

Ruthie Kaplowitz

UNESCO: Welcome Letter

YUNMUN XXXIV

Dear Delegates of UNESCO,

Welcome to YUNMUN XXXIV! My name is Ruthie Kaplowitz, and I am super excited to be your chair this year.

Just so y'all know a little more about me: I am from Memphis, TN and attended the Margolin Hebrew Academy/Goldie Margolin School for Girls. After that, I went to Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim for seminary. I am currently in my junior year at Stern College (second year on campus) and I am majoring in Jewish Education with a minor in Psychology.

I have always loved YUNMUN, and I am proud to say that this year will be my sixth year attending! In the past, I was a delegate on DISEC, UNESCO (I am very excited to be coming back), AS, and MES. Last year, I was Assistant Chair of WFP. I am beyond excited for what this year's conference will bring.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was founded in 1945<sup>1</sup> with the stated claim of, “promoting collaboration among the nations through education, science and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights and fundamental freedoms.”<sup>2</sup> This purpose, of using education, science, and culture to promote mutual understanding, peace, and collaboration between peoples has remained the guiding force for all that UNESCO does.

UNESCO has accomplished many remarkable things over the past 75 years including increasing access and quality of education, supporting scientific research for the improvement of society, and preserving and cultivating cultural heritage. UNESCO has also developed tsunami warning

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unesco.org/en/brief>

<sup>2</sup> <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/in/documentViewer.xhtml>

systems, established over 1,073 World Heritage Sites, built schools and youth networks, and compiled a general history series chronicling the history of the world.<sup>3</sup> Everything that UNESCO has accomplished has been directed towards the goal of exchanging knowledge and culture to preserve peace worldwide.

While doing research and preparing for the conference remember that you are representing the views of your given country, not your personal opinions. Additionally, keep in mind that all writing you submit must be your own, and all sources must be cited! All papers will be submitted through TurnItIn to check for plagiarism, which will not be tolerated under any circumstance.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to email any questions, comments, or concerns to me at [rkaplowi@mail.yu.edu](mailto:rkaplowi@mail.yu.edu). I can't wait to see what y'all bring to the table!

Sincerely,  
Ruthie Kaplowitz  
Chair, UNESCO  
YUNMUN XXXIV

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unesco.org/en/75th-anniversary>