



Yeshivah of Flatbush

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Overview

The Yeshivah of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School, founded in 1927, is an independent, coeducational K-12 Orthodox Jewish Day School which offers a rigorous dual curriculum in general and Judaic Studies. Our mission is to inspire, challenge, and support our students to grow into adults who have compassion and scholarship, with commitment to our school's values. We empower our graduates to succeed, lead, and serve in institutions of higher learning, their communities, and the world at large.

The synthesis of Judaic Studies, liberal arts, and extracurricular activities fosters each student's character development and intellectual growth. Our unique educational model enables our students to learn to effectively manage their time and meet the demands of a highly rigorous schedule and curriculum. In addition to a full general studies course load, students are required to take a minimum of 17 class hours per week each year in Biblical and Rabbinic Literature, Modern Hebrew, and Medieval and Contemporary Jewish History. Emphasis is placed on the ability to critically analyze texts and sources in the original language. Therefore, modern Hebrew is the primary language of instruction in all Judaic Studies courses. The Yeshivah is accredited by the New York State Education Department and proud members of NACAC, NYSACAC, The College Board, and the Jewish Education Project.

School Community

- High School Enrollment: 669
- High School Faculty: 113; 84 have earned a Master's Degree or higher
- 45% of students receive Financial Aid
- 89% of students attend 4-year colleges, 7% attend 2-year colleges
- 24 Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings, which students may begin taking during sophomore year. AP enrollment is a selective process and subject to departmental approval and requirements.

Class of 2022

- Class of 2022=157 students
- All grades in all courses are UNWEIGHTED
- Students are NOT RANKED
- The GPA comprises only numeric grades
- 97 members of the Class of 2022 took 217 AP exams, earning a score of 3 or better on 73% of the tests.
- In 2021, 32 members of the Class of 2022 were named AP Scholars

Grading Scale

95-100	A
88-94	B-A
80-87	B
70-79	C
65-69	D
Below 65	F

Yeshivah of Flatbush shifted to remote learning in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Our devoted faculty ensured that mission-driven learning continued through the end of the school year via a combination of synchronous and asynchronous curricula in all secular and Judaic subject areas. Student grades reflect an assessment of each student's continued development, grasp of subject material, and engagement over the term, on an A-F scale. In order to balance the goal of capturing student performance with the need to accommodate the myriad effects of the crisis and the transition to remote learning on students, marks for the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year are not included in the cumulative grade point average. Additionally, all students received exemptions from New York State Regents exams and retakes due to the cancellation of those assessments. The school implemented a hybrid learning model and returned to a numeric (100-point) grading scale for the 2020-2021 school year. As of September 2021 the school has fully returned to in-person learning.

COVID-19 Adjustments

Special Programs

The **May and Bernard Blumenthal Scholars Program** is a project-based learning initiative where students choose a passion or interest to explore deeply by developing a project around an essential question of their choosing. Students begin by researching their topic and work towards building an impactful academic project guided by a program coordinator and other mentors. Students meet monthly as a group to foster creative intelligence, support one another, and learn project building skills. Students are encouraged to self-reflect and understand their learning style, the role difficulty and problem-solving play in learning, and the dedication that is required to become an "expert." All projects include a final product, which includes their analysis, project work, self-reflection, and a public impact component. The program concludes with a spring exhibition where students present their findings during an interactive showcase. Regrettably, the class of 2022 did not have the opportunity to participate in this program.

Our one-of-a-kind **Pathfinders Program** offers academic, extracurricular, and mentored career experiences to every high school student. The program focuses on career exploration through guest speakers, site visits, trips, internship opportunities, and career and summer program fairs. Each student is assigned a Pathfinders advisor who also supports their professional development (i.e. professional etiquette, resume writing, and interview skills). Pathfinders gives all students the opportunity to discover and pursue their own unique paths.

Tsei U'lemad is a Talmudic term which means "Go Out and Learn." This program offers a variety of supplemental courses and academic enrichment opportunities each semester that encourage students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Students may want to broaden their interests and explore or seek deeper knowledge of a subject that already interests them. Courses are primarily self-study, which attracts the most self-motivated students. Meetings typically take place during lunch periods or after regular school hours. Students are usually limited to one Tsei U'lemad per semester.

Witness Theater is an innovative and emotional inter-generational journey for Holocaust survivors and high school students. Working together, the two generations elicit and reveal the moving stories of survival and explore issues of war, loss, and trauma. Over the course of the academic year, with the guidance of a trained drama therapist, the students work with the survivors to draw out their stories. The project culminates with a performance in which the survivors narrate their stories as the students portray them on stage. The performance serves as a vehicle for the survivors' testimony to be heard by many and for the audience to witness the special connections made between the generations. The selection process is highly competitive and open to seniors only.

Subject and Graduation Requirements	Core, Advanced, and AP Courses			Electives	
English (4 years)	English 9 / English 9 H English 11 / English 11 H English 12 / English 12 H	English 10 / English 10 H AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition		Journalism/Creative Writing	
History and Social Sciences (4 years)	Global History & Geography 9 / Global History & Geography 9 H Global History & Geography 10 / Global History & Geography 10 H US History & Government / US History & Government H US History & Gov/Economics / US History & Gov/Economics H Israel in World Relations			AP US History AP US Government and Politics AP World History: Modern AP Comparative Government and Politics AP European History AP Psychology AP Human Geography Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship AP Macroeconomics/ AP Microeconomics Employment Law Business Seminar Marketing Criminal/Constitutional Law	
Science (3 years)	Biology / Biology H AP Biology AP Environmental Science	Chemistry / Chemistry H AP Chemistry	AP Physics I	AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles AP Physics C	Forensic Science Nutrition
Math (3 years)	Algebra I / Algebra I H Geometry / Geometry H Algebra II / Algebra II H			Calculus AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC AP Statistics
World Language or Computer Science (2 years)	Spanish I / Spanish I H Spanish II / Spanish II H Intro to Computer Science / Intro to Computer Science H Computer Science / Computer Science H			Spanish III AP Spanish Language and Culture Robotics Scientific Engineering	
Arts (3 years)	Art (9th) Graphic Design (10th) Music Appreciation (12th)			AP Art History AP 2D Art and Design AP 3D Art and Design AP Drawing	AP Music Theory Product Design Drama and Public Speaking
Judaic Studies	Talmud / Talmud H (4 years) Bible & Prophets / Bible & Prophets H (4 years) Jewish Law / Jewish Law H (4 years) Hebrew Language & Literature / Hebrew Language & Literature H (4 years) Jewish History / Jewish History H (2 years)			Albert Hazan Memorial Program in Sephardic Jewish History	
Additional Graduation Requirements:	· Four years of Physical Education · Four years of Health Education/SAFE			· Community Service (30 hours per year) · Earn a passing grade on eight required Regents exams in order to obtain an Advanced NYS Regents Diploma	

College Admission Results

Yeshivah of Flatbush students from the classes of 2019-2021 have been admitted to the following institutions:

Adelphi University
Arizona State University
Bar-Ilan University
Barnard College
Bentley University
Bernard M Baruch College (CUNY)
Binghamton University (SUNY)
Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY)
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College (CUNY)
Broome Community College (SUNY)
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Center for Allied Health Education City College (CUNY)
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of Staten Island (CUNY)
Columbia University in the City of New York
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cornell University
Drew University
Drexel University
Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY)
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology

Harvard University
Hofstra University
Hunter College (CUNY)
Jewish Theological Seminary
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
Johns Hopkins University
Kingsborough Community College (CUNY)
Lawrence University
Lehman College (CUNY)
LIM College
Long Island University
Macaulay Honors College (CUNY)
Marymount Manhattan College
Medgar Evers College (CUNY)
Monmouth University
Muhlenberg College
New England College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York City College of Technology (CUNY)
New York Institute of Technology
New York School of Interior Design
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pratt Institute
Queens College (CUNY)
Queensborough Community College (CUNY)
Rutgers University

Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Technion Israel Institute of Technology
Temple University
The New School
Touro College
Tulane University
University of California, San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Washington
Vassar College
Wagner College
Xavier University
Yeshiva University
York College (CUNY)

Note: **Bold** indicates where students have enrolled