Telling It Like It Is: YU Alumni In Journalism

The decision to attend YU was not a difficult one for Ari Goldman, originally from Hartford, CT. “It was the only school I applied to,” he said. His father, Rabbi Marvin Goldman, was a 1944 YC graduate; an uncle, Rabbi Israel Miller, served as the senior vice president of YU; and another uncle, Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, was YU’s third president.

As a freshman, Goldman joined The Commentator. “From the time my first byline appeared in the Commie, I decided I wanted to be a journalist,” he said.

Goldman's fondest memories include those of putting out the paper every two weeks. “This was in the precomputer era, so it was a very labor-intensive process,” he explained. “Late at night, we'd pile into cars and head for the printing district in Lower Manhattan, where we'd write headlines, size pictures and lay out the paper, sometimes finishing in the wee hours of the morning.”

“It wasn’t only the Commentator that inspired him. “I also credit Professor Len Tashies with imbuing me with a love of literature and the belief that I could be a writer someday.”

While at YU, Goldman’s work on the Commentator led to a gig as a New York Times campus correspondent. After YU, he attended the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. When he graduated in 1973, he went to work at the Times as a copy boy, and, from there, worked his way up to news clerk and then to reporter, where he primarily covered the religion beat and also politics, education and transportation.

“When I look back at my body of work at the Times, I realize that many of my stories were incremental, such as the passing of a bill, a budget enacted or a candidate elected,” he said. “What seems to be most lasting were the obituaries that I wrote, including visits of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach.”

Goldman often had to field angry questions from fellow community members, who asked him why the Times printed certain religion stories but chose not to cover others, about its perceived anti-Israel slant and even about articles in sections that had nothing to do with religion or Goldman at all.

Goldman’s work has also appeared in the Washington Post, the Forward, The New York Jewish Week and the New York Daily News. He has written three books: the best-selling memoir The Search for God at Harvard, about his year studying religion at Harvard Divinity School; Being Jewish: The Spiritual and Cultural Practice of Judaism Today; and Living a Year of Radhul. Goldman has also been a Fulbright Professor in Israel and a Skibell Fellow at Oxford University, and sits on the boards of several organizations, including the Jewish Book Council and the Covenant Foundation. He was also a visiting professor for a semester at Stern College for Women.

Goldman began teaching at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1993, where he is currently the director of the Scripps Howard Program in Religion, Journalism and Spiritual Life. He teaches a popular seminar, Covering Religion, which features an annual trip abroad to places like Israel, Jordan, Russia, Ukraine, India and Ireland. His students have gone on to cover religion in newspapers across the United States.

“I agree with Rabbi Chana, who says in the Talmud that he learned the most from his students,” said Goldman. “My students have opened my eyes to so many new ideas and ways of thinking. What I try to teach my students is not explicitly in the Talmud, but it is certainly rooted there. I tell them to write about other people the way they would like to be written about—with respect, knowledge and sensitivity.”

Goldman is excited whenever a YU graduate shows up in his classes at Columbia, and he encourages current students to truly consider a journalism career if they maintain an interest in the field. “Don’t be afraid; take chances and do something you love,” he said. “Many people told me that I shouldn’t be a journalist, and said that I couldn’t be observant, that I couldn’t make a living. I am glad that I didn’t listen to them.”

Goldman remains optimistic about the future of journalism. “Too many people complain about the state of journalism, but these young people are going to make it better,” he said.

Goldman is married to Shira Dicker and lives in Manhattan. They have three children: Adam, Emma (who is engaged to Michael Goldberg ’09YC) and Judah.

Shayndi Raice ’05S, ’07BR comes from a longtime YU family. “My family believes strongly that a Jewish education should not stop after high school,” she said. With their encouragement, Raice attended YU’s Stern College for Women, where she double-majored in Jewish studies and English, with a concentration in journalism.

At Stern, Raice had visions of entering academia until she became involved with the student newspaper, The Observer. “I had written an opinion column that criticized a YU humanitarian mission to Israel for being too political and realized the power of the press,” she said. She began writing regularly and, eventually, served as editor-in-chief of the paper in her senior year. She also made great friends and found professors whose courses really challenged her, like Rabbi Ebraim Kanarfogel’s class on the Talmudists and Rabbi Hayim Soloveitchik’s class on the Rishonim. “Ari Goldman also taught a great class, and he ended up writing my recommendation for Columbia,” she said.

Raice graduated with a joint BA/MA in modern Jewish history through an undergraduate program with the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. She began working for the Jewish Advocate and later the Boston Courier, a larger paper, where she covered city issues, including transportation and real estate development.

After three years of professional experience, Raice attended Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. During her studies, she interned at Dow Jones Newswires, a financial news organization that is owned by the same company that oversees The Wall Street Journal. Her clips that appeared in the Journal impressed several editors, who hired Raice after her internship to cover the telecom industry. A year later, she was sent to San Francisco to cover social media companies like Facebook, Groupon, LinkedIn and Zynga, all of which were about to go public.

Raice’s big scoops included breaking the news that Verizon planned to sell the iPhone and almost every aspect of Facebook’s IPO. “My favorite part about journalism is finding out news that nobody else knows and getting people to tell me things they aren’t supposed to tell me,” she said. “Some-
"There’s a certain corrective element to managing a newspaper, and we make mistakes all the time," he said. "There’s always that pressure to be both timely and humane, and you certainly need a measure of humility in this business. Journalism is not the kind of job that an observant Jew can do," said Raice. "I take it on faith that doing what I do is the right thing to do." "Some of my fondest memories at Yeshiva are going downtown and laying out the paper all night at the printers before putting it to bed, and the camaraderie of the whole staff heading to Ratter’s at 5:30 a.m. for breakfast," Rosenblatt recalled.

That love of journalism stayed with him through his graduate studies in Eng- lish at the City College of New York, where he also wrote part time for the Jewish Daily Forward—such as Telling It Like It Is, a collection of short stories, set mostly in the Orthodox and Russian Jewish émigré communities.

Chizhik recently traveled to Belarus and Russia for her first reporting assign- ment abroad. "It was my first time in both countries, and it was incredibly mean- ingful to walk the streets of Moscow, a city I have heard about my entire life, to see the city for what it is today and to decide what it should mean for me, a generation after my family left," she said. Chizhik writes for both Daily Freeman and Tablet Magazine.

While Chizhik writes often on the Russian Jewish community, many of her pieces are personal in nature: thoughtful essays on observant life and being a reli- gious Jewish woman. She has written about modesty and dress codes, professional ambition within Orthodox Judaism and, for The Times, a piece on the similarities between marriage-minded young women of both the Jewish and Muslim faiths.

"I write about what I know, and I try to offer glimpses into communities that might be unknown to my audience," Chizhik said. "I am constantly inspired by the present, by images and conversations, but also by texts of the past, like the Torah and writings by Chekhov, Agnon, Borges, Or and Keret." Chizhik also finds herself returning to many of the readings and lessons of her English and journalism courses at Stern: Holocaust Literature with Dr. Linda Shires; The Philosophy of Literature with Dr. Kim Evans; The Art of the Essay with Dr. Daniel Shires; and The Craft of the Newspaper Feature with Professor Alan Tigay.

Chizhik’s favorite part of being a journalist is the positive and inspiring letters she receives from readers. "I read each message I receive and always try to respond," she said. "Knowing my words resonated with someone, or that some- thing in my work moved him or her to think differently, is a great blessing."
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1940s

Am and Rabbi Hyman Arbeafield ’49YUHS, ’53YC, ’56R received the Elie Wachman Award at the RIETS Annual Dinner of Tribute in May.

1950s

Shifrah and Steve Adler ’57YUHS announce the birth of their granddaughter, born to Chaya and Mike Adler.


Sheila ’63S and Shelly Schneider announce the marriage of their daughter, Aron ’11S, to Moshe Barzon ’09Y.

Tova (Fuchsman) ’72YUHS, ’75S and Alan Tanagin announced the Bar Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Dafna and Yehuda.

Judy ’82YUHS, ’85S and Yitzchak Rosenbaum ’82YUHS, ’85R announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Shira, daughter of Moshe and Sira Rosenbaum to Tsvi Pfeffer ’11S.

Liza and Rabbi Benjamin Samson ’57YC, ’68R, ’76R announced the Bar Mitzvah of their grandfather, Doniel Yekov, son of Chaya and Steven Pfeffer.

Rabbi Hershel Schachter ’58YUHS, ’62Y, ’79R, Rosh Yeshiva and Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinquished Professional Chair in Talmud, was the Guest of Honor at the RIETS Annual Dinner of Tribute in May.

Donald S. Davis ’55/YUHS was the recipient of the 2013 Jerusalem Prize, awarded by the World Zionist Organization and the Canadian Zionist Federation, for a ceremony in Montreal. The Jerusalem Prize was established in 1990 to recognize the Diaspora’s solidarity with Jerusalem and to encourage an individual or organization for demonstrating concern for the Jewish people.

Lippy Friedman ’69Y, ’76YUHS and Maureen Goldsmith Friedman ’74(4) announced the birth of their granddaughter, Yosef Hillel Friedman, son of Tali and Yedidya Fishman of Yad Binyamin.

Naomi (Minder) Lehrfeld ’64S, ’69R and Dr. Menachem Lehrfeld, were proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Roee, born to Efrat and Ovadia Yedidya Fishman.

Rabbi Dr. David Spindel ’62Y announced that he completed a six-month service program headed by Rabbi David Scholcht at Yeshiva University. He is also joined by Rabbi Yisrael Mar Lau, former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel.

Resnick ’65R, ’68R and Rabbi Dr. Sari’ela ’65S, ’75R announced the birth of their grandson, Zev, to Miriam and Barak Zanev. Zanev is named after his great-grandfather and Rabbi Dr. Zev Zaviah ’39, ’42.

1960s

Rabbi Chaim I. Waxman ’63YC, ’69S and Rabbi Dr. Tzvi ’64S, ’76R announced the birth of their grandson, Zev, to Moriel and Barak Zanev.

Benno ’67YUHS announced the marriage of his daughter, Ilana, to Steven Pfeffer.

Rabbi Eliyahu ’68YUHS and Rabbi Dr. Tzeva ’70YUHS, ’72R, ’76R announced the birth of their grandson, Yehuda, son of Elana and Elyasaf Gitter.

Deborah (Lichtman) Abrams ’70S and Dr. Mark Ingwer announced the marriage of their daughter, Esther, born to Moshe and Chaya Cohn.

Rabbi Elliot B. Feldman ’72YC, ’75R was appointed as Head of School of the Bess Chofetz Chaim Day School.


Rachay ’75S and Rabbi Dr. Hillel Davin ’73YUHS, ’76R, ’79R announced the marriage of their daughter, Na’ama, ’95YUHS, ’95S, to Isaac Maman.


Rabbi Arney Rogoff ’77S and Rabbi Dr. Tsvia ’78YUHS announced the marriage of their daughter, Tova, to Hillel Ezra, son of Peninah and Greg Gershman.

Rabbi and Dr. Chaim ’79YUHS announced the marriage of their son, Eliyahu, to Hillel Rosenbaum.

Benjamin ’81S, ’85YC, ’89A, ’89R announced the birth of their daughter, Tova, toaniel and Tamar Rosenbaum.

Rabbi Dr. Shani ’90S and Shlomo Shenker. Their son, Jordan, is a student at the Yeshiva College of Greater Baltimore, MD, helping teachers succeed at the Center for Jewish Education in Baltimore, MD, helping teachers succeed.

Rabbi and Dr. Hillel Davis ’91YUHS, ’94S, ’98R announced the marriage of their daughter, Aliza, to Yehuda Sakowitz.


1970s

Rabbi Arnon Helfgot is the Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing, Subcommittee on Health and Mothers in Founding Fathers.

Camille ’70S and Rabbi Steiner ’70S, ’73R announced the marriage of their daughter, Zahava, to Moshe Breznitz.


Rabbi and Mrs. Shonie ’87YUHS, ’89R announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Nela, to Yehuda Yitshak Ben Meir.

Dr. Yitzchak ’92S and Dr. Dov ’93S, ’96R announced the marriage of their grandson, Reuven, to Tamar Soffer.

Benjamin ’94S and Rabbi Dr. Chana ’95S, ’98R, ’00R announced the marriage of their daughter, Rozal, to Dr. Yossi and Dvora Kagan.


Miri ’67S and Shimon Hanok ’65YUHS, ’69R announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Nela Yisrael, to Barak and Yonah Gili. Miri and Shimon also celebrated the wedding of their granddaughter, Natiya Anbar, to Avishai Soffer.


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ALUMNI TODAY
CLASS NOTES


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For more than a decade, Ari Sauer ’99SB, ’01C, has been helping people from around the world obtain visas, green cards, permanent residence and citizenship so that they can stay in the United States to continue studying, working or just being with their loved ones. It’s a tall order, but all in a day’s work for an immigration lawyer.

As an undergraduate student at Yeshiva University’s Sy Syms School of Business, Sauer, who was born and raised in Memphis, TN, hadn’t even heard of the highly specialized field of immigration law. In fact, he wasn’t planning on becoming a lawyer at all.

“I had planned to become an accountant, and while I loved most of the accounting courses for my major, I didn’t care for the tax side of it,” said Sauer. “During my senior year, I realized I had enough credits from my elective courses in management, many of which were taught by the wonderful Dr. Moses Pava, to graduate with a degree in business management.”

An active undergraduate, Sauer co-hosted a popular radio show—“Popular with my friends, anyway”—where he played music and discussed current events with his co-host. “It was a great experience, and we held a party every week at the radio headquarters when we hosted the show,” said Sauer. He also ran on YU’s cross-country team for two years under Coach Stan Watson, and some of his closest friendships were formed at YU, including one with Joe Bednarsh, YU’s director of athletics, physical education and recreation.

With Sauer’s change in major and career trajectory late in the undergraduate game, he decided to use his fallback plan and attend law school following graduation, enrolling in YU’s Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. There, he was a student of Professor Leon Wildes, a prominent immigration lawyer and member of the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers.

“I had already balanced a dual curriculum at both the Margolin Hebrew Academy in Memphis and at YU, so I was surprised by how few classes I had to take each semester in law school,” said Sauer. “I decided to take a position at Cardozo’s Immigration Law Field Clinic.”

Though Sauer had not taken an immigration law course before starting the job, where he assisted lawyers in drafting immigrant petitions for abused spouses, he fell in love with the work. He realized the impact that immigration lawyers could have on their clients and the people in their clients’ lives. He decided to specialize in the field and immediately signed up for immigration and administrative law courses, eventually serving as president of Cardozo’s immigration law society.

Sauer worked in the tristate area for a few years before returning to Memphis to raise his family. He now works at Siskind Susser, PC, a leading immigration law firm headquartered in Memphis.

“Many people think immigration lawyers just fill out forms all day,” Sauer said. “While there is that component, it’s actually an extremely complicated area of law with many subfields, including asylum, defense from deportation and family- and employment-based immigration and naturalization, which are my areas of expertise. I help immigrants obtain the proper documentation so that they can be assured a place of residence here in the United States.”

At Siskind Susser, Sauer works on dozens of cases at a time, which can each take months or years to resolve. At the time of this writing, Sauer’s varied clients include a university professor applying for a green card to continue teaching in the United States, a husband who first came to the United States on a fiancé visa seeking permanent residence and a doctor who came to do his residency in the United States applying for a green card. Most of Sauer’s clients come from India seeking permanent residence and a doctor who came to do his residency in the United States, a husband who first came to the United States on a fiancé visa applying for a green card. Sauer’s clients also include a university professor applying for a green card to continue teaching in the United States, a husband who first came to the United States on a fiancé visa applying for a green card.

For Sauer, the biggest challenge of his job is also the one that keeps him on his toes and, in some ways, a perpetual student; immigration law is an ever-changing field that requires continuous education.

“There are constant changes to immigration laws, bylaws, regulations and how cases are processed,” said Sauer. “One can’t possibly remain informed in this field from a single book or law school class. Immigration lawyers need to remain up-to-date by reading government memos and speaking to each other to share our knowledge and what we’ve learned. As a result, immigration law is a very collaborative type of law and also offers a more level playing field; younger attorneys can often catch up to more experienced ones because the rules and dynamics are always changing.”

In his role as chair of the Mid South Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), a post to which he was recently re-elected, Sauer helps educate other lawyers and officials about immigration issues and possible repercussions about changes in the law. “As a general rule, immigration is a very hot-button topic in this country, and politically, there are a lot of different emotions involved,” said Sauer.

As chair, Sauer facilitates communication between lawyers in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, and he also helps alert AILA’s national office when changes in immigration regulations occur in local cities. Four times a year, Sauer travels to national meetings across the country to represent the Mid South Chapter, although he did not attend a recent meeting in Austin, Texas, because it took place on Simchat Torah.

“I’m not the only Orthodox Jew in AILA, and at our annual conferences, we usually do a pretty good job of organizing a minyan [quorum],” said Sauer. “As chapter chair, I also changed our meetings from Saturday to a weekday and, overall, everyone is understanding.”

Sauer suggested that students who are interested in pursuing immigration law after graduating from YU would do well spending some time in the offices of practicing lawyers. “Seeing lawyers on the job in their offices is the best way to learn what it’s really about and to adopt mentors, which is essential for any immigration lawyer,” he said. “While you’re in Washington Heights, also make sure you practice your Spanish. It was a missed opportunity for me but one that certainly would have come in handy in my job today, as I have a good number of Spanish-speaking clients. My paralegals translate for me, but the more Spanish you know, the better.”

“Ari is a wonderful example of a YU student who took to heart the mission of the University and used his education to go out and help people,” said Bednarsh. “It’s no surprise to me, because Ari has always been a compassionate and caring person—qualities that were evident to even the casual observer during his time at YU.”

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To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of his presidency, members of the YU Board of Trustees donated a total of $1.25 million to establish the President Richard M. Joel Scholars program, which will support 50 full scholarships. On June 18, Ira Mitzner ’81YC (pictured on the left) presented President Joel with a certificate at a reception honoring the milestone.

ZAHAVA AND MOSHAEL STRAUS CENTER FOR TORAH AND WESTERN THOUGHT AUTHOR CONVERSATION SERIES FEATURES PROFESSOR RUTH WISSE
(JUNE 11, 2013)
More than 150 people enjoyed an evening filled with food and laughter at the second Straus Center author conversation series featuring a discussion between Rabbi Meir Soloveichik ’02YC, ’03R and Dr. Ruth Wisse on her book, No Joke: Making Jewish Humor at the Yeshiva University Museum at the Center for Jewish History.

ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES WITH RABBI DR. EPHRAIM KANARFOGEL
(JUNE 19, 2013)
Rabbi Kanarfogel ’72UE, ’88, ’79C, ’79R delivered the spring lecture on the topic “Making Shidduchim in Medieval Europe: History, Halachah and Life” at Blank Rome LLP hosted by Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Emanuel Adler ’76YC.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WALL STREET GROUP EVENT “THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF VENTURE CAPITAL,” HOSTED BY UBS (JULY 11, 2013)
Moderator Andrew J. Neff of Gartner Invest and the Israel Finance Institute led an interactive discussion about venture capital.

YU alumni and friends enjoyed a lively discussion and had the opportunity to network with members of the financial industry.

ALUMNI IN ACTION
YU LEGAL PROFESSIONALS EVENT, “THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE: A COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF SELECT WORKPLACE ISSUES,” HOSTED BY PROSKAUER ROSE LLP (AUGUST 1, 2013)
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YU ALUMNI SERIES (SEPTEMBER 10, 2013)
The Full Alumni Lecture Series featured Charlie Harary, assistant clinical professor of management and entrepreneurship at the Sy Syms School of Business and a prolific speaker, who discussed “How to Get Into the Book of Life.” The event was hosted by Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Benyamin Kaminetzky ’87YUHS, ’91YC at Davis Polk & Wardwell. This lecture was recorded and is available on yutorah.org.

LOS ANGELES CAREER CONNECTIONS (JUNE 19, 2013)
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SAVE THE DATE
Wrestling alumni are invited to attend the 19th Annual Wittenberg Invitational Tournament
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014 | Come back to campus to see Yeshiva high school wrestling in action.
DINNER AT 6 P.M. | YU Wrestling Coach Neil Ellman will join alumni and their families for a buffet dinner following the matches.

To ensure you are included in all communications about this program and other wrestling events and news, please let us know when you wrestled by emailing alumni@yu.edu with your information.
Rabbi Josh Joseph ’09R, ’09BR was appointed Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University.

Adina (Schwartz) ’85S and Ettan Kastner ’85YC announce the birth of their son, Akiva Raam.


Marc Merril ’05YUHS, ’10YC is engaged to Sarah Weintraub ’03YUHS.

Rabbi Ami Neuman ’05BR, ’05S was appointed assistant principal of Ruvi Tzedei Mesivta Academy in Elizabeth, NJ.

Rabbi Hillel Rapp ’04YUHS married Rachel Meister.

Michael ’05S and Dr. Dale Rosenbach ’05YUHS, ’05SJC announce the birth of Eliezerot Daniel.

Congratulations to Dale on being named a Diplomat of the American Board of Periodontology in May. Dale gave the education course at the Nassau County Union Seif Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at Brandeis University.

Rebecca ’04S, ’06W and Rabbi Ariel Schochet ’09YUHS, ’09BB, ’09A, ’09YUHS announce the birth of their fourth child, Shira (Preil) ’01S and Ariel Schochet ’10YC.

Stuart Schochet ’07YUHS and Miriam ’07YUHS and Lenny Halstuch.

Rabbi Dr. Meir Sibolovich ’02YUHS, ’03R was elected to serve as rabbi of Congregation Shaarei Shalom in New York.

David Strauss ’07YUHS, ’12YUHS is engaged to Allie Schnall ’11S.

Dr. Ilana ’05YC, ’11A and Rabbi Yehuda Turetsky ’08YUHS, ’10R, ’11A announce the birth of their son, Tov.

Ahvou ’01S and Rabbi Yehuda Willig ’01C, ’05R announce the birth of their son, Yakeh. Mazel tov to Feigie ’02S and RIEITS Roch Yehuda Rabbi Modches Willig ’08YC, ’11R and Orit (Kerstein) ’72YUHS and Justin Weinberger.

Dina Zagi ’05S became engaged to Michael Wern.

Stefanie Ziahotta ’05S received the 2013 1995SEIU/League’s Nurse of Distinction as Novice Nurse from Beth Israel Medical Center.

2010s

Irina and Eliezer Bercuson ’08BR announce the birth of their son, Dev Nafan.

Rachael Berman ’01YUHS married Yori Bacharch of Riverview, NY. Mazel tov to parents Yeshiva University High School Board of Trusts member Judy ’94S and Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Zenz Berman ’02YUHS and grandparents Shelley ’72W and Shlomo Shabad.

Lisa Goldman ’11C and Joshua Scharf announce the birth of their daughter, Daniella Emily.

Chanan Rabinb ’12YC was accepted to Harvard Medical School where he will be studying health policy, management and neurosurgery.

Avi Ackerman ’07C, Noam Friedman ’12YC, Ari Lamm ’10YC, Rabbi David Shabtai ’08R and Daniel Shemesh ’10YUHS, ’11YC received the ChampionsSafe Remote Fellowship.

Suzanne Mazel ’11S married Jack Vospost ’12YC in Baltimore, MD.

Shira Preil ’07S, ’13R and Rabbi Ari Neuman ’06YUHS, ’06R, ’13R will be serving as the rabbinical couple for Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at the University of Maryland.

Ari and Rabbi David Pardo ’12R will be the co-directors of the Orthodox Union SAR Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus at Brandeis University.

Margaret Rauch ’13S married Ephraim Weinberg.

Shoshana (Adler) ’01C, ’05R, ’07A announce the birth of their son, Yakov. Mazel tov to grandparents Nitz ‘75S and Russell Adler ’85YC and Michael and Penny Kaplan.

Baila Litwak ’13S is a student at the Medical School for International Health (MSIH), a collaboration between Bar-Gurion University of the Negev and Columbia University Medical Center that incorporates global health coursework into all four years of its curriculum.


In Memoriam

Dr. Aaron Botnick ’60YUHS
Rabbi Eliezer Cohen ’68YC, ’72R
Dr. Arnold Grant ’50YC, ’50F
Rabbi Dr. Leon ’15S, ’15B, ’15R
Rabbi Sidney Kleinman ’31YUHS, ’35YC, ’36R
Rabbi Stanley Levine ’39YC, ’39F
Rabbi Dr. Elihu Marcus ’55YUHS, ’55R, ’55F
RIETS Board Member Dr. Avin Schiff ’47YC, ’49F
Rabbi Joseph N. Smilchensky ’54YC, ’54R
Rabbi Maurice Vohlgelernter ’57YUHS, ’41C, ’44R

Legend for school abbreviations:
A = Arizh Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration
B = Bernard Revel Graduate School
BS = Belfer Graduate School of Science
C = Cardozo School of Law
D = Doctor of Education
E = Elchanan Theological Seminary
F = Ferkauf Graduate School
G = Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
H = Graduate School of Clinical Social Work
M = Graduate School of Education
O = Office of Annual Giving
P = Partnerships in Education
R = RIETS Board Member
S = Stern College
T = Tisch School of the Arts
U = Union Seif Jewish Education
W = Wolk College of Christian Social Work
X = Yeshiva University High Schools
Y = Yeshiva University
Z = Z AU