



# ALUMNI TODAY

## CLASSNOTES



**Dr. Robert van Amerongen** '82YC, '86E has been appointed medical director of Urgent-MD Family Urgent Care Centers. Dr. van Amerongen is also chief of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Jeremy Wieder** '88YUHS, '91BR, '91YC, '94R has been appointed Scholar-in-Residence at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun.

Chair of the Stern College Board of Overseers **Shira Yoshor** '89S received the Dena and Baruch Brady Award for Dedicated Service at the 44th Anniversary Gala Dinner of Robert M. Beren Academy in Houston, Texas.

### 1990s

Betty and **Jake Arjang** '97SB announce the birth of their son, Akiva.

**Sara (Silverstein)** '97YUHS, '01S and **Rabbi Yaakov Blau** '93YC, '93BR, '96R, '97A announce the birth of their son, Yehuda Shabtai. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Dr. Rivkah** '58YUHS and **Rabbi Yosef Blau** '55YUHS, '59YC, '60BS, '61R, senior Mashgiach Ruchani at Yeshiva University.

**Rabbi David Brofsky** '94YC, '94BR published his book, *Hilkot Mo'adim: Understanding the Laws of the Festivals* (Koren Publishers Jerusalem, 2013).

**Rabbi Avi Cutler** '93YUHS, '00YC, '01W, '02R was scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Woodmere where he lectured on "The Significance and Relevance of the Rebbe: Talmid Relationship in the 21st Century."

**Rabbi Joshua Fass** '91YUHS, '94YC, '96A, '98R was honored by the World Orthodox Leadership in November for co-founding Nefesh B'Nefesh.

**Solomon Genet** '96YC served as a panel speaker at the Cuban American Bar Association Conference: Legal Aspects of Doing Business in the Americas, a one-day conference to discuss the complex regulatory, legal, market and cultural issues relating to conducting business in Latin America.

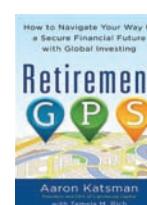
**Hila** '95A and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Meir **Goldwicht** announce the birth of their grandson, Oriel, born to Ariella and **Etiel Goldwicht** '05SB.



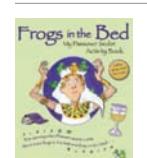
Chava and **Rabbi Yonah Gross** '98YUHS, '04YC, '06R announce the birth of their son, Yosef Leib.



**John K. Houten** '91YC became professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.



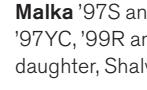
**Aaron Katsman** '93YC published his book, *Retirement GPS: How to Navigate Your Way to a Secure Financial Future with Global Investing* (McGraw-Hill, 2013).



**Ann Koffsky** '93S published her book, *Frogs in the Bed: My Passover Seder Activity Book* (Behrman House, 2014).



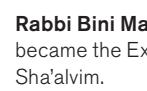
Chaya and **Rabbi Jonathan Krimsky** '98YC, '02R announce the birth of their son, Akiva Pesach.



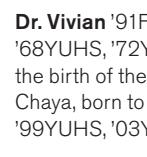
**Malka** '97S and **Rabbi Ely Landman** '97YC, '99R announce the birth of their daughter, Shalva Emuna.



**Ahava (Aaron) Leibtag** '97S published her book, *The Digital Crown: Winning at Content on the Web* (Morgan Kaufmann, 2013).



**Rabbi Bini Maryles** '97SB, '01R, '10A became the Executive Director of Yeshivat Sha'almi.



**Dr. Vivian** '91F and **Rabbi Moshe Neiss** '68YUHS, '72YC, '75R, '75BR announce the birth of their granddaughter, Dahlia Chaya, born to Alison and **Jeremy Neiss** '99YUHS, '03YC.



**Amer Ranish-Randell** '91YC celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Ethan (Ephraim Aryeh) in November.



**Dr. Dale Rosenbach** '99YUHS, '03YC joined the faculty of the postgraduate department of periodontics and implant dentistry at Lutheran Medical Center

in Brooklyn. He has also been invited to present to the Bronx County Dental Society in April on the topic of "Atraumatic Exodontia: Principles, Concepts & Techniques."

**Rabbi Eliezer Schnall** '95YUHS, '00YC, '03R, '06F, associate professor of psychology at Yeshiva College, lectured at Congregation Sons of Israel in Cherry Hill, NJ at an event marking the 120th anniversary of the synagogue.

Yocheved and **Rabbi Avraham Willig** '99W, '02R announce the birth of their son, Yosef. Mazel tov to grandparents **Faygie** '72S and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Mordechai Willig** '68YC, '71R.

### 2000s

Daniella and **Jonathan Dyckman** '01SB were honored at the Kehillas Ishei Yisrael Fifth Annual Dinner for their many contributions to the shul community.



**Rebecca** '07S and **Greg Eliason** '06SB announce the birth of their son, Daniel Aharon.



**Lauren** '03S and **Rabbi Eliezer "Josh" Friedman** '97YC, '01R announce the birth of their daughter, Esther Liba.

**Karen** '01BR and **Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider** '94R have been appointed to the faculty of Nishmat as co-directors of the Alisa Flatow International Program, which offers English-speaking women of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities the opportunity to study Jewish texts.

**Heather Goldstein** '00SB is now vice president of marketing for Net-A-Porter.com.

**Noam Greenberg** '04YC of Thompson & Knight LLP was recognized as a New York Rising Star in 2013 by Thomson Reuters.

**Rabbi Micah Greenland** '00YC, '02R, '10A was elected International Director of NCSY.

Shevy and **Aaron Gropper** '02SB announce the birth of their son, Elazar Dov Ber.

**Leba** '02S and **Rabbi Gary Guttenberg** '04YC, '07R announce the birth of their twins, Yehuda and Yosef Shalom. Mazel Tov to grandparents **Sandy** '78S and **Aryeh Guttenberg** '72 YUHS, '76YC, '79C and Rayla and **Ben Zion Krupka** '77YC. Mazel tov to great grandparents Fay and **Rabbi Yitzchak Sladowsky** '54YC, '56R.

Dina and **Rabbi Shaye Guttenberg** '06YC, '09A announce the birth of their son, Shlomo Tzohar.



**Ariella (Joel)** '03S and Shlomo Benzaquen announce the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov to **Dr. Esther** '83F and **President Richard Joel** '68YUHS.

Elisheva and assistant dean of undergraduate Torah studies **Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky** '00YC, '03R, '09A, '09W announce the birth of their son, Dovid. Mazel tov to grandparents Sandy and **Rabbi Alan Kalinsky** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76R, '77F.

**Rabbi Ari Kellerman** '05YC, '09A received the Distinguished Alumnus and Faculty Teacher of the Year Award at the 44th Anniversary Gala Dinner of Robert M. Beren Academy in Houston, Texas.

Surie and **Aaron Krakowski** '05YC announce the birth of their son, Daniel Shlomo.

**Jonathan Mantell** '03SB, '10W became the chief operating officer of Water Waste Prevention, Inc.

**Dr. Chani** '97S, '00BR, '13A and **Rabbi Shmuel Maybruch** '97YC, '02R, '13W announce the birth of their son, Yaakov Simcha, and the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dovid.

Tzippy and **Rabbi Gershon Meisel** '09YC announce the birth of their son.

**Avi Sinensky** '01YUHS, '04YC became an associate at Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein, and Breitstone, LLP.

**Rabbi Eli Slomnicki** '01YC, '04A was appointed assistant principal of Yeshiva University High School for Girls in Holliswood.

**Yael** '05S and **Rabbi Akiva Willig** '01YC, '05R announce the birth of their daughter. Mazel tov to grandparents **Faygie** '72S and RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Mordechai Willig** '68YC, '71R.

### 2010s

**Josh Geller** '12SB was hired as the South Florida Director of Institutional Advancement for Southern NCSY.

**Rabbi Herschel Hartz** 13R, '13BR was acknowledged in *The Jewish Week* for kickstarting Inwood's Jewish community. He is founder and Executive Director of Inwood Jews ([www.inwoodjews.com](http://www.inwoodjews.com)).

**Tova (Gardin)** '09S and **Peter Kahn** '11YC, '13R were honored at the 100th Anniversary Dinner of Congregation Sons of Israel of the Bronx.

**Dena Block** '11S, **Nechama Price** '01S, '05A, '08BR, **Tova Warburg** 'Sinensky '03S, '08A, and **Avital Weissman** '00S, '03A were members of the first American class to become yoatzot halacha, female advisors of Jewish law, from Nishmat, a Jerusalem-based Torah study center for women.

### In Memoriam

**Dr. Shlomo Charlap** '75YC  
**Dr. Herbert A. Friedman** '54YUHS, '58YC  
**Rabbi Nehemia Gellman** '44YC, '50R  
**Rabbi Ezra R. Labaton** '72YC, '74R, '75BR  
**Leon Mir** '54YUHS  
**Rabbi Jacob "Jack" M. Sable** '44YUHS, '48YC, '56R, '64BR, '99W  
**Rabbi Dan Segal** '93YUHS, '97YC, '02E  
**Cheryl Stern** '81S  
**Rabbi Arnold Wieder** '49YC

# From Small Start-Ups to Big Business, Attorney Joey Nussbaum Finds his Niche



starting with my grandfather, Rabbi Gerson Appel '38YC, '41BR, '45R, z'l," said Nussbaum. "Attending YU just makes sense for a Modern Orthodox family who cares about Jewish learning on a higher education level, in addition to excellent secular studies."

Nussbaum fondly recalled his wonderful rebbeim, English classes with Dr. Joanne Jacobson and Dr. Joan Haar and Hebrew courses with Dr. Samuel Schneider; the close friends he made; his time working at the *Commentator*, Yeshiva College's newspaper; and intramural basketball.

After graduating from Harvard in 1997, Nussbaum accepted a position at the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, where he had been a summer associate, and worked there for two-and-a-half years. "I soon got the itch that many associates get—to do something outside the realm of a corporate law firm," said Nussbaum. "Being young and single, I figured there was no better time to try an opportunity elsewhere."

That opportunity came at Comstellar Technologies, a start-up tech company that created cutting-edge hardware, software and service solutions, where he served as director of corporate development, which led to more than 10 years at different technology start-ups. After a year at Comstellar, he went on to Leapstone, where he served as in-house counsel and directed both corporate development and legal affairs for seven years. He then joined LightSquared, a wireless broadband company where he spent three years working as director of commercial transactions. In 2012, he became the assistant general counsel at Time Warner Inc., a global leader in media and entertainment with businesses in television networks, film and publishing—offering a professional environment

For someone who wasn't sure what he wanted to do professionally until his senior year of college, Joey Nussbaum '94YC, seems to have managed just fine.

"I majored in English but didn't really know what kind of career I wanted to pursue, and then someone suggested that I take the LSAT," said Nussbaum, who ended up attending Harvard Law School. "That suggestion worked out pretty well for me."

One thing that Nussbaum, a Chicago native, was clear about was his intention to attend Yeshiva University. "I come from a long line of people who attended YU,

vastly different than a corporate law firm or start-up.

Nussbaum, who thrives on the stimulating and "from-the-ground-up" atmosphere that exists in start-ups, said his biggest fear was that Time Warner would be "a real corporate bureaucracy with all the associated politics that go with it." To his relief, he found that it wasn't like that at all. "I'm in a group within Time Warner that's made up of about 700 people, so it's not too huge, but I can still take advantage of the resources and opportunities that come along with being a part of a major company," Nussbaum said.

A day at the Time Warner headquarters in Manhattan is typically filled with drafting and negotiating a wide variety of commercial agreements, such as software licenses, health and welfare contracts and professional services agreements. "I work for a very diverse client base, so I never really know what will come up or what kinds of things I'll have to deal with in a given day," he said. "It keeps things interesting."

The job does come with its challenges, such as "managing attorneys when I hadn't managed anyone before," said Nussbaum. "But overall, it's a positive career development and much more stable, which is important now that I'm married and have a child."

Nussbaum said that his experience there has been overwhelmingly positive and that the company is very accommodating of employees who are trying to balance their professional and home lives.

Nussbaum's wife, Tamar Kaplan-Marans, is an attorney at WilmerHale. They describe the balancing act they do to manage their busy jobs and raise their 2-year-old, Harry, as challenging but workable.

"My wife actually works longer hours than I do, since I can usually leave my office by 6:30," said Nussbaum. "When I need to take a day off or come in late, my office is very understanding. I can also work remotely from home."

Nussbaum recognizes the different market that now exists for young lawyers, as opposed to when he was a new Harvard graduate. "It's tough out there," he said. "It used to be an asset to have a law degree no matter which professional field you wanted to pursue, but employers don't look at it the same way today."

Still, Nussbaum said, if you have a passion for the law, you should pursue it. "There are jobs out there, and networking is a must," he said. "YU students are lucky that they have a great Career Center and a huge network of lawyers to tap into. I am always happy to speak with students and offer my perspective to them."

Nussbaum's family tradition of attending Yeshiva University continues through his nieces and nephews, many of whom are current students or graduates. Nussbaum and his wife are proud to support YU and contribute to its Annual Fund.

"YU is an incredible institution with an incredibly important mission, and ultimately, I think it achieves its goal like no other," he said. "It continually turns out a very impressive product, and I am proud to be associated with it." ■

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# ALUMNI IN ACTION

## STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS PIZZA-MAKING KICKOFF EVENT (OCTOBER 2, 2013)

Students Helping Students is a student-run initiative that educates undergraduates about the role philanthropy plays in funding a YU education, with a particular focus on the need for scholarship funds. This year's kickoff event took place at Lake Como Pizza on the Wilf Campus. More than 30 students created their own personal pizzas while showing their appreciation for alumni support and doing their part to raise money for undergraduate scholarships.



Students create their own personal pizzas



Seth Feuerstein-Rudin, president of Students Helping Students, demonstrate how to prepare crisp, thin-crust pizzas



Participants show their support for Students Helping Students by designing posters

## SILVER AND GOLDEN SHIELD SOCIETY TOURS JEWISH HARLEM (OCTOBER 13, 2013)

Silver and Golden Shield Society members joined Stern College for Women students on a tour of Jewish Harlem led by Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History. The group visited various Harlem sites that were keystones of Jewish life in the early part of the 20th century. The tour was followed by lunch on the Wilf Campus.

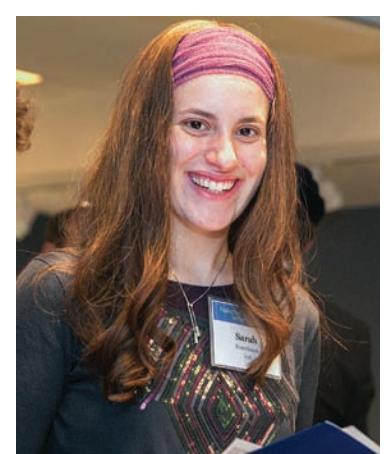


## NAHSHON SOCIETY FALL MEETING (OCTOBER 16, 2013)

The Nahshon Society held their Fall Meeting at the Yeshiva University Museum. Participants had a behind-the-scenes tour of the exhibit, "Threshold to the Sacred: The Ark Door of Cairo's Ben Ezra Synagogue," led by Museum Director Dr. Jacob Wisse. Following the tour, Nahshon Society members participated in a discussion titled "From Student to Alum: Identifying Your New Role," featuring Lawrence Askowitz '87YC, member of the Yeshiva College Board of Overseers and co-chair, Yeshiva University Wall Street Group; Joel Strauss '82YUHS, '86YC, '92C, member, Undergraduate Alumni Council and chair, Subcommittee on Career Planning and Placement; and Jocelyn Coalter, director of Employer and Alumni Relations at YU's Career Center.



Members of the Nahshon Society enjoy a tour of the museum's newest exhibit



Nahshon Society members Gabriel Unger '12YC and Sarah Rosenbaum '13S attend the Fall Meeting at the Yeshiva University Museum



Daniel Danesh '13YC speaks with panelist Joel Strauss

## YU REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY FORUM (DECEMBER 11, 2013)

Yeshiva University Career Center, Sy Syms Student Council, Real Estate Club and the Office of Alumni Affairs hosted a panel discussion at Anchin, Block & Anchin, moderated by partner Steven Kahn '95SB, with panelists Benjamin Blumenthal '12SB, Jason Muss '93C, David Rosenberg '93SB and Lynette Tulkoff. The speakers shared insights about the profession with current students interested in pursuing careers in real estate.



**ANNE SCHEIBER SCHOLARS BRUNCH (OCTOBER 27, 2013)**

Forty Stern College for Women graduates who are pursuing their medical degrees at YU's Albert Einstein College of Medicine joined together to honor Dr. Harvey Babich '64YUHS, '68YC. Hadassa Klerman '11S, a member of the Stern-Einstein Scheiber Connection, thanked Dr. Babich for his dedication as an educator and mentor to Stern students.



Dr. Harvey Babich and Tirtza Spiegel '11S



Dr. Ariella Nadler '07S, '11E, Dr. Temima "Timi" Strauss '07S, '13E and Shira (Roszler) Steinburger '08S.

**ALUMNI GAMES (NOVEMBER 17 AND DECEMBER 15, 2013)**

Alumni of the Yeshiva University women's volleyball team, men's fencing team and men's soccer team came back to play against the current squads.

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY WRESTLING ALUMNI REUNION**

Come back to campus to see Yeshiva high school wrestling in action at the annual Wittenberg Tournament and celebrate the growth and success of Yeshiva University wrestling under the leadership of Coach Neil Ellman '68YC.

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