

# HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## Congratulations

### Early Decision Students!

Rebecca Aduculesi - The Frisch School  
Abigail Appel - HAFTR  
Tamara Aryeh - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Sarit Benzaquen - Atara Girls HS of Cincinnati  
Chana Bock - The Weinbaum Yeshiva HS  
Zahava Davidowitz - Bruriah HS for Girls  
Esther Dyckman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Leah Fenster - SAR High School  
Lauren Fenster - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Michaela Fiederer - Kosloff Torah Academy  
Danit Forman - Ma'ayanot  
Sophie Frankenthal - Hannah Sacks Girls' HS  
Abigail Goldberg - HAFTR  
Rachel Goldman - Bruriah HS for Girls  
Leah Goykadosh - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls  
Leeza Grossman - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Elisheva Hirsch - Bruriah HS for Girls  
Tehila Kornwasser - Bruriah HS for Girls  
Tamar Leiser - Ma'ayanot  
Tamar Levine - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls  
Abigail Lowensteiner - The Frisch School  
Avital Miller - Robert M. Beren Academy  
Esther Miller - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Elisheva Miller - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Kayla Orbach - North Shore Hebrew Academy HS  
Tamra Peled - YULA  
Julia Polster - Ida Crown Jewish Academy  
Devora Rapp - Bais Yaakov Machon  
Bina Rosenblatt - Ma'ayanot  
Sarah Rosenfeld - Ma'ayanot  
Chaya Ross - Ma'ayanot  
Tehila Rothbort - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls  
Leia Rubinstein - Ma'ayanot  
Regina Saada - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Eitana Schick - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls  
Chloe Schreiber - The Frisch School  
Devorah Schreier - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Dahlia Schwartz - Ma'ayanot  
Talia Simpson - Ma'ayanot  
Yael Teitelman - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls  
Ayelet Topp - YULA  
Helene Vadnai - Hannah Sacks Girls' HS  
Talia Wein - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Julianna Weiss - Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls  
Emily Zrihen - Samuel H. Wang/YUHS for Girls



## Fall 2018 Events

### Cultural Events

#### 9/11 Memorial Museum – October 12

We were led on guided tours of the 9/11 Memorial Museum, which tells the story of the events of 9/11 through artifacts, first-person accounts, and multimedia displays. We then had time to explore its exhibits and films on our own.

#### Balanchine Ballets – November 1

We met at City Center for a spectacular evening at the ballet. Four of George Balanchine's iconic ballets were performed by four of the world's greatest ballet companies, accompanied by the New York Ballet Orchestra.

#### La Bohème – November 29

We met at Lincoln Center for a night at the world famous Metropolitan Opera house, where Giacomo Puccini's most popular opera was performed. Set among the rooftops of bohemian Paris, La Bohème presented a tale of tragic love between a shy seamstress and a passionate poet.

# Fall 2018 Events, cont.

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## Speakers

### Anne Neuberger – October 8

The National Security Agency's first Chief Risk Officer, Anne Neuberger, joined us to talk about her path breaking career in the areas of defense and private business. She also told us about Sister to Sister, a charity she founded that serves single Jewish mothers in 30 Orthodox Jewish communities.

### Aaron Wright – December 5

Recently there has been a lot of buzz about blockchain technology and its potential to change the world. Professor Aaron Wright, founder of The Blockchain Project at Cardozo School of Law, joined us to explain what blockchain is and why it is important.

### Alumnae Panel – December 11

Following 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

### Negotiation Skills – October 23

Following a delicious group dinner, Professor Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin from YU's Cardozo School of Law led an interactive workshop that taught us the essentials of navigating conflict, collaboration, and difficult conversations through principles of negotiation.

### How to Have a Good Day – November 19

Caroline Webb – an economist, executive coach, and author of *How to Have a Good Day* – led this workshop and taught us how tiny tweaks in our daily routine – drawn from recent findings in behavioral economics, psychology, and neuroscience – can significantly transform the quality of our everyday lives.



*First Year Students in the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program - Orientation 2018*





## Reflections of Three of Our Alumnae Panelists:



**Leah Goldberg**

I graduated from Stern College in 2013 with a major in math and minor in English literature, which prepared me well for a career navigating the many facets of the tech world. For the first couple years after graduation, I worked as an analyst at an ad-tech startup, where I eventually grew more interested in writing code than writing Excel formulas, and began to focus more the engineering side of tech. I went on to work as a software engineer at a publishing company, and then at Betterment, where I currently work on helping people improve their personal finances by building automated investment software. The honors program at Stern was a huge part of teaching me how to delve into new problems, and the relationships that I built with professors and fellow students continue to this day.



**Tammie Senders**

After earning my history degree from Stern College in 2013, I pursued a masters in Secondary Jewish Education from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration's Accelerated Masters Program. I have since taught middle school and high school history, Jewish history, and Judaic Studies. I currently teach Judaic Studies and help coordinate Student Activities at the Ramaz Upper School. I am forever grateful to the Honors Program for providing me with an incredible education with exceptional professors and mentors, a plethora of engaging and thought-provoking classes, and a talented cohort of fellow students whose intellect, passion, and love of learning inspired and motivated me. I credit Stern and the Honors Program with giving me the tools to be an independent learner and modeling how to provide my own students with a rigorous and meaningful educational experience.



**Rebecca Block**

I graduated from Stern in 2009. After finishing dental school at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, I completed a one year General Practice Residency at Hackensack University Medical Center. I currently practice general dentistry at a private office, and additionally, I am an associate preclinical professor at Touro College of Dental Medicine. I keep myself busy and love the variety provided by both practicing dentistry and teaching it. Every day is different and exciting! I believe that the Honors Program exposed me to many unique opportunities that I otherwise would have never explored. I was provided experiences that I could not have received anywhere else and took classes that were interesting, challenging, and enriching. So grateful to have been a part of the Honors Program!





## Fall 2018 Stern College for Women Honors Courses

ARTS	1050H	Introduction to Art	Young
ARTS	1637H	NYC Architecture & Urban Design	Kriskiewicz
BIBL	1083H	Topics in Parshanut: Sforno	Levine
BIBL	1084H	Topics in Parshanut: Rashi	Cohen
BIOL	1011H	Biology Principles	Katz
BIOL	1376H	Biochemistry Lecture	Drori
CHEM	1045H	General Chemistry	Rapp
CHEM	1415H	Physical Chemistry I	Rapp
COMP	4930H	Natural Language Processing	Waxman
ENGL	1200H	Freshman Honors Seminar (3 sections)	Miller, Nachumi, Peters
ENGL	2920H	Topics: Modernism	O'Malley
JHIS	1327H	The Tosafists	Kanarfogel
JUDS	1467H	The Festivals: Hol HaMoed	Auman
JUDS	1845H	Adv. Talmud	Kahn
JUDS	1847H	Adv. Talmud	Schwartz
JUDS	4932H	Comparative American and Talmudic Law	Rydzinski
PHYS	2051H	Intermediate Physics I	Prodan
PSYC	1010H	Introductory Psychology	Chalik
PSYC	3214H	Research Seminar I	DiLorenzo

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