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 response to the ubiquitous 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 largest-than-life mogul and personality who heads The Trump Organization, a company that owns and operates hotels, resorts, office buildings, golf courses and residential towers across the world. Yeshiva University's own Jason Dow Greenblatt '89YUHS, '99YU servest 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 is a mix of heavy thinking, creativity and the need to always be on my toes," he said. "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 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 respected me, my home and prayer, and we will pick it up after the holiday." Greenblatt 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 what I'm supposed to do and I'm grateful for this respect but I also expect respect from others. It's 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 workforce. "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 they undertake various chzdik [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 David 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 of him. It was a particularly boring day at work for me, I recall."
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1960s

Proina ‘Pam’ Forman ’65 announced the engagement of their grandson, Tospsha Rachel, daughter of Aviva and Ari Kato, to Shai Yisraeli, and Anish Lab Weiman, son of Bracha and Yisroel Weiman, to Miriam Korenitz. They are also pleased to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Aviva Port to Ari Luba, Mazel tov to parents, Aviva and Dr. Jeff Port ’93YC.

Chany and Rabbi Yekov Ze’ev ’50YUHS, ’54YC announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Elise, to Yishai Shem.


Dina and Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky ’56YUHS, ’59YC, ’64YUHS announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Stephanie, to Eli Steckler. Mazel tov to parents, Cindy ’55, ’56A and Aaron David Dobrinsky ’81YUHS, ’85YC and Dacora and Tali Steckler.


The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) awarded Rabbi Dr. Kenneth Chiel ’68YUHS, ’69F 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 Amory to topics related to operations research and for his essential public safety policy research and analysis. Former recipients of the award include Professors S. Eilon (Belfer School of Science, Carnegie Mellon, Yale), RPI, Duke, Columbia, and the University of California.

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On April 5, Dr. Rosa Perla Reisnick Heftig ’70W spoke at a symposium on “A Cross National Comparison of Aging and Older Adults” sponsored by the UN/NGO Committee on Ageing/ Sub-committee on Intergenerational Relationships, which she chairs. Dr. Reisnick Heftig, as the represen- tant 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 Mariy Herskovitz ’73YUHS, ’77YUHS announce the birth of their grandson, Yisrael Nitman, to Yael Stalman and Yaakov Herskovitz.

Robin ’75S and Simon Kahn ’74YUHS, ’77YUHS announce the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Yael Baklor.

Cookie ’70S and David Klaven ’69YUHS, ’71IR announce the engagement of their son, Noam, to Nissi Shpirdel.

Rabbi Dr. Marc Mandel ’79YC, ’81IR, ’88YUHS, ’88B was appointed the new chief rabbi of Toynbee Synagogue in Newport, RI, the oldest synagogue in the country.

Debbie ’75S and Morris Robinson ’76YUHS, ’77L announce the birth of their grandchildren, Lila Ava, daughter to ‘02S and Rabbi Eliot Robinson, and granddaughter, Carmel, to Yael Stalman and Yaakov Herskovitz.

Rabbi Dr. Joseph Frager ’78YUHS, ’75YC, ’77W and Rabbi David Klavan ’78S, ’82W and Rabbi Robert Zeiger ’02YC and Rebbetzin Wolk teach third-grade Judaics Family Services and a Judaic studies community for over 15 years. Rabbi Rebbetzin and served the congregation and the Wolks were the founding rabbi and grandparents May and Lani Herskovitz and granddaughter, Carmel, to Yael Stalman and Yaakov Herskovitz.

Mindy and Rabbi Robert Zeiger ’77YUHS, ’81IR announce the birth of their grand- daughter, Talya Malin, to Naama and Eliezer Malin.

Alisha (Denise) ’89S, ’85F and Jack Abboudi ’89YUHS announce the marriage of their daughter, Racheli, to Dovi Barin.


Diane and Rabbi Daniel Cohen ’69YUHS, ’92R, ’96A announce the birth of their daughter, Tamor.

Judith ’81S and Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg ’65YUHS, ’65F, ’69R, ’director of the Morris and Gertrude Benkisner Department of Jewish Career Development and Placement at the Center for the Jewish Future, celebrated the graduation of their daughter, Shaya, from Briarcliff High School for Girls on June 10 with a special evening at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Yehuda Joen of East Brunswick, NJ.


Lisa Lerner-Zahn ’84S married Uri (Marc) Lazar ’05GB 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.


Aviva ’75S and Joseph Offenbacher ’75YUHS, ’79YUHS announce the engagement of their daughter, Basya, to Amat Elar, son of Shira and David Glick. Mazel tov to grandparents Barbra and Dov Glick ’67YUHS and Freda and Rabbi Dr. Elihu Schatz ’50YUHS, ’54YC, ’57R and Esther and Elmer Offenbacher and Judith ’75YUHS, ’61S and Rabbi Irvin Borovick ’53YUHS, ’57HC, ’60IR, ’62R.

Blima and Rabbi Robert Rhodes ’88A, ’88IR made aliyah on March 11.

Sharon ’84YUHS, ’87S and Rabbi Shalom Richter ’60YUHS, ’60R announce the marriage of their daughter, Chani, to Moshe Stewart.

Rabbi Dr. Gidon Rothstein ’85YUHS, ’90R, ’13YUHS published his book, We’re Missing the Point: What’s Wrong with the Orthodox Jewish Community and How to Fix It (KTAV Publishing House, 2013). In addition, Rabbi Rothstein, along with his wife, Elizabeth ’85S, were honored at the Riverdale Jewish Center’s 58th Anniversary Dinner.

Dr. Marc Schramm ’86F, Psy.D, C.C.G.P., FAAPA was guest editor and contributor to an article on the life and work of David Hume for volume 36 number 2 of the journal, A special issue on philosophy and group psychotherapy.

Bennie ’80YC, ’80R, ’90S were honored as the Parents of the Year by Yeshiva of Central Queens at the 71st Anniversary Scholarship Dinner.


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**ALUMNI TODAY**

**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 Racek 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 fundamentally 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 my father. I almost attended another university. 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.”

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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.”

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**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.

Pospy grew up in Silver Spring, MD and, after attending a year abroad studying at Michalalah 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 chemis- try 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 graduat- ing Stern; Rav Mordechai Willig, a YU rosh yeshivah, 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 dur- ing 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.
Jessica Feig '08S
Dr. Samuel Danishefsky '52YUHS, '56YC

Jessica Feig '08S, 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 b’als midos [a person with extremely fine personal traits]. I am very proud of her.”
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 concluded 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 25-year 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, ’96A, ’96R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hadass, born to Elshева and Itzik Dahan, and the marriage of their son, Elian, to Michal Elshawitz. Mazel tov to Michal’s parents, Ofra and Yisrael Elshwitz.


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

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?”


Deborah (Glick) Marchuck ’95S received her Masters of Social Work from Touro College in June.

1990s

Rubi and Rabbi David Cohen ’94YC, ’97R was presented with the Rabbinic Leadership Award at the Annual Dinner of the Young Israeli West Side.

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.

Shira ’97S and Yaacov Hochberg ’92YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Sarah. Mazel tov to grandparents, Zeev (Klugman) ’97YUHS and Moshe Hochberg ’96YUHS, ’97BR, ’97R and Rochelle (Ruditzky) ’85YUHS, ’87TI and Harry Zupnik.


Rabbi Yehuda Y. Halpert ’93YUHS, ’97R, ’05R was counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

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


Shira ’97S and Yaacov Hochberg ’92YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Sarah. Mazel tov to grandparents, Zeev (Klugman) ’97YUHS and Moshe Hochberg ’96YUHS, ’97BR, ’97R and Rochelle (Ruditzky) ’85YUHS, ’87TI and Harry Zupnik.

Rachel Chasky ’08BR and Joshua Schainker

Efraim Stefanovsky ’08BR and Daniel Oshinsky ’09YC

Simcha Richstone ’08BR, Ryan Khaldar, Ben Silver ’12YC, and Simon Brookim ’06BR

Dr. Dale Rosenbach


Rabbi Eliezer Schnall

**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

Robby Rosenblum ’74YUHS, ’79YC, Johnny Halpert ’82YUHS, ’83YC, ’78F and Mark Yoseng ’74YUHS, ’79YC

Daniel Aaron ’07YUHS, ’04YC, Lance Hirt ’89YC and Yeuda Halpert ’93YUHS, ’97YC, ’95BR present Halpert with a gift

**Yu Wall Street Group Co-Chairs Lawrence Askowitz ’87YC and Evelyn Havasi ’82S, ’87C,**

**Yu Wall Street Group Event: The Future of the Hedge Fund Industry**

**Rachel Chasky ’03SB and Joshua Schainker**

**Efraim Stefanovsky ’08BR and Daniel Oshinsky ’09YC**

**Simcha Richstone ’08BR, Ryan Khaldar, Ben Silver ’12YC, and Simon Brookim ’06BR**

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

**Chaya ’96S, ’98W and Joely Selensky ’96YC announce the birth of their twin girls, Sara Bracha (Sara Beth) and Bayla Rina (Bella Rina).**

**Bonnie and Rabbi Gideon Shloush ’03YUHS, ’07FR announce the birth of their son, Simuel Amichai.**

**Tamar ’97S and Rabbi Dr. Andrew Siskick ’05YC announce the birth of their son, Zev Alexander. Mazel tov to grandparents Francke and Dr. Marc Siskick ’07YC, ’74.**

**Miriam L. (Mann) Wallach ’96S was recently named general manager of The Nacham Segal Network (mnthteam.org). After 3 years as a radio show co-host, she developed her own program, "The Time is Coming." The CD is available at info@healingnotes.com and clips can be found on cdbaby.com/ shoshanaavrabach.**

**Shoshana Avrabach 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/ shoshanaavrabach.**

**Elana (Lani) ’05S and Joshua Berman ’04YUHS, ’09YC announce the birth of their daughter, Elana Malka.**

**Nahum S. Cohen ’06SB and Doron Zalin ’98W announce the birth of their daughter, Elana Malka.**

**To see more photos from alumni events, visit www.flickr.com/yualumni.**

**2000s**

**Toby and Shalom Atlas ’02W announce the birth of their granddaughter to Neva and Yossi Tisselman.**

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

**Yael ’96S was named general manager of The Nacham Segal Network (mnthteam.org).**

**Michael Bleicher ’07S and Dorit Zofan ’06SB announce the birth of their daughter, Yael.**

**Nina ’03S and Judah Eizkowitz ’03SB announce the birth of their daughter, Eilana Marka (Emmy). Mazel tov to grandparents Gail and Jack Eizkowitz.**

Dinner of American Friends of Yeshivot
Anniversary Scholarship and Tribute
'63YC, '69F.
announce the birth of their son, Aharon
rabbi Shaye Guttenberg
Dina and
abby
Batsheva. Mazel tov to grandparents
the birth of their daughter, Naama
Jonathan hefter
'06YC, '09A announce the birth of their
issues. She also teaches sexuality
focuses on relationship and intimacy
her private practice in metro Detroit
Dr. Roberta
elana Gottfried
'05W completed a
certification in sex
education at the
University of Michigan.

\[\text{Malka and }
\text{rabbi Shalom ozarowski}
'07YC, '10R, '11A announce the birth of
their son, Yeshaya.
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Shoshana (Laura Shuman) '10S and
Robby Chemoff '09YUHS announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Davorsak.

Prina (Hershkowitz) '12A and
Eric
Disfensfed '97YUHS, '01SB announce the birth of their twins, Avigual and Noah.
Mazel tov to grandparents
Betsy (Sonderheim) '72YUHS and Fred
Disfensfed '71YUHS, '75YC and Dra.
Bath (Gross) '84A and Roney
Hershkowitz '82A.

Yael (Diamond) '10W and Yossi 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 TOJRCH (Torah Outreach Resource Center of Houston) in Houston, TX.

Batya '10S and Yosef Sharbat '09YUHS, '12A announce the birth of their son, Moshe Barat.

Barak Shloush '10YC married Ariel Balhans.

The Jewish Week included 1YU alumni in its “50 Under 35” section profiling Jewish leaders under 35.

Sarah Aharon '10YUHS
Miriam Leah Dra '07S
Rabbi Dev Emerson '93YC, '03A
Simon Goldberg '12YC
Michael Greenberg '12YC
Simi Lampert '12S
Elana Loewfit '15
Yair Saperstein '12YC
Michelle Sarna '95R
Roman Shulenson '10S
Rabbi Ari Weiss '97YUHS

In Memoriam

Judy Rudnick Berkowitz '65S
Rabbi Dr. Alan L. (Menachem) Gordon '56YUHS, '60YC, '69BR
Tovia Groner '56YUHS, '60YC, '95BR
Rabbi Sholom M. Kametsky '62YUHS, '69BR
Bertha Kressel '54YUHS, '56T1
Rabbi Pesach Levovitz '42YC
Rabbi Joel Levy '45YUHS, '47R
Dr. Yaakov Petroff '48YUHS, '52YC, '57S
Rabbi Israel Poloseff '55YUHS, '64YUHS, '69R
Herbert Pollock '54YC
Dr. O. Asher Reichel '38YUHS, '42YC, '44S, '55BR
Dr. David Rosenhan '51YC
Rabbi Chaim Pinchas Scheinberg '21R
Rabbi Herbert Schneidman '52YUHS, '52R
Sandy Strauss '62S
Tzippi “Stephanie” Tokayer '87S
Joseph Vogel '54YC

Leno Yancey '74W
Rabbi Zev Zalavy '39YUHS, '59F

Legend for school abbreviations:
A: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
B: Bard College
BZ: Barnard College
BR: Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Education
C: Center for Jewish Education
C: College of Biblical Studies
D: Cardozo School of Law
E: Columbia College
F: Fordham University
H: Hunter College
H: Heschel College
H: Hillel College
J: John Jay College of Criminal Justice
K: Kesten College
L: LaGuardia Community College
M: Mount Sinai School of Medicine
N: New York University
NY: New York University
NYU: New York University
P: Pace University
R: Rabbstw School of Religion
S: School of Social Work
SSSB: Sy Syms School of Business
SSSW: School of Social Work
W: Williamette University
W: Wurzweiler School of Social Work