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## EDUCATION

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**Yale University**, New Haven, CT; BA, History; GPA: 3.83

5/26

*Relevant Coursework:* Persian, Moral Foundations of Politics, Game Theory, Seapower & Maritime Affairs, Classics of Ethics, Politics, & Economics: African American Perspectives, Reading & Writing the Modern Essay, European Intellectual History, the Global Right, the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Early Middle Ages, 20th Century Jewish Politics, Revolutionary Mexico, Foxes and Hedgehogs, World Energy, Fundamentals of Physics, Lincoln's Statecraft and Rhetoric

*Research papers:* “Empathy & the Ethics of Privacy: Examining Yale’s ‘Theodore & Ruth Lidz Papers,’” “The Nuclear Family: A Hidden Tool for Racial Progress,” “A Historiography of Karaite Origins,” “Buckley, Kristol, and Netanyahu on Capitalism, Democracy, and Morality,” “Rebuilding the Jewish Community in Greece After the Holocaust.”

## EXPERIENCE

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**Chabad at Yale, Sisterhood Chair**, New Haven, CT

4/23 – Present

- Strengthen Yale’s Jewish community by planning religious events, learning opportunities, & student outreach efforts
- Run biweekly sisterhood events with undergraduate and graduate students such as challah bakes, preparing dough from scratch and reaching out to dozens of Jewish students across the university
- Plan Chabad-wide events such as Persian Shabbat dinner (~300 attendees), speaker events such as Holocaust survivor Nissen Mangel (~200 attendees), Latke Cook-Off w/Profs. Marci Shore & Jason Stanley, and commemorative singing on October 7 (joined by Ben Shapiro)
- Run a private seminar series led by Jewish professors such as Steven Smith, Dan Prober, and Ellen Handler-Spitz, connecting students to professors for future classes, internships, and support on campus
- Personally [raised \\$9,000](#) for Chabad at Yale’s end-of-year fundraiser by contacting alumni and friends
- Fight antisemitism through Congressional [testimony](#), [WSJ/WFB/YDN](#) articles, news [interviews](#), and speaker events

**Tikvah Scholars (Summer) Program, Resident Advisor**, Mount Holyoke, MA

8/24

- Managed Jewish high school students, led daily group activities/discussions, comforted/befriended homesick students
- Led seminar on Churchill & Orwell’s writings alongside tenured Emory Prof. Patrick Alitt, taught Jewish philosophy
- Worked with a team of RA’s to ensure programming ran smoothly and students flourished, kept close eye on students
- Continue mentoring students after summer (Torah learning, advice on starting school Jewish club & on college apps.)

**Midreshet Rachel V’Chaya, Student**, Jerusalem.

7/24

- Learned as a full-time student at a religious seminary, including Torah, Jewish law, and Jewish philosophy/ethics, studying texts such as Maimonides’ writings and the Book of Samuel in the original Hebrew
- Hebrew immersion: volunteering at Israeli food pantry, babysitting for & spending Shabbat w/Haredi Israeli families

**The Yale Free Press, Editor-in-chief**, New Haven, CT

4/23 – 4/24

- Recruit writers, write/edit articles, & distribute door-to-door copies of Yale’s oldest heterodox student publication
- Maintain relationships with alumni donors & institutional funding sources through outreach & conference attendance

**William F. Buckley Jr. Program, Outreach Director**, New Haven, CT

1/23 – 12/23

- Build relationships with university departments, registrars, organizations, & students to increase event attendance
- Plan, promote, & attend events to support intellectual diversity (socials, discussions, speakers, seminars, debates)
- Speakers include James Taranto, Eliana Johnson, Yale Professor Nicholas Christakis, & Jordan Peterson

**National Review, Intern**, New York, NY

5/23 – 7/23

- Attend & participate in daily “pitch meetings” with NR staff to discuss current events & coverage ideas
- [Write](#) & edit opinion articles & news reports with a focus on Israel, Iran, Jewish issues, media, & K-12 & higher edu.

**Independent Oral History Project, Greece**

7/23 – 8/23

- Interviewed Jewish community members and leaders in Athens, Salonika on family histories, upbringing, religious observance, memory of the Holocaust, the community today, and its relationship with Greece, Israel, and America
- Collected background information from multiple Jewish museums in Greece and other primary sources
- Visited elderly home in Israel for Greek Jews, spoke with home leadership about Greek-Jewish community in Israel

**The Foundation Against Intolerance & Racism, Fellow, Remote**

9/22 – 5/24

- Advocate for FAIR's mission through ongoing media presence & contact with donors to fundraise & increase membership/visibility, highlighting the intersection of Jewish history/personal family history with FAIR's mission
- Published [op-ed](#) in the Wall Street Journal on maintaining dialogue & nonpartisanship in American public schools
- Produced a [documentary](#) with FAIR on standing up for inquiry & dialogue in high school student government
- Interviewed by [Fox & Friends](#), [Lars Larson](#), [Jim Bohannon](#), [Newsmax](#), [Andrew Keen](#), [Jonathan Kay \(Quillette\)](#), [Bill Walton](#) (recognized by CPAC), [WICN 90.5 FM](#) (NPR-affiliate), “Good Morning Liberty,” [Speech First](#), Merion West

**Israel Connect, Mentor, Remote**

5/20 – 12/23

- Tutor English to low-income students in Israel over Zoom; effects IDF placement & indicates economic mobility
- Mentored three students (one student per school year to meet weekly over the course of 3Y)
- Additional freelance tutoring experience in English, STEM, college application mentorship (approx. 20 students)

**American Sephardi Federation, Sephardi House Fellow, New York, NY**

9/22 – 5/23

- Learn about Sephardic Jewish culture through 90-minute monthly classes, lectures, seminars, & two conferences
- Topics include Jewish persecution in the Middle East, Mediterranean, & Iberian Peninsula/relevant histories & cultural accomplishments of Sephardic & Mizrahi Jews; taught by tenured professors from Yeshiva Univ., etc.
- Raise awareness of Sephardic Jewry by planning events (ie. Sephardic heritage trivia night, Persian Shabbat dinner)

**Yale College Council, Pierson Senator, New Haven, CT**

4/23 – 4/24

- Host events for Pierson students such as Insomnia cookies in the common room to get to know constituents
- Send biweekly emails to Pierson students with YCC activity progress reports and relevant updates
- Serve on the Cultural and Religious Policy Team and as a YCC liaison to cultural centers at Yale
- Actively participate in weekly YCC meetings by asking rigorous questions and collaborating with fellow Senators

**Yale Model Congress, New Haven Director, New Haven, CT**

4/23 – 4/24

- Recruit and train 20 New Haven public high school students to participate in YMC's annual conference free of charge
- Visit NHV public high schools and speak to teachers/students to recruit 20 to participate in YMC's conference for free
- Help students brainstorm, draft, and edit bills and practice public speaking for the conference (multiple won awards)
- Write (successful!) college recommendation letters for students, encourage them to pursue ambitious academic futures

**Yale Real Estate Group, Member, New Haven, CT**

02/24 – Present

- Meet real estate firms and attend weekly classes to learn about real estate pro forma, markets, tax law, and other topics

**SKILLS**

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- Public speaking, debate, interpersonal communication, mentorship, teaching, event planning, media, advocacy.
  - *Language Skills:* English (native proficiency), Hebrew (professional working), Persian (intermediate proficiency).