

Fall 2019 Events, cont.

Speakers

Kwame Anthony Appiah-September 4

The prominent philosopher and cultural theorist Kwame Anthony Appiah, a professor of philosophy and law at NYU, gave a talk, "Managing Our Many Identities," that drew upon his book, *The Lies that Bind: Rethinking Identity*, examining the ways gender, class, country, race and culture intersect to form human identities that are both solid and fluid, settled and contested.

Etgar Lefkovits-September 12

After a casual group dinner, Etgar Lefkovits gave a talk, "Reflections of a Former Jerusalem Correspondent" and focused on recent events in Israel and the Middle East. Lefkovits was a Jerusalem correspondent at the *Jerusalem Post* and also worked at the Jerusalem bureau of the *New York Times*. He subsequently worked as Israel and Middle East analyst to the US Congress and Foreign Affairs Director to Israel's Minister for Social Equity.

Mordechai Raskas-December 4

Following a casual group dinner, the YU alumnus Mordechai Raskas, Chief Medical Information Officer & Director of Telemedicine at PM Pediatrics, gave a talk about his work as a pediatric emergency medicine physician, the use of big data in healthcare, and the future of telemedicine (the practice of caring for patients remotely through the use of technology).

Dara Horn-December 16

The prominent Jewish novelist Dara Horn, who is in residence on the Beren Campus this semester delivered a talk "On Jewish Literature and Belief." Then Rabbi Dov Lerner, who is in residence this year at YU's Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, moderated a Q & A. Dara Horn's most recent work *Eternal Life: A Novel*, was selected as a New York Times Notable Book of 2018, and one of her earlier novels, *The World to Come*, received the National Jewish Book Award for Fiction.

(Learn more about our panelists on the next page.)

Leadership Sessions

Happiness Studies and Judaism- November 5

Dr. Tal Ben Shahar-a world renowned author and speaker in the field of positive psychology, who created the popular course in Harvard College's history-spoke about the relationship between Happiness Studies and Judaism. This leadership event took place at the Moot Court Room of YU's Cardozo Law School.

7 Ways to Lead with Purpose- November 25

An inspirational businesswoman, Jeannette Ferran Astorga, offered the leadership session "7 Ways to Lead with Purpose." She is Vice President of Corporate Responsibility at the Ascena retail Group (which includes eight brands for women, including Ann Taylor) where she leads the global team responsible for corporate responsibility, supply chain sustainability, global diversity & inclusion, corporate philanthropy, and Ascena Foundation.



A sampling of honors students' Senior Projects completed in Fall 2019 focusing on public health and scientific research.

"The Consequences of Growth: How China's Economic Boom Has Prompted a Rise in Non-Communicable Diseases"

Alyssa Wruble

China's unprecedented economic growth increased national wealth, and income, to the point where not only did malnourishment decrease, but also obesity rose. As people were able to spend more on higher quality food, their preferences turned toward an unhealthy "Western" diet consisting of meat and sugars, increasing the demand for these foods, resulting in a spike of imports for these goods. High rates of pollution, dietary changes, and rises in obesity quickly manifested themselves in rises in certain non-communicable diseases such as lung disease, diabetes, and heart disease. The extent of China's economic growth as well as their unusually large population allowed for these rates to be unusually high. These diseases do have costs of their own, however. As people die

"Methylated arginine nucleoplasmin tail interacts with at least three extended Tudor domains of TDRD6 in vitro"

Neda Shokrian

I graduated from Stern in 2009. After completing medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, I interned at NYU-Winthrop Hospital, and I am now completing a neurology residency at Montefiore Medical Center. My work involves direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings, with some involvement in clinical research and teaching medical students during their neurology rotations. Next, I will pursue a fellowship in behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center. The Honors Program emphasizes rigorous study, diligence, and academic excellence, all of which are important skills in medicine, or any career. My discussions with teachers and fellow students were enriching, and I enjoyed the work of completing my Senior Project (even while under the wire for deadlines!).

"The Medicalization of Childbirth in America: Midwife to Doctor"

Shoshana Gofman

I earned my Stern College degree in Jewish education and political science in 2014, and then I earned my masters from Azrieli, and started working at Ma'ayanot, where I am now in my fourth year. I love teaching Tanakh and running religious programming, and in the summers, I serve as assistant director of NCSY Michlelet. I applied to the Honors Program without fully realizing how it would impact my Stern experience. Developing my Senior Project was rewarding - physically combing through outdated periodicals unavailable online (without Google), trying to formulate an original idea (that was true) and working with a mentor to create something to be proud of (hopefully!). I loved my years at Stern, and the Honors Program played a critical role in helping me transform my passions into an incredibly meaningful career.

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Fall 2019 Stern College for Women Honors Courses

ARTS	10826	Introduction to Art	Young
ARTS	10909	NYC Architecture & Urban Design	Kriskiewicz
BIBL	11185	Intro to Exegesis; Parshanim	Cohen & Twersky
BIBL	11186	Biblical Exegesis III; Radak	Grunhaus
BIBL	11184	Nahmanides: Parshanut of Ramban	Levine
BIOL	10595	Biology Principles	Katz
BIOL	10721	Biochemistry Lecture	Drori
BIOL	11182	Medical Biochemistry	Vigodner
CHEM	10601	General Chemistry	Rapp
CHEM	10722	Biochemistry Lecture	Drori
CHEM	10715	Biochemistry Lab	STAFF
CHEM	10605	Physical Chemistry I	Rapp
ENGL	10570	Freshman Honors Seminar	O'Malley
ENGL	10660	Freshman Honors Seminar	Peters
ENGL	10569	Freshman Honors Seminar	Nachumi
ENGL	10951	Topics: Jewish Literature	Horn
JHIS	10927	History of Oral Law in Medieval Europe	Kanarfogel
JUDS	11191	Modern Jewish Problems: Avodah Zarah	Auman
JUDS	10506	Advanced Talmud	Kahn
JUDS	10695	Advanced Talmud	Schwartz & Berger
PHYS	10720	Intermediate Physics I	Prodan
PSYC	10777	Introductory Psychology	Chalik
PSYC	10500	Research Seminar I	DiLorenzo

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Congratulations Early Decision Students!

Alyssa Aharon - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Ilana Aidman - Kosloff Torah Academy
Rachel Benoff - Bruriah HS for Girls
Ellie Berger - YUHSG
Sarah Berman - Ma'ayanot
Rebecca Bock - The Frisch School
Arielle Borger - Ma'ayanot
Sarah Cohen - The Ramaz Upper School
Adina Drapkin - Hannah Sacks Girls' HS
Shlomit Ebben - YUHSG
Gabiella Englander - Katz Yeshiva HS
Arielle Epstein - The Frisch School
Bailey Fink - YUHSG
Rina Finkelstein - Bruriah HS for Girls
Shira Hagler - Bruriah HS for Girls
Michelle Herman - Bruriah HS for Girls
Sophie Hershkowitz - SAR HS
Erica Hilsenrath - HAFTR
Hadas Hirt - YULA
Neima Insicht - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Rachel Klibanoff - Kushner Yeshiva High
Naama Kobrin - SAR HS
Shani Kravetz - R' Alexander Gross Hebrew Academy
Rachel Lefkowitz - The Frisch School
Aliza Lerman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Rachel Levy - Bruriah HS for Girls
Simone Marocco - Fuchs Beit Sefer Mizrahi
Arielle Miodownik - Bruriah HS for Girls
Sara Morris - SAR HS
Shira Pahmer - Aterest Bais Yaakov Academy
Meira Prager - Ma'ayanot
Shoshana Reichman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Shoshana Rockoff - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Yael Scheinman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
Shira Siegel - Berman Hebrew Academy
Leeba Sullivan - YUHSG
Michelle Weingarten - YUHSG
Marnie Weingarten - YUHSG



Fall 2019 Events

Cultural Events

Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish-September 19

We enjoyed a night of theater at the Off-Broadway production of *Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish* (with English subtitles) that has won rave reviews and multiple awards including 2019 Drama Desk Award for Best Musical Revival.

Museum of Modern Art-November 17

We enjoyed guided tours, which focused on the theme of the "Modern Woman," at the Museum of Modern Art and then had time to explore on our own the MoMA's incomparable collection of modern and contemporary art.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater-December 12

We met at the NYC Center for a performance of the famous New York based modern dance company, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, that included the dance "Night Creature;" the solo dance "Cry;" the deeply affecting "Memoria;" and the cultural treasure "Revelations."