

Dean Karen Bacon Honored With First Presidential Medallion at 79th Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation



Marjorie Diener Blenden, Stern board chairman, and President Richard M. Joel applaud SCW Dean Karen Bacon on receiving the Presidential Medallion.

Braving an early winter snow storm, more than 700 Yeshiva University leaders gathered Sunday evening (Dec. 14) at Manhattan's Waldorf-Astoria for YU's 79th Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation. The combined events recognized prominent philanthropists, recorded the success of YU's \$400 million capital campaign, and unveiled several major gifts.

Highlighting the Convocation was President Richard M. Joel's presentation to Karen Bacon, Dr. Monique C. Katz Dean of Stern College for Women, of the University's first Presidential Medallion for

her dedication to Stern. President Joel also conferred honorary doctorates upon: Ruth L. Gottesman, professor emerita of pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine; J. Ezra Merkin, managing partner of Gabriel Capital Group and chairman of YU's investment and Israel committees; Marcia Robbins-Wilf, a noted reading expert and founding member of the Stern College board of directors; and Josh S. Weston, the former chairman and chief executive officer of Automatic Data Processing, Inc. and a chairman emeritus of the board of directors of Sy

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Stern at 50 Looks to the Future

Amidst the squeals of children's voices and lively melodies of musicians, three generations of Stern College for Women alumnae and their families gathered at the Puck Building in trendy SoHo to commemorate the school's 50th Anniversary with a Family Day event on Nov. 2.

Featuring a variety of games, food, and entertainment, including face painters, balloon sculptors, and a stilt walker, Family Day not only celebrated an institution, but it also lauded the alumnae, faculty, and administrators responsible for Stern's success.

Stern College and its Jubilee Committee, co-chaired by Sharon Herzfeld, MD, '88S and Dr. Susan Ungar-Mero, MD, '87S, will host a series of celebratory events during the 2004 academic year.

Founded through the generosity and leadership of the



Left to right: Joan Apple, SCW director of development, and Drs. Sharon Herzfeld and Susan Ungar-Mero, Jubilee co-chairpersons, at the Puck Building on Family Day.

late Max Stern, Stern College enrolls approximately 1,000 students and boasts the largest Jewish studies department of its kind in North America. Stern College for Women is one of the last all-women undergraduate schools in the US.

The Jubilee celebrates the thousands of Stern graduates from the first four decades who brought their keen sense

of mission and values to building their communities, professions, and families. It also celebrates the graduates of the past decade, who are shaping the future of Jewish women in their communities and the world.

"The Jubilee will celebrate a great idea, Stern College, with

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President Joel Hosts First Town Hall Meeting

In two town hall meetings on November 4 at the Midtown and Wilf campuses, President Richard M. Joel addressed faculty, students, administrators, and staff on an array of issues important to university life and the community at large.

The sessions, the first of their kind for YU, underscored the president's stated desire to promote an environment that is open, direct, and evolving.

At both locations, the president opened with a brief overview followed by 40 minutes of questions and answers that covered, among other things, campus renovations, student life, community outreach, faculty support, and the university's fiscal stability.

"So many of you have been generous in teaching me and guiding me as I build my new administration," the president

said. "I want to create a partnership with you to set goals and add richness to the curriculum."

He expressed his hope to use the town hall forum "as a platform to build relationships with my office."

To that end, he announced he will have evening hours in which students can sign up to meet with him. In addition, he will host regular "brown bag lunches" for university staff, faculty, and students and more student shabbatonim.

In response to a concern by senior Shoshana Hulkower that Stern lacks community leadership training, President Joel said he is working to create a "cadre of graduate fellows," a year of service in which seniors would work at YU after graduation.

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Elchanan Adler '95AG,R, RIETS rosh yeshiva, Talmud lecturer, and Eva, Morris, and Jack K. Rubin Professor of Rabbinics, coedited *Or HaMizrach* (Mizrachi/HaPoel Ha-Mizrachi - Religious Zionists of America) with Nathaniel Helfgot YH,'85Y,AG,R.

William Arsenio, PhD, FGS associate professor of psychology and director of its developmental psychology doctorate program, will be a Distinguished Speaker at a conference on emotion regulation in families at Texas A & M University in February.

Harvey J. Babich, PhD, professor of biology, coauthored a study, "In vitro cytotoxic and anti-inflammatory effects of myrrh oil on human gingival fibroblasts and epithelial cells," *PubMed*, National Library of Medicine.

Rabbi Benjamin Blech '54Y,R, professor of Talmud, authored *Taking Stock: A Spiritual Guide to Rising Above Life's Financial Ups and Downs* (American Management Association). The book offers practical advice on how to combat the financial blues by marshaling one's spiritual resources.

J. David Bleich, PhD, Herbert and Florence Tenzer Professor of Jewish Law and Ethics, CSL, RIETS, published "Palliation of Pain: A Jewish Perspective" and "Medical Malpractice," *Selected Topics in Jewish Medical Ethics* (Rosner, Goldstein, Reichman, eds., Denmark 2003); and "Mitzvot in the Polar Regions and in Earth Orbit," *Tradition*, Fall '02; and lectured at University of Haifa, Israel; Lauder Chorev Midrasha, Frankfurt am Main; and Center for Jewish History, NYC.

Richard Caputo, PhD, WSSW professor, coauthored "Health and Female Self-Employment," which appeared in the *Journal of Small Business Management* in summer 2003.

Cris Cristofaro, YC sculpture and art instructor, exhibited pieces of his artwork—sculpture consisting of paper bags, rope, and string—in five windows at the corner of Broadway and East Tenth Street, through October 13.

Jonathan Fast, DSW, WSSW assistant professor, published "When Is a Mental Health Clinic Not a Mental Health Clinic? Drug Trial Abuses Reach Social Work" in *Social Work*, summer 2003, and "How Becoming Mediators Affects Aggressive Students" (which he coauthored) in *Children in Schools*. Also, Dr. Fast was invited to join the Melchoir Book Award Committee (yearly award for a book dealing with progressive religious issues) and nominated to sit on the

board of directors of the Center for Hope, an agency in Darien, CT.

Joshua A. Fishman, PHD, Distinguished University Research Professor Emeritus of Social Sciences, authored "Empirical Explorations of Two Popular Assumptions: Inter-Polity Perspective on the Relationships between Linguistic Heterogeneity, Civil Strife, and Per Capita Gross National Product," *Sociolinguistics: The Essential Readings* (Paulston, Tucker eds., Blackwell Publishing 2003).

Sheldon Gelman, PhD, Dorothy and David I. Schachne Dean, WSSW, attended a meeting of the St. Louis Group, a gathering of 40 social work deans from the American Association of Universities (AAU) and Carnegie Research Extensive Universities, hosted by Washington University's George Warren Brown School of Social Work. They examined ways to increase the capacity of deans to implement a significant research agenda on campuses.

Margaret Gibelman, DSW, professor and doctoral program director, Wurzweiler School of Social Work received a grant from the Office of Research Integrity at the National Institutes of Health to lead an investigation of whether, and to what extent, universities in the US educate students in the mental health disciplines in responsible research conduct. The research team includes Terry DiLorenzo, PhD, assistant professor of psychology at Stern College; Nigel Bark, MD, associate professor of clinical psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Alison Link, a PhD student at Wurzweiler who is assisting in the research.

Rabbi Scott Goldberg, instructor at AGS, presented "Integrating Literary Devices in Teaching Reading Comprehension in Chumash" at the NJ Association of Jewish Day Schools' "The Art of Teaching Limudei Kodesh in Multi-Level Classrooms" conference in September.

Arthur Hyman, PHD, BRGS dean, participated in the Eleventh International Conference of the Society of Judaeo-Arabic Studies, held at the State University of St. Petersburg, Russia. He read a paper, "The Influence of Averroes on Late Medieval Jewish Philosophy," at the opening session of the conference, and chaired a session on "Halakhic and Literary Documents."

Jay Ladin, PhD, has been named occupant of the new David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in English at SCW.

Edith Lubetski '68B, SCW professor and Hedi Steinberg Library

head librarian, chaired a session at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, "Language and Linguistics," held in Cambridge, England, last July.

Joseph Luders, PhD, has been designated the inaugural occupant of the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in Political Science at SCW.

Susan Mason, PhD, WSSW professor, presented "Belief Systems and Treatment Behaviors for Patients with Schizophrenia" at the 14th International Symposium for the Treatment of Schizophrenia, in Melbourne, Australia.

Joanna Mellor, DSW, was appointed assistant professor, WSSW. Her research interests include social welfare policy, education, administration, and gerontology. She taught at Hunter College School of Social Work, CUNY, and was most recently vice president for information services, Lighthouse International, a not-for-profit offering resources on vision impairment.

Daniel Pollack, JD, and **Susan E. Mason**, PhD, previously WSSW associate professors, have been made full professors. Prof. Pollack was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*.

Alvin I. Schiff, PhD, Irving I. Stone Distinguished Professor of Jewish Education, AGS, gave lectures at Cong. Torah Ohr, Boca Raton, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County (NY), and Young Israel of Oceanside (NY). Also, he authored two Hebrew essays for the Millat Haparshah program sponsored by the National Center for the Hebrew Language, of which he is president, on www.ivrit.org.

Peninnah Schram, associate professor of speech and drama, SCW, is author of "Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel of Apt on Listening," an essay that was published in the anthology *Best Jewish Writing 2003* (Jossey-Bass, 2003). She had three reviews published in the fall 2003 issue of *Jewish Book World*. Also, she was a guest lecturer at the Occupational Therapy Program at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, where she spoke on "Communication with a Focus on Listening and Storytelling"; and at the Columbia University School of Social Work, where she spoke on "Ethnography and Storytelling."

Ellen Schrecker, PhD, professor of history and an expert on McCarthyism, lectured at the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, MO; American Museum of Natural History, NYC; and Smith College, Northampton, MA.

David Strug, PhD, **Gertrude**

Rutkove Sanders, DSW, and **Joan Beder**, DSW, WSSW associate professors, and **Heidi Heft LaPorte**, DSW, WSSW assistant professor, presented "The Process Log: A Teaching Tool to Enhance Student Self-Awareness," at the III Taller International de Trabajo Social, Havana, Cuba in September. Also, Dr. Strug and **Susan E. Mason**, PhD, WSSW professor, and Frances Eicholz-Heller '03W presented "An Exploratory Investigation of the

Impact of the Year of 9/11 among Older Hispanic Immigrants in New York City."

Hayim Tawil, PhD, YC instructor in Hebrew, published "Paved with Love (Cant 3,10d): A New Interpretation" in *Zietschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*, 2003.

Jeffrey Weisburg, PhD, is the new Doris Kukin Professor of Molecular Biology at SCW.

Key to School Abbreviations

A, AECOM Albert Einstein College of Medicine • AG Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration • BG, BGSS Belfer Institute for Advanced Biomedical Sciences • B, BRGS Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies • BSJM Belz School of Jewish Music • CTI Cantorial Training Institute • C, CSL Cardozo School of Law • F, FGS Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology • I, IBC Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies • J, JSS James Striar School of General Jewish Studies • MSDCS Max Stern Division of Communal Services • Y, MYP Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies • SBMP Stone Beit Midrash Program • R, RIETS Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary • S, SCW Stern College for Women • SG Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Sciences • SB, SSSB Sy Syms School of Business • T, TI Teachers Institute • T, TIW Teachers Institute for Women • W, WSSW Wurzweiler School of Social Work • Y, YC Yeshiva College • YH, YUHS Yeshiva University High Schools (MSTA The Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy) (SWHSG Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls)

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People

Shulamith Berger, curator of special collections at the Mendel Gottesman Library, authored "Eat, Mama, it's Kosher: Portrait of the American Housewife in Advertisements in the New York Yiddish Press," in *Yiddish, Yivo-Bleter New Series, Vol. IV: Yiddish Folklore* (YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, NY 2003).

FGS clinical psychology student **Todd Bresnick** was awarded a Council on Spiritual Practices (CSP) William James Award for his dissertation proposal, "Spatial and Temporal Continuities in Phenomenal Experience in Fringe and Different States of Consciousness." He received the maximum \$1,500 award for his dissertation work, which was cited by CSP for its contribution to the study of primary religious experience.

Ruth Bigman, MSW, former WSSW assistant director of field instruction, was made WSSW director of admissions, with

Donna Harris, MSW, taking over Ruth's previous role.

Chaya Sara (Hallie) Cantor, Hedi Steinberg Library staff assistant, edited "Illuminating Life's Journey," translated by Rabbi Elchonon Leshes and published by Otsar Sifrey Lubavitch.

Eleanor Chiger (YUM office manager) and husband Rabbi Jacob Chiger were honored by Temple Israel of Long Beach at its annual dinner in June. They were recognized for their extensive commitment to the congregation and the Jewish community.

Jennifer Gottesman '03W won the Student Humanitarian Award at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, her hometown. Jennifer, who graduated from the WSSW Block Program in July, did her field work at the hospital.

Jeffrey M. Rosengarten has been promoted to associate vice presi-

dent, administrative services. President Richard M. Joel and Vice President for University Life Hillel Davis said the promotion was "in recognition of Jeff's thirty years of successful administrative service to the university students, faculty, and staff."

Jeff Socol YH '85Y, senior associate director of facilities management, and wife Rivka (Weitz) YH '87 were honored by Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills. Steven Socol YH '86Y and wife Leslie were also honored.

Jeremiah Unterman, PhD, Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools and Yeshiva High Schools (AMODS) director, MSDCS, presented "The Relationship between Ethics and Ritual in the Prophets" and "The New Day School Curriculum in Eretz Yisrael/-Religious Zionism," CAJE Conference for Jewish Day School and Early Childhood Educators, Hofstra University, in June. AMODS co-sponsored the gathering.

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In remarks uptown, he added that such fellowships would afford individual opportunities to impact university life and broaden their perspectives before pursuing doctorates. One possible initiative would be a graduate seminar on Jewish institutional leadership, he said.

President Joel added that the Max Stern Division of Communal Services (MSDCS) can help students breathe life into Torah Umadda and live up to their destiny.

On long-standing faculty issues, President Joel acknowledged that some professors were overworked and underpaid. Morton Lowengrub, vice president for academic affairs, working with various deans, has begun exploring best practices for recruiting and retaining both junior and senior faculty.

President Joel urged his audience to "keep my feet to the fire, and push me all you can to work together to have more richness in the curriculum and to make YU a place of intellectual fervor and ferment."

NEW ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS

Alumnus Bradley Karasik has joined the staff of Yeshiva College as its assistant dean of students in September. Mr. Karasik headed youth services and programming at National Council of Young Israel before coming to YU. He received a master's degree in higher education administration from New York University in 1998 and a bachelor's degree in sociology from YC in 1996. Mr. Karasik lives in Kew Gardens Hills, Queens, with his wife, Adina, and their two daughters, Gila Miriam and Chana.



STERN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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a strong network of friends and Stern alums, and to invest in building an even brighter future for women's education," said Karen Bacon, PhD,

Dr. Monique C. Katz Dean of Stern College and a 1964 Stern alumna.

Other Jubilee events will include a lecture series at the YU Museum from February to December 2004 featuring speakers such as David

Makovsky, senior fellow and director of Project on America, Israel, and the Peace Process at the Washington Institute, and Sylvia Barach Fishman, a 1964 Stern alumna who will discuss women and Halakhah (Jewish law). A Jubilee dinner is

planned for 2004, and an alumnae and friends day will take place at the Tisch Family Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem in May 2004.

An international confer-

ence, "Between Rashi and Maimonides: Themes in Medieval Jewish Law, Thought, and Culture," co-sponsored by the Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies at Stern and the Leonard and Beatrice Diener Institute of Jewish Law at YU's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, is planned for November 2004.

"An exhibition at the YU Museum chronicling the growth of Stern and its importance in advancing Jewish women's education will be unveiled in fall of 2004," Dr. Ungar-Mero said. "I am indebted to Stern because it gave me life-long tools to succeed. The Jubilee is a great way to bring back alumnae and to thank a wonderful institution."



Dr. Sheldon Socol (right), vice president of business affairs, and his wife, Ginger, with son Jeff (left), senior associate director of facilities management, and grandchildren.



Dean Karen Bacon watches the magic show at Family Day with her granddaughters Shira, to her right, and Aliza, (center).

The Stern Jubilee: A Year of Celebration

Family Day reflected the remarkable intergenerational character of YU, particularly Stern alumni and students. It marked the beginning of a year of celebratory events to commemorate the founding of Stern College and to set the stage for future growth and excellence.

An exciting lecture series by Stern alumnae and other distinguished speakers, planned February-December 2004, will cover topics of Jewish political and social interest.

The series includes a presentation February 29, under the Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf Scholar-in-Residence Program, by **David Makovsky**, senior fellow and director of the Project on America, Israel, and the Peace Process at the Washington Institute; **Malcolm Hoenlein**, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and **Gary Rosenblatt**, editor and publisher of *The Jewish Week*; a lecture titled "Breaking New Ground: Orthodox Women in the 21st Century" by **Shani Taragin**, lecturer at Midreshet Lindenbaum, and **Rivka Lubitch**, an Ohr Torah Stone legal advocate for women seeking a *get* (halakhic writ of divorce); and will end with a lecture by **Sylvia Barack Fishman '64S**, assistant professor of contemporary Jewish life and sociology of American Jews in the Near Eastern and Judaic studies department at Brandeis University and codirector of the Hadassah International Research Institute on

Jewish Women. She will speak on challenges facing the contemporary Orthodox Jewish family.

Israel alumnae and students will gather next May for a celebration at the **Tisch Family Biblical Zoo** in Jerusalem; and a **Jubilee Dinner** is planned for next year as well. Celebrations will culminate with a retrospective exhibit at Yeshiva University Museum next fall, highlighting Stern's history, growth, pioneering philosophy, and future, through photography, memorabilia, and text.

Other events: a **Jubilee Back-to-School Day** in December 2003; a young leadership seminar in spring 2004; and an international conference in November 2004, "**Between Rashi and Maimonides: Themes in Medieval Jewish Law, Thought, and Culture**," sponsored by Stern's Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies and the Leonard and Beatrice Diener Institute of Jewish Law at YU's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

For more information, please contact Joan Apple, director of development for Stern, at 212-340-7863 or apple@yu.edu; or the Office of University Alumni Affairs at 212-960-5373 or alumdesk@yu.edu. Check the YU Web site frequently for Stern Jubilee news and events (www.yu.edu/news or www.yu.edu/sternjubilee to register for lectures).

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Syms School of Business.

Ronald P. Stanton, chairman of the university's board of trustees, used the occasion to thank benefactors in helping YU reach \$405 million in capital campaign gifts, surpassing its \$400 million goal two years ahead of schedule. He cited a number of academic and infrastructure projects made possible by these gifts.

In his remarks, President Joel recognized Muriel Block for her \$15 million gift—

among the largest ever received by YU—towards construction of the Harold and Muriel Block Research Pavilion, on the Jack and Pearl Resnick Campus in the Bronx.

Another proud moment came with President Joel's announcement that YU's Midtown Campus will be renamed the Israel Henry Beren Campus in memory of Robert M. Beren's late uncle. Robert Beren, chairman emeritus of the YU board of trustees, is among the leading contributors to the campaign.

We Mourn

Raymond Chiu, an MD/PhD student in the Department of Developmental and Molecular Biology, Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Sciences, AECOM. He had suffered from acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Tova Felman, Guardian with husband Dr. Meir Felman YH,'35Y,R,BG. Condolences to their children, Yehudi M. Felman, MD, YH,'59Y,A; Shevi Cohen YH,'61S; and Naomi Bloom YH,'58.

Hon. Stanley H. Fuld, a founding director and Fellow of Cardozo and honorary board member. A respected jurist and civil rights advocate, he served on NY State's highest court for 27 years and as Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals for six years.

Harry A. Gampel, honorary SSSB Board of Directors member and YU Guardian who established the Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gampel Communications Center in Schottenstein Center on the Wilf Campus.

William Goldberg, a YU Guardian, YC Board of Directors member, and RIETS Fellow, in October.

Raymond J. Greenwald, YC Board of Directors member and YU Benefactor who established the Raymond J. Greenwald Chair in Jewish Studies, in October.

Susan Hurowitz, AECOM National Women's Division member, serving as a vice president of the Division's Board of Directors and as an honorary president of its NY Chapter. With her husband, Monte, she was a member of Einstein's Society of Founders. Condolences to him, children Steven, Richard, and Stephanie Steinberg, a member of the NY Chapter's executive board.

Dr. Stephen Reschke, SSSB adjunct faculty member, in July.

Alfred Parker, former director of food services for 30 years. Condolences to his wife, Regina, and son, Charles.

Judah Schwarz YH'01, a SSSB and MYP student, in August.

Condolences

Shulamith Berger YH,'84BG, YU curator of special collections, on the loss of her father, Bernard.

Natalie Goldman, SSSB office manager, on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Hollis.

Esther (Finkle) Hollander '98S, staff writer, department of communications and public affairs, on the loss of her mother, Lorraine.

Bernard "Red" Sarachek, legendary coach of the Maccabees for 26 years, on the loss of Belle, his wife of 66 years.

Ida Schwartz, secretary to the chancellor, on the loss of her sister, Mona.

Eruv Encircles Wilf Campus

According to Halakhah (Jewish law), on the Sabbath, one can only carry items outdoors if the act of carrying occurs within a fenced property. The prohibition is one of 39 categories and their derivatives that Jewish law defines as forbidden Sabbath activity.

For observant Jews, the restriction means that individuals cannot carry house keys, books, or even articles of clothing they are not wearing in the public domain.

It also extends to carrying children and pushing baby carriages (a category derivative), and in essence means that babies—and thus, most often mothers—are housebound for the duration of Shabbat, unless they live in a community with an *eruv*.

"Eruv," short for "eruv hatzerot," means "the unification of properties," and is a solution provided by Jewish law to the problem of not being able to carry on Shabbat,

explained Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, RIETS' Max and Marion Grill Dean, among a group of halakhic authorities that recently oversaw the construction of an eruv at the Wilf Campus.

"Ours is an area encompassed by wires, buildings, and walls, making the entire Wilf Campus a combination of private domains," he said, noting that it encompasses 182nd to 190th streets between Laurel Hill Terrace and Audubon, including Wallenberg Park and the block of 185th Street until the Schottenstein building.

Beyond single students, some 90 observant families live in this area, many with young children. On Shabbat most attend services on campus.

"Community building and support is a central value for YU, and one of the best ways to attract young families to a community is to construct an eruv. With a yeshiva, availability of kosher food, and easy

access to midtown Manhattan, our community has much to offer. Now, with an eruv, it has even more," said Rabbi Charlop.

Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Nathan and Vivian Fink Distinguished Professor of Talmud, serves as eruv *posek* (decisor). In addition to Rabbi Charlop, he worked with Rabbis Moshe Tandler, Rabbi Isaac and Bella Tandler Professor of Jewish Medical Ethics, and Mordechai Willig, Rabbi Dr. Sol Roth Professor in Talmud and Contemporary Halakhah, to erect YU's eruv. The three have created eruvs in their own communities and are widely consulted by other communities interested in erecting eruvs.

A committee of RIETS students, headed by Aziel Chelst, maintains YU's new eruv, checking twice weekly to make sure it is intact. The eruv's status is posted online Friday afternoons at www.yueruv.org.

Landmark Court of Appeals Meeting Inaugurates New Cardozo Court Room

This fall proved that Cardozo has come into its own as a fine national law school, an important fixture in New York City, and a vital part of Yeshiva University. The newly renovated Brookdale Center, which features the state-of-the-art Jacob Burns Moot Court Room, opened its doors for the fall semester.

After the September ribbon-cutting attended by Mrs. Libby Pataki, representing her husband, Governor George E. Pataki, and marking the investiture of President Richard M. Joel as Yeshiva University president, several special events took place.

The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit inaugurated the moot court room by hearing its regular calendar of cases on October 8. "This is a milestone in the history of a very young law school," said David Rudenstine, JD, Cardozo dean. "I am very grateful for the court's expression of trust and confidence in the law school. We've come of age in so many different ways."

Chief Judge John Walker, Jr., one of the three judges presiding, called the event extraordinary. "Cardozo is one of the great law schools in the county," he said. "It is not common for the Second Circuit to move for anything."

Judge Walker was persuad-



(From left) Judge Dennis Jacobs; Chief Judge John M. Walker, Jr.; Cardozo Dean David Rudenstine; Judge Richard Wesley; and Cardozo board member and Jacob Burns Foundation President, Barry Shenkman.

ed to hear the court's docket at Cardozo because the law school is closing out its 25th anniversary and celebrating its new facilities.

Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will address this year's commencement, a first for Cardozo.

Cardozo is also enjoying a significant year in development support. Last fall, Federal Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. announced that \$2.25 million from a Holocaust-related lawsuit was going to Cardozo for an organized program and center for Holocaust studies and human rights. (See page 8.) In December, Dean Rudenstine received word that Attorney General Eliot Spitzer was allocating \$200,000 of settlement money in an insider trading case to the school for

an enhanced securities-arbitration program. In addition, the school reported increases in alumni donations in both dollars and contributors.

The latest figures for applications, enrollment, and bar passage rates underscore Cardozo's growing stature, said Dean Rudenstine. Student applications in 2003 were up 39 percent from last year, to a record 4,700; the median LSAT scores rose by three points across the board to 162; and one-quarter of the first year class ranked among the nation's top 7 percent of law students. Among Cardozo students taking the Bar exam for the first time in July 2003, 88 percent passed, the highest percentage in the law school's history and well above the State average of 77.6 percent.

FACULTY PROFILE

Anatoly Frenkel

■ *The Poetry of Nanoscience*

In his essay, "An Absurd Reasoning," Albert Camus expressed his dismay that science could not depict the universe at its most fundamental level. "[Y]ou tell me of this invisible planetary system in which electrons gravitate around a nucleus," he wrote. "You explain this world to me with an image. I realize then that you have been reduced to poetry: I shall never know [the truth of nature]."

It's too bad that Camus didn't live to witness the experiments of Anatoly Frenkel, PhD, associate professor of physics at Stern College for Women, who is using a technique called x-ray absorption spectroscopy to paint portraits of tiny clusters of atoms in stunning detail. Dr. Frenkel is a specialist in nanoscience, the study of materials in miniature, billionths of a meter wide—dimensions at which many substances exhibit unique shapes and properties. His work holds promise both for probing the fundamental nature of matter and for developing real-world applications, such as fuel cells for automobiles or data storage for electronics.

People outside this esoteric corner of physics are starting to take notice. In September, the US Department of Energy awarded Dr. Frenkel and his colleagues a three-year, \$900,000 grant to explore the role of nanoparticles as catalysts in chemical reactions.

Not long ago, he could only dream of having access to such a wealth of resources.

From Russia, with love (of physics)

Dr. Frenkel was born and raised in Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) in 1964. Both his father and grandfather were engineers, but they encouraged young Anatoly to study physics. "Engineering had not been a reputable job since the October 1917 revolution," he explains in his uniquely accented but splendid English. "And physics was considered to be the most challenging science intellectually. They wanted to give me the best education possible."



Anatoly excelled in science, graduating at the top of his high school class. The Frenkels, it seemed, would have their physicist. For Jews like Anatoly, however, there were invisible barriers to advancement in the Soviet Union. To make his way in science, he would eventually have to emigrate.

In the meantime, he earned



a diploma in physics (a degree equivalent to our master's) from St. Petersburg University and then worked as an engineer for a local R&D company. He also continued his research in physics, publishing several papers in leading journals. By the end of the eighties, his credentials were good enough to earn him a spot in the doctoral program in physics at Tel Aviv University.

To Anatoly (and soon, to the whole world), the Soviet Union was history. "I went back only once to visit my parents," he says. "In Israel, I started a new life." Soon, he would help develop a new field.

During this period, he was invited to study with Prof. Edward Stern at the University of Washington, Seattle, the founder of x-ray absorption spectroscopy. By the time he earned his doctorate, in 1995, Dr. Frenkel was well



on his way to a career in nanoscience.

After graduation, he settled in the US, pursuing a string of opportunities in this new field, including a stint at the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS) at Brookhaven National Laboratory, the country's premier facility for studying matter with infrared, ultraviolet, and x-ray light.

In 1997, his parents and sister were able to join him in the US. Once again, the Frenkel family was whole.

To Yeshiva University

By 2001, Dr. Frenkel landed at YU, relishing the chance to conduct pure research and to teach, which he had done in various capacities since studying physics back in the Soviet Union.

Today, he splits his time between YU and Brookhaven (with which he is still affiliated), often using the latter as an extension of his Stern classroom, not only as a teaching tool but also as a form of career counseling. "I realized early that research was the most logical career for me," explains Dr. Frenkel, who bears a resemblance to the actor Tom Berenger. But some students, he says, enter graduate school without learning whether it suits them, wasting precious time and money.

In "Experiments in Modern Physics," a course he designed with his Yeshiva colleagues, students spend a full week at Brookhaven performing experiments that bring concepts like the photoelectric effect and nuclear decay to life. Several other students have conducted research at Brookhaven under Dr. Frenkel, including SCW honors student Shira Frankel, whose work on nanoparticles structure determination resulted in their joint article in *Physica Scripta*. Shira's other work, on using synchrotron x-rays to study chemical kinetics of nickel oxide reduction, was published in the Brookhaven laboratory's annual report.

Camus didn't live to see the universe at its most basic level, but perhaps Dr. Frenkel and his students will.

YC Book Project: War, Memory, and the Individual

Tim O'Brien had graduated from college, and beyond golf, was pondering the direction of his future. Then came a draft notice.

It was the mid-1960's and America was engulfed in Vietnam. And O'Brien, now a young adult, was heaved from Minnesota to the jungles of Southeast Asia.

With the current war on terrorism and in Iraq, Yeshiva College students just may be able to relate to a changed and unstable world.

Mr. O'Brien, author of "The Things They Carried," this year's Yeshiva College Book Project selection, spoke about

his experience as a soldier in Vietnam, his writings, and his life to a crowd of 200 students, faculty, and guests on Nov. 19 at Gloria and Jesse Weissberg Commons in Belfer Hall on the Wilf Campus.

"A story can make us feel the homicides of war," he said. "A story can give a human face to all the children, soldiers, and grieving widows who are just statistics in history books. A story is carried in the heart."

Terrorism, the war in Iraq, and continued violence in Israel sparked the theme of tolerance and conscience for this year's Book Project: "How to Tell a True War Story: War, Memory, and the Individual."



Author Tim O'Brien

Headed by Elizabeth Stewart, PhD, a lecturer in YC's English department, the

eighth annual Book Project was launched in October at Weissberg Commons and included remarks by President Richard M. Joel and Chancellor Norman Lamm.

"The Things They Carried" is a novel based on O'Brien's Vietnam hitch. The book received the prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger (France) and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize, and was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

"I hope that The Things They Carried will open up discussion about the psychic and emotional burdens placed by war on the individual and society, and about the human

drive to express trauma in language—issues close to the surface in much of our world today," Dr. Stewart said.

President Joel urged students to look at "The Things They Carried" not only as a story about war, but also as a personal journey—one each student will go through at YU.

The 2003 Book Project will feature numerous events throughout the academic year. Other speakers will include Jonathan Schell, historian and author of *The Unconquerable World*, and various YU faculty who will discuss the history and politics of the Vietnam War.

Einstein on the Cutting Edge

● Researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine have received prestigious funding from the US National Institutes of Health, totaling \$53 million, to support their work for five years in cancer, aging, diabetes, and kidney disease. They are:

- Dr. John Condeelis, co-chair and professor of anatomy and structural biology, who will receive nearly \$10 million to study the signaling pathways and motility responses that allow tumor cells to metastasize;

- Dr. Nir Barzilai, director of Einstein's Institute of Aging Research and associate professor of medicine, who will receive \$10 million to support research examining the effects of fat and metabolism on aging;

- Dr. Luciano Rossetti, director of the Diabetes Research and Training Center and the Judy and Alfred A. Rosenberg Professor of Diabetes Research, who will receive nearly \$10 million to continue biomedical research into diabetes-related areas and to promote the translation of research findings into improved health outcomes, especially in underserved and minority populations;

- Dr. George Christ, Ben Marden Distinguished Scholar in Urology and professor of urology and of physiology and biophysics, will receive \$7 million for researching the role of diabetic neuropathy and myopathy in bladder and erectile dysfunction;

- Dr. Jill Crandall, assistant professor of medicine, will receive \$2.5 million for follow-up to the long-term Diabetes Prevention Program study. The study evaluates how diet and lifestyle changes, including exercise, help prevent diabetes among individuals whose glucose intolerance levels put them at increased risk for developing the disease; and

- Dr. Harris Goldstein, professor of pediatrics and of microbiology and immunology, has been awarded \$7.8 million in support of the Einstein Center for AIDS Research, one of only 21 such NIH-funded centers in the country. The new grant will help foster collaborative and translational research at Einstein and at Montefiore Medical Center, where Dr. Goldstein is director.

- Dr. Victor Schuster, Ted and Florence Baumritter Professor of Medicine, who will receive \$6 million to study the critical role of cell signaling in the kidney, particularly its impact on renal disease.

● Dr. Richard N. Kitsis has been named the Dr. Gerald and Myra Dorros Professor of Cardiovascular Disease.

● Einstein had been awarded a five-year grant from the NIH, totaling more than \$22 million, to establish an Autoimmunity Center of Excellence (ACE) program. The Einstein center is one of just nine nationally that will conduct clinical trials and basic research on new immune-based therapies for autoimmune diseases. Principal ACE investigator will be Dr. Betty Diamond, Weinstock Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, professor of medicine, and chief of the division of rheumatology at Einstein. She also has been named chair of the consortium, made up of the nine centers receiving NIH funding for similar programs.

● A test developed by a team of migraine researchers led by Richard B. Lipton, MD, professor and vice chair of neurology at Einstein, and validated in a national study can identify patients with migraine headaches with about the same accuracy as widely-used screening tests for other illnesses. The results appeared in a recent issue of *Neurology*.

● Ekaterina Dadachova, PhD, a radiochemist at Einstein, is part of a team that discovered that lashing radioactive atoms to microbe-hunting proteins could kill germs considered impervious to all other medical therapies. In findings published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, she reports that mice with weakened immune systems benefited from just one dose of radioactive antibodies. Nearly all of the fungus cells were killed while mice with weakened immune systems that did not receive the radioactive-enhanced drugs died within two or three weeks of infection.

● A 21-year study led by Joe Verghese, MD, assistant neurology professor, found that seniors who read, played board games, and regularly did crossword puzzles reduced their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Funded by the National Institute on Aging, the study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on June 19.

NEH Awards YU Museum Major Grant

A \$300,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will help support a groundbreaking exhibition at the Yeshiva University Museum (YUM), "A Perfect Fit: The Garment Industry and American Jewry," which will be shown in 2005.

"A Perfect Fit" will explore the growth of the American garment industry and how the participation of successive waves of Jewish immigration shaped the industry's development between 1860 and 1960.

Industrial equipment, photographs, artworks, archival materials, and audiovisual presentations will be displayed alongside glamorous fashions from the past century in an exciting and dramatic installation. Visitors to the museum's galleries will learn about the impact of the garment industry on American culture and its role in the formation of American Jewish society.

Well before the emergence of fashion icons such as Calvin Klein and Donna Karan, Nettie Rosenstein, the inventor of "the little black dress," was one of the first designers to achieve success as a fashion leader. Her Jewish name was



Jack Tar Togs, Strouse & Baer Co., Baltimore, advertisement from 1919 Ladies Home Journal Collection of Yeshiva University Museum.

emblazoned on her label, which appeared on the inaugural ball gown she created for Mamie Eisenhower.

Gabriel Goldstein, curator of the exhibition and the museum's associate director for exhibitions and programs, worked with a team of specialists, including historians and economists, to refine the project's details. "YUM is the perfect forum to examine this significant period in American

and Jewish history because the project studies the clothing industry's unique impact on American and Jewish life," Mr. Goldstein said. "The exhibition will explain how ubiquitous American garments, such as three-button suits or blue jeans, helped create the structure of American society and define American Jewish identity."

The grant is one of the largest the museum has received since its first NEH grant in 1980. Museum director Sylvia A. Herskowitz explained that it is a very competitive time to be awarded a grant of this value. "The museum is exceptionally proud to receive this level of recognition, particularly when there are many cutbacks in humanities funding," Ms. Herskowitz said.

"YUM is especially excited that this exhibition has also been designated an NEH 'We the People' initiative and is being supported partly by these funds." 'We the People' promotes projects that explore significant events and themes in the nation's history and culture, and advance principles that define America.

Logos and Symbols of Yeshiva University
1932-2003

Throughout the past 117 years, logos and symbols at Yeshiva University have been used to represent different eras and prevailing philosophies. One of the earliest logos, at a time when there was no single, unified university identity, was the circular Yeshiva College logo, which featured a Torah scroll inside a Star of David with Hebrew words signifying Torah Umadda. Familiar symbols—the tree of life and the menorah—graced the sides of the circle. This was used from 1932 (the year of YU's first graduating class) to 1944.

The traditional shield of the university was developed in 1945 when YU became a university. It signifies the philosophy of Torah Umadda and includes the name of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

In 1961, when the university celebrated its 75th anniversary—its roots stretching back to the founding of RIETS as Eitz Chaim in 1886—a commemorative logo was developed. In 1986, at the university's centennial another anniversary logo emerged.

Now, to meet the challenges of a dynamic and diverse university in the 21st century, with many constituent schools and colleges, President Richard M. Joel commissioned the design of a new logo—for use in conjunction with the shield of the university.

The new logo, designed by Harvey Marks and drawn and engineered by Yeshiva University art directors, depicts the flames of Torah and Madda emerging, intertwined, from the letters "YU," which form an oil lamp. The flames of Torah and Madda carry the traditional philosophy of the university forward. The oil lamp celebrates the restoration of the Temple in 165 BCE, and represents the continuing challenge to dedicate oneself to the pursuit of noble ideals.

2003



1986



1961



1945



1932



Students Best Faculty in "Mac Madness" 2003



Yossi Gev wins the opening tip-off tossed by President Joel.

Yeshiva University President Richard M. Joel helped jumpstart the winter sports season at the seventh annual "Mac Madness" night on November 19 at the Max Stern Athletic Center. President Joel welcomed the crowd and tossed up the ball for the opening tip of the student-faculty basketball game, the centerpiece of the night's activities.

Members of YU's 11 intercollegiate teams coached and refereed the hard-fought contest. This year's student team, stacked with undergraduates selected by Student Council leaders, held off a late faculty rally to win 59-53 and avenge last year's 1-point loss. The 12-

member faculty roster included Hillel Davis, vice president of university life; Jeffrey S. Gurock, Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish History, Ira Jaskoll, associate dean of Sy Syms School of Business; Rabbi Mitchell Orlian, associate professor of Bible; and Shopon Mollah, assistant professor of biology.

Team introductions took place during time-outs and between quarters while players raffled off prizes and distributed t-shirts to the more-than-600 spectators.

Alex Lapidus and Harel Vatavu of the men's basketball team and Jacob Sassoon of the volleyball squad drew cheers as they competed, during half-

time, in a slam-dunk contest. Five judges, led by senior university dean of students Efram Nulman and SCW associate dean of students Zelda Braun, awarded the championship to Mr. Lapidus after an extra "dunk-off" with Mr. Vatavu. In another contest, Richard Lewis of the men's basketball team edged out Shayna Greenwald of the women's basketball squad 18-16 in a foul-shooting contest.

At a post-game party outside the gym, Mrs. Braun, assistant dean of students Brad Karasik, and student leaders treated the crowd to popcorn, cotton candy, and slushies.

YU Undergrads Gain Invaluable Experience: Roth Scholars at Einstein

Each year thousands of Americans are afflicted with lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease that mainly affects the skin, joints, blood, and kidneys. Elisheva Douglas hopes that her research on this autoimmune disorder will help scientists better understand the condition and the body's immune system.

She and nine other Yeshiva University undergraduates spent nine weeks this past summer investigating causes and treatments of diseases, including cancer, sickle cell anemia, and Alzheimer's under the tutelage of top biomedical scientists at YU's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Nomi Ben-Zvi, Netanel Berko, Elisheva Douglas, Chaya Gopin, Aaron Leifer, Dina Ohevshalom, David

Rabin, and David Wise were 2003 Roth Institute Scholars for Undergraduate Summer Research sponsored by the Ernst and Hedwig Roth Institute of Biomedical Science Education at YU.

In addition, Tova Fischer and Jeremy Mazurek conducted research at Einstein as University Summer Research Scholars. These programs were established to enhance the educational experience of biology and science majors at YC and SCW.

Mr. Rabin, a YC biology major, investigated the relationship between adipocytes (fat cells) and breast cancer cells, since certain cancer strains require fat cells to grow and metastasize. His research sought to better understand cancer cell growth and find potential methods of halting their proliferation.

"I was grateful to be a part of research that may one day lead to medical advances," Mr. Rabin said.

"Students gain invaluable research experience through these programs," said Dr. Barry Potvin, director of summer research program and associate professor of biology at YC. "In some cases they are inspired to pursue research careers."

Tova Fischer, a biochemistry major at Stern College for Women, studied the genetic expression of Glutathione-S Transferases (GST), a class of enzymes in the body involved in detoxification of noxious substances and thought to be instrumental in fighting cancers.

"I felt my research was important because I had the freedom to conduct my own project, learn from my mis-



Back row (L-R): Dina Ohevshalom, Tova Fischer, Chaya Gopin, Elisheva Douglas, and Nomi Ben-Zvi
Front Row (L-R): Jeremy Mazurak, Aaron Leifer, Netanel Berko, David Rabin, and David Wise.

takes, and hone my skills," said Ms. Fischer, "yet I was very much guided by the experienced members of the lab who taught me valuable prin-

ciples in science and research." The students hail from California, New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Israel.



OUTSTANDING EINSTEIN STUDENTS

Dominick P. Purpura, MD, The Marilyn and Stanley M. Katz Dean at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (center), hosted a celebration marking honors received by Jeffrey Levisky, PhD, an MD/PhD candidate (left), and Francine Garrett, also an MD/PhD candidate (second from right).

Dr. Levisky is one of 16 graduate students to receive the 2003 Harold M. Weintraub Graduate Student Award, presented by the Basic Sciences Division of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Dr. Levisky conducted work in the laboratory of Dr. Robert H. Singer, cochair and professor of anatomy and structural biology.

Ms. Garrett is the Herbert W. Nickens Award recipient from the American Association of Medical Colleges for her participation in the Student National Medical Association. She is past chair of the organization's board of directors and chairperson emeritus. She is completing her thesis studies in the laboratory of Dr. Barbara Birshtein (right), professor of cell biology at Einstein.



Cardozo Receives \$2.25 Million in Holocaust Claims Case

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law won \$2.25 million as part of a settlement from JP Morgan in a case brought in late 1997 by Holocaust survivors and their heirs against several French banks, as well as Chase, JP Morgan, and Barclays Bank. In *Benisti v Banque Paribas*, one of many Holocaust restitution claims cases that have been filed since 1996, United States District Court Judge Sterling Johnson, Jr. allocated the unclaimed funds to Cardozo. The grant will support a program and center for Holocaust studies and human rights.

"I view this gift to Cardozo as one of public trust and we



Prof. Richard Weisberg

will factor that into our plans for the center, which will be founded in the spirit of the litigation and with the memo-

ries of the plaintiffs in mind," said David Rudenstine, Cardozo dean. "I am proud that Judge Johnson chose us for this distinction—a sign of the law school's coming of age as an institution that educates exceptionally fine lawyers."

In the class action suit, attorney Kenneth McCallion and a team of six, which included Cardozo's Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law Richard H. Weisberg, proved that the banks had victimized their Jewish clients.

"Cardozo was chosen as the beneficiary because people know about our Holocaust Claims Restitution Clinic, the

courses we offer on the Holocaust, the conferences we've held, and the books and articles we've produced about this tragic period," explained Prof. Weisberg, whose book, *Vichy Law and the French Holocaust*, brought him to the attention of McCallion, an adjunct professor at Cardozo. Prof. Malvina Halberstam, who successfully argued a case in the Second Circuit against SNCF, the French railroad, was involved in the case as well.

According to Prof. Weisberg, in addition to providing reparations for victims of the Holocaust, "The litigation has joined with scholarly research to pry open archives that have been unavailable to date. The

courts are now forcing institutions to show records that they have kept hidden for decades."

Cardozo is identifying and appointing an advisory board that will work with the faculty and administration to formulate the center's mission statement and inaugural programs.

For 2003-04, Eric Freedman, a distinguished scholar and teacher, has been named the center's inaugural research scholar. Mr. Freedman has been working in France to ensure that victims receive the compensation due them from Holocaust claims cases.

Board News

Dr. Ruth L. Gottesman and **Michael F. Price** were elected vice chairs of the AECOM Board of Overseers. **Daniel Tishman** was elected to the Board, and **Saul Kramer** was made Life Overseer.

The following people were elected to the YU Board of Trustees: **Sender Z. Cohen**, **Jeffrey J. Feil**, **Lance L. Hirt**, and **Joshua L. Muss**.

Kathryn O. Greenberg and **Steven W. Katz** were elected to the CSL Board of Directors.

Stephen Brown was elected to the YC Board of Directors.

Congratulations

Peter Robertson, CPA staff photographer, and wife Jennifer on the birth of second child Rebecca Alina.

David Shatz, PhD, '69Y, B, R, professor of philosophy, and wife Chani (Rabinowitz) YH'68 on the birth of granddaughter Ariella Tova Rivka to Meira (Shatz) YH,'96S and Raphael Gross '96SB.

Jay Sweifach '88W, DSW, WSSW assistant professor, and wife Dina (Roher) '92S, WSSW, on the birth of daughter Laini Avriel.

Reba (Wertentheil) Wulkan, YH'67, YUM contemporary exhibitions curator, and husband I. Akiva Wulkan YH,'70Y on the birth of three grandchildren: Meira to Raquel (Wulkan) '02S and Brian Platt '00Y; and Kayla Miriam and Yehuda Gavriel to Ben Mantell

'02Y and Ahuva Malka (Wulkan). Congratulations to Reba on earning a master of arts degree from SUNY Purchase.

Claire Zakheim, SSSB instructor in Information Systems and Statistics for Business, and husband Dov Zakheim '73Y,R, on the birth of a grandson, Eitan Avshalom, to their children Aliza and Dovid Amiad of Efrat, Israel.