

# Torah Umadda Is at Heart of Alumnus' Success

**D**r. Mark Apfelbaum '74YUHS, '77YC was part of a team involved in caring for President Bill Clinton earlier this year.

For Apfelbaum, an interventional cardiologist, the opportunity to treat any patient is a dream fulfilled. "For as long as I can remember, I always wanted to be a doctor," he said. "When anyone asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, that was my answer."

Apfelbaum came to YU because it was one of the few places where he could follow both his dreams and his faith. "I knew that medical school and life as a doctor were going to be pretty rigorous and wouldn't leave me a lot of free time to continue with my Judaic studies," he said. "I saw YU as my last chance for intensive Judaic studies for a while—at least until I was established professionally."

The dual curriculum prepared him for the strenuous demands of

medical school by inculcating in him a habit of rigorous study, said Apfelbaum. "I spent the first part of the day studying Talmud, the Bible and Jewish history, philosophy and literature, and then I had a full course load of secular studies including science and labs beginning at 4 or 5:30," he recalled.

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"So I was going to school five days a week and getting home late in the night, every night. It taught me early on that I had to structure my time and get things done efficiently or I'd get flooded with work. When I got to medical school [at

Columbia University], I remember other students complaining that we had to be in class until 3:30. There were several other YU graduates at Columbia, and we thought it was great—we had all this time we hadn't had before."

Among the many YU professors who influenced him was Dr. Moshe Sokolow, who taught a Tanakh class that stayed with him over the years as particularly outstanding. "I've often told my wife and children what a great professor I had in Dr. Sokolow," he said, "and then recently, he was a scholar-in-residence at my synagogue. After hearing him give a talk, my wife turned to me and said, 'I finally understand what you've been talking about all these years. He's absolutely fascinating.'"

President Clinton and Dr. Apfelbaum's other patients may not realize it, but the intricacies of the Talmud and those of the heart have more in common than they think. "More



Dr. Mark Apfelbaum

than anything [else], YU helped shape my analytical abilities," Apfelbaum said. "Learning Talmud is one of the more difficult things I've ever done in any academic segment of my life. It takes sharp critical thinking and analysis, both of which are also an [essential] part of being a doctor. I learned those skills during my years at Yeshiva." ■

## CLASSNotes

### YOUR NEWS IS OUR NEWS!

ClassNotes is where YU celebrates the milestones and accomplishments of our 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.

You can submit your class note by e-mailing [alumni@yu.edu](mailto:alumni@yu.edu) with the subject line "ClassNotes," or by visiting [www.yu.edu/alumni](http://www.yu.edu/alumni). We hope that you enjoy reading about your fellow alumni and friends, and we look forward to hearing about your achievements.

### 1940s

**Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg** '45YUHS spoke in March at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center in San Rafael, CA, on "A New Age for Humanity and Judaism: Coming to Grips with Power, Freedom, and Choice." Rabbi Greenberg is the founding president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.

Sylvia and **Rabbi William Herskowitz** '48YC, '50W, '55R, '74BR announce their first great-grandchild, Amiel David, born to Tova Katz and Ithamar Jotkowitz, the children of **Amy** ('72YUHS, '76S, '78W) and **Nathan Katz** '77YC.

**Dr. Samuel A. Weiss** '44YC, '46R published "An Analysis of the Two Versions of the Ten Commandments" in the spring 2010 issue of *Mindstream*, a quarterly Jewish review.

### 1950s

**Rabbi Julius** ('56YC, '59R) and **Dorothy Berman** '59S, '60F celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Chanoch Amisky, son of Simcha and Myra Aminsky.



**Dr. Lawrence I. Bonchek** '59YC, '63E was elected chair of the Franklin & Marshall College Board of

Trustees. A trustee since 2005, he served as chair of the academic investments committee and vice chair of the advancement committee.

Dina and **Dr. Herbert Dobrinsky** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R, '80F announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Adina Elyssa Dobrinsky, to Andy Feuerstein-Rudin of Teaneck, N.J.

**Rabbi Hersh Moses** ('51YUHS, '55YC, '58R) and **Sarah Galinsky** '58YUHS announce a great-granddaughter born to Binyamin and Hodaya Galinsky in Jerusalem. The Galinskys also celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yishai Naphtali Shtul, son of Nechama and Lior Shtul of Eli, Israel.

Claire and **Rabbi Joshua Hertzberg** '51YC, '55R announce a great-grandson, Moshe, born to Dr. Chaya and **Rabbi Michael "Elimelech" Rosenthal** '98YUHS, '02YC, '09R.

**Arnie** ('52YUHS, '56YC, '60BR, '60R) and **Gita Hoffman** '63S announce the engagement of their grandson, Netanel Rosenstein, son of Pinchas and Naomi Rosenstein, to Nechama Paul, daughter of Lynn and Jerry Paul of Karne Shomron, Israel.

Rosalind and **Rabbi Alvin Poplack** '58BR announce the birth of twin great-granddaughters.



Freida and **Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R and Barbara and **Dov Gilor** '67F announce two great-grandsons: Roe, born to Shilo and Yael Gilor, and Akiva, born to Ariel and Fraydel Gilor. Elihu and Freida also announce a granddaughter, Tamar, born to Pinchas and Tzippe Schatz.



The March 2010 issue of *Library Journal* reviewed *There's a Word for It: The Explosion of the American Language Since 1900* (Crown Publishing Group, 2010) by lexicographer **Rabbi Sol Steinmetz** '53YC, '56R.

**Dr. Zvi "Herman"** ('54YUHS, '58YC) and **Tasya (Steinhorn) Stone** '60S and **Malka (Schrieber) Friedberg** '65S, all of Har Nof, Jerusalem, announce a grandson, Hillel Dov, born to Avi and Ita Tzur of Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel.

**Libby** ('55YUHS) and **Rabbi Aharon "Eric" Ziegler** '67F announce a great-granddaughter born to Yehoshua and Racheli Teller.

### 1960s

**Cheryl** ('64YUHS) and **Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz** '67YC, '70R, '70F celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Shlomo.



**Pam (Forman)** ('68S) and **Ya'akov (Jerrold) Aronson**, a member of the MTA faculty from 1964–68, announce three grandchildren born to parents Bracha and Yisroel Weinman, Chana and Eliezer Meier, and Shira and Moshe Anaki.

**Tzivia (Rosen) Bieler** '68S celebrated the bar mitzvah of her grandson, Gershon Avigdor Kwalbrun, in Israel; the birth of a grandson, Yitzchak Elro'i, born to Drs. Mark and Lara Kwalbrun of Neve Daniel, Israel; and the marriage of her daughter Debra to Eric Klein.

**Antoinette "Toni"** ('69S) and **Philip Chernofsky** '65YUHS, '69YC announce the birth of a new granddaughter.

**Rabbi Herbert J. Cohen**, PhD '64YC, '70F, '70R published *Walking in Two Worlds: Visioning Torah Concepts through Secular Studies*, a project of the Community Kollel of Dallas, TX.

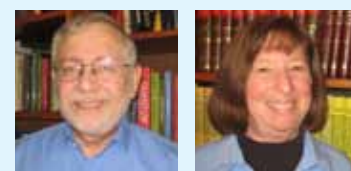


**Zvi and Carole Fink (Levine)** '68S announce three grandchildren all born within 17 days of each other during Kislev 5770.

**Rabbi Louis Lippy Friedman** ('66YC, '69BR, '69R) and **Dr. Maureen Friedman** '75E announce a new

granddaughter, Levonah, born to Rabbi Simcha and Efrat Friedman of Yad Binyamin, Israel.

### TWO OF A KIND



**Michael (Mechy) J.** ('64YUHS, '68YC, '71BR, '71R) and **Sheila (Belove) Frankel** '68S have each made significant contributions in their fields throughout their long and distinguished careers in civil service. Michael is a physicist and has been a leading subject-matter expert on nuclear weapons at the Department of Defense. A former congressional fellow, he served as executive director of the Congressional Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP Commission). His paper "The New Triad: Diffusion, Illusion, and Confusion in the Nuclear Mission" was recently published by Johns Hopkins University. Sheila is a senior computer scientist with the National Institute of Standards and Technology. A researcher and government-wide technical consultant on computer security and IPv6 related matters, she is the author of the book *Demystifying the IPsec Puzzle* (Artech House Computer Security Series) and serves as a member of NIST's Internet Engineering Task Force. Their five children, Dr. Shlomit Rivka Edinger, Sara Malka Longchamps, Dr. Naomi Rachel Schnittman, **Dr. Shoshana Leah Posy** '02S, and Aryeh Leib have produced 11 grandchildren. The Frankels live in Silver Spring, MD.

**Rabbi Shmuel Goldin** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76F, '76R published *Unlocking the Torah Text: An In-Depth Journey into the Weekly Parsha* (Gefen Publishing House, 2010). He and his wife, Barbara, announce a granddaughter born to Yehuda and **Noa Goldin** '08S, and a grandson, born to **Rabbi Yossi** ('00YUHS, '06YC, '09A, '09R) and **Shifra Goldin** '06S. Rabbi and

# CLASSNotes

Mrs. Goldin were guests of honor at the 26th anniversary dinner of Congregation Ahavath Torah of Englewood, N.J.

Judith and **Rabbi Sigmund Handelman** '66YUHS, '70YC, '80R were honored by the Yeshivas Ohavei Torah in Riverdale, N.Y., and announce a new granddaughter born to **Yosef** ('98YUHS, '05R) and **Esther Polinsky** '07W. Mazal tov to grandparents Nina and **Rabbi Elimelech (Milton) Polinsky** '69YC, '73BR, '73R and great-grandparents Trude Kahn and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kahn.

## A WINNING PROFILE



The March 12 edition of the *New York Daily News* profiled longtime Maccabees coach **Dr. Jonathan Halpert** '62YUHS, '66YC, '78F as he served his 38th season as YU's head basketball coach—the longest tenure of any current college coach in New York City. Dr. Halpert was also named Skyline Conference's 2009–2010 Coach of the Year.

**Shalom** ('65YC) and **Dvora Kidorf** '70S of Jerusalem announce the births of three grandchildren: a daughter to Beryl and Navah Thomas, a daughter to Moshe and Chefzi Machlis, and a daughter to Dov Ber and Sivia Brener.

Rabbi Shaya and **Nechie Kilimnick** '66YUHS, '70S celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Doni.



**Phyllis Kornspan** '69S announces a granddaughter, Oshrit, to Yishai and Yael Kornspan of Kiryat Arba, Israel.

**Rabbi Eliezer** ('68YC, '75BR, '75R) and **Lucy Langer** '69S announce a granddaughter, Malka, born to Baila (Rosenblum) and Naftali Langer.

Chanoch and **Aviva Lazarus** '69S and Leibel and Shoshana Katz announce a granddaughter born to Baruch and Chagit Lazarus.



Barbara and **Dr. Joel Lubber** '68YC, '68JS of Alon Shvut, Israel, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their first grandson, Matanya Chaim Huri, son of Ahuva and Gili Huri of Karmeit Zzur, Israel.

Sandy and **Rabbi Eddie Mittelman** '66YUHS, '70YC, '73BR, '73R shared news of the marriage of their son, **Dov Mittelman**

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'96YUHS, '02YC, to Dr. Nechama Blatt and announce grandsons, Akiva Eliezer, born to parents Avigail and Michael Gordon, and Eitan Shlomo, born to parents Racheli and **Rabbi Josh Waxman** '06R. Mazal tov also to Eitan Shlomo's grandparents Lorri and **Rabbi Zishe Waxman** '72R.



**Nava Rephun** '69YUHS, '76W presented a program at Congregation Shomrei Torah in Fair Lawn, N.J., on "Enhancing Loving Relationships." Nava is

a licensed clinical social worker and certified imago relationship therapist who works with couples and individuals in her New York City private practice and leads workshops in the U.S. and Israel.

**Rabbi Shimon** ('65YUHS, '69YC, '71BR, '71R) and **Hennie (Lesin) Wolf** '70S celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Yaakov Moshe Shmidman, named for the late Rabbi Yaakov Moshe Lesin zt'l, who served as Mashgiach Ruchani of RIETS from 1942–1975.

## 1970s

Aviyam and **Donna Apfelbaum** '77S of Beit HaKerem, Jerusalem, celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Ayala, to Shmuel and the bat mitzvah of their youngest daughter, Naama.

Charnie and **Rabbi Azarya Berzon** '70YUHS, '78R announce a grandson, Rafael Shalom, born to Mariam Levitanus and **Baruch Berzon** '10E.

Laya and **Rabbi Asher Bush** '78YC, '81R announce a grandson, Yisrael Zev Bush, born to Donny and Yehudis Bush.

Herby and **Faye Debbie (Klaff) Dan** '71S celebrated the marriage of their son, Meir Chaim, to Yona Chana Maierovitz of Toronto.

**Joel Dinkin** '79W was appointed executive vice president of the Jewish Community Center of Houston.

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

**Rabbi Basil** ('70YC, '73R, '78BR) and **Sherri Herring** '72S celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Yael, to Eli Fischman of Brooklyn. In addition, Rabbi Herring is republishing his book, *Jewish Ethics and Halakhah for Our Time: Sources and Commentary* (Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2010).



Gail and **William Hochman** '77YC announce two grandchildren, Binyamin Simcha, born to **Rebecca (Mandel)** '05SB and **Rabbi Avi**

**Hochman** '05SB, '07A, '09R in Boca Raton, FL, and Shlomo Mendel (Mendy), born to Shifra and Daniel Hochman in Ramat Eshkol, Israel. William also acquired the Joel Paul Group, an executive search and consulting firm specializing in non-profit organizations.

**Rabbi Avrohom** ('78YUHS, '83YC, '86R) and **Rena Kanarek** '84S celebrated the marriages of their sons, Yehuda and Shmuel, to Miriam Feinstein and to Sora Perel Jacobs, respectively.

Carrie and **Morrie Klians** '76YC celebrated the birth of their granddaughter, Danna Atara Rosenberg, born to Nachman and Sharon Rosenberg in Ramat Beit Shemesh, Israel.

**Rabbi Sholom** ('73YUHS, '77YC, '82R) and **Shifra Kurz** '78S, '80W celebrated the marriage of their son, Eliezer, to Rinat Weitzof Elkana. Mazal tov to the grandparents, Sarah and **Rabbi Moshe Gorelik** '53YC, '55R of Jerusalem.



**Dr. Eric Levine** '79W, '94W was named vice president for institutional advancement at Touro College following his tenure as senior vice president for development at The Jewish Federations of North America.



**Rabbi Dr. Marc** ('79YUHS, '83YC, '88R, '88W) and **Jacqueline (Klausner) Mandel** '86S celebrated the bar mitzvah of their fifth child, Amitai Mandel, and were also recently honored by Beth Jacob Congregation in Los Angeles for their 14 years of service.

**Rabbi Meyer** ('78R) and **Shulamith (Filler) May** '70YUHS, '78TI announce two grandsons, Yitzchak May, born to Rabbi Yehuda and Nechama May, and Yosef May, born to Rabbi Yitzchak and Tova May.

**Rabbi Gary** ('74YUHS, '78YC, '81R) and **Beaty Menchel** '74YUHS, '77TI announced the marriage of their son, Dovid, to Emily Scharfman.

**Peshi** ('73YUHS, '77S) and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger** '77YC, '79R celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Chaya, to Aryeh Weistreich. Mazal tov to grandfather **Rabbi Zevulun Charlop** '47YUHS, '51YC, '54R.



Rachel and **Dr. Shlomo Pick** '71YC announced the marriage of their daughter, Yehudit Ariella, to Gavriel Yair and the birth of their first grandson to

Shulamit and Shmuel Russ. Pick also published a new sefer, *Ahavat Shlomo, Chidushei Torah and Maamarim on Masechet Brachot and Seder Moed*.

**Rabbi Asher** ('72YC, '77F, '78R) and **Rashie Reichert** '70YUHS, '74S announced the marriage of their daughter, Miriam, to Avi Stiefel.

**Mignone** ('72YUHS) and **Ezra Rosenfeld** '77B announced the birth of their fifth grandchild, Carmel, born to Hadas and Amchai Rosenfeld.

**Zhava Rudomin** '78S, '82W attained Seminar in Field Instruction (S.I.F.I.) status, which qualifies him to supervise the fieldwork of social work students, from Long Island University, New Seminary and Touro College Schools of Social Work.

**Bracha (Osofsky)** ('77S) and **Rabbi Nahum Schnitzer** '78YC, '81R of Maale Adumim, Israel, announced the birth of a grandson, Betsalel, to Temima and Amichai Perlman.

Edna and **Yehuda Singer** '73YC of Mitzpe Yericho, Israel, announce a grandson, Roi Yedidya, born to Yair and Nili Singer.



Michele Chabin and **Rabbi Sidney Slivko** '74YC, '80BR, '80R announce a grandson, Asher Josef, born to Ellie and Dave Beatus.

**Rabbi Mark Urkowitz** '74YC, '76BR, '78R announce a grandson, Ezra Yeshaya, born to **Michelle** ('08S) and **Tzvi Urkowitz** '08YC.

Lee and **Steven A. Weinstein** '71YUHS, '75YC shared news of the marriage of their son, **Moshe Weinstein** '08YC, to Michelle Schwartz and announce a grandson, Yehuda Simcha, born to **Rabbi Avi** ('09R) and **Sarah Fried** '04S.

Phyllis and **Dr. Dan Wiener** '71YC, '74E celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Rahel, to Eyal David of Netanya.

**Rabbi Howard** ('70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R) and **Annette Wolk** '74S celebrated the marriage of their son, **Gavriel "Gavi" Aharon** '07SB, to **Talia Volk** '08S, daughter of **Jerry** ('75YC) and **Sharon Markowitz Volk** '75YUHS, '79S. Rabbi and Mrs. Wolk are active leaders in their Dallas community.

**Rabbi Moshe (Jordan) Yasgur** '73YUHS, '77YC, '81R, '82F married Yedida Schaffner Sachs.

## 1980s

### A DISTINGUISHED AWARD



**Dr. Jeffrey Barnett** '81F, '84F recently received the Distinguished Psychologist Award for Contributions to Psychology and Psychotherapy from the American Psychological Association.



**Rabbi Alan Brill** '82YC, '87BR, '90R published *Judaism and Other Religions: Models of Understanding* (Palgrave Macmillan, February 2010).

**Rabbi David Derovan** '83F published *You Shall Tell Your Son ... Essays on Pesach and the Haggadah* (French Creek Press, 2010). With **Rabbi Yehuda Singer** '73YC, he also designed and launched a web site, [www.israeltravelplanner.com](http://www.israeltravelplanner.com), which provides travel tips and information on Israel.



Bluma and **Rabbi Joel Finkelstein** '81YUHS, '85YC, '89R, '96BR celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Asher.

Rick and **Rachel Fishbein** '83W shared news of their son, Mike, making aliyah and serving in the Israeli Defense Force.

**Etana** ('80S) and **Dr. Alan Friedman** '80YC shared news of the engagement of their daughter, Nava, to Tzori Weider. Mazal tov to grandparents **Rabbi Macy Gordon** ('49YUHS, '53YC, '56R, '77F) and Dorothy and Simmy Friedman.

**Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot** '81YUHS, '85YC, '89A, '89R served as a scholar-in-residence at Beit Chaverim Synagogue of Westport/Norwalk, CT, in May. He is head of the Bible and Jewish Thought Departments at YCT and has written dozens of essays in Hebrew and English, and edited a number of volumes including *Community, Covenant and Commitment: Selected Letters and Communications of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik* (Ktav, 2005).

Adina and **Richard Krasna** '83YC celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Hanan Elimelech, and the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Michal Haya. Mazal tov to the grandparents, Anne and **Dr. Irwin Krasna** '50YC and Mimi and **Dr. Herb Danzger** '56YC.

The February 28 edition of *The New York Times* referenced **Dr. Philip S. Ledereich's** '85YC, '89E medical expertise in diagnosing cataplexy, a rare disease which leads to sudden and transient episodes of loss of muscle tone, often triggered by emotions.

**Saul Lubetski** '87YUHS, '90YC was named vice chairman of Harbor Group International; prior to this appointment, Saul served as managing director and director of investor relations.



**Pesach** ('81YC) and **Nancy (Israel) Mehlman** '83S announced the engagement of their daughter, **Rivka Mehlman** '09S, to Tani Friedman, son of Allen and Lisa Friedman.



**Tova (Auerbach)** ('85S) and **Aharon Naiman** '83YC (son of the late **Dr. Charles "Yechiel" Naiman** '56YC) celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son,

Yechiel, and the marriage of their daughter, Avital, to Tzuri Dotan of Jerusalem. Mazal tov to the grandparents **Vivien** (Seif) ('53YUHS) and **Dr. Bernhard Auerbach** '41YUHS, '45YC, '49R, and Tzivi and Dr. Robert Segal.

**Rabbi Yonason Sacks** '84R published *Chazon L'Yomim* (Feldheim, 2009), a Hagadah commentary that blends halachah, midrash and history.



**Rabbi Morey Schwartz** '85YC, '89R, '91BR published *Where's My Miracle? Exploring Jewish Traditions for Dealing with Tragedy* (Geffen Publishing House, 2010) in which he

provides a look at the way the sages dealt with suffering and tragedy.

#### TESTIFYING ON CAPITOL HILL



**Moshe Schwartz** '87YUHS, '92YC, '95C appeared before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

to give his expert testimony on allegations that U.S. contractors have been paying Afghan warlords protection money to transport goods to American troops stationed in Afghanistan. Schwartz is a specialist in defense acquisition at the Congressional Research Service.



**Vardit "Wendy"** ('89S, '89W) and **Avi Spiegelman** '87YC celebrated the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Adi Rachel. Mazal tov to grandpar-

ents Naomi and **Rabbi Mordechai Spiegelman** '55YC, '59R and Dr. Isaac and Isabel Boniuk.

**Rabbi Ben-Tzion Spitz** '86YUHS, '90YC received semicha through Pirchei Shoshanim in Har Nof, Israel.

**Alan** ('82YUHS, '86SB) and **Stephanie (Schechter) Strauss** '85YUHS, '89S shared news of the engagement of their daughter, Meira, to Doni Lerner. Stephanie is the assistant director of YU's S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program and Alan is the treasurer of the YU Israel Alumni Association.

Sheryl and **Rabbi Michael Susman** '83YC, '86A, '86R announced the marriage of their daughter, Tamar, to Tzuriel Edri.

**Joseph** ('80YUHS, '83YC) and **Deborah Weisblatt** '85S celebrated the marriages of their sons, Ben and Avi, to Chava Kenner of Beit Shemesh and to Esther Gewirtz of Jerusalem, respectively.

Donna and **Rabbi Joel Zeff** '85BR, '86R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Benzi Zev, the marriage of their daughter, Chana, to Uri Biran on Isru Chag, and the birth of a granddaughter, Matar, born to Aharon and Nitzan Zeff.

## 1990s



**Betty and Jake Arjang** '97SB announced the birth of their first child, Yonatan.



**Shoshana (Levitz)** ('91SB) and **Steven Arnold** '91YC celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Naftali.



**Cheryl Berman** '95S, '95BR published *Reasonable Doubts: A Religious Skeptic Learns a Thing or Two About God* (Urim Publication, April 2010). YU

Professor of Philosophy David Shatz reviewed the book on Amazon.com and called it "warm, poignant and witty, as well as philosophically astute and informed."

**Adina Bloomberg** '98S is engaged to Rabbi Aviv Meles of Kiryat Ekron, Israel. Mazal tov to parents Miriam and **Rabbi Jon Bloomberg** '69YC, '74R.

**Rabbi Yehuda** ('98YUHS, '03YC, '07A, '09R) and **Elissa Chanales** '04A announce the birth of a daughter, Tova Adina. Mazal tov to grandparents Suri and **Sheldon Chanales** '72YUHS, '76YC.

**Rabbi Ariel** ('98YUHS, '05YC, '09BR, '10R) and **Yael (Zemelman) Davis** '04S announce a son, Moshe Yitzchak. Mazal tov to the grandparents, YU Vice President for University Life **Rabbi Dr. Hillel** ('73YC, '75BR, '75R) and **Rachayl (Eckstein) Davis** '75S and to Moshe's great-grandparents Belle and **Rabbi Dr. Simon L. Eckstein** '44YC, '44BR, '46R.



Congregation Ohav Shalom in Merrick, N.Y., appointed **Rabbi Ira Ebbin** '92YUHS, '01R as its new rabbi.



**Rabbi Rafi** ('98YUHS, '03YC, '05R, '06A) and **Atara Eis** '03S, '09A and Naomi and **Ira Sved** '79YUHS were honored at Stern Hebrew High School's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet in Philadelphia.

**Hudi** ('99YUHS, '03S) and **Rabbi Nachman (Michael Judah) El sant** '03YC, '07R announce the birth of a son, Elchanan Yechezkel. Mazal tov to grandparents **Abby** ('70YUHS) and **Rabbi Yaacov Lerner** '71YC, '73R, '74F.

**Rabbi Amichai** ('94YUHS, '99YC, '02R) and **Jody Chaya Erdfarb** '03S announced the birth of a daughter, Rosa Avigayel.



**Daniel Faizakoff** '93YC, '96C married Debra Dickstein, daughter of **Allen Dickstein** '69W.

**Rabbi Efreim Goldberg** '97YC, '01R was listed in the April 20 edition of *The Jewish Journal* as one of the "33 Top Jewish People"

who have made an impact in South Florida.

**Dr. Lucille "Lucy" Kaplansky** '92F performed in the Performing Arts Studio's Winter Wind concert at the Santa Fe Depot. Her latest CD, 2007's *Over The Hills*, recounts the story of how her family came to America and the struggles they endured.

Chaya and **Rabbi Jonathan Krimsky** '98YC, '02R announced the birth of a son, Yeshaya Simcha.

**Emily** ('97S) and **Ben Menasha** '93YC, '96C announce the birth of a daughter, Aviva Miriam, who joins older sister Sarah Menasha.

**Rabbi Shelley** ('95YUHS, '99YC, '04R, '04A) and **Dina Morris** announce the birth of a son.

Nava and **Rabbi Uri Orlian** '98YC, '02A announce the birth of a son, Netanel.

Alyssa and **Dr. Arie Pelta** '96YC announce the birth of a son, Shalom David. Arie also was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Abigail and **Rabbi Elie Rothberger** '93YUHS, '97YC, '02R, '03A announce the birth of a daughter, Geula Bracha.

YC Psychology Professor **Rabbi Eliezer** ('95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F) and **Shira Schnell** '04S announce the birth of a son, Yonatan Tzvi Hirsch. Mazal tov to grandparents Tova and Azrieli Dean **David Schnell** ('65YUHS, '69YC, '72R) and Rosalyn and Dr. Irvin Hirsch '67YUHS, and to great-grandparents Bertha and **Rabbi Solomon Shoulson** '43YUHS, '47YC, '49R.



**Tova Serkin** '98YUHS and Yair Yehuda of Herzliya, Israel, announce the birth of a son, Noam Robert. Mazal tov to grandparents **Paul** ('79YC) and **Marcy Serkin** '82S.

**Rabbi Reuven** ('94YC, '97A, '97R) and **Rena Spolter** '97S, '97A announce the birth of a daughter, Moriyah Rachel.

**Jeremy** ('94SB) and **Liza (Joffe) Steiger** '95S announce the birth of Eliana Pearl, sister to Ranan, Gavri and Natanel.

Yafa and **Rabbi Elly Storch** '94YC, '97AZ, '98R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their oldest son, Shmaryahu, and the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Henna Rus. Mazal tov also to grandparents Shimi and Shirley Storch and **Rabbi Stuart** ('67YUHS, '72YC, '78BR, '78R) and **Chana (Reifman) Zweiter** '72S.

**Rabbi Chaim Strauchler** '99YC, '05BR, '05R published his article "The New North American Zionism" on Jewishinfonews.com on March 15. Rabbi Strauchler is also the rabbi of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and the first alumnus ever to be selected as a Rhodes Scholar.

**Rabbi Daniel Yolkut** '99YC, '02R was selected to be the rabbi of Congregation Poale Zedeck in Squirrel Hill, PA.

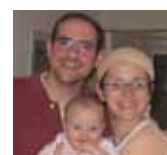


A March 31 article in *The Jewish Daily Forward*, "Triangle Fire Chalking Links a Shul to Its Past," profiled **Rabbi Josh Yuter** '99YC, '03R for his leadership of the Stanton Street Shul.

## 2000s

Jason and **Tova (Holowinko) Appleton** '07S announce the birth of a daughter, Zoe Marsha.

**Zahava** ('01YUHS, '05ST, '06GPATS, '07A) and **Rabbi Elichai Bitter** '06YC, '08BR, '09R of Alon Shvut, Israel, announce the birth of



a daughter, Shalva Tzivia. Mazal tov to grandparents **Abby** ('70YUHS) and **Rabbi Yaacov Lerner** '71YC, '73F, '74R.



**Avi Cooper** '07YC received a fellowship from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for immunosuppressive drug development. A valedictorian at YU in 2007, he is currently matriculating at Harvard Medical School.



Yael and **Rabbi Elie Farkas** '04YC, '07A, '07R announce the birth of a daughter, Shira Temima.

**Rabbi Avi** ('08R) and **Sarah Fried** '04S announce the birth of a son, Yehuda Simcha.

Liz and **Rabbi Josh Frohlich** '02YC, '07W announce the birth of a daughter, Shira Devorah. Josh is an Israel advisor for YU's S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program.

#### 36 UNDER 36 LIST HONORS ALUMNAE



*The Jewish Week* included YU alumnae in its annual "36 Under 36" section profiling Jewish leaders under the age of 36. Clockwise from top L, **Gilah Kletenik** '09S was recognized for her work as a congregational intern at the Hebrew Institute of White Plains, N.Y., where she gives classes and tutors bat mitzvah girls. The paper cited **Hindy Poupko's** '05S innovative work as director of Israel/International Affairs at the Jewish Community Relations Council, and executive director of the Council of Young Jewish Presidents, which is based at the JCRC. **Naomi (Liss) Maryles** '96S was hailed for her accomplishments as case manager and attorney at the Beth Din of America. **Susanne Goldstone Rosenhouse** '02S was dubbed a "social media rock star" for garnering 8,000 followers on Twitter as social media coordinator at the National Jewish Outreach Project.



**Adam J. Glanzman** '04SB joined Sills Cummis & Gross as an associate in the Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Reorganization Practice Group. He was previously a law clerk to the Honorable Rosemary Gambardella, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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**Rabbi Maury** ('01YC, '04R, '07A) and **Malka Grebenau** '04S announce the birth of a daughter, Noa.

Rivkie and **Rabbi Micha Greenland** '00YC, '02R, '10A announce the birth of a son, Daniel Yaakov.

**Rabbi Gary** ('04YC, '08R) and **Leba Guttenberg** '02S announced the birth of a daughter, Esther Elka. Mazal tov to grandparents **Aryeh** ('72YUHS, '76YC, '79C) and **Sandy Guttenberg** '79S and **Dr. Benzion** ('73YUHS, '77YC) and **Rayla Krupka** '75YUHS, and great grandparents Fay and **Rabbi Yitzchak Sladowsky** '50YUHS, '54YC, '56R.

**Zachary Helprin** '06YC passed the New York State Bar examination.

**Rabbi Aaron Kaplan** '01YC, '07A, '08R married Anna Avery of Atlanta.



Ahuva and **Michael Kolat** '01SB announce the birth of a daughter, Ilana. Mazal tov to grandparents **Anita (Brotsky)** ('73S) and **David Kolat** '74YC and **Frances (Greenberg) Schreiber** '63C.



**Zev** ('07YC) and **Shari (Shanin) Koller** '07S announce the birth of a son, Akiva Yosef, grandson to Richard and **Susan Shanin**

'73YUHS, '77S and Norman and Ellen Koller.

Dr. Dina and **Rabbi Barry Kornblau** '01R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yoni, and bat mitzvah of their daughter, Rachel.

**Rachel (Krug)** ('05SB) and **Daniel Kraus** '07SB announce the birth of a son, Eitan.

**Elana** ('00YUHS, '04S) and **Rabbi Naphtali Lavenda** '04SB, '09R announce the birth of a son, Akiva Yehuda. Mazal tov to grandparents Michael and Shaindy Gross and **Rabbi Stuart** ('78YC, '80W, '80R) and **Karen Lavenda** '79S.

**Rabbi Gil** ('07R) and **Melissa Perl** '01S, '02BR announce the birth of a son.

**Rabbi Uriel** ('05YC, '10R) and **Aviva (Stroh) Rabinovitz** '08S announce the birth of a son, Yonatan Shalom.

**Ayol Samuels** '08YC presented his research and education project at the annual Global Health Education Consortium conference in Cuernavaca,

Mexico. Active with Physicians for Human Rights in Tel Aviv and the West Bank, Ayol received the Distinguished Service Award for his volunteer efforts to coordinate housing for families of patients at Ben-Gurion University's Soroka University Medical Center in 2009.

**Rachel** ('03S) and **Rabbi Simcha Schaum** '05YC, '06BR, '07R announce the birth of a daughter, Ayelet Rut.

**Scott Shulman** '09S of Columbus, OH, married Deena Rendel of Forest Hills, N.Y.

#### SILICON VALLEY MEETS THE SHUL



**Rabbi Josh Strulowitz** '01YC, '05R was recognized in the March 4 edition of *The Wall Street Journal* for his leadership at Adath

Israel in San Francisco. Using outreach efforts like Super Bowl parties, a "Jewish Ethics and the Internet" conference held at the headquarters of Twitter and lunchtime shiurim, his shul's congregation has more than tripled in size.

**Rabbi Abraham "Avi" Robinson** '08YC, '08R received the Loretta Smith Scholarship from Boston University

School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to a single summer intern at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and reserved for a second-year law student with high academic achievements who is committed to public service.



The February 18 edition of *JWeekly* highlighted **Simone Wolk's** '09SB leadership of the San Francisco Shabbat

Connection, an organization she started that hosts large Shabbat social events for Jews in their 20s and 30s.

#### In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following:

**Rabbi Moshe Carmilly-Weinberger**, former professor of Jewish studies

**Daniel Chernikoff** '08SB

**Rabbi Bernard "Baruch" Poupko** '39YC, '41R

**Rabbi Samuel W. Rubenstein** '40YC, '41R

*The Spring 2010 edition of Class Notes incorrectly noted the loss of Rabbi David Blum '95YC, '01R. Rabbi Blum is alive and well and extraordinarily understanding!*

## Events from Coast to Coast Bring Alumni Together

YU's Office of Alumni Affairs was buzzing with activity throughout the spring. From coast to coast, there was plenty of opportunity for alumni to come together to renew their connections with each other and with the University.

#### REUNION OFFERS A DAY TO REMEMBER

Old friendships were rekindled and new ones were sparked during the reunion for the classes of 1960, 1970 and 1985. Highlights of the day included a tour of the Yeshiva University Museum followed by a celebratory dinner. President Richard M. Joel shared updates with the crowd and enjoyed an open dialogue with Tirtza Spiegel '11S and Joseph Offenbacher '10YC, discussing their time at YU and their future plans.



Professor Peninnah Schram (second from left), a YU faculty member since 1969, catches up with (from L-R) Celeste Maier '70S, Nechie Kilimmick '70S and Judi Stein '70S

President Joel (third from left) receives the class gift, which by evening's end totaled more than \$52,000, from (L-R) Paula Weber '60S, Shlomo Gottesman '85YC and Siggie Handelman '70YC



Members of the YC class of 1985 are, L-R, Morey Wildes, Phillip Ledereich, Benjamin Kaufman, Alan Berger, Albert Mosseri, Lee Lasher, Zev Skolnick, David Papier, Jonathan Thurm and Shlomo Gottesman

Father and daughter Joseph Stern '60 YC and Lisa Rubin '85S celebrate together



*"The class gift is Hakorat Hatov," said Weber, "a thank you, for all that we were able to draw upon at YU and for all the wonderful memories. Everyone donated generously and we're so honored to be able to give back to our alma mater."*

#### YU ON THE WEST COAST

In May, a Lag B'Omer barbecue hosted by Judy ('01S) and Aryeh Goldberg '01SB, and a dessert reception hosted by Helena and Steven Usdan '92YC, launched an L.A. Regional Council. Guests enjoyed the company of their fellow graduates while learning how to get more involved with local alumni efforts.



Alan Willner '82YC enjoys his copy of *YU Today*



Alex Katz '01YC and planning committee members Aryeh Goldberg '01SB and Shimmy Steinmetz '01SB



Planning committee member Steven Usdan '92YC and Israel Bick '55YUHS, '59YC

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