

Dear UNICEF Delegates,

Welcome to Yeshiva University Model United Nation XXVIII! My name is Yael Blau and I will be serving as the chair of The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). I am excited to be your chair at this year's conference.

By way of introduction, I hail from the small town of Beachwood, Ohio, where I attended Fuchs Mizrahi School. After graduating in 2015, I spent an amazing year at Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim (MMY). I am currently a junior studying political science in Stern College. Aside from participating in Model UN, I am a part of the Stern Student Life Committee, and I also serve as an NCSY advisor in Teaneck, New Jersey.

I participated in YUNMUN for three years in high school, where I was a delegate on CEDAW, UNICEF, and Mideast Summit. I returned to YUNMUN last year as an assistant chair for COPUOS. Though I loved discussing outer space, I am looking forward to dealing with crises on our home planet this year!

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (or UNICEF for short) is part of the United Nations General Assembly. The committee was first established in 1946 in the aftermath of World War II, with its purpose being to feed and provide healthcare to children in Europe<sup>1</sup>. In the decades since, UNICEF has been committed to protecting the rights of children as well as benefiting them. UNICEF works with over 190 countries to help all children survive and thrive<sup>2</sup>. In this year's conference, we will discuss two critical topics: the recruitment of child soldiers and improving girls' education around the world.

As you prepare for this year's conference, there are a few important things to note. Firstly, please note that as a part of the General Assembly, UNICEF only has the power to make recommendations and cannot force countries to follow them. Secondly, keep in mind that you are representing your country's views, not your own. Lastly, all papers will be submitted through turn-it-in, so please do not plagiarize!

If you have any questions or want to introduce yourself, feel free to email me at [yblau1@mail.yu.edu](mailto:yblau1@mail.yu.edu). I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Best,

Yael Blau

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For more background on UNICEF, please see the following website:

[https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index\\_introduction.html](https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index_introduction.html)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index\\_history.html](https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index_history.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index\\_introduction.html](https://www.unicef.org/about/who/index_introduction.html)