**Cultural Events**

**Grand Central Terminal - September 14 & 15**
Architectural historians led us on guided tours of Grand Central Terminal, where we learned about the magnificent Beaux-Arts landmark and its surrounding neighborhood.

**Brooklyn Museum - October 20**
We met at another stunning Beaux-Arts building, the Brooklyn Museum, before it opened to the public, and enjoyed private tours focusing on highlights from its over 1.5 million works. We then had time to explore on our own the museum’s collections.

**Pride and Prejudice - November 30**
We visited the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village, the city’s oldest continuously running off-Broadway theater, to see an effervescent and irreverent new adaptation of Jane Austen’s classic romance *Pride and Prejudice*, by the acclaimed writer and actress Kate Hamill. Afterward, we enjoyed a private talkback session with one of the show’s producers.

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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 Borger - Ma’ayanot
- Sarah Cohen - The Ramaz Upper School
- Adina Drapkin - Hannah Sacks Girls’ HS
- Shlomit Ebben - YUHSG
- Gabriella Englehandler - 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 Hershkowitz - SAR HS
- Erica Hilsenrath - HAFTR
- Hadas Hirt - YULA
- Neima Inslicht - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
- Rachel Kiibanoff - Kushner Yeshiva High
- Naama Kobrin - SAR HS
- Shani Kravetz - R’Alexander Gross Hebrew Academy
- Rachel Lefkowitz - The Frisch School
- Aliza Lerman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls
- Rachel Levy - Bruriah HS for Girls
- Simone Marocco - Fuchs Beit Sefer Mizrahi
- Arielle Miodownik - Bruriah HS for Girls
- Sara Morris - SAR HS
- Shira Pahmer - Aterest Bais 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
Fall 2017 Events, cont.

Speakers

The Balfour Declaration - October 30
At the YU Museum, we heard Daniel Gordis, Senior Vice President of Shalem College in Jerusalem, deliver the annual Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf lecture titled, “The Balfour Declaration Origins and Legacy: Centennial of International Recognition of a Jewish Homeland.”

Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? - November 14
Dr. Andrew Porwancher, professor of legal history at the University of Oklahoma, presented striking new evidence about Hamilton’s Jewish roots from his forthcoming book The Jewish Founding Father: Alexander Hamilton’s Hidden Life.

Alumnae Panel - December 20
After a group dinner, the members of a panel of accomplished Honors Program alumnae from a variety of fields discussed their careers, offered advice to current students, and answered our questions. (Learn more about our panelists on the next page.)

Leadership Sessions

Crafting a Web Presence - October 25
We shared a group dinner and then participated in a session led by Beth Granger, a social media consultant, who introduced us to ways to enhance our personal online presence.

Time Management - December 5
Maryann Murphy, an expert in helping busy people find more time to accomplish their goals, led this workshop with a special focus on the issues women face in managing their time and responsibilities.

Senior Project Meeting

Process & Progress - November 27
Dr. Cynthia Wachtell discussed the process of writing a Senior Project with juniors and seniors in the program. Students then broke into groups, according to field of research, and discussed progress on their work.
After graduating from Stern College in May 2010 with a double major in biology and economics, I attended Harvard Law School, where I was submissions manager of the *Journal of Law and Technology*. Currently, I am an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel, LLP, a prominent New York-based international law firm, where I represent leading banks and corporations in financing transactions. I am grateful to the Honors Program for fostering my intellectual curiosity through engaging course offerings and for giving me an opportunity to study with great female role models. I believe the Honors Program provides a truly outstanding opportunity to experience a breadth of academic disciplines, while allowing students to delve into their fields of interest.

**Alla Digilova**

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. The Honors Program emphasizes rigorous study, diligence, and academic excellence, all of which are important skills in medicine, or any career. My discussions with teachers and fellow students were enriching, and I enjoyed the work of completing my Senior Project (even while under the wire for deadlines!).

**Reena Gottesman**

I earned my Stern College degree in Jewish education and political science in 2014, and then I earned my masters from Azrieli, 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.

**Ora (Laufer) Schrier**
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