

Alumni Newsletter

Welcome!

Dear S Jay Levy Alumni:

Welcome! This August newsletter marks the first newsletter for those who have recently completed the program, and the first ever to be launched by the alumni board. We would like to extend everyone a warm welcome into the community wherever they are in the world! This bi-annual newsletter is your source for news, events, and volunteer opportunities from the local alumni community.

As we go into our 7th year of the fellowship, we encourage you to take an active role in the expansion and engagement of our alumni network! With a fast-growing network of 304 alumni, 32 industry mentors, and 71 internship partners, the S Jay Levy community has become a place to support you wherever you are in your academic or professional path, so reach out and help us know how to serve you best. We hope in-person activities will resume later this fall or in the spring and will keep you posted. Whether you are a new alum or finished your studies long ago, you can stay in touch with the fellowship community in many ways:

- Contribute to the newsletter
- Become a [Peer Mentor](#)
- Become an [Industry Mentor](#)
- Join us as a Panelist Speaker
- Attend our events
 - The Alumni Board hosts different types of events every year, ranging from social to educational and professional opportunities. In 2020-2021, the board had the following events:
 - Discussion with Peter Singer, the World's Most Influential Living Philosopher
 - Fellowship Town Hall
 - Environmental Ethics & Social Responsibility
 - Peer Mentor Info Sessions (June, July, and August)
 - Trivia Night
 - If you have event ideas or would like to coordinate one, please let us know directly at sjaylevyalumni@gmail.com
- Post and interact on [LinkedIn](#)

*“Shoot for the
moon!!”*

Fellowship Highlights

- Many congratulations to [Angela Vasović](#) in appearing in the Public Service Review!! Read the full review here: <https://lnkd.in/dx-jtfh>
- A huge congrats to [Miguel A. Chavez](#) on being a recipient of the [Jonas E. Salk Award](#)
- Check out our now-published fellows at the Guardian this summer!
 - [Post-lockdown summer: Americans out for fun and with money to spend, Sajina Shrestha](#)
 - [Before Christian Pulisic there was Jovan Kirovski, Fatima Rahman](#)
 - [‘I thought I would never make it’: groundbreaking grads on their success, Sarah Logan](#)
- Congrats to [Jennifer Shin](#) on starting a new position as an Associate Consultant with Veeva Systems!
- Congrats to [Anthony Shalagin](#) for teaching BrainStation’s 10-week product management course!
- Congrats, [Francis Gold Sy](#) and [Mei Yolles](#) on joining NASA Kennedy Space Center for Fall of 2021 (as a mechanical engineering co-op and in NASA Proposal Writing and Evaluation Experience, respectively) Shoot for the moon!!

Recent Internship and Job Postings

- [Pfizer summer 2022 internship](#)
- [The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Legal Recruiting Assistant](#)
- [Social Change Fellows, a program to support folks interested in careers in social justice organizing, activism, and leadership. Social Change Fellows is for both undergraduate and graduate students—as well as for alums—who are interested in careers as organizers, activists, policy advocates, and community-based leaders.](#)
- [JPMorgan Chase & Co is looking for someone with a few years of experience for Prime Brokerage Product Development-Associate](#)
- [TECHU Ventures is offering a life science focused six-month fellowship.](#)
- [Paralegal opportunity at Gottlieb Ostrager LLP.](#)

We hope you will utilize our LinkedIn group to share opportunities, interact with our community of fellows and alumni, and keep up with local news and events, and email sjaylevyalumni@gmail.com to get involved! We’re also here to support you and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Your alumni family

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Featured Alumnus

Daniel Hila (Cohort 2018-2019)



In no small part because of the S Jay Levy Fellowship, I was able to make a strong application for a Fulbright scholarship to pursue my MA in Security & Diplomacy studies at Tel Aviv University in Israel. With my program now coming to an end, the last year of my life has unquestionably been the most exciting, enjoyable, exhilarating, and unique thus far.

I spent Holy Week in an Airbnb in the old city of Jerusalem, hiked the Galilee, Golan Heights, and the Negev desert, visited the major Palestinian cities in the West Bank, and did so much more. The experiences I’ve gained through Fulbright will stay with me forever, and I could not be more thankful to have had the assistance of the leaders in our S

Jay Levy Fellowship before coming here. Even in the time I have been abroad, in fact, I have been able to stay in regular contact with our fellowship leaders like Carlo Accetti and James Fontanella-Khan, as well as my fellow companions on the Student Alumni Board.

The S Jay Levy Fellowship is a strong force for upward mobility in City College, and I cannot wait to see the wonderful professionals it will produce. Together with the Alumni Board and leaders, I aspire to strengthen and expand on the program so that others may be able to benefit from it in the way I have.



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A Letter from Your President

My Fellow Alumni:

Hope all of you had a wonderful and productive summer. As the fall approaches, the alumni board looks forward to hosting our annual guest speaker event and organizing networking activities. Over the past year, we had the opportunity to hold a few virtual events, and we loved seeing your engagement in each of them. While launching the pilot last fall, our peer mentorship program was largely successful thanks to the enthusiasm of our alumni mentors. Moreover, this summer we piloted internship site connections where we matched fellows with alumni who interned at the same site to give them an additional resource and support during their experience. Also, thank you for participating in the Alumni Board of Advisors Elections in the Spring of 2021 and for bestowing your trust by electing us once again; we are eager to work with you and deliver on our promises.

Of course, I would like to thank every alumna and alumnus that volunteers and continuously helps in each of our activities. We thank Lavie, Carlo, and James for their continued support, and extend our thanks and welcome to Layana Abu Touq for joining the team as the Alumni & Mentor Coordinator. Her experience as an alumna of the fellowship, a co-founder of an EdTech startup, and a grassroots organizer helps us realize our vision and develop the foundation for our alumni network. Going forward, we are confident in our ability to maintain a vibrant environment.

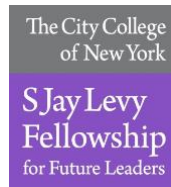
Furthermore, on behalf of our vice-president, Elizabeth Little, secretary, Jasmina Uka, and board members, Naomi Sukram, Zev Vel, and Daniel Hila, I would like to take this time to welcome our incoming alumni into our wonderful and growing community. Congratulations on completing your internships this summer; I heard nothing but fantastic stories from so many of you. We look forward to seeing more success as you continue to advance in your careers. With that said, when we began this journey as board members over a year ago, we strived to develop enduring interest in the fellowship beyond your one-year experience, and after seeing your eagerness and engagement as fellows, we hope to harvest that enthusiasm by offering more opportunities and resources that, sadly, earlier cohorts never had, at least, until now.

On that note, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time regarding any question, comment, or concern. You can find my email below.

Warm regards,
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Thanks for being a valued member of our S Jay Levy Fellowship Alumni! We hope you enjoyed reading the very first issue of our S Jay Levy Alumni Newsletter.

We look forward to having more of you contribute to future issues.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact Layana or Indrit if you would like to be featured for our winter issue. To do so, contact them at any of the following emails:

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