and connect qualifying inventors with pro bono lawyers. “We’re ecstatic for Rose and very thankful to the attorneys,” said project director Victor Wang. “Working with the Project was so helpful,” said Coppee, who has continued to invent. “At first I was scared and intimidated,” she says, “but when you do it once, you’re not afraid anymore.”
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