

Shalom Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University Model United Nations XXVIII! My name is Avigayil Adouth, and I am honored to be serving as the Chair of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at this year's conference!

Just a little about me - I grew up in Miami, FL (no, I didn't go to class on the beach). I spent a stellar 18 years oscillating between the hallowed halls of The RASG Hebrew Academy and my bed where I binge watched *How I Met Your Mother*, *One Tree Hill*, and *Suits*. After high school, I was privileged enough to spend a year hitting the Holy Books in the Holy City of the Holiest Land at the one and only Shaalvim for Women! I am currently a Junior at Yeshiva University studying Psychology and Judaic Studies.

This year's conference will be my fifth rodeo here at YUNMUN. In high school, I served as a delegate on CEDAW, WFP, and WHO. When I finally made my way to YU, I knew I had to continue my YUNMUN career, and last year I served as the Administrative Assistant on UNHRC alongside our very own undersecretary Azi Fine.

I am excited to be serving as the Chair of COPOUS at this year's conference and am looking forward to a YUNMUN that is out of this world (extra points for puns). While it is true that I eat, breathe, and sleep YUNMUN, I do some other stuff when I'm not engaged in YUNMUN-related activities. I write for *The YU Commentator*, am a board member of YU's Student Holocaust Education Movement and serve as a liaison between the student body and the university in my position on the Stern College Student Life Committee. Other than that, I am an NCSY Advisor, a Ramaz Kollel Fellow, and a Volunteer Crisis Counselor for the Crisis Text Line! I spend my very limited downtime watching reruns of *Friends*, cooking and eating with my actual friends, learning the scriptures, face-timing my mom, and drinking an unhealthy amount of Diet Peach Snapple.

As members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, we are tasked with making sure that space exploration stays safe, peaceful, and productive. This committee is tasked with governing the exploration and use of space for the benefit of all humanity: for peace, security and development. We are responsible for monitoring international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space, studying space-related activities, encouraging space research programmes, and studying legal problems arising from the exploration of outer space. Please take the time to do your research. The topics we will be tackling will affect all of humanity. It is your job as a delegate to challenge the norm and fight for a better tomorrow, today. Remember that at the conference you will be representing the political voice of your country - not your own. Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the views of the other countries being represented in COPUOS so we can jump right into productive conversation come conference time.

Throughout the research portion of your YUNMUN preparation, you might find the COPUOS homepage to be a helpful resource. I urge you to peruse their "Past sessions" tab, which houses a treasure trove of information touching on the topics we will be covering and

beyond. As you write your papers keep in mind that everything will be checked for plagiarism on turnitin.com; if you have any comments, questions, concerns, or just want to say hello feel free to reach me at avigayiladouth@gmail.com! Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting you all soon!

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