

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University Model United Nations XXX! My name is Talia Kupferman and I will be your Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). I am honored and truly pumped to be spending this year's conference with you.

A bit about myself: I am from Riverdale, NY (#TheBronx) and I went to Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls. I then spent a year in Israel at Midreshet Harova. I am currently a senior at Stern College for Women where I am a Biology major and am currently applying to Genetic Counseling graduate programs. I am also the president of the Genetics Club on campus. Some of my hobbies include cooking, doing Zumba, and *anything* musical theatre.

This will be my 7th year at YUNMUN as I was on my high school's team for four years, an Assistant Chair on the Human Rights Council in 2018 and the Chair of the World Food Programme last year. Quick fun fact: 2/4 of the committees I was on in high school only existed for that year I was a part of them and no longer exist in the YUNMUN world today (10 points to anyone who knows what they were).

Previously at YUNMUN, this committee was referred to as CEDAW, however the name was recently transformed to CSW as we primarily discuss women's issues in this committee. Rather than merely focusing on eliminating discrimination against women, at CSW, we aim to empower and promote the rights of women. As this is only CSW's third year at YUNMUN, you as CSW delegates are making history as you are cementing the reputation of the committee and shaping its future.

When the UNCSW was established in 1946, they were accomplishing smaller strides that needed to be made. This needed to be done in order for sizeable issues to be conquered in the future. For example, during the early years of the committee, a main goal accomplished was successfully arguing against referencing to "men" as a synonym for humanity.¹ It was because of these small but impactful steps taken years ago, that we are able to discuss and solve larger scaled issues concerning women today. Women's statuses are continuously changing, in both positive and negative ways and in all aspects of daily life: socially, politically, economically, and domestically. We should be proud of the work already accomplished that got women to stand with pride today, however, our work is nowhere near completed.

In our committee sessions we will concentrate on women and girls in sports and ending violence against women. There is a lot to discuss for both of these topics, so come prepared, ready to focus, and to have fun! Also, I have to remind you that all position papers will be

¹ <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/brief-history>

submitted to turnitin.com for plagiarism review. I can't wait to meet you all in February and good luck with all your research. If you have any comments, questions or ideas as you go about your research, feel free to email me at takupfer@mail.yu.edu

Best of luck,

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