Congratulations
Early Decision Students!

Sarah Ahdut - YUHSG
Noa Applebaum - Ma’ayanot
Miriam Azar - Ma’ayanot
Sophia Baradarian - YUHSG
Rose Bernstein - Yavneh Academy of Dallas
Tovah Blank - YUHSG
Sarah Bodek - SKA
Esther Butler - Manhattan HS for Girls
Julia Chase - Columbus Torah Academy
Adina Dror - Bnos Devorah HS
Maya Ehrenreich - Fuchs Mizrachi
Sara Gdanski - The Frisch School
Rivka Hirsch - Bruriah HS for Girls
Alexandra Huberfeld - Manhattan HS for Girls
Tamar Kahn - Katz Yeshiva HS
Michal Kaufman - HANC
Ayelet Klahr - SKA
Raquel Klinger - The Frisch School
Shira Kurland - SKA
Aviva Landau - YUHSG
Miriam Temmeh Lattin - Yeshiva of Greater Washington
Hannah Levitin - Fuchs Mizrachi
Shira Levitt - Robert M. Beren Academy
Elior Levy - North Shore Hebrew Academy
Ilana Markowitz - Bruriah HS for Girls
Katie Matofsky - The Frish School
Michal Miller - SKA
Heather Okin - Bruriah HS for Girls
Adina Passy - Robert M. Beren Academy
Sarit Perl - Midreshet Shalhevet
Miriam Radinsky - YUHSG
Etta Rapp - BY of Spring Valley
Rachel Retter - Manhattan HS for Girls
Abigail Rochlin - The Frish School
Adi Ronen - SAR High School
Shira Schneider - SAR High School
Nina Siegel - YUHSG
Shira Strauss - YUHSG
Sara Teitelman - YUHSG
Tzippora Topp - YULA
Sara Verschleisser - Yeshiva of Greater Washington
Rena Weinberger - Kosloff Torah Academy
Atira Zeitchik - SAR High School

Cultural Events

The United Nations - September 9
We visited the United Nations, where international guides explained the work of the UN, as we toured some of the main Council Chambers and the General Assembly Hall. Afterward, we had a private briefing by a UN advisor on the subject of human trafficking.

The Cherry Orchard - November 17
We met in the theater district to watch Diane Lane star in a new adaptation of Anton Chekov’s masterpiece The Cherry Orchard, about a family on the edge of ruin and a country on the brink of revolution. Adapted by 2016 Tony Award winner Stephen Karam and staged by the Roundabout Theatre Company, the play was a “must see.”

The Morgan Library & Museum - December 4
Situated just a few blocks from Stern College, The Morgan Library & Museum is one of Murray Hill’s cultural treasures. Our guided tour focused upon the history of the museum, the museum’s holdings, and Pierpont Morgan’s private library. We also toured the special exhibition “Charlotte Bronte: An Independent Will.” After our group tour, we had time to explore the museum on our own.
Fall 2016 Events, cont.

Speakers

Heidi Cullen - September 19
We enjoyed a delicious start-of-year dinner. Then Dr. Heidi Cullen spoke to us about “Seeing Climate, Seeing Change: Communicating Climate Science in a Changing Media Landscape.” Dr. Cullen, who serves as Chief Scientist for Climate Central, was The Weather Channel’s first on-air climate expert and is the author of *The Weather of the Future*.

Richard Pildes - November 2
Richard Pildes, the Sudler Family Professor of Constitutional Law at New York University School of Law and co-author of *The Law of Democracy*, delivered a talk on “Democracy and the Law,” focusing on the current presidential election cycle, and then answered our questions, in the lead-up to Election Day.

Alumnae Panel - December 13
We enjoyed a group dinner, after which a panel of graduates of the Honors Program discussed their work, offered advice for current students, and answered our questions. The panelists were: Ilana Levin (Harvard Law School, practices employment law); Yaelle Frohlich (PhD student at NYU in history/Judaic studies); Davida Kollmar (GPATs, teaching/Jewish community work); and Tirtza Spiegel (Albert Einstein College of Medicine, OB/GYN resident.)

Leadership Sessions

Professional Starter Kit - September 27
Rachel Cyrulnik, an early honors program graduate and now a partner at the strategic development consulting firm ALTRUICITY, joined us to lead an interactive session titled, “Professional Starter Kit: Laying the Groundwork for Success.”

Presentation Skills - November 28
Will Carlin, a communications specialist who is co-Managing Partner of the interactive marketing firm VShift and teaches project management and communication at NYU Wagner, introduced us to key aspects of “Presentation Skills.”

Senior Project Meeting

Process & Progress - November 7
Juniors and seniors in the Honors Program attended this Senior Project meeting, at which Dr. Cynthia Wachtell discussed the process of writing a Senior Project and students then broke into groups, according to their field of research, and discussed progress on their work.
At Stern, I have had the opportunity to be very involved in campus life. This year I serve as the President of the Stern College for Women Student Council and am involved in YU’s Model UN conference and Project START. In previous years I held leadership positions with the Yeshiva University Political Awareness Club, the YU College Democrats, and the Jacob J. Hecht Pre-Law Society.

Being in the Honors Program has been the best part of my YU experience. I am a political science major, but the Honors Program has helped me gain an appreciation for many other disciplines and has exposed me to academic fields I would not otherwise have encountered. At the same time, I have been given the opportunity to pursue my passion for law and politics at a high level, especially through my Senior Project.

For my Senior Project, I am focusing on the high rate of recidivism in the United States. I am attempting to determine what policies the U.S. should adopt in order to reduce the rate of re-entry into our criminal justice system. I am fortunate to be working on this paper with two of my professors, Dr. Joseph Luders and Dr. Matthew Holbreich, who dedicate hours every week to helping me develop my research. This topic has become the foundation of my Kressel Research Fellowship and is something I hope to continue investigating as I enter law school.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities the Honors Program has given me and for the chance to be a part of such a great community.

During my time at Stern College, I have majored in Judaic studies and minored in education, and I began the joint BA/MS program at Azrieli Graduate School, to work toward a masters degree in Jewish education.

Being in the Honors Program at Stern College has definitely enriched my experience. Through taking honors classes, attending enrichment events, and especially working on my Senior Project, I feel that I have gained a tremendous amount personally and professionally.

My honors mentor is Professor Nechama Price. I have had the pleasure of taking many of her courses while at Stern College, and I have felt privileged to be able to learn on a more personal level from her and develop a relationship with her. My Senior Project, exploring the guidelines of the pasuk "vehagita no yomam v'layla" in Yehoshua (Joshua) 1:8, has given me the opportunity to learn more about a topic I am curious about, develop my research and writing skills, and write a paper I am excited to share.

I plan to, please G-d, use the skills and knowledge I have gained from the Honors Program and my time at Stern to help me to finish my masters degree and enter a career in Jewish education, so that I can educate the next generation and share my passion for Judaism!

Participating in the Honors Program has not only tremendously enhanced my education, but it has also sharpened my creative thinking skills and sparked my passion for exploration. Developing, researching, and writing my Senior Project has been an especially wonderful experience.  

I am a biology major, and my Senior Project focuses on the social and neurotoxic effects of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). My interest in the subject began during a summer volunteer program in South Africa. I focused on the social impact of the HIV epidemic among the Sub-Saharan population. My mentor, Dr. Harvey Babich, was very helpful in guiding my research and developing a concrete topic. He also encouraged me to apply for a summer research opportunity in order to explore the disease from a laboratory-based perspective.

I attended the Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and conducted research on HIV-infected monocyte migration into the central nervous system. As I combined clinical research and public health with laboratory bench-work, I could view the disease from two unique areas of analysis.

Utilizing the skills I have gained in participating in the Honors Program, I hope to continue my research endeavors to fully understand the disease and help limit its devastating effects.
## Fall 2016 Stern College for Women Honors Courses

| ARTS   | 1050H | Introduction to Art | Young          |
| ARTS   | 1637H | NYC Architecture & Urban Design | Kriskiewicz |
| BIBL   | 1083H | Topics in Exegesis: Sforno | Levine        |
| BIBL   | 1088H | Biblical Exegetes II | Cohen, Twersky |
| BIOL   | 1012H | Biology Principles | Holz          |
| BIOL   | 3730H | Reproductive Biology | Vigodner      |
| CHEM   | 1045H | General Chemistry | Rapp          |
| CHEM   | 1415H | Physical Chemistry I | Rapp         |
| ENGL   | 1200H | Freshman Honors Seminar (3 sections) | O'Malley, Ladin, Miller |
| ENGL   | 2880H | Parents and Children | Miller       |
| JHIS   | 1329H | History of Halakhah | Kanarfolge    |
| JUDS   | 1486H | Daily Life: Laws of Blessings | Kahn       |
| JUDS   | 1591H | Jewish Civil Law | Auman         |
| JUDS   | 1845H | Advanced Talmud | Kahn         |
| POLI   | 2497H | Topics: Bible & American Democracy | Holbreich |
| PSYC   | 1010H | Introductory Psychology | Freyberg     |
| PSYC   | 3214H | Research Seminar I | DiLorenzo    |