




Dr. Lamm Becomes Chancellor Witnessed by YU President and Boards

Dr. Norman Lamm became chancellor of Yeshiva University after nearly 27 years as the University's third president. The installation took place on Tuesday, June 10 during a joint meeting of Yeshiva University's Boards at the Harvard Club in Manhattan.

Front row (L-R): Chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees Ronald P. Stanton, Chancellor Lamm, and President Richard M. Joel, who succeeded Dr. Lamm as president. Back Row (L-R): Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees David S. Gottesman, vice chairmen Ludwig Bravmann, Morry Weiss, and Dr. Ira Kukin.

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Mideast Scholar Calls Israeli Concessions Premature

■ *Daniel Pipes uses YU commencement to outline roadblocks to peace*

Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes called Arab opposition to Israeli statehood the main obstacle to peace in the region. He told Yeshiva University graduates that the Bush administration should demand fundamental changes in attitudes among Israel's adversaries before pressuring Jerusalem for concessions.

He urged his audience of 4,000 students, deans, faculty, and other guests to become activists in "educating their fellow Americans of the need to precipitate a change of heart

among Arabs. You can make a difference. The process of formulating foreign policy allows you to be involved."

Dr. Pipes made his comments May 22 in a keynote address at YU's 72nd Annual Commencement Exercises at The Theater in Madison Square Garden. There he received an honorary degree from then-president Norman Lamm. Richard M. Joel, then-president elect, celebrated the graduation of his daughter, Ariella, from YU's Stern College for Women.

Dr. Lamm also bestowed honorary degrees on Dr. Leon

R. Kass, chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics; Julia Koschitzky, Canadian Jewish leader and philanthropist; and Nathan Lewin, Washington, DC attorney. He conferred some 2,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees as well.

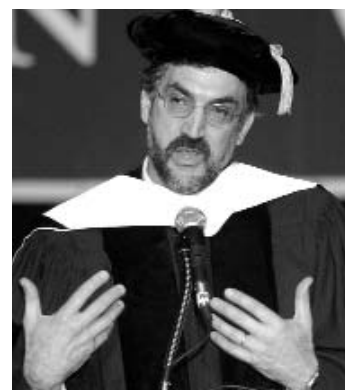
Among those graduating from YU this year were 171 medical doctors, 118 medical researchers, 354 attorneys, 144 social workers, 83 psychologists, 59 Jewish scholars and teachers, 40 ordained rabbis, and 757 future business and community leaders. The University is also expected to send some 600 students to study in Israel next year under its S. Daniel Abraham program.

In his remarks, Dr. Pipes,

director of the Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum, said Israel's deterrence power diminished following the Oslo peace effort of 10 years ago, when "Palestinians looked at Israel and perceived it as vulnerable and unwilling to fight."

Further, Dr. Pipes said Oslo, together with elements of the US-sponsored "Road Map" plan, concentrates on "tractable issues," rather than addressing more fundamental problems, most notably Arab antipathy to Israeli sovereignty within any borders.

The plan calls for a series of concessions from both sides aimed at quelling violence and settling the religious claims that have fueled hatred



Daniel Pipes

and fighting in the region for more than a century.

"There's a war going on, and we know which side we're on," Dr. Pipes said. "Jews in Hebron will need as much security as Arabs in Nazareth."

The student speaker at this year's commencement was Chaim Theil, of Sy Syms School of Business, and one of 11 valedictorians. ■

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Rabbi Elchanan Adler, Eva and Jack Rubin Professor of Talmud at RIETS, authored "The Sabbath Observing Gentile: Halakhic, Hashkafic and Liturgical Perspectives" in the fall 2002 issue of *Tradition*.

Harvey J. Babich, PhD, professor of biology, coauthored a study, "In vitro cytotoxicity to human cells in culture of some phenolics from olive oil" online at www.science-direct.com.

Cantor Bernard Beer YH,'65CTI, BSJM director, was cantor/scholar-in-residence at the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates, NYC, in December.

J. David Bleich, PHD, Herbert and Florence Tenzer Professor of Jewish Law and Ethics, spoke on "The Case for Legal Exemption for Religious Objections," at the Conference on Conflict, Conscience and the Law, Columbus Law School, Catholic University of America.

Alan Brill, PhD, assistant professor

of Jewish mysticism and thought, BRGS, YC, spoke on "Athens and Jerusalem—Memory and Recollection" at the Fifth Academic Meeting between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity, Thessaloniki-Perea, Greece.

Louis H. Feldman, PhD, Abraham Wouk Family Professor of Classics and Literature, received a Jewish Cultural Achievement Award in Scholarship from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. A teacher at YU for more than 45 years, he is a leading authority on the Jews in Hellenistic/Roman society and is considered the world's premier Josephus scholar.

Joshua Fishman, PhD, Distinguished University Research Professor Emeritus, was the main plenary speaker at a conference on "Empowerment Through Language" at the University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany. He spoke on "What Exactly is Power in Sociolinguistics?" Also, he spoke

on "Do Not Leave Your Language Alone!" at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society.

Nancy Kramer '83C was appointed director of the newly established Cardozo Center for Public Service Law, which will coordinate CSL activities in public service and public interest.

Rabbi Yitzchak Handel, PhD, associate dean of AGS and rosh mesivta at YUHS, was the commencement speak at Merkaz Bnos High School in Brooklyn.

Will Lee, PhD, assistant professor of English and director of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College, was honored by the American Red Cross Bergen-Hudson Chapter at its 15th Annual Grand Ball. He was named a "Community Volunteer of the Year" by the chapter, the largest in New Jersey. Dr. Lee serves as chair of the Englewood (NJ) Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and trustee of the Englewood Historical Society.

Norman Linzer, PhD, Samuel J. and Jean Sable Professor of Jewish Family Social Work, conducted a seminar on "Ethical Dilemmas in professional staff of Fordham-Tremont Community Mental Health Center in celebration of social work month in March. Also in March, he taught a mini course on Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik's conception of human nature in "The Lonely Man of Faith" at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.

Prof. Edith Lubetski '68B, SCW head librarian, was honored with Life Membership in the Association of Jewish Libraries. The award recognizes outstanding leadership and professional contributions to the Association and to the profession of Jewish librarianship.

Alvin I. Schiff, PhD, Irving I. Stone Distinguished Professor of Jewish Education, spoke at Cong. Torah Ohr, Boca Raton, on several topics, including "In the Rav's Image: The Golden Mean—Biblical and Post-Biblical Antecedents to Modern Orthodoxy," and "Bezalel as the Progenitor of Modern Orthodoxy—Synthesis of Spirituality, Worldly Knowledge, and Scientific Mastery." His lecture at the Third International Edah Conference was canceled due to a snowstorm in NYC but can be accessed on Edah's Web site.

Samuel Schneider, PhD, associate professor of Hebrew, attended a conference, "Aharon Appelfeld and His work," Cambridge University, England, in April.

Peninnah Schram, MA, associate professor of speech and drama, received a 2003 National Story-

Yeshiva University notes with sadness the death of US Marine Staff Sgt. Riayan Tejada, a Washington Heights resident, in Baghdad on April 11, 2003. He gave his life to assure the safety of Americans from terrorists and to free others from tyranny. Deepest sympathies and prayers go out to his family, who live near the Wilf Campus.

telling Network's Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to those who, "Through a lifetime of devotion to story, have expanded public awareness of the art of storytelling." Also, she received the Anne IZard Storytellers' Choice Award for her book, *Stories Within Stories: From the Jewish Oral Tradition* (Jason Aronson). She opened the series, "Kultur: A Celebration of Yiddish," held at Florida Atlantic University, with a program, "Yiddish Tales, Mostly English"; and was the keynote speaker at the annual "Sharing the Fire" Storytelling Festival at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in March.

Hayim Tawil, PhD, associate professor of Hebrew, was nominated by David M. Ransom, US Ambassador to Bahrain (retired) to receive the 2002 Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award for his work in rescuing the vestiges of Yemen's Jewish community. President Clinton established the award in 1998 to honor Mrs. Roosevelt's lifelong commitment to human rights.

Cantor Moshe Tessone, BSJM faculty member and director of

Sephardic community activities at YU, presented songs of the Middle East, Andalus (Spain), and Sephardic Oriental communities at a Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) celebration at the Center for Jewish History, home of the Yeshiva University Museum.

Richard Zerneck, EdD, athletics director, was honored by City College at its annual All Sports Night Dinner in May for his "dedication to and a lifelong commitment to" the institution's Intercollegiate Athletic Program. An alumnus and professor emeritus of City College, he is president of its alumni varsity association.

Joshua Zimmerman, PhD, assistant professor of Jewish history and Eli and Diana Zborowski Professor of Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies, delivered a paper, "The Origins of the Jewish Labor Bund's National Program Reconsidered," at the Ninth Annual Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, in May, where he was an adjunct fellow this year.

We Mourn

Tova Felman, wife of Dr. Meir Felman '35Y, '36R, '49B who together were Guardians of Yeshiva University, and mother of Dr. Yehudi M. Felman '59Y, '63A, '99R, Shevi Cohen YH'61, '65S, and Naomi Bloom YH'58.

Grace Heller, a Guardian with her late husband, Frank. Her devotion to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Gift Shop and her efforts on behalf of Jewish education together with her husband, exemplified their support of YU.

Stanley Kurtz YH,'75Y, accounting manager. He was a dedicated employee since June 1975. Condolences to his wife, Rachel, and to their children Judah YH'01 and Elie YH'03.

Sadie Silverstein, widow of the late Rabbi Israel Silverstein, a former member of the RIETS Board of Trustees, with whom she was a Guardian. They dedicated the Dr. Jerrold Silverstein Laboratory at YC in memory of their son.

Condolences

Esther and Martin Ehrenberg, on the passing of their son, Frank '01Y.

David (and Simone) Eshaghian, member, YU Board of Trustees and the YC Board of Directors and founding chairman of the University's Sephardic Council of Overseers, on the loss of his brother, Ike. In the tradition of his late father, YU Benefactor Ebrahim, who established the Ebrahim Ben Davood Eliahu Eshaghian Transgenic Facility for Biomedical Research at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and with his siblings, Ike was a devoted supporter of Jewish education and scholarship for Sephardic students at YU and was widely respected in the community at large.

Marvin Goldstein YH,'73Y, Yeshiva College Fellow, and wife Helena on the loss of her father.

Adam (and Lori) Gottbetter, YU Guardian and vice chairman of the Men's Division at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, on the loss of his mother, Falene.

Gladys L. Jordan, a YU Guardian and Sy Syms School of Business Founder with her late husband, David, on the loss of son Robert, husband of Karen and father of Jessica.

Naomi Kapp, associate director, OPCS, on the loss of her mother.

Zygfryd Wolloch, member, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Board of Overseers, and a founding member of Einstein's Men's Division. His wife, Helene, is a member of the Board of Directors of both the National Women's Division and of its Westchester-Fairfield Chapter.

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Geraldine Schottenstein Cultural Center Dedicated

Dedication of The Geraldine Schottenstein Cultural Center on YU's Midtown Campus took place June 17 at a ceremony honoring Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffman (right) of Columbus, OH. Mrs. Hoffman attended the event along with husband Martin (left) and Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein (center). Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky, YU vice president for university affairs, chaired the dedication, which included a luncheon at the Jerome and Geraldine Schottenstein Residence Hall for students of Stern College for Women and Sy Syms School of Business. A \$3 million gift from Mrs. Hoffman enabled the University to convert a former movie theater on 34th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues in Manhattan into an important cultural center for students and faculty, as well as for community groups.

The dedication underscored the Schottenstein family's long and dedicated involvement in furthering academic and cultural life at YU. The family's contributions include the establishment of an honors program and creation of the Schottenstein Center on the Wilf Campus that houses a theatre bearing their name and YU's Belz School of Music.

People

Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, member, YU Board of Trustees and the SCW and YC Boards of Directors, was honored at the Annual Spring Luncheon of the National Women's Division, American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. **Karen Bacon**, PhD, The Monique C. Katz Dean, SCW, received the organization's Educators Award. The event was dedicated to the memory of **Ghity Stern**, wife of the late **Nathan Lindenbaum** and then the late **Max Stern**, who served for 35 years as the University Board of Trustees' vice chairman and with whom she was a Benefactor. The

University's undergraduate Stern College for Women was established in 1954 with a major gift from Mr. Stern in memory of his parents. Mr. Stern and four others made the initial gifts that launched the campaign to found Albert Einstein College of Medicine, on whose board he served. Mrs. Stern was a former honorary chairman of the SCW Board of Directors and received an honorary degree from YU in 1987. Luncheon honorary chairs included SCW Board chair **Marjorie Diener Blenden**, **Gail Propp**, and **Ingeborg H. Rennert**; chairpersons included **Debbie Gibber**.

Congratulations

Cantor Bernard Beer, YH, '65CTI, BSJM director, and wife Barbara on the birth of a grandson to Pamela YH, '93S and Mitchel Froehlich YH; and the marriage of son Jeffrey YH, '97Y to Gila Insler '02S.

Prof. Edith Lubetski '68B, SCW head librarian, and husband Meir on the marriage of daughter Leah '00S to Ari Feldman '00SB.

Dr. Efreim Nulman, Senior University Dean of Students, and his wife Rochelle, on the bar mitzvah of their son, Joshua.

COMMENCEMENT KUDOS:

Three Stern College for Women alumni were admitted into the Order of the Coif, the law school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, at the Benjamin N. Cardozo commencement. Twenty-seven other Cardozo graduates, representing the top 10 percent of the class, were also admitted. Shira Hecht '99S (left), Ilana Blass '95S, and Netanella Cohen '00S.



Einstein Roundup

- Researchers from the Women's Health Initiative (WHI), a national study, have found that the combination of estrogen and progestin used in hormone replacement therapy increases the risk of ischemic (clot-caused) stroke among generally healthy postmenopausal women. According to researchers, led by Sylvia Wassertheil-Smoller, PhD, professor of epidemiology and population health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the excess risk of stroke was apparent in all subgroups of women examined. The researchers reported their findings in the May 28, 2003 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*.

- A study coauthored by Norman Fleisher, MD, professor of medicine and codirector of the Diabetes Research Training Center at Einstein, demonstrated how growing insulin-producing cells from human liver cells holds promise for treating, or perhaps curing, type 1 diabetes. The study appeared in a recent online edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

- A study of 200 Ashkenazi Jewish centenarians and their children, conducted by Nir Barzilai, MD, associate professor of medicine, shows that the subjects all have high levels of HDL, or "good cholesterol." While the average woman has an HDL level of 55, Dr. Barzilai found that the adult children of his centenarians have levels as high as 140.

- When moray eels in a special exhibit developed a mysterious outbreak of lesions, Einstein researchers were the first to grow the disease and culture it, discovering a novel mycobacterium related to tuberculosis that they named *Mycobacterium montefiorensis*, in a collegial nod to Einstein's University Hospital Affiliate.

- Victor L. Schuster, MD, was appointed university chairman of the department of medicine and chairman of the department of medicine at the Montefiore Medical Center.

- An Einstein research team led by Michael Brownlee, MD, professor of medicine and of pathology, has found that a synthetic form of vitamin B1 used in Europe to treat nerve problems prevents the most common form of diabetes-related eye disease in rats. The online edition of the journal *Nature Medicine* published the findings in February.

- Carol Derby, PhD, assistant professor of neurology and epidemiology and of social medicine, authored a study that suggests that women who wait until after menopause to reduce the risk of heart attack wait too long. "What the research tells us is that the time to begin reducing your risk of heart disease is before you actually are at risk," she said.

Bookshelf

Case Studies in Jewish Business Ethics (Library of Jewish Law and Ethics, vol. XXII)

Aaron Levine, PhD, *Samson and Halina Bitensky Professor of Economics*, YC
Yeshiva University Press
New York

Written as a textbook, five areas are addressed: advertising, salesmanship, pricing policies, relations between labor and management (in education as well as in business), and general social ethics in the marketplace.

Leaves of Faith, vol. 1:

The World of Jewish Learning
Aharon Lichtenstein '53Y,R, Rabbi
Henoch and Sarah D. Berman

Professor of Talmud, Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Institute in Jerusalem

KTAV
A compilation of 11 articles on Torah study, it includes portraits of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik and Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach.

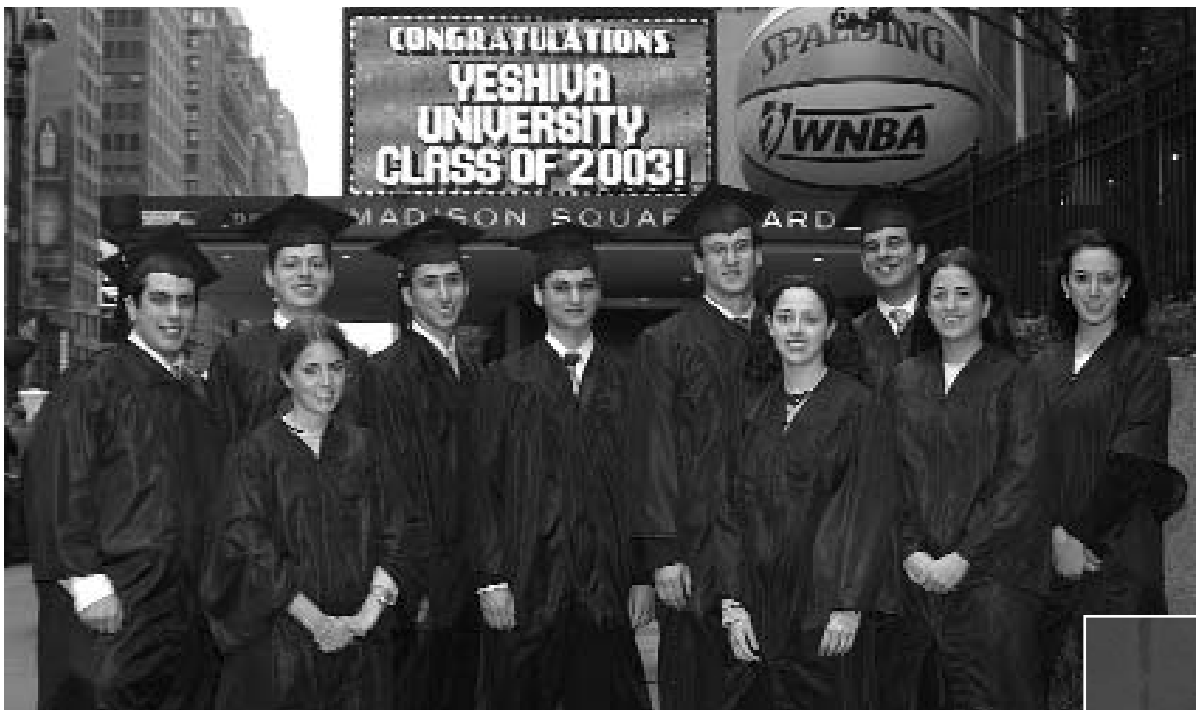
By His Light: Character and Values in the Service of God
Aharon Lichtenstein

KTAV
Discusses Jewish values and the development of the religious personality. Explores one's responsibilities to God, community, and self.

Both books can be ordered at:
www.vbm-torah.org/ralbooks.htm

A 10th *yahrzeit* (date of death anniversary) commemoration was held in Jerusalem for Rabbi Dovid Lifshitz, a RIETS rosh yeshiva known as the Suvalker Rav. Rabbi Aaron Rakeffet-Rothkoff '59Y,B,R, Gruss Kollel rosh yeshiva, delivered the memorial address. Reflections were delivered by Rabbi Lifshitz's grandsons Rabbi Ari Waxman '88Y, AG,R and Rabbi Yoseph Kamenetsky.

Highlights of Commencement 2003



YU VALEDICTORIANS: Back row (L-R): Albert Jacob, Chaim Theil, Etan Schnall, Joseph Sebeo, Elior Shiloh, and Joshua Sturm. Front row (L-R): Shira Schwarzenberger, Yael Goldfischer (Strauchler), Lisa Misher, and Devorah Schreck.



The Honorable Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Chief Judge of the State of New York speaking at the Cardozo commencement.



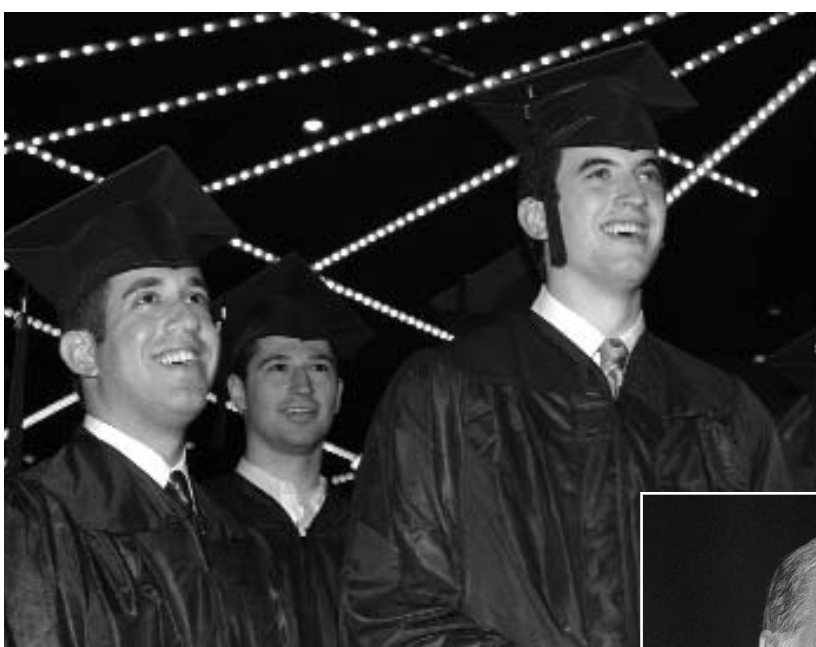
FAMILY TIES: Dr. Stanley M. Wagner YC'53, Sara Holtz SCW'03, Frady Moskowitz WSSW'81, Avi Moskowitz YC'77.



President Richard Joel with his daughter, Ariella SCW'03.

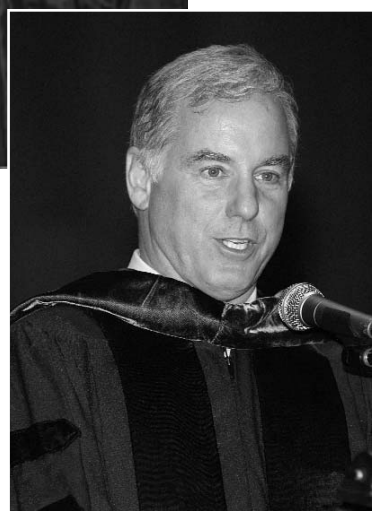


Stern College for Women



Yeshiva College

HAIL TO THE ALUMNUS: Dr. Howard Dean, Class of '78, marked his 25th graduation anniversary from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine by addressing its graduates. The former governor of Vermont is seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 2004.



PRIDE OF THE FAMILY: Goldie Naparstek-Schwarzbard and her son, Shlomo, share the limelight as they celebrate her graduation from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Shlomo's graduation from Yeshiva College.



The Human Touch

■ Wurzweiler's Marilyn Rivera Committed to Improving People's Lives

In 14 years as a caseworker, Marilyn Rivera steadily pursued her goal of becoming a social worker. "It took me eight years to get my undergraduate degree because I was a single, working parent," she said. "I knew that to get real respect in this field, you have to have a master of social work degree."

Ms. Rivera said her most rewarding job was with Metropolitan Transit Authority Connections, a homeless outreach program to subway dwellers. "We

would put on waterproof boots and reflective vests and go with the police into the tunnels," she said. "Some people had set up house in old rooms the MTA had used to store huge computer equipment. About 92 percent of the time we persuaded people to move to private shelters."

For her degree, Ms. Rivera focused on community organization because she "could treat more than one person at a time." She saw evidence of this as the director of the Alternative to Incarceration Program at Friends of Island Academy, which provides educational and counseling services to adolescent exoffenders.

"Boys who go to jail have a higher rate of recidivism," she said. "I'm teaching them how to go out into the community and not make the same mistakes. So not only am I affecting that boy's life, I'm affecting his family and the community's lives as well."

Yehoshua Levine Shines

■ YU Graduate's Achievements Make Him a Man for All Seasons

Perhaps Yehoshua Levine is too young to be dubbed a Renaissance man. But even at 22, his multiple achievements in academia, Torah study, and research indicate he has the makings of one.

Winner of numerous awards, Mr. Levine is the first student to complete a senior honors thesis at an actual research institution, Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He began the research in 2002 when he participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program. He completed it as a part-time research associate at Einstein during the 2002-2003 academic year. He plans to publish the research in two articles for the *Journal of Virology*, rare for an undergraduate.

"Yehoshua is a role model for the kind of student who represents the future direction of Yeshiva College," said Will Lee, PhD, director of the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College. "He is intelligent, serious, and a high achiever."

For the Ira Marienhoff Distinguished Scholar and history major, success often came from mastering YU's challenging dual curriculum, including significant time allotted each day to Talmudic study in the Mazer Yeshiva Program. Indeed, Mr. Levine considers his greatest achievement his ability to strike a balance between his Torah learning, academics, research, and demanding extra-curricular activities.

"If you make good use of your time, you can do a lot," he said. "But you have to value what you're doing. I was not prepared to compromise my *seder* (specific time dedicated to learning) for other commitments, so I made it work."

And those commitments were extensive. In his senior year, Yehoshua

coedited *The Commentator*, the YC student newspaper, after previous stints as a reporter, features and news editor, and columnist.

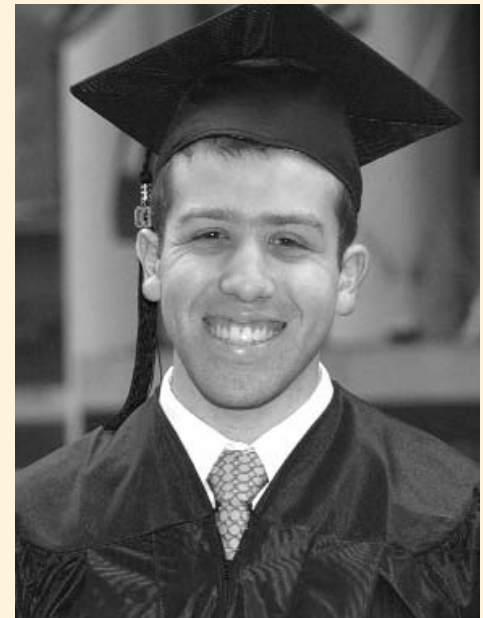
"Being editor was the highlight of my time at YU," he mused. "I worked on the *Commie* because it was fun. It was great to hang out with the staff, especially after a full day's work, and work on stories that I knew would interest people."

In 2000, his first year at YC, Mr. Levine joined the fencing team and played epee. The following year he became secretary of the Wilf Campus Senate, and was a tutor in the Writing Center. An honors student, he completed his thesis on how the avian leukosis virus infects its target cell.

In his spare time, Mr. Levine plays the cello, which he began studying at age 4. He also does community service in his hometown of Englewood, NJ, as a youth group leader and *ba'al koreh* (Torah reader).

In the fall, Mr. Levine begins Harvard Medical School, where he plans to focus on the interface between science and medicine.

His family boasts a large contingent of YU alumni: his sister, Shoshana Levine Schechter, is a Stern College alumna and Bible instructor at Stern; his brother, Zalman, is a YC, RIETS and Einstein alumnus; sister Chavie is a Stern and Revel alumna, and his sister-in-law and two brothers-in-law graduated from YU as well.



Lisa Misher, High Achiever in the Classroom and on the Court

■ Sy Syms Graduate Flexes Mind and Body In Pursuit of Excellence

Lisa Misher did not have to choose academics over sports. She simply excelled at both. "Lisa was such a generous student," said Dr. Martin Liebowitz, Joseph Kerzner Professor of Accounting at Sy Syms School of Business.

"She would share her notes with other students who had missed class or who were having trouble with the coursework. She was an all-around class leader."

Lisa graduated from Syms in May with a 4.0 GPA. Her impressive numbers extend to the hard floor, where she averaged 15 points per game during her senior season for the Lady Macs basketball team.

Stern College for Women basketball coach Karen Green attributed Lisa's on-court success to hard work. Coach Green is well acquainted with Lisa's athleticism: she also coached Lisa in high school at Hebrew Academy-Five Towns and Rockaway, where Lisa was cosalutatorian of her senior class.

"As a captain of the Lady Macs, Lisa displayed leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Hers will be a hard act to follow," Coach Green said.

In the classroom and on the court, Lisa shone. The Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference recognized Lisa with its Merit Award for Most Outstanding Graduating Female Scholar-Athlete. And, in the "can you top this," category, Lisa was also named coaledictorian of Sy Syms School of Business.

Lisa begins her working career with Ernst & Young, one of "The Big Five" accounting firms.

"Syms provided me with an excellent education," she says. "I am confident the skills I acquired and the lessons I learned, in the classroom and on the basketball court, will help lead me to success."

ALUMNI PROFILE

Joel Mael Rekindles Boyhood Dream

Joel Mael '79YC loves crunching numbers, whether assessing corporate profits or baseball batting averages. The 46-year-old investment banker brings his "A game" to both, running his New York merchant banking firm while helping analyze player trades for the Florida Marlins.

As the vice-chairman who advises the team on corporate and financial matters, he has almost unlimited access to the game, including its players and executives.

When discussing trades, Mr. Mael says, "I will primarily look at the financial aspects of the contracts and financial implications of doing the trade, but I rely on our baseball executives on whether a particular trade will make us better."

Thus, Mr. Mael learns about "the inside negotiations that go on behind trades and contract and free-agent signings."

His family has also become involved with the team. Son Jonathan, 14, has been a bat boy during games "on at least a half dozen occasions."

"And my two little girls, Daniella, 11 and Aviva, 9, are avid Marlins fans. Their first question every morning is 'How did the Marlins do last night?' They go to as many games as they can when the Marlins are in New York or when we're down in Florida."

Mr. Mael splits time with the Marlins and Tallwood Associates, the banking firm he co-founded in 1990.

Previously he rose to the rank of managing director during 10 years in Drexel Burnham's corporate finance department.

When he established Tallwood, Mr. Mael met Jeffrey Loria, who dreamed of owning a major league baseball franchise. With Mr. Mael's assistance, Mr. Loria explored acquiring three or four clubs



Joel Mael (left) up close with the Florida Marlins.

before purchasing the Montreal Expos in 1999. When Mr. Loria, a member of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Board of Directors, sold the Expos and bought the Marlins in 2002, he named Mr. Mael vice chairman.

Joining the Marlins rekindled a love of baseball in Mr. Mael, who grew up in the Boston suburb of Brookline, MA, rooting for the Red Sox.

He also attended the Maimonides School where its founder, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, encouraged him to attend Yeshiva University. Rabbi Soloveitchik, known as the Rav, was Leib Merkin Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. After graduating YU, Mr. Mael earned an MBA at Harvard University in 1981 before

launching his career beyond baseball.

"Although as a kid I was a major Red Sox fan and went to many games," he says, "I sort of lost touch with the sport while on Wall Street."

Now he combines Wall Street with an insider's involvement in baseball.

"This is just like playing rotisserie baseball," he says, "but playing it for real." ■

Schottenstein, Abraham Honors Programs' Students Mark Milestone

STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM S. DANIEL ABRAHAM HONORS PROGRAM 2002/2003

SPRING GRADUATES:

- **Tamara Dzhanaashvili**—*Implicit Learning: Doorway to the Unconscious*. Faculty Mentor: Joshua Bacon, PhD, psychology. Second Reader: Terry DiLorenzo, PhD, psychology
- **Shira Freundlich**—*Psychotic Disorders: A Closer Look at Schizophrenia*. Faculty Mentor: Joshua Bacon, PhD, psychology. Second Reader: Marcel Perlman, PhD, psychology
- **Julia Josovitz**—*The Role of Water in Protein Structure Stabilization*. Faculty Mentor: Chaya Rapp, PhD, chemistry. Second Reader, Lea Blau, PhD, chemistry
- **Leah Kohn**—*The Simulator: A Computer's Obstacle Course*. Faculty Mentor: Michael Breban, PhD, computer science. Second Reader: Arnold Lebow, computer science
- **Caryn L. Litt**—*A Spirit of Reform: Charles Dickens's Use of Sarcasm and Sentimentalism to Achieve Social Reform*. Faculty Mentor: Prof. Laurel Hatvary, English. Richard Nochimson., PhD, English
- **Lauren Pick**—*Microhistory: A Macro-Endeavor*. Faculty Mentor: Jeffrey Freedman, PhD, history. Second Reader: William Stenhouse, PhD, history

• **Reena R. Radzyner**—*Bereishis Barah Elokim: The Convergence of Torah and Science*. Faculty Mentor: Harvey Babich, PhD, biology. Second Reader: Brenda Loewy, PhD, biology

• **Rachel Rubin**—*The Effect of Level of Religiousness within Orthodox Judaism on Attitudes Towards those Suffering from Mental Illness*. Faculty Mentor: Terry DiLorenzo, PhD, psychology. Second Reader: Isaac Schechter, PhD (not YU) psychology

• **Atara Sendor**—*The Authentic Voice of Judaism*. Faculty Mentor: Ephraim Kanarfogel, PhD, Judaic studies. Second Reader: Charles Raffel, PhD, Jewish philosophy

• **Suzanne Stern**—*Synthesis in a Dialectical Age: The Malbim's Exegetical Approach*. Faculty Mentor: Mordechai Cohen, PhD, Judaic studies. Second Reader: Naomi Grunhaus, PhD, Judaic studies

• **Jean Yael Strauchler**—*Kierkegaard and the Akedah: A Study of Religion and Morality*. Faculty Mentor: David Shatz, PhD, philosophy. Second Reader: Charles Raffel, PhD, Jewish philosophy

• **Aviva Szigeti**—*Herbal Therapies as Supplemental Treatments for Diabetes Mellitus*. Faculty Mentor: Brenda Loewy, PhD, biology. Second Reader: Harvey Babich, PhD, biology

• **Tova Yonina Warburg**—*The Role of Reason in Generating Religious Passion: A Critique of the Fideist Position*. Faculty Mentor: David Shatz, PhD, philosophy. Second Reader: Charles Raffel, PhD, Jewish philosophy

• **Sabrina Weisman**—*Genetic Screening for Jewish Genetic Diseases*. Faculty Mentor: Harvey Babich, PhD, biology. Second Reader: Richard Weiss, PhD, biology

• **Meredith Weiss**—*Mitochondria and the Process of Cellular Aging*. Faculty Mentor: Chaya Rapp, PhD, chemistry. Second Reader: Harvey Babich, PhD, biology

• **Natania Dael Wright**—*Social Influence on Women & Heart Disease: A Comparison of Theoretical Models*. Faculty Mentor: Terry DiLorenzo, PhD, psychology. Second Reader, Dr. Guy Montgomery (Mt. Sinai)

JAY AND JEANIE SCHOTTENSTEIN HONORS THESES COMPLETED DURING THE 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR:

• **Yakov Fleischmann**, *Defending the Law of the Excluded Middle*. Faculty Mentor: David Johnson, PhD, philosophy

• **Philip Green**, *The Effects of Angle Strain on Transition Metal Carbene Alkyne Benzannulation*. Faculty Mentor: Wayne Schnatter, PhD, chemistry

• **Yehoshua Levine**, *Cellular Trafficking of Avian Leukosis Virus Subgroup B Receptor Is Mediated by Clarthrin*. Faculty Mentors: Jurgen Brojatsch, PhD, virology, AECOM; Barry Potvin, PhD, biology

• **Zvi Rosen**, *The Boris Problem: Literay and Operatic Approaches to Boris Godunov*. Faculty Mentor: Noyes Bartholomew, PhD, music

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUMMER 2003:

• **Shlomo Koifman**, *Legal Exegesis in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Its Significance in Jewish Intellectual History*. Faculty Mentor: Moshe Bernstein, PhD, Jewish studies

• **Andrew Pepper**, *Interpretations of Wittgenstein's Private Language Argument*. Faculty Mentor: David Johnson, PhD, philosophy

• **David Rosenbaum**, *Integrated Architectural Study: A Paradigmatic Beit Midrash Design*. Faculty Mentor: Paul Glassman, PhD, art/architecture

• **Elliot Stern**, *Divine Revelation in Modern Jewish Thought: An Analytic Study*. Faculty Mentor: Shalom Carmy, PhD, philosophy

• **Joshua Sturm**, *The Role of Public Interest Groups in a Political Choice System*. Faculty Mentors: Elias Grivoyannis, PhD, economics and Maria Pia Paganelli, PhD, economics

Professors of the Year Named

Three educators have been named Lillian F. and William L. Silber Professors of the Year for the 2002-3 academic year.

Deborah Y. Cohn, PhD, assistant professor of marketing at Sy Syms School of Business; **Aharon Fried**, PhD, associate professor of psychology at Stern College for Women; and **Hayim Tawil**, PhD, associate professor of Hebrew at Yeshiva College, were elected by students this year to receive the annual special recognition.

Endowed by YC alumnus and SSSB Board secretary Dr. William Silber and his wife, the award bestows three annual gifts of \$1,800 each to YC, SCW, and SSSB faculty members whom students elect.



FACULTY PROFILE

Moshe Sokolow

■ *Azrieli Instructor Takes Pulse of both Students and Emergency Patients*

Like most other faculty offices at Yeshiva University, Moshe Sokolow's overflows with scholarly texts, article reprints, and student papers. Yet one item sets this academic lair apart from the rest: a fluorescent-orange EMT bag.

That, of course, begs the question: what is a satchel of medical paraphernalia doing in a professor's office at the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration? Has the curriculum become *that* rigorous?

Azrieli's academic standards have certainly risen in recent years, but there's another explanation. In addition to Dr. Sokolow's many roles at Yeshiva and in Jewish education, he is an emergency medical technician with Manhattan's West Side Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He's been known to drop everything—from dinner with his family to his classes at Yeshiva University—to respond to a medical emergency.

The roots of Dr. Sokolow's EMT work go back to the 1980s, when he witnessed two separate medical emergencies in a short span of time. "I simply had to stand by idly, not having any idea what to do," he explains. After the second incident, he enrolled in an EMT course and joined Hatzolah. From then on, he was prepared to rush to the rescue, as he did when the World Trade Center was attacked in 1993, and again on 9/11.

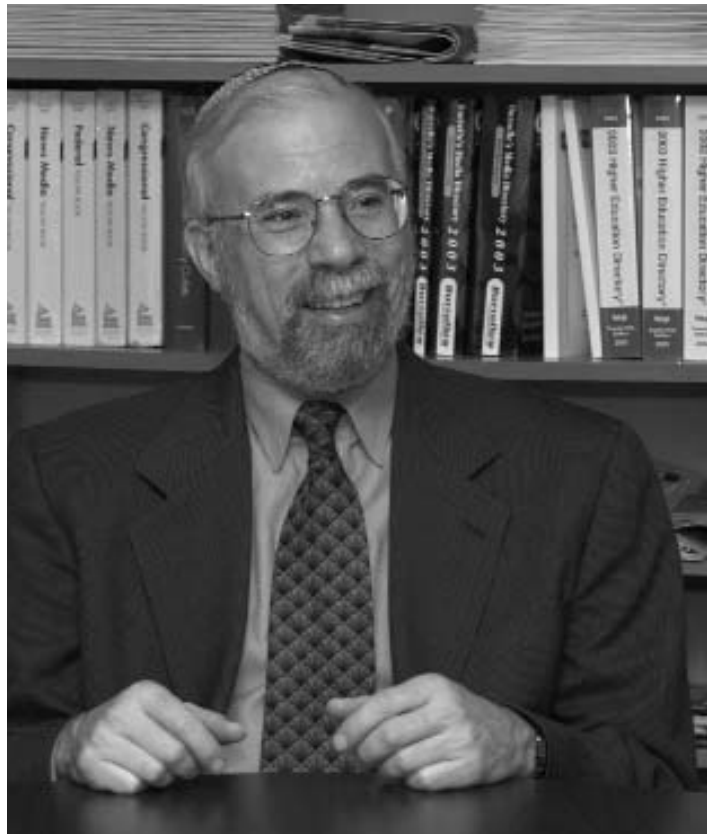
"What sticks in my mind most vividly," he wrote about

that terrible September day, "is the tableau of tens of thousands of people running in one direction and several hundred uniformed personnel going in the other. They were running into the devastated buildings because that is what they are trained to do and those are the risks they take. The only sense I can make of it is that there must be a special place in *Gan Eden*, paradise, for those who save people's lives and that those who died were in a hurry to get there."

A teacher grows in Brooklyn

Dr. Sokolow was born and raised in Borough Park, Brooklyn, where his parents ran a travel agency. Following in his father's footsteps, Dr. Sokolow attended the local Orthodox day school and high school and then enrolled at Yeshiva College, graduating in 1969 with a degree in Jewish studies. He continued his education at Bernard Revel Graduate School, working toward a doctorate in Semitic languages, literatures, and cultures, with a focus on medieval biblical analysis.

Upon graduation, he joined the faculty of Yeshiva College and the Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies (forerunner of Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies). Teaching Jewish studies, he thought, would become his life's work. After 10 years, however, he had an epiphany: his students had changed, and not necessarily for the better. They did not



measure up to post-undergraduates in their knowledge of religious texts and their analytical abilities.

To learn why, Dr. Sokolow visited local yeshiva high schools, where teachers complained that *their* students were less prepared than in the past. At Jewish day schools, he heard similar laments. Delving deeper, he found that there was no consensus about what texts should be taught, and when and how they should be taught.

Compounding the problem, he says, the quality of the instruction had declined. "The teachers who taught me in the 1950s and '60s were primarily European-born and -educated. They were well-versed not only in the classical Jewish texts, but also in modern Hebrew literature and poetry. In the late '70s and early '80s, American-born and -educated day school teachers came to the fore, and their interests, "were narrower," says Dr. Sokolow.

A national resource

Following a three-year Jerusalem Fellowship in Israel, Dr. Sokolow returned to YU to teach at Stern College for Women. At Azrieli, Dr. Sokolow was recently appointed to the Fanya Gottesfeld-Heller Chair in Jewish Education. (Actually, it's his second Gottesfeld-Heller chair—the first is in a Hatzolah ambulance donated by the same family.) He also directs a summer training program that prepares educators to assume senior positions of leadership in day schools; assists the Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools and Yeshiva High Schools with educational programming; conducts in-service training for Jewish studies faculties of schools across the United States and Canada in both general pedagogy and specific course methodologies; and edits *Ten Da'at: A Journal of Jewish Education* published annually.

Dr. Sokolow takes every opportunity "to enrich Jewish

education with modern scholarship." For example, in "Judaism and Civic Responsibility," he explores classical sources that mandate Orthodox Jewish participation in civic affairs and social and political action.

Two decades after his epiphany, Dr. Sokolow is impressed with the quality of YU students and their dedication to Jewish studies. "I'm still not quite satisfied with the amount of time that is allocated to the study of things other than Talmud in the modern Orthodox day school, but then again, it's not my decision," says the professor, who lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side with his wife, Judy, educational director of student programming at the Ramaz Middle School, and their son, Shalom, a student at the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy. "In spite of this, I think I've done some good."

Remembering 9/11

Last September, Dr. Sokolow represented Hatzolah in ceremonies at Ground Zero marking the first anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks. He declined, however, in favor of an outstanding invitation to speak at Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, NJ (originally scheduled for September 11, 2001). "Mourning the deaths of thousands who perished in plain view mere yards from where I stood is not something I want to do," he wrote in *Ten Da'at*. "Trying to impress my concerns over the lingering effects of the devastation onto the minds of hundreds of Jewish teenagers is. So Kushner won—and so did I." ■

Bringing Torah to Scotland

Reuven Brand and Chaim Loike have traveled far and wide to bring inspirational Torah learning to small Jewish communities, so hopping on a plane to Scotland for a weekend was a breeze.

Veterans of RIETS' community outreach programs, Mr. Brand and Mr. Loike were excited to be YU's first emissaries to visit Scotland and bring the values of Torah Umadda to this Jewish community. During Shavuot, the two RIETS students addressed hundreds of members of Giffnock Synagogue, Glasgow's largest, on how the Torah, given to the Jewish people almost 3,000 years ago, is still vibrant and alive.

"It is incredibly rewarding to visit different locales and make Judaism more accessible and meaningful to the community," Mr. Brand said.

Their undertaking was part of a wider initiative, Yeshiva University Summer Torah Seminars (YSTS), which

is bringing Torah learning to a record 30 locations this summer across North America. YSTS programs are tailored to the needs of each community. At some locations, congregants request topics such as the meaning of prayer or Jewish medical ethics, while others wish to study tractates of Talmud. YSTS groups also spend time meeting and learning with people on a personal basis, and in many places Shabbat programs highlight the visit. More than 200 YU and RIETS students have fanned out to various locations this summer.

Rabbi Moshe Rubin of Giffnock Synagogue sought enthusiastic YU students who could reach his congregants on new levels. "Reuven and Chaim were able to draw from their vast experience to cater to the specific needs of the Glasgow community," said Rabbi Ari Rockoff, coordinator of youth and outreach services for RIETS' Max Stern Division of Communal Services.

Mr. Brand and Mr. Loike hosted community-wide Torah learning sessions and discussed ways for congregants to strengthen their Jewish identity. "The young men engaged the entire congregation and



L-R: Chaim Loike '99SB, '02R, Rabbi Moshe Rubin and family, and Reuven Brand '02YC.

everyone left the programs feeling more connected to Judaism," said Rabbi Rubin. "I hope that long-term bonds will evolve between our members and Yeshiva University." ■



ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Sy Syms Uses Business Leaders to Educate Students for Real-life Challenges

Josh Chaitovsky began his career as an undergraduate entrepreneur while attending the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program. Using a video camera, he offered his services, filming snippets of students' lives for their families back home. The video postcards netted Mr. Chaitovsky a small profit.

Now a marketing major entering his senior year at Sy Syms School of Business, Mr. Chaitovsky exemplifies the business-savvy outlook among many Yeshiva University students. He is embarking on his fourth venture to date: a pizza shop near a group of Jewish summer camps in Pennsylvania, following the previous success of his sukkah and video-editing businesses.

Giving Mr. Chaitovsky and other students practical tools for turning dreams into dollars is the impetus for SSSB's Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program. The new program brings business leaders onto campus to counsel students starting their own enterprises. In May, seven groups of students discussed their business plans with Philip Friedman, president/CEO and founder of Computer Generated Solutions, a multi-national information technology company. Mr. Friedman, a SSSB Board member, wanted to contribute his expertise to help advance students' careers.

"Mr. Friedman is a natural choice as Sy Sym's first Entrepreneur-in-residence," said Dr. Charles Snow, SSSB dean. "He

has gone through all the steps of establishing a business, marketing a product, and finding customers."

The program is open to all YU undergraduates who have an entrepreneurial spirit and want mentoring on developing a business, according to Dr. Snow. It is one of a number of initiatives run by the Renert Entrepreneurial Institute that introduces students to real-life applications of their classroom studies.

Students converse with business leaders and successful entrepreneurs outside the classroom, said Dr. Lawrence M. Bellman, assistant professor of management and marketing. "They don't have to be embarrassed to talk about their idea, no matter how far-out it is," he said.

Allan Spiegel, a business management junior at Sy Syms, said his meeting with Mr. Friedman gave him a different perspective. Although he realized his idea would probably not work, he found



CEO Philip Friedman counsels future entrepreneurs.

the CEO's advice helpful. "He showed us what the right direction would be if we came up with something slightly different," he said. "He told us the kind of research required to launch a new product, the financial gathering you need to do, and how to approach investors."

Mr. Friedman said he hoped to help students evaluate the financial feasibility of their ideas in today's unforgiving economy. "In some respects I am challenging them," he said. "The person who came up with the idea needs to

believe in it.

"I was impressed by the students' ideas. Most understood how to go to market, and their plans were well-thought out."

Mr. Chaitovsky consulted with Mr. Friedman on investment issues for his pizza shop. "I asked him how to deal with silent partners, and if I choose to sell it one day, whether I should sell it together or break it up," Mr. Chaitovsky said. "He also reinforced my belief that entrepreneurs need a lot of drive to be successful. You can't be afraid to take a risk." ■

Board News

Toby Gottesman Schneier has been elected to the SCW Board of Directors.

Larry B. Scheinfeld has been elected to the Einstein Board of Overseers.

Rabbi Solomon Rybak has been elected to the RIETS Board of Trustees.