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CLASS NOTES MARCH 2021

BOOKS

Ziona (Hochbaum) Greenwald, '97SCW, J.D., a Jerusalem-based writer and editor, recently published her second children's book, *Tzippi Inside/Out* (Targum Press).

Dr. Mike Cohen, former YU Macs basketball Graduate Assistant, 1st winning coach in Lady Macs history (co-head coach w/HOFer Dave Kufeld and YU Sports Information Director has completed a children's book telling the remarkable story of his mother Tzippy's escape from the clutches of the Nazi-collaborating Black-Cross in Budapest, Hungary, as a 4.5 year old child - together with her doll whose name is - well - Doll. Titled "A Tiny Piece of Chocolate" the story of a little girl's grit for survival reviews Jewish life prior to the Nazi occupation in 1944 and concludes with Tzippy and her doll in Israel with dozens of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Published in conjunction with Beit HaEdut in Nir Galim, Israel and several pro-Israel churches that Mike has been working with for several decades. Will be available around Pesach.

Ethan Walls '00SB released a book on healthcare called "*The Mega Factory of Healthcare*". You can find the press release here: [Walls Launches Book Mapping Out New Approach to Healthcare | PRUnderground](#)

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Dr. Mike Cohen, former Macs Basketball Graduate Assistant, Lady Macs 1st winning coach (co-head coach w/HOFer Dave Kufeld) and YU Sports Information Director launched #ShukranDruze a Global Week of HaKarat HaTov to Israel's Druze Warriors. #ShukranDruze2020 was inaugurated by William @Daroff, the incoming CEO of the Conference of Presidents and #ShukranDruze 2021 was set in motion by the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, The week of #ShukranDruze has garnered participants from no less than 57 countries - is completely voluntary with a budget of \$0 and yet has caught the imaginations of thousands due to the nature of the Druze in the Jewish mind and the connection to Yitro-father-in-law of Moshe - whose Parasha week was chosen for this special HaKarat HaTov project. #ShukranDruze!

IN-MEMORIAM

Dr. Mordecai D. Katz '48YUHB

Husband of Dr. Monique Katz '63E, father of Dr. Rachel Katz '95E and Dr. Robert Sidlow '91YC, Yeshiva University Trustee Michael Katz '94C and Elissa Katz, Gail Katz and Meir Bick, and Debra Katz and Yechiel Newman.

Dr. Katz served as a Trustee of Yeshiva University for over twenty five years, most recently as its co-Vice Chairman. He also served as a member of the Boards of Overseers for the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration as well as the Chair of the Board of Overseers of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Together with his wife Dr. Monique C. Katz, co-vice-chairman of the Stern College for Women Board of Overseers, the Katz family have long been extraordinary champions for our community. Dr. Katz was a committed philanthropist whose generosity and leadership have transformed Yeshiva University and the Jewish world. The family's most recent major gift launched the Katz School, which created new portals of entry into Yeshiva University for students of our community. The Katz family also endowed the Mordecai D. Katz and Dr. Monique C. Katz Deanship of Undergraduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences, currently held by Dr. Karen Bacon, a position of enduring impact on developing tomorrow's leaders. The scholarships they funded have enabled scores of students to access higher education.

Rabbi Marc H. Messing, Esq., Z"L '75YC, '76JS, '79RIETS, '79FG

Husband of Eve Messing. Father of Rachi (Devorah) Messing, Shimmy (Batsheva) Messing, and Deena (Raffy) Davidovich. Zaidy of Yaakov, Shalva, Leah, Shlomo, Shmuelly, Sophie, Lilah, Chana, Judah, and Malka.

Rabbi Messing was honored in 2016 by Yeshivas Toras Chaim for his incredible contribution to the Yeshiva and its students: "In between teaching and running his estates and wills law practice, he can be found in the beis medrash learning with boys, helping them prepare for bechinos, assisting during mishmar, spreading the word to prospective new parents or even writing a grant proposal."

Rabbi Moshe Goldberg '46YC '49R '58Belfer, Z"L

Husband of Yehudit, father of Minette Car '77YUHS, Dr. Michael Goldberg '78YUHS, '82YC, '89AECOM, '89SG and Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Raphael (Bobby) Goldberg '82YUHS, '88R. Rabbi Goldberg was born in Toronto and studied there under Rav Yaacov Kaminetzky ZT"L. He proceeded to learn in Beis Midrash L'Torah in Chicago under his beloved Rebbe, the Suvalker Rav, Rav Dovid Lifshitz, ZT"L. He and four of his friends accompanied their Rebbe to YU in 1942. He graduated YU in 1946 and continued on to RIETS where he learned by the Rav, Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik ZT"L, and completed his Semicha in 1949. At that time, YU in conjunction with Bnei Akiva and Mizrachi gathered a group of Musmachim to send to Israel to start Yeshivos there. Rabbi Goldberg

arrived in Eretz Yisroel in 1950 and proceeded to found two Yeshiva Hesder High Schools that exist until this day: Yeshivas Bar Yochai in Miron; and with his good friend Rav Aryeh Bina, Yeshivas Netiv Meir, originally in Abu Tor and later in Yerushalayim, under the guidance of Rav Tzvi Nehria of Kfar Roeh. Rabbi Goldberg was a former resident of Washington Heights, Hillcrest, Far Rockaway and most recently Yerushalayim.

Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Freilich '63BRGS, '84WSSW, Z'L

Father of Rabbi Yehoshua (Josh) Freilich '70YC, '73BRGS, '73R, Rabbi Akiva Freilich of Milwaukee and Rebbetzin Rena Orlowek.

Joel Roth, Z"L

Bother of Rebbetzin Faigie Kronenberg and brother-in-law of Rabbi Ira Kronenberg '71R.

Morris Zimmerman, Z"L

Husband of Elaine Zimmerman Z"L, father of Dr. Stanley Zimmerman '68YUHS, '72YC, '75AECOM and his wife Joanne and Rabbi Sammy Zimmerman '77YUHS, ;81YC, '84BRGS, '84R and his wife Dr. Deena Rachel '88AECOM. Morris Zimmerman, along with his late wife, Elaine Zimmerman, Z"L, were generous supporters of YU over their many years. Along with supporting Yeshiva University and many other institutions and charities, the Zimmermans were pioneers of the Teaneck orthodox community, and one of the founders of the Moriah School. Well after retirement, for a period of about ten years, he came every day to YU, to sit in on Jewish studies classes, and he had the thrill of studying together with his grandson, Isaac. Morris also taught for a year at the Sy Syms School of Business.

Shifra Yehudis Orlian Z"L

Rebbetzin of Rabbi Etan Orlian '86YUHS, '90YC, '93R, '00BRGS.

Daughter of Rabbi Dr. Yosef and Yaffa Lea Liberman. Sister of Rabbi Moshe Liberman, Russi Sukenik, Shani Lantos, Bruria Eisner, Avrohom Liberman, JSS Rebbe Rabbi Yitz Liberman '04SB, '09BRGS, '12R, Meir Liberman, and Hillel Dovid Liberman Z"L. Mother of Avraham Meir and Hannah, Sarah, Shira, Aharon, Ephraim Yeshuda, Devorah and David Baruch Orlian.

Daughter-in-law of Associate Dean SCW Ethal (Chaya) Orlian '57YUHS, '61SCW and Professor of Bible and Hebrew (ret.) Dr. J Mitchell Orlian '54TIM, '55YC, '60FGS, -73BRGS.

Sister-in-law of Rabbi Meir Orlian '83YUHS, '87YC, '90R, '93BRGS, Moshe Orlian '86YC, abd JSS/RIETS Rebbe Rabbi Uri Orlian '98YC, '02AZ, '14R.

Ruth Brizel Z"L of Fallsburg, New York

Mother of Steven Brizel '76YC, '79 Cordozo.

Noah Reifman Z”L

Father of Sarit Guttman and Chaim Refman, brother of Chana Zweiter ‘72SCW and Shlomo Reifman and uncle of Rabbi Oran Zweiter ‘07YC, ‘10R, ’15 BRG

Dr. Lawrence H. David Z”L

Husband of Sonya Meyers Davis

Father of Miriam (Rabbi Gedalyah Berger ‘98R), Rena (and Yossi) Landes, Sarah (and Dr. Yosef) Rudolph. Brother of Rhea (Seymour) Cabin, Brother-in-law of Joseph Meyers and Rabbi Yaakov Meyers.

Marjorie Green, Z”L

Rebbetzin of Rabbi Simcha (Sidney) Green ‘62R, mother of Reva Judas (and Danny), Assistant Director of JSS Rabbi Jon Green (and Debra), Ellie Green, and Sara Korf Z”L.

Aiden Noah Finkelstein Z”L

Son of Netanel Finkelstein ‘13YC and Judith Frankiel ‘13SCW of Los Angeles. Grandson of Rabbi Howard Finkelstein ‘73YC, ‘73FGS, ‘77RIETs and Rivka Braff Finkelstein ‘75TIW.

Martin Handel Z”L

Brother of Rabbi Dr. Yitzchak Handel ‘58YUHS, ‘62YC, ’65 RIETS, ‘77F and Judith Sternglantz.