

Class Notes Summer 2017

1950's

Dr. Mendy Ganchrow '54YUHS, '58YC published his first novel, *The Five Day War*, based on a cold-call invitation from the Saudi Kingdom he received to serve as a specialty surgeon in one of their Royal Air Force hospitals. The hero in this novel accepts such an invitation while working for the Mossad.

Eta and Rabbi Dr. Joel Rosenshein '52YUHS, '56YC, '58R announce the marriage of their 2 granddaughters: Rivka Rosenshein to Dovid Brody and Rivka Brocha Grunfeld to Nussi Segal; and the birth of their grandson, born to Debora and Yehuda Eisen.

Howard B. Rothman, Ph.D, '56YUHS has recently published *Tunes Through the Times: Jewish Music Through the Ages in the Diaspora*, available on Amazon. Dr. Rothman has also produced an eight hour radio series "Songs of a People", depicting Jewish culture through music. It can be accessed in the Archive section of the website Two Hours of Jewish Music (charliebernhaut.com)

Chanah and Rabbi David Winter '54YUHS, '58YC, '65R, BR announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Kara to Zvi Wolpoe '16SB.

1960's

Rabbi Chaim Brovender '62YC, '65R, BR, was awarded the Bonei Zion Prize, an award that recognizes outstanding English-speaking Olim who "embody the spirit and of modern-day Zionism by contributing in a significant way to Israel."

Michael (Mechy) Frankel's '64YUHS, '68YC, '71R recent monograph "Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons at an Inflection Point" has been published by Johns Hopkins University as part of its series of national security research documents, available on-line.

Rabbanit Chana Henkin '64YUHS, '68S, '76BR (Founder and Dean of Nishmat) was honored with lighting a torch on Israel Independence Day.

Tamra and Dr. Benjamin Lesin '61YUHS celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yaacov Moshe HaCohen Lesin , at the Kotel in Jerusalem. He is named after former YU Mashgiach Ruchni, Rabbi Yaacov Moshe HaCohen Lesin.

Sara Reguer '66TI published her new book "Opinionated: the World View of a Jewish Woman", Academic Studies Press, 2017.

Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg '69YC, '74R, F, '92A edited "Genesis of the Palestinian Authority" by David Bedein.

Moishe (Melvyn) Westreich '62YUHS, '66YC has published his first novel, entitled "Murder in the Kollel", available via Amazon.

1970's

Aviva '72YUHS and Stan Adler '65YUHS announce the birth of a grandson, born to their children Dahlia and Yoni Fisch.

Nadav Erlich '16SB announces his engagement to Nicky Bernstein.

Gitty and Mark Bodner '67YUHS, '71YC announce the birth of their grandson Shimon Eliezer Glaser.

Abby '70YUHS, '72TI, '94W and Rabbi Reuven Fink '91BR announce the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yehuda, son of Rachel and Yair Sandler.

Amy and David Grauer '69YUHS, '73YC announce the birth of a grandson, born to their children Leba '03S, '12W and Rabbi Seth Grauer '01YC, '04R, '12A.

Cheryl and Mark Hametz '73YUHS announce the birth of twin grandchildren, a boy Mateo lev, and girl Aliyah Sapir, born to their children Ruth and Ian Hametz.

Joel Herskowitz, M.D. '71E has co-authored with his wife, Dr. Roya Sayadi, the second edition of *Swallow Safely. A Caregiver's Guide to Dysphagia: Recognition, Treatment, and Prevention.*

Dr. Bryan Kagan, DPM, MCSFS, DASFP '76YC was recently voted one of "Americas Most Influential Podiatrists" and recognized as an internationally recognized expert on forensic podiatry by *Podiatry Management* magazine.

Roberta '75S and Abe Katz '75YC announce the marriage of their son, Eric Katz, to Ahuva Lindenbaum '00YUHS, '04S.

Dr. Michael Kram '77YC, '81E, has published *Zebra, It's Not All Black and White in the Physical or Spiritual Worlds*, Outskirts Press.

Rabbi Mark Hillel Kunis '74R, BR recently published a new book with Menorah/Koren Press, *Dancing With God: How to Connect with God Every Time You Pray.*

Debbie and Benjamin Lang '72YC announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Lang, to Jeremy Greenblum.

Esther Brener Ladell and Uri Ladell '72YUHS announce the births of their grandchildren Lavi, son of Ilan and Sarit, and Ahava, daughter of Chanani and Liraz.

Diane and Barry Mael '79YC, '82W announce the marriage of their daughter Emma '17S to Yossi Katz.

Rabbi Elazar Muskin '78YC, '81R, BR has been elected the new president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Aviva and Joe '76YUHS, '79YC Offenbacher and Robin and Bruce Epstein on the birth of their grandson, Ariel Jacob, born to Esther and Rafi Offenbacher. Mazal Tov to the great-grandparents, Judith '57YUHS, '61S and Rabbi Irwin '53YUHS, '57YC, '60BR, R Borvick and Esther and Elmer Offenbacher.

Sharon '78S and David Rauch announce the birth of twin boys, to their children Rebecca '12S, '13A and Jeremy Rauch '10YC.

Fran (Rosenzweig) '68YUHS and Sheldon Rosen '70YC announce the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Talia, daughter of Lisa and Moshe Markowitz '93YUHS.

Rabbi Dr. Peter M. Rosenzweig '71YC, R published his newest work *Introspection, Teshuva, Personality & Change: A Map*- Targum Press.

Nechama and Elliot Rosner '72YC, E announce the birth of a grandson, Tzvi Hershel to their children Esther and Shmuel Vann; and a granddaughter, Adina Miriam to their children Chana Sara and Yussie Abramowitz '08YUHS and '12SB.

Nechama and Elliot Rosner '72YC announce the birth of their granddaughter, Kayla Aviva, born to their children Aliza and Shmuel Rosner '11SB.

Dr. Alan Singer's '76YC '78W unique book on family size decision-making "Creating Your Perfect Family Size" was published by Wiley.

Edna '77TI and Yehuda Singer '73YC, '75R, F announce the marriage of their daughter Noa to Yishai Taimens

Esther (Gleicher) '75YUHS and Rabbi Dr. Mark S. Weiner '76YC, '79F, '80R and Janet and Dr. Joshua Kunin '83E announce the birth of their granddaughter Ayala Rachel to Aryeh & Rivkah WeinerBeth and Dr. Paul White '75YC announce the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Elisheva and Noam White.

1980's

Dr. Allan Barsky '88W published *Conflict resolution for the helping professions* (3rd Edition). Oxford University Press.

Sarah and Alan Bedein '80W announce the birth of a grandson and granddaughter to two of their daughters, Rivka Singer and Leora Basticker.

Marcia Bronstein '82W, Regional Director of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ was a delegate on the Bridge Building trip to Azerbaijan with the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. The group explored peaceful coexistence between diverse faith groups and how multiculturalism leads to mutual collaboration and respect among the various components of civil society and religious segments of society.

Felicia (Feder) SCW '87 and Mark Bernstein announce the marriage of their son Henry Bernstein to Deena Beuchler daughter of Debbie and Bruce Beuchler.

Felicia (Feder) SCW '87 and Mark Bernstein announce the marriage of their daughter Kelly Bernstein to Gary Younger '10YUHS son of Rhonda and Steven Younger '74YUHS, '78YC.

Felicia (Feder) SCW '87 and Mark Bernstein announce the engagement of their daughter Danielle Bernstein to Sean Bokor son of Danielle and Jason Bokor.

Margie and Jeffrey Feld '84C announce the marriage of their son, Zachary, to Tara Roisman.

Shifra '84S and Perry Garber '79YUHS announce the marriage of their son Baruch to Gila Pfeiffer.

Zvi Grumet '83R recently published Genesis: From Creation to Covenant, through Maggid Press.

Debra Guston '88C was installed as the president of the Academy of Adoption and Assisted-Reproduction Attorneys (AAAA), an international fellowship of more than 400 family formation attorneys.

Dina '86S and Ira Herman '75YUHS, '79YC announce the marriage of their son, Elie, to Theresa Linzner.

Deena (Press) '84YUHS, '87S, '94F and Zvi Kahane '86YC announce the birth of their granddaughter Sophie, born to Aleyet and Zecharya Hirsch.

Shelly and Jan Kiderman '85C announce the birth of a grandson, born to their children, Miryam and Jeff Kiderman.

Laurie and Robert Koppel '76YUHS, '80YC announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle, to Aryeh Mazel.

Talya '10YUHS, '15S and Kalman Laufer '10YUHS, '16SB announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazal tov to grandparents Diane '86YUHS, '89S, '92C and David Lent '83YUHS, '87YC and Rachel '86YUHS, '90S, '92C and Rabbi Shimon Laufer '89YC, '94R.

Sheryl '83YUHS, '86S and Dr. Jeff Levine announce the marriage of their son, Yoni, to Emily Kaye '12YUHS.

Shoshana (Rothschild) '86YUHS, '89S and Rabbi Moshe Lichtman announce the engagement of their daughter Shira to Chaim Metzger.

Tova '82YUHS and Meshulam Lisker announce the engagement of their son Eliezer Yaakov to Avigayil Simon.

Iliisa and Jason Nussbaum '87YUHS announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter Lucy Sarah.

Tova '89S and Ira Shulman '82YC announce the birth of a grandson to their children Tehila and Eli.

Esti '79YUHS and Howard Schwab '82YC announce the marriage of their son, Yechiel '17YC to Arielle Wasserman.

Judi '78YUHS and Brad Scher '82YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarice, to Barry Greengus.

Dr. Deborah Serani '89F was named by OnlineCounselingPrograms.com as one of our top therapy bloggers of 2017.

Penny (Finkelstein) '92S, '95W and Rabbi Brian Thau '86YC, '90R, '98A & announce the engagement of Brian's daughter Racheli to Akiva Bedziner. Mazel Tov to Akiva's parents Menachem and Elana Bedziner and Devorah Altman.

Anne and Dr. Mark Wasserman '85YC announce the birth of a grandson, Yaakov Joseph, born to their children, Rebeccah '16S and Moshe Friedman.

Ora (Goldberg) and Mark Watson '99SB announce the marriage of their daughter Elisheva to Yedidya Levin. Mazal Tov to grandparents Terri and Wallace Goldberg '63YUHS, '67YC.

Dr. Orit '95E and Jan Wimpfheimer '86YUHS, '89YC announce the marriage of their son Ariel, to Shachar Kaplan. Mazal tov to grandparents Susanne and Michael Wimpfheimer '61YUHS.

Dr. Deena '88E and Rabbi Sam Zimmerman '77YUHS, '81YC, '84R, BR announce the wedding of their son Lieutenant Yosef Zimmerman to Tal Mulai.

1990's

Meryl and Yerachmiel Bratt '89YC, '92C announce the birth of their grandson Michael to their children Leah and Yitzy Bratt.

Jennifer and Shmuel Cahn '95YUHS, '99SB announce the birth of their son, Ari Rephael.

Judy Dick '92S published her third adult coloring book, Shalom Coloring III: Animals of the Bible (Behrman House).

Pnina '12E and Eric Distenfeld '97YUHS '01SB announce the birth of a baby girl.

Adina '95S and Jeremy Fand announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Aurelie.

Penina '99S and Rabbi Josh Flug '98YC, '01R announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter Aliza.

Adina '87YUHS, '95C and Lawrence Garbuz '95C announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Eva.

Ann Koffsky '93S published "Judah Maccabee Goes to the Doctor" a Hanukah themed children's book.

Stephanie '97C and Dr. Jeffrey Korenman, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their eldest son Max in December, just eight weeks after celebrating the birth of their second daughter, Elizabeth Mia.

Bonnie '94S and Rabbi Dovid Kupchik '89YC, '93R, '98A announce the marriage of their daughter Tova, to Chaim Levitz.

Tzippy (Barishansky) '90S and Dr. Yaron Lebovitz '88YC, '93E announce the marriage of their son Akiva to Yehudit Goldstein.

Rabbi Ari Leubitz '95SB, Head of School of the Atlanta Jewish Academy (AJA) was selected to serve as a mentor for the Day School Leadership Training Institute. Chosen from a very competitive pool of national applicants, Rabbi Leubitz will be a mentor to new and aspiring heads of school from Jewish day schools across the U.S., Canada and Israel.

Elliot Lowenstein '94YUHS, '98YC announces his marriage to Bella Flores.

Susie '92S and Jeff Meyers announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph.

Elana '97S, '04W and Jamie Minkove '96SB announce the bar mitzvah of their son, Jonah.

Ora '00S and Rabbi Judah Mischel '99YC, '07A announce the birth of their son, Avraham Yitzchak.

Tanya and Jason Olshan '97YUHS announce the bar mitzvah of their son, Avraham Mordechai. Mazal tov to grandparents Jeanette and Neil Olshan '65YC.

Shoshana and Rabbi Michael Olshin '91YC, '95A announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter Emunah.

Nechama and Steven Pudell '91YC announce the birth of their first grandchild, Dovid Eliyahu Gabbai to their children Shoshana (Pudell) and Ben Gabbai.

Dr. Dale Rosenbach '99YUHS '03YC is invited to Minneapolis, Minnesota to speak for the Twin Cities Periodontics Study Group in February 2018. He also co-authored an article with Dr. Kara Slavik accepted for publication in the Fall-Winter 2017 New York County Dental Society's Dentists' Quarterly on immediate dental implants.

Abigail and Rabbi Elie Rothberger '93YUHS, '97YC, '02R, '04A announce the bar mitzvah of their son Chaim. Mazal tov to grandparents Debbie and Rabbi Joe Rothberger '54YUHS, '58YC, BZ, '61R, BR, '68F, '89A.

Dr. Chani (Pearlman) '90YUHS, '94S and Jason Schwartz '93SB announce the bar mitzvah of their son Dani.

Miriam and Hillel Scheinfeld '89YUHS, '94SB announce the engagement of their son Yechiel to Abby Yudin, daughter of Ruthie (Garbasz) '93S and Rabbi Gotch Yudin '83YUHS, '90YC, '92R, A and granddaughter of Shevi '62YUHS, '64TI and Rabbi Benjamin Yudin '66YC, '69R.

Mark A. Treitel '94C has been elected President of the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association, www.laipla.net, for 2017-2018.

Dani Waxman '99YC, BR, A has released RecallCue, a digital memory aid aimed at helping people with MCI(Mild Cognitive Impairment) or early dementia and the families caring for loved ones.

Dr. Amy and Noah Weisberger '95YC announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Anna.

Ilana (Fein) '87YUHS, '91S and Dr. Moshe Wertenteil '86YUHS,'90YC announce the engagement of their son Tzvi, to Reut Baer, daughter of Dr. Lea and Dr. Asher Baer '88YUHS.

2000's

Tali Konigsberg '07S announces her engagement to Zev Bachrach.

Rebecca Rapoport and Moshe Billet '04SB announce the birth of a baby boy.

Dena '12GW and Rabbi Avram Block '09YC, '11R announce the birth of their daughter Nava Shifra.

Staci (Lieberman) '00E and Jack Bodner announce the bar mitzvah of their sons, Noah and Leo.

Shira '02S and Hayyim Danzig '06YC announce the birth of a baby boy.

Faith '04W and Josh Fisch announce the bar mitzvah of their son Judah.

Elizabeth '07S and Moshe Glasser '05YC, '07A announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazal tov to grandparents Rachel '74S and Paul Glasser '73YC.

Alise '09S, '11A and Rabbi Yoni Gold '09YC, '12A announce the birth of a baby boy.

Chava and Rabbi Yonah Gross '98YUHS, '04YC, '06R announce the birth of their daughter Rivka. Mazal tov to grandparents Lorraine and Rabbi Sam Vogel '58YUHS, '62YC, '65R, '66BR, '67BS and Judy and Mark Gross.

Shani (Snyder) '06S, '10E and Eli Hagler '06SB announce the birth of a baby boy.

Joe Hirsch '04 YC '06 RIETS '06 AGS published The Feedback Fix, number one new release on Amazon.

Davita Karp '09SB announces her engagement to Tzvi Robinson.

David J. Katz '05SB was named to the first-ever Forbes list of "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors."

Rena Katz '09S announces her engagement to Iacov Maltz. Mazal tov to her parents Charlotte '70S and Harry Katz '69YC.

Shana '04YUHS and Yitzzy Klein '09SB announce the birth of a baby girl.

Ricki '06S and Judah Kurtz '01YUHS, '08SB announce the birth of their daughter Aliza Tehilla.

Shana and Dr. Ari Lowell '03SB were honored at the annual Yeshiva Be'er Yitzchock Dinner.

Leorah '96YUHS, '00S and Akiva Marcus '01YC announce the bar mitzvah of their son, Elisha.

Gabrielle Segal '12YUHS and Daniel Neiss '05YUHS, '09YC announce their marriage.

Ayelet and Jonathan Pelzner '09SB announce the birth of a baby boy.

Rabbi Beny Rofeh '06YC, '15W announces his engagement to Yoanna Freedman.

Yehuda "J.R." Rothstein '01YUHS of Monsey, New York has received a Fulbright award to Canada from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Josh Shpayher '04YC has been named General Counsel for LabPro, a healthcare company in Harwood Heights, IL that is committed to providing clients with fast, accurate and cost-efficient toxicology services to enhance patient care with unmatched customer service.

Sara and Uri Weingarten '05YUHS, '09YC announce the birth of their daughter Gabriella Tova.

Dr. Shira Weiss '00S, '08A, '13BR published her new book: *Joseph Albo on Free Choice: Exegetical Innovation in Medieval Jewish Philosophy*.

Rabbi Chananya Weissman '01YC, '05A, '06R announces the publication of his latest book *How to Not Get Married: Break These Rules And You Have A Chance*.

Nehama (Cohen) '06SB and Dori Zofan '08W announce the birth of their daughter Liel Ahuva.

2010's

Faigy and Daniel Abraham '12SB announce the birth of their daughter, Naama Rena.

Alana Blumenthal '14S and Asher Becker '15YC announce their marriage. Mazal tov to their parents Anne '88S and David Blumenthal '75YUHS and Rivky '88YUHS and Ari Becker '91YC.

Aaron Berman '12YUHS announces his marriage to Tova Haft.

Miriam '13S and Rabbi Tuvia Brander '12YC, '16R announce the birth of their daughter, Amalya Hodaya. Mazal tov to grandparents Esther Apter and Blima and Rabbi Menachem Apter, and Ruchie '84S and Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Brander '84YC, '86R. And to great grandparents Ellen and Rabbi Aaron Brander '59R.

Devora Cohen '14S announces her engagement to Ariel Berkowitz.

Shevy '12S and Jared Dubin announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Rachel. Mazal tov to grandparents Joyce and Steven Davis '85YC.

Akiva Katz '15SB announces his engagement to Samantha Meisels. Mazal tov to their parents Amy '72YUHS, '76S, '78W and Nathan Katz '77YC and Benay '88S and Dr. Ira Meisels

‘80YUHS, ‘85YC. And to Akiva’s grandparents Sylvia (former Director of the YU Museum) and Rabbi William Herskowitz ‘48YC, ‘50W, ‘55R, ‘74BR.

Adina Erdfarb ‘11S announces her marriage to Daniel Landesman.

Sarah and Yosi Faber ‘05YUHS, ‘10YC announce the birth of a baby boy.

Marlee Fisher ‘12S, ‘13GS and Levi Farkas ‘06SB announce their marriage.

Eli Fishbein ‘11SB announces his marriage to Lucy Batterman.

Ariella Applebaum ‘17S and Eli Gartenberg ‘15YC announce their marriage.

Zach Goldstein ‘12YC announces his graduation from Indiana University School of Medicine, and his residency match into orthopedic surgery at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

Mouchka ‘11S and Dov Heller ‘14YC announce the birth of a baby boy.

Giti (Klinger) ‘10SB and Rabbi Yaakov Hoffman ‘09YC, ‘13R announce the birth of a baby girl.

Eliana ‘15S and Yehuda Kaminer ‘13SB announce the birth of a baby girl, Emuna Sara.

Leora and Alex Landsman '08YUHS, '14YC announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazal tov to the grandparents Ellen and Steve Naiman and Naomi '83YUHS, '86S and Rabbi Mark Landsman '83YUHS, '87YC, '90R, and great grandparents Sabina and Rabbi Jacob Kaufman '56YC, '57R.

Jessica '05YUHS and Rabbi Reuven Lebovitz '11SB, '13A, '14R announce the birth of their son Yaakov.

Ally '11SB, '15A and Eytan Mishkoff '06YUHS, '11SB announce the birth of their son, Isaac Meir.

Gabrielle Segal '12YUHS and Daniel Neiss '05YUHS, '09YC announce their engagement.

Michelle and Eitan Nidam '12SB announce the birth of their son Benjamin Izzy.

Sarina Miller '13S and Gaby Novick '15YC announce their engagement.

Catherine Pearlman '11W published "IGNORE IT! How Selectively Looking the Other Way Can Decrease Behavioral Problems and Increase Parenting Satisfaction".

Wendy '10S, '14E and Maurice Rabbenou announce the birth of their daughter Audrey May.

Dara and Sammy Rosenzweig '13SB announce the birth of a baby boy.

Sammy Schwartz '16SB announces his engagement to Julianna Stadtmauer.

Alex and Eitan Selevan '14YC announce the birth of a baby boy.

Galila Shapiro '17S and Elie Flatow '16YC announce their engagement.

Eliana Shields '16S announces her engagement to Judah Kerbel.

Rose Snyder '12S, '17E and David Steinmetz '14YC announce the birth of their daughter, Nava Devora.

Jessica Gross '11S, '15E and Doni Stiefel '12YC announce their engagement.

Ruthie '11S and Tani Pollak '15SB announce the birth of a baby boy.

Avigayil '12S and Akiva Schreiber '13SB announce the birth of their daughter Adeline Joy.

Miriam '10YUHS, '14S, '17A and Rabbi Elie Schwartz '13YC, '17R announce the birth of their son Adir Baruch.

Zahava '13S, '15A and Danny Stemp '13YC announce the birth of a baby girl.

Shira Aharon '17S and Avraham Wein '12YUHS announce their engagement.

Ronit (Pelcovitz) '08YUHS, '12S and Jonathan Weitzman '12SB announce the birth of twins.

Arielle Zellis '16S was the keynote speaker at this year's National Inclusion Project conference in Raleigh, NC.