

# BUILDING BETTER

Building A  
Better University





Yeshiva University has a longstanding commitment to providing our students, staff and faculty with the latest and most technologically advanced educational facilities. Under the leadership of Randy Apfelbaum, Chief Facilities Officer for the University, the Department of University Operations is currently overseeing more than 45 construction and infrastructure improvement projects on campus. “University Operations is proud to support the University’s growth and continued success by building and enhancing new facilities,” said Apfelbaum. “These upgrades will lead to better services for students, faculty and staff and an amazing campus environment for all.”

### WILF CAMPUS

**Furst Hall**, originally built in the 1960s and which houses most of the classrooms on the campus, will be renovated and renamed the Belz Building. Thanks to generous support of the Belz family, this renovation includes recladding the building with an energy-efficient glass curtain wall and establishing an art gallery to showcase the Belz collection of Judaica and Israeli art.

New York Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand secured \$1.5 million of federal funding to renovate **Lamport Auditorium** in Zysman Hall. The project will restore the facility’s Moorish and Art Deco design elements to their original grandeur while providing important modernizations including cutting-edge audio-visual technologies.

To accommodate a growing Sephardic student population, YU is relocating the Sephardic Beit Midrash to a larger, more spacious room in Morgenstern Hall.

This will create a more expansive and meaningful experience for all students.

The newly completed **Yeshiva College Digital Art and Music Laboratory** in Belfer Hall, funded by the Margaret and Leo Meyer and Hans M. Hirsch Foundation, has been equipped with state-of-the-art computers, software and electronic pianos to foster collaboration between the music and art departments on multimedia presentations.

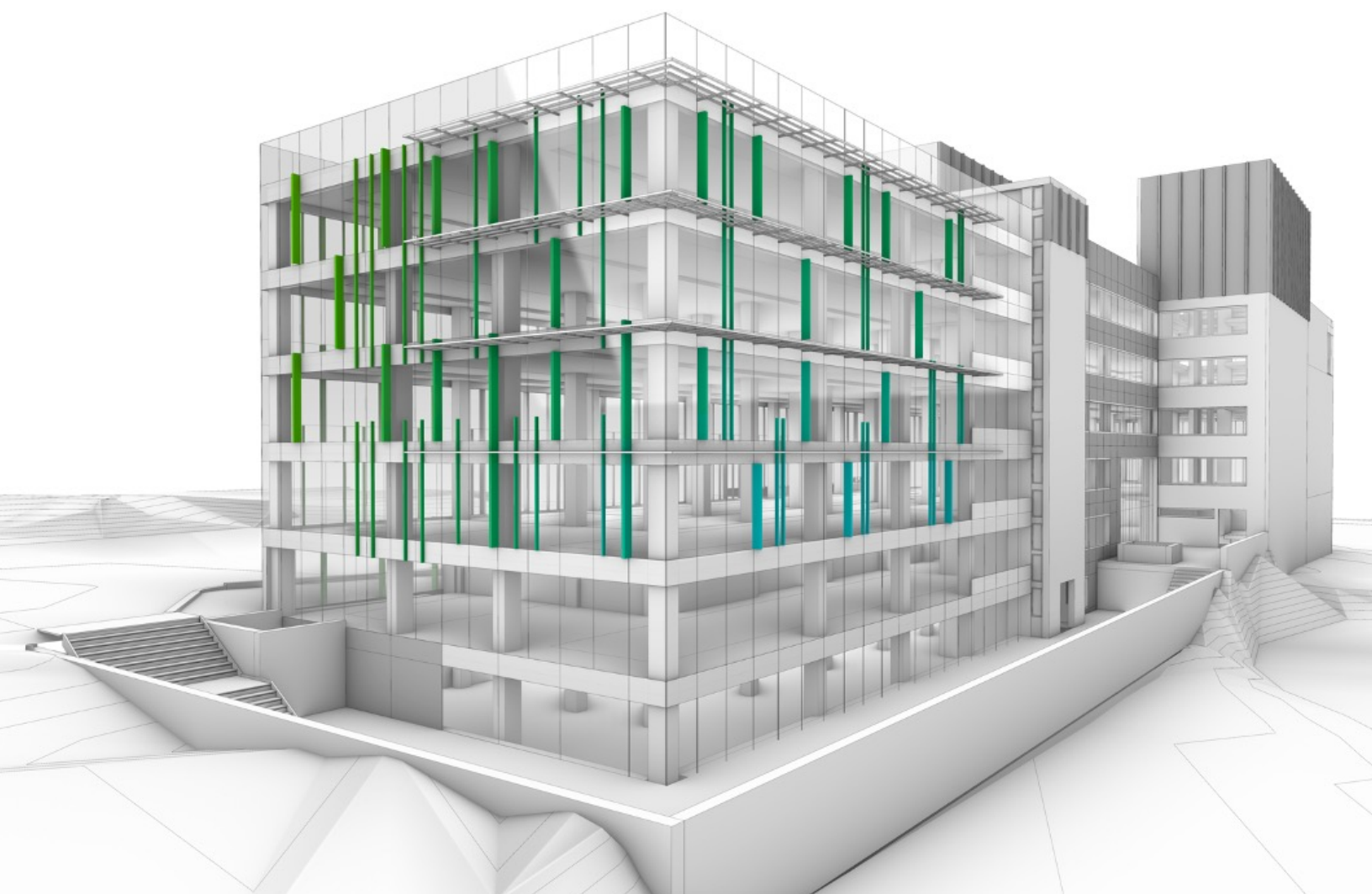
A federal grant of \$1 million as well as a generous gift from the Weissberg family will fund substantial upgrades to **Weissberg Commons** in Belfer Hall, a popular venue for campus and community events. Improvements will include a new conference center, along with new lighting, flooring, wall finishes and a built-in sound and video projection system.

### BEREN CAMPUS

To augment the Glaubach family’s multi-million dollar gift establishing the **Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development**, YU is opening a new space at 215 Lexington Avenue that includes interview rooms, offices, a pantry and a lounge with audio-video capabilities for remote interactions.

The Katz School has opened the **Security Operations Center** as part of its cybersecurity master’s degree, noted by *Fortune* magazine as one of the country’s leading online cybersecurity programs. This center provides hands-on training and develops crucial cyber-defense skills for students.

**Stern College’s Studio Art** program has reconstructed its classroom and gallery spaces, incorporating improved



*An artist rendering of the new Belz Building being constructed on the Wilf Campus.*



computers and software for the digital art lab and a more spacious room with enhanced gallery lighting for student presentations.

The new **engineering laboratory in Stanton Hall** at Stern College caters to the growing interest in that field. It features large workbench tables, power outlets, 3D printers, rolling tables for student projects and upgraded audio-visual capabilities, thanks to support from the Margaret and Leo Meyer and Hans M. Hirsch Foundation.

The **Lea and Leon Eisenberg Writing Center** at Stern College will be relocated to a new space and upgraded with a student lounge, a conference room and faculty offices to meet the increasing demand for writing support.

YU is enhancing the **Office of Student Life** with new glass-fronted offices and a lounge area for students.

---

## BROOKDALE/CARDOZO CAMPUS

The Cardozo Law School's **Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice**, which focuses on training lawyers in the use of scientific evidence and debunking "junk science," will expand its facilities with four offices and two conference rooms, with support from the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Foundation.

## RESNICK/FERKAUF CAMPUS

The nation's first Non-Verbal Learning Disorder (NVLD) clinic, established by the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology in collaboration with The NVLD Project, offers specialized treatment, assessment rooms, a family conference room, teaching and training spaces, a seminar room and a clinic workspace to treat this vastly undertreated condition. The clinic was made possible by Dr. Laura Lemle, a Ferkauf graduate and founder of the NVLD Project.

**The Katz School for Science and Health** has opened two new programs in fully renovated spaces. One is the physician's assistant program built in renovated space in the Van Etten Building, which includes classrooms, simulated cadaver tables, a simulated hospital and exam rooms, faculty offices and a student lounge. The occupational therapy program occupies two fully renovated floors of the Rousso Building and includes faculty offices, classrooms, a simulated apartment with working kitchen and bathroom, a neuro sensory lab and a modalities lab with training equipment for the students.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Throughout the campuses, YU has launched sustainability initiatives, including new LED lighting which provides better illumination while saving significantly on energy costs, and upgrading to the heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC). Other major projects include elevator replacement in several buildings including Cardozo Law School, Belfer Hall, 245 Lexington and Brookdale Hall, which will provide more reliable and efficient elevator service while consuming less energy.



*State-of-the-art exam rooms give real world experience to students in the Katz physician's assistant program.*



## SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Yeshiva University continues to enhance the security of the campus to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. New initiatives, funded by several grants from the New York State Department of Homeland Security, include additional cameras that were added to public areas, hardening of doors and windows and implementation of an upgraded and expanded access control system. ■

*Yeshiva University continues its commitment to creating a dynamic and supportive environment for its students through these ongoing projects. With the help of various funding sources, the university is enhancing its educational facilities and realizing its goal of building a better campus for all.*



*Sustainable and energy saving fixtures illuminate our campus.*