

JOSEPH BLOCK

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY , New York, NY	Class of 2026
Expected Major: BA, Political Science	
Honors: Dean's List (Spring 2025, Summer 2025), Awarded the Arthur Ross Foundation Scholarship for Excellence in Political Science (2025-26)	
GPA: 4.09	
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY , Tel Aviv, Israel	Class of 2026
Expected Major: Middle Eastern Studies	
Expected Minor: Jewish/Israel Studies	
Honors: Dean's List of Excellence (2022-23), Awarded Tel Aviv University Sean Carmeli z"l Lone Soldier Scholarship (2022-23)	
GPA: 4.00	
YESHIVAT HAKOTEL , Jerusalem, Israel	2018-2020, 2021-2022
Hesder Program	
SAR HIGH SCHOOL , Bronx, NY	Class of 2018
Peer-Elected Class Representative and Graduation Speaker, SAR High School Class of 2018	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES , Israel	January 2023 – Present
<i>Active Reserve Service, Master Sergeant, Battalion 8239, Northern Gaza Brigade, Reserve Infantry Corps, Israel Defense Forces</i>	
EMUNAH NEVE LANDY CHILDREN'S HOME , Even Shmuel, Israel	Summers 2022 – 2024
<i>Kol HaNearim Home Coordinator</i>	
JUSTIFI	Thailand in February 2023 Vietnam in April 2024
<i>Social Justice Trip Educational Team Leader</i>	
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS , New York, NY	June – October 2023
<i>Intern</i>	
TIKVAH OVERSEAS INSTITUTE , Jerusalem, Israel	2021-22
<i>Program Assistant</i>	
ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES , Israel	2020-2021
<i>Sergeant, 432nd Tzabar (Cactus) Battalion, 84th Givati Brigade, Infantry Corps</i>	
CAMP MOSHAVA , Honesdale, PA	Summers 2017-2019
<i>Bunk Counselor</i>	
NEW YORK METS , New York, NY	Spring 2018
<i>Marketing Intern</i>	
UNITED STATES SENATE , Washington, DC	Summer 2017
<i>Senate Page</i>	
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN B. MALONEY , Washington, DC	Summer 2017
<i>Intern</i>	
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC , Brooklyn, NY	September 2016
<i>Batboy and Clubhouse Assistant</i>	

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & AWARDS

- **OU-JLIC**, *Educational Coordinator & Gabbai*, Herzliya, Israel, 2022-2023
 - **Tikvah Overseas Institute**, *Participant*, Jerusalem, Israel, 2018-2020
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- **AIPAC Schusterman Advocacy Institute High School Summit**, *Participant*, Washington, DC, 2016
 - **Rockland Boulders**, *Batboy*, Pomona, NY, part-time during the 2012-2016 seasons
 - **New York UJA-Federation Singer Family Award**, *Recipient*, 2016
 - **New York State Geography Bee**, *Finalist*, Albany, NY, 2014
 - **Newark Bears**, *Batboy*, Newark, NJ, part-time during the 2011-2013 seasons
 - **International Bible Contest (Chidon Ha-Tanach)**, *New York Regional Champion*, 2012
 - **Democratic National Convention**, *New York Delegation Page (youngest delegate in history)*, Charlotte, NC, 2012
 - **Democratic National Convention**, *Volunteer*, Denver, CO, 2008
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & MEDIA

- SPEAKER: "Israel at War: A Soldier's Perspective." Emet Classical Academy, New York, NY, May 1, 2025.
 - SPEAKER: "Israel at War: A Soldier's Perspective." Peace and Dialogue Institute, Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 2, 2025.
 - SPEAKER: "Perspectives from the Frontlines." Westchester Torah Academy, New Rochelle, NY, April 19, 2022.
 - SPEAKER: "Perspectives from the Frontlines." Young Israel of White Plains, White Plains, NY, April 16, 2022.
 - SPEAKER: "Beyond the Uniform: Reflections and Stories from the IDF." SAR Academy, Bronx, NY, May 4, 2022.
 - SPEAKER: Class of 2018 Commencement Address, SAR High School, Bronx, NY, June 11, 2018.
 - AUTHOR: "Menachem Begin's Legacy, Documented." *Jewish Link*, October 31, 2019.
 - AUTHOR: "SAR Sting Boys Varsity Hockey Closes Season; Looks to Playoffs." *Jewish Link*, February 8, 2018.
 - INTERVIEWED: "Wearing their party on their head at the DNC." NBC News, September 4, 2012.
 - FEATURED: "Educating During Wartime: Despite the Challenges Tel Aviv University Thrives." *Jerusalem Report*, May 27, 2024, cover photo.
 - FEATURED: "SAR High School Celebrates Graduation." *Jewish Link*, Jewish 21, 2018.
 - FEATURED: Berger, Judy. "White Plains Teen Serves as US Senate Page." *Jewish Link*, March 22, 2018.
 - FEATURED: Turx, Jake. "A Page Out of the Old Book // Is there a Kippah in the House?" *Ami Magazine*, February 7, 2018.
 - FEATURED: Bisnoff, Jason. "White Plains Couple Fund Trips to Israel for Westchester Teens." *Daily Voice*, June 20, 2016.
 - FEATURED: Asher, Dana. "Scholarships for Summer Trips to Israel Awarded to 20 Westchester Teens." *Patch*, June 15, 2016.
 - FEATURED: "National Democratic Convention." *New York Post*, June 15, 2016.
 - FEATURED: "A White Plains Bar Mitzvah Boy Reads from a 200-Year-Old Belgrade Torah." *JDC Archives*, 2013.
 - FEATURED: "A White Plains Teen Makes Bar Mitzvah with Historic Serbian Torah." *matsav.com*, January 29, 2013,
 - FEATURED: Doyle, Brian, and Leigh Munsil. "Fashion at the DNC." *Politico*, September 4, 2012.
 - FEATURED: "Democratic National Convention in Charlotte: Day One." *The Guardian*, September 4, 2012.
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