

Nick Muzin '97YC, '01E: Doctor, Lawyer, Political Strategist



When Nick Muzin '97YC, '01E was growing up in Toronto, few Canadians attended Yeshiva University. But after learning about YU from Admissions Director Michael Kranzler when he went to recruit in Toronto, Muzin decided the opportunity to combine a top-rate college education with Yeshiva learning, in New York City, was just too good to pass up. He had attended Jewish day school and then Ner Israel Yeshiva High School, after which he studied at the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, and his parents encouraged him to continue his Jewish education at YU.

At Yeshiva College, Muzin's focus was on pre-med, but many of the classes he found most compelling were in the humanities. "I was especially close with the late Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger z"l, with whom I took multiple courses in philosophy," said Muzin. "I also enjoyed Bible with Dr. Moshe Bernstein, constitutional law with Dr. Michael Hecht and intellectual history with Rabbi Shalom Carmy." He also fondly remembers the *shiurim* [lectures] he attended with rebbeim such as Rabbi Herschel Shachter and Rabbi Moshe Tendler.

Muzin also took advantage of the many extracurricular opportunities at YU, including serving as editor in chief of *The Commentator*, which he said was great fun and good preparation for his job today, which involves dealing with the media. He also founded the Community Literacy Club, in which students served as tutors in a local elementary school.

After graduating, Muzin pursued his interest in medicine at YU's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he received a full four-year scholarship; however, he soon discovered he had another interest. "When I started working in hospitals such as Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, I saw firsthand many of the challenges facing physicians and patients, and started to think about how these might be addressed at the public policy level," he said. "I always had a passion for politics and figured that as a physician, I had a lot to contribute to this discussion." Following a year as an internal medicine intern and getting certified as a physician, Muzin decided to attend Yale Law School.

After Muzin married Andrea Zucker, they spent a few years living in Charleston, SC. It was there that he met Tim Scott, the first black Republican elected to the state legislature in South Carolina since Reconstruction, and, according to Muzin, a man of tremendous charisma and political talent. They became friends and Muzin, together with others, helped convince Scott to run for Congress, serving as his policy director and deputy campaign manager.

When Scott won—defeating the son of the legendary Senator Strom Thurmond in the primary—Muzin moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as chief of staff. They also founded a PAC together with the goal of broadening their efforts and helping Republican candidates around the country. The PAC played a role in over 100 congressional and Senate races around the country, including the Romney campaign.

"Tim and I are aligned on the policy issues that are most important to us—Israel, health care and tax reform," said Muzin. "He is a good friend, and we trust each other, something that is difficult to find in Washington."

But being an Orthodox Jew on the Hill is not easy. "Of all the jobs I've had, politics is the one in which it is most challenging to be *frum* [Orthodox]," said Muzin. "Saturday is the busiest day of the week for campaign activities, and Friday night votes in Congress are not unusual. In addition, much of the culture and lifestyle on Capitol Hill—which idolizes power—is antithetical to a Torah perspective."

As an evangelical Christian, Scott has great respect for Judaism, making sure Muzin gets out of the office in time for Shabbat and that he has kosher food to eat when they travel. "He even makes sure I keep up with Daf Yomi, asking me after a particularly long day on the campaign trail, 'Did you read your page today?'"

For Muzin, the sacrifices are worthwhile, because politics offers an unmatched opportunity to do good—whether it's for individuals who need

help with the federal government or in advancing policies that strengthen America. Muzin is proud to say that his office played a lead role in securing foreign aid funding for Israel, including for the Iron Dome missile shield, and in passing economic sanctions on Iran.

The end of 2012 saw promotions for both Scott and Muzin. Scott was appointed to the U.S. Senate by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Senator Jim DeMint. Muzin's work was recognized by Republican congressional leadership, who named him director of strategy and coalitions for the 113th Congress. In his new role, Muzin will oversee communications and outreach for all 234 Republican members of Congress. Scott and Muzin continue to work together through their PAC and other national political activities.

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Last year, Muzin reconnected with YU and hosted an alumni reception in his home in Silver Spring, MD, where he lives with his wife and their three children: Stella, age 5; Daisy Fay, 3; and Jerry, 1. He *davens* [prays] at the Yeshiva of Greater Washington, and he and his family are members of Kemp Mill Synagogue.

He and Andrea also attended the YU ChampionsGate conference this past summer. "It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends, relive the YU experience through the *shiurim* and *ruach* [spirit], and get a sense of the challenges facing Modern Orthodoxy and how YU is meeting those challenges," he said.

Last fall, Muzin joined the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers. "I have a lot of *hakaras hatov* [gratitude] to YU, having benefited from scholarships both as an undergraduate and while in medical school," he said. "I loved my time there and hope my children will attend one day. But more important, I think that YU embodies who I am—a Torah Jew who is trying to make an impact in the modern world. I hope that by joining the board I can help influence the direction of the school so that other students will have the opportunities I had."

Of his time at YU, Muzin said it is hard to fully appreciate YU while you are there as a student, because you are so busy all the time—studying for an exam, running to *shiurim* or catching a shuttle to Stern College for a date. But he praises YU students, saying, "I don't think you can find a more accomplished or finer group of peers than the students at YU. No place I have been since can really compare."

He advises current students to take in as much as they can. "The Gemarah in Brachos (5b) teaches that 'Lo Kol Adam Zocheh LeShnei Shulchanos'—'Not every person merits to eat from two tables'—the table of the material world and the table of the spiritual world. The students at YU are privileged to feast from both." ■

CLASSNOTES

YOUR NEWS IS OUR NEWS!

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.

Submit your class note by e-mailing alumni@yu.edu with the subject line "Class Notes," or by visiting www.yu.edu/alumni/notes to complete the online form. We hope that you enjoy reading about your fellow alumni and friends, and we look forward to hearing about your achievements.

1930s

Rabbi Sidney Kleiman '31YUHS, '35YC, '36R announces the marriage of his great-granddaughter. Rabbi Kleiman was merited with the first blessing under the wedding canopy. He also celebrated his 100th birthday in January.

1940s

Rabbi Irving Greenberg '45YUHS was the keynote speaker at the Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference at Seton Hill University. His topic was "We Have Not Been Saved: The Unfinished Agenda of Never Again."

Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm '49YC, '51R, '66BR published a new book, *Derashot Ledorot, A Commentary for the Ages: Genesis* (Maggid, 2012).

1950s



In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the German government compensation program to survivors of the Holocaust, **Rabbi Julius Berman** '56YC, '59R, chairman emeritus of RIETS, and German Minister of Finance Wolfgang Schäuble, signed an agreement with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to continue the compensation programs.



Rabbi Benjamin Blech '54YC, '56R delivered the keynote address at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services' 25th Annual Conference on Visiting the Sick. The

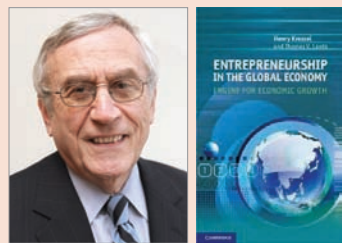
conference theme was "Face-to-Face Meets Facebook: Paths to One Purpose in Bikur Cholim." Rabbi Blech published two articles relating to Hurricane Sandy on Aish.com, "Why did Hurricane Sandy suddenly turn average citizens into heroes?" and "Why the key to rain remains in God's hands."

Pearl '52YUHS and **Rabbi Aaron Borow** '55YC, '59BR, '59R announce the birth of their great grandson, born to Reut and Moshe Borow. Mazel tov to grandparents Malki and **Rabbi Yaakov Borow** '86YC, '89BR, '90R and great grandfather **Dr. Aaron Friedman** '37YC.

Ellen and **Rabbi Aaron Brander** '59R announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, born to Atara and Motie Edelstein. Mazel tov to grandparents Malka and Moshe Weiss and Ettie and Saul Edelstein.

Sarah '55YUHS, '58TI and **Rabbi Hersh Moses Galinsky** '51YUHS, '55YC, '58R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their grandson, David Chaim Shtul; the birth of their great-grandson, Shiloh Tzuriel Galinsky; the marriage of their grandson, Evyatar Ozer Shtul; and the engagement of their grandson, Ahiya Chovav Galinsky.

Dr. Seymour Hoffman '52YUHS, '58F co-edited *Psychotherapy of Haredi Patients: Case Presentations* (Hebrew) and *Case Studies of Unorthodox Therapy of Orthodox Patients* (Golden Sky Books, 2012).



Yeshiva University Board of Trustees Chair **Dr. Henry Kressel** '55YC recently co-authored a book, *Entrepreneurship in the Global Economy: Engine for Economic Growth* (Cambridge University Press, 2012). The book explores the tensions and competitive advantages and disadvantages of entrepreneurship in both developed countries and emerging economic giants such as China. Kressel and co-author Thomas L. Vento, founder and president of InterComm, analyze the crucial issues of state planning versus free enterprise and examine specific problems surrounding entrepreneurship in the global economy through nine case histories of entrepreneurial companies. The book also looks at how and why government gets involved in economic growth and how entrepreneurs contribute to economic value.

Kressel is a senior partner at Warburg Pincus LLC, a global private equity firm, where he is responsible for investments in high technology companies. A world-recognized expert in electronic devices, he holds 31 U.S. patents and led pioneering research on lasers, transistors, solar cells and other devices. The recipient of several professional awards, he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Before joining Warburg Pincus in 1983, he was vice president at the RCA Corporation, responsible for electronics research.

Kressel graduated Yeshiva College in 1955 and was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2009—the first alumnus ever to serve as its chairman. He joined the board in 2005 and has since chaired its Academic Affairs Committee and served on the board of the Sy Syms School of Business.

"How fortunate we are at Yeshiva University to have a Chairman of the Board who is not only a pillar in the business world but also a true scholar in terms of his academic and research involvement," said YU President Richard M. Joel. "Overarching all of that is his passion and commitment to Jewish life, Jewish education, and Yeshiva University."

Elke '59YUHS and **Nachman Kupietzky** '55YUHS, '59YC announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Eliana, daughter of Daphne and Michael Kupietzky, to Yoni, son of **Aviva** '72YUS, '88S and **Benny Adler** '86YC.

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein '58R, '77BR was honored with the 2012 Gershom Mendes Seixas Award at the Columbia/Barnard Hillel. Rabbi Lookstein's 11 CDs on "How to Daven as a Ba'al Tefilah" will be available online at www.ramaz.org/nusach.

Chaya (Heschel) '59S and **Elihu Marcus** '53YC, '56R, '99F announce the marriage of their granddaughters: Sari, daughter of Yedida and Amnon Ginsburg, to Oren; and Tal, daughter of Debbie and Shlomo Breitbard, to Shimon.

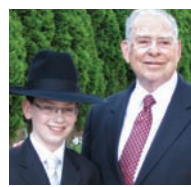


Marlene and **Dr. Yale Port** '53YC, '56R, '59F announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Meitav, born to their grandchildren, Shoshana and Joey Elbogen. Mazel

tov also to grandparents **Evelyn** '74YUHS, '83W and **Milton Elbogen** '74YUHS, '83W, and Chaya and Chaim Korn.

Shoshana and **Rabbi Hershel Schachter** '58YUHS, '62YC, '67R announce the marriage of their daughter, Shira, to Aharon Feldman, and the birth of their grandson, Yosef Shlomo, born to Shay and Rena Schachter.

Freida and **Rabbi Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57RE announce the birth of their 51st grandchild, a son to Tziporah and Pincas Schatz. Rabbi Schatz published three books in Hebrew: *Commentary on the Yearly Haftorot*, *Commentary on the Special Letters of the Tanach*, and *Prayers Based on the Psalms and other Books of the Tanach*.



Calvin Soled '51YC announces the bar mitzvah of his grandson, Yair Nechemya, son of **Amy (Soled)** '80YUHS, '84S and **Elliot Wasserman**

'84YC. Mazel tov to siblings **Moshe** '14YC, Tziporah and Shulamit.



Rabbi Dr. Joseph Sungolowsky '55YC, '58R published his article, "Bastille Day and the Jews of France," in the July 13 *Jewish Star*, covering the significance of Bastille Day, anniversary of the French

Revolution, as it relates to Jewish history. Rabbi Sungolowsky is a professor of French and Jewish studies at Queens College, City University of New York.

1960s

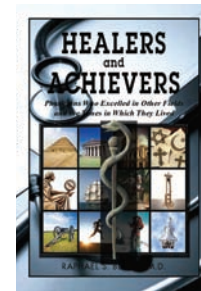
Rena (AvRutick) '62S and **Rabbi Richard Barth** '57YUHS, '61YC, '64R, '64BR announce the birth of their great-grandchildren, twins born to Leia and Avi Goldstein.



Rabbi Reuven G. Becker '64YUHS, '68YC, '71F, '71R published his book, *You Are Your Parents' Keeper: Hashkafic and Halachic Insights into Elder Care and Kibbud Av Va'Eim* (Feldheim 2012).



Rabbi Jack Bieler '69YC, '74R, '74F was presented with the Rabbi Jacob and Deborah Rubenstein Memorial Award for 2012 at the November 2012 meeting of the Rabbinical Council of America Executive Meeting.



Dr. Raphael Bloch '63YC, '63TI, '67E published *Healers and Achievers: Physicians Who Excelled in Other Fields and the Times in Which They Lived* (Xlibris 2012). The book is a series of 37 biographies of physicians

throughout history, from ancient Egypt to the 21st century, with unique and lasting non-medical achievements.

Marcia (Davis) '66S and **Rabbi Yitzhak Frank** '61YC, '65F, '65R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Herut, born to Shlomit and Chaim Frank.

Sonia '62S and **Rabbi Mallen Galinsky** '61F announce the b'nai mitzvah of their grandsons, Avraham David and Mordechai Hillel, and the b'not mitzvah of their granddaughters, Malka and Rivka Ruth.



Dr. Stanford M. Goldman '61YC, '61TI, '65E was recently named an emeritus professor at University of Texas School of Medicine in Houston, TX. Dr. Goldman also received the Albert

Einstein Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996 and has been chairman of various departments for over 23 years including John Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and the University of Texas Medical Center.

Rabbi Dr. Wallace Greene '62YUHS, '66YC, '69R, '79BR has been appointed managing director of the Adolph Schreiber Hebrew Academy of Rockland (ASHAR). After almost 60 years in Monsey, the yeshiva recently moved to New City.

Marcia '69S and **Rabbi David Jacobowitz** '69YC, '71R announce the birth of their grandson, Avraham Yeshaya, born to Batya and **Rabbi Moshe Jacobowitz** '02YC.



Dr. Eva Kahana '62S was recognized by Case Western Reserve University with the title of Distinguished University Professor, a top honor for its professoriate. Dr. Kahana is a renowned scholar on elderly care issues and is known for

her research on resilience among elderly and disabled persons.



Bob Kolb '67YC exhibited 20 of his fine art photographs at the Art Fusion Gallery in Miami through December 2012. The eclectic exhibit printed on aluminum

ranges from Judaic to abstract.

Ruth '69YUHS, '73S, '77F, '92A and **Rabbi Elchanan Lipshitz** '67YUHS, '71YC, '76F, '77R announce the birth of their granddaughter, Tchiyah, born to Kedma and Eli Lipshitz.

Jeanne Litvin '69S announces that *Jewish Identity*, originally edited by Baruch Litvin and Sidney Hoenig and published in 1965, is available on the Ktav website. The new edition has a forward by **Rabbi Kenneth Brander** '84YC, '86R, the David Mitzner Dean of YU's Center for the Jewish Future, a historical introduction by Dr. Lawrence Schiffman, vice provost for undergraduate education at YU, and an afterward by **Rabbi Michael Brojde** '82YUHS, '84YC, '93R. Jeanne also created KasherWoman.com with a group of rabbis and professional women and continues to organize and host Passover programs.

Cheryl (Ritter) '68YUHS, '72S, '73F and **Chaim Nunberg** announce the birth of their granddaughter, Tehila Rivka, born to **Tamar (Bomzer)** '96S and **Dov Goldblatt** '93YC.

Chana '67S and **Rabbi Moshe Poupko** '69R announce the marriage of their son, Akiva, to Shevy David.

Cantor **Seymour Rockoff** '63B, '63YC, '68R received the Dr. Karl Adler Memorial Award for Preservation and Enhancement of Jewish Music Education at the annual convention of the Cantorial Council of America, an affiliate of the Belz School of Jewish Music.

Charlene and **Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg** '69YC, '74R, '74F, '92A and Jackie and Alan Kelin announce the birth of their granddaughter, born to their grandchildren, Avital and Yaakov Rosenberg. In addition, Rabbi Rosenberg will be honored by Congregation Beth El in Edison, NJ for serving as its rabbi for 23 years and for serving the Jewish community for 38 years. The congregation is celebrating its 60th anniversary.



Dr. Gary Schiff '64YUHS, '68YC, '68TI published *In Search of Polin: Chasing Jewish Ghosts in Today's Poland* (Peter Lang Publishing, 2012), a history of Polish Jewry that includes his own family's roots going back hundreds of years. The

book is part of a new series of publications under the auspices of the Institute for Religion, Politics, and Culture of Washington College (founded 1782) in Chestertown, Maryland, where Dr. Schiff is adjunct professor of history and also serves as cantor and religious leader of the Chestertown Havurah.

Dr. Moshe Sokolow '64YUHS, '69YC, '74BR published his article, "A Jewish View of Hurricanes," in the Jewish Ideas Daily newsletter (November 1).

Helen and **Richard Stareshefsky** '65YUHS, '69YC, '78F were honored by the Young Israel of Passaic for their 40 years of service prior to making aliyah.

1970s

Donna and **Philip Bendheim** '70YUHS celebrated the wedding of their son, Chezki, to Tamar Rohatiner.



Dr. Joel Berg '78YC was named dean of the University of Washington School of Dentistry.



Rabbi Mark Dratch '79YC, '82F, '82R, '12W has been appointed executive vice president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Judy '78S and **Rabbi Zalman Eisenstock** '76YC have been living in Efrat for 20 years and are proud parents of five children and nine grandsons. Judy has been teaching and supervising special ed students both at Michlala in Jerusalem and at Migdal Oz. Zalman, who teaches at Michlelet Efrata in Jerusalem, published his first book entitled *Psalms: An Eternal Treasure in January*.

Ann (Starkman) '72S and **Eliot Feldman** '72YC, '76R announce the birth of their grandson, Nossan Tzvi, born to **Judy (Kalish)** '94SB and **Joshua Feldman** '97SB.



Childhood friends **Debbie Solow Ginsberg** '78S and **Frady Wagner Moskowitz** '81WSSW created Uncluttered Domain Inc., a professional organizing and senior move

management business (www.UnclutteredDomain.com).

Dr. Lois (Schwartzfarb) '71S and **Irving Grabin** '70YC announce the birth of their grandsons, Omer David, born to Rachel and Yaron Rosenthal, and Netzach David, born to Ilana and Rafi Grabin. Mazel tov to their aunt, **Aliza Grabin** '08W.

Dr. Rosa Perla Resnick Helfgot '76W and Rachel (Brenner) and **Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot** '81YUHS, '85YC, '89A, '89R announce the marriage of their granddaughter and niece, Revital Cecilia Hay Helfgot to Michael David Glasser.



Rabbi Ari Kahn '78YUHS, '83YC, '86R, '89BR published his book, *Echoes of Eden: Sefer Shmot, Salvation and Sanctity* (Gefen Publishing House, 2012).



Carrie and **Morrie Klians** '76YC announce the birth of their grandson, Saadya Lev, born to Naomi and **Yehuda Kohn** '04SB.



Rabbi Gilbert S. Marks '74YC, '79R, '80W, author of *Olive Trees and Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities Around the World* (Wiley, 2004) and *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Food* (Wiley, 2010) presented at Koshersfest 2012 in Secaucus, NJ.

Ruhama and **Rabbi Elazar Muskin** '78YC, '81BR, '81R announce the marriage of their daughter, **Dina** '12S, to **Daniel Goldberg** '13YC.

Janet (Cantor) '74S and Fred Rivenson announce the marriage of their daughter, Matla, to Aryeh Schleider.

Debbie '71S and Morris Robinson announce the marriage of their daughter, **Yehudit Kayla** '99S, to Samuel Isaac Daitch, son of Ann and Herbert Daitch, on August 5, 2012. Mazel tov to Samuel's sister, Amy Daitch, his grandmother, Elisabeth Stern, and his aunt, Sandra Daitch. Mazel tov to Yehudit's siblings and their families: **Daniella** '04SB and **Rabbi Avi Robinson** '08YC, '08R and daughter Chaya Shaindel; **Yael Yechiel Robinson** '07YC; **Ahuva** '08S and **Joshua Sclair** '05SB and children Aaron "AJ" and Adrienne; Sarah Robinson; and Bracha Robinson.

Sandy (Himmelstein) '70S and Moshe Speter announce the birth of their grandson, Yisroel Dovid Velvel, to Tziporah Miriam and Shaya Speter.

Annette (Altman) '72S and **Rabbi Steven Stein** '70YC, '73R announce the marriage of their daughter, Eliana, to Shlomo Lechiani.



Dr. Miriam Tasini '71E published the book, *Where Are We Going* (Gordian Knot, 2012).

Dvora and **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin** '70YC, '73R, '74BR were honored at Congregation Ramath Orah's annual dinner.

Faygie '72S and **Rabbi Mordechai Willig** '68YC, '71R announce the birth of their grandsons: Hillel, born to **Adina** '02S and **Eliyahu Wolf** '09R, and Shlomo, born to **Shira** '08S and David Claman. They also celebrated the bat mitzvah of granddaughters, Ella and Tova Willig, daughters of **Vivian Braun** '93YUHS, '96S and **Rabbi Raphael Willig** '98R, '00BR, '00YC.



Ezra Wohlgerlenter '78YC was listed by Thomas Reuters as a 2012 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in *Philadelphia Magazine*.

Annette '74S and **Rabbi Howard Wolk** '70YUHS, '74YC, '77F, '77R and **Sharon (Markowitz)** '75YUHS, '79S and **Jerry Volk** '75YC announce the birth of their twin granddaughters: Ronit Ariana (Ruby) and Sima Leah (Sydney), born to **Talia** '08S and **Gavi Wolk** '07SB.

Toby '75YUHS and **Rabbi Dr. Jeffrey Woolf** '82R announce the marriage of their son, Ariel, to Talya Drissman. Dr. Woolf delivered two keynote presentations to the Jerusalem Working Group of the United Nations Office of Peace Studies and chaired the Orthodox Forum in Israel, a project of YU's Orthodox Forum in Israel, which brought together leading rabbinic, academic and lay leaders to discuss the advancement of Modern Orthodoxy in the State of Israel.

Sylvia '73S and **Dr. Abe Worenklein** '67YUHS, '71YC announce the birth of their grandson, born to Naomi and **Elie Worenklein** '11C.

Mimi and **Yehoshua (Joshua) Yeres** '77YUHS, '81YC announce the marriage of their son, Shaul, to Yisca Ariel. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Rabbi Yizchak Yeres** '50YC, '90R and Dr. Tyra and Professor Moshe Lieberman.

1980s



Malke and **Rabbi Yaakov Borow** '86YC, '89BR, '90R celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Shlomit, to Shmulik Schneider. Mazel tov to **Pearl** '52YUHS and **Rabbi Aaron Borow** '55YC, '59BR, '59R and Terry and **Dr. Aaron Friedman** '57YC.

Rabbi Kenneth Brander '84YC, '86R published his article, "In the Eye of the Storm: Shabbat Observance during a Hurricane or Severe Weather Event," in the fall 2012 *Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society*. **Rachel** '84S and **Rabbi Brander** also announce the marriage of their son Yoni to Yehudit Goldberg. Their second son Tuvia '12YC is engaged to Miriam Apter. Yoni, Yehudit and Miriam are all students at YU.

Dr. Erica Brown '88S published her book, *Return: Daily Inspiration from the Days of Awe* (Koren Publishers Jerusalem, 2012), and lectured at AMIT on "The Big Sorry: The Components of an Authentic Apology."



Rabbi Michael J. Brojde '82YUHS, '84YC, '89R, '93R, professor of law at Emory University, spoke before the YU Stamford Community Kollel and Congregation Agudath Sholom community on "Divorce and Modern Life: Understanding the Agunah Problem in the Context of Family Life in America" on July 30, 2012.

Lenore S. Davis '82YUHS, '86S, '89C, daughter of **Susan (Bogner)** '59S and **Robert Davis** '56YC, '60BR, '60R, received her LLM in tax from New York Law School. She has a trusts and estates and elder law practice in New York and New Jersey and is an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School. *The New York Law Journal* published Lenore's article, "Power of Attorney in Perosi v. LiGreci: How Broad is Broad?" (August 2012). Lenore is the owner/editor of www.TheFiveTowns.com.

Rabbi David Etengoff '80F, '80R, '92A published his article, "Determining the Onset of Aveilut," in the fall 2012 *Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society*.

Rabbi Nathaniel Helfgot '81YUHS, '85YC, '89A, '89R published *Mikra and Meaning: Studies in Bible and Its Interpretation* (Koren Publishers Jerusalem, 2012) with a preface by **Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein** '53YC, '59R.

Dr. Esther '83F and **President Richard M. Joel** '68YUHS announce the marriage of their son, Noam '07YC, to Leora Goodman, who will graduate from Einstein College of Medicine this spring.

Amy (Schwartz) '81S and **Jay Lipper** '79YUHS celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Aaron Jacob.

Jody '84C and **Bob Linsky** announce the marriage of their son, Matthew, on March 24, 2012 to Courtney Rich. Matthew was born during final exams while Jody was completing law school and attended Jody's law school graduation as a newborn.

Alumni in Health Care Repair the World One Patient at a Time

The health care industry has changed dramatically in the past few decades and professional opportunities in the field have expanded in scope to match the new landscape. Yeshiva University alumni are seizing upon these opportunities to work in an industry that is constantly evolving and providing unique career paths that didn't exist 20 years ago. Read on for a look at how alumni have forged careers in today's health care industry.



THE GENETIC COUNSELOR: ALIZA SARA (RICKLIS) ZIDELL '98S

While most people regularly visit general doctors such as pediatricians and internists, fewer can say they've been to a genetic counselor (GC). A GC is a specialized health care professional who speaks to patients about hereditary conditions, explaining medical concerns associated with a given condition and discussing implications for family members.

Genetic counseling is a burgeoning field in the developed world thanks to advances in medicine and technology, especially with respect to the mapping of

the human genome in 2001, which helped elucidate the role of genes in our health. Aliza Sara Zidell '98S of Elizabeth, NJ, is a genetic counselor at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey.

"I majored in biology at Stern and then enrolled in a graduate program in molecular biology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) with the expectation of doing research," said Zidell. "When I was doing graduate work at a cancer center, however, I realized I enjoyed having direct involvement with patients. I completed that first graduate program at UMDNJ and then enrolled in a second graduate program in genetic counseling at the University of Maryland School of Medicine."

Zidell recalled, "Dr. Harvey Babich, professor of biology, and Dr. Aharon H. Fried, associate professor of psychology and education, were sources of abundant encouragement to me."

A master's in genetic counseling requires a two-year program encompassing studies in bioethics, genetic science and embryology, as well as counseling skills necessary to interact with a wide range of patients, many of whom find themselves in very difficult situations.

Some genetic counselors are employed in research positions or by commercial genetics labs. Zidell, like most genetic counselors, works in the clinical environment. "Most patients that I see are interested in hereditary cancer risk assessment," she said. "For each patient, I review the personal and family medical histories. If the history is suggestive of a specific syndrome, I order a genetic test and explain the results to the patient. I also see adult and pediatric patients in conjunction with our department's medical geneticists (physicians). In that capacity, I obtain the medical history and follow up with the patient according to the geneticist's recommendation."

Like many doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, genetic counselors deal with people facing difficult news about their health. "While most of my cancer patients get better, some have a terminal illness," Zidell said. "I'm always moved when a patient reflects on his or her life and shares a lesson or memory. Although some people find that sad, I see it as a privilege to hear the perspective of a person for whom many of life's trivial matters have fallen away."

Zidell said that one of the biggest challenges for clinical genetic counselors is the cost of health care. "Genetic testing is expensive and GCs spend a lot of time obtaining coverage for medical services on behalf of patients."

In 2011, Yeshiva University and its Albert Einstein College of Medicine launched a joint initiative, the Program for Jewish Genetic Health, with the vision that nobody in the Jewish community facing a genetic health issue should be deprived of proper care due to lack of awareness, financial barriers or difficulty in navigating the health care system. Michael Stoler, a managing director at the private-equity firm Madison Realty Capital, made a gift in 2012 from his Foundation for Medical Evaluation & Detection to fund several screenings for Jewish people to get tested. The gift allowed for the program's first-ever campus-wide screening in April 2012. More than 100 students were tested and more than one-third of participants were found to be carriers of at least one Jewish genetic disease.

THE EPIDEMIOLOGIST: JOSH VOGEL '07YC

Josh Vogel '07YC credits Jonathan Tucker's book *Scourge* with leading him to his current profession as an epidemiologist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. "I was in junior high or high school when I read the book," said

Vogel. "Reading about the history of smallpox and how it was eventually eradicated made me think, 'Hey, epidemiology is pretty cool.' There really exists a potential to make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Since then, epidemiology was always an idea at the back of my mind."

The idea took a few years to come to fruition. After graduating Maimonides School, Vogel, a native Bostonian, studied in the Old City of Jerusalem for a year at Netiv Aryeh. He then attended Yeshiva College, a decision that came easily for him. "My mother went to YU, as did my NCSY advisers. The balance of rigorous Jewish studies along with excellent secular studies was extremely important for me, especially following my year in Israel," said Vogel.

After beginning as a pre-med major, Vogel decided to switch to psychology, resolute that he would still choose something within a health care field. While excelling in his studies, Vogel also found the time to be an active student leader as head of the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY). "Heading SOY was an integral part of my growing and learning experience at YU," said Vogel. "It laid a good foundation for future communal and professional work, because learning about working with others and maintaining a huge responsibility are lessons that work anywhere. These are things you can't learn in a classroom."

After graduating from YC, Vogel quickly found a job as program coordinator in the Orthodox Union's Department of Community Services where he organized events with community and social health focuses, such as how to care for elderly parents. "My experience at the OU really helped crystallize my desire to enter the field of public health," said Vogel. "I saw how many people were interested in these talks and how many lives were impacted." Not long after, Vogel was accepted into Boston University's School of Public Health.

Married by then to Tamar Grun '07S, the couple moved to Malden, a Boston suburb, so Vogel could complete the one-and-a-half year master's program, where he concentrated on health policy and management.

After Vogel was awarded his master's, he found employment at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as an epidemiologist I/data analyst in the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention. There, he collects data for various federal grants and researches data for use in other grants and external reports; creates computer-based tools to assist in the collection and interpretation of health data; and evaluates the Worksite Diabetes Prevention Program, which links primary care and workplace wellness.

While Vogel is primarily assigned to projects relating to diabetes prevention, care and management, he notes that the collaborative work environment in the Department of Public Health provides opportunities to assist with other health-related projects in reproductive health, healthy aging, asthma prevention, and violence and injury prevention.

"There's no typical day for me at work," said Vogel. "The varied nature of my job keeps things interesting and I couldn't ask for a better work environment. Everybody is open to helping one another, listening to your ideas and supporting your projects. People genuinely like doing their jobs here and the positive camaraderie makes for a happy workplace."

Vogel also said that although there aren't too many Orthodox Jews who work in the department, everyone respects his observance and tries to order kosher food for scheduled lunch meetings. Vogel also has a short walk to a nearby *mincha minyan* [afternoon prayer service] at the offices of the *Jewish Advocate*, a Boston newspaper.

Vogel is also an active community member, volunteering for both the Boston Medical Reserve Corps, where he is on call to support emergency response teams for large-scale and unplanned events, as well as the Beth Israel of Malden, the local Orthodox synagogue to which his family belongs.

Vogel and Tamar, a marketing and communications specialist at the Brandeis National Committee, have a son named Simcha.

"I find it really rewarding that my work as an epidemiologist benefits the state and the entire country," Vogel said. "My father, an engineer, worked his entire life for the U.S. Air Force, and I guess you can say it's a Vogel trait to take a lot of pride in our country and serve it in any way that we can."

THE NURSE: NAOMI SHARON '09S

Naomi Sharon '09S works as a nurse in the oncology department at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Every shift, she deals with patients sick with cancer—a task that can be overwhelming at times.

"There are times when I've come home at the end of the day and cried," said



Sharon. “It’s incredibly difficult to find the right balance of distancing yourself just enough to be able to do all the tasks of your job, while finding the right amount of empathy to show your patient. But at the end of the day, you need to step back and realize the difference you are making. The patients and their families often remind you of how much you’re doing for them, and that really keeps you going.”

Sharon has a role model in her father, a pediatric oncologist, whom she calls “a great inspiration.” Growing up in Chicago, she observed her father’s commitment to helping those who are sick and credits him with inspiring her to pursue a career in the health field.

Sharon came to Stern College believing she would be a physical therapist and majored in biology. However, after a few internships in the field, arranged through Yavneh Olami, an organization that connects American students with Israel, she decided to change her focus. A double stint at Hadassah Ein Kerem

Hospital and the Macabi Clinic convinced Sharon that nursing, with its concentration on patient care, was her goal.

Back at Stern, switching to nursing studies was made easier by the help of Professors Jeffrey Mollin and Lea Santos, both of whom were encouraging with classroom help as well as with navigating the path of applying to nursing school. Following graduation, Sharon completed Columbia University’s School of Nursing and soon found a job in the oncology department at Lenox Hill, though it wasn’t a specialty she had planned to pursue. “Finding a good job at a New York hospital is no easy task these days,” said



Sharon. “When I saw this job available, I decided to go for it and soon became chemotherapy certified. I’m now studying for my oncology certificate.”

Being a nurse in any department requires no small amount of vigor. “It’s a physically demanding and exhausting job,” said Sharon. “I’m on my feet for 12 hours straight when I’m working. Additionally, at the end of the day, the nurse is the health care provider in the hospital who has the most interaction with the patient; because of that, you’re responsible for providing information and answers to those who work both below you and above you. Though you’re not at the top of the hierarchy, you’re responsible for the whole structure running smoothly.”

The most taxing thing about nursing in an oncology department is not the physical requirements but the emotional toll. Sharon shared several stories that illustrate how she keeps going: “There was a male, middle-aged patient who came regularly for chemotherapy treatment, along with his wife, who was his primary cheerleader,” she recalled. “Over time, the nurses developed relationships with this couple. When the husband started to deteriorate, and it was clear his treatment wasn’t working, most of us at the hospital were devastated, but his wife expressed to us their combined gratitude for helping prolong his life. I was there until the end of this patient’s life, and I was sitting on the floor holding the wife as she cried when he passed away.”

She continued, “In another instance, there was a woman who came for treatment many times and she had no visitors—no family, no friends. When she died, I was the person sitting next to her bedside, showing that at times, we nurses have to be that family member, that close friend, for someone who has none. These kinds of experiences prove to me that I am in the right profession.”

Sharon will soon be attending Pace University to study to become a nurse practitioner and hopes to continue expanding her skills and scope of authority for care and treatment. She lives in Washington Heights with her husband, Tani Cohn ’11YC, who works in the Office of Student Life on YU’s Wilf Campus.



**THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST:
ADINA SAMTER LEIFER ’03S**

Adina Samter Leifer ’03S never planned on a science-oriented career, but she said that’s part of the beauty of college—exploring one’s options.

“I originally entered Stern thinking I would pursue either teaching or law,” said Leifer, who majored in psychology and minored in biology. “But I was enjoying my biology courses so much and wanted to explore health-related professions. I became interested in physical therapy, as a cousin of mine was pursuing a degree in that field, and I decided I would intern at

physical therapy facilities to see if it was a good fit.”

After internships at Lenox Hill Hospital’s rehabilitation department in New York City and Orlin and Cohen, an outpatient sports therapy private practice on Long Island, Leifer “was hooked.”

After graduating from Stern, Leifer attended Touro College’s Physical Therapy Program, where she earned a doctorate in physical therapy. She began her

career as an orthopedic physical therapist, mainly treating patients with sports injuries and those who were post-surgery from operations on their shoulders, backs, hips and knees.

“As I was looking for continuing education courses, I saw advertisements for courses in pelvic physical therapy,” said Leifer. “I had never heard of it before. I researched this therapeutic specialty and soon began taking courses through the Herman and Wallace Institute of Pelvic Rehabilitation. While it’s generally called ‘women’s health’ physical therapy, I actually treat both men and women who are experiencing any dysfunction of their pelvic floor muscles.”

Pelvic physical therapy is a fairly new technique that treats the muscles of the pelvic floor, which are responsible for bladder and bowel control and sexual function. When these muscles become weakened or too tight, people experience pelvic pain or dysfunction. “Many patients who suffer from symptoms of painful intercourse, or pelvic, urinary or bowel pain, often have dysfunctional pelvic floor muscles,” Leifer explained. “Pelvic floor physical therapy, one aspect of a multidisciplinary approach to these problems, incorporates a hands-on technique to relax pelvic floor muscle trigger points, release abnormal muscle spasms and provide deep-tissue massage of these muscle groups. Biofeedback and electrical stimulation is often used to facilitate recovery and provide proper muscle re-education to relieve pelvic pain and return normal urinary function.

“I know I’ve chosen the right career path anytime a patient with a bladder disorder tells me that she is now able to sleep through the night without waking up numerous times to use the bathroom or that she is not fearful of going out in public and having an accident,” said Leifer. “I’m also proud that I help couples have stronger, healthier marriages because I’ve helped treat sexual dysfunction relating to pelvic issues. I enjoy meeting all the different people who come for treatment, and I work hard to tailor each person’s treatment accordingly.”

The most important traits for a physical therapist are patience and empathy, according to Leifer. “I see so many people who are in a lot of pain and have lost normal functional mobility and they just want to get better. When full recovery comes and you can see a patient who was unable to perform certain activities finally be able to do so, there is nothing more rewarding.”

After working at a private orthopedic practice for the last five years in Westchester, Leifer recently began working as the program coordinator for the Healthy Pelvis Center at Norwalk Community Hospital in Connecticut. Along with the chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Yoni Barnhard, Leifer will be opening a Women’s Health Center dedicated to the treatment of all pelvic floor muscle disorders and dysfunction. She currently lives in Riverdale with her husband, Ari ’00YUHS, ’05YC, ’09E, and their sons, Jonah, Gavi and Josh. ■

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Rachelle (Blumenfeld) '84YUHS, '87S and Steven **Margulies** announce the birth of their grandson, Avram "Avi" Netanel Pasternak, born to Rebecca and Yossi Pasternak. Mazel tov to great-grandmother Lois Blumenfeld, who recently married Dr. Norman Sohn.

Dr. Esther '86S, '95F and **Rabbi Meir Orlian** '83YUHS, '87YC, '90R, '93BR are pleased to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Tehilla Leah, born to Sarah and Avrahami Rosenberg. Mazel tov to great-grandparents **Rabbi Dr. J. Mitchell Orlian** '51YUHS, '55YC, '57F, '73BR and **Ethel Orlian** '57 YUHSG, '61S.

Ariela and **Dr. Jeff Port** '83YC announce the marriage of their daughter, Aviva Port, to Ari Lurie. Mazel tov to grandparents, Marlene and **Dr. Yale Port** '53YC, '56R, '59F.

Alisa and **Rabbi Allen Schwartz** '85YC, '86R, '87BR announce the birth of their granddaughter, born to **Chani** '02YUHS and **Rabbi Joel Bloom** '05YC, '09A, '10R.

Deena and **Rabbi Morey Schwartz** '85YC, '90R, '91BR announce the birth of their granddaughter, Yuval Leah, born to Yael and Naftali Schwartz. Yuval Leah is the first great-granddaughter of **Esther** '56YUHS, '60S and **Rabbi Ephraim Zimand** '54YUHS, '58YC, '61R.



Beverly and **Rabbi Aharon Simkin** '85R announce the marriage of their daughter, Devorah, to Pini, son of **Batya (Shulman)** '80TI and Rabbi David Berlinger.

Bassie and **Rabbi Michael Taubes** '80YC, '83F, '83R announce the marriage of their son, **Yaakov** '11YC, to **Racheli Ratner** '12S, a Presidential Fellow at YU's Institute for University-School Partnership. Mazel tov to Racheli's parents, **Adeena** '73S, '75BR and Rabbi Avrohom Ratner. Rabbi Taubes is the rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva University High School for Boys.

Devorah Altman and **Rabbi Brian Thau** '86YC, '90R, '98A, celebrated their daughter, **Racheli** '12YUHS, who was awarded the Phyllis Barnett Chessed Award for 2012. Racheli is part of the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program at Tiferet this year and plans to attend Stern College in fall of 2013.

Ora and **Rabbi Stuart Verstandig** '80YC, '82F, '84R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Pinchus Moshe.

1990s



Rabbi Reuven Boshnack '99YC, '99A, '04R, '08A published *Avodas Yehuda: Reflections on the Maharal's Netzach Yisrael* (2012, Lulu Publishing).

Rachel (Lewkowitz) Ciment '99SB is the director of student life at the Israel Henry Beren campus.

Shira '97YUHS, '01S and **Rabbi Shlomo Einhorn** '01YC, '04R, '09A were honored by West Side Institutional Synagogue at the annual dinner.

Chavi (Sweidler) '97YUHS, '01S and **Daniel Eisenberg** '95YUHS announce the birth of their third son, Moshe Yehuda. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Gail** '74S and **Norman Eisenberg** '68YUHS, and Sonja and **Simon Swidler** '63YUHS.



Rabbi Jonah Feldman '97YUHS, '03YC, '09R is an attending physician in Winthrop Hospital's Department of Medicine and associate program director for the hospital's Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Seth Galena '99YC helped put together "Tacos for Noah" (www.tacosfornoah.com) for Sandy Hook victim Noah Pozner, whose favorite food was tacos.

Yocheved '98W and **Rabbi Efreim Goldberg** '97YC, '01R announce the birth of their son, Shmuel Yisroel Nossen Goldberg, who follows six daughters.

Rabbi Barry Goldfischer '96YC, '01R, director of The Jerusalem Journey, **Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone** '05R, '06SB, regional director of New York NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth), and **Rabbi Dovid Twersky** '70YC, '73R, former NCSY national vice president, will be inducted into the NCSY Ben Zakkai Honor Society at the annual Ben Zakkai Dinner.

Tova and **Rabbi Fred Hyman** '99R celebrated the b'not mitzvah of their twin daughters, Raphaela and Rebecca.

Dr. Shara and **Rabbi David Israel** '96R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Ari.



Rabbi Barry Kislowicz, EdD '99YC, '04R received the Covenant Foundation's Pomegranate Prize for exceptional, emerging professionals in Jewish education settings. Only five awards were given; Rabbi Kislowicz is the only Jewish day school educator selected.



YU Director of Events **Aliza (Berenholz)** '92YUHS, '96S and Yehuda Leon Peled announce the birth of their son, Shalom Moshe, on August

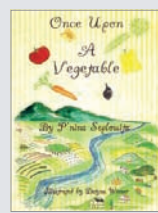
15. Mazel tov to grandparents Many and **Rabbi Heshy Berenholz** '60YUHS and Elana and Jack Peled.

Ayala '96YUHS and **Rabbi Dani Rockoff** '01YC, '03R, '04A, '08BR announce the birth of their daughter, Ora Hila.

Deborah '97S and **Rabbi Ari Rockoff** '99SB, v01R celebrated the bat mitzvah of her daughter, Shoshana.

Dr. Chaya and **Rabbi Elimelech Rosenthal** '98YUHS, '02YC, '09R announce the birth of their son, Yechezkel David. Mazel tov to great grandparents Claire and **Rabbi Joshua Hertzberg** '51YC, '55R.

Rabbi Eliezer Schnell, PhD '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F, professor of psychology at Yeshiva College, was a scholar-in-residence at Mt. Sinai Jewish Center, New York; Young Israel of Southfield, Michigan; Congregation Sons of Israel of Allentown, PA; and Congregation Adath Israel of Elizabeth, NJ. Rabbi Schnell authored "Satisfaction and Stressors in a Religious Minority: A National Study of Orthodox Jewish Marriage," which appeared in the January 2013 issue of the *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*.



P'nina Sepowitz '96YUHS, '00SB published her first children's book, *Once Upon a Vegetable* (Trafford Publishing, 2012) about a wealthy man from a small village who yearns to find a new food that satiates and excites him. An entertaining feast for the visual senses and a discovery of the many wonders of creation—learn more at www.pninasepowitz.com.

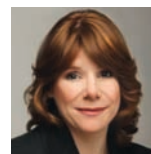
Julie (Ackerman) Sherry '93YUHS, '96S is a New York licensed physical therapist specializing in custom-tailored exercise programs that rebalance the body, as well as manual physical therapy skills that ease the body and integrate all systems to achieve optimal function. Sherry, in practice for 13 years, integrates mind and body techniques with customized therapeutic exercises for each individual patient. Sherry is a certified yoga instructor and strength trainer.

Bracha and **David Silverberg** '94YC, '98R announce the birth of their son, Yonatan Moshe. Mazel tov to grandparents **Tammy** '64YUHS and **Benjamin Silverberg** '61YC, '66BR.

Ilana (Fodiman) and **Rabbi Yair Silverman** '98YC, '00BR, '02R announce the birth of their son, Amitai Shalev. Mazel tov to grandparents Mel and **Dagmar Fodiman** '92C, and Anita Hirsch Silverman.

Rena '97S, '97A and **Rabbi Reuven Spolter** '94YC, '97A, '97R, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Bezalel.

Danya '99S and **Rabbi Aryeh Stechler** '00YC, '03R announce the birth of their son, Yaakov Oded.



Dr. Rachel Teitelbaum's '98E company, Hervana LTD (www.hervana-bio.com), received the Round 4 Grand Challenge Exploration Grant from the Bill and Melinda

Gates Foundation. The company was also chosen as the runner-up for the best startup company in an annual startup competition sponsored by the Israel Life Science Industry, announced at the annual Biomed competition in June 2012.



Miriam '90S and **Rabbi Perry Tirschwell** '85YC, '89R announce the marriage of their daughter, Meira, to **Gershon Albert** '12YC.

Esther and **Rabbi Etan Tokayer** '95YC, '95BR, '95R announce the birth of their son, Yedidyah Mordechai.



Ari Zoldan '99SB appeared on Fox Business' "Money with Melissa Francis" on July 26 to discuss the Facebook earnings report.

Zoldan is the CEO of Quantum Networks LLC and senior Washington correspondent for Talk Radio News Service. Zoldan is press credentialed at the United Nations and on Capitol Hill.

Rabbi Aaron Levitt '99YC, '05R became principal of Judaic studies at Robert M. Beren Academy in Houston, TX.

2000s

Aliza '05S and **Rabbi Dovid Asher** '06YC, '09R announce the birth of their son, Yaakov.

Yardena '08S and **Ariel Bennett** '09YC announce the birth of their daughter, Ahuva Neima.

Pnina Baim '09A published her book, *Choices* (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012).

Yiska (Jessica Levine) '04S and Mosheh Ben Avraham announce the birth of their daughter, Pnina Yocheved.

Anna '03S and **Rabbi Avi Billet** '96YUHS, '01YC, '06A, '08R announce the birth of their daughter, Temimah Pearl.

Shonnie '05S and **Rabbi Jonathan Chabre** '04YC, '07R announce the birth of their daughter, Yael Elisheva. Mazel tov to grandparents Dr. Susan and Robert Chabre, and Alisa and **Rabbi Allen Schwartz** '85YC, '86R, '97BR.



Dr. Susan Ciardiello '07W published her second book, *ACTivities for Group Work with Adolescents* (Macro Products, 2012). Her first book was *ACTivities for Group Work with School-Age Children* (Marco Products, 2003).

Rabbi Jeremy Donath '08YC, '11A, '11R married **Shira Kandel** '13S.

Jody '03S and **Rabbi Amichai Erdfarb** '94YUHS, '99YC, '02R announce the birth of their son, Yehuda Menachem.

Meira '09A and **Ari Federgrun** '10YC announce the birth of their son. Mazel tov to grandparents **Edna** '64YUHS and Ernst Bechhofer.



Robin Mitchell '02S and Jeffrey Feit announce the birth of their son, Marc (Moshe).



Aliza and **Rabbi Yaacov Feit** '02YC, '05R, '05A announce the birth of their son.

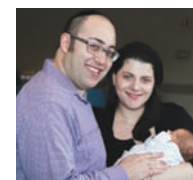


Azadeh and **Rabbi Ezra Frazer** '01YC, '04A, '05R, '05BR announce the birth of their daughter, Tamar Avigayil.

Sara '09S, '12BR and **Rabbi Adam Frieberg** '09SB, '12A announce the birth of their daughter, Rina Menucha.

Abby (Calm) '03S and **Rabbi Joe Hirsch** '04YC, '09R, '09A announce the birth of their son, Elisha.

Rebecca '05SB and **Rabbi Avi Hochman** '05SB, '07A, '08R announce the birth of their daughter, Shulamis Basya (Shulie).



Dr. Arielle (Glueck) '03S, '08E and **Joshua Hay** '03YC announce the birth of their son, Samuel Israel.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

WHAT'S COOKING AT STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN? (NOVEMBER 13, 2012)

Stern alumnae and friends enjoyed the delectable food at PrimeKO Japanese Steakhouse while learning the tricks of the trade from Chef David Kolotkin. The sold-out crowd raised more than \$40,000 for Stern scholarships.



Event Co-chairs Pam Hirt '90S (center) and Rena Kwestel '92S (right) with Mindy Speiser Davidoff '83YUHS, '87S



Sisters Alisa Blumenfeld Wietschner, Deena Blumenfeld Kaszovitz '92S, Tammi Blumenfeld Schachter '96YUHS, '00S, and Rachelle Blumenfeld Margulies '84YUHS, '87S

Stern Board Chair Shira Yoshor '89S and Lisa Chetrit



Rina Emerson '00S, Chani Klein, Bonnie Schertz '82S, Esther Weinstein, Bernice Jozsef



Jamie Leifer, Malki Rosen '85S, Cindy Pinter '92S, Irit Kerstein '94S and Suzy Schwartzstein



Dara Kushner-Orbach '01S and Stern Board member Suzanne Berger

YOUNG ALUMNI BEER TASTING AT LOFT ON 5TH (NOVEMBER 29, 2012)

More than 60 young alumni and friends sampled great seasonal beers while learning about the brews by experts from Tapped Craft Beers. The beers were paired with hors d'oeuvres which complimented each of the beers perfectly.



Alumni sampling beers

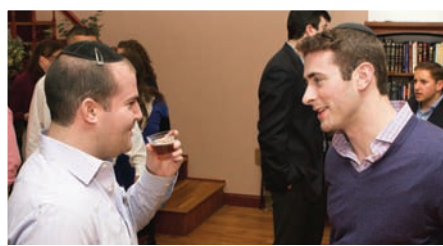
Eric Weiss '09SB, Hillie Sturm '11SB, and Or Pikary '11SB



Penny '08SB and Reuben Pazornick '05SB



Daniel Goldmintz '09SB, Ezra Blumenthal '07YC, and Aliza Abrams '05S



Jamie Small '08SB and Josh Sladowsky '09SB



Lori (Miodownik) '03SB and Shai Barnea '03YC, and Ellie (Nyer) '03SB and Elly Goldenberg '03SB

YESHIVA COLLEGE DRAMATICS SOCIETY CELEBRATES 100TH PRODUCTION (DECEMBER 2, 2012)

YCDS honored Rabbi Dr. Johnny Krug '74YC, '77F, '78R, '85F at a special performance of 12 Angry Men followed by a reception for alumni and friends.



Michael Wildes '89C, YC Board Member Leon Wildes '54YC and John Krug '74YC



Members of the cast of "Twelve Angry Men"

Rem and YCDS alumnus Samuel Davidovics '69YC



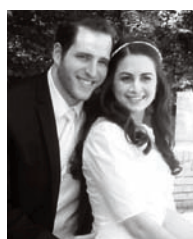
Committee Head Gary Berger '88YC



Jay Blazer '53BB, John Krug '74YC

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CLASSNOTES



Sivan Kerem '09S married **Samuel Krug** '08YC in Teaneck, NJ.

Erik Kessler '04W is director of admissions, communications, and human resources at the Moriah School in Englewood, NJ, where he mentors student interns from the Wurzwiler School of Social Work.

Chaya Sima '06S, '08BR and **Rabbi Akiva Koenigsberg** '98YUHS, '04YC, '08R, '10BR announce the birth of their daughter, Leah.

Elana (Naider) '01S and **Rabbi Yonatan Kohn** '07R announce the birth of their daughter, Aderet Tehilah.

Daniel S. Kokhba '03C has made partner at Kantor, Davidoff, Wolfe, Mandelker, Twomey, & Gallanty, P.C.



Rachel '05SB and **Rabbi Daniel Kraus** '07SB have been appointed directors of community education at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.



First Lieutenant **Michael Levin** '05YC married **Samantha Moskowitz** in Cedarhurst, NY. Mazel tov to parents **Shira and Yoel Moskowitz** '85YC and Diane and Jeffrey Levin.

Lavie Margolin '02SB published his book, *I Know Someone. What Now?* (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012).

Dovi Meles '09YC was selected to the U.S. Army's Public Affairs Fellowship Program. Meles will start his training in Philadelphia with the Army Corp of Engineers, then move to Fort Meade in Maryland to attend the Defense Information School, ultimately ending up at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Jon Minkove '02YC was profiled by the *Baltimore Jewish Times* (July 27, 2012) for founding the Tour de Court Competition in Baltimore. Modeled after the World Cup, the basketball competition is in its 18th year and raises money for leukemia and lymphoma.

Jenny '03S and **Rabbi David Nachbar** '02YC, '05R, '11BR announce the birth of their son, Chananya Baruch.

Rabbi Eli Ozarowski '01YC, '04R, '05A published the article, "Scriptural Inscriptions on Jewelry," in the fall 2012 *Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society*.

Aviva '08S and **Rabbi Uriel Rabinovitz** '05YC, '10R announce the birth of their daughter, Tzipora Chaya Rachel.

Avital and Yaakov Rosenberg '09YC announce the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov to grandparents, Jackie and Alan Kelin, and Charlene and **Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg** '69YC, '74R, '74F, '92A.



Michelle Rosengarten Kramer '07C married Gary Kramer in Bal Harbour, FL.

Upon graduating from the Medical School for International Health (MSIH) of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Ayol Samuels** '08YC received the Gold Humanism Award, an award given to graduating medical students for commitment to service, outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, and demonstrated clinical excellence.

Aliza '04SB and **Rabbi Yechiel Shaffer** '07YC, '11A, '11R announce the birth of their son, Bentzion Meir Yitzchak.

Immanuel Shalev '08YC married Davina Wadler.

Ayelet and **Rabbi Michael Shore** '03SB, '07R announce the birth of their daughter, Neely.



Rabbi Gidon Shoshan '02R, '09A received Harvard University's Leadership in Education Award from the Graduate School of Education, awarded to only

13 of several hundred applicants from around the world.

Joey Small '05YC is director of institutional advancement at YULA High School in Los Angeles, CA.

Mirel '04S and **Rabbi Moshe Stavsky** '99YUHS, '04YC, '07R, '09BR announce the birth of their son, Yaakov Mordechai.

Talya and **David Stein** '08YC announce the birth of their son, Ilan Amichai.



Rabbi Rami Strosberg '03YC, '07R, '09A is now the head of school of the newly formed Westchester Torah Academy.

Sarala and **Daniel Turkel** '06YUHS, '12YC announce the birth of their son, Simcha Mayer.



Dave Weinberg '05YC was highlighted by the *Washington Post* (Nov. 20) for his Hurricane Sandy relief efforts including establishing the Web site, giftcardrelief.org.

Tamar '09S and **Dov Weinberger** '03YUHS, '08YC announce the birth of their son.

Rebecca '02S and **Rabbi Yosef Weinstock** '97YUHS, '01YC, '04W, '05R announce the birth of their son, Eitan Chaim.

Yaffi (Spodek) '08S and **Rabbi Matan Wexler** '05SB, '09A, '09R announce the birth of their son, Shlomo Zalman. Mazel tov to grandparents **Paula** '72YUHS and **Rabbi Ira Spodek** '71YC, '74BR, '74R.

Sara and **Rabbi Netanel Wiederblak** '03YC, '05R, '10BR announce the birth of their son, Yosef Mordechai.



Rabbi Shmuly Yankowitz '09BR was interviewed by NBC's Channel 4 Action News about Yom Kippur observance.



Ilana Schechtman-Yehaskel and **Joshua Yehaskel** '06YC announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa.

Chani '08S and **Menachem Yondorf** '12YC announce the birth of their son. Chani is a student at Einstein College of Medicine.

Sharon '01SB, '08W and **Rabbi Elie Zwickler** '93YUHS, '88YC, '00R, '04A, '09W celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yitzy.

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Lauren (Abramowitz) '10S and **Yonah Bardos** '08YC, '12E '13R, '13E announce the birth of their son, Gavriel Noam.

Shoshana Blackstein '10S, '12A married **Rabbi Avraham Engelson** '07SB, '12R. Mazel tov to Brenda and **Rabbi Darren Scott Blackstein** '79 YUHS, '83YC, '86R.



Natan Brownstein '12YC married Jessie Busch.

Melissa '10S and **Rabbi Zev Eleff** '09YC, '11R announce the birth of their daughter, Meital Shoshana. Zev published an honorary *Kuntres Iggerot Halevi* to mark the occasion.

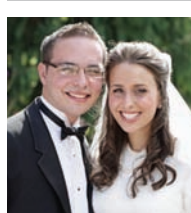
Miriam and **Yair Frankel** '10YC announce the birth of their son, Ephraim Ever.



Benjamin Glueck '10YC married Aliza Lipschitz.



Jesse Glueck '11YC, married Sara Feigenbaum. Jesse is a student at Einstein College of Medicine.



Sima Horowitz '11S, daughter of **Janice** '81S and **Rabbi Jonathan Horowitz**, married **Zachary Horowitz** '07YUHS, '12YC, son of **Debbie**

'72YUHS, '76S and **Marc Horowitz** '72YUHS, '76YC and grandson of **Rabbi Dr. Edmund Neiss z"l** '45YC, '48R, '67BR.

Shalom Isaacson '10YC teaches yoga classes around the Houston area to Jews of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Leora (Stroh) '12S and **Alan Katz** '12YC were married on September 10 and made aliyah three days later. They plan to live in Haifa.

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Suri '11S and **Jeremy Katz** '08YC announce the birth of their daughter, Ayelet Faiga.

The June 26 *Delta Democrat Times* of Greenville, MS, profiled the photography of **Jakob N. Layman** '10YC. Layman and fellow photographer Phyllis B. Dooney are documenting the ways high school bands teach discipline and responsibility to students in the South. More information on the project can be found at www.themightymuddy.com.

Dov Lerner '11YC from London married **Miriam Weiss** '12S from Passaic, NJ.

Daniella (Ginsburg) '10S and **Sam Weprin** '10YC announce the birth of their daughter, Liana Meira.



Aliza (Kranzler) '11S and **Stephen Zeffren** '11YC announce the birth of their son, Evan Zackary.

In Memoriam



Rabbi Dr. Zevulun Lieberman '51YC, '54R, '57YC, '59F

Rabbi Dr. Jay Braverman '54YUHS, '58YC, '61R, '70BR
Dr. Beatrice Carson '82F
Azriel Cohen '92YC
Dr. Ephraim Frankel '46YUHS, '50YC
Dr. Mordecai Gabriel '34YUHS, '38YC
Alter Goldstein '60YUHS
Rabbi Abraham I. Halbfinger '52IB, '58R
Rabbi I. Fred Hollander '46R
Rabbi Dr. Edmund Neiss '45YC, '48R, '67BR
Rabbi Bernard Lipschitz '30R
Rabbi Morris B. Margolies '43R
Rabbi Stanley Metzger '47YC, '49R
Dr. Sylvia Robb '60F
Rabbi Morris L. Rubinstein '51YUHS, '55YC
Rabbi Louis Tuchman '40YUHS, '44YC, '47R
Irwin "Yechiel Yitzchak" Wenger '51YC

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 • **R:** Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary • **S:** Stern College for Women • **SB:** Sy Syms School of Business • **TI:** Teacher's Institute • **W:** Wurzwiler School of Social Work • **YC:** Yeshiva College • **YUHS:** Yeshiva University High Schools