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Education

Columbia University in the City of New York , New York, NY	Expected May 2027
Bachelor of Arts, GPA: 3.99; Dean's List All Semesters	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Relevant Coursework:</i> Equality and the Law, History of the Supreme Court, Intro to Comparative Politics, Early America, US History 1940-1975, Civil War and Reconstruction, First Amendment• <i>Society Memberships:</i> Undergraduate Pre-Law Society	
Yeshivat Har Etzion , Israel	August 2021 – July 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engaged in intensive daily study of Talmud, Bible and Jewish Codes	
Yeshiva University High School for Boys (YUHSB) , New York, NY, <i>Honors College Program</i>	June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Honors:</i> Class Valedictorian, NY State Senate Youth Leadership Award, Arista National Honor Society• <i>Extracurricular Involvement:</i> Debate Team (President), Model UN Team (Captain), Mock Trial (Captain)	

Research Experience

Tikvah Fund Beren Summer Fellowship , New York, NY, <i>Fellow</i>	June 2024 – August 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studied Free Exercise jurisprudence with Professor Michael Helfand (Pepperdine and Yale Law Schools)• Researched the historical origins of the Free Exercise Clause and the future of <i>Employment Division v. Smith</i> for a forthcoming article in the <i>Columbia Undergraduate Law Review</i>, Spring 2025• Attended the Notre Dame Law School Religious Liberty Summit in South Bend, Indiana (July 2024)	
Leadership and Activities	
Yeshiva University High School for Boys , New York, NY, <i>Debate Coach</i>	September 2023 – Present

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentor 20+ students in competitive debate and extemporaneous speaking, enhancing their public speaking, research and critical thinking skills• Coordinate and lead weekly team practices and judge at interschool debate tournaments	
Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA) , New York, NY, <i>Fellow</i>	October 2024 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with legal professionals to combat domestic abuse and educate on divorce refusal• Pursue certification as a notary public in New Jersey to facilitate the signing of prenuptial agreements	

James Madison Program Summer Seminar , Princeton University, NJ, <i>Participant</i>	June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected for intensive seminar on American government and political theory	

Volunteer Experience

Yachad at Camp Nesher , Lakewood, PA, <i>Counselor</i>	July 2022 – August 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served as full-time counselor for campers, ages 8-14, with a variety of special needs in a sleepaway camp• Ensured the social, physical and emotional well-being of campers and helped to promote inclusion	
Township of Teaneck Youth Advisory Board (YAB) , Teaneck, NJ, <i>Chair</i>	September 2018 – June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected by peers to serve three terms; facilitated board meetings and crafted agendas• Presented updates and policy initiatives at Town Council meetings and coordinated civic projects• Organized and developed “Building Bonds to Government” civic education events to promote dialogue between Teaneck’s youth and local elected and governmental officials (December 2019 and March 2021)	