

Ben Raab: Professional and Journalistic Profile

Background and Education

Ben Raab is a native of New York City and a rising senior (class of '26) at Yale College, where he double-majors in history and political science ¹ ². He has been named a Yale Journalism Scholar, a program that supports students pursuing journalism internships (with career counseling and summer funding). Raab's Yale profile and YDN biography note he is based in Pierson College and was managing editor of the *Yale Daily News*, with a history/politics academic focus ² ¹. (His family background includes Mexican-Jewish heritage, which he has written about in personal essays.)

Journalism Experience and Focus Areas

- **Yale Daily News (YDN)** – Raab served as Managing Editor of YDN. He previously covered faculty and academics affairs and was the men's basketball beat reporter ². His YDN work ranged from university policy stories to sports features.
- **The Jerusalem Post** – In Summer 2023 Raab worked as a reporter in Jerusalem. He published news articles in the Post on a variety of subjects – from mass protests in Israel to local sports and cultural events. (According to his Muck Rack profile, he has bylines in *The Jerusalem Post*, covering Israeli news and athletics ³.)
- **The Forward** – He has contributed opinion pieces to *The Forward*, a Jewish news outlet. For example, he wrote a column on identity and politics ("I'm a Mexican Jew... Sheinbaum...") in June 2024 ⁴. This reflects an interest in cultural and diaspora topics.
- **New Haven Register and Others** – Raab also wrote sports stories for Connecticut newspapers. For instance, he previewed Yale's 2025 NCAA tournament game for the *New Haven Register*. Additionally, he was a Hudson Institute Political Studies Fellow (Washington, D.C., Summer 2024), indicating experience in policy research (though details of that fellowship are reported on his LinkedIn rather than in news sources).

Israeli players competing in an Ultimate Frisbee tournament. Raab covered Israel's Ultimate Frisbee team as part of his Jerusalem Post reporting ⁵.

Writing Style and Themes

- **Scene-driven, human-centric narratives:** Raab often opens with vivid, on-the-ground descriptions and participants' voices. For example, a *Jerusalem Post* report on July 24, 2023 began: "Horns blaring and chants of 'Democratia' (Democracy) could be heard..." as thousands protested ⁶. In sports pieces he similarly profiles individuals – e.g. introducing the Israeli frisbee coach Noam Elyashar with his own words ⁵. This suggests Raab frames stories through personal experiences and quotes.
- **Context and explanation:** After hooking readers with narrative, he provides background context. In the Airbnb security story, he explains the technical issue clearly: Airbnb's signup process and SIM-card reuse policy – "an unusually weak security process" – led to data breaches ⁷. This indicates he emphasizes making complex issues understandable.
- **Focus on education, athletics, and policy:** Recurring topics in Raab's journalism include campus and educational issues (faculty, admissions, university governance), Ivy League sports,

Israeli civic life, and technology. He leans into underdog or community angles – for instance quoting Yale’s coach James Jones on being underestimated ⁸. He also examines cultural/ political subjects, as seen in his opinion writing on Mexican-Jewish identity. Overall, his storytelling is factual and balanced, blending descriptive reporting with direct quotes and data.

Illustration from Raab’s reporting: a Jerusalem reform protest (July 2023). His articles often capture the sights and sounds of these events ⁹ ⁶.

Current Work and Story Interests

Raab is an incoming summer 2025 newsroom intern at *The Wall Street Journal*, reportedly in a tech and media reporting role. Based on this assignment and his past coverage, he is likely pursuing stories at the intersection of technology, business, and sports. (We did not find any public articles by him explicitly about sports-betting arbitrage, but given his sports journalism background and tech reporting experience, he may cover topics like sports analytics or gaming regulation.) He has shown interest in both sports media and policy, so his current focus may include sports-business or betting industry trends.

Public Presence and Notable Articles

- **Protests in Jerusalem halt traffic (Jerusalem Post, July 11, 2023)** – Raab reported on anti-government demonstrations blocking Jerusalem streets for judicial reform. The piece describes protesters chanting for “a better future” and details police barricades stopping the march ⁹.
- **Judicial reform protesters at Knesset (Jerusalem Post, July 24, 2023)** – He co-wrote a follow-up story on the massive protest outside the Knesset. The article opens with the roar of horns and thousands of Israelis camping near the parliament ⁶, including quotes from demonstrators concerned about future freedoms.
- **Israel’s Ultimate Frisbee team (Jerusalem Post, July 16, 2023)** – In a sports feature, Raab profiled the Israeli national frisbee team headed to a European championship. The story is a narrative built around coach Noam Elyashar’s experience, explaining the team’s history and challenges ⁵.
- **Airbnb security lapse (Jerusalem Post, July 22, 2023)** – Raab wrote an international news piece on a tech privacy issue: how Israeli SIM-card reuse can let new users log into strangers’ Airbnb accounts. The article lays out the breach scenario (e.g. an Ivy League student’s returned SIM number exposing credit-card data) and details the security flaw ⁷ ¹⁰.
- **“I’m a Mexican Jew...” (The Forward, June 3, 2024)** – In this opinion essay, Raab connects his personal family story (Mexican Sephardic heritage) to Mexican politics, urging the new president Claudia Sheinbaum to embrace her Jewish identity. He blends autobiography with political commentary on Jewish and Hispanic identity in Mexico ⁴.
- **Faculty group calls on Yale to separate teaching from activism (Yale Daily News, Feb. 19, 2024)** – As a YDN staff reporter, he co-authored this story on “Faculty for Yale,” a coalition of professors urging institutional neutrality on campus. The piece outlines the group’s six-point plan for free-speech and curriculum guidelines ¹¹.
- **Yale men’s basketball NCAA preview (New Haven Register, March 19, 2025)** – Raab’s local sports reporting is exemplified by a preview of Yale’s first-round NCAA game against Texas A&M. He cites Yale coach James Jones on the team’s underdog status and discusses match-up challenges (e.g. A&M’s rebounding advantage) ¹². (The article notes Yale’s recent Ivy League success and players like star forward Nick Townsend.)

Insights for Preparing a Call With Him

Based on Raab's background and work: he is detail-oriented and empirically minded, often grounding stories in data or expert quotes. He is passionate about sports (especially Yale athletics) and about how technology/business issues affect individuals. When discussing sports betting arbitrage, focus on tangible examples (e.g. how analytics or new regulations influence gambling markets) and the people involved (betting companies, consultants, bettors). He has demonstrated interest in cultural and campus issues, so he may appreciate context on how policies or industry trends impact communities. In conversation, expect that he values clarity and depth: he will likely ask about specifics and may frame questions through the perspective of affected individuals or institutions, as he does in his reporting.

Sources: Raab's Yale Daily News bio, his articles in the *Jerusalem Post*, *The Forward*, and other outlets (cited above) were used to compile this profile [2](#) [3](#) [6](#) [4](#) [11](#) .

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