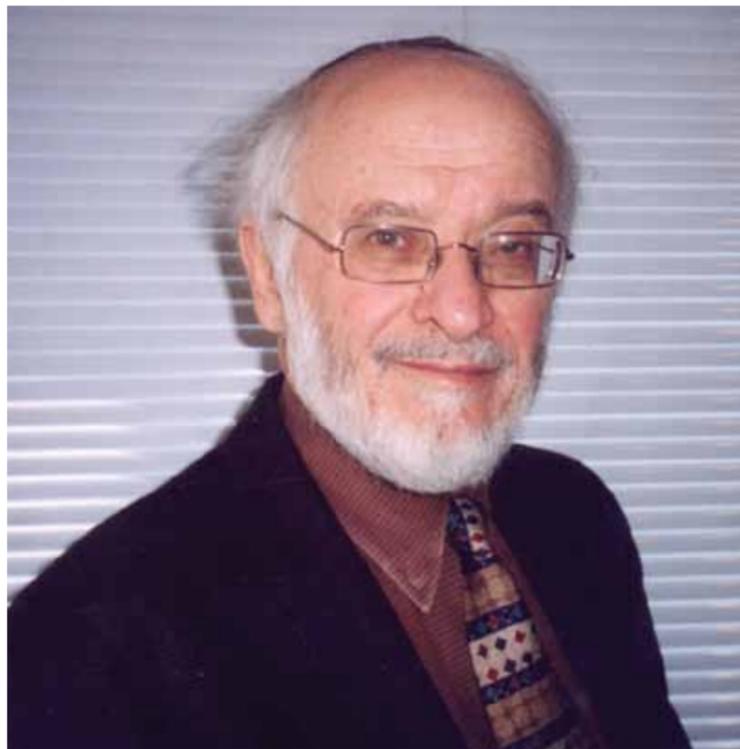


Nathan Lewin '57YC, (Legal) Defender of the Faith



Nathan Lewin '57YC

The tradition of Jews practicing law is a rich and timeless one that dates back to well before Nathan Lewin, Esq. '57YC was even born. Yet few American Orthodox Jewish attorneys have made their mark on the practice of law and the Jewish community quite like Lewin. During a prestigious career spanning several decades, he has argued hundreds of cases including many before the Supreme Court; fought for countless causes for the Jewish community; represented a diverse group of defendants ranging from Richard Nixon to John Lennon to the Lubavitcher Rebbe; and taught constitutional law at leading law schools such as Harvard, the University of Chicago and Columbia.

Many of Lewin's well-publicized cases involved fighting against discrimination in religious issues, such as arguing for the right of on-duty military personnel to wear yarmulkes, and defending the placement of a menorah in front of a city hall building.

That commitment to combating religious intolerance is a mission that is perhaps rooted in his own experiences facing discrimination as a young law student and graduate. It is a mission further exemplified by Lewin's dedication to the Jewish community and his service to several Jewish organizations in the greater Washington, D.C. area, where he resides with his wife, Rikki '55YUHS, and is still engaged in the full-time practice of law with his daughter, Alyza.

EARLY LIFE

As a child in Poland, Lewin and his family fled from the Nazis and were among the first to receive the Sugihara transit visas from Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, allowing them to flee to Japan. He and his father then traveled from Kobe, Japan, to California. His mother temporarily stayed behind in Japan, attempting to obtain visas for her own mother and brother—to no avail. Eventually she joined her family in New York, where they all settled on the Upper West Side. Lewin attended Ramaz elementary school and Talmudical Academy (now the Yeshiva University High School for Boys) in Washington Heights. His father became a professor at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and Hebrew principal at Yeshiva University High School for Girls in Brooklyn and then in Manhattan.

After attending the Talmudical Academy, Lewin enrolled in Yeshiva College (YC), where he majored in English literature. "One of my toughest classes was taught by Herman Wouk," recalled Lewin. "He assigned a lot of read-

ing and writing each class, but I credit him and Professor David Fleisher for teaching me how to write very well."

Lewin also devoted time to his Torah studies and a variety of extracurricular activities, serving as president of his freshman and then sophomore classes, and secretary-treasurer of the student council. He also co-wrote the book for the first YC varsity show, a musical titled *Choose to Run*, which played at an off-Broadway theatre for three nights, all before sold-out audiences. "The musical is a political spoof of Richard Nixon, who was then vice president—and who my friends and I were already suspicious of—and what would happen if he became president of the United States," explained Lewin with a laugh. Lewin declined to tell Nixon of this play when, years later, he represented him before the Supreme Court following Nixon's resignation from public office.

At YC, Lewin planned to attend law school, though when asked why by his peers, he would shrug and say, "It sounds like something reasonable to do for a living." Lewin also said that he had no tangible ideas as to what a lawyer actually did, but as his father had obtained a law degree in Poland (though he never practiced), Lewin decided to follow in his footsteps. He aced the LSATs and was offered scholarships at Yale and Harvard law schools.

HARVARD AND BEYOND

As a Harvard Law first-year student, Lewin experienced his first brush with religious discrimination. "Harvard held classes on Saturdays then, and there was one class that I had to take my freshman year. Along with two other observant students, we went to an early morning minyan at Hillel, and then walked over to class together, where we sat in the rear with no books and no notes," he recalled. Lewin passed the course with flying colors anyway, much to the befuddlement of his non-Jewish peers.

Applying to internships for the summer following his second year of law school, Lewin was repeatedly turned away by law firms when he disclosed that he was Shomer Shabbos. And when he graduated Harvard, despite being near the top of his class and graduating with high honors, he was repeatedly

told by prospective employers that his Shabbos observance hindered him from obtaining a position with them. Nonetheless, Supreme Court Justice John M. Harlan not only accepted him as a law clerk but encouraged his Sabbath observance, as did superiors for whom he later worked at the Department of Justice such as former Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall.

This was prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, when it was legal not to hire someone because of his or her race or religion. In 1972, Lewin wrote an amendment to that act, defining religion as including religious practice—thereby including the necessity of leaving early for Shabbos on Fridays.

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A ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS

When speaking to current YU students hoping to become lawyers, Lewin encourages them to major in English, since writing well is a necessity in law school and in practice. He strongly urges soon-to-be-lawyers and those currently working as lawyers to devote time to issues in the Jewish community. "There are always important issues that need the attention of good legal minds," said Lewin, noting, for example, that San Francisco is currently considering a city-wide ban on circumcision, zoning laws are being invoked to prohibit the construction of synagogues and the permissibility of kosher-food laws, eruvin and mezuzot has been challenged in court. "So many young law students and attorneys enter the worlds of corporate litigation, real estate law and other specialized areas that are very lucrative, and they leave no time for work that is more important to the Jewish community that might not pay as well. It is crucial that they commit their time to such causes, including Israel, and I urge them to keep that in their minds throughout their careers," he emphasized. It is Nathan Lewin himself who can serve as a shining role model exemplifying that noble mission of service to the Jewish community. ■

Feeling inspired by Lewin's story? To read about other inspirational YU graduates, visit the alumni Web site at www.yu.edu/alumni and check out the alumni profiles; or, to share your own achievements, submit a Class Note.

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1930s

Rabbi Sidney Kleiman '31YUHS, '35YC, '36R, the rabbi emeritus of Congregation of Adereth-El, recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

1940s



RIETS dean emeritus **Rabbi Zevulun Charlop** '47YUHS, '51YC, '54R was honored with the Hakarat HaTov Award at the Jubilee Anniversary of the Cantorial Council of America.

Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg '45YUHS was honored at the American Jewish Committee reception with a Festschrift, a scholarly volume of essays in tribute to him, for four decades of intellectual leadership and influence as a rabbi and educator. Also, as Rabbi Greenberg completes his sixth decade in public life, the March 15, 2011 edition of *The Jewish Week* reviewed his theological contributions in the article "The Embattled Voice of Modern Orthodoxy."

Congregation Beth Shalom of Lawrence, NY, honored its rabbi emeritus, **Dr. Gilbert Klaperman** '40YC, '41R, '54BR, upon the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Rabbi Meyer Kramer '40YC, '41R announced the birth of his great-grandson, Naftali Shaya Lerer.

Rabbi Dr. Bernard Rosensweig '47YC, '50R, '70BR announced the birth of his great-granddaughter, Yael Miriam, born to Ilanit and Yedidya Rosensweig in Raanana. Mazel tov to grandparents Aviva and **Josh Rosensweig** '73YC.

1950s



Julius Berman '56YC, '59R, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, has been reappointed chairman of the OU Press Commission.



Aish.com selected the articles "Haiti & Israel" and "Avatar and the Jews" by **Rabbi Benjamin Blech** '54YC, '56R among its Top 10 Articles for 2010. Rabbi Blech is the author of 12 highly acclaimed books, including *Understanding Judaism: The Basics of Deed and Creed*.



Leon Esterowitz '52YUHS, '56YC was profiled in the Feb. 28, 2011 edition of *The Washington Post* for his contributions as the program director of the Biophotonics program at the National Science Foundation and other

federal offices. Esterowitz is the author of 332 papers and has been awarded 34 patents, 15 of them on medical laser development. (Read Leon's "alumni profile" at www.yu.edu/alumni)

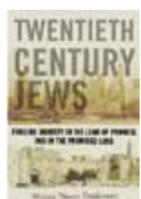
Judy '59YUHS and **Rabbi Marvin Goldman** '55YUHS, '59YC, '65BR, '65R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Evan Goldman, the son of **Laura** '90SB and **Joseph "Yossi" Goldman** '88SB.



After serving in the U.S. rabbinate for 18 years, **Rabbi Reuven Grodner** '57YUHS, '61YC, '65BR, '65R made aliyah with his family in 1984, settling in Kfar Adumim, where for the past 25 years, he has served as director of the beit midrash program at Hebrew University. In March 2011, the program was renamed "The Rabbi Reuven Grodner Beit Midrash."

Nancy I. Klein published a biography on her late husband, **Sidney Klein** '50YC, *A Life of Joy: The Sidney Klein Story* (Author House, 2010), which includes many of Sidney's writings about his life as a marine, YC student, engineer, world traveler and family man.

Doris and **Micha F. Oppenheim** '54YUHS, '58YC, '77F announced the birth of their granddaughter, Chaya Gittel, born to Avi and Penina Freud of Cedarhurst, NY, and the marriage of their grandson, Eli Rozwaski of Baltimore, MD, to Yocheved Baum of Passaic, NJ.



Professor Monty Noam Penkower '59YUHS, '63YC published *Twentieth Century Jews: Forging Identity in the Land of Promise and in the Promised Land* (Academic Studies Press, 2010).



Rabbi Dr. Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff '59YC, '61R, '67BR, professor of rabbinic literature at Yeshiva University's RIETS Israel Kollel, published *From Washington Avenue to Washington Street* (Gefen Publishing, 2011).

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin '56YUHS, '60YC, '63R, '73BR, chief rabbi of Efrat, Israel, was a guest speaker at the Palm Beach Synagogue speaking on "What Kind of Torah and What Kind of God Do We Believe in Anyway?" and "What is Modern Orthodoxy, Does it Have a Future, and How is it Compatible with Chabad?"

Judy (Grossman) '58YUHS, '62S and **Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenbaum** '60YC, '62R, '63BR celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yechiel Mordecai Dovid. Mazel tov to Yechiel's parents, Rivkie and Rabbi Moshe Rosenbaum.

Shoshanah and RIETS rosh yeshiva **Rabbi Hershel Schachter** '58YUHS, '62YC, '67R shared news of a grandson, Yehuda, born to Rina and Shay Schachter. Mazel tov to Rina's parents, Shea and Fran Kanner of Lawrence, NY.

Joan and **Josh Werblowsky** '59YUHS, '63YC, '67E announced the birth of their granddaughter, Avigayil Rut, to **Ilana (Werblowsky)** '95S and **Rabbi Jeremy Spierer** '91YUHS, '96YC, '01BR, '01R, '03A. Mazel tov to grandparents **Caron (Stern)** '66YUHS and senior director of institutional advancement **Howard Spierer** '60YUHS.

1960s



Rabbi Marc D. Angel '67YC, '70R, '75BR published *Angel for Shabbat: A Collection of Divrei Torah on the Weekly Torah Portions* (Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals, 2010) available at jewishideas.org.



Rabbi Dr. Bernard Bernhard '69YC, '74R, '74F, '92A published two books, *Public Speaking: A Guide for Study* (Behr Publishing, 2011) and the *Rosenberg Holocaust Siddur*, dedicated to the memory of his

parents, Rachel and Jacob Rosenberg, survivors of the Holocaust. The siddur contains Holocaust essays for discussions, Holocaust programs, several candle-lighting ceremonies and original artwork.

Nachum Chasan '69YC has been appointed head of school at the David L. Silver Yeshiva Academy of Harrisburg, PA. Nachum and Shifra also announced the birth of their grandchildren Hannah and Zachrey to Estelle and Noam Chasan and Rebecca to Tamara and Tony Pomeranz. In addition, they are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Daniella, to Matan Barnea.

Phil Chernofsky '65YUHS, '69YC was honored by the Rabbinical Council of America in Israel at its annual Melave Malka. Phil also serves as the editor of the popular weekly *Torah Tidbits*.

Rabbi Avishai David '67YUHS, '71YC, '74R, '75BR published *Darosh Darosh Yosef: Discourses of Rav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveitchik on the Weekly Parashah* (Urim Publications, 2011).

Meira '69S and **Rabbi Edward Davis** '68YC, '70R, '71BR announced the birth of their granddaughter.

Sonia '62S and **Rabbi Mallen Galinsky** '61F announced the birth of their grandson, Yitzchak, born to Yonat and Rabbi Shimon Galinsky.

Sarah and RIETS rosh yeshiva **Rabbi Menachem Genack** '65YUHS, '69YC, '73R announced the birth of their grandson, Yonatan Binyamin, born to Tami and **Yigal Sklarin** '02YC.

Batya and **Cantor Sherwood Goffin** '63YC, '66BZ of Belz School of Jewish Music announced the birth of their grandson, Shmuel, born to Yael and Rabbi Uri Goffin of Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Michael Halzel '62YC was honored by the Jewish Educators Assembly (JEA) with the Behrman House Lifetime Achievement Award in Jewish Education at the JEA annual conference in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

Marcia '69S and **Rabbi David Jacobowitz** '69YC, '71R announced the birth of their granddaughter, Chaya Perel, to Batya and Rabbi Moshe Jacobowitz in Jerusalem, Israel.

Dr. Simcha Katz '65YC, '71R became the new president of the Orthodox Union (OU) in

January. Dr. Katz is now the 13th OU president in a line dating back to 1898.

Aaron Kinderlehrer '69YC of Kew Garden Hills, NY, was reappointed chairman of the Orthodox Union's Yachad—Jewish Disabilities Integration Commission.

Lucy '69S and **Rabbi Eliezer Langer** '68YC, '75BR, '75R announced the birth of their granddaughter, born to Shira and Yaakov Langer.

Murray Laulich '61YC, a member of the Stern College for Women board of overseers, received a Doctorate of Humane Letters on Dec. 12, 2010, at the 86th Annual YU Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation at the Waldorf=Astoria, where over \$4.5M was raised.

Andrea (Kaplan) '69S and **Dr. Michael J. Lieberman** '70YC of North Bellmore, NY, announced the birth of their grandson, Binyamin Simcha, born to their children Rabbi Joel and **Shelly (Lieberman) Padowitz** '99S in Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel.

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- Offering job shadowing for students in their profession of choice

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- Hosting local events for prospective parents/students
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Barbara and **Dr. Joel Lubner** '68YC of Alon Shvut, Israel, announced the births of Joel's granddaughter, Maayan, to Ahuva and Gil Huri of Karmeit Tzur, Israel, and his grandson, Harel Yosef, to Chaya and Boaz Nahari of Neve Tzuf, Israel.

Vivian '68S and **Dr. David Luchins** '68YC, '71R received the Sarah Rivkah and Dr. Bernard Lander Memorial Award at the Ben Zakkai Honor Society Reception in New York.

Varda (Rosenfeld) '67YUHS and Israel "Izzy" **Meller** announced the birth of their grandson, Mishael Ezri, to Akiva and Avital Meller, brother to Lia Simcha.



Dr. Jordan Penkower '60YUHS, '64YC, '69BR, '69R recently published *The Dates of Composition of The Zohar and The Book Bahir: The History of Biblical Vocalization and Accentuation as a Tool for Dating Kabbalistic Works* (Cherub Press, 2010). Dr. Penkower, who introduced the alto saxophone into contemporary Jewish music, has re-released, along with the original members of The Mark 3 Orchestra, **Sy Kushner** '60YUHS and **Ben Hulkower** '60YUHS, '68F, a digitized version of their first album (June 1966): *The New Jewish Sound, The Mark 3 Orchestra and Singers*. For complete details, visit www.nulitemusic.com.

Tova and Azrieli dean **David Schnall** '65YUHS, '69YC, '72R, '72BR announced the birth of twin grandsons, Aharon and Baruch, born to Rebecca and **Etan Schnall** '99YUHS, '05YC, '09R.

The University of Arizona appointed **Dr. Howard J. Schwartz** '60E as a visiting scholar at the Center for Judaic Studies beginning in 2009.

Vivian Singer '65YUHS, '69S received the Shofar Award from the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.

Roslyn Berkowitz Stein '60S received an honoris causa doctorate of pedagogy for her accomplishments in the field of day school education from The Jewish Theological Seminary at the academic convocation held on Nov. 1, 2010.

Mazel tov to **Anita (Presler)** '63YUHS and **Stuart Tucker** '65YC, '69R, '69F of Netzer Hazani, Israel, and to Sara and Yosef Spitz on the birth of their grandson, David Nachman, to Evyasaf and Tirtza Tucker of Haifa, Israel.

Libby '67F and **Rabbi Aharon Ziegler** '55YUHS announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Malkie, and the birth of a great-grandson, Shmuel Ya'akov Schwartz.

1970s

Sharon '73YUHS, '77S and **Dr. Sammy Abramson** '76YC announced the marriage of their son, Naftali, to Gila Pava and the bar mitzvah of their son, Akiva.



Sara Adler '79W was elected to the national Hadassah Foundation Board. Sara is the Florida director of the New Israel Fund and a past member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Board of Directors.

Lois and **Rabbi Richard Bieler** '74YC, '78R, '79BR announced the birth of their grandson, Dov Shemiah, born to Aviva and **Yair Oppenheim** '00SB of Fairlawn, NJ.



Dr. Paul Brody '72YC and **Dr. Joseph Frager** '76YC together with Odeleya Jacobs, initiated and organized Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee's historic visit to the Knesset on Jan. 31, where he delivered an impassioned speech to spur the Knesset to make the case to the United Nations for the Jewish People's indigenous right to the Land of Israel.

Dr. Ellen Charry '70W published *God and the Art of Happiness* (Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2010).

Shulamith (Predmesky) '73YUHS, '02A and **Rabbi Joel Cohn** '73YUHS, '77YC, '80R announced the engagement of their son, Eli, to Ilana, daughter of Susan and **Daniel Levin** '72YUHS and the birth of a grandson, Doniel Yechiel, born to Elana and Yossi Cohn of Riverdale, NY.

Barbara '76S and **Rabbi Shmuel Goldin** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76F, '76R announced the marriage of their son, **Doniel** '10YC, to **Tamara Leben** '11S of Teaneck, NJ.

Dr. Lois '71S and **Irving Grabin** '70YC of Efrat, Israel, announced the marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Yaron Rosenthal, and the births of their granddaughters, Eden, daughter of Rafi and Illan Grabin, and Aviya.



Dr. Rosa Perla Resnick Helfgot '76W, a representative of the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Association for the Prevention of Elder Abuse to the U.N., was the keynote speaker at the International Conference on "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities with Elderly and Disabled People After Disasters" held at the University of Massachusetts-Boston in July 2010. Dr. Resnick was also a contributor to a research study on "Issues of Ageing and Disabilities—International Perspectives," published by the NGO Committee on Ageing U.N., NY, December 2010.

Judy (Miller) '76YUHS, '80S and former Yeshiva University Israel Alumni Association president **Jay Kalish** '79YC, '82C announced the birth of their granddaughter, Renana, to Shira and Uri Kalish.

Dr. Bernie Kastner '78YC launched his new blog "Dr. Kastner's Afterlife Blog," dedicated to everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-the-afterlife-but-were-afraid-to-ask. Visit www.blog.drbbkastner.com to read more.



Carrie and **Morrie Klians** announced the marriage of their daughter, **Daniella Elana** '07S, to **Jeffrey Remin** '07YC.

Faye '74YUHS and **Dr. Steven Kollander** '73YUHS, '77YC announced the marriage of their son, **Sam** '11SB, to **Jennifer Perl** '10S.

Rochel (Ciment) '70S and **Dr. Herb Krantman** '70YC of Rehovot announced the birth of a granddaughter, Hila Devora, to Talya and Dr. Eli Krantman of Rehovot, Israel.

Rabbi Irwin M. Lenefsky '75YUHS, '76F, '80YC, '85W, '86R was promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Army, Medical Service Corps. The promotion ceremony took place Jan. 5, 2011 at the West Point Jewish Chapel where he is stationed as Chief of Social Work Services at Keller Army Community Hospital, in West Point, NY. Colonel Lenefsky's duties include clinic supervisor for mental health services treating individuals, families and retirees. He manages a clinical domestic violence program at West Point and four regional installations. Colonel Lenefsky was selected by the army to further his training and completed a PhD in social work from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is married to **Dena A. (Bilus Levenson) Lenefsky** '81S.

Batya (Spiegelman) '71S and **Yisrael Medad** '69YC of Shiloh, Israel, announced the birth of their granddaughter, Shachar Sarah, daughter to Tzruya and Oren of Ofra, Israel.

The March 4 edition of the *New York Daily News* profiled **Steven Mostofsky** '79YC as president of the National Council of Young Israel bridging the organization's Jewish religious identity while embracing challenges in the secular world. On Jan. 28 Law.com interviewed Steven on his perspective on practicing law in both civil and religious courts.

Rabbi Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher) '74YC announced the birth of his grandson, Nehar Shalom, to Racheli and Naftali Ophir of Kefar Adumim, and the wedding of his son, Yaakov, to Ronie Benita.

Rashie (Fishman) '70YUHS, '74S and **Asher Reichert** '72YC, '77F, '78R announced the birth of their granddaughter, Meira Chana, to Esther and Mark Korman of Modiin, Israel.

Grandparents **Karen** '72S and **Rabbi Menachem Rosenfeld** '75R, '75F and Rabbi Alan and Linda Yuter celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Eliyahu Neriyah Rosenfeld. Mazel tov to parents **Esther** '96S and **Dr. Avi Rosenfeld** '91YUHS, '95YC, '97A, '97R.



Zhava (Gerri Lasky) '78S, '82W and Rabbi Yitschak **Rudomin** share in the joy of five grandchildren: Yocheved, Moshe, Ahuva, Elchonon and Ari, the children of Sarah and David Rudomin, Rochel and Ari Klein, and Miriam and Menachem Yifaf, all of Brooklyn, NY.

Dr. Barbara Savicky '78W joins the Ridgefield Chiropractic & Wellness Center, which provides chiropractic and naturopathic care, counseling, massage therapy and other wellness services.

Jody and **Rabbi Jay Shoulson** '75YC, '78F, '79R announced the birth of a great-granddaughter, Neta Penina, born to Dr. Rivka and Marc Wiznia. Mazel tov to great-grandparents Bertha and **Rabbi Solomon Shoulson** '43YUHS, '47YC, '49R.



Shai Simonson '76YUHS published *Rediscovering Mathematics: You Do the Math* (Mathematical Association of America, 2011). For more information, visit <http://web.stonehill.edu/compsci/RediscoveringMath/RM.html>.

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Kosher Food

From (Kosher) Soup to Nuts: How YU Alumni Are Revolutionizing the Food Industry

Zechariah Mehler '04YC



Dave Weinberg '05YC



Gil Marks '74YC

The kosher food industry is virtually unrecognizable from its early days, when it was merely synonymous with bagels, lox and potato kugel. Now, it's sushi, upscale gourmet caterers and celebrity-filled steakhouses, and those trends, in addition to innovations of modern technology, are revolutionizing the industry—thanks in no small part to several YU alumni who are forever changing the way people think about kosher food.

MARKETING IT

Dave Weinberg '05YC, CEO of the consulting firm Causil, brought together social media and internet marketing experts at the first-ever Kosher Summit in May. There, companies that just received kosher certification and want to market their products to the Jewish community, along with longtime kosher companies that don't know how to utilize the power of the Web for their branding efforts, learned effective and cost-efficient techniques to boost sales of their products.

Causil, which Weinberg officially founded just a year ago (after years of being an independent consultant), teaches companies, non-profit organizations and other institutions the best practices in communications, marketing and technology so that they too can utilize low-cost and valuable methods of marketing. In its short existence, Causil has already organized well-attended conferences on Jewish education and Jewish non-profits.

No stranger to harnessing the immense power of social media, Weinberg, recently called a "serial social entrepreneur" by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), first began using the power of the Internet as an undergraduate student. As manager of YU's student radio station, WYUR, he propelled it to one of the top college radio stations by streaming its content online—one of the first college radio shows in the nation to do so. Weinberg was also extremely active in student government and was the founder of Not Now Not Ever, a major student effort for campaigning against the genocide in Darfur.

"The training in public relations, event planning, crisis management and relating to donors that I received through my extracurricular activities at YU helped prepare me for my current occupation as well as any class I ever took there," said Weinberg.

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Dave Weinberg '05YC

Together with Zechariah Mehler '04YC, a kosher food critic and marketer, the two hope to convince the kosher industry—which Mehler said has long been wary of using modern advertising tactics—to move ahead by learning and applying the latest marketing modus operandi for an industry that has definitely moved ahead with the times.

"The reason there's so little forward movement in the kosher industry in terms of social media is simply because no one is taking the time to explain the different tactics and techniques," explained Mehler. "Dave and I are hoping to bring together innovators and trendsetters in the social media arena to show these companies that it's not so complex, and to outline its numerous benefits to them."

WRITING ABOUT IT

Gil Marks '74YC, '78R, '80W possesses many a YU degree and though he anticipated his career as being in the Jewish communal world (and even directed the guidance program at Yeshiva University High School for Boys for nearly five years), his hobby of cooking elaborate Shabbat meals for friends and family led to a moonlighting gig at a small kosher caterer. What was a weekly pastime became an all-consuming passion for Marks, and in 1986, he founded *Kosher Gourmet Magazine*.

The publication enjoyed a wave of popularity for nearly a decade. He then transitioned into cookbooks, and his first effort was in the running for the James Beard Award. His second effort, *Olive Trees and Honey*, won that coveted culinary award.

Now, with his *Encyclopedia of Kosher Food*, a veritable treasure trove of recipes and interesting facts about the origins of kosher food, he brings one of the most comprehensive efforts at cataloging kosher food to the table.

"I like my books to tell a story, not simply list recipes," Marks said. "Food touches people's lives every day and is a centerpiece of family celebrations. Since it carries such importance, and reflects a history of a culture and different milieus, I want my books to tell those stories."

He can credit his tireless work ethic to his time at YU, where he said the dual curriculum helped prepare him for a lifetime of productivity. "What I remember fondly and enjoyed the most about YU were the friendships I developed," said

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Esty Kopel '07S



L'via Weisinger '88S

Marks. “The student body helped to offset the demands of the double program and ease the workload when the balancing act got harder.”

Marks plans to turn his attention to *The American Cake*, a history of America through its cakes, and in the future, would love to work on an examination of the food and plants recorded in the Chumash, and a gastronomical guide to understanding Passover and the Seder.

MAKING IT

Esty Kopel '07S works in the realm of kosher food that results in edible confections or “culinary creativity.” After graduating Stern College for Women with a degree in psychology, Kopel planned to study for a degree in social work. “Until my graduate classes started, I decided to take pastry decorating classes at Brooklyn’s Center for Kosher Culinary Arts for fun,” she explained. “I loved it there and decided that I wanted to make a full-time career of it.”

She enrolled in Le Cordon Bleu, one of the top culinary schools in New York, and became a certified pastry chef.

Being an Orthodox Jew in a non-kosher culinary school did present some challenges. “I couldn’t try any of the food I had made, and I had to have a taster,” said Kopel. “I also needed to leave early on Fridays for Shabbat, so I would arrive early on Fridays to make up the work I was going to miss. One of the harder obstacles I faced was changing the uniform and getting permission to wear a skirt. I was not allowed to look different from my peers, and I had to meet with several deans to get this rule overridden.”

After graduating from Le Cordon Bleu, Kopel completed an externship with a well-known cake designer, focusing on design and aesthetics, as she again could not taste any of her creations. Her specialties include birthday and wedding cakes decorated with ornate detail, as well as gourmet European-style tortes.

Throughout school and her internship, Kopel practiced at home using kosher ingredients. Kopel recently returned to live in her hometown of Florida; while there, she is debating whether she should start her own kosher cake and pastry business. She’s already been besieged with orders from friends and family members who know of her expertise.

Kopel revels in her atypical job within the Jewish community. “It’s definitely not a nine-to-five type of job, and I don’t have weekends off like most people,” she said. “Those are actually my busiest times.”

Besides encouraging YU students to meld their careers with their passions, Kopel also said that internships and externships are a key way to finding a job once you are ready for full-time work. Not only does it introduce you to connections in the field, it also refines your training with hands-on instruction.

“My goal in going to Le Cordon Bleu was to learn the techniques in non-kosher kitchens and apply them to the kosher world,” Kopel said. “It is my mission to close the gap in the difference between kosher and non-kosher patisserie. Pretty soon you will be able to enter a kosher bakery and indulge in many delicacies that are taken for granted in the non-kosher world.”

L’via Weisinger '88S of Teaneck, NJ, is also changing the face of kosher cake decorating. Formerly a strictly “Duncan Hines” kind of woman, Weisinger is now in high demand for her intricate and fun designs with fondant, a firm icing used for elaborate cakes. Her business, L’via’s Luscious Creations, has led to a guest spot at the famed Butterflake Bakery in Teaneck.

“I was inspired by a basic course I took when my twins, who are now 20 years old, were babies,” said Weisinger. Always creative, as an art and fashion major Weisinger was profiled in *The Observer* as an “Entrepreneur of Brookdale Hall” for her custom hat and accessory business that she ran out of her dorm room.

Perhaps more inspiring than her switch from cake mix to her current mastery with a spatula is the way she juggles her many roles: outside of her cake business, Weisinger is an RN, certified lactation specialist, freelance writer and lice specialist, as well as a wife and mother to five children including her twins. “Raising children is itself a full-time job,” said Weisinger, “but I’ve always found ways to incorporate my baking job into my parenting, such as holding cake parties for my kids and turning some of my cake jobs into lessons for them on baking and decorating. I think involving your kids in your career, teaching them about what you do, showing them the ropes and welcoming their participation whenever possible are key ingredients to successfully working and parenting. Making and decorating cakes is obviously among the more fun and kid-friendly things I do.”

While Weisinger finds fulfillment from her many jobs, she looks to her cake business as an artistic outlet. “I love creating beauty with my hands and I don’t get to do that so tangibly in my other careers,” she said. “I love the sculpting aspect of fondant and I love the universal appeal of pretty food. I’m also a Jewish mother—what better way to make people happy?”

With these YU alumni and others in the industry, it’s safe to say that we can expect even more great (and tasty!) things to come in the kosher food realm. ■

To read about other inspirational YU graduates, visit the alumni Web site at www.yu.edu/alumni and check out the alumni profiles; or, to share your own achievements, submit a Class Note.

CLASSNOTES

The Jan. 28 edition of *The New York Times* profiled **Devorah Weiss** '75S, '05W, a Staten Island social work liaison for Met Council and Connect-2-Care, which is an initiative of UJA-Federation of New York aimed at helping the newly needy middle class.



Professor Steven L. Winter '70YUHS, '74YC was honored for his work as a philosopher and legal theorist by the Dutch Association of Legal Philosophy. Professor Winter is currently working on a book about consumerism and democracy.



Ezra Wohlgernter '78YC, personal injury attorney and founding partner of Philadelphia personal injury law firm Feldman Shepherd Wohlgernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig, has been elected vice chair of the SeniorLAW Center.

Sherry (Scheinberg) '74S and **Saul Zimmerman** of Bet Shemesh, Israel, announced the birth of their granddaughter, Leebi Tzion, to Dana and **Avi Zimmerman** '95YUHS of Ariel, Israel.

1980s



Nachum "Neil" Bane '86YC joined Johnson Capital as principal in the firm's New York office, where he is spearheading the growth of the Johnson equity desk, the Loan Sale Advisory & Workout group, and the global hospitality practice.

The Sisterhood of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center hosted **Karen Brand** '82W for "Sandwiches for the Sandwich Generation" on Feb. 8, where Karen discussed strategies and resources to help women who are struggling with their multiple roles as nurturers to their children and elderly family members.



The New York Times columnist David Brooks explored in his Dec. 20 op-ed "The Arduous Community" **Dr. Erica Brown's** '88S philosophy on Jewish adult education. Brown is the author of *Inspired Jewish Leadership, Confronting Scandal, Spiritual Boredom, and The Case for Jewish Peoplehood*, all available from Jewish Lights Publishing.

Naomi and **Jason "Dov" Greenblatt** '89YC announced the birth of their daughter, Vera Faye.



Judah S. Harris '83YUHS, '87YC, photographer, filmmaker, speaker and writer, republished "In Search of Jewish Life Outside of New York" on OU.org. The essay, originally from June 2009, reflects, in part, on his visits to diverse Jewish communities while a YU assistant director of undergraduate admissions in the late 1980s. Judah publishes a popular e-newsletter that presents his photography, writing and latest projects. Sign up at www.judahsharris.com/visit.

Debra and **Rabbi Ari Jacobson** '86YUHS, '89YC, '93R, '94A announced the birth of their son, Yosef Yitzchak.

Miriam (Pollak) Liebermann '77TI, '84W published *The Best is Yet To Be* (Targum Press, 2010), a guidebook for women in the transitional years. Her earlier book, *Saying Goodbye: Dealing with Loss and Mourning* (Targum Press, 2004), coauthored with Dr. Neal Goldberg, has proven to be helpful for those suffering chaila, the loss of a loved one.



Jacqueline (Klausner) Dr. Marc Mandel '79YUHS, '83YC, '88R, '88W announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla, to Yaakov Lasson.

Rabbi Adam Mintz '84YC, '84BR, '85R was recognized in the April 4, 2011 edition of *The New York Post* for his role in creating an Altoid-style kosher mint call "Rabbi Mints."

Brenda and **Dr. Howard Rosenthal** '80YC received the Enid and Harold Boxer Memorial Award from the National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) at its Ben Zakkai Honor Society Annual Scholarship Reception on Jan. 30, 2011.

Esther '85S and RIETS rosh yeshiva Rabbi Eliyahu **Shulman** announced the birth of their granddaughter, Hadas Devorah. Mazel tov to grandparents **Rywka** '85BR and **Rabbi Dr. Nisson Shulman** '48YUHS, '52YC, '55R, '70BR and Toby and former dean of YU Jewish studies department **Rabbi Dr. Jacob Rabinowitz** '42YUHS, '46YC, '48R.

Rywka '85BR and **Rabbi Dr. Nisson Shulman** '48YUHS, '52YC, '55R, '70BR announced the birth of twin great-grandsons, born to Michal and Mark Ghermazian of Houston, TX. Mazel tov to grandparents Nechama and **Dr. Daniel Klapper** '76YUHS, '84A and Lisa Ghermazian.

Rivki and **Rabbi Ephraim P. Slepoy** '76YUHS, '81YC, '85R announced the birth of their third granddaughter, Yaffa Rosa, born to Esther and Yussie Slepoy.

Dr. Efrat '95W, '06W and **Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky** '87YC, '91R, '96A were honored by Project Ezra, an organization in the Bergen County area that helps those who are unemployed. Rabbi Sobolofsky also published *The Laws and Concepts of Niddah* (Koren Publishers, 2010).

Bassie and **Rabbi Michael Taubes** '80YC, '83F, '83R were honored at the 25th Anniversary Dinner of the Jewish Learning Experience (JLE) of Bergen County on Dec. 18, 2010. The JLE is an adult outreach organization based in Teaneck, founded by Rabbi Michael Taubes and currently run by Rabbi David Pietruszka '01YC, '05R.

Donna and **Rabbi Joel Zeff** '85BR, '86R announced the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Tiferet, born to Miriam and Micah Smith of Alon Shvut, Israel.

1990s

Rivka '95SB, '99A and **Rabbi Daniel Alter** '95BR, '95YC, '98R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yehuda Meir.

Owen L. Cyrulnik '93YUHS, '97YC was named partner at Grais & Ellsworth LLP.

Shana and **Arye Dworken** '98YC announced the birth of their son, Steven. The baby is named for his late grandfather

Rabbi Dr. Steven Dworken z"l '66YC, '69F, '70R who was the executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America. Mazel tov to grandmother **Susan Dworken Koss** '99A, head of school at the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy in Livingston, NJ, and grandparents Bob and Juliette Warshawsky.

Tony Gelbart and **Rabbi Joshua Fass** '91YUHS, '94YC, '96A, '98R were profiled in "Nefesh B'Nefesh: How Two Visionaries Spurred 27,000 Anglos to Make Aliyah" in the March 25, 2011 *Jewish Week*. Rabbi Fass also received the highly prestigious award of Lion of Zion (The committee for the Moshkowitz Prize for Zionism's fourth annual Lion of Zion prize for active Zionism).

Ruchie and **Rabbi Yisroel "Joel" Goldberg** '94YUHS, '98YC, '02R announced the birth of their son, Yaakov Tzvi. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Judy** '58YUHS, '62S and **Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenbaum** '60YC, '62R, '63BR.

Chava and **Rabbi Yonah Gross** '98YUHS, '04YC, '06R announced the birth of their daughter, Shira Chana.

Chaya Leah and **Chaim Guggenheim** '94SB celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Tzivia Esther.

Shari and **Rabbi Shmuel Hain** '94YUHS, '98YC, '01R announced the birth of their daughter, Rachel Leah ("Rayli"). Mazel tov to grandparents, **Nancy** '71S and **Rabbi Kenneth Hain** '69YC, '78R.

Sylvia (Chusid) '52YUHS, '55TI and **Rabbi Abraham Halbfinger** '52TI, '58R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandsons: Sapir Uziel Halbfinger, son of Efi and Chaim Halbfinger of Ranana, and Nadav Tzvi Tal, son of Bracha (Halbfinger) and Eli Tal of Jerusalem, Israel.

The Nov. 26, 2010 edition of the *Jerusalem Post* profiles Shoshana and **Shai Jaskoll** '93YUHS, '98YC in their process of making aliyah to Israel, becoming olim, and adjusting to Israeli culture and society.

Drs. Pnina (Marciano) '96E and **Shimmy Kanarek** '89YUHS, '92YC, '96A announced the birth of their daughter, Nava Efrat.

Elizabeth (Jarrett) '96S and Joseph Dov **Kohan** of Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel, announced the birth of their son, Menashe, Yisrael Eliezer.

Rabbi Uriel Lubetski '91YUHS, '96YC, '01BR, '01R presented a three-part lecture series entitled: "The Dark Ages: A History of Medieval Anti-Semitism" in November 2010 at Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, TN. Some of the topics included ritual murder, host desecration, well poisoning and anti-Semitism.

Yoni Oppenheim '99YUHS, **Avi Soroka** '99YUHS and Jesse Freedman created 24/6, New York's first Jewish theater company dedicated to Sabbath-observant artists. 24/6 made its debut with two workshop performances of "Sabbath Variations: The Splendor of Space." **Avi Mermelstein** '05YC, '99YUHS and **Chai Hecht** '08YC wrote two of the five 10-minute pieces. Visit www.twentyfoursix.weebly.com to learn more about its upcoming productions.

Dr. Tamar '95S and **Rabbi Shalom Rosner** '95YC, '95A, '97R announced the birth of their son.

Rabbi Rachmiel "Ricky" Rothberger '96YUHS, '00YC, '03R, '04A married **Rebecca Rosenberg** '09S from Woodmere, NY.

Melanie '95YUHS, '99S and RIETS rosh yeshiva **Rabbi Baruch Simon** '81YUHS, '85YC, '89R announced the birth of their son, Yehuda Leib.

Gila (Maybruch) and **Rabbi Daniel Stein** '99YC, '04R announced the birth of their son, Michael David.



Rabbi Dr. Barry Scott Wimpfheimer '91YUHS, '00BR, '00R published *Narrating the Law: A Poetics of Talmudic Legal Stories* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).

2000s

Elana '04S, '06W and **Rabbi Jonathan "Yoni" Ausubel** '01YUHS, '05YC, '09R announced the birth of their daughter, Tiferet Hodaya.

Yael '05S, '07A and **Rabbi Chaim Axelrod** '09SB, '10R announced the birth of their son, Aharon Matisyahu.



Melodie R. Balarsky '07S is engaged to Captain Ben Diamond; the wedding will be in July. Melodie graduated from the Baylor College of Dentistry in May.

Dr. Debra (Marcus) '03S, '08F, '10F and **Rabbi Michael Bashist** '94YUHS, '99YC, '06R announced the birth of their son, Levi Yitzchak.



Eva (Fenton) Hillel Broder '07S and '07YC announced the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Rose.

Batya (Reichman) '10S and **Yosef Bronstein** '08YC announced the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov to grandparents Brenda and **Rabbi Chaim Bronstein** '66YUHS, '70YC, '72R, '73BR and **Chasida** '66YUHS and RIETS rosh yeshiva **Rabbi Herschel Reichman** '84C.

Mazel tov to **Rachel (Horn)** '04S and **Jason C. Cyrulnik** '01YC on their recent professional accomplishments. Jason was named partner at Boies, Schiller, & Flexner LLP in March with his primary practice being complex litigation, and Rachel joined YU as the new assistant director of Institutional Advancement for the Institute for University School Partnership.

Ariela (Dworetzky) '03S, '05A and **Rabbi Moshe Davis** '06YC, '08R announced the birth of their daughter, Adiel Kayla.

Yoel Eis '06YC married **Yael Diamond** '10W on Nov. 7, 2010.

Zev Eleff '09YC, '11R published *Freedom and Responsibility: The First Orthodox College Journalists and Early Yeshiva College Politics, 1935-1941* in *The American Jewish Archives Journal* Vol. 62, No. 2. He also authored *Living from Convention to Convention: A History of NCSY, 1954-1980* (Ktav Publication House, 2009).

Ariela and **Rabbi Jonathan Fox** '06YC, '09A, '10R announced the birth of their son, Akiva Uriel.

Rachel and **Eliezer Gross** '01YUHS, '06SB announced the birth of their son.

Dr. Talia (Wiesen) '05S, '07F, '10F and **Rabbi Yair Hindin** '05YC, '09BR, '09R announced the birth of twin daughters, Leba Chana and Eliana Rachel.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

ALUMNI DAYS AT THE WITTENBERG AND SARACHEK TOURNAMENTS (FEBRUARY 20 AND MARCH 27, 2011 RESPECTIVELY)



➤ YU Dean of Admissions Moish Kranzler '84YC and a friend enjoy the Wittenberg Wrestling Tournament in February

➤ Mayer Berg '88YC and his sons, Eli and Yoni, cheer on MTA at the Red Sarachek Basketball Tournament in March



"AFTER THE FINANCIAL CRISIS - NEW STRATEGIES FOR INVESTING AND MANAGING RISK" YU WALL STREET GROUP EVENT AT BLOOMBERG LP, NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS (MARCH 7, 2011)



➤ (l-r) Ezra S. Lightman '95SB with RIETS Board of Trustees members Daniel Posner '91YC and Chaim Wietschner '84YUHS, '88YC

➤ Riva Wachsmann '10SB and Mimi Begas '10S



➤ Brothers, Daniel Neiss '04YUHS, '09YC and Jonathan Neiss '94YUHS, '97YC



➤ (l-r) Speakers at the Wall Street event included Seth J. Masters, Chief Investment Officer, AllianceBernstein; Dr. Henry Kressel '55YC, YU Board of Trustees Chairman and Senior Managing Director, E.M. Warburg Pincus & Company; Alan C. Greenberg, Vice Chairman Emeritus, Bear Stearns, a division of J.P. Morgan; and Isaac Corre '85YC, Sy Syms School of Business Board of Overseers member and Senior Managing Director, Eton Park Capital Management

ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT AT THE HIRT HOME IN LA (MAY 15, 2011)



➤ Edmundo Rosenberg '00SB, host committee and Regional Council - LA member Shimmy Steinmetz '01SB and Chaim Woolf '00YC



➤ Rayme Isaacs '86S, host committee and Regional Council - LA member Jackie Mandel '86S and Revital Kempe '85S



➤ Joey Goldstein '91YC and event host Darrin Hirt '90YC sport the latest in 'YU fashion'

➤ The Class of 1961 Stern alumnae with Stern College for Women Dean Karen Bacon '64S (seated center) include: standing (l-r): Susan Ascher, Phyllis K. Schubert, and Rheba Silverstein; seated (l-r): Esther Press, Helen Planzer Muller, Dean Bacon, Rita Siff and Judy Preiser Cohen



ALUMNI FAMILY DAY AT THE SEFORIM SALE (FEBRUARY 13, 2011)



➤ Children and alumni enjoying music workshop

➤ YU Maccabeat David Block '11YC leads children in singing



➤ Parents and children enjoy arts and crafts workshop facilitated by YU Museum staff



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON (APRIL 3, 2011)



➤ (l-r) Esty Rollhaus '10S and Jackie Klausner Mandel '86S enjoy remarks given during the YU Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



➤ Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Zev Berman '82YC, Marcel '56YC and Paula Weber '60S, Rabbi Dr. Doniel Kramer '70YC and Yeshiva College Board of Overseers Chairman Stanley Raskas '65YC socialize at YU Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in early April

YESHIVA COLLEGE AND STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN CLASSES OF 1961, 1971, AND 1986 CELEBRATE REUNIONS AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT (MAY 25 - 26, 2011)

➤ President Joel (third from right) receives the reunion class gift, which by evening's end totaled almost \$84,000, from Yossi Prager '86YC, Lenore Davis-Stern '86S, Paula From '71S, Stanford Goldman '61YC, Susan Ascher '61S and Eliot Lauer '71YC



➤ Members of the Stern Class of 1971: Gina Gelb, Marlene Wolf, Paula From and Debbie Robinson



➤ Yisroel Siff '86YC and his mother Rita Siff '61S celebrate together



➤ Yeshiva College Class of 1961 alumnus Sheldon Meiner participates in the 2011 Commencement Exercises at the Izod Center

CLASSNOTES



Ariella Joel '03S and Shlomo Benzaquen were married on Nov. 1, 2010. Mazel tov to parents **Dr. Esther** '83F and Yeshiva University President **Richard M. Joel** '68YUHS.



Nachum Joel '11YC and **Atara Tambor** '06YUHS were married on May 30, 2011. Mazel tov to parents **Dr. Esther** '83F and Yeshiva University President **Richard M. Joel** '68YUHS.



Rabbi Wes Kalmar '00YC, '00R, '00BR became the principal rabbi at Anshe Sfard Kehillat Torah in Milwaukee, WI.



Zachary "Yitzky" Katz '06SB and Gila Schuman announced the birth of their baby daughter, Liv.



David Kawior '06YC has been selected as a sexual health scholar at the American Medical Student Association (AMSA). The goal of the AMSA Sexual Health Scholars Program is to address the lack of knowledge and skills training of American medical students in sexual health education.

Dara and **Rabbi Eric Kotkin** '07R announced the birth of their daughter, Bruriah.



Lynn and **Rabbi Aaron Kraft** '06YC, '09R announced the birth of their son.

Ayelet and **Rabbi Aaron Leibtag** '05YC, '09R of Kehilath Jacob Beth Samuel in Chicago, Ill. received the Etz Chaim Award at the annual Yeshiva University Torah Mitzion Kollel of Chicago Dinner on Feb. 13, 2011.

Jordy and **Rabbi Meir Lipschitz** '00YUHS, '05YC, '07A, '10R announced the birth of their son, Zev.

Miriam Lottner '02S owns and runs Tech-Tav Documentation, Ltd. (www.tech-tav.com), which is Israel's largest technical writing company, and employs a staff of which 25 percent are YU alumni.

Lauren '10S and Rabbi Michael **Nadata** announced the birth of their son, Yitschak Asher.

Talia (Kollander) '07S, '09W and **Isaac Oppenheimer** '08YC announced the birth of their daughter, Fortune Olivia.

Arielle (Kollander) '02S and **Adam Parkoff** '02SB, '08C announced the birth of their daughter, Sadie Ruth.

Dr. Jessica and **Rabbi Ariel Rackovsky** '02YC, '06R were honored with the Rabbinic Alumnus Award at the American Friends of Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh 41st Annual Dinner on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

Rebecca '06S and **Rabbi Rafael "Rafi" Rosenblum** '09R announced the birth of their son, Moshe Tuviah.

Rabbi Jacob Sasson '08R married Devora Grosser of Brooklyn, NY.



The January 7 edition of *The Jewish Press* reviewed Yeshiva College Professor **Rabbi Eliezer Schnall's** '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F contribution to psychology in "Dr. Eliezer Schnall: A Rising Personality Among Jewish Psychologists." In addition, on March 6, 2011, Professor Schnall lectured at the annual conference of The International Network of Orthodox Mental Health Professionals (Nefesh) on "Orthodox Jewish Marriage: An International Study of Satisfaction and Stressors."

Naomi Schneider '07S married Adam Cohen on April 4, 2011.

Talia '03S and **Rabbi Simi Sherman** '04YC, '07R, '10A announced the birth of their son, Ephraim Yakir, in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.

Crain's New York Business profiled **Yehuda Shmidman** '04YC in their "40 under Forty" section. He is the chief operating officer at Iconix Brand Group Inc. where, for the past two years, his responsibilities have included sourcing new licensees and supporting the acquisition team in seeking out new brands.

Elysia '04S and Marc **Stein** announced the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Madison.



Adina '07S, '09A and **Aaron Steinberg** '06YC, '10W announced the birth of their first child, Dahlia Ruth.

Bethany '01S, '06A and **Rabbi Josh Strulowitz** '01YC, '05R announced the birth of their son.

Former presidential fellows **Jenny (Steinberg)** '07S and **Mati Sved** '08YC announced the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Pearl.

Jessica Wiesenberg '10S has joined *Jewish Way Magazine*, an Orthodox Jewish magazine distributed primarily in the South Florida market, as the assistant director of marketing and media.

In Memorium

Daniel Berkowitz '08SB
Charles Bick '31YUHS
Bernard Finkelstein '39YC
Dr. Devorah Gershinsky '99F
Moshe (Matthew) Hochberg '64YUHS, '68YC
Rabbi Joel H. Laks '41YC, '42R
Ilse S. Lauer '60S, '86W
Paul E. Levy '72YC
Rabbi Dr. Max Lipschitz '45YC
Paul Okon '61YUHS, '65YC
Ahuva Prager '00S
Asher Mordechai Reiss '63YC
Rabbi Moshe Segal '76R, '77BR, '80C
Ilan Tokayer '09YC
Dr. Ben Zion Wacholder '51YC, '51R
Rabbi David L. Weinbach '53YC, '55BR, '55R, '58F, former principal of Yeshiva University High School for Boys in Manhattan and Yeshiva University High School for Girls in Manhattan

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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 • **IBC:** Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies • **JS:** James Striar School of Jewish Studies

MY: Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies • **R:** Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary
S: Stern College for Women • **SB:** Sy Syms School of Business • **SBM:** Stone Beit Midrash Program • **TI:** Teacher's Institute • **W:** Wurzweiler School of Social Work • **YC:** Yeshiva College • **YUHS:** Yeshiva University High Schools