



## 'Where Others See Obstacles, Joseph Bensmihen '91YC, '95W Sees Opportunities'

Joseph Bensmihen '91YC, '95W, the newest member of the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers, has long believed in the power of education. "My father's motto was 'Education is freedom,' and it was something he emphasized to me every day," said Bensmihen, who is known to most of his family and friends as simply "JB."

A native of Montreal, JB was born with spastic cerebral palsy, and doctors told his parents that their son would never walk. Fortunately, his parents never told that to JB, and never indicated that he couldn't do anything because of his disability. "In addition to emphasizing the power of education, my dad told me I was the best every night before I went to sleep," said JB. "Because of him, I believe it to this day." Not only did JB walk, but the confidence his father instilled in him has carried him through his life and been instrumental in his success.

JB is a successful social worker and businessman in Florida who, with his wife Lisa, is co-owner and CEO of Boca Home Care Services, a private duty home healthcare agency. He is also the founder, in 2005, of Boca Home Care, a Medicare-certified home health agency. Both companies serve seniors and their families in South Florida. He is a former president of Boca Raton Synagogue; has four wonderful children, the eldest of whom will have his bar mitzvah in October; and is a kind, extremely funny and engaging person. JB also administers the David Bensmihen Charitable Foundation, named in memory of his father, which provides scholarships for deserving students.

His accomplishments started early in life. At seven years old, JB was told he had to attend a special education school, instead of the local public school, in accordance with Canadian law at the time. "I hated going to that school, which had children of all ages and with various kinds and levels of disabilities, such as deafness and being wheelchair-bound," said JB. "I just wanted to go to the regular school my sister was attending. I knew I could keep up, and thought the law was really stupid." Thanks to his unwavering determination and confidence, the very young JB decided to tell the prime minister of Canada, then Pierre Elliot Trudeau, that the law should be changed, and so he had his father drive him to Trudeau's office in Ottawa. "I learned then that if you walk like you know where you're going and act like you belong, nobody's going to bother you," he said. He got all the way to the main office before a security guard even noticed the young visitor and tried to prevent him from entering. Hearing a commotion, the prime minister emerged to see what was going on, and when he was told what was happening, he declared, "If this young man got all the way to my office, I want to hear what he has to say." The law was "stupid," JB promptly told the prime minister. "I was just as bold and confident at age seven as I am today," said JB.

In just a few years, after much petitioning and struggling with government officials, he and his father succeeded in changing the law so JB could attend the mainstream school with his sister. Such ambition and determination has marked JB's path through life. In the sixth grade, he said, he simply knew he was going to be valedictorian of his high school class, which JB saw come to fruition upon graduating Hebrew Academy of Montreal. Growing up with a strong foundation in Torah Umadda, he always knew he would attend Yeshiva University, and was further impressed when several Yeshiva College (YC) students—among them, Moshe Kranzler, director of undergraduate admissions at YU—came to spend a few days learning and chatting with the high school students on a retreat.

At YU, JB took advantage of every opportunity that came his way. "I was involved in many extracurricular activities, like writing for the YC

*Commentator* and acting with the YC Dramatics Society," he recalled. JB's roommate at the time and close friend to this day, Andrew Goldsmith (who also happens to be YU's director of institutional advancement for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the Center for the Jewish Future), said of his inspirational one-time roommate: "Where others see obstacles, JB sees opportunities."

After graduating YU with a degree in political science and working at a Montreal bank, JB befriended Jerry Lifschitz, a" who headed Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University. Lifschitz thought JB would make a great social worker, and insisted he attend Wurzweiler School of Social Work, with a scholarship fully funded by Canadian Friends. JB excelled at Wurzweiler, completing an advanced internship in his first year of studies, though he balked when the dean of the school suggested that he become a clinical social worker because he could empathize with a struggling patient due to his own circumstances living with a disability. "I sometimes say I don't really care about helping or protecting people, that I just care about providing the resources to make sure that people can protect themselves," said JB, who, in his job as CEO of Boca Home Care and court-appointed guardian for those who are vulnerable, clearly does help people every single day.

As for how he has maintained ties to YU over the years, JB said, "I have always been plugged into YU since I graduated, keeping in touch with Andy [Goldsmith] and Rabbi Kenneth Brander, who used to be the rabbi of Boca Raton Synagogue. I have supported YU over the years and when asked to become a Board member, I naturally said yes."

In his new official YU capacity, JB is most excited to reach out to alumni and the greater Jewish community, articulating the mission of YU and letting everyone know its recent accomplishments. "People take it for granted that YU exists, thinking it was always here and always will be, but that's not necessarily true—we need to cultivate pride in and support for YU, ensuring that everyone knows YU is improved and keeps getting better every day," he declared. "I understand the mission of YU intimately, and am one of YU's biggest fans—I know I can communicate the University's importance to others who may have doubt. Eight of 10 times, when I speak with a high school student who has arguments for not attending YU, I change their minds and they end up going to YU and loving it."

Speaking to YU students today, JB emphasizes, "[Being a student at Yeshiva] is the best job you will ever have—you're in a risk-free environment! Try anything and everything. For instance, I don't know why students have 'undecided' as their major; you can change your major numerous times, so why not try a few different things and see what you like? You're not going to get fired or lose a big investment from trying out the different courses, activities, and opportunities that exist at YU. Don't be 'undecided.'"

"JB always viewed those who wanted to exclude him as having the real disability, and that's been the driving force of his impressive accomplishments professionally, personally and in his community," said Goldsmith.

JB may walk with a cane, but he navigates his way through his personal and professional life better than most people, and will surely be a wonderful ambassador for YU for many years to come. ■

➔ Feel inspired by JB's story and interested in becoming an Ambassador for YU? To become a member of YU's Ambassador Network and join other alumni in a wide range of volunteer opportunities supporting our students and graduates, visit [www.yu.edu/ambassadornetwork](http://www.yu.edu/ambassadornetwork)

## CLASSNOTES

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### 1940s

Miriam and **Rabbi Dr. Bernard Rosensweig** '47YC, '50R, '70BR celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Elisha Meir. Mazel tov to parents **Debbie** '77S, '80C and **Judah Rosensweig** '77YC, '80C.

### 1950s

**Susan** '59YUHS and **Rabbi Aaron Fruchter** '57YUHS, '61YC, '63BR, '63R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Aviva Rachel, to Miriam and **Josh Fruchter** '90YC.

**Sarah (Lebowitz)** '55YUHS, '58TI and **Rabbi Hersh Moshe Galinsky** '51YUHS, '55YC, '58R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yaacov Daniel. Mazel tov to parents Chaya and Aviad Sasson.

**Rabbi Joseph Harris** '53YC, '57W received the Allan Weissglass Distinguished Leadership Award during a gala affair at the Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center in Staten Island.



**Rabbi David Hartman** '54R published *The God Who Hates Lies: Confronting & Rethinking Jewish Tradition* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2011).

**Debra** '58S, '80W and **Rabbi Dr. Sol Roth** '48YC, '50R received the Jewish Continuity Award at the Manhattan Jewish Experience (MJE) East gala in recognition of their tremendous contribution to the Jewish community.

**Rabbi Melvin Sachs** '56YUHS, '60YC, '62R, '85A was honored at the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway's Annual Breakfast on May 22, 2011 with a Lifetime Rabbinic Achievement Award for his work as a chaplain at Rikers Island, a pulpit rabbi and educator. Ora and Rabbi Melvin Sachs also announce the birth of their granddaughter, Shira Gittel Barg, to Esther and Daniel Barg.

Shoshana and **Rabbi Hershel Schachter** '58YUHS, '62YC, '67R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hila, to Yehudis and Akiva Posen; the bar mitzvah of twin grandsons, Elisha and Ezra, to Aliza and Moshe Heching; and the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Hadas, daughter of Aviva and **David Engelmayer** '92YC.

### 1960s

**Pnina "Pam" (Forman)** '68S and Ya'akov "Jerold" **Aronson** (MTA faculty, 1964–1968) celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Ephrayim. Mazel tov to parents Bracha and Yisroel Weinman.

**Helen** '65YUHS, '70TI and **Rabbi F. Meier Brueckheimer** '63YUHS, '67YC, '70R, '70F announce the birth of their grandson, Moshe Shmuel, to **Orit (Tatelman)** '00S, '02W and **Rabbi Aryeh Brueckheimer** '96YUHS, '01SB.

**Sonia** '62S and **Rabbi Mallen Galinsky** '61F celebrated the three b'not mitzvah of their granddaughters Leah, Miriam Devora, and Rachel Leah. Mazel tov to all the parents: Chavi and Ephraim Galinsky, Adina and Shaul Gold, and Yonat and Shimon Galinsky.



**Rabbi Shmuel Goldin** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76F, '76R was elected president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

**Dr. William B. Helmreich** '67YC republished *What Was I Thinking! The Dumb Things We Do and How to Avoid Them* (Taylor Trade Publishing 2011).



The June 15, 2011 edition of Hamodia's "Inyan" magazine featured a cover story on **Dr. Elie D. Krakowski** '64YUHS, '68YC in his diplomatic role as an

expert in Afghanistan both as a high Pentagon official and with his consulting firm, EDK Consulting.

Tova and Azrieli Dean **David Schnell** '65YUHS, '69YC, '72R, '72BR announce the birth of their grandson, Yisrael Moshe, born to **Yonina** '02YUHS, '07S, '09A and **Avi Lerner** '02YUHS.

**Rabbi David Shapiro** '65YC, '68BR, '68R and **Rabbi Jon Bloomberg** '69YC, '74R were honored at the Maimonides School farewell reception as each concludes their Maimonides career and prepares to make aliyah.

**Deena (Sigler)** '63S and **Dr. Auri Spigelman** '58YUHS, '62YC announce the engagement of their grandson, Shaul Edelman, to Temima Bracha Cohen. Mazel tov to parents Sarah and Moshe Yaakov Edelman and Simma Leah and Avraham Cohen.

**Anita (Presler)** '63YUHS and **Rabbi Stuart Tucker** '65YC, '69F, '69R and Sara and Yosef Spitz announce the birth of their grandson, David Nachman, to Tirtza and Evyasaf Tucker.

### 1970s



Miriam and **Rabbi Aharon Adler** '74YC, '76BR, '77R celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Moriya, to Yair Ariel.

**Joanne** '75S and **Rabbi Kenneth Auman** '71YUHS, '75YC, '75BR, '78R announce the marriage of their son, Zvi, to Miriam Shirah Davis.

**Shulamith (Predmesky)** '73YUHS, '02A and **Rabbi Joel Cohn** '73YUHS, '77YC, '80R announce the birth of their grandson, Daniel Yechiel, to Elana and **Yossi Cohn** '96YUHS, '00YC.

**Bryna (Greenberg)** '71S and Paul **Epstein** announce the birth of their grandson, Meir Yeshurun, to Neta and Aharon Epstein.

**Bonnie** '75YUHS and Steve **Farkas** announce the birth of their granddaughter. Mazel tov to parents Michelle and Dr. Josh Arbesman.

**Ruthie** '72YUHS and **Ahituv Gershinsky** '71YUHS, '75YC, '77W announce the birth of their grandson, Peleh, to Bat-Chen and Hannanel Gershinsky.

**Nancy** '71S and **Rabbi Kenneth Hain** '69YC, '78R announce the birth of their grandson.

**Dr. Martin Jacobs** '79F retired after 42 years as an associate professor of counseling from the City University of New York (Brooklyn College, 1970–1979, and Queensborough Community College, 1980–2011). His wife, Dr. Ruth Jacobs, recently graduated from St. John's University with her EdD degree after retiring from the NYC Department of Education. They also announce the birth of their grandson, Samuel Jacob, to Alana and Malcolm.



**Rabbi Ari Kahn** '78YUHS, '83YC, '86R, '89BR published *Echoes of Eden: Insights into the Weekly Torah Parshiot* (Gefen Publishing House, 2011).

**Judy (Miller)** '76YUHS, '80S and **Jay Kalish** '79YC, '82C announce the birth of two granddaughters, Haleli Ahava, born to Yael and Gavriel Kalish, and Rachel Hodaya, to Leora and Yonatan Halperin.

**Dr. Bernie Kastner** '78YC has begun a new bimonthly column in the 5 Towns Jewish Times on the subject of Olam Habba [the afterlife]. The articles can be accessed online at [www.5tjt.com](http://www.5tjt.com).

**Amy (Herskowitz) Katz** '72YUHS, '76S, '78W was appointed executive director of Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE).

**Judy (Yehudit)** '78YC and Irwin "Itzhak" **Kotler** announce the birth of their grandson. Mazel tov to parents Ranit and Ariel Kotler.

**Penina (Reich)** '72TI and **Rabbi Joel Kutner** '60YUHS, '68YC, '71R, '72F announce the birth of their 11th grandchild, a daughter, Elah, to Yael and Amnon Kutner. Elah is the great-grandchild of Chaya and the late **Zvi Reich** '79W, the founding director of Camp Morasha.

**Ruth (Frank)** '69YUHS, '73S, '75F, '92A and **Elchanan "Charles" Lipshitz** '67YUHS, '71YC, '75F, '76R announce the birth of a granddaughter, Chibat Sarah, to Elana and Elyasaf Shweka.

Malka and **Rabbi Saul Mashbaum** '70YC, '73R announce the birth of their grandsons, Yechezkel Shlomo to Dvora and David Mashbaum, and Yedidya Asher to Yocheved and Yehonatan Schreier.

**Dr. Natan Ophir (Offenbacher)** '74YC announces the birth of his fifth grandson, Yehonatan Moshe Ophir.

**Nava Rephun** '76W presented a program sponsored by Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Teaneck, NJ, on the topic "Enhancing Marriage: From Good to Great." Rephun is a licensed clinical social worker and certified Imago Relationship Therapist who works with couples and individuals in her NYC private practice and conducts workshops in the United States and Israel.

Judith and **Dr. Alon Stern** '74YC announce the birth of their granddaughter, Carmel, to Dikla and Zvika Weiss and the marriage of their son, Liran Shlomo, to Yonit Weiss. Mazel tov to Yonit's parents, Miriam and Dr. Shimon Weiss.



Brenda and **Rabbi Dr. Elihu Turkel** '72YUHS, '76YC, '79R, '84F announced the birth of their granddaughter, Lielle Sima, to **Dahlia** '04YUHS and Nathaniel **Jacob**.

### 1980s



**Erica Brown** '88S published *In the Narrow Places: Daily Inspiration for the Three Weeks* (OU Press/Maggid Books, 2011).

**Rabbi Neil Fleischmann** '84YC, '92R, '96W published *In the Field: A Collection of Haiku* (Lulu.com, 2011).

**Rabbi Mark Gottlieb** '87YUHS, '90YC, '94R received the Kesser Shem Tov Award at the Yeshiva University High Schools Annual Dinner of Tribute on May 3, 2011. Rabbi Gottlieb, who served as head of school at YUHSB/MTA from 2005–2011, was recently named senior director at the Tikvah Fund.

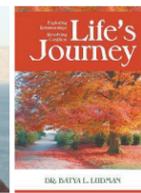


**Joseph "Yossi" Huttler** '87YC published *Lakol Z'Man: A Poetical Journey Through the Jewish Calendar*. E-mail Huttler at [yhuttler@aol.com](mailto:yhuttler@aol.com) to learn more.

Peninah and **Rabbi Maury Kelman** '87YC, '93R announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Bracha.

**Dr. Michelle J. Levine** '87BR, Stern College associate professor of Bible, was voted Professor of the Year for Jewish Studies by the Stern College senior class.

**Rebecca (Stillman)** '84YUHS and **Moshe Linzer** '84YUHS, '87YC celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Aderet, to Yehonatan Shatz.



**Dr. Batya L. Ludman** '84F, a clinical psychologist and Jerusalem Post columnist, published her book *Life's Journey: Exploring Relationships, Resolving Conflicts* (Lambda Publishers/Urmi Publications, 2011).

Rebecca and **Rabbi Nahum Spirn** '87YC, '90BR, '90R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Elyahu Shimon. Mazel tov to grandparents Regina and **Rabbi Charles Spirn** '47YC, '51R.

Sheryl and **Rabbi Michael Susman** '83YC, '86R, '86A announce the birth of a grandson, Ya'Are, to Tamar and Tsurie Edri and the birth of a granddaughter, Rut, to Elisheva and Izik Dahan.

Laura and **Rabbi Neal Turk** '80YC, '83A, '83R announce the birth of their grandson, Eliezer Tzvi. Mazel tov to parents Talia and Yitzky Turk.

Tamar and **Dr. Moshe Weber** '89YC celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Eli.

## 1990s

**Miriam** '99S and **Rabbi Ely Bacon** '92YUHS, '97YC, '99A, '00R announce the birth of their son, Yitzchak Doniel, named for his great grandfather, the late Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College from 1959–1977. Mazel tov to grandparents dean of Stern College for Women **Dr. Karen Bacon** '64S and **Dr. Stephen Bacon** '64YC.

Moran and **David Beker** '94YC, '94W announce the birth of their daughter, Ayala Devora.



**Joseph Bensmihen** '91YC, '95W was appointed to the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers. Bensmihen is the current CEO and owner of Boca Home Care Services (1998), Boca Home Care (Medicare–2005) and was appointed National President of Private Care Association in 2010.

Ariella and **Rabbi Yaacov Elish** '91YC, '96A, '96R of Moshav HaZore'im announce the birth of their daughter, Miriam Esther. Mazel tov to grandparents Lea and **Dr. Daniel Hain** '61YUHS, '66YC.



**Rabbi Efreim Goldberg** '97YC, '01R delivered the April 5, 2011 invocation before the United States House of Representatives.

**Hila** '95A and Rabbi Meir **Goldwicht** announce the marriage of their son, Elyada, to Leora Lichtenstein.

**Dr. Patricia Goodman** '94F, '99F introduced Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) at the Westchester Parenting Center that she founded in 2006. PCIT is an evidence-based treatment that helps parents build more positive relationships with their children and teaches effective behavioral management techniques.



**Greg Haber** '95YC, '98C was promoted to National Director of Business Development at the Garden City Group, Inc. (GCG). Haber will be spearheading all of GCG's business development activities for both class action and bankruptcy matters.

**Devorah (Newman)** '97S and **Tzvi Harow** '94YUHS, '98SB announce the birth of their daughter, Nofet Maya.



**David Hazony** '94YC, '94BR published *The Ten Commandments: How Our Most Ancient Moral Text Can Renew Modern Life* (Simon and Schuster, 2010).

**Rabbi Benjamin Kelsen** '94YC, '97C, '00R was appointed by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and confirmed by the NJ Senate to be a judge of the Palisades Interstate Park Municipal Court. Judge Kelsen continues to represent clients in residential and commercial real estate transactions, estate planning (halachic wills), conflict resolution, commercial litigation, beis din, general, and special counsel services.

Yocheved and **Rabbi Ely Krinsky** '91YC announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Chavivah.

Andrea and **Nicolas Muzin** '97YC announce the birth of their son.

Dina and **Rabbi David Rabhan** '89SB, '92R announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Rivka.

Yeshiva College Professor **Rabbi Eliezer Schnall** '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F co-authored "The 15 Minute Hour: Practical Psychotherapy for Primary Care," a chapter in *Primary Care: The Art and Science of Advanced Practice Nursing* (F.A. Davis Company, 2011).

**Dr. Chani (Pearlman)** '90YUHS, '94S and **Jason Schwartz** '93SB announce the birth of their son, Uriel Eitan.

**Ellen (Payne)** '91S, '94A and **Rabbi David Solomon** '90YC, '94R announce the birth of their son, Moshe Tzvi.



**Lauren "Shoshana" Stein** '98YUHS, '02S married **Rabbi Shmuel Yanklowitz** '09BR.

**Rubin M. Stone** '92SB was promoted from corporate controller to vice president of finance and corporate controller for the Topp Company in NYC.

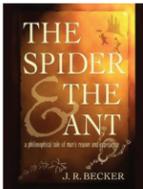
**Sarah** '91S and **Kenneth Wagner** '82YC celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Meira Leah Wagner.

**Rachel (Israel)** '90YUHS, '98C and Isaac **Zetooney** announce the birth of their son, Michael Benjamin on February 18, 2011.

## 2000s

Sara and **Rabbi Yaron Barach** '05YC, '08R, '09A announce the birth of their daughter, Leah Rivkah.

**Sarah** '09S and **Jeremy Baran** '06YC, '10A announce the birth of their daughter, Ahuva Meira. Mazel tov to grandparents Brenda and **Rabbi Chaim Bronstein** '66YUHS, '70YC, '72R, '73BR.



**Joseph Becker** '04 YC published *The Spider and the Ant: A Philosophical Tale of Man's Reason and Experience* (Imaginarium Press, 2011), available on [www.jrbecker.com](http://www.jrbecker.com) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

**Gigi** '09S and **Rabbi Dovi Bergman** '07YC announce the birth of their son, Elisha.

**Yonina** '00S and **Rabbi Etan Berman** '02YC, '05R announce the birth of their daughter, Shifrah.

**Yehuda Bernstein** '10YC, **Mijal Bitton** '10S, **Simcha Gross** '10YC and **Shlomo Zuckier** '10YC have all been selected as Wexner Graduate Fellows for their past achievements and promise as future Jewish leaders. Wexner Graduate Fellowships are awarded to 20 outstanding individuals who seek to prepare themselves through graduate training for careers in the cantorate, Jewish education, Jewish professional leadership, Jewish studies, and the rabbinate.



**Caroline Sarah** '00SB and **Rabbi Dr. Eytan M. Cowen** '11R announce the birth of their son, Efrayim Menashe.



**Ora** '07S, '10W and **Rabbi Michael Davies** '07SB, '09R announce the birth of their daughter, Chana.



**Yacov Farkas** '10SB married Hannah Chornock. Mazel tov to parents **Bonnie** '75YUHS and **Steve Farkas**.



**Ayelet** '06S and **Ari Feder** '04SB announce the birth of their daughter, Chava Esther. Mazel tov to grandparents **Charlene** '68YUHS and **Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg** '69YC, '74R, '74F, '92A and **Soshie** '80C and **Elliot Feder** '69YUHS.

**Leah (Lubetski)** '00S and **Ari Feldman** '00SB announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza Tamar, born in London on March 26, 2011. Mazel tov to grandparents **Ann** '72S and **Rabbi Eliot Feldman** '72YC, '75R and **Edith** '68BR and Dr. Meir **Lubetski** and siblings Talia, Ilan and Atara.



**Rabbi Ezra Frazer** '01YC, '04A, '05R, '05BR married Azadeh Refah.

**Jennifer (Novick)** '07S and **Yehuda Gelberger** '08SB announce the birth of their son, Zachary Philip.

**Shoshana** '07S and **Yitzi Genack** '08YC, '11R announce the birth of their son. Mazel tov to grandparents Sarah and **Rabbi Menachem Genack** '65YUHS, '69YC, '73R and Helen and Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member **Emanuel Adler** '72YUHS, '76YC.

**Stephanie** '09S and **Mordechai Gershon** '07YC, '11A announce the birth of their daughter, Sara Rivka.



At the May 2011 NYU School of Law convocation, **Moshe Goldfeder** '07YC, '11R was awarded the Chuna David and Rose Estreicher Memorial Prize for the law student who has shown the greatest promise in the study of issues confronting the Jewish/Israeli people.

**Dr. Rena** '98S, '01F, '05F and **Avi Goldin** '95YUHS, '99SB, announce the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov to grandparents **Barbara** '76S and **Rabbi Shmuel Goldin** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76F, '76R and **Harriette** '67S and **Willy Moses**.



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**RIETS SHAVUOS YARCHEI KALLAH (JUNE 7-9, 2011)**



600 alumni and friends enjoy Shavuot at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, NY, and participate in a Havdalah ceremony led by Hillel Davis '72YC, '75R, '75BR

**ALUMNI NIGHT AT THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC (JUNE 29, 2011)**



Ora and Melvin S. Sachs '56YUHS, '60YC, '62R, '85A prepare to hear the music of "Tchaikovsky and Other Romantics"



Daniel Somech '11SB outside of Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center

**"CHANGING WORLD—WHAT'S NEXT FOR REAL ESTATE?" YU WALL STREET REAL ESTATE EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BERNSTEIN GLOBAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT (JUNE 23, 2011)**



(l-r) Yeshiva College Board of Overseers chairman Stanley Raskas '65YC, '69R, '69BR, Yeshiva University Board of Trustees member and chair of the Real Estate Committee Joshua Muss '58YUHS, '62YC and Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Lawrence Askowitz '87YC



Glen Kunafsky and Mark Schlossberg '97SB



(l-r) Moderator Michael Stoler and panelists Bradford Klatt, Brahm Cramer, Jeffrey Barclay, Ralph Herzka and Richard Born



Co-chairs of YUWSG Evelyn Havasi Stavsky '82S, '85C and Lawrence Askowitz '87YC



(l-r) Rebecca Hedaya '08S, Yeshiva College Board of Overseers member Lawrence Askowitz '87YC and Martin Kessler

**SUMMER LECTURE SERIES FEATURING RABBI YAAKOV NEUBURGER (JULY 12, 2011)**



Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger '77YC, '79R, lectures on "The Best of Times, The Worst of Times: Does Refraining From Holding Certain Events During Certain Times Have Any Halachic Basis?"

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➤ Guest speaker Grace Charles '09S and fellow alumnae Orli Haken '11S, Michal Jaff '11S, Shoshana Balk '11S, Adina Poupko '11S, Esty Rollhaus '05YUHS, '10S and Tami Adelson '11S attend the 2011 Beren Campus Orientation Dinner



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## CLASSNOTES

**Faygie '02S** and **Jay Hellman '01YC** announce the birth of a boy. Mazel tov to grandparents **Rochel '72S** and **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer '75R, '75BR** and **Leona** and **Rabbi Chaim Zev Bomzer '45YUHS, '48YC, '51BR, '51R, '84F.**



The 2010 Bnei Akiva Schools Toronto annual newsletter recognized **Michael "Micha" Hershkop '10YC** for his emergency relief

services as an ambulance technician in serving the victims of the Carmel forest fire. Micha shared that a key reason he is an ambulance technician is because, "it allows me to personify the lessons of Torah."

**Elisheva (Ginsburg) '99S** and **Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky '00YC, '03R, '06A, '09W** announce the birth of their daughter, Bracha. Mazel tov to grandparents Sandy and **Rabbi Alan Kalinsky '69YUHS, '73YC, '76R, '77F.**

**Naomi '04S, '06W** and **Rabbi Eli Kohl '06YC, '08R** announce the birth of their daughter, Elana Ora.



**Ariella and Sammy Landa '09Y** announce the birth of their son, Naftali Aryeh Landa.

**Chaviva '11S** and **Yair Libin '10YC** announce the birth of their son, Jamie Abraham Libin.



**Babette Marciano '03S** was featured in a solo art show titled "Pop Up Gallery" on May 5, 2011.



**Lavie Margolin '02SB** has been quoted for his career coaching expertise in numerous media articles including: "Long-Term Unemployed

Shunned by Employers" in the *New Pittsburgh Courier*; "How to Succeed at Job Fairs" in *AOL Jobs*; "Top Ten Ways to Blow the Job Interview" and "How to Gather References for Tech Jobs" in *The Wall Street Journal*; and "Job Interview Horror Stories" on "CBS MoneyWatch."

Houston's May 19 edition of the *Jewish-Herald Voice* highlighted Torah Letzion, an organization that helped raise over \$130,000 for student scholarships to study in Yeshivot or seminaries in Israel. Torah Letzion was started in 2008 by **Michael Adler '10YC, Yoni Bardash '12YC, Rachey Berkowitz '11YC, Corey Fuchs '08YUHS, '13YC, Jason Jacobs '10SB, Marc Merrill '10YC, Estie Neff '11YC, Chana Salomon '11YC** and **Daniel Sherman '11YC.**



**Rebecca Miller '10S** received a research scholarship for a Master of Science in pharmacology at the University of Toronto.

**Rebecca '06F, '10F** and **Rabbi Elie Mischel '03SB, '06BR, '07C, '07R** announce the birth of their daughter, Aderet Raaya.



**Dr. Denise Sandole '11F** received the American Psychological Association 2011 Division 56 Award for Outstanding Dissertation in the field of trauma psychology for her dissertation, "Trauma Transforms: Female Survivors of the Rwandan Genocide."

**Rebecca '04S, '06W** and **Rabbi Ariel Schochet '03SB, '06A, '06R** announce the birth of their son, Avraham Menachem Schochet. Mazel tov to grandparents **Miriam (Furst) '70YUHS** and **Lenny Halstuch, and Shelley (Lipschitz) '76S** and **Stuart Schochet '70YUHS.**



**Lisa and Rabbi Yehuda Septimus '00YC, '03R** announce the birth of their daughter, Gila Yael.



President Richard M. Joel selected **Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik '02YC, '03R** to serve as director of the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought.

**Esther '05S** and **Rabbi Elon Soniker '05SB, '08R, '11A** announce the birth of their daughter, Elisheva Beila.

The Jewish Week featured several YU alumni in their annual "36 Under 36" section profiling Jewish leaders under the age of 36. Among the honorees were **Rabbi Jeremy Stern '07YC, '09A, '10R** who was recognized for his work as the executive director of the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA) and **Uri Westrich '09YC** as the music video director for the Maccabeats, YU's male a capella group.

During the week of May 9, 2011, the City of New York celebrated "Project Sunshine Week," recognizing the nonprofit organization that **Joseph "Joe" Weilgus '00SB** founded in a dorm room at Yeshiva University in 1998. The week received proclamations from both the New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Project Sunshine brings over 10,000 volunteers who provide free educational, recreational, and social programs to over 60,000 children facing medical challenges and their families in 150 major cities across the United States and in five international satellite sites.

**Rabbi Matan Wexler '05SB, '09A, '09R** and **Yaffi Spodek '08S**, editor of *YU Today* were married.

**Frieda and Pablo Zamoszczyk '08SB** announce the birth of their son.

## In Memorium

**Rabbi Melvin Amos Bunim '50YC, '50R**  
**Bernard A. Finkelstein '39YC**  
**Rabbi Albert B. Hollander '45YUHS, '49YC, '52R**  
**Dr. Vera Hornstein '98F**  
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