

Yeshiva University and the World of Tomorrow

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Opening Program

Introductory Remarks
RABBI YAAKOV GLASSER
DAVID MITZNER DEAN, CJF

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS
Interviewed by
RABBI ARI LAMM

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. / Lamport Auditorium

Breakout Sessions

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Belfer Hall

Presidential Address

RABBI DR. ARI BERMAN
1 p.m.
Belfer Hall
Weissberg Commons

BREAKOUT SESSION 1 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

■ EDUCATION

Higher Education Next

The goal of this session is to explore the future of higher education in an increasingly complex and technologically evolving world. What tools will students need to confront tomorrow's challenges? Should we expect current models of education to continue, or is there major change on the horizon?

- **Dr. Selma Botman**, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Yeshiva University
 - **Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph**, Senior Vice President, Yeshiva University
 - **Daphne Kohavy**, M.S.Ed., MSIT., Senior Instructional Technologist, Yeshiva University
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, Sky Café, 12th Floor

Textual Learning

How will we make the texts and traditional models of Talmud Torah relevant and resonant in the world of tomorrow? In a world where anyone and everyone can conceive, write, publish, debate and broadcast a text—how will we teach the foundational nature of our traditional texts? How will our traditional methods of learning (e.g., chavrusa, shiur, chaburah) be relevant in a changing reality of how people consume, analyze, and evaluate information.

- **Dr. Moshe Krakowski**, Associate Professor, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education & Administration
 - **CB Neugroschl**, Head of School, Samuel H. Wang, Yeshiva University High School for Girls
 - **Rabbi Tzvi Sinensky**, Rosh Beit Midrash, Kohelet Yeshiva
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, 218

■ VALUES

Family

How will the “family story” evolve in the world of tomorrow? How do we integrate the aspirations of healthy family dynamics into the contemporary life experience that is propelled by a heightened focus on individualism and independence? How does the evolution of technology and communication impact our conception of a healthy family dynamic?

- **Dr. Nancy Beckerman**, Chair of Clinical Practice and Family Therapy, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
- **Dr. Martin Galla**, Assistant Director of YU Counseling Center, Yeshiva University

- **Dr. Lynn Levy**, Associate Professor, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
 - **Dr. Sari Skolnik-Basulto**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
 - **Dr. Danielle Wozniak**, Dorothy and David I. Schachne Dean, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, 921

Spirituality and Prayer

How do we teach the fundamentals of prayer and spirituality in the world of tomorrow? How do we create spiritual experiences within a world that is increasingly less hospitable to traditional religious frameworks? How do we convey our notion of service and loyalty to G-d, in a world that is becoming increasingly focused on humanism as an expression of meaning and purpose in life? How do we reach people's hearts and souls in a world that prioritizes immediate gratification and social affirmation?

- **Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger**, Rosh Yeshiva, RIETS
 - **Professor Shoshana Schechter**, Director, Mechinah and Assistant Professor of Bible, Stern College for Women
 - **Rabbi Moshe Weinberger**, Mashpia, Yeshiva University
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, Weissberg Commons

■ LEADERSHIP

Business Leaders of Tomorrow

What are the qualities and experiences that will shape the business leaders of tomorrow? How should students be educated and guided in developing their knowledge and careers, to be prepared for the emerging needs of the marketplace of tomorrow? What are the skills and capacities that business leaders will require in the world of tomorrow?

- **Sarah Hofstetter**, CEO, 360i
 - **Laizer Kornwasser**, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Management, Sy Syms School of Business and Yeshiva University Trustee
 - **Bruce Taragin**, Managing Director, Blumberg Capital
 - **Professor Michael Strauss**, Interim Dean, Sy Syms School of Business; Assistant to the Provost; Director, The Rennert Entrepreneurial Institute
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, 430

■ MARKETPLACE SKILLS

Skills to Succeed in STEM

As the world of tomorrow focuses increasingly on the development of STEM related fields, what type of education and skills development is necessary for our students to develop in a manner that can compete on the global stage?

- **Judah Diamant**, Program Director, Undergraduate Data Science and Professor and Co-Chair, Computer Science, Yeshiva College
 - **Naomi Klamen**, Master Principal Enterprise Cloud Architect, Oracle
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, 207

Non Profit—Disruptive Innovation

What are the ways in which our changing world will impact the development, governance, and effectiveness of not for profit institutions? How will globalization impact the nature of their work and their reach? In what ways do we expect the nature of philanthropy to evolve within our changing world?

- **Alyssa Herman**, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Yeshiva University
 - **Daniel Perla**, Director of Financial Vitality, Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools
 - **Patrick Schmitt**, CEO & Co-Founder, FreeWill
 - **Keshet Starr**, J.D., Managing Director, Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA)
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. / Belfer Hall, 411



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■ EDUCATION

Media and the Arts

What role should media and the arts play in influencing society and shaping opinions in the world of tomorrow? How can our students and our community develop a deeper appreciation for art in such a consumer driven world?

- **Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin**, J.D., Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Director of the Indie Film Clinic, and Director of the Heyman Center on Corporate Governance, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
 - **Dr. Jacob Wisse**, Director, Yeshiva University Museum; Associate Professor of Art History and Co-Chair, Department of Fine Arts and Music, Yeshiva University
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. / Belfer Hall, 411

■ VALUES

Social Media

What are the implications of the global networking of humanity in the sharing of information and experiences, in how we relate to our tradition? How does this impact the traditional notions of authority, community, and self-identity? What are the challenges and opportunities for religious growth in this new reality?

- **Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman**, Rosh Yeshiva RIETS and Faculty, Sy Syms School of Business and Wurzweiler School of Social Work
 - **Rabbi Dr. Zev Eleff**, Chief Academic Officer, Hebrew Theological College
 - **Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt**, Faculty, Stern College For Women; Editor, The Forward
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. / Belfer Hall, 218

New Frontiers in Medicine and Health

What are the challenges and opportunities emerging in the world of medicine? What are the medical ethics issues that Torah scholars and medical practitioners will encounter in the near future?

- **Rabbi Mordechai Willig**, Rosh Yeshiva, RIETS
 - **Rabbi Edward Reichman**, M.D., Professor of Emergency Medicine and Professor in the Division of Education and Bioethics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
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■ LEADERSHIP

Developing Community Leaders and Wielding Influence in a Global World

How is the world of tomorrow shifting the mechanisms and platforms for leadership and influence? How will leaders define their constituents—when globalization has put the entire world within reach? How have these evolving platforms shifted the manner in which leaders are both empowered and undermined in their aspiration to impact the world?

- **Dr. Michael Avi Helfand**, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Director, Diane and Guilford Institute for Jewish Studies, Pepperdine University School of Law
 - **Dr. Rona Novick**, Dean, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration
 - **Rabbi Menachem Penner**, Max and Marion Grill Dean, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary
 - **Rabbi Shaul Robinson**, Senior Rabbi, Lincoln Square Synagogue
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■ MARKETPLACE SKILLS

Careers in the Automated World

How will careers in the world of tomorrow be shaped by the profound innovation taking place in artificial intelligence and related dimensions of technology, which will continue to automate processes previously accomplished by human capital? What education, skill sets, and formative experiences will prepare the next generation of workers to succeed in a rapidly changing world in which expectations and needs dramatically shift over short periods of time?

- **Gary Elbaum**, Senior Vice President, Citibank HR Shared Services
 - **Dr. Avi Giloni**, Associate Dean, Chair, Information and Decision Sciences, and Associate Professor of Operations Management and Statistics, Sy Syms School of Business
 - **Mark Kurman**, Head of Employee Relations at Barclays Bank
 - **Professor Michael Strauss**, Interim Dean, Sy Syms School of Business; Assistant to the Provost; Director, The Rennert Entrepreneurial Institute
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