Greetings delegates of CTC,

My name is Ariel Hochman and I will be your chair this year. I hail from Teaneck, New Jersey, and attended Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) for High School, where I first began my YUNMUN career as a delegate on the Security Council in tenth grade. I went on to serve as a delegate in the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). After high school, I spent two years learning in Israel at a place known as Gush. I then began my studies at Yeshiva College and knew I had to continue my YUNMUN activities as a staff member. I first served the illustrious committee on Drugs and Crime as an Administrative Assistant and was the chair of COPUOS two years ago. I am ecstatic to be return as chair for the amazing Counter Terrorism Committee. In my six years of YUNMUN experience, I have gained a lot, and hope you too will benefit from the tremendous opportunities at YUNMUN to hone debating skills, master public speaking, engage in high level arguments, and learn from the quirkiest, yet coolest, people from like-minded, yet different, communities across the world. I cannot wait for, what is promising to be, the most unbelievable conference yet!

Our committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee, was founded in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001 by the United Nations Security Council. The CTC has been tasked with the difficult challenge of preventing terrorism globally. Our committee this year will deal with two topics that have found their way into current events. In the first topic, we will discuss the financing of terrorism and how our committee can work to disrupt it. In the second, we will look towards the future of this committee and address
how we as a body of the United Nations can be proactive in pre-empting terrorism and terrorist organizations from developing. Please note that all Position Paper submissions will be put through turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at Hochman.ariel@gmail.com. Here’s to having not bombastic discussions, but substantive ones! Good luck with your preparations!

Yours truly,

Ariel Hochman, Chair CTC YUNMUN XXIX