

■ **THE ANNUAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF** Yeshiva University Seforim sale runs Feb. 12 – 29. Thousands of Jewish books, music, and software are on sale, and attract students, parents, and educators from across the tri-state area. **Rabbi Benjamin Blech** talks about two of his best-selling books at a lecture Feb. 15. Titles range from classical rabbinic works to cookbooks, children's literature, tapes, and CDs. All proceeds go to the Student Organization of Yeshiva for (SOY) activities such as lectures, charity concerts, holiday chagigot, and other community and social events. For dates and times, visit www.soyseforim.org.

■ **ANOTHER ANNUAL YU EVENT BEGINS FEB. 12.** The YU Arts Festival kicks off with a concert featuring student musicians performing their own compositions, primarily rock and pop. Other arts festival events include: Feb. 16, students reading their own fiction and non-fiction; Feb. 17, exhibit of student photography; Feb. 18, women-only choir performance; Feb. 19, students perform classical music compositions; Feb. 22, drama night; Feb. 23, poetry reading; Feb. 24, student art exhibit; and Feb. 25, closing night jazz show featuring student ensemble directed by Prof. Noyes Bartholomew. For times and locations, please visit the online events calendar at <http://communications.yu.edu/calendar/event.cfm>.

■ **YU'S UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES ARE** inaugurating a program of leadership fellowships, thanks to funding from several donors. The fellowships, which will carry the names of the donors, encourage undergraduates to perform a year of service to the university and to the Jewish community. Up to 10 graduating seniors will be selected as fellows next year and will be assigned to various offices as full-time young professionals, working directly with a dean or department head. Applications were e-mailed to all students and will be available in all undergraduate deans' offices. Applications must be completed and returned by Feb. 24. Fellows will be selected by March 15.

■ **MIKEY BUTLER, A 2001 GRADUATE OF YESHIVA** College, passed away on Jan. 28 after a lifelong battle with cystic fibrosis. Mr. Butler's courage in the face of his illness inspired **Chancellor Norman Lamm** to call him a "legend." At YU, Mr. Butler became involved in student government, never complaining about "schlepping an oxygen tank from class to class," according to his mother. During the summer while in college, Mikey volunteered at a camp for children with special needs. He was active in the National Council of Synagogue Youth. He learned to play the drums.

From the time he was born, he bucked the odds. Soon after birth, doctors gave Mr. Butler little more than an hour to live. He lived 24 years, a time span, said Chancellor Lamm, filled with more achievement than the average lifetime.

■ **FROM FEBRUARY 10–JUNE 30, 2004, YESHIVA** University Museum (YUM) presents "Vienna: Jews and the City of Music, 1870–1938." This unprecedented exhibition illustrates major contributions Jews made to Vienna's music and social life—as musicians and patrons—and the devastating effect of German Nazism on this highly influential and assimilated population, the city of Vienna, and its music. Through piano scores, manuscripts, letters, diary entries, photographs, paintings, and audio recordings, the exhibition captures the cadence of Vienna in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For more information, contact the museum at 212-294-8330 or visit its Web site at www.yumuseum.org. The museum is located at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th Street, Manhattan.

■ **EINSTEIN'S CANCER CENTER IS OFFERING A** low-cost, six-session, smoking cessation program created by a licensed health psychologist. The program features a warm, supportive atmosphere, pharmacotherapy discussion with hospital physician, self-hypnosis and relaxation training, guest speakers, tips for breaking the habit, and tools for conquering urges. Groups meet at the Montefiore Medical Park and at the Montefiore Medical Center; based on members' availability. For more information call (718) 430-2200.

■ **AS PART OF A NATIONAL, YEARLONG SERIES OF** events commemorating 350 years of Jewish life in the United States, The Mendel Gottesman Library's Rare Book Room, Wilf Campus, presents "New World, Old Books, a collection of rare books from the library's collection. The exhibit begins in early March. For more information, please contact the Office of the Dean of YU Libraries at 212.960.5363.

■ **LOUISE SILVERSTEIN, PHD, ASSOCIATE** professor of psychology at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, was appointed by the American Psychological Associations' Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest to serve on the committee on Women in Psychology. Dr. Silverstein's term began Jan. 1 and will continue until Dec. 31, 2006.

■ **LEA BLAU, PHD, STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN** chemistry professor, was recently appointed to the International Activities Committee (IAC), a compo-

nent of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Education. Only 50 to 60 of this division's 5,400 members are selected for such service each year. The IAC studies and recommends Chemical Society participation in international undertakings pertaining to chemical education, professional activities, and matters of interest to chemists and chemical engineers, and coordinates its efforts with those of other organizations.

■ **LAST MONTH, 12 YC AND RIETS STUDENTS** traveled across Germany—from Munich to Frankfurt, Worms to Berlin—in a program supported by the German government called Bridge of Understanding: The Jewish Experience of Modern Germany. Students and their chaperones visited Worms, a city where Jewish presence dates to the late 10th century, and Berlin, where students met member of the German parliament at the Bundestag.

■ **FILM HISTORIAN AND CRITIC ERIC A.** Goldman, PhD, presented "Looking at Ourselves: The American Jewish Experience on Film" at the 2004 Morris Epstein Forum on the Arts lecture on Feb. 10 at the Geraldine Schottenstein Cultural Center, Israel Henry Beren Campus.

■ **UNDER A WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS INITIATIVE,** an international group of Catholic cardinals and monsignors met with leaders and educators from Yeshiva University on Jan. 19 at YU's Wilf Campus. Catholic leaders included New York's Edward Cardinal Egan and cardinals from Italy, Germany, India, Angola, France, Austria, Canada, and St. Louis, MO. They met with Rabbi Norman Lamm, chancellor of Yeshiva University and Rosh HaYeshiva (dean) of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, with Yeshiva University President Richard M. Joel, and Max and Marion Grill Dean of RIETS, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop. The meeting focused on universal problems of special interest to both world religions to elicit common insights.

■ **WHEN STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN STUDENTS** returned to classes in January, they came back to a newly named campus, courtesy of the Beren family's generosity. The Midtown Campus is now known officially as the Israel Henry Beren Campus (or Beren Campus) in honor of the late uncle of **Robert M. Beren**, chairman emeritus of the Yeshiva University board of trustees.

■ **SHALOM CARMY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF** Bible, is the new head of YC's Jewish studies department. He replaces **Moshe Bernstein**, associate professor of Bible, who stepped down last fall.



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■ **NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DANIEL KAHNEMAN** delivered YU's Alexander Brody Distinguished Service Lecture in Economics on Feb. 3 on the Wilf Campus. Dr. Kahneman received the 2002 Nobel Prize in economic sciences for his groundbreaking work in integrating psychological research into economics.

■ **THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROJECT, DEVELOPED** by YU's Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools and Yeshiva High Schools, was launched last month. The Project features a video-conferencing component and an Internet-based course management tool. These technologies allow students, teachers, and administrators to interact with experts and educators from all over the world, thus bolstering Jewish curriculum offerings and teacher training. Introduced to yeshiva high school teachers through a seminar at Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, the Project is being piloted at five yeshiva high schools, including YU's Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy High School for Boys and others in Boca Raton, FL, Cleveland, OH, Monsey, NY, Toronto, Canada, and Seattle, WA.

■ **A NEW PRESIDENTIAL WEB PAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS** Web page was unveiled recently, showcasing a future direction for the university Web site. The new pages can be accessed through www.yu.edu. The President's page outlines four signature areas introduced in **President Richard Joel's** inauguration address — "Community, Nobility, Israel, and Excellence" — together with examples of their applications in YU life. The Communications page features news stories and a 12-month online calendar of events.

■ **ABOUT 460 STUDENTS FROM 38 HIGH SCHOOLS** across North America debated international issues such as world health, disarmament, and trade during a simulated meeting of the United Nations at the 14th Annual Yeshiva University National Model UN (YUNMUN) conference Feb. 8–10. President Joel delivered the keynote address for the event, which took place at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, NY.

■ **THE 2003 HENRY WITTENBERG WRESTLING** Tournament is slated for February 15–16 at the Max Stern Athletic Center, Wilf Campus. The annual attracts high school grapplers from Jewish day schools across the country. **Henry Wittenberg** was YU's first wrestling coach. His tenure began in

1955, after he became only the second US wrestler since 1908 to win two Olympic medals. He won gold in 1948 and silver in 1952. Coach Wittenberg's contribution to wrestling was honored at The 2003 World Championships of Freestyle Wrestling ceremony at Madison Square Garden in September.

■ **THE STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN MUSIC** Department presents Milton Babbitt, recipient of a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation and a National Institute of Arts and Letters Award, who will address students of **Prof. David Glaser's** "Seven American Composers" course on March 16. Leading ensembles have performed Mr. Babbitt's work throughout the world, and he is recognized as one of the world's foremost composers.

■ **PROF. GLASER'S MUSICAL COMPOSITION "LE** Carnet Rouge for two guitars on March 8, 7:30 pm at the Baisely Ellebash Concert Hall, the City University Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets. The Anderson-Fader Guitar Duo will perform.

■ **THE YESHIVA COLLEGE BOOK PROJECT SPONSORS** a showing of the film "Black Hawk Down" on March 25 in Belfer Hall. **Dean Joyce Jesionowski** and **Dr. Ellen Schrecker** will deliver introductory remarks at 8:15 pm.

■ **ON MARCH 25, THE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY HIGH** Schools Dinner of Tribute takes place at The Grand Hyatt, 42nd Street at Grand Central, NYC. Honorees are: **Erica Jesselson**, Lifetime Achievement Award; **Rabbi Michael S. Miller**, executive vice president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Distinguished Alumnus in Community Service; **Elliot Gibber**, Amud HaTorah Award; **Harriet Levitt**, English department chair, MSTA, and **Rabbi Mordekai Shapiro**, chair, Talmud department, SWHSG, Educators of the Year. For information, reservations, and journal opportunities call 212-960-0858.

■ **AT THE INVITATION OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE** and commissioner of parks (dept) **Peter Ferrara**, director of communications and public affairs, represented YU at the city's 155th birthday celebration for the Croton Aqueduct High Bridge, located at West 174th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. The pedestrian bridge is the oldest such structure connecting Manhattan Island with the Bronx. The bridge has been closed since 1960, and a multi-million dollar study is underway to determine the feasibility of restoring the bridge for use.

■ **TOWN HALL MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT** Richard M. Joel took place on the Israel Henry Beren Campus Wednesday, Feb. 4, and on the Wilf Campus Thursday, Feb. 5. The two meetings are the second in a series of university-wide forums scheduled throughout the academic year and intended to promote open and meaningful dialogue between President Joel and the YU community on issues important to academic and university life.

■ **CONDOLENCES TO ESTHER FINKLE HOLLANDER** S'98, staff writer for the Department of Communications and Public Affairs, on the passing of her mother, Lorraine, in December.

■ **CONDOLENCES TO LEA HONIGWACHS, PHD**, university registrar, on the loss of her father, Joseph Halpern in January.

■ **CONDOLENCES TO ROSE YAVARKOVSKY, YU** Guardian and YUWO Executive Council member, and **Ira Yavarkovsky**, YU Guardian and WSSW board of governors member, on the loss of their granddaughter and niece, Jodi Fisher.

■ **MAZAL TOV TO JUNE GLAZER, SENIOR WRITER** and editor for the Communications and Public Affairs Department, on the birth of her second grandchild, Michael, to David and Yardaena (Stern College, 1998) Glazer.

■ **MAZAL TOV TO DR. KAREN BACON, PHD**, Monique C. Katz Dean, and her husband Stephen on the birth of their 12th grandchild.

■ **MAZAL TOV TO PRESIDENT RICHARD M. JOEL** and his wife **Esther** on the marriage of their son **Avery**, a 2000 graduate of YC and current RIETS student, to **Aliza Schwartz**, a 1998 graduate of Stern and a 2001 grad of Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration in January.

■ **CONGRATULATIONS TO US SEN. FRANK R.** Lautenberg on his marriage to Bonnie Englehardt in January. Senator Lautenberg is a supporter of YU's capital campaign and a member of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law board of directors.

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