

CLASSNotes

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Class Notes is where YU celebrates the milestones and accomplishments of its alumni. In this section, you can catch up on everything your classmates have been up to over the years, from marriages and births to professional and personal achievements.

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The June 28 edition of *Newsweek* featured a selection of the 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America which included 11 YU alumni:

Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald '63YUHS, '67YC, '70F, '76R
Rabbi Abraham Cooper '72YC, '74R, '75BR
Rabbi Mark Dratch '79YC, '82F, '82R
Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein '68YUHS, '73YC, '75BR, '75R
Rabbi Menachem Genack '65YUHS, '69YC, '73R
Rabbi Norman Lamm '49YC, '51R, '66BR
Rabbi Haskel Lookstein '58R, '77BR
Rabbi Arthur Schneier '51YC, '56R
Rabbi Marc Schneier '76YUHS, '80YC, '83A, '83R
Rabbi Joseph Telushkin '70YC, '73R, '74BR
Rabbi Avi Weiss '73YC, '76R, '76F

1930s

Bessie and **Rabbi M. Aaron Kra** '37YUHS, '41YC, '43R, '73F announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Nava Ashira, born to Josh and Adeena Kra. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Madeline and Ethan Kra and Sarah and David Goldstein.

1940s

Rabbi Dr. Manfred "Meir" Fulda '48YUHS, '52YC, '59R, '79BR was honored at the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center World of Heroes Awards Dinner with the Marbitz Torah Award.

Rabbi Macy Gordon '49YUHS, '53YC, '56R, '77F announces the birth of his great-grandson, Matanya Yisrael, born to Nitzana and Betzalel Friedman. Mazel tov to grandparents Etana (Gordon) '80S and Dr. Alan Friedman '80YC of Petach Tikva, Israel. Rabbi Gordon also announces the marriage of two granddaughters: Nava Devora, daughter of Etana and Dr. Alan Friedman, to Tzori Wieder, son of Yehuda and Osnat Wieder of Modiin, and Edna Friedman to Yanai Apfelbaum.

Sylvia and **Rabbi William Herskowitz** '48YC, '50W, '55R, '74BR announce the birth of a great-granddaughter, Keira Charlotte Katz, born to Dr. Shari and Ari Katz '05YC. Mazel tov to grandparents Amy '72YUHS, '76S, '78W and Nathan Katz '77YC.

Alizah and **Rabbi Israel Poleyeff** '45YUHS, '48YC, '51R announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Shoshana Wolf to Asher Dworetzky. Mazel tov to Shoshana's parents, Susan and Dr. Barry Wolf.

Regina and **Rabbi Charles Spirn** '47YC, '51R celebrated the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shoshana Chaya.

1950s



YU Trustee **Marvin S. Bienenfeld** '53YC, '56R is one of Yeshiva University's few distinguished leaders to be honored at the Chag HaSemikhah 5770 with

RIETS's highest honor, the Eitz Chaim (Tree of Life) Award, for the advancement of Jewish scholarship.

Malke and **Rabbi Yaakov Borow** '86YC, '89BR, '90R announce the engagement of their son, Moshe, to Reut Iluz of Nof Ayalon, Israel. Mazel tov to grandparents Pearl '52YUHS and Rabbi Aaron Borow '55YC, '59BR, '59R and Minna and Dr. Aaron Friedman '57YC.



YU Vice President of University Affairs **Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R, '59F, '80F received the Harav Yosef Dov Halevi Soloveichik Aluf Torah

Award at the RIETS Chag HaSemikhah Convocation in March. Herbert and his wife, Dina, also celebrated the birth of a great-granddaughter, Temimah Sara, born to Aliza (nee Kramer) and Elie Deutsch of Efrat, Israel. Mazel tov to Aliza's parents Drs. Deborah and Michael Kramer '73YUHS, '77YC, '10R.

Sarah (Lebowitz) '55YUHS, '58TI and **Rabbi Hersh Moses Galinsky** '51YUHS, '55YC, '58R announce the births of their granddaughter, Tehilla Batya, born to Shaya and Chaya Galinsky of Netanya,

Israel, and their grandson, Assaf Mordechai, born to Chaya and Rabbi Aviad Sasson of Katzrin, Israel.

Zev Hymowitz '50YUHS, '54YC is currently spending four months in Israel as a volunteer for JDC-Israel's Association for Planning and Development of Services for the Aged in Israel program (ESHEL). In the 80s, Zev was the former director of JDC-Israel and chairman of ESHEL.

Arlene and **Dr. Sam Kaye** '58BZ celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rabbi Dr. Norman Linzer '51YUHS, '55YC, '58R, '60W presented a paper, "Self and Other: Tension in Times of Trauma" at the sixth International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health in Dublin, Ireland. He also co-authored an article with Jay Sweifach and Heidi Heft Laporte "Sharing the Trauma: Guidelines for Therapist Self-Disclosure Following a Catastrophic Event" in *Best Practices in Mental Health: An International Journal*.

Chaya '59S and **Rabbi Elihu Marcus** '53YC, '56R, '99F celebrated the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Raut Breitbard, and the birth of a great-granddaughter.

Rabbi Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff '59YC, '61R, '67BR was interviewed on August 11 by *The Jewish Press* in the article, "From Lakewood to Yeshiva University: An Interview with Rabbi Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff."

Liza and **Rabbi Ben Samson** '57YC, '60BR, '60R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yosef Mayer, son of Susan '92S and Dr. Israel Samson '87YC, '91A. The Samsons also announce the birth of their granddaughter, Soroh Rivkah, born to Chanah and Victor Braverman.

Committed Activist Takes Up Gilad Shalit's Cause

It's been more than four years since Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit was abducted by Hamas, and in an era when the attention span of much of the world is no longer than a day, the tragic case may already have been forgotten by some. But for Jay "Yudi" Zuller '89YUHS, '93YC the memory of Shalit's imprisonment is invoked every time he looks upon his 4-year-old son, Gilad, whom he named in Shalit's honor.

"They say that when a baby is born, a voice comes out from the sky and says the name," said Zuller. "When the doctor who delivered him told my wife and I that we had a son and asked his name, I said we hadn't decided. As soon as those words were out of my mouth, I knew what his name would be. I told the doctor 'Actually, I haven't discussed it with my wife yet, but if she agrees, we do have a name.' I understand my wife—she thinks along the same lines as I do. When I said his name would be Gilad, she nodded and said 'Yes.'"

The very next day, Zuller and his wife Aviva '92S reached out to Noam Shalit, Gilad's father, through a mutual friend to tell him how they had decided to pay tribute to his son. It was the beginning of what has become a close friendship between the families—and also the beginning of a tireless campaign of activism by Zuller to bring attention to Shalit's plight and to raise the funds Gilad's family needs so they can continue working full time to bring about their son's release.

Zuller, who made aliyah in 2009, has been a committed activist almost as long as he can remember. "My parents would take me to the Soviet Jewry rallies," he said. "I still remember going as a kid down to Times Square and the U.N., being on my father's shoulders and seeing the thousands of people and the outpouring of support." He and Aviva operate a tzedaka foundation, the Israel Solidarity Fund of America. Launched in 2002, the foundation has raised more than \$1 million for Israeli victims of terror through its Shirei

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Jay Zuller '89YUHS, '93YC

Shalom Concert Series and through barbecues and other events that the Zullers have hosted at their house in Staten Island.

"It's overwhelming to know what's right and wrong and want to do something about it," said Zuller. "Most people feel that there's nothing they can do. I disagree. I feel that if every person did what was in their power to do, things would be different."

Zuller is just one of the many people within the YU community who have become empowered to take up the Shalits' cause. Fellow alumnus Avi Posner '07YC helped arrange the Shalits' participation in New York City's Salute to Israel Parade in 2010, and the Wilf Campus has also hosted visits by Noam Shalit. To learn more about supporting Zuller's efforts on behalf of the Shalit family, visit www.bringgiladhome.com ■

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Freida and **Rabbi Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R of the Yishuv Hashmonaim announce the birth of their 47th grandchild, Tamar, born to Pinchas and Tzippe Schatz of Yishuv Rimonim, and the birth of their sixth great-grandchild, Akiva, born to Ariel and Fraydel Gilor of the Yishuv Hashmonaim.

Judy '59YUHS, '84W and **Rabbi Joel Schreiber** '57YC, '60BR, '60R were honored at the RIETS Annual Dinner of Tribute on October 20.

Rabbi Jack Shechter '53YC published *The Land of Israel: Its Theology Dimensions* (University Press of America, 2010), a study of the promise and the land's holiness. Rabbi Shechter served as associate professor of Bible and dean of continuing education at the University of Judaism (now the American Jewish University) in Los Angeles for two decades. He earned a PhD in biblical studies from the University of Pittsburgh and was ordained by the Jewish Theology Seminary in 1957.

1960s

Pnina (Pam Forman) Aronson '68S and Ya'akov Aronson celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Elisha, son of Chana (Aronson) and Eliezer Meir.

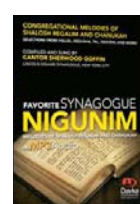
On May 26, **Jerome A. Chanes** '60YUHS, '64YC, '74W delivered the annual Lehmann Memorial Lecture in New York on "Esav Sonei et Yaakov: What's New About the New Antisemitism?" Jerome also lectured at Drisha on "We are the 'People of the Book' but Which Book? Artscroll, Eitz Chayim, Plaut, Hertz, and Our Religious Movements" and "American Jewish Denominations" and at The Jewish Center in New York on "Who Killed Mizrahi? Religious Zionism and Modern Orthodoxy in America and Israel." His essays and articles continue to appear in *The Forward*, *New York Jewish Week* and other magazines.

Fredda (nee Hoenig) '63YUHS, '68TI and **Rabbi George Finkelstein** '63YUHS, '67YC, '72R announce the birth of their granddaughter, born to Ariel and Abby Finkelstein of Riverdale, NY. Mazel tov to maternal grandmother Sharon Cabelly.

Sarah and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Yitzchok Cohen** '62YC, '65R announce the birth of a granddaughter, Rochel, to Devorah and Ari Ziffer of Lakewood, NJ, and the marriage of their son, Dovid, to Chana Anemer, daughter of Esther and Rabbi Eli Meir Anemer.

Sonia '62S and **Rabbi Mallen Galinsky** '61F celebrate the bar mitzvahs of two grandsons: Yitzchak Yehuda Dov Gold, son of Adina and Rabbi Shaul Gold, and Yehuda Dov, son of Yonat and Rabbi Shimon Galinsky.

Leah and **Rabbi David Glicksman** '61YUHS, '65YC, '68R, '97A, '99F celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yaakov.



Cantor Sherwood Goffin

'63YC, '66BZ, faculty member at the Belz School of Jewish Music and renowned cantor, has released new music (available in CD and mp3 format) entitled "Favorite

Nigunim," which presents the nigunim for tefilla for the Shalosh Regalim and Hanukkah. This new release, along with Cantor Goffin's other works, are available at select seforim stores or can be ordered online at www.davka.com.



In June, **Rabbi Wallace Greene** '62YUHS, '66YC, '69R, '79B was honored with the Community Service Award by Yeshiva Ohr Simcha of

Englewood, NJ. In August, he was awarded the 2010 Prize for Jewish Educator in the Diaspora in memory of Harav Shalom Messas, the former Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, by Lifshitz College of Education and the World Council for Torah Education. The August 16 presentation was in Jerusalem and included participation of the Rishon leTzion HaRav Shlomo Amar, Israeli Minister of Education Gidon Saar and Mayor Nir Barkat.

Aviva and YU Men's Basketball Coach **Dr. Jonathan Halpert** '62YUHS, '66YC, '78F announce the birth of two granddaughters: Leora, born to Shoshana and Rabbi Yehuda Halpert '93YUHS, '97YC, '05R and Alyssa, born to Michelle and Rafi Halpert '00YUHS.



Rabbi Professor Carmi Horowitz '61YUHS, '66YC, '70BR, '71R begins his new position as president of Givat Washington Teachers College in D.N. Evtach, Israel. Sara and Rabbi

Horowitz also announce the birth of a granddaughter, Gefen, born to Elisha and Hodaya Horowitz of Mitzpeh Yeriho, Israel.

Lucy '69S and **Rabbi Eliezer Langer** '68YC, '75BR, '75R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Rivka Esther, born to Elisheva and Yossie Schulman in Jerusalem.

Ruth (Frank) '69YUHS, '73S, '76F and **Rabbi Elchanan (Charles) Lipshitz** '67YUHS, '71YC, '76F, '77R announce the birth of two granddaughters: Tal Meitav, born to Batya and Yonatan Kolitz, and Renana Sarah, born to Eli and Kedma Lipshitz.

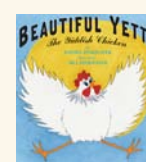
In July, **Edith Lubetski** '68BR, head librarian of the Hedi Steinberg Library on the Beren Campus, presented a lecture, "The

Art and Science of a Biblical Bibliography," at the Ninth Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies (EAJS) in Ravenna, Italy. In June, Edith and her husband Meir Lubetski published an article entitled "Considerations in Preparing a Biblical Bibliography: Case Study—the Scroll of Esther," in *Theological Librarianship: an Online Journal of the American Theological Association*, Vol. 3, No. 1.



Vivian '69S and **Dr. David Luchins** '68YC, '71R received the Sarah Rivka and Bernard Lander Memorial Award at the Orthodox Union's Fifteenth Annual Ben Zakkai Reception.

Felice '62YUHS, '64TI and **Rabbi Efraim Mescheloff** '65R, '65BR announce the birth of their 34th grandchild, a boy.



Jill Schutz Pinkwater

'68F recently illustrated her 50th book for children, *Beautiful Yetta: The Yiddish Chicken* (Feiwel & Friends,

2010). The book, told in English, Yiddish and Spanish, tells the story of a hen who gets lost in the magical city of Brooklyn and meets up with (and adopts!) a flock of wild parrots.

Barbara '65S and **Rabbi David Radinsky** '63YC, '66BR, '66R celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Chani to Daniel Friedman.

Chasida '66YUHS and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Herschel Reichman** '84C announce the birth of their granddaughter, Beekura Nechama, born to RIETS student Tani and Chana Prero.

Lenore (Wolfson) Richter '67S, '69F retired as a New York City public school teacher after 30 years of teaching.



Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg '69YC, '74R, '74F, '92A of Edison, NJ, was featured in *New Jersey Jewish News* for journeying back to Regensburg, the German town where he was born to Holocaust survivors in a displaced-persons camp in 1947. Bernhard and his wife, Charlene (formerly of Kansas City, MO), and Carol and Yitzchak Merl of Brooklyn, NY, announce the birth of a granddaughter, Ahuva Leba, born to Illana and Joshua Merl of Brooklyn, NY.



Anita '63YUHS and **Rabbi Stuart Tucker** '65YC, '69F, '69R announce the birth of their grandson, Eitan, born to Amihai and Naomi Tucker. Congratulations to Anita

who was awarded the Moskowitz Prize for Zionism this past Yom Yerushalayim.

Dr. Joel B. Wolowelsky '69BS published *The Mind of the Mourner: Individual and Community in Jewish Mourning* (OU Press, 2010).

1970s



Sharon (Marks) '72S and **Rabbi Shimon Altshul** '72YC, '76R, '76F announce the marriage of their daughter, Eliana, to Adam Pomerantz.

Coming Soon...

Clip this calendar and place it on your fridge, dashboard or bathroom mirror so you don't forget to attend these exciting alumni events. Visit www.yu.edu/alumni-events to learn more about these and other YU events.

2011 ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2/9/11 Meet the Authors at the Seforim Sale
- 2/13/11 Alumni Family Day at the Seforim Sale
- 2/17/11 Lunch Lecture with Professor Jerome Chanes
- 2/20/11 Alumni Day at the Wittenberg Wrestling Tournament

MARCH

- 3/1/11 Entrepreneur Networking Event
- 3/4-5/11 Yeshiva University in Los Angeles Shabbaton
- 3/16/11 Breakfast Lecture with Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky
- 3/27/11 L'Dor V'Dor Event and Alumni Day at the Sarachek Tournament

APRIL

- 4/3/11 YCDS Spring Comedy and Alumni Reception
- 4/7/11 Breakfast Lecture with Rabbi Jeremy Wieder

MAY

- 5/3/11 Yeshiva University High Schools Annual Dinner of Tribute
- 5/5/11 Breakfast Lecture with Rabbi Steven Weil
- 5/15/11 Yeshiva University High Schools 50th Reunion
- 5/25/11 YU Undergraduate Reunion for the Classes of 1961, 1971 and 1986 and Golden Shield Event
- 5/26/11 YU Undergraduate Commencement

JUNE

- 6/2/11 Yeshiva University High Schools 60th Reunion
- 6/13/11 Yeshiva University Inaugural Convocation and Dinner in Los Angeles

Alumni are invited to attend the Doris & Dr. Ira Kukin Entrepreneurial and Executive Lecture Series Friday mornings from February 4 through May 6. For more details about this lecture series and other alumni events, e-mail alumni-events@yu.edu or visit www.yu.edu/alumni-events

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Alumnus Eye View

As a third-generation alumnus, Benjamin Kaminetzky '91YC has deep connections to Yeshiva University. Yet after his graduation, he drifted away. Like many alumni, Kaminetzky—a partner at the law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell—was busy starting a family and building a successful career, and had little free time. Eventually, Kaminetzky decided that it was time to get involved with YU again and joined the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers, where he serves on the Academic Affairs Committee. Following are excerpts of a conversation he had with Barbara Birch, senior director of alumni affairs and annual giving, in which he shares what brought him back to YU, his impression of the University today and the importance of staying connected.

What prompted you to reconnect with Yeshiva University?

KAMINETZKY: It was a call from New York University. I went to law school there, and their alumni department called to congratulate me when I became a partner at the firm. They asked me to consider making a gift. I have wonderfully warm feelings for NYU and I was about to say yes. Then, I had an epiphany; I asked myself, 'Why am I who I am?' I realized that the answer to that question had very little to do with NYU law school. The whole fiber of my being is inextricably linked to YU. So that same day, I called a friend of mine who's on one of the YU boards and said, 'I want to get involved.'

Is YU different today than it was when you were a student?

KAMINETZKY: One of the things that I've noticed is that the administrative support for students is greatly improved. It's become much more user-friendly for students in terms of the day-to-day experience.

BIRCH: I'm glad to hear you say that. I know there are many alumni who have mixed feelings about their student experience, so it's gratifying to hear that we've made progress on that front. The Office of Alumni Affairs is also engaging students while they are on campus through initiatives that we hope will be the building blocks for a long-term relationship.

KAMINETZKY: It's a testimony to the fact that President Joel has made being more responsive to student needs and to the needs of the greater YU community a top priority.

BIRCH: I do think that, across the University, there's been a strong emphasis on being more responsive to the needs of not only students, but alumni and Jewish communities more broadly. In alumni affairs, we're eager to understand and meet the needs of graduates. We are approaching it from many directions, developing programs that offer volunteer and leadership opportunities for graduates to become involved in the daily life of the University. We're also planning events that target alumni in all stages of life offering professional networking, family-friendly events, social and educational programs for recent graduates, and special events for alumni who graduated more than 40 years ago. One of our most significant efforts has been to grow regional programming, thereby expanding our presence in local communities around the country.

KAMINETZKY: Those are all important initiatives that deserve alumni support, especially the things you're doing on the local [regional] level. A lot of alumni live in communities that literally wouldn't exist if it wasn't for YU. The whole infrastructure—the rabbis, communal leaders and educators—is there because of YU. As alumni we should be actively involved in maintaining that infrastructure by reinforcing its foundation, which is the University.

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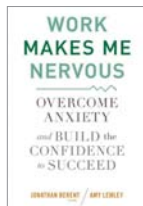
BIRCH: That's a great point, and the alumni affairs team believes that alumni participation makes a significant difference in our success. To facilitate their involvement, we've launched the Ambassador Network, which provides alumni with many opportunities to give back by assisting with admissions, career services, or alumni relations. Mentoring is one of the volunteer activities in which alumni seem most interested.

KAMINETZKY: I've found that mentoring students and recent graduates has been one of the most fulfilling ways to reconnect to YU, and I get just as much out of it as the person I'm mentoring. Not only is it personally rewarding to cultivate a young person, but in mentoring, I know that I'm preparing the next generation of standard bearers for Modern Orthodoxy. That's of vital interest to me, as it should be to all alumni, because we are all representatives of a Yeshiva University education, and of Modern Orthodoxy, in our professions and in the world.

To learn more about the various initiatives and programs—including regional programming, the Ambassador Network and upcoming YU alumni events—mentioned in the Q&A with Benjamin, visit www.yu.edu/alumni, e-mail alumni@yu.edu or call 212.960.5373. To see more profiles of YU alumni, scan this code with your smart phone. ■



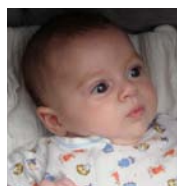
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Jonathan Berent '75W authored *Work Makes Me Nervous: Overcome Anxiety and Build the Confidence to Succeed* (John Wiley & Sons, Inc., September 2010), a 21-day self-help program for performance and social anxiety. His first book was *Beyond Shyness: How to Conquer Social Anxiety* (Simon & Schuster 1992); more information on Jonathan can be found at www.socialanxiety.com.

Linda (Billauer) '72S and **Rabbi David Derovan** '83F announce the engagement of their daughter, Orit.

Tobi and **Rabbi Zvi Friedman** '77YC, '81W, '81R of Ramat Beit Shemesh announce the birth of a grandson, Akiva Chaim, born to Daniella and Raphael Tallelbaum of Kiryat HaYovel, Jerusalem.



Sharon and **Dr. Daniel Gottlieb** '79YC, '84F announce the birth of their grandson, Gilad Chaim, born to Eitan and Ilanit Gottlieb.



Dr. Pearl and **Martin Herskovitz** '73YUHS, '77YC announce the birth of their first grandchild, Ido, born to Yaakov Herskovitz and Yael Statman, and the marriage of their son Netanel to Michal Ben-Adi.

Mark Hoenig '74YUHS, '78YC published *Back to the Beginning* (Xlibris Corporation, 2009), a compilation of 48 divrei Torah covering each sedra of the Torah. Written over a one year period in memory of his father, Harold Hoenig, the essays bring together teachings from our greatest Torah sages while exploring issues that confront a Modern Orthodox Jew in our contemporary world.

Dr. Bernie Kastner '78YC released a new children's book in Hebrew, *Masa el Haor* (ZmanMa Publishing).

Aileen Kirschenbaum '79S published the pamphlet "Take Your Kids to Israel." To preview the book and its contents, visit www.takeyourkidstoisrael.com.

Karen '79S and **Rabbi Stuart Lavenda** '78YC, '80W, '80R announce the birth of a granddaughter, Shayna Leora, born to Tova and Avi Rosenbloom.

Alan D. Litwack '74YC received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Toronto Convocation celebrating Canadian Jewish Leadership and Yeshiva University's many contributions to Canada.



Dr. Alan A. Manheim '77F received special congressional recognition from Congressman Joseph Pitts (R-PA) on July 27 for "outstanding service to the community both here and abroad."

Rabbi Isaac Mann '78R, '78BR announces the marriage of his son, Aryeh, to Nechama Reece.

Rabbi Gilbert "Gil" Marks '74YC, '79R, '80W published *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Foods* (Wiley & Sons, 2010) and was included in the Forward 50, a listing of the 50 most influential American Jews of 2010.

Sarah Holstein Maslow '71S recently retired as principal of Reservoir High School, a Howard County, MD, public school outside of Washington, DC, after years of dedicated

service first as a secondary science teacher and then an administrator. Sarah and Dr. David Maslow, who retired as assistant director of the National Cancer Institute, recently made aliyah and live in the Talbieh neighborhood of Jerusalem.

Shulamith Y. '70YUHS and **Rabbi Meyer H. May** '78R announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Elisheva Tehila to Yoni Schwartz of Philadelphia, son of Malkie and Dr. Leon Schwartz. All seven of the Mays' children are now married and to date have given them more than 20 grandchildren, including the newest granddaughter, Devorah, born to Rabbi Joshua and Rachaeli Lobl of Waterbury, CT.

Drawing from over 25 years of experience counseling hundreds of candidates through the process of conversion, **Rabbi Aryeh Moshen** '72YC, '75R, '75BR published *The Gerus Guide: The Step by Step Guide to Conversion to Orthodox Judaism* (LULU, 2010). You can learn more by going to his Web site gerusguide.com.

Sarah Moskovitz '71F has translated poetry written in Yiddish by Jews trapped in the Warsaw Ghetto into English. The poetry is available at www.poetryinhell.org.

Ruhama and **Rabbi Elazar Muskin** '78YC, '81BR, '81R announce the marriage of their daughter, Gila, to David Block, son of Dr. Michael '71YUHS and Debbie Block '78S of West Hempstead, NY.

Avery E. Neumark '70YUHS, '74YC provided his knowledge and expertise on employee benefits and executive compensation issues at various seminars and conferences in 2010 including "Looking Ahead: Retirement Planning in Uncertain Times" at Maimonides Medical Center, "How to Reduce the Tax Cost of Your Roth IRA Conversion" at the American Red Cross, and "Health Care Reform Briefing" at MBL Benefits.



Aviva and **Joseph Offenhacher** '76YUHS, '79YC announce the birth of their granddaughter, Esther Tsofiah Emunah, born to Esther and Rafi Offenhacher. Mazel tov to great-grandparents Esther and Elmer Offenhacher and Judith '57YUHS, '61S and Rabbi Irwin Borvick '53YUHS, '57YC, '60BR, '60R.

Rabbi Dr. Natan (Offenhacher) Ophir '74YC announce the birth of his grandson, Hod Shlomo Ophir.

Sandy and **Steve Passer** '79YC celebrated the bar mitzvah (13th) year of Sasone, a Kansas City community-wide program they founded, which serves over 200 Jewish children with special needs.

Lea and **Dr. David Polaner** '79YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Elise, to Jonathan Hay '06YC. Additionally, David was promoted to professor of anesthesiology and pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and The Children's Hospital in Denver, CO, and co-authored a new text on pediatric anesthesia entitled *A Practical Approach to Pediatric Anesthesia* (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2008).

Karen and **Rabbi Steven Pruzansky** '75YUHS, '81C announce the marriage of their son, Ari '12YC to Lauren Apfel '11S, the birth of their granddaughter, Kayla Leah, born to Dina '08S and Hillel Weingarten '02YUHS, '06SB, and a grandson to Tamar '05S and Rabbi Ari Ginsberg.

Esther (nee Gutkin) '70S, '71F and **David Schenker** '69YC announce the birth of their grandson, Doniel Tzvi, born to Gadi and Sara Moskovitz Schenker (formerly of Toronto) of Shilo, Israel.

Dr. Beverly '75YUHS, '80S, '83F and **Rabbi Chanan Simon** '78YC, '82R, '83F, '85A announce the birth of their grandson, born to David and Mira Simon.

Suzan (Balk) '77S and **David Teman** '75YC made aliyah this past August to Modiin and are the proud parents of Ari—a standup comedian in New York, last year's Jewish Community Hero of the Year and founder of JCorps, a volunteer organization for Jewish singles—and Alana, who taught for a year in Taiwan and currently works with teenage girls at Ohel in New York.



Brenda and **Rabbi Dr. Elihu Turkel** '72YUHS, '76YC, '79R, '84F announce the birth of their grandson, Yehuda Turkel, born to Sarala and Daniel Turkel '05YUHS.

Phyllis and **Dr. Dan Wiener** '71YC, '74E announce the birth of their granddaughter.

Annette '74S and **Rabbi Howard Wolk** '70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R announce the birth of their grandson, Raphael Yosef.

Toby '75YUHS and **Jeffrey Woolf** '82R celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Moriah Rachel.

1980s



Aimee Taub and **Jonathan Bandler** '88YC announce the birth of twin daughters, Esther Malka and Yeudit Yakira, sisters of Jacob Avery Bandler. Mazel tov to Susan and Dr. Robert Taub '53YUHS, '57YC.

Batya (nee Shulman) '80TI and **David Berlinger** celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Ariel Meir.

Dr. Adena K. Berkowitz '85C received the Westy (West Side Spirit Thanks You) award from West Side Spirit in recognition of her outreach work as co-founder, together with Cantor Ari and Lauren Klein, of Kol HaNeshamah on NYC's Upper West Side. Kol HaNeshamah is dedicated to re-energizing the spiritual life of both affiliated and non-affiliated Jews and sponsors Friday night services during the year as well as free High Holiday services, helps with life-cycle events, and holds classes.

Batyah and **Rabbi Asher Brander** '89YC, '92R, '96AZ celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Esther Malka, to Eli Heller. Mazel tov to grandparents Ellen and Rabbi Aaron Brander '59R who also celebrated the marriage of their granddaughter, Aliza Kranzler, to Shloimie Seffren.

Dean of the Yeshiva University Center for the Jewish Future **Rabbi Kenneth Brander** '84YC, '86R published an article, "Don't Write off the Next Generation," in the July 28 edition of the *Jewish Week*.



Dr. Erica Brown '88S delivered the Annual Meeting address at the JCC of Saint Louis, MO, on "Taking Your Own Leadership from Good to Great." Erica has authored several books including *Inspired Jewish Leadership* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2008), *Spiritual Boredom: Rediscovering the Wonder of Judaism* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2009), *The Case for Jewish Peoplehood: Can We Be One?* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2009) and *Confronting Scandal: How Jews Can Respond When Jews Do Bad Things* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2010).



Rabbi Michael Broyde '82YUHS, '84YC, '89R, '93R, published his fifth book, *Innovation in Jewish Law: A Case Study of Chiddush in Havineinu* (Urim Publications, 2010). Rabbi Broyde, a law professor at Emory University, was the founding rabbi of the Young Israel in Atlanta and is a member (chaver) and former director of the Beth Din of America, the largest rabbinical court in the United States. His son, Joshua YC '11, is a fourth generation Broyde to attend YU, preceded by his father, grandfather Barret "Barry" Broyde '55YC and great-grandfather Morris Broyde '26YUHS.

Rabbi Daniel Cohen '89YC, '94R, '96A, spiritual leader of Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford, CT created www.40daystoabetteryou.com, a self-help weight loss Web site.

Rabbi Mordechai Z. Cohen '87YC, '90R, '94BR is heading a 13-member international research group sponsored by the Jerusalem Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS). The members will study early Jewish, Christian and Muslim strategies of scriptural interpretation and their contemporary implications at the IAS center at the Hebrew University campus.

Lenore Suri Davis '83YUHS, '86S, '89C, a lawyer whose practice focuses on trusts and estates and elder law, published an article in the July 1 edition of the *New York Law Journal* entitled, "Integration of the Mentally Ill a Decade After 'Olmstead'" and received a citation from the Village of Cedarhurst for her community service as owner and editor of TheFiveTowns.com. Also, Suri and her husband Doron Stern '81YUHS celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Esther. Mazel tov to grandparents Susan '59S and Rabbi Robert Davis '56YC, '60R of Lawrence, NY.



Mayer Fertig '87YUHS, formerly publisher and editor-in-chief of the *Jewish Star* and managing editor of WCBS-AM, has joined Yeshiva University as senior director of media relations and public affairs.



Dr. Eric Fier '89YC, '93E won the 2010 New York's Funniest (Amateur) Jewish Comedian Competition at the Broadway Comedy Club. Eric is a child/adolescent psychiatrist in Atlanta, GA and has won multiple stand-up comedy competitions in New York and across the southeast.

President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati **Arna Poupko Fisher** '83BR received Jewish Women International's 2010 Women to Watch award for her inspiring leadership in the Jewish studies field as well as her strong ties to her Jewish roots.

Elana (Goldscheider) '86S and **Kenny Fisher** '84YC announce the birth of twins, Yakira Menucha and Zvi Aryeh.

Chava and **Rabbi Avrohom Gordimer** '89YC, '94R, '96C celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordimer of Tampa, FL, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Arfa of Los Angeles, CA, and the great-grandmothers, Mrs. Hanna Arfa of Los Angeles, CA, Mrs. Irene Cabot of Atlanta, GA, and Mrs. Esther Dellal of Givatayim, Israel.

Chabad.org profiled Israeli army member **Rabbi Shalom Hammer** '84YUHS, '88YC, '91R, '92C, '93A, for his leadership in promoting a message of Jewish unity by sharing stories of Israel's military efforts and the resilience of Israel's residents in the face of terrorism.



Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot '81YUHS, '85YC, '89A, '89R announces his appointment as rabbi of Congregation Netivot Shalom in Teaneck, NJ.

Esther and **Rabbi Ari Jacobs** '81YC, '84R of Alon Shvut, Israel, announce the marriage of their son Yehuda to Atara Piha of Neve Daniel.

The Huffingtonpost.com profiled **Ron Jager's** '80W leadership efforts to promote Jewish-Palestinian cooperation in the West Bank. Jager has evolved from a religious settler to a strategic advisor for the Shomron Liaison Office, an independent NGO whose mission is to put a human face on the settler movement.



Zvi Lando '85YC co-founded the startup TableBrain.com that designs poker games. One of his games, Double Hold'em™, just became available for play on the world's third-largest gaming site and is also an iPhone application.

Esther Lustig '80W has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in business management in her capacity as executive director and chief executive officer of Human Care Services, a not-for-profit agency that provides a full range of services to individuals with disabilities.

Natanya (Bilus) '87S and **Rabbi Daniel Mann** '86YC, '89R announce the engagement of their daughter, Aviva, to Yaakov Tropp, son of Amy (Goldstein) '91S, '91BR and Rabbi Mordechai Tropp '80YC, '84R. Mazel tov to grandparents Herta and Rabbi Israel Bilus, Marilyn (Wurtzel) '57YUHS and Rabbi Sidney Goldstein '52YUHS, '56YC, '60R, '78BR, Tirtza and Professor Jonah Mann '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R, '64BS.

Adam Mintz '84BR, '84YC, '85R edited *The Relationship of Orthodox Jews with Believing Jews of Other Religious Ideologies and Non-Believing Jews: The American Situation in Historical Perspective* (KTAV, 2010).

Judy (Klipper) '86S and **Rabbi Reuven Rosenstark** '88A, '88YC, '90R and Shari '80YUHS and David Jablinowitz '77YUHS announce the wedding of their daughter, Shifra, to Yair Jablinowitz.

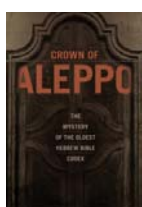


Ricki (nee Tokayer) '81S and **Michael Roth** '82YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Ariella, to Juda Zurndorfer of Silver Spring, MD.

Amy '86YUHS and **Harry Rothenberg**, Esq., announce the birth of twin sons, Avraham Shlomo and Yakov Matisyahu. Mazel tov to grandparents Sandy and Nat Geller, Esq. '52YUHS, '56YC.

Ziva '81YUHS and **David Schapiro** '84YC, '87C announce the birth of a granddaughter, Moriya, born to Nati and Tamar Schapiro.

Miriam Maltz '80S and **Philip Schiffman** '79YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Leah, to Yaakov Kaufman, son of Elaine and Dr. Bradley Kaufman '78YC. Mazel tov to grandparents Edith and Arnold Goldsmith and Sandra and Lawrence Kaufman.



Dr. Josephine Tsakok and **Bernard Schneider** '87YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aviva Ruth Tsakok-Schneider. Mazel tov to the grandparents Paul and Mary Tsakok and Dr. Samuel Schneider '79BR, associate professor of Hebrew at Yeshiva University. Additional congratulations to Bernard who recently published *The Crown of Aleppo: The Mystery of the Oldest Hebrew Bible Codex* (Jewish Publication Society, 2010).

Dr. Bashi (Schweitzer) '84YUHS, '87S, '89F and **Yoni Schwartz** '86YC celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Michal Hannah. Mazel tov to Ivy Schwartz and Rabbi Sonny Alvin Schwartz '49YC, '52R, '52W, and his wife Mimi Teplow and Marilyn and Herb (z"l) Schweitzer.

Avrum Shatzkes '86YUHS, '90YC, SVP of Leadership Development at Bank of America, spoke on a panel at the Columbia Business School on the benefits of leadership development training and executive coaching.

Ditza and **Rabbi Avi Silverman** '85YC, '94R of Ramat Beit Shemesh celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Yonina, to Netanel Rubenstein of Chispin and the bar mitzvah of their son, Elchanan Betzalel.

Shira Smiles '86S, '88A published *Torah Tapestries: Words of Wisdom Woven from the Weekly Parashah* (Feldheim 2010).

Naomi (Millen) '86S and **Rabbi Alan Yitzchak Talansky** '85YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Atara Malkah, to Shlomo Askotsky. Mazel tov to grandparents Marion '64YUHS and Rabbi Moshe Talansky '54YC, '56R and Dr. Rochelle '64S and Rabbi Dr. Henech Millen '60YC, '61R, '74BR.

1990s

Rabbi Hayyim Angel '93YC, '93BR, '95R, '96AZ of Congregation Shearith Israel in Manhattan, NY, reminded religious Jews of the "obligation of cemetery upkeep" in an article "An Obligation to the Dead" of the July 16 *The Jewish Week*.



Betty and Jack Arjang '97SB announce the birth of their son, Yonatan.



Joseph Bensmihen '91YC, '95W was elected president of Private Care Association, www.privatecare.org, a national association responsible for creating and improving standards in home care for America's seniors. Bensmihen is CEO of Boca Home Care Services, Inc., www.bocahomecareservices.com, a nurse registry, and Boca Home Care, Inc., a Medicare certified agency.



Miriam '98S and **Rabbi Gedalyah Berger** '94YC, '98R announce the birth of their daughter, Shira Tiferet. Mazel tov to grandparents, YU University Libraries Dean Pearl '60YUHS and Rabbi Dr. David Berger '64YC, '68R, dean of Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies.

Rabbi Matthew Brenner '98SB, '02R married Dori Braude from South Africa.



Rabbi David Brofsky '94YC, '94BR published *Hilchat Tefilla: A Comprehensive Guide to the Laws of Daily Prayer* (OUPress, 2010).



Chevi and **Rabbi Ira Ebbin** '92YUHS, '01R announce the birth of their son, Yitzchok Roi.

Leah (Feuerstein) and **Rabbi Daniel Feldman** '96YC, '98R announce the birth of their daughter, Shaindel Tovah.

Mitchell First '95BR published "The Origin of Taanit Esther" in the Fall 2010 edition of the *AJS Review*.

Tzippy '99YUHS, '03S and **Rabbi Daniel Gelernter** '98YUHS, '03SB, '07A, '07R announce the birth of their son.



Hadassa "Yaffa" and **Andrew Goldsmith** '91YC announce the birth of their son, Achiezer Yohoshua.

Devorah (Newman) '97S and **Tzvi Harow** '94YUHS, '98SB celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Tmima Chaya.

Penny (Finkelstein) '92S, '96W and **Reuven Harow** '91SB celebrated the bar mitzvah of their twins, Amram Baruch and Shuki. Mazel tov to grandparents Yvette and Dr. Jacob Finkelstein '59YC and Sheila and Dr. David Harow.

Shira '98S, '05A and **Rabbi Mordechai Hochheimer** '96YC, '05R announce the birth of their son.



Lisa Horowitz '91S and Dr. Samuel Freedman announce the birth of their son, Shai. Lisa Horowitz formerly served as senior director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving at YU.

Gene (Hartstein) Kaye '92S, former project director for Bonim Builders at UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey, has joined YU as associate director of Institutional Advancement for RIETS and the Center for the Jewish Future.

Abby and **Rabbi Benjamin Kelsen** '94YC, '97C, '00R announce the birth of their daughter, Adira Tova.

Stephanie (Rosenblatt) '97C and **Jeffrey Korenman** announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Gabrielle. Stephanie is currently Executive Director and Senior Attorney in the Executive Financial Services department of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, focused on diversification and liquidity strategies for corporate executives.

Elana and **Ely Kronenberg** '91YUHS, '96YC of Efrat, Israel, announce the birth of their son. Mazel tov to grandparents Faigie and Rabbi Ira Kronenberg '65YUHS, '69YC, '72R, '72BR, '82W.

Devora (Cohen) '97S and **Rabbi Menachem Linzer** '95YC, '98A, '98R announce the birth of a daughter, Miriam. Mazel tov to grandparents Diane and Rabbi Dr. Norman Linzer '51YUHS, '55YC, '58R, '60W and Shulamith '63YUHS and Rabbi Herschel Cohen '61YC, '66BR, '66R.

Shani and **Rabbi Uriel Lubetski** '91YUHS, '96YC, '01BR, '01R announce the birth of their son.



Sharona Margolin '95S, '98A is dedicating Midreshet Devora's library in memory of Rabbi Moshe Carmilly z"l who was a well loved

professor at Yeshiva University. Sharona is the founder and director of Torat Reva Jerusalem and Rosh HaMidrasha of Midreshet Devora, a Modern Orthodox Midrasha in Jerusalem with tracks for post-high school as well as post-college students. Sharona and her husband, Josh Halickman '95SB, '95YC, the co-founder of Israel Sports Radio, made aliya six years ago. For more information on the dedication visit www.toratreva.org and www.midreshetdevora.org.

Class Reunions & Commencement 2011

Alumni from the Classes of **1961, 1971 and 1986** are invited to celebrate their milestone reunions this spring. Please join us on **May 25-26** to commemorate your **50th, 40th and 25th** reunions, visit the YU campuses, and reconnect with classmates.

We welcome your participation on the Reunion Committee. To learn more about YU's exciting two-day class reunion events or about how you can contribute to a class gift, please visit www.yu.edu/reunion2011 or contact us at Reunions2011@yu.edu or 212.960.5412.

CLASSNotes

Chani (Koenigsberg) '97S, '00BR and **Rabbi Shmuel Maybruch** '97YC, '02R announce the birth of their son, Yochanan Yehuda.

Dr. Vivian '91F and **Rabbi Moshe Neiss** '68YUHS, '72YC, '75R, '75BR announce the birth of a granddaughter, Aliza Alexandra, born to Mindy and Jonathan Neiss '94YUHS, '97YC. Mazel tov to great-grandfather Rabbi Dr. Edmund Neiss '45YC, '48R, '67BR.



Deborah '97S and **Rabbi Aaron Rockoff** '99SB, '01R announce the birth of their daughter, Leora Leeba.

Dr. Ayala Zoltan '96YUHS and **Rabbi Dani Rockoff** '01YC, '03R, '04A, '08BR announce the birth of their son, David Aryeh.



Dr. Eli Rybak '94YC, '96BR, '97R, recently joined East Coast Fertility (ECF). His clinical expertise includes minimally invasive surgery, IVF, ovulation induction, polycystic ovarian syndrome, fibroids, recurrent pregnancy loss and reproductive endocrinology.

Adina Sacknovitz '97S and Rabbi Dr. Baruch Hain announce the birth of their twin sons, Matan Yosef and Amitai Dov. Mazel tov to grandparents Esther '66S and Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitz '64YC, '68R, '68F and Lea and Dr. Danny Hain '61YUHS, '66YC of Jerusalem.

Ilana and **Rabbi Jeffrey Saks** '91YC, '93BR, '95R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Shalom Amitai.



Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Schnell '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F, a faculty member of the Yeshiva College psychology department, lectured on "Psychological and Social Characteristics Associated with Religion: The Women's Health Initiative" at the annual conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Baltimore, MD. He also presented his team's research findings regarding mental health in the Orthodox Jewish community at the American Psychological Association's annual convention in San Diego. The study was reviewed in the August 17 edition of *The Jewish Week*.

Rena (Rosen) '97S, '97A and **Rabbi Reuven Spolter** '94YC, '97R, '97A, coordinator of Israel Immersion Programming at RIETS Israel Kollel, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Moriyah Rachel, and the bar mitzvah of their son, Simcha.

The August 11 edition of the Wall Street Journal profiles author **Jonathan Tropper** '91YC. Jonathan recently published his fifth novel, *This is Where I Leave You*. He is currently pitching a dark series to HBO with Alan Ball, a writer and director from the HBO drama "True Blood" as well as adapting a Steve Martin novel, *The Pleasure of My Company*, into a film script.

Dr. Orit '95E and **Jan Wimpfheimer** '86YUHS, '89YC announce the birth of their son, Yoav Ilan. Mazel tov to grandparents, Michael '61YUHS and Susanne Wimpfheimer and Moshe and Malka Schwartz.



Joelle (Tollinsky) '97S and **Yshai Yavin** announce the birth of their son, Amiel Yaakov.

Donna and **Rabbi Joel Zeff** '85BR, '86R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Benzi, the marriage of their daughter, Chana, to Uri Biran-Lichtenstein, son of Rabbi Mayer and Michal Lichtenstein, and the birth of a granddaughter, Matar, born to their

children Aharon and Nitzan Zeff. Mazel tov to grandparents, The Sarah D. and Rabbi Henschel Berman Professor of Talmud and Rosh Kollel and Director of the YU-RIETS Israel Kollel in Jerusalem, Rabbi Dr. Aharon '53YC, '59R, and Dr. Tovah Soloveitchik Lichtenstein.

2000s

Navah and **Rabbi Moshe Adler** '06SB, '10W announce the birth of their son.

Phil Bak '01SB joined NYSE Euronext as senior director of Exchange-Traded Products where he will be working with ETF, ETN, and Listed Certificate Issuers to navigate through the regulatory and listing processes. Phil joins NYSE from Rydex-SGI where he was in charge of ETF Product Development.

Lori '03SB, '05 C and **Shai Barnea** '03YC announce the birth of their son, Joseph.



Joshua Avraham Berman '04YUHS, '09YC married **Elana (Lani) Lederer** '09S of Skokie, IL. Josh has spent the past year studying at the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Institute of RIETS (YU) in Jerusalem, as well as at Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush) and is currently serving in the Israeli Air Force. Lani is the head madrichah at Midreshet Moriah and is continuing her pursuit of a master's degree in Holocaust studies at Hebrew University. Mazel tov to parents YU High School board member Judy '84S and Yeshiva College board member Zev Berman '82YC and to grandparents RIETS board chair Rabbi Dr. Julius '56YC, '59R and Stern College for Women board vice-chair Dorothy Berman '59S, '60F and former dean of Yeshiva College and YUHS Rabbi Dr. Michael '57YUHS, '61YC, '64BR, '64R and Sara Hecht.



Amitai Y. Bin-Nun '06YC was awarded the James B. Hartle Award from the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation and published two articles in *Physical Review D*, "Gravitational Lensing of Stars Orbiting Sgr A* as a Probe of the Black Hole Metric in the Galactic Center" and "Relativistic Images in Randall-Sundrum II Braneworld Lensing." Additionally, an article "Black Hole as Peephole" in the Feb. 15 edition of *Science News* covered his research and contribution to astrophysics.

Leora (nee Tennenberg) '05S and **Chaim Blumenthal** '02YUHS, '09SB of Ramot Eshkol announce the birth of their daughter, Esther Tehila.

Sarah Bronstein '09S married **Jeremy Baran** '06YC, '10A. Mazel tov to parents Brenda and Rabbi Chaim Bronstein '66YUHS, '70YC, '73R, '73BR, RIETS administrator.

Tamar (Snyder) and **Rabbi Avi-Gil Chaitovsky** '06YC, '09BR, '09R celebrate the birth of their daughter, Ahuva Bina. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Esther '78S and Myron Chaitovsky '73YC, '79BR and Sherry and David Snyder '76YUHS, and great-grandparents, Tzivia (Lewko) '52YUHS and Rabbi Samuel Bramson '50YUHS, '54YC, '58R.

Sara Libby and **Rabbi Shaul Epstein** '02YC, '06BR, '07R announce the birth of their son, Aaron Moshe.

Aliza and **Rabbi Yaacov Feit** '01YC, '05R, '05A announce the birth of their son, Yitzchak.

Simcha '07SB and **Shoshana (Michaelson) Feldman** '07SB announce the birth of a daughter, Ahuva Ora. Mazel tov to grandparents Ann '72S and Rabbi Eliot Feldman '72YC, '75R and Judy (Praw) '82ST and Louis Michaelson.

Abby and **Dov Friedman** '03SB announce the birth of a baby boy, Adir Shalev. Mazel tov to parents Enid and Abe '70YC, '74W of Baltimore, MD.

Donniel Goldin '10YC is engaged to Tamara Leben of Teaneck, NJ.

Shifra '06S and **Rabbi Yossi Goldin** '00YUHS, '06YC, '08A, '09R announce the birth of their son, Chaim Yonah. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Barbara '76S and Rabbi Shmuel Goldin '69YUHS, '73YC, '76F, '76R and Sari '77TIW and Dr. Ira Cooper '72YUHS, '76YC.

Leora '03S and **Rabbi Eric Goldman** '02YC, '07W, '07R announce the birth of their son, Reuven Moshe.

Dr. Rachelle '02S and **Rabbi Joshua Goller** '01YC, '08R announce the birth of a daughter, Penina Devora.

Daniel Gottesman '04YC joins Ulmer & Bernes as a corporate finance associate. Daniel concentrates his Cleveland-based practice on mergers and acquisitions, finance, and real estate.

Miriam and **Rabbi Jon Gross** '01YC, '04R announce the birth of their daughter, Raya Liba "Rayali."

Tamar '02S and **Philip Gross** '98YUHS, '02YC announce the birth of their daughter, Rena Tiferet.

Lisa Grundman '05SB married Rabbi Kenneth Birnbaum.



Stuart Halpern '10BR and **Rabbi Daniel Feldman** '96YC, '98R co-edited *Mitokh Ha-Ohel: Essays on the Weekly Parsha from the Rabbis and Professors of Yeshiva University* (Koren Publishers Jerusalem and Yeshiva University, 2010).

Lisa '03S and **Rabbi Alan Houben** '04YC, '05A, '10R announce the birth of their daughter.



Rabbi Josh Joseph '00R, '00BR has been appointed vice president in addition to his role as chief of staff of Yeshiva University, a position he has held since 2006.

Elana (Naider) '01S and **Yonatan Kohn** announce the birth of their son. Elana serves as an advisor with YU's S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program.

Devorah (nee Rubin) and **Yosef Korn** '00SB announce the birth of their son, Shmuel Avraham.

Alexander Kushnir '06YC published an article in the Proceedings of the *National Academy of Sciences* entitled "Role of Camkii Phosphorylation of the Cardiac Ryanodine Receptor in the Force Frequency Relationship and Heart Failure."

Yosefa Lerner '04YUHS, '08S, '10BR married **Jonathan Hefter** '08YC. Mazel tov to parents, YUHS teacher and Director of Admissions Abby '70YUHS and Rabbi Yaacov Lerner '71YC, '73R, '74F.

Adina '04S and **Rabbi David Lessin** '04YC, '09R announce the birth of their son.



Rabbi Ian Lichter '05YC, '08A, '10R joined the Great Neck Synagogue as the new assistant rabbi.

Estee '06S and **Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone** '05R announce the birth of their daughter, Shayna Hadassah.

Rabbi Uriel Lubetski '91YUHS, '96YC, '00BR, '01R lectured on Sefer Shemot as part of the series of Tanach B'Shantaim sponsored by Baron Hirsch Synagogue in Memphis, TN, on October 16 to over 100 participants. Rabbi Lubetski serves as the upper school principal of Margolin Hebrew Academy Feinstone Yeshiva of the South in Memphis.

Raizy and Director of University Housing and Residence Life **Jonathan Mantell** '03SB, '10W announce the birth of twins, Jacob Aaron and Max Nathaniel.

Lavie Margolin '02SB runs a Web site (www.lioncubjobsearch.com) and blog (<http://lioncubjobsearch.blogspot.com/>) offering practical advice for job searches.



Jason Nehmad '00YUHS, '05YC married Shoshana Tutnauer of New Jersey. He also graduated from the American University of Antigua Medical School and started an internal medicine residency at Jersey Shore Hospital in July.

Zemira '00S, '04A and **Rabbi Eli Ozarowski** '01YC, '04R announce the birth of their son, Bentzion Baruch Asher Ozarowski.



The June 14 edition of the *Jerusalem Blueprint* covers **Rabbi Ian Pear's** '05R leadership of Israel's first green synagogue, Shir Hadash, which was highlighted for pursuing the most advanced environmentally friendly means of construction possible.

Shifra Chana (Rothstein) '02S and **Dr. Ariel Penkower** '00YC announce the birth of their second son, Isser Matan Nachaliel. Mazel tov to grandparents Yael and Professor Monty N. Penkower '59YUHS, '63YC of Jerusalem and Molly '78S and Joe Rothstein '77YC, '82W of Elizabeth, NJ, and to great-grandparents Lea and Rabbi Irving H. Goodman '52YC, '55R, '60F and Lily and David Rothstein. Additional congratulations to Ariel who recently received a PsyD in Clinical Psychology from Rutgers University.

Yehudit and **David Polansky** '03YC of Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel, announce the birth of a son, Moshe Aharon. Mazel tov to grandparents Tobi and Rabbi Zvi Friedman '77YC, '81R, '81W of Ramat Beit Shemesh and Rozanne and Joe Polansky '51YUHS, '55YC of Jerusalem and North Bellmore, NY.



Ilana and **Rabbi Kenny Pollack** '06YC, '10R, '10A announce the birth of their son, Yonah Betzalel.

Leah Shifra and **Rabbi Baruch Price** '01A, '01R announce the birth of their son, Moshe Nechemyah.

Lea '01S and **Rabbi Daniel Price** '02SB, '04R, '06A announce the birth of a daughter.



Rabbi Zev Reichman '01YC, '02R published *Remove Anger from Your Heart* (Judaica Press, 2010), a complement to his previous book, *Flames of Faith: An Introduction to Chassidic Thought* (Judaica Press, 2005).

From the Mets to Museums, Alumni Get Involved

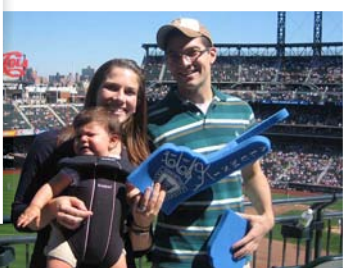
The YU alumni network is growing! Attend YU events and programs in New York or in a city near you to be a part of the vibrant YU community where both scholarship and friendship abound.

ALUMNI AT THE METS' JEWISH HERITAGE DAY



Yoni Rabb, Adira Katlowitz '09SB, Avi Cohen '09YC

Tova '07S, Jason, and future alumna Zoe Appleson, 11 months



MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL-WASHINGTON, DC MEET UP



Standing (L-R): Arlene Pianko Groner '74S, Judah Kaplan '92SB, Tova Jaffe '92SB
Sitting (L-R): Menucha Wolfe '02S, Daniel Siesser '03SB, Dave Weinberg '05YC

YOUNG ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION AT THE YU MUSEUM



Chani Radinsky '07S, Daniel Friedman, Jonathan Martin '05SB, Yael Schiller Martin '07S, Esther Genuth Hamburger '07S, Zevy Hamburger '07YC

ALUMNI TOUR AND RECEPTION AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY IN DC

Lea and Paul Lieberman '54YUHS, '58YC



Tova Jaffe '92SB, Sarena Mayer '81C and Jeremy Bandler '93YC



Yossi '88SB and Laura Goldman '90SB and Judy '59YUHS and Rabbi Marvin Goldman '55YUHS, '59YC, '65R, '65BR

GUESTS AT A DONOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION TO THANK SUPPORTERS OF THE ANNUAL FUND



Loretta and Samuel Koslowsky '72YC

Paula Weber '60S and Marcel Weber '56YC



Louis Tuchman '81YC, Greta Hirmes, Eleazar Hirmes '44YC, President Richard M. Joel

Dina and Elliot Wiesen '00YUHS, '04SB



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHER TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF FASHION AND GLAMOUR AND TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



Gitta Nagel and family enjoying A Night of Fashion & Glamour. (L-R): Jessica Yunger, Esther Lerer '79S, Gitta Nagel, Naamit Nagel, Careena Parker



The evening was chaired by Pamela Hirt '90S and Doris Travis, both members of the Stern College for Women Board of Overseers. They are joined here by Rickie Freeman Platt, designer and owner of Teri Jon, and by Shira Yoshor '89S, chair of the Stern College for Women Board of Overseers. L-R Pamela Hirt '90S, Rickie Freeman Platt, Shira Yoshor '89S, Doris Travis

SCW Dean Karen Bacon '64S, Rickie Freeman Platt and daughter Jordana



Pamela Hirt '90S, Esther Joel '83F and Shira Yoshor '89S



A group of Stern College for Women alumnae and friends enjoy the festivities





Rabbi Avi Robinson '08YC, '08R received the Loretta Smith Scholarship from Massachusetts Attorney General

Martha Coakley. The scholarship goes to a law student who demonstrates academic excellence and devotion to a career in public service.

Aliza (Brand) '06S and **Benjamin "Benji" Rubin** '08YC announce the birth of their daughter, Tovah.

Yael '08S, '09W and **Michael Schertz** '10YC announce the birth of a new son, Judah Yehudah Azriel Schertz. Mazel tov to grandparents Jo Shapiro '77S and Dr. Paul Koenigsberg '77YC of Miami Beach, FL and Bonnie Miller '82S and Heshie Schertz '81YC of Lawrence, NY, and to great-grandparents Anita and Azrieli Graduate School board member Rabbi David E. Miller '53YC, '58R and Gloria and Eli Weis of Neponset, NY.

Rabbi Shmuel Segal '03YC, '08R of Newton, MA married **Leah Kanner** '08S from Lawrence, NY.

Aura '01SB and Pinchas "Pinky" **Shapiro** announce the birth of their son, Aryeh Refael.

Malka and **Doron Simon** '00YC announce the birth of their daughter, Aliza.



Dana and **Joey Small** '05YC, '09BR announce the birth of their son, Noam Yehuda. Mazel tov to grandparents Ellen '80S and Yeshiva

College board member Morris Bienenfeld '74YUHS, '78YC and great-grandparents Stern College board member Hadassah '54TI and YU Trustee Rabbi Marvin Bienenfeld '53YC, '56R.



Nava Streit '07SB and Amitai Bick-Raziel are engaged.



Simone Suttner '04S married Chaim Landau of Jerusalem, Israel.

Illana and **Rabbi Yehuda Turetsky** '08YC, '10R announce the birth of their daughter, Shira Miriam.



The July 28 edition of *The Jewish Week* profiled the recent Future for Jewish Nonprofit Summit held in New York City and developed and

organized by **Dave Weinberg** '05YC and **Eli Mandelbaum** '01SB. The conference was attended by about 100 people and many more through Twitter and Facebook.

With his background in technology and ability to organize others to share in best practices, "Dave Weinberg [should be on the radar of] Jewish organizations looking to learn more about social media."

Rabbi Jay Weinstein '04SB, '09R became the full-time rabbi at Young Israel of East Brunswick, NJ.

Avital '00S, '03A and **Rabbi Elie Weissman** '01YC, '03BR, '05R announce the birth of their son, Yehuda.

Presidential Fellows **Daniella (Ginsburg)** '10S and **Samuel Weprin** '10YC were married in August.

Rabbi Simcha Willig '00YUHS, '10A, '10R married **Sari Stein** '05S. Mazel tov to parents Faygie Willig '72S and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Mordechai Willig '68YC, '71R.

Rabbi Naftali '04YC, '08R, '08BR and **Navah Wolfe** '05S announce the birth of a daughter, Eliora Matanya. Mazel tov to grandparents Judah '77YC, '80C and Debbie Rosensweig '77S, '80C, Rabbi Shabsai and Debby Wolfe, great-grandparents Rabbi Dr. Bernard Rosensweig '47YC, '50R, '780BR and Ruth and Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld '52R.

Lani '02S and **Yonatan Wolk** '02YC of Hillside, NJ, announce the birth of their son, Raphael Yosef. Mazel tov to grandparents Annette '74S and Rabbi Howard Wolk '70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R

Esther '03S and **Yosef Ziffer** '98YC announce the birth of their daughter, Chaviva Leah. Mazel tov to grandparents Florence '74S and Rabbi Lawrence Ziffer '74YC, '80W, '82R, '82BR.

In Memorium

Rabbi Jacob Adler '42YUHS, '46YC, '48R
Rabbi Sidney Applebaum '45R
Rabbi Ahron Batt '56YC, '58R

Monica (Grabie) Cohn '67YUHS
Wurzweiler School of Social Work board member **Joel Philip Daner** '60YC, '62W
Ruben Davidman '52YC

Former YU Belfer Graduate School of Science Mathematics Professor

Rabbi Eliezer (Leon) Ehrenpreis

Louis Henkin '33YUHS, '37YC

Rabbi Yehuda Hilewitz '68YC, '72BR, '72R

Rabbi Jay D. Jacobs '69YC, '74R, '75F

Rebecca "Ricki" Katz '84W

Rabbi Milton E. Kramer, '38YUHS, '42YC, '47R

Rabbi Allan Mirvis '39YC, '41R

Rabbi Robert Raab '81W

Jack Satosky '65YUHS, '69YC

Bernard Schrenzel '38YC

Rabbi Yaak Shalem '58YC, '61BR, '61R

Rabbi Joshua Shapiro '41YUHS, '45YC, '49R

Rabbi Louis "Eliezer" Simonson '35YC, '37R

Judith Sokol '61S

Rabbi Sol Steinmetz '53YC, '56R

Presidential Fellows Travel to New Orleans for General Assembly and Service Learning

Yeshiva University's Presidential Fellowship aims to foster the leadership skills of "some of the best and brightest YU graduates," said YU Vice President and Chief of Staff Josh Joseph, who directs the program. That's why he and Allison Rubin, a past Presidential Fellow herself, led a delegation of 16 fellows to New Orleans in early November to attend the General Assembly (GA) of the Jewish Federation of North America. The GA is an annual gathering for leaders to discuss the future of the Jewish community, its challenges and what can be done to enhance Jewish well-being worldwide.

The GA was an ideal opportunity in which to "engage in conversation and expose the fellows to the broader Jewish community," Joseph said. The group also learned about Jewish life in New Orleans, still suffering from the effects of 2005's Hurricane Katrina, and physically helped with the ongoing rebuilding effort.

A group of students from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work's Certificate in Jewish Communal Service program also stayed in New Orleans for a service learning mission after the GA. The two groups joined for a visit to the New Orleans Jewish Community Center, where they learned how the Jewish community strategically rebuilt itself after the hurricane.

The Presidential Fellows attended the conference's plenary discussions, which covered topics

including the Jewish communal response to the recession, relations between the United States and Israel, and redesigning Jewish education for the 21st century. The fellows met with Barry Shrage, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, based in Boston, and had dinner with Presidential Fellowship alumni who are now lending their talents to different facets of Jewish communal life.

The fellows' service learning day began with davening at Congregation Beth Israel, a shul led by Rabbi Uri Topolosky that had been destroyed during Katrina. The afternoon was spent building a vegetable garden to grow produce for a burgeoning vegan restaurant headed by a chef from Dimona, Israel. As the participants plowed and planted, they spoke with the residents whose land and homes were destroyed in the hurricane, and which, in many cases, have never been fully rebuilt.

"It was a real kiddush Hashem [sanctification of God's name]," said Joseph. "Everyone knew that we were a group of Jews who had come to New Orleans to help rebuild."

Eitan Novick YC '10, a fellow in the office of the provost, said that attending the GA was humbling and that seeing Jews of so many divergent backgrounds together "gave me hope that some unity can exist."

Applications for next year's Presidential Fellowship are due Feb. 9, 2011. For more information, please e-mail presidentialfellows@yu.edu or call 212.960.5400, ext. 5730. ■

WANTED CLASS CAPTAINS

Join fellow YU alumni who serve as Class Captains and engage your fellow classmates in programs and events to support Yeshiva University. Class Captains will serve as 'connectors' to ensure that their classmates remain in contact with each other and with the University. The Captain's primary responsibility will be to reach out to classmates and fellow alumni to:

- Increase your class participation in the Annual Fund by lending your signature to letters and promoting online giving in honor or memory of loved ones or special occasions
- Add a personal touch to our Annual Fund efforts by thanking classmates for their contributions with a personal note, e-mail, or phone call
- Inspire classmates to stay in touch with each other and their alma mater by attending alumni events and participating in University initiatives
- Share information about classmates' careers and professional interests for Class Notes
- Join with fellow class leaders to plan milestone reunions

If this role is right for you, then volunteer today to become a YU Class Captain. E-mail ClassCaptain@yu.edu to learn more or to sign up as a captain.

Legend for school abbreviations:

A: Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration • **BR:** Bernard Revel Graduate School • **BS:** Belfer Graduate School of Science • **BZ:** Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music • **C:** Cardozo School of Law • **E:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine • **F:** Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology • **IBC:** Isaac Breuer College of Hebrew 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