

Dear Delegates,

My name is Adina Passy and it is my honor to be your chair for the World Food Programme, WFP. I would like to welcome you all to Yeshiva University National Model United Nations XXXI!

A little about me: I was born in Houston, Texas, moved around a little but kept coming back to Texas, where I attended Robert M. Beren Academy (shout out to last year's winning delegation!) I then attended Midreshet Lindenbaum before starting at Yeshiva University, where I am a senior majoring in Biology with plans to attend a master's program in public health before applying to medical school. I am involved in many things at YU such as the Fencing team, the Seforim Sale, Ezras Nashim, and of course YUNMUN.

I have been involved in YUNMUN for 6 years and have worked my way up the ranks. I spent three years in high school as a delegate on COPUOS, WHO and UNESCO, then was the administrative assistant for WFP, the assistant chair for WHO, and now finally the chair of WFP. I am very much looking forward to this year.

Food is what sustains all life. That is why the World Food Programme was created in 1962 to help combat the world's famine and hunger crises. The WFP is the leading humanitarian organization working to end hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition. 97 million people in 88 countries were helped by the WFP in 2019, which is the largest number of people they have helped in 7 years. Their efforts in combating hunger and preventing the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict earned the WFP Nobel Peace Prize in 2020.¹

We will use our committee sessions to discuss the increasing food insecurity that has resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage you to research this topic carefully, so that we may discuss and ultimately resolve this issue. I hope that each of you come to learn your countries positions well, and represent them thoroughly. I must remind you that your position papers will be submitted to Turnitin, so please make sure that you do not plagiarize.

¹ "Overview." *United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) - WFP.org*, World Food Programme, 2020, www.wfp.org/overview.

Lastly, please note that this year WFP will be operating as a technology committee. For more information on technology committees, please see the FAQ sheet, Technology Committee Procedure Guide, and YUNMUN Technology Committee Explained which will all be posted on the YUNMUN website.

If at any time you have any questions or comments for me, want to introduce yourself, say hello, or just have a burning desire to know, my email is apassy@mail.yu.edu. This year may look different, but I still look forward to meeting you all no matter how that happens.

Good luck,

Adina Passy

Chair, WFP

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