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 Mosheh 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.

(Leam 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.

S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Stern College for Women

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

“Methylated arginine nucleoplasm in tail interacts with at least three extended Tudor domains of TDRD6 in vitro”
Neda Shakran
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.

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Shoshana Gofman
I earned my Stern College degree in Jewish education and political science in 2014, and then I earned my masters from Aizell, 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.
### Fall 2019 Stern College 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  | 11184 | Biblical Exegetes III; Radak | Grunhaus |
| BIOL  | 11186 | Nahmanides: Parshanut of Ramban | Levine |
| BIOL  | 10595 | Biochemistry Lecture | Drori |
| BIOL  | 10721 | Biochemistry Lecture | 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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### 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.”

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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 Börger - Ma’ayanot
- Sarah Cohen - The Ramaz Upper School
- Adina Drapkin - Hannah Sachs Girls’ HS
- Shomit Ebben - YUHSG
- Gabriella Engelander - 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 Herschkowitz - SAR HS
- Erica Hershaft - HAFTR
- Hadar Hirt - YULA
- Neama Insicht - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
- Rachel Kilbanoff - Kushner Yeshiva High
- Naama Kobrin - SAR HS
- Shani Kravetz - R’ Alexander Gross Hebrew Academy
- Rachel Lejkowitz - The Frisch School
- Aliza Lerman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
- Rachel Levy - Bruriah HS for Girls
- Simone Marocco - Fuchs Bet Sefer Mizrahi
- Arielle Miodownik - Bruriah HS for Girls
- Sara Morris - SAR HS
- Shira Nahmias - Atrelit Bas 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

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