

Jason Greenblatt '89YC Is No Apprentice: YU Alumnus Serves as Donald Trump's General Counsel

Many hopeful executives and celebrities alike have trembled in fear in the boardroom before Donald Trump and his now-famous catchphrase, "You're fired!" on television's hit show "The Apprentice."

The lucky few who hear "You're hired!" get an opportunity of a lifetime to work with the larger-than-life mogul and personality who heads The Trump Organization, a conglomerate that owns and operates hotels, resorts, office buildings, golf courses and residential towers across the world.

Yeshiva University's own Jason Dov Greenblatt '85YUHS, '89YC serves as executive vice president and general counsel for The Trump Organization, a position he has held for the past 16 years. Greenblatt, who arrived at Trump after working for a large law firm, said of his prior work, "The firm and my colleagues there were good to work with, but the work was simply not challenging or exciting enough for my entrepreneurial nature. When a headhunter called me with a job for a 'major real estate developer,' he declined to disclose who it was. Though I usually ignored those kinds of cold calls, I decided to meet with him. It was a particularly boring day at work for me, I recall."

Greenblatt found himself being interviewed by Trump's former general counsel along with Trump himself, and was soon offered the job. "I learned from this experience to explore all opportunities so there's no fear of missing out," said Greenblatt. "I almost didn't meet with that headhunter, which would have been a big mistake, because the meeting led me to this challenging and varied job that I absolutely love."

Greenblatt, originally from Forest Hills, NY, attended Yeshiva University's Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy before entering Yeshiva College through its early admissions program. "I am a firm believer in the philosophy of Torah Umadda and there was, and still is, no other school or institution that can instill and implement this philosophy as well as YU can," said Greenblatt. "At Yeshiva, I enjoyed being surrounded by a wonderful chevra [group] of like-minded, intellectually curious people who served as great inspiration for me."

Greenblatt majored in English literature and took several science courses since he was considering pursuing medical school, but he decided that his talents better served the legal field. "I haven't looked back since!" he said. "Those long days of academic classes going late into the night and then studying afterward, while challenging then, certainly prepared me for law school, for my early years working for a big firm and now for The Trump Organization."

A typical day for Greenblatt at Trump is filled with multi-tasking, reviewing documents, negotiating and working on a host of interesting and unusual deals, ranging from complex real estate matters to entertainment and hospitality. "Like every job, each day does have its more mundane tasks, but most of my day requires heavy thinking, creativity and the need to always be on my toes," remarked Greenblatt. "I love working with Donald and his children, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric, because they are all passionate about what they do, talented, extremely bright and very hard-working. They are a lot of fun to work with and know how to get things done."

Greenblatt also said he could not ask for a better job as an observant Jew. "Donald and his family have always been extremely respectful of my observance," he said. "I have sometimes had to walk out on deals valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars because of Shabbos and holidays, and Donald has always said to me, 'go home and pray, we will pick it up after the holiday.' He is a true mensch about it and I believe that for a person of his stature to act this way is really incredible."

He continued, "Having said that, I don't take his respect lightly. I do whatever it takes to limit the times when Shabbos or holidays become an issue, and I have slept in the office for two nights in a row in advance of a holiday to avoid situations where I need to leave a deal unfinished. Donald doesn't ask me to do this, but my feeling is, if he and his family are so respectful, I owe them the same respect in return."

This is a lesson, Greenblatt feels, that is very important to teach young observant Jewish men and women entering the work force. "Some people think they can have it both ways—regular hours and then leave for Shabbos and

holidays," he said, "but most jobs don't work that way. We should be cognizant of that, appreciate the respect we get from others, and not abuse it."

Greenblatt also has more specific career advice for YU students wishing to pursue a legal career. "Similar to the guidance Donald gives others, my advice is to first make sure—before you worry about the market—that you love and are passionate about a law career," he said. "If you settle for something less, I think Donald is also correct when he says you likely won't be as good at what you do."

"Once you've decided that law school is indeed for you, recognize that the dynamics have shifted and the money and advancement opportunities may not be the same as they once were," Greenblatt continued. "There is no doubt that the market for legal jobs is tight, but I think that's true for a lot of fields now due to the continuing uncertainty in the economy. Like virtually all businesses, the legal profession is cyclical. I think as the economy continues to improve, the legal market will as well. Don't forget that law school can be a great stepping stone into another career, even if you don't end up practicing law."

Greenblatt lives in Teaneck with his family, of whom he is extremely proud: his wife, Naomi, a psychiatrist who specializes in women's mental health, and their six children: Noah, Julia, and Anna, 13-year old triplets, Sophia, 9, Avery, 6, and Vera, 15 months.

In advance of their b'nai mitzvah, the triplets, along with two of their younger siblings, formed their own organization, Triplets for a Cause, in which



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they undertake various chesed [deeds of kindness] projects. They attributed their recognition of the importance of giving to others from their parents, and indeed, despite Greenblatt's long work days, he makes time to participate in communal activities.

He is a member of the Yeshiva University General Counsel's Council, a panel of law firm attorneys and general counsels who provide pro bono legal services to the university. He also recently spoke to teens as part of New Jersey NCSY's Latte and Learning program. At the time, Rabbi Dovid Cofnas, NJ NCSY's director of development, said, "Mr. Greenblatt feels very strongly about upholding traditional Jewish values and wants to transmit them to the next generation. Hearing from a successful lawyer who makes Shabbat and Jewish holidays a top priority has a certain 'wow' appeal. Teenagers love that—he makes it cool to be observant. His talk had a great impact."

Someone else impressed by Greenblatt's adherence to his faith, as well as his excellence in the legal field? The Donald himself. "Jason Greenblatt has worked for me for 16 years and he has never been less than brilliant," Trump said. "He's accomplished and adept professionally and his dedication extends not only to his work, but to his family. His faith runs deep, which is apparent in all he does. Yeshiva should be very proud that he is an alumnus—he's solid gold and a total winner!" ■

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1940s



Rabbi David Halpern '49YC, '52R, founding rabbi of Flatbush Park Jewish Center, was honored by the congregation as he completed 60 years of rabbinic leadership. Rabbi Halpern is now the rabbi emeritus.

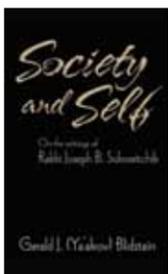
Sheila '52 YUHS and Rabbi David Halpern also announce the marriage of their granddaughter, **Lauren** '10S, to Avi Klahr. Mazel tov to parents Judith and **Dr. Neil Halpern** '74YUHS, '77YC.

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm '49YC, '51R, '66BR published *Megillah: Majesty & Mystery* (KTAV Publishing House, 2012) and *Learning or Knowing: Which Takes Precedence?* an e-book made possible by the YU Institute for University-School Partnership.

1950s

Shifrah and **Steve Adler** '57YUHS announce the birth of their grandson, Shlomo.

On April 19, **Rabbi Dr. I. Nathan Bamberger** '51R, '74BR met with Prof. Dr. Robert Froschel, president of Wurzburg University, and presented some of his literary works to the Library of the University (which was founded in 1484). Rabbi Bamberger was invited by the city of Wurzburg, where his great-grandfather and grandfather served as rabbis for the city.



Rabbi Gerald Blidstein '56YUHS, '60YC, '68BR, '99R recently published his book, *Society and Self: On the Writings of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* (KTAV Publishing House, 2012).

Dina and **Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R, '59F announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Stephanie, to Eli Skoczlas. Mazel tov to parents **Dr. Cindy** '85S, '89A and **Aaron David Dobrinsky** '81YUHS, '85YC and Devora and Tali Skoczlas.

Dr. Mandell I. Ganchrow '54YUHS, '58YC published a book, *Coming of Age: An Anthology of Divrei Torah for Bar and Bat Mitzvah* (OU Press, 2012).

Rabbi David Hartman '54R published his book, *From Defender to Critic: The Search for a New Jewish Self* (Jewish Light Publishing, 2012).

Great-grandparents **Elke (Shroit)** '59YUHS and **Nachman Kupietzky** '55YUHS, '59YC and **Dr. Judith (Bendheim)** '63YUHS and **Rabbi Dr. Harris Guedalia** '57YUHS, '63R announce the birth of their great-grandson, Etai Lev, born to Gilat (Kupietzky) and Asher Sacks. Mazel tov to: grandparents Dr. Allison (Guedalia) and Rabbi Dr. Ari Kupietzky and Judith (Cohen) and Alan Sacks; great-grandmother Dr. Hilda Cohen; and great-great-grandmother Els (Salomon) Bendheim (widow of Board member Charles H. Bendheim z"l).

Chaya (Heschel) '59S and **Rabbi Elihu Marcus** '53YC, '56R, '99F announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Sari, to Oran Heschel.

RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Hershel Schachter** '58YUHS, '62YC, '67R, **Rabbi Moshe Elefant** '35YC, '40R and **Rabbi Yisroel Paretzky** '72YUHS, '76YC, '79R received the Chaf-Heh Society Award at the Orthodox Union's annual Chanukah Chagigah for 25 years of dedicated service to the OU.

Freida and **Rabbi Dr. Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R announce the marriages of their granddaughter Idit Schatz, daughter of Yechezkel and Lisa Schatz of Ofra, to Noam Freeman; and of their grandson, Raziel Shushan, son of Yehudit and Shalom Shushan, to Yael Asor; and the engagement of their grandson, Amiad Gilor, son of Shirah and David Gilor, to Becky Offenbacher; and the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lotem Kfir, daughter of Shulamith and Beanie Kfir.

Dr. Yale '53YC, '56R, '59F and Marlene **Port** announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Meitav, born to their grandchildren **Joey** '10YC and Shoshana **Elbogen** in Karnei Shomron, Israel. Mazel tov to grandparents **Milton** '74YUHS and **Evelyn Elbogen** '78YUHS, '83W, and Chaim and Chaya Korn. They are also pleased to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Aviva Port to Ari Lurie. Mazel tov to parents, Ariela and **Dr. Jeff Port** '83YC.

Chany and **Rabbi Yaakov Zev** '50YUHS, '54YC, '59R announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Estee, to Yishai Stern.

1960s

Pnina "Pam" (Forman) '68S and former YUHS faculty member Ya'akov "Jerrold" **Aronson** announce the engagement of their grandchildren, Tzophiya Rachel, daughter of Aviva and Ari Katz, to Shai Yisrael, and Arieh Leib Weinman, son of Bracha and Yisroel Weinman, to Miriam Kovetch.

The Jewish High School Basketball Association honored **Irv Bader** '60YC for his 50 years as a player, coach and supporter.



The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) awarded **Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Chelst** '65YUHS, '69YC, '74R

the President's Award at its 2011 annual conference in Charlotte, NC, for his pioneering work in developing a unique educational curriculum that introduces young Americans to operations research and for his essential public safety policy and operational analysis. Former recipients of the award include academics from Stanford, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, Yale, RPI, Duke, Columbia and the University of California.



Meira '69S and **Rabbi Edward Davis** '68YC, '70R, '71BR celebrated their daughter, **Tamar** '00S, who was honored with the Young Leadership Award at the Annual Dinner of Congregation Ohab Zedek in Manhattan.

Gary Epstein '65YUHS, '69YC was appointed as an independent director for Gazit-Globe, one of the largest owners and operators of supermarket-anchored shopping centers in the world.



Nat Etrog '69W and **Dolores Friedel** '71W announce the birth of their granddaughter, Cecelia (Cece) Frost Cohen, born to Gabrielle (Etrog) and Jeff Cohen.

Marcia (Davis) '66S and **Rabbi Yitzhak Frank** '61YC, '65F, '65R celebrated the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Hodaya, daughter of Le'a and Uriel Frank.



Rabbi Yitzhak Frank '61YC, '65F, '65R re-published his expanded edition of *Grammar for Gemara and Targum Onkelos: An Introduction to Aramaic* (Ariel Institute, 2012).

This is a companion volume to the Practical Talmud Dictionary.



Dr. Jeffrey R. Garber '67YUHS was installed as president of the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) 21st Annual Scientific and Clinical Congress in Philadelphia on May 27.

Marilyn and **Rabbi Melvin Granatstein** '62YC, '67BR, '67R were honored at a Tribute Dinner at Green Road Synagogue in Cleveland on May 16 after 37 years of rabbinic leadership.

The Jan. 26 edition of the *Jerusalem Post* and the Feb. 16 edition of *The New York Times* had articles highlighting **Dr. Jonathan Halpert's** '62YUHS, '66YC, '78F vision and legacy as he ventures into his 40th season as the head basketball coach of the YU Maccabees.

Marcia '69S and **Rabbi David Jacobowitz** '69YC, '71R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Emanuela Nitza, born to Dr. Tammy Jacobowitz and YU professor of Sephardic studies Ronnie Perelis.



Dr. Elaine (Sneierson) Leeder '69W published her fifth book, *My Life with Lifers — Lessons for a Teacher: Humanity Has No Bars* (Ebooks Unbound, 2012).

Jeanne Litvin '69S, the West Coast editor of *The Jewish Press*, was one of the creators of the Web site KosherWoman.com.

Bob Mark '66YC became marketing director for Zcoil and Boitrek shoes; www.zcoil.com.



Professor Jordan S. Penkower '60YUHS, '64YC, '67BS, '69BR, '69R, of Bar-Ilan University's Bible department, lectured at a conference in Heidelberg, Germany in September 2011, on the topic "Corrections and Additions to Rashi's

Commentary on Amos by Rashi and his Students." He later lectured in Rome in March 2012 in the speaker series of the Green Scholars Initiative in conjunction with the special exhibit, "Bibles at the Vatican: Verbum Domini," on "The Layout of the Song of the Sea (Exodus 15) in Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts and Early Printed Editions: Form and Content." In addition, Professor Penkower has re-released digitized versions of his two albums: "Jordan Penkower and The Sterling Sound: The Return to Jerusalem" (1967) and "Jubilation" (1972).

Carole and **Dr. Seymour Perl** '65YC announce the birth of their granddaughter, born to **Dassi** '96S, '96W and Allen Kahn.

Lynn Ahuva and **Joseph Pessah** '64YC, '68F announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Jon Mechlowe.

Alan Sirote '65YUHS, '70YC, '84W, presented a paper entitled "The Patient Who Had Me Committed" at the 2012 conference of the International Association of Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. An article by the same title is being published in *Psychoanalytic Perspectives*. Sirote is on the faculty of the National Institute for the Psychotherapies, the Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis and the Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy.

Deena (Sigler) '63S and **Dr. Auri Spigelman** '58YUHS, '62YC announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Avigayil, to David Salomon.

Chaya and **Dr. Chaim Waxman** '63YC, '66BR, '66R and Myra and **Rabbi Dr. Yisrael (Irving) Levitz** '55YUHS, '59YC, '63R announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Rachel, to Eliad Dennis. Mazel tov to parents **Sandy (Levitz)** '86YUHS, '90S and **Rabbi Ari Waxman** '88YC, '90A, '90R and Esther and Nissan Dennis.

Rabbi Tzvee Zahavy '66YUHS, '70YC, '73R, '73BR reported that in honor of the sheloshim for his father, **Rabbi Zev Zahavy** '39YC, '59F z"l, Talmudic Books published a kindle version of his father's 1978 book, *Whence and Wherefore: The Cosmological Destiny of Man Scientifically and Philosophically Considered*.

1970s

Miriam and **Rabbi Dr. Aaron Adler** '74YC, '76BR, '77R announce the engagement of their daughter, Chana, to Avi Lazarovits.

Sharon '72S and **Rabbi William Altshul** '72YC, '76R, '76F announce the birth of their granddaughter, Gili Yehudit, to Zahava and Aryeh Altshul.

Dr. Joan '71S and **Rabbi Jack Bieler** '69YC, '74R, '74F and **Shari (Rosoff)** '72S and **Edward Freeman** '72YC announce the birth of their grandson, Ezra Yehuda Lev, born to **Nina (Freeman)** '00S, '02W and **Daniel Bieler** '00YC.

Beili '72S and **Rabbi Robert Block** '68YUHS, '72YC, '75BR, '76R and **Rivi** '85C and **Rabbi Avi Katz** '81YC, '83R and Dr. Judy and Rabbi **Dr. Norman Katz** '48YUHS, '52YC, '55R announce the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Pesach Zvi, born to **Dena** '11S and **Avi Block** '10YC, '11R.



Debra (Schulman) '71F, '71A and **Barnett Brickner** '67YC announce the birth of their grandson, Yonatan, born to Naomi (Frankfurter) and **Aryeh Brickner** '99SB.

Laya and **Rabbi Asher Bush** '78YC, '81R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Avigayil, to Yehudis and Donny Bush.

Toni (Feltscher) '70S and **Phil Chernofsky** '65YUHS, '69YC and Judy (Yehdit) and **Irwin Kotler** '78YC announce the birth of their grandson, Roe Yisrael, born to Ora and Noam Kotler.



Judge Noach Dear '77W rejected the validity of the sniff test, a test used by police to determine illegal public drinking. Under his decision, tests now require demonstrating that alcohol levels in open containers are above the legal limit.

Bryna '71S and Paul Epstein announce the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Debbie Arad.

Ann (Starkman) '72S and **Rabbi Eliot Feldman** '72YC, '75R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Lila Ava, daughter to **Arielle (Maslow)** '02S and **Dov Feldman** '02SB.



The 19th annual Israel Day Concert in Central Park featured special guest speaker MK Danny Danon, deputy speaker of the Knesset (2nd from right), and former MK, Rabbi Chaim Druckman (2nd from left), recent winner of the Israel Prize. Long-time organizer, **Dr. Joseph Frager** '76YC (left) and Chairperson **Dr. Paul Brody** '72YC, flank the two speakers who came from Israel to deliver their messages.

Ruthie (Berger) '72YUHS and **Ahituv Gershinsky** '71YUHS, '75YC, '77W announce the birth of their grandson, born to Batsheva and Zvi Gershinsky.

Dr. Jack Gladstein '78YC, '83A presented on Feb. 29, "Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric Headache" at Sinai Hospital's Dr. Jennifer Ann Kierson Memorial Pediatric Grand Rounds Series.



Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg '74YUHS, '77YC, '81R was profiled in the March 19 *People* magazine's "Heroes Among Us" section, for his work with Kids Kicking

Cancer, an organization he founded that provides martial arts lessons, breathing techniques and meditation to over 6,000 children living with cancer.



Dr. Daniel Gottlieb '79YC, '84F published his book, *Listen to ME!!! Your Child and Your Divorce* (Contento De Semrik, 2012). The book first appeared in Hebrew under the title *Kolam Shel Yeladim* (Milo, 2009).



On April 5, **Dr. Rosa Perla Resnick Helfgot** '76W spoke at a symposium on "A Cross National Comparison of Ageing and Older Adults" sponsored by the UN/NGO

Committee on Ageing, Subcommittee on Intergenerational Relationships, which she chairs. Dr. Resnick Helfgot, as the representative of the International Network For the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), spoke at the First United Nations Celebration of World Elder Abuse Awareness (WEAAD), sponsored by the government of Argentina, UN/DESA (Department of Economic and Social Affairs), the NGO Committee on Ageing and INPEA, which was held at UN Headquarters in NYC on June 14.

Pearl and **Marty Herskovitz** '73YUHS, '77YC announce the birth of their grandson, Yosef Neriya, to Michal and Netanel Herskovitz and granddaughter, Carmel, to Yael Statman and Yaakov Herskovitz.

Robin '79S and **Simon Kahn** '74YUHS, '77YC announce the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Yael Baklor.

Cookie '70S and **Rabbi David Klavan** '69YC, '71R announce the engagement of their son, Noam, to Noa Shpindel.



Rabbi Dr. Marc Mandel '79YUHS, '83YC, '88R, '88W was appointed the new senior rabbi of Touro Synagogue in Newport, RI, the oldest synagogue in the country.



Debbie '71S and Morris **Robinson** announce the birth of their granddaughter, Adrienne Jeanette, born to **Ahuva (Robinson)** '08SB and **Joshua Sclair** '05SB. Mazel tov to brother Aaron Joseph "AJ" and to grandparents May and

Max Sclair and the Robinson's children and their families: **Yehudit Robinson** '99S; **Daniella** '04SB and **Rabbi Avi Robinson** '08YC, '08R and daughter Chaya Shandel; **Yechiel Robinson** '07YC; Sarah Robinson; and Bracha Robinson.



Dr. Simon Shimshon Rubin '71YC, director of the International Center for the Study of Loss, Bereavement and Human Resilience at the University of Haifa and professor and chairman of the

Clinical Psychology Program, organized the Bereavement Center's annual conference on "Remembrance Days and Other Days: Who, When, What and Why Do We Remember?" held on April 2. His latest book, *Working with the Bereaved: Multiple Lenses on Loss and Mourning* (co-written with Ruth Malkinson and Eliezer Witztum) was published by Routledge in 2012.



Zhava (Gerri Lasky) '78S, '82W and Rabbi **Yitschak Rudomin** announce the birth of their seventh grandchild, Eliyahu, to Miriam and Menchem Yifat.

Dr. Phyllis and **Mark Speiser** '75YC announce the birth of their grandson, Gavriel Reuven, born to Eva and Eliyahu David Speiser, and the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Tali Rasooly.



Dr. Roberta '76E and **Dr. Yitz Strauchler** '73E and **Dr. Rochelle** '80S and **Dr. Kalman Ausubel** '77YC announce the birth of twin granddaughters, Ayelet Vita and Yardena Freda, born to **Yael (Ausabel) Strauchler** '11S and **Dr. Daniel Strauchler** '06YC, '10E.

Annette '74S and **Rabbi Howard Wolk** '70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Shoshana Rachel, born to **Lani** '01S and **Yonatan Wolk** '02YC.

Annette '74S and **Rabbi Howard Wolk** '70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R were honored on March 4 by Congregation Shaare-Tefilla of Dallas, TX on the shul's 25th anniversary. The Wolk were the founding rabbi and rebbetzin and served the congregation and community for more than 15 years. Rabbi Wolk is community chaplain with Jewish Family Services and a Judaic studies teacher at Yavneh Academy High School. Rebbetzin Wolk teaches third-grade Judaics at Akiba Academy, coordinates the bat mitzvah program at Shaare-Tefilla and volunteers with the Chevra Kadisha and the Vaad.

Mindy and **Rabbi Robert Zeiger** '77YC, '81R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Talya Malka, to Nadine and Eliezer Zeiger.

1980s



Alisha (Dennis) '89S and **Jack Abboudi** '89YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Racheli, to Dovi Barris.



Dr. Alan Brill '82YC, '85BR, '87R published his book, *Judaism and World Religions: Encountering Christianity, Islam, and Eastern Traditions* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).

Diane and Rabbi Daniel Cohen '89YC, '92R, '96A announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Tamar.

Laurie '88S and **Rabbi Zvi Engel** '88YC, '02R announce the birth of their daughter, Aderet Bina.

Etana (Gordon) '80S and **Dr. Alan Friedman** '80YC announce the birth of three grandchildren: a daughter, Renana Hadas, born to Nitzana and Betzalel Freidman; a daughter, Reisheet Chen, born to Edna (Friedman) and Yanai Apelbaum; and a son, Megeed Tal, born to Nava (Friedman) and Tzori Wieder. Mazel tov to great-grandfather, **Rabbi Macy Gordon** '49YUHS, '53YC, '56R, '77F.



Linda (Haring) and **Benjamin Kaufman** '81YUHS, '85YC, '88C were guests of honor at the Rambam Mesivta Annual Scholarship Dinner held at the Sands at Atlantic Beach on March 3.

Lisa Lerer-Zahn '86S married **Uri (Marc) Lazar** '90SB in November 2011.

Jody '84C and **Bob Linsky** announce the birth of their son, Matthew, on March 24. Matthew was born during final exams while Jody was completing law school and attended graduation as a newborn.

Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot '81YUHS, '85YC, '89A, '89R published his book, *Mikra & Meaning: Studies in Bible and Its Interpretation*, a collection of essays offering an in-depth analysis of selected episodes in the Bible using the unique literary-theological method.

Aviva '82S and **Joseph Offenbacher** '76YUHS, '79YC announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky, to Amiad Gilor, son of Shira and David Gilor. Mazel tov to grandparents Barbara and **Dov Gilor** '67F and Freida and **Rabbi Dr. Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R and Esther and Elmer Offenbacher and **Judith** '57YUHS, '61S and **Rabbi Irwin Borvick** '53YUHS, '57YC, '60BR, '60R.

Blima and **Rabbi Robert Rhodes** '88A, '88R made aliyah on March 11.

Sharon '84YUHS, '87S and **Rabbi Shalom Richter** '80YUHS, '86YC, '90R announce the marriage of their daughter, Chani, to Moishy Stewart.

Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein '85YC, '92R, '93BR published his book, *We're Missing the Point: What's Wrong with the Orthodox Jewish Community and How to Fix It* (KTAV Publishing House, 2012). In addition, Rabbi Rothstein, along with his wife, **Elizabeth** '88C, were honored at the Riverdale Jewish Center's 58th Anniversary Dinner.

Dr. Marc Schramm '86F, Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA was guest editor and contributor to an article on the life and work of David Hume for volume 36 number 2 of the journal *Group*, a special issue on philosophy and group psychotherapy.



Judith '81S and **Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg** '80YC, '82F, '83R, director, the Morris and Gertrude Bienenfeld Department of Jewish Career Development and Placement at the Center for the Jewish Future, celebrated the graduation of their daughter, Shayna, from Bruria High School for Girls on June 10 with Chani Hirschey, the granddaughter of **Shevi** '62YUHS and **Rabbi Benjamin Yudin** '66YC, '69R, senior faculty member at the James Striar School/ Mechinah Program.

Bonnie '86YUHS, '90S and **Rabbi David Sheer** '91YC, '93R, '94A were honored at Tifereth Israel's 122nd Annual Dinner in Passaic, NJ.



Shira Smiles '86S, '88A published her second book, *Torah Tapestries: Words of Wisdom Woven from the Weekly Parshah, Shemos* (Feldheim Publishers, 2012).

Robyn '87YUHS and **Jeffrey Socol** '80YUHS, '85YC were recognized as Parents of the Year by Yeshiva of Central Queens at the 71st Anniversary Scholarship Dinner.

Chemistry in the Making: YU Alumni and the Science Industry

Jews have always been intrinsically linked to the science industry, and in fact, have been credited with some of the major scientific breakthroughs in the world. Think Jonas Salk with his polio vaccine and Paul Ehrlich, hailed as the father of modern-day chemotherapy, to name just two.

The Jewish record in winning Nobel prizes is notable: In the 21st century so far, Jewish scientists have won more than 25 percent of Nobel prizes in science, an achievement made more remarkable considering that Jews comprise about 0.2 percent of the world's population.

Our own chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Henry Kressel '55YC, is a renowned scientist and engineer. Read on to see how other YU graduates are making a difference through science.



DR. ALAN WILLNER '82YC

Dr. Alan Willner '82YC, the Steven and Kathryn Sample Endowed Chair in Engineering at the University of Southern California (USC)'s Viterbi School of Engineering, was one of the honorary degree recipients at the 2012 undergraduate commencement.

Willner's honorary doctorate was a heartwarming return to YU for him, as he proudly calls himself "a YU man first and last."

"YU profoundly changed the course of my life," he said emphatically. "I loved the learning, the classes were great, and socially, it was wonderful. Attending Rav Hershel Schachter's shiurim [lectures] was a highlight for me."

His staunch admiration for his alma mater is ironic, considering he almost attended another university. "I had been accepted to Johns Hopkins. However, after spending a year studying in Israel at Yeshivat Sha'alvim, I knew I wanted to become a ben Torah along the lines of what YU stands for," Willner recalled. "After I decided to attend YU, I never looked back."

At YU, Willner quickly began making lifelong friendships and took on a large courseload of science courses. Although he majored in physics, Willner was set on attending law school. After being accepted, he deferred admission to obtain a master's degree in engineering at Columbia University.

"I went to engineering school for one reason only. At the time, I was very interested in making aliya in the future, and I was told that patent law was needed in Israel and that an engineering degree would be helpful down that path. If you had asked me then what engineering even was, I wouldn't have been able to tell you," said Willner.

Near the end of that program, a professor asked him to continue studying under him for his PhD. Since he was enjoying his studies, he readily agreed—and finally faced the fact that he was well on his way to becoming an electrical engineer.

Shortly after he received his doctorate, Willner began working at AT&T Bell Laboratories in its research department, which was pioneering work on wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) for optical fiber communications systems. "WDM is conceptually very similar to radio. You have different radio channels that are transmitted at different radio wave frequencies, like WYUR, which is at 530 kilohertz. With WDM, multiple data channels each sent on a different color of light can simultaneously propagate down an optical fiber, thereby achieving an enormous increase in transmission capacity," Willner explained.

Willner joined the faculty of USC in 1992, and today has almost a thousand publications and 24 patents to his name. He has also been quite active professionally, having been an editor-in-chief of three reputable research journals in his field and co-chair of a new U.S. National Academies study on optics and photonics. In fact, he was president of the multi-thousand-person IEEE Photonics Society, a position held decades earlier by YU's Board of Trustees Chair, Dr. Henry Kressel. "Frankly, Dr. Kressel has been a role model for me," said Willner.

Most laypeople probably wouldn't understand Willner's area of expertise, optical fiber communications, but his research has created devices that make it easier and faster for messages to be transmitted for telephone conversations and computer data. As USC's spring 2011 Engineering Magazine, which profiled Willner and his work, put it: "... his powerful, elegant technology is as simple to understand as a rainbow produced by sunlight shining through a waning rain cloud or the stark separation of colors that occurs when a beam of light passes through a prism."

Despite Willner's many awards and accolades (including International Fellow of the U.K. Royal Academy of Engineering, the Presidential Faculty Fellows Award from the White House and a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship), he said his proudest professional achievement is his relationship with his students, who hail from all over the world. "We all try to learn about each other's cultures, and I am very open with discussing my yiddishkeit [Judaism] with them. In my group, you will hear 'Happy New Year' along with 'Xin Nyan Kwai Ler,' 'Saaleh No Mobarak,' and 'Shana Tova,'" he explained. "Awards come and go, but maintaining this open and respectful environment where my students and I can learn about each other's beliefs is something I value, professionally, above all else."

Upon handing Alan Willner his honorary doctorate, President Richard M. Joel declared, "You are a Yeshiva graduate who so proudly carries the name of his alma mater around the world. Your exemplary research is in optics, and you so readily serve to help others see the light of the values we believe in and celebrate. You model the role of the observant Jew advancing G-d's world. Through our 'optics,' that makes you our success."

Willner lives with his wife, Michelle, a musical composer, and their four sons, Moshe, Asher, Ari and Yaakov, in southern California.

DR. SHANA (FRANKEL) POSY '02S

Dr. Shana (Frankel) Posy '02S is a computational chemist who works at Bristol Myers-Squibb, helping to fine-tune the interactions of molecules with targets of interest so that potential drugs serve as the most effective treatments.

Posy grew up in Silver Spring, MD and, after attending a year abroad studying at Michlalah Seminary in Jerusalem, Posy began college at Columbia University.

"I soon switched from Columbia to Stern," she said, "because I missed taking part in a formal program of high-level Judaic studies alongside my secular classes. I was also very impressed with the members of the science faculty, and I also liked the vibe on campus."

At Stern, Posy created a shaped major in computational biology, taking coursework in both computer science and molecular biology. "I've always enjoyed math and science and spent many happy summers in high school doing research in labs at NASA, Walter Reed Medical Institute, and the National Institutes of Health. The only problem was that I found I was clumsy in labs and broke a lot of test tubes," said Posy. "One summer, I stumbled into a field called bioinformatics, which applies information theory to biological problems, and I realized that computational science was a perfect fit for me. It combines the excitement of discovering new facets of biological systems with the analytical rigor of computer science."

Posy enjoyed the camaraderie felt in Stern's upper-level biology and chemistry classes, which had small numbers of students and where all of the professors knew the students personally. Dr. Brenda Lowey's molecular biology class, Dr. Chaya Rapp's physical chemistry and quantum mechanics classes and Dr. Lea Blau's organic chemistry class were all highlights.

Posy married her husband, Betzalel Posy, a couple of months before graduating Stern; Rav Mordechai Willig, a YU rosh yeshiva, introduced them.

Following YU, Posy attended graduate school at Columbia University, where she earned her PhD in biochemistry, supported by a fellowship from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She joined the lab of Dr. Barry Honig, a luminary in computational biophysics, and spent five years researching a family of proteins—cadherins—that help cells stick to one another and sort into different tissues during development.

"When I graduated, I knew I was interested in exploring a career in industry and applied science rather than staying in academia and conducting basic research," said Posy. She accepted a position at Bristol-Myers Squibb in 2008, where she works on drug discovery projects relating to diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular disease.

"I love that my work is intellectually challenging and satisfying, but is also devoted to improving people's lives," Posy said, "I relish the fact that my job really is to help cure cancer and other serious diseases. It's truly gratifying to see when a prediction or hypothesis that I propose tangibly helps to move a project forward, and may mean designing a more active compound or identifying a novel biomarker



that may help predict whether a patient will respond to a drug.”

When Posy attended a crash course in medicinal chemistry run by the American Chemical Society a few years ago, she bumped into her former professor, Dr. Blau, who was busy planning the curriculum for Stern College’s course in the same area. In April 2010, Posy was invited to speak to Blau’s class about how modern drug discovery is conducted and the role of computational chemistry. Posy also took job-related questions and dispensed advice over lunch.

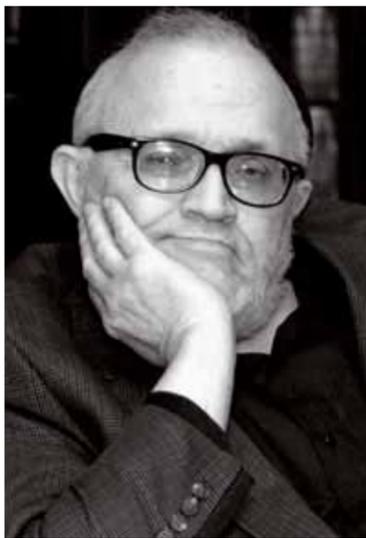
“It was a great privilege to speak to the MedChem students and to spend time with the deans and faculty again,” said Posy. “I owe YU a tremendous debt of gratitude; not only did the academic environment help me pursue my professional goals, but many of the faculty members became my personal role models.”

Posy currently lives in New Jersey with her husband and four children.

DR. SAMUEL DANISHEFSKY '52YUHS, '56YC

Dr. Samuel Danishefsky '52YUHS, '56YC is a chemist at both Columbia University and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan.

“I attended YU High School, then called TA, and YU because I wanted to receive an education with top Jewish learning as well as top secular studies,” said Danishefsky. “My two older brothers, Chaim and Joel, also attended YU and went



on to have wonderful careers, in addition to both receiving semicha [rabbinical ordination].”

Danishefsky, who calls himself the “black sheep” of the family, since he is the only one who did not pursue a rabbinical degree, majored in chemistry, though he was unsure if he would pursue it post-college. “In those days, there wasn’t a big chemistry department at YU,” he recalled. “Nevertheless, the professors who taught the classes were excellent, and I found I liked the material a lot. It was the early days of DNA research, and there was a lot of excitement about it.”

Dr. Eli Levine in particular helped encourage Danishefsky’s enthusiasm about science. Danishefsky said, “Professor Levine was like a benevolent dictator, a very tough teacher with high standards,” he said. “His direction really helped propel me further and enabled me to continue my studies.”

After YU, Danishefsky obtained his PhD at Harvard University, and completed his postdoc at Columbia. He then taught at the University of Pittsburgh and Yale before returning to Columbia, splitting his time between Columbia and heading the bioorganic chemistry laboratory at Sloan-Kettering.

Danishefsky’s research focuses on designing new ways to analyze and construct molecules and strategies to be used for vaccines and other practical applications. “My day-to-day work was focused much more on the theoretical, but once I came to Sloan-Kettering, I became more sensitive to the ways the chemistry can be used practically, and how it might impact related fields,” he said. “My proudest professional achievement has been building complex molecules and to have them be clinically evaluated for helping hospital patients who are mostly sick with cancer.”

Offering advice to YU students interested in pursuing chemistry research and application as a career, Danishefsky said, “I would find an intricate problem where the solution of that problem would have a great impact on humanity. Better a B solution to an A problem than an A solution to a B problem.”

Danishefsky has maintained his YU connection by participating in many functions over the years, such as the Annual Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation and the RIETS dinner. When he visits the YU campus, he often walks through the beit midrash [study hall], and is impressed by the intensity of the learning that goes on there.

“I think YU is an absolutely unique place, with very bright and motivated students who, more often than not, become very successful,” Danishefsky remarked. “The students can hold their own with people from other top-rated and Ivy League universities, and the students do this without compromising their Jewish learning. That is an amazing achievement to me.”

Danishefsky has won numerous awards for his work, including the Wolf Prize in Chemistry and the Tetrahedron Prize, both in 1996; the ACS Roger Adams Award in Organic Chemistry in 2007; and the Albert Einstein Award given by the Israel Academy of Science in 2012.

He was also awarded an honorary doctorate from YU at the 1987 undergraduate commencement. He is married to a fellow chemist, Dr. Sarah Danishefsky, and they have two children, Susannah Greenberg and Daniel, and 14 grandchildren.

JESSICA FEIG '08S

A member of the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Stern, Feig majored in biology and completed a dual minor in chemistry and English literature. “The quality of education and breadth of extracurriculars are unparalleled at YU,” said Feig. She recalled Dr. Harvey Babich, chair of the biology department, encouraging her and other science students to become involved by utilizing their specific

skills. In part, thanks to his support, Feig became the science and health editor for the student newspaper, The Observer, as well as the editor-in-chief for Derech HaTeva, an undergraduate student journal of Torah and science.

Feig also appreciated being able to present her research at student meetings of SURGE (Student Undergraduate Research Group Exchange). “It was there that my ability to present my work was honed and polished,” remarked Feig, “and I am grateful that I could share my work as an undergraduate in such a non-stressful, positive forum.”

It became clear to Feig that the exact science career she would pursue would involve both medicine and research, and as a junior, she applied to various medical scientist training programs; she is now a graduate student in the MD/PhD program at New York University School of Medicine, where she is studying cellular and molecular biology.

While completing her studies there, Feig was invited by Dr. Alyssa Schuck '99S, a Stern clinical assistant professor of biology, to deliver lectures to Stern students who have secured scientific internships. Feig offers advice regarding the professional academic environment to students in several workshops. She also came aboard as the instructor for the human physiology course this past academic year at Stern.

Dr. Schuck said, “Jessica is extremely bright and knowledgeable, while also being enthusiastic with a positive and down-to-earth outlook. These characteristics allow Jessica to relate to students while being a truly excellent role model for them.”

Feig said, “Returning to Stern to teach and advise students has allowed me to give back to a university to which I owe so much, as YU provided me with the tools to explore and accomplish all my current and future endeavors. I want to make sure that any student I come in contact with makes the most of their time at Stern.”

Feig’s advice for any student looking to enter medicine is to make sure to love the field. “Medicine is a very rewarding field but it is also extremely demanding,” she said. “I would also encourage students to challenge themselves and take advanced coursework which will prepare them for graduate school. Make sure you learn how to prioritize and balance your busy course load with some fun activities at Stern, as well!”



After her studies, Feig plans to investigate rare genetic diseases and to develop diagnostics and treatments.

Dr. Babich declared, “Jessica is a powerhouse of energy. At SCW, she was a Distinguished Scholar; a participant in the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program; maintained a GPA of 4.0 while also being active in research programs at New York University Medical Center; a member of the Student Academic Affairs Committee; the health and science editor for the The Observer; and a TA for Principles of Biology and for Organic Chemistry. There is little that Jessica cannot do. On a personal level, she is a ba’las midos [a person with extremely fine personal traits]. I am very proud of her.” ■

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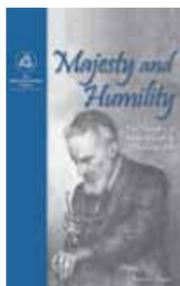
REUNION 2012 (MAY 23, 2012)

On Wednesday, May 23, members of the Classes of 1962, 1972 and 1987 gathered to celebrate their 50-, 40- and 25-year reunions from Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women and Sy Syms School of Business. Celebrants were treated to tours of the Wilf and Israel Henry Beren Campuses, as well as a special panel, facilitated by Dean Karen Bacon, with Sy Syms professor Tamar Avnet, Chana Zuckier '12S, Menachem Spira '12YC and RIETS Dean, Rabbi Yona Reiss, who was celebrating his own 25-year reunion from Yeshiva College. The festive day continued with a dinner at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, where more than 150 alumni and spouses were able to reconnect and reminisce. President Richard M. Joel addressed the group, who were also treated to a d'var Torah by Rabbi Reiss. Class memories were shared by Bert Schreiber '62YC, Esti (Davidowitz) Stahler '72S, Barbara (Raskin) '87S and Michael '87YC Luxenberg, and David Gottesman '72YC, who also presented President Joel with a check for more than \$115,000, raised as part of the Reunion Class Gift effort, which will benefit undergraduate scholarships at YU.



Sheryl and **Rabbi Michael Susman** '83YC, '86A, '86R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hadas, born to Elisheva and Itzik Dahan, and the marriage of their son, Eitan, to Michal Elishevitz. Mazel tov to Michal's parents, Ofra and Yisrael Elishevitz.

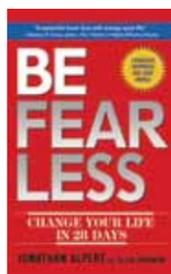
Andrea Troy '85W published her satiric novel, *Daddy: An Absolutely Fake Memoir* (iUniverse, 2008), now available in e-book format (Smashwords, 2011). Inspired by real scandals about falsified memoirs, the book takes a light-hearted look at hypocrisy, commercialism and other modern-day ills.



Ronald Ziegler '86YUHS, '91YC published his book, *Majesty and Humility: The Thought of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* (Urim Publications, 2012).

Bibi '83YUHS and **David Zuckerbrot** '84YUHS celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Asher. Mazel tov to grandparents Gitta and Yerachmiel Koppel.

1990s



Jonathan Alpert '97F published his book *Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days* (Center Street 2012).



Ruchi and **Rabbi Dovid Cohen** '94YC, '97R was presented with the Rabbinic Leadership Award at the Annual Dinner of the Young Israel West Side.

Rabbi Josh Friedman '97YC, '01R was featured in the April 17 *Jewish Press* in an article about his friendship with Yuri Foreman, a Russian-born boxer who later discovered his Jewish roots. Yuri's story has provided inspiration for *baalei teshuva*, the newly religious.



Judith Gottesman '95W celebrated three years as a matchmaker and owner of Soul Mates Unlimited (soulmatesunlimited.com).

She also was featured in "Love Experts" in the spring 2011 edition of *Jewish Women International* magazine and NPR's "Morning Edition" interviewed Judith for its June 13 story on "What's a Yenta?"

Rabbi Yehuda Y. Halpert '93YUHS, '97YC, '05R is counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

Shira '97S and **Yisroel Hochberg** '92YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Sarah. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Zese (Klughaupt)** '62YUHS and **Moshe Hochberg** '60YUHS, '64YC, '67BR, '67R and **Rochelle (Ruditzky)** '65YUHS, '70TI and Harry **Zupnik**.

Aliza '98S and **Rabbi Avery Joel** '00YC, '02A, '05R announce the birth of their son, Avishai Nachshon. Mazel tov to grandparents **Dr. Esther** '83F and **YU President Richard M. Joel** '68YUHS.

Rabbi Dayan Benjamin G. Kelsen '94YC, '97C, '00R was named to the 2012 New Jersey Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers, a Thomson-Reuters business, as one of the top up-and-coming attorneys in New Jersey. Only 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state receive this honor.



Deborah (Glick) Marchuck '93S received her Masters of Social Work from Touro College in June.

Elana and Jesse Mendelson '99YC, '03C announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Oren.

Rabbi Michael Neuman '99YUHS, '03YC, '07C, '07R married Shira Jacobson.

YU WALL STREET GROUP EVENT: THE FUTURE OF THE HEDGE FUND INDUSTRY (MAY 2, 2012)



YU Wall Street Group Co-Chairs Lawrence Askowitz '87YC and Evelyn Havasi '82S, '87C, with event panelists Harvey Beker, Daniel Arbess, Stephanie Breslow, and Jeffrey Aronson



Rachel Chasky '03SB and Joshua Schainker



Efraim Stefanky '11SB and Daniel Oshinsky '91YC



Simcha Richton '10SB, Ryan Khaldar, Ben Silver '12YC, and Simon Brookim '06SB

A TRIBUTE TO COACH JONATHAN HALPERT (MAY 6, 2012)



Coach Halpert "takes a knee" by his signature



Aviva and Johnny Halpert with President Richard M. Joel



David Kufeld '76YUHS, '80YC presents a proclamation from Hon. Sheldon Silver '65YC



Robby Rosenbloom '74YUHS, '78YC, Johnny Halpert '62YUHS, '66YC, '78F and Mark Hoenic '74YUHS, '78YC



Daniel Aaron '90YUHS, '94YC, Lance Hirt '89YC and Yehuda Halpert '93YUHS, '97YC, '05R present Halpert with a gift

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Dr. Dale Rosenbach '99YUHS, '03YC graduated from the Postdoctoral Division of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry at Columbia

University College of Dental Medicine. He will receive his Master of Science in periodontology in the fall of 2012 and is clinical assistant attending in the Department of Dentistry and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. His wife, **Dr. Michal (Gold) Rosenbach** '01S is clinical instructor in the Special Care Treatment Center of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.



Rabbi Eliezer Schnall, PhD, '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F, professor of psychology at Yeshiva College, authored "Groupthink and the Sanhedrin: An Analysis of the Ancient Court of Israel Through the Lens of Modern Social Psychology," which appeared in the *Journal of Management*

History in July 2012 and was profiled in *The New York Times* and *The Jerusalem Post*.

Chaya '96S, '98W and **Joey Selesny** '95YC announce the birth of their twin girls, Sara Bracha (Sara Beth) and Bayla Rena (Bella Rena).

Bonnie and **Rabbi Gideon Shloush** '93YC, '97R announce the birth of their son, Shmuel Amichai.



Tamar '97S and **Rabbi Dr. Andrew Sicklick** '95YC announce the birth of their son, Zev Alexander. Mazel tov to grandparents Francine and **Dr. Marc Sicklick** '70YC, '74E,

'79BS and **Ronni** '63YUHS, '67S and **Rabbi Dr. Wallace Greene** '62YUHS, '66YC, '69R, '79BR.

Miriam L. (Mann) Wallach '96S was recently named general manager of The Nachum Segal Network (jmintheam.org). After 3 years as a radio show co-host, she developed her own program, "That's Life." Her responsibilities include developing new talent and helping the network expand.

Nachum Segal '84YC began his career in radio at WYUR and is celebrating his 30th year on the air.

2000s

Toby and Shalom Atlas '02W announce the birth of their granddaughter to Neva and Yossi Treistman.



Shoshana Averbach '07W married Steve Katz on March 12 at Young Israel Synagogue of Forest Hills. Shoshana also recently produced and released her debut album of original songs entitled "The Time is Coming." The CD is available at info@healingnotes.com and clips can be found on cdbaby.com/shoshanaaverbach.



Elana (Lani) '09S and **Joshua Berman** '04YUHS, '09YC announce the birth of their son, Ya'akov

Uriel. Mazel tov to grandparents **Judy** '84S and **Zev Berman** '82YC and great-grandparents **Dorothy** '59S, '60F and **Rabbi Julius Berman** '56YC, '59R and Sara and **Rabbi Michael Hecht** '57YUHS, '61YC, '64BR, '64R.

Yael '07S and **Michael Bleicher** '11R announce the birth of their daughter, Meira.

Nehama Cohen '06SB and **Dori Zofan** '08W announce the birth of their son, Noam Yaakov.



Nina '02S and **Judah Eizikovitz** '03SB announce the birth of their daughter, Elana Malka (Emmy). Mazel tov to grandparents Gail and **William Hochman** '77YC and **Bonnie** '70YUHS and Jack **Eizikovitz**.

Rabbi Zev Eleff '09YC, '11R published the articles, "The Wages of Criticism" in the *Jewish Review of Books* and "Psychohistory and the Imaginary Couch: Diagnosing Historical and Biblical Figures" in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

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Heather and **Brian Fefferman** '07W announce the birth of their son, Joshua Parker. Mazel tov to their families including new uncle, **Eric Fefferman** '11W.

Sarah '04S and **Rabbi Avi Fried** '08R announce the birth of their son, Aharon Yerucham.

Rabbi Moshe Goldfeder '07YC received the Young Leadership Award at the 33rd Anniversary Scholarship and Tribute Dinner of American Friends of Yeshivot Bnei Akiva.



Yael (Strauchler) Goldfischer '03S, '04BR and **Rabbi David Goldfischer** '03YC, '10R announce the birth of their son, Yehuda Yonah. Mazel

tov to **Dr. Roberta** '76E and **Dr. Yitz Strauchler** '73E and Marcia and **Jay Goldfischer** '63YC, '69F.



Elana Gottfried '03S, '05W completed a post-graduate certification in sex therapy and sexuality education at the University of Michigan.

Her private practice in metro Detroit focuses on relationship and intimacy issues. She also teaches sexuality education to parents and children and lectures on women's sexual health issues.



Malka and **Rabbi Maury Grebenau** '01YC, '04R, '07A announce the birth of their daughter, Talia Ta'ir.

Shevy and **Aaron Gropper** '02SB announce the birth of their son.

Dina and **Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg** '06YC, '09A announce the birth of their son, Neriya Zadok.

Yosefa '04YUHS, '08S, '10BR, '14E and **Jonathan Hefter** '08YC, '12R announce the birth of their daughter, Naama Batsheva. Mazel tov to grandparents **Abby** '70YUHS and **Rabbi Yaacov Lerner** '71YC, '74R.

Sean Hirschhorn '07SB, '10W married Tara (Ratz) Hirschhorn in North Woodmere, NY on Jan. 29.



Yaffa '07S and **David Hoffman** '08YC announce the birth of their daughter, Talia.

Sara and **Rabbi Simcha Hopkovitz** '02YC announce the birth of their daughter.

Miriam '04YUHS, '08S and **Rabbi Raphy Hulkower** '09R, '12R announce the birth of their daughter, Nava Leora.

Erica '09S and **Rabbi Nathan Hyman** '11YC announce the birth of their son, Akiva Tzvi.



Yaffa and **Ephraim Ilyaguev** '08SB announce the birth of their daughter, Tzofia.

Rachel and **Rabbi Nathaniel Javasky** '07YC, '10R, '11A announce the birth of their daughter, Leora.



Molly and **Rabbi Aaron Katz** '07YC, '10R announce the birth of their daughter, Rivka Chana.



Rabbi Eric Nahorai Kotkin '06A, '07R, '12A launched the Web site bible4community.com.

Bible4Community was started five years ago to bring the original text of the Bible to those with no prior experience in biblical Hebrew.

Chani '05S and **Rabbi Beni Krohn** '06YC, '10R announce the birth of their son, Aharon Zev.

Chani (Etengoff) '06S and **Asher Laub** '06YC announce the birth of their son, Levi. Mazel tov to grandparents Arlene and **Rabbi David Etengoff** '80F, '80R and Shoshana and Richard Laub.



Lavie Margolin '02SB was quoted for his career coaching expertise in the Feb. 12 *New York Times* article "Out of Work, but Staying a Strong Candidate."

Bryna and **Rabbi Shalom Ozarowski** '05YC announce the birth of their daughter, Maytal Shira.

Dr. Hindi and **Rabbi Adir Posy** '04YC, '06R announce the birth of their son, Yaakov Amichai.

Leah Shifra and Rabbi Baruch Price '01A, '01R announce the birth of their daughter, Adina.

Dr. Jessica and **Rabbi Ariel Rackovsky** '02YC, '06R were installed as rebbetzin and rabbi of the Irving Place Minyan in Woodmere, NY. **Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt** '82R delivered the installation address, and remarks were delivered by **Rabbi Hershel Billet** '67YUHS, '71YC, '74R, '82BR, **Rabbi Lewis Wienerkur** '82YC, '86A, '86R and **Rabbi Levi Mostofsky** '00YC. Dr. and Rabbi Rackovsky also announce the birth of their son, Yeshaya.



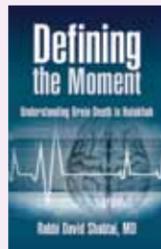
Na'ama '09S and **Benjie Rosenberg** '12SB announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Sarah.

Shira '04S and **Rabbi Daniel Rosenfeld** '04YC, '07A, '07R announce the birth of their son, Itiel Shlomo. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Karen** '72S and **Rabbi Menachem Rosenfeld** '75R, '75F.



Susanne (Goldstone) '02S and **Evan "Tex" Rosenhouse** '05SB, '10W, '14R announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Noa.

Meira and **Mordechai Schiffman** '09YC, '11A announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Chedva.



Rabbi David Shabtai '09R published his book, *Defining the Moment: Understanding Brain Death in Halakha* (Shores, 2012). Additional book information can be found on Rabbi Shabtai's Web site www.DefiningTheMoment.com.

Elior D. Shiloh '03SB, '07C, an attorney with Gordon & Rees LLP specializing in commercial litigation, professional liability and intellectual property in New Jersey, was featured in the 2012 edition of the New Jersey Super Lawyers list of Rising Stars, which represents the top five percent of legal professionals in New Jersey.

Aviva '00S and **Rabbi Rob Shur** '01YC, '05R announce the birth of their son, Bentsion Mordechai.

Shira (Graber) '00S and **Jonathan Spielman** '02YC announce the birth of their son, Noam Yitzchak.

Nili '03S, '06BR and **Gershon (Jonathan) Turetsky** '02SB announce the birth of their daughter, Michal Yehudit.

Sharon '05S, '08BR and **Rabbi Jay Weinstein** '04SB, '09R announce the birth of their son.



Ilana '05S and **Rabbi Yaakov Weiss** '02YC, '05A, '05R announce the birth of their daughter, Meira Rachel. Mazel tov to grandparents **Susan** '69S and **Dr. Arnold Weiss** '69YC.

Ari Yasgur '06SB married Shushannah Walshe in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Mazel Tov to parents **Barbara Cohen Yasgur** '75S and **Rabbi Benjamin Yasgur** '70YUHS, '74YC, '80BR, '80R, '97A and Estelle and Michael Walshe.

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Yael Brodsky '10S married Hart Levine, a semicha student at RIETS.

Shoshana (Laura Shuman) '10S and **Robby Charnoff** '09YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Devorah.

Pnina (Herskovits) '12A and **Eric Distenfeld** '97YUHS, '01SB announce the birth of their twins, Avigayil and Noah. Mazel tov to grandparents **Debbie (Sondheim)** '72YUHS and **Fred Distenfeld** '65YUHS, '69YC and **Drs. Beth (Gross)** '84A and **Ronny Herskovits** '82A.

Yael (Diamond) '10W and **Yoel Eis** '06YC announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Rose.

Shalom Isaacson '10YC, a licensed yoga instructor, provided a challenging yoga class coupled with Jewish thought for T.O.R.C.H. (Torah Outreach Resource Center of Houston) in Houston, TX.

Batya '10S and **Yosef Sharbat** '09YC, '12R, '12A announce the birth of their son, Moshe Bentzion.

Barak Shloush '10YC married Avital Balhani.

The Jewish Week included 11 YU alumni in its annual "36 Under 36" section profiling Jewish leaders under 36:

Sarah Aharon '02YUHS
Miriam Leah Droz '97S
Rabbi Dov Emerson '9YC, '03A
Simon Goldberg '12YC
Michael Greenberg '12YC
Simi Lampert '12S
Elana Loeffler '11S
Yair Saperstein '12YC
Michelle Sarna '99S
Roman Shulenson '01W
Rabbi Ari Weiss '97YUHS

In Memoriam

Judy Rutlick Berkowitz '65S
Rabbi Dr. Martin L. (Menachem) Gordon '56YUHS, '60YC, '62R, '74BR
Tsvi Groner '56YUHS, '60YC, '65BR
Rabbi Sholom M. Kaminetzky '67YC, '69R, '99F
Bertha Kressel '54YUHS, '56TI
Rabbi Pesach Levovitz '42YC
Rabbi Joel Levy '45YC, '47R
Dr. Yaakov Petroff '48YUHS, '52YC, '57R
Rabbi Israel Poleyeff '45YUHS, '48YC, '51R
Herbert Pollock '48YC
Dr. O. Asher Reichel '38YUHS, '42YC, '44R, '60BR
Dr. David Rosenhan '51YC
Rabbi Chaim Pinchas Scheinberg '29R
Rabbi Herbert Scheinfeld '52YC, '52R
Sandy Strauss '62S
Tzippi "Stephanie" Tokayer '87S
Joseph Vogel '04YC
Leon Yancey '74W
Rabbi Zev Zahavy '39YC, '59F

Legend for school abbreviations:

A: Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration • **BR:** Bernard Revel Graduate School • **BS:** Belfer Graduate School of Science • **BZ:** Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music • **C:** Cardozo School of Law • **E:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine • **F:** Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology • **R:** Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary • **S:** Stern College for Women • **SSSB:** Sy Syms School of Business • **TI:** Teacher's Institute • **W:** Wurzweiler School of Social Work • **YC:** Yeshiva College • **YUHS:** Yeshiva University High Schools