

Dear Delegates of CTC,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXI! My name is Leah Josphowitz and I am so excited to serve as Chair of the Counter Terrorism Committee this year.

A little about me: I grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended Hillel Academy from preschool through 12th grade. After that I spent a year learning at Midreshet Lindenbaum in Israel and now I am a senior at Stern College, majoring in speech-language pathology and audiology. This is going to be my fifth YUNMUN conference, but my first time as the chair of CTC. As a high school student, I was a delegate on WFP and Security Council, and spent the last two years serving as an administrative assistant on UNICEF and CTC, respectively.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee was created by the Security Council in 2001, following the September 11th terrorist attack on the United States. The CTC is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. The four main goals of the CTC are: to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, take measures to prevent and combat terrorism, build individual states' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism, and to ensure respect for human rights and rule of law as the fundamental basis for the fight against terrorism.

Over the course of this conference we will be discussing various solutions that could be employed to disrupt the financing of terrorism via the internet. I urge you to begin your research for the conference by familiarizing yourself with the goals of CTC, as it will inform and direct your research for our upcoming debates. While researching and writing position papers, please keep in mind that at this conference you will be representing a country and your position should reflect that country's view, not your own. Not only is this important in terms of the opinions you present, it affects who you should work with and support. Solving problems by abandoning what your country believes in is not a realistic simulation of diplomacy. Please be sure to follow the guidelines listed in the YUNMUN Student Handbook when writing your position papers, especially those regarding plagiarism, as each paper will be checked for plagiarism through Turnitin. Also feel free to email me with any questions or comments at ljoshowi@mail.yu.edu.

I look forward to meeting all of you and to hearing your thoughts on how to solve the world's problems!

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Chair, CTC

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