

YEAR IN REVIEW:
JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Slifka

Center for Jewish Life at Yale



Letter from Leadership

Dear Friends of Slifka Center,

We are proud to share this report with you - and prouder yet of having guided Yale's Jewish community through the tumultuous 2019-20 academic year. Slifka Center was there with and for students as the pandemic disrupted their school year and transformed their world: sharing words of Jewish inspiration, building virtual community, and supporting every student in moments of need, be they financial or psychological. So many of us have lost so much - and through it we have deepened our appreciation for Jewish community and Jewish wisdom.

At the same time, we have also set renewal into motion. Amidst campus's shuttered common spaces, Slifka Center's kitchen, dining hall, lobby, security, and terrace are being renovated so they will last another twenty-five years. In recognition of Slifka Center's importance to Yale, there is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to receive Yale and reunion credit for gifts to the Slifka Center: *Building Forward* campaign. You can find information herein and also at slifkacenter.org.

Once the pandemic has passed, we look forward to celebrating the completion of this project and Slifka Center's quarter century anniversary. We are proud of what the Center has accomplished and we share that pride with you in this report. We hope you enjoy it!

Your support makes all our work possible. Thank you for faithfully partnering with us.

Uri Cohen, Executive Director

Rabbi Jason Rubenstein, Howard M. Holtzmann Jewish Chaplain at Yale



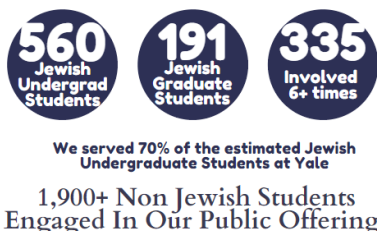
Uri Cohen, right, and Rabbi Jason Rubenstein

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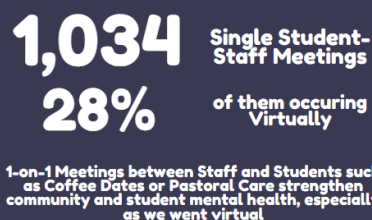
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Building Community



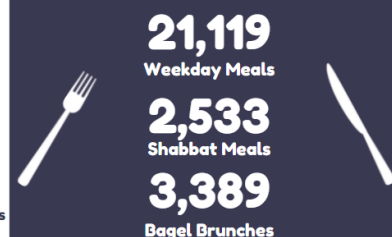
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Life, Learning & Leadership



Campus Destination



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: SARAH NGO HAMERLING '20 Senior Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of NY



"Adjusting to post-college life can be jolting in the best of times; graduating into this upended world has been something else.

I'm so grateful not just for the incredible guidance and teaching the Slifka rabbis extend to recent alumni, but also the way they've introduced me to new teachers and equipped me to learn independently.

The richness of the Jewish textual tradition has been such a balm during the past year---and it's hard to imagine having had access to any of it without the staff and fellow students at Slifka."

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A GATHERING PLACE:

Students and faculty from across Yale come to Slifka Center to build community, dine together, study, repair the world, celebrate and more. The Capital Campaign will fund essential renovations to update the kitchen, dining hall, security infrastructure, and outdoor spaces.

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