

Benjamin Fox

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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

- *Relevant Coursework*: 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
- *Society Memberships*: Undergraduate Pre-Law Society

Yeshivat Har Etzion, Israel

August 2021 – July 2023

- Engaged in intensive daily study of Talmud, Bible and Jewish Codes

Yeshiva University High School for Boys (YUHSB), New York, NY, *Honors College Program*

June 2021

- *Honors*: Class Valedictorian, NY State Senate Youth Leadership Award, Arista National Honor Society
- *Extracurricular Involvement*: Debate Team (President), Model UN Team (Captain), Mock Trial (Captain)

Research Experience

Tikvah Fund Beren Summer Fellowship, New York, NY, *Fellow*

June 2024 – August 2024

- 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 *Employment Division v. Smith* for a forthcoming article in the *Columbia Undergraduate Law Review*, 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, *Debate Coach*

September 2023 – Present

- 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, *Fellow*

October 2024 – Present

- 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, *Participant*

June 2021

- Selected for intensive seminar on American government and political theory

Volunteer Experience

Yachad at Camp Nesher, Lakewood, PA, *Counselor*

July 2022 – August 2022

- 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, *Chair*

September 2018 – June 2021

- 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)