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YU Establishes The Katz School of Graduate and Professional Studies

School Named in Recognition of Major Gift From Drs. Mordecai And Monique Katz



Drs. Monique C. and Mordecai D. Katz

Yeshiva University has launched The Mordecai D. and Monique C. Katz School of Graduate and Professional Studies, which will offer students of all ages the opportunity to further their education, careers and intellectual aspirations. The Katz School was named in recognition of a \$25 million commitment from Drs. Mordecai and Monique Katz.

“If we have a core principle about philanthropy, it is this: invest in people. And the best investment you can make in people is through education,” said Mordecai Katz, a former aerospace executive and a current vice chairman of the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees. Monique Katz, a retired radiologist and graduate of YU-affiliated Albert Einstein College of Medicine, serves as vice chairman of the Stern College for Women Board of Overseers.

“The Katz School of Graduate and Professional Studies will bring the intellectual resources of Yeshiva University to a broad constituency of students,” said Yeshiva University President Richard M. Joel. “We’re deeply grateful to the Katzes for helping YU extend its critical role in today’s complex world where decisions in every profession need to be informed by responsible values and principles.”

Dr. Selma Botman, provost and vice president of academic affairs, added, “Students pursuing one of our associate’s or master’s degrees in a range of fields will gain hands-on, experiential expertise in their area of study and important professional connections. It is a values-driven education that is truly one-of-a-kind.”

The Katz School will offer a range of degrees in fields that run the gamut from marketing, allied health and community education to data science and cybersecurity. Programs will include both face-to-face and online learning options. The focus will be on helping students build their professional network and a portfolio of work that will prepare them to succeed in their careers long after graduation, according to the school’s new dean, Dr. Paul Russo.

“Our curricula will be informed by industry, making them relevant, contemporary and forward-looking. Our faculty delivers practical knowledge as well as the science behind the skills—we teach not just how but why,” said Russo. He also stressed the Katz School commitment to project-based learning, in addition to the traditional textbook-and-test approach. “We’ll work closely with YU’s Career Center and alumni network to build bridges, and establish connections for our graduates. Yeshiva is an academic powerhouse where students get a world-class education with individualized support.”

Russo comes to YU after a distinguished career in executive

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Rabbi Sacks Awarded Templeton Prize



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, the Kressel and Ephrat Family University Professor of Jewish Thought and former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, has been awarded the 2016 Templeton Prize. Valued at \$1.5 million, it is one of the world’s largest annual awards given to an individual and honors a living person who has made exceptional contributions to affirming life’s spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery or practical works.

“The Jewish story is a story for all humanity,” said President Richard M. Joel. “No one tells that story with more majesty and clarity than Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks. He is a gift to us all.” ■

Undergraduates Gain Insight Into World Events From Political Insiders

As the 2016 presidential election kicks into high gear and conflict in the Middle East continues, topics like homeland security, immigration, international negotiations and the campaign process are constantly up for debate in the American news cycle. But at Yeshiva University, students have the unique opportunity to delve beyond these headlines and gain a rare firsthand glimpse into the innermost circles of American and Israeli politics in courses that integrate the University’s academic expertise with personal insight from major players on the political stage, such as former U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman, the Joseph Lieberman Chair in Public Policy and Public Service, and former Ambassador Danny Ayalon, the Rennert Visiting Professor of Foreign Policy Studies.

“We are fortunate to have an amazing ensemble of courses that cover a



Senator Joseph Lieberman teaches American Politics Seminar at Stern College for Women

range of exciting topics and are taught by an exceptional faculty,” said Dr. Joseph Luders, the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in Political Science at Stern College for Women.

This includes courses like the American Politics Seminar, co-taught by Luders and Lieberman, in which students get the opportunity to study the 2016 presidential race through the lens of a former presidential candidate with decades of experience in the Senate; Statecraft Analysis: Israeli Foreign Policy, taught by Ayalon; and Israeli Foreign Policy taught by Ayalon and Dr. Ruth Bevan, the David W. Petegorsky Chair in Political Science at Yeshiva College. The latter two courses introduce students to Israel’s main foreign affairs challenges and contributions to global politics through the eyes of a high-ranking former diplomat. Another

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Cardozo Launches Center for Rights and Justice



Leslie Salzman (left), director of Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, and Cardozo students represent low-income New Yorkers

The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law recently launched the Center for Rights and Justice, home to more than 25 programs at Cardozo, which will work to advance justice through scholarly research, public policy reform and client advocacy. Professor of Law Alexander Reinert, who has devoted his career to fighting for justice, will direct the new program.

“The Center for Rights and Justice is the natural outgrowth of 35 years of pioneering Cardozo programs that have expanded paths to justice and influenced the legal landscape in New York City and throughout the country,” said Cardozo Dean Melanie Leslie. “The center will coordinate all of these activities, providing leadership for the future and inspiring our students to work for justice.”

The fight for social and criminal justice reform has been a theme at Cardozo and has led to the creation of a number of renowned programs and clinics targeting change in the justice system, including the Innocence Project, which has exonerated more than 350 wrongfully convicted prisoners since its establishment at the law school more than 20 years ago.

Other major programs created at or affiliated with the law school include the Cardozo Law In-

stitute in Holocaust and Human Rights, the Public Service Law Center, the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, the Public Service Law Center, the National Center for Access to Justice, and the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy.

In addition, student-run activities—such as Public Law Advocacy Week, the Unemployment Action Center, and the National Lawyers Guild—are part of Cardozo’s long tradition of engagement with the cause of justice on multiple fronts.

By creating a central base for Cardozo’s justice activities, the Center for Rights and Justice will improve coordination of the multitude of offerings at the law school, which include coursework, clinics, centers and events.

Reinert evoked the words of Benjamin Cardozo, who said, “The final cause of the law is the welfare of society.” Speaking of the new center, Reinert said, “The law school’s commitment to justice is multidimensional and focuses on bringing about changes critical to our society’s future welfare. Our mission is to strengthen and expand those efforts to new frontiers.” ■

To learn more, visit cardozo.yu.edu/crj

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The Wall Street Journal reported on a collection of historic rabbinic manuscripts housed at the YU Library for over 60 years that were recently returned to a descendant of the original author.

yu.edu/manuscripts

VIDEO



Bringing Talent and Opportunity Together

YU’s annual Jewish Job Fair connected more than 300 jobseekers with 100 schools and organizations from around the world.

yu.edu/jobfair

Azrieli Introduces Online Jewish Ed PhD



The Azrieli Graduate School for Jewish Education and Administration launched a new doctoral program in Jewish education that will focus on expanding research and theoretical study in the field.

“While Azrieli already offers the EdD, a doctoral degree to train and support professional Jewish day school leadership, the new PhD program will cultivate the next generation of researchers and policymakers in Jewish education,” said Dr. Moshe Sokolow, director of the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Division of Doctoral Studies.

To thoroughly ground students in research methodology and educational theory and practice, students in the program will have access to offerings from across the University, including courses in graduate programs at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and Sy Syms School of Business. Students in the PhD program will also share courses with their counterparts in the EdD track to ensure that future researchers are well versed in best practices and pressing issues in the field. They will then partner with Azrieli faculty to develop their own research projects in Jewish education and day schools across the country.

“Jewish education is one of the most understudied areas out there, so the opportunities for research in the field are immense,” said Dr. Rona Novick, dean of Azrieli. “There are so many questions we’d like to have answers to: What is the best way to engage students in a spiritual way? What are the best techniques to teach Hebrew language? How do you apply technology to the study of ancient texts? Our graduates will have enormous potential to begin impacting the way we think about and build the Jewish educational institutions of tomorrow.” ■

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Manfred Weidhorn Reflects on 52-Year Career at YU

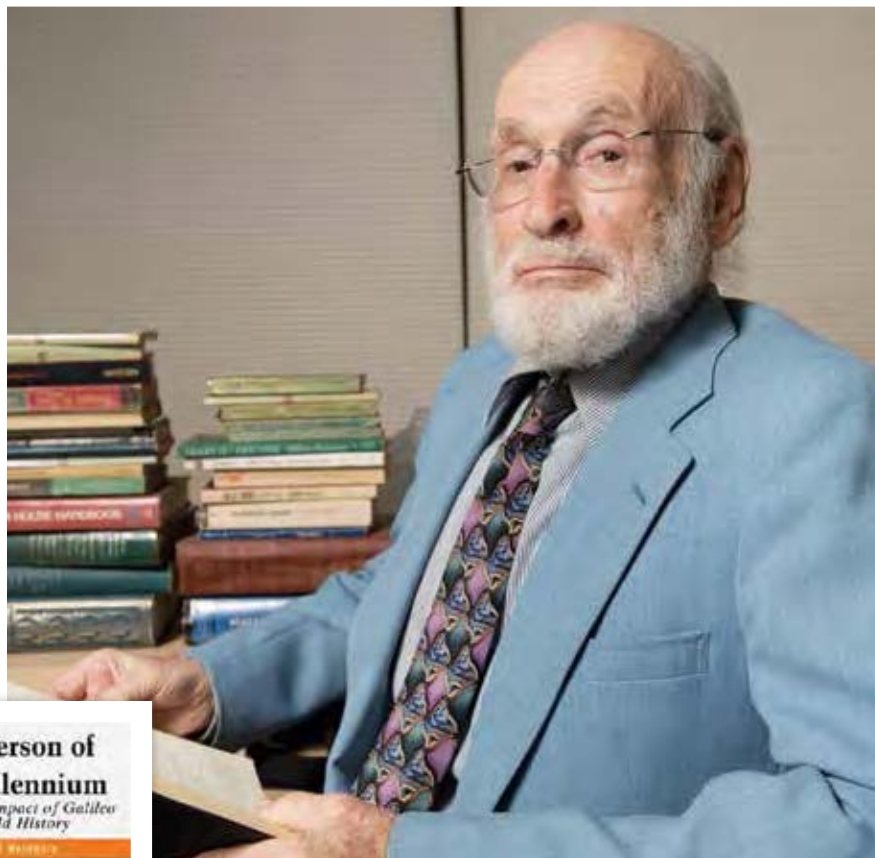
Since 1963, Yeshiva University students looking for an engaging encounter with English literature have been able to find courses taught by Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, the Abraham S. and Irene Guterman Chair in English Literature and professor emeritus of English.

An immigrant from Vienna who earned a PhD in English at Columbia University, Weidhorn is a prolific scholar and writer whose works include a dozen nonfiction books and over a hundred essays on Shakespeare, Milton, Churchill, Galileo, literary themes, cultural history and the relationship between religion and science in addition to young adult biographies of Napoleon, Robert E. Lee, and Jackie Robinson.

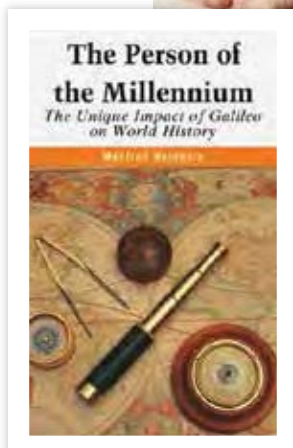
Weidhorn first discovered his love of literature as a refugee in Havana, seeking asylum with his family in the wake of the Holocaust.

"I used to hang around with a bunch of kids in a hotel lobby, and I'd spontaneously tell them stories," he said. "They seemed to like them, and I started to think that I had this talent for storytelling. I began writing, and to further develop my writing skills, I began to read a lot of novels. Eventually, I decided that instead of trying to create literature, I would use my passion to share it."

At Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women, he has taught classes on topics that range from the Russian short novel to the Scientific Revolution and everything in between, encouraging students to approach each topic in new and sometimes unconventional ways. His



Dr. Manfred Weidhorn



favorite course was From Tradition to Modernity, which starts with the New Testament and ends with modern works, tracing the way in which traditional society arises and then is undermined by two individuals: Martin Luther and Galileo. "A century apart, they apply a one-two punch to the assumptions of traditional society and create modern society out of the ensuing chaos," said Weidhorn. "It's fascinating to see how cultural change takes place, specifically through the roles of

two giants who played the largest parts within the Protestant Reformation and Scientific Revolution."

Of the many books he has written, he is most proud of *The Person of the Millennium: The Unique Impact of Galileo on World History* (iUniverse, 2005) as well as *Sword and Pen: A Survey of the Writings of Sir Winston Churchill* (University of New Mexico Press, 1974) and *A Harmony of Interests: Explorations in the Mind of Sir Winston Churchill* (Farleigh Dickinson University Press, 1992), two books about the former prime minister of the United Kingdom. "It's interesting how I came to write about him," Weidhorn re-

called. "While we were fleeing from the Nazis, we were on a ferry boat somewhere in France. I was the one to translate the French newspaper into Yiddish for my grandfather, who didn't read French. The name of Churchill came up, and my grandfather said, 'Oh, that Churchill is a great man.' For some reason that stuck with me—25 years later, I ended up writing about him in my works."

More recently, Weidhorn has tried his hand at writing aphorisms—one-liners—such as this: "Humankind does not deserve itself."

"You can read that in two ways," said Weidhorn. "Either we're good and we don't deserve the horrors that we perpetrate, or we're so awful that we don't deserve the great things that Shakespeare and Bach and other luminaries have achieved." ■

In Memoriam, Dr. Carmen Ortiz Hendricks



Yeshiva University mourns Dr. Carmen Ortiz Hendricks, the Dorothy and David I. Schachne Dean of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, who passed away on February 18. Hendricks came to Wurzweiler in 2005 as professor of social work and associate dean. She was appointed dean in 2012, becoming the first Latina dean of a social work school in New York City.

Hendricks was a community leader and scholar. Her roles and awards included chair of the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education, principal investigator at the Children's Bureau Training Project, founding member of the Latino Social Work Task Force, NASW Social Work Pioneer and fellow at the New York Academy of Medicine. As dean, she upheld the values of the profession both by example and in her depth of caring and commitment for students and the broader community.

"The sun shone more brightly on Yeshiva University with Dean Hendricks' presence," said President Richard M. Joel. "She was that rare combination of warmth and rigor, caring and exacting, always till the very end knowing the cup was not half empty but overflowing. She taught us all."

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Dr. Paul Russo

positions in higher education, most recently as assistant vice president for instructional innovation and professor of technology strategy at Long Island University, and as both associate dean of professional studies and as director of online programs at the City University of New York. Sofia Biniaris also joins the Katz School as program director.

FIRST INITIATIVE IS SUPPORTING SY SYMS ONLINE MS IN MARKETING

The Katz School's first initiative will be supporting a new online master's degree program offered through the Sy Syms School of Business. The one-year, 30-credit program starts in fall 2016 and will feature a special emphasis on digital and social media marketing, as well as a uniquely collaborative course structure that will offer students a multifaceted approach to real-world marketing challenges. Sy Syms is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the hallmark of excellence in business education.

"The marketing field has transformed tremendously over the past 10 years, becoming increasingly grounded in science, technology and data," said Russo. "Whether you're an executive, entrepreneur, brand manager or a professional in any field looking to build your business, a master's in marketing can accelerate your career."

Dr. Maria Blekher, visiting professor of marketing at Sy Syms, will serve as director of the MS in Marketing. Courses in the program will be led by accomplished YU faculty and seasoned practitioners, and will ask students to apply the skills they learn to a distinct aspect of several case-based studies that will be analyzed in every class, forming a shared framework for them to examine and experiment with problems in marketing as they would in the workplace.

"The program offers comprehensive training in everything from search engine optimization and leveraging social media to the nuts-and-bolts of consumer behavior, data analytics and advertising strategy," said Dr. Tamar Avnet, associate professor and chair of the marketing department at Sy Syms.

"Our energetic marketing faculty have put together a course of study which is relevant, practical, and grounded in state-of-the-art thinking," said Dr. Moses Pava, dean of Sy Syms and the Alvin Einbender Professor of Business Ethics. "The Katz School team brings excitement and years of experience in online education to Yeshiva University." ■

• To learn more about the MS in Marketing, visit marketing.yu.edu. For more information about The Katz School, visit yu.edu/katz



Sara Leora Wiener

Research @ YU

From Nanoparticle Physics to Ebola Treatments, Yeshiva University Faculty And Students Are at The Cutting Edge of Research

Groundbreaking research continues at schools across the University. From physicists and biochemists being awarded national funding for scientific advancement and disease treatment to undergraduates receiving prestigious grants in recognition of their innovative ideas and commitment to their studies, YU faculty and students have been working at the forefront of their fields to make the world a better place.

Keep up with the latest faculty news at yu.edu/facultynews

Dr. Marina Holz, the Doris and Dr. Ira Kukin Chair in Biology at Stern College for Women, and sophomore **Sara Leora Wiener** have been awarded a \$1,500 Mindlin Foundation Undergraduate Research Grant to support their study of a potential treatment for bladder cancer. Titled "Combination of rapamycin and resveratrol for treatment of bladder cancer," the project is the focus of the thesis Wiener is drafting as a member of the S. Daniel Abraham Honors Program at Stern, under Holz's mentorship. Wiener has been conducting research in Holz's lab since her first year on campus, concentrating on the mTOR pathway, a cell signaling pathway that is involved in regulating cell growth and proliferation.

The Mindlin Foundation supports promising undergraduate research in the sciences or engineering through mentored research projects that introduce students to academic research and have real-world impact that will be relevant beyond the academic sphere. Wiener hopes to use the grant as a means to continue her study of the mTOR pathway's effect on bladder cancer and attend research conferences that will further her understanding of the field of cancer research.



Joshua Nagel

Joshua Nagel, a senior at Yeshiva College majoring in psychology and minoring in English, has been awarded an undergraduate research grant from international psychology honor society Psi Chi. The highly-selective award of \$1,500 will fund a study that supports Nagel's honors thesis in psychology, which explores different aspects of interpersonal relationships that could create better workplace environments. His study will be conducted with the help of undergraduates in the University community. Nagel is one of just eight students who were selected for the award this winter.

Dr. Daniel Pollack, professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and alumnus Jonathan Lerner '15W recently published an article in *Capital University Law Review*. Titled, "Where Have All the Developmental Centers Gone? The Federal Push for Community-Based Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities," the article highlights the trend of transitioning people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from state-operated to community-based services. Pollack and Lerner provide a snapshot of the public services available for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; explore recent trends in the deinstitutionalization movement and the current push by the Department of Justice to ensure adequate community-based services; and summarize some of the predictable players in lawsuits arising in connection with the proposed closure of developmental centers, as well as recent cases where efforts toward deinstitutionalization have led to civil lawsuits in federal court.

Dr. Jonathan Lai, associate professor of biochemistry at YU-affiliated Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and **Dr. John M. Dye**, branch chief of viral immunology at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, have engineered the first antibodies that can potentially neutralize the two deadliest strains of the virus that causes Ebola hemorrhagic fever. Their findings are a significant step toward immunotherapies that are effective against all strains of Ebola virus that cause human disease. The study, published in *Scientific Reports*, is titled "Bispecific Antibody Affords Complete Post-Exposure Protection of Mice from Both Ebola (Zaire) and Sudan Viruses" and includes several other Einstein contributors among its co-authors.

Dr. David Shatz, University Professor of Philosophy, Ethics and Religious Thought at Stern College for Women, is part of a group funded by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation and by the University of Chicago on "Virtue, Happiness, and the Meaning of Life." The group consists of an international team of 30 scholars in philosophy, psychology and religious studies. Over the next two years, Shatz will write papers for each of four meetings of the group. This research project is titled "The Complexities of Humility: The Case of Religion."



Dr. Anna Lisa Cohen



In an article recently published in the scientific journal *PLOS ONE*, **Dr. Anna Lisa Cohen**, associate professor and chair of the psychology department at Yeshiva College, details a study she conducted to examine the phenomenon of "narrative transportation"—when a person becomes immersed in a world evoked by a story because he or she feels empathy for its characters and is fascinated by its plot. Her research showed that people are more likely to become so immersed in a narrative that they forget their own goals if they're experiencing the narrative in its intended order, start to finish, versus being exposed to scenes from the story out of order.

Understanding the latent power in these sequential, emotionally engaging narratives is key to understanding the role they play in influencing everything from our consumption of news to our attitudes about philosophical beliefs and ideas, according to Cohen.

"It's adaptive: for hundreds of years we've communicated using stories, and there's something about story structure that's very familiar to us," she said. "Not knowing the end of a story captures our attention at the expense of our other priorities. It's built into us evolutionarily to attend to that story to find out what the ending is, which is what makes it so effective at transporting us."

Yeshiva College alumni Moshe Rube '13YC and Elliot Shavalian '14YC helped Cohen design the study and conduct the research.

Alumni Mentors Pay It Forward



Joel Strauss



Dr. Ilana Friedman



Jeremy Lustman

JOEL B. STRAUSS '86YC, '92C

It all started for Joel B. Strauss when Yeshiva University students and alumni began approaching him for career advice. Hearing about his vast expertise with career counseling and generosity with his time, Strauss became known as the “go-to guy” for personalized guidance.

Strauss, a partner at Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP, a firm focusing on complex securities, consumer, antitrust and class action litigation, feels that if he has the ability to help people navigate their way through the career process, he’s going to use it. “Sometimes it’s hard for parents to give career advice,” said Strauss. “Their insights may come through the prism of 25-year-old information. I spend a lot of time keeping current on the job marketplace within many different career paths.”

For Strauss, this effort is a labor of love. He devotes countless hours to helping others pursue their dreams. “Students are often struggling to decide between careers, and I try to help steer them in the right direction,” he said. “I advise them on what classes they should take to best explore their interests. I get satisfaction from working together with the fantastic Career Center and serving as an additional resource to make sure students are on the path they will find most fulfilling.”

Strauss’s dedication to the YU community runs deep with many family connections. His wife, Blimie (Sternberg) '83YUHS, is an alumna, as are his brothers, oldest daughter, Elana Rosenbaum '12S, and her husband, Judah '11SB. His late mother was also an alumna, and son Avi is currently a junior in the Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College.

An alumnus of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Strauss mentors many Cardozo students—his firm currently has three working as interns. “Joel is a one-man career center. Aside from connecting students and professionals to one another, he spends a lot of time guiding students,” said mentee Daniel Danesh '13YC, a third-year student at Cardozo. “On a personal note, I’ve spent numerous hours with him. For a successful law firm partner, that requires a lot of sacrifice, and I remain quite indebted to him.”

Strauss serves as chair of the Career Guidance and Placement Committee of Yeshiva University’s Undergraduate Alumni Council and teaches a course on the U.S. legal system at Stern College for Women. He also serves on the Alumni Advisory Group at Cardozo and on YU’s General Counsel’s Council. In 2012, he received the Alumni Partner of the Year Award from the Career Center.

One of Strauss’s proudest achievements is a program he created five years ago called Being Orthodox in an Unorthodox Workplace, an annual workshop he chairs that brings in alumni from different professional fields as well as guest speakers. The students separate into small groups and are sensitized to issues they might encounter as Orthodox Jews in the work-

place. This is followed by a networking reception. “So many students have developed mentor relationships with alumni and gotten jobs this way,” Strauss said. “This program, done under the auspices of the Career Center, draws so many students, and alumni are excited to participate.”

“Joel has been and continues to be vital to my professional development,” said mentee Basyah Klyman, '11S, '14C. “Without Joel’s help, I could not have gained a position at FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). He makes time to speak with me whenever I struggle with a career-related decision, and he generously uses his connections to progress my development. I am fortunate to have Joel as a mentor, and I am so grateful for all that he has invested in me.”

“I find being a mentor particularly fulfilling, and it gives me a lot of pleasure to see students and alumni I’ve mentored pay it forward and mentor others,” said Strauss. “Whether for current students or alumni 20 years out of school, the YU alumni network will benefit you for the rest of your life. I’m proud to be a part of that.”

Strauss Lives in Teaneck, New Jersey, with wife Blimie, son Avi and daughter Talia.

DR. ILANA FRIEDMAN '96S, '01E

Dr. Ilana Friedman got involved mentoring YU students when she met Joel Strauss on a bus. Drawn in by Strauss’ passion for mentoring, Friedman was enlisted to run an interview workshop, and she’s never looked back.

Friedman—assistant professor of ophthalmology and pediatrics at YU-affiliated Albert Einstein College of Medicine, staff member at Montefiore Medical Center and director of the pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore—“caught the bug” and joined the Undergraduate Alumni Council Career Committee.

Working with young men and women, Friedman initiated and oversaw a summer shadowing program to help students interested in medicine learn about the day-to-day, hands-on aspects of the profession and the practice of medicine in general and ophthalmology in particular, as well as the practicalities of work-life balance and the challenges of being Orthodox while practicing medicine. The program, called the YU-Einstein Summer Internship, ran in the summers of 2013 and 2014.

“When I was applying to medical schools, Dr. Friedman was really there for me,” said mentee Elana Molcho '16S. “It was truly great. She helped me consider ophthalmology and gave me the opportunity to spend a lot of time in the operating room. She showed me that it’s possible to have a family and personal life as well as a rewarding medical career.” As the mother of three children, Friedman experienced challenges in balancing her career with motherhood, particularly during the years when she had young children,

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1940s

Rebbetzin Chana Sara and **HaRav Gedalia Dov Schwartz** '49R received the Torat HaMesorah Award at the annual YU Torah Mitzion Kollel Dinner in Chicago on February 28.

Rabbi Israel Wohlgelernter '48YUHS, '52YC, '57R, professor of Talmud and Jewish philosophy, is giving a *shiur* [lecture] in Chumash and Rashi (in English) for men and women on Sunday evenings from 8:00–9:30 p.m. at 61 Rehov Sheshet Hayamim, Givat Hamivtar, Jerusalem.

1950s

Shoshana (Roslyn Shelkowitz) '59YUHS and **Moshe Berlin** '54YUHS, '58YC and **Felice** '62YUHS, '64TI and **Rabbi Efraim Mescheloff** '62YUHS, '65R announce the engagement of their grandson Yuval, son of Rachel and Yishai Mescheloff, to Yifat Yacobovitz. Shoshana and Moshe Berlin and Margalit and **Shmuel Shiloh** '53YUHS, '57YC announce the engagement of their grandson Yair, son of Yehoshua and Rachel Berlin, to Elisheva Jacobs.

Miriam '58YUHS and **Rabbi Dr. Chaim Brovender** '62YC, '65R, '65BR recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their *aliyah* at a reception in the Dan Panorama Hotel.

Judah Klein '52YUHS, '56YC, '56TI, '72F reviewed and spoke on *Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide* by Michael B. Oren, former Israeli ambassador to the United States and YU honorary degree recipient, at Congregation Torah Ohr of Boca Raton, Florida.

Gloria '56YUHS, '60TI and **Rabbi Bertram Leff** '59R announce the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren Tova Leah and Aaron Meir Lowenthal.



Dr. Monty Noam Penkower '59YUHS, '63YC presented his paper "The Jews Were Expendable: Free World Diplomacy and the Holocaust—Thirty Years Later" at an international conference on "The Allied Powers' Response to the Holocaust," held at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center, Jerusalem. He also published his newest two-volume book, *Palestine in Turmoil: The Struggle for Sovereignty 1933–1939* (Academic Studies Press/Touro College Press, 2014).

Judith (Grossman) '58YUHS, '62S and **Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenbaum** '60YC, '62R, '63BR announce the marriage of their grandson **Akiva Berger** '12YC to **Gabrielle Hiller** '15S. Mazel tov to Akiva's parents **Elisheva (Rosenbaum)** '82S and Dr. Michael **Berger** of Atlanta.

Rabbi Dr. Elihu Schatz '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R has published two new books: *בישראל המיוחדים* and *לפי היהדות עיקרי המקרא* and *השנה יומות לחגים עדכונים*. All together, he has published a 20-volume commentary on the entire in Hebrew and another 13 books on topics related to the Tanach.

Freida and **Rabbi Dr. Elihu Schatz** '50YUHS, '54YC, '57R announce the birth of their 52nd grandchild, a girl, to Batsheva and Assaf Spiegel.

Ginger '59S and **Dr. Sheldon Socol** '54YUHS, '58YC announce the engagement of their granddaughter Hannah Socol to Kevin Schrier. Mazel tov to Hannah's parents Leslie and **Steven Socol** '81YUHS, '86YC.

Libby '55YUHS and **Rabbi Aharon Ziegler** '67F announce the marriage of their grandson Yisrael Teller to Nechama Fass.

1960s

Rabbi Jack Bieler '69YC, '74R, '74F recently published a new book, *The Great Principles of the Torah: Examining Seven Talmudic Claims to the Defining Principles of Judaism* (Kodesh Press).

Miriam and **Rabbi Jon Bloomberg** '69YC, '74R announce the birth of a grandson, born to Adina and Aviv Cohen.



Dr. Rubin S. Cooper '67YC, chief of pediatric cardiology at the Cohen Children's Medical Center, director of the pediatric cardiovascular service line at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System and a professor of pediatrics at Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, has been named Professional of the Year by the International Association of Who's Who.

Sheryl Cooper '64YUHS, '68S announces the birth of her granddaughter Liba to **Lauren (Chesner)** '96S and **Jonathan Cooper** '93YC, '96C and the engagement of her granddaughter Racheli, daughter of **Abby** '95S and **Rabbi Yaron Weisberg**, to Moshe Aharon Rabin.

Sylvia (Laufer) '68S and Peter **Goldberg** celebrated the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Katie, daughter of Eli and Karen Goldberg.

Sandy and **Rabbi Alan Kalinsky** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76R, '77F announce the birth of their grandson Yitzchak Meier to their children **Elissa** '00S and **Rabbi Eli Slomnicki** '02YC.

Phyllis Curchack Kornspan '69S announces the bar mitzvah of her grandson Neriya, the son of Jonathan and Shira Kornspan.

Linda (Sucherman) '63S and **Ronald Landau** '53YC announce the bar mitzvah of their grandson Hillel Chaim, son of Dr. Jaclyn and Jonathan Roberts of Belle Harbor, New York.

Linda and **Murray Laulich** '61YC were honored with the Keter Yerushalayim Award at the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Medical Center dinner.



Joy Glicker Lieber '68YUHS, '72S, bridal consultant at Bridal Secrets in Cedarhurst, New York, and creator of Perfect Matches: The Interactive Jewish Dating Game, was interviewed in *Mishpacha Magazine's* "Family First" January 2016 issue, "Games and Gowns."



Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg '69YC, '74F, '74R, '92A published his new book, *Echoes of the Holocaust: Survivors and Their Children and Grandchildren Speak Out* (BEHR Publishing, 2015), in paperback.



Judy Siegel-Itzkovich '67YUHS, health and science editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, received an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in recognition of her prolific writing and struggles for public health.

Sharon '65YUHS and **Heshy Sokel** announce the bar mitzvah of their grandson Menashe, son of Dena and Yosef Abraham of Yerushalayim.

Lillian and **Charles Steinberg** '61YUHS, '65YC recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

1970s

Rifky and **Jack Atkin** '79YC and Heidi and **Alan Fuchs** '82YC announce the birth of a granddaughter to their children **Shuli** '11S, '12A and **Zack Fuchs** '05YUHS.

Drora and **Dr. Paul Brody** '72YC received the Rachel Imeinu Bonei Israel Award from Rachel's Children Reclamation Foundation.

Rachayl (Eckstein) '75S and former YU vice president **Rabbi Dr. Hillel Davis** '72YC, '75BR, '75R announce the birth of a granddaughter to Shaya and Tali Gartner.

Jay Fenster '76YC, '78R, '79BR has been selected to the 2015 New York State Super Lawyers list in the area of Employee Benefits. Jay, a partner at Danziger & Markhoff LLP, focuses his practice on employee benefits and executive compensation matters.

Barbara '76S and **Rabbi Shmuel Goldin** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76R, '76F were honored with the President's Society for Torah Chesed Award by the Yeshiva University Women's Organization at their 33rd Dinner Gala.

Miriam '76YUHS and **Alan Greenspan** '73YUHS announce the marriage of their son **Ari** '04YUHS, '09YC to Chana Fuhrman.



Dr. Rosa Perla Resnick Helfgot '76W, chair, Subcommittee on Intergenerational Relationships, NGO Committee on Ageing at the United Nations, was also the chair and editor of the proceedings of a UN conference held last spring, titled "History Alive," where older and younger people discussed their life histories as a means of mutual understanding, respect and cooperation.

Judy (Miller) '76YUHS, '80S and **Jay Kalish** '79YC, '82C announce the birth of their grandson B'er Elijah to Yael and Gavriel and the birth of their granddaughter Chen to Uri and Shira Kalish.



Sheon Karol '79YC published the article "Major Changes Proposed in Israeli Debt Restructurings" in *The Journal of Private Equity*.

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Karen '70S and Rabbi David Klavan '69YC, '71R announce the birth of their grandson Yedid to Yael and Chanan Ariel of Maaleh Adumim.

Daniel A. Klein '75YC published his new book, *Shadal on Exodus: Samuel David Luzzatto's Interpretation of the Book of Shemot* (Kodesh Press, 2015).

Rochel (Ciment) '70S and Dr. Herb Krantman '70YC announce the birth of their grandson Ori Matanya to David and Sara Orenstein of Efrat and the bar mitzvah of grandson Eitan, son of Dr. Eli and Talya Krantman of Rehovot.

Gail (Frenkel) '76YUHS and Jay Lang '76YUHS, '79YC announce the birth of their grandson Shlomo Yaakov, born to their children Sheryl and Adam Glickman.

Bryna Sussman Malitzky '77S is being honored by the Teaneck Mikvah Association at their annual banquet for her long and outstanding service to the Mikvah Association.

Rifka Monderer '72YUHS, '75TI announces the birth of grandson Daniel Maor, born to Yanir and Rachel Pinker.

Rabbi Dr. Natan (Offenbacher) Ophir '74YC, '74E announces his marriage to Dr. Lisa Aiken.

Abby and **Aaron Stiefel '78YC** announce the birth of a grandson to their children Miriam and Avi Stiefel.

Toby '75YUHS and Jeffrey R. Woolf '82R announce the birth of a grandson, born to Talya and Ariel Woolf. Jeffrey R. Woolf published a major study, *The Fabric of Religious Life in Medieval Ashkenaz (1000-1300): Creating Sacred Communities* (Brill, 2015).

Debby (Brevda) '70YUHS and Eli Yeger, Esq. announce the bar mitzvah of their grandson Ari (Aharon Shmuel), the upsherin of their grandson Max (Akiva) and the birth of their granddaughter Amalia.

1980s

Aviva (Pollack) and **Ron Allswang '87YC** announce the marriage of their daughter Michaela to Fima Melatzev.

Barbara (Schwartz) '80W and Louis Arfe '73YC announce the marriage of their son **Moshe '07SB** to Emily Linder.

Sharon (Rubin) '88S and Asher Bastomski announce the marriage of their daughter **Tova Bastomski '15S** to Ari Roth.



Mindy and **Seth Berman '83YC** announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter Edie.

Dr. Erica '88S and Jeremy Brown announce the marriage of their son **Gavi '14YC** to Rebecca Glaser.

Vivian and **Michael Greenwald '87YC** announce the bar mitzvah of their son Tani.

Dr. Linda '85E and Dr. Nogah Haramati announce the marriage of their son Daniel to Eden Goykadosh.

Debra and **Rabbi Ari Jacobson '86YUHS, '89YC, '93R, '94A** announce the marriage of their daughter Chani to **Yoel Ungar '14SB**.

Rina and **Nehemiah Klein '80YC** announce the engagement of their son Moshe to Henny Levison.

Sharon and **Rabbi Tzvi (Heshy) Loewenstern '58YUHS, '82YC, '85R, '86F** announce the engagement of their son Dovid to Alana Tenzer of Be'er Sheva.

Barbara '87S and Michael Luxenberg '87YC announce the engagement of their daughter Melyssa to David Mandelbaum.

Susan Mayer '86W announces the birth of her granddaughter Brielle Charlotte (Batsheva Charna).

Jeff Minsky '88YC has been appointed senior vice president of digital innovation and integrated media for NYC & Company.

Elizabeth '88C and Rabbi Gidon Rothstein '85YC, '92R, '93BR announce the bar mitzvah of their son Adin.



Linda (Ostrow) Schlesinger '82S recently completed a biographical work, *A Torah Sage in Our Midst: Rav Efraim Greenblatt Left His Mark on Memphis and the World*, published by Anshei Sphard-Beth El Emeth Congregation in Memphis.

Adina '85S, '95BR and Adam Schwartz '85YC announce the marriage of their daughter Elianna to Ariel Verbner of Haifa and the engagement of their son Yehudah to Ricky Schnytzer of Raanana.

Tova '89S and Ira Shulman '82YC announce the birth of a grandson to their children Adam and Flo.

Sheryl and **Rabbi Michael Susman '83YC, '86R, '86A** announce the marriage of their daughter Adi to Sagi Cohen.

Gila '86YUHS, '90S and Rabbi Ari Waxman '88YC, '90R, '90A announce the marriage of their son Yosef to Henya Yust of Kerem BeYavneh. Mazel tov to grandparents Chaya and **Rabbi Chaim Waxman '63YC, '66R, '66BR** and Myra and **Rabbi Dr. Yisrael Levitz '55YUHS, '59YC, '63R**.

Deborah (Bressler) '85S and Joe Weisblatt '80YUHS, '83YC announce the engagement of their daughter Yael to Aviv Hashmaty.

Yehudit Chana and **Yossi (Winiarz) Yeinan '83YC, '87W** announce the marriage of their daughter Ruchama Devorah to Ori Menachem.

1990s



Betty and **Jake Arjang '96SB** announce the birth of their son Noah Yosef.



Rabbi Dovid M. Cohen '94YC, '97R authored a new book, *We're Almost There: Living with Patience, Perseverance & Purpose* (Mosaica Press, 2015).

Laura '94S and Dr. Meyer Cohen '91YC announce the bar mitzvah of their son Sam.

Naomi and **Rabbi Judah Dardik '98SB, '01R, '04A** announce the birth of their son Avraham Yitzchak.

Batsheva '95S and Rabbi Yehoshua Fass '91YUHS, '94YC, '96A, '98R announce the engagement of their son Elchanan to Jessie Rogelberg.



Rabbi Daniel Z. Feldman '96YC, '98R, RIETS Rosh Yeshiva, published his newest book, *False Facts and True Rumors: Lashon HaRa in Contemporary Culture* (Maggid, 2015), which is dedicated to the memory of his father, Rabbi David Feldman z"l.

Naomi '93S and Dr. Jeffrey Gross '90YC, '04E announce the bar mitzvah of their son Tani.

Haviva '95S and Ilan Kranz '93YC, '96C announce the bar mitzvah of their son Noah.

Aleeza '98S, '01W and Rabbi Natanel Lebowitz '93YUHS, '97YC, '02R celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son Yisrael Yaakov.

Rabbi Uriel Lubetski '91YUHS, '96YC, '00BR, '01R was chosen as the honoree by students of Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys of the Margolin Hebrew Academy, Yeshiva of the South, Memphis, Tennessee, at their annual dinner.

RIETS Alumnus Elected Chief Rabbi of Vienna



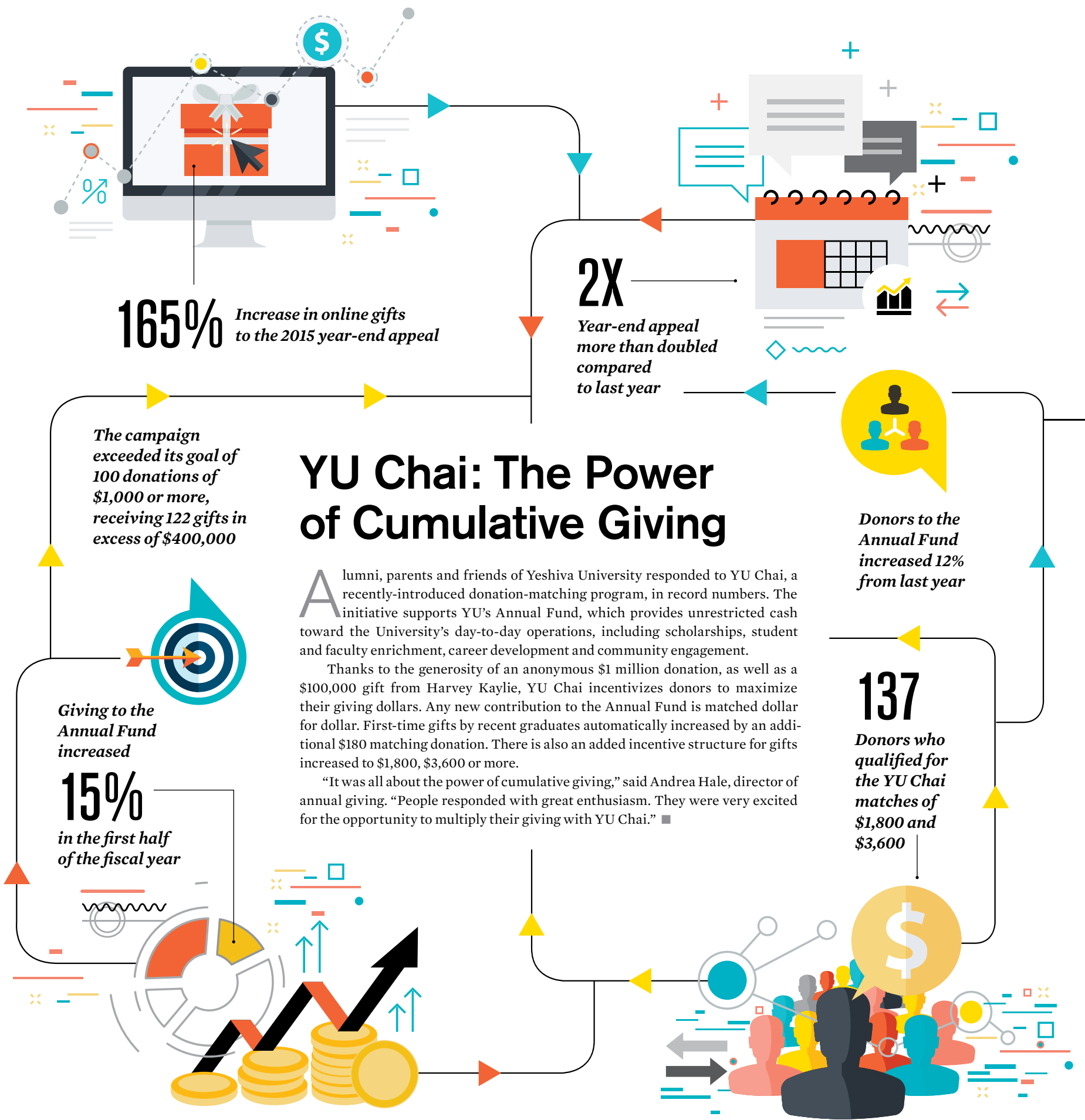
When the current Chief Rabbi of Austria/Vienna decided to retire, Belgian-born **Rabbi Arie Folger '03R** had the perfect combination of qualifications for the job, which he earned at Yeshiva University-affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS). Rabbi Folger was recently elected to replace Rabbi Eisenberg. He assumes the position of senior rabbi on May 31 and will undertake his new position as chief rabbi in September, when he will be inaugurated.

Prior to earning *semicha* [rabbinic ordination] at RIETS, Rabbi Folger studied at Yeshiva Etz Chaim in Wilrijk in Belgium, Gateshead Talmudical College in the United Kingdom, Yeshivat Mir in Jerusalem and Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin in Brooklyn. He first discovered YU through a *chavrusa* [learning partner]. "I used to

dream of crafting the perfect yeshiva. If I could, it would look like YU. The two things about YU that most impressed me were the philosophy and that it was a phenomenal *makom Torah* [place of Torah learning]," he said.

Rabbi Folger's time in RIETS impacted his entire life, personal and professional. Describing how he cherishes his ongoing relationship with several faculty members, Rabbi Folger said, "I can't describe the effect of the countless hours I spent in the Gottesman Library and the tremendous impact Torah Umadda has had on me. Relationships developed that left a lasting impression on me."

"After his time here, Rabbi Folger returned to Europe, and over the years, he has grown as a rabbi who represents what Yeshiva represents," said Rabbi Yosef Blau, Senior Mashgiach Ruchani. "We're proud that he has reached this milestone."



Harvey Kaylie: Spurring Investment in The Jewish Future

Harvey Kaylie, founder and CEO of Mini-Circuits International, and his wife, Gloria, who serves as the company's secretary and treasurer, support a wide range of charitable organizations, including Camp Kaylie, the Hampton Synagogue, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Beit Issie Shapiro, Ohel and Yeshiva University. Kaylie, a YU Benefactor, received an honorary degree at Yeshiva University's 2013 Hanukkah Convocation and recently pledged a \$100,000 matching gift to encourage supporters to make new gifts of \$1,000 and above as part of the YU Chai campaign.

"Yeshiva is a unique institution that is excellent in secular

studies as well as a true foundation for Jewish people all over the world," said Kaylie. "I believe that if we all pitch in, we will be victors in all we do. I believe this very strongly. I gave YU this \$100,000 matching donation because I wanted to provide encouragement for others to give what they can. This is an investment in the Jewish future. I'm a catalyst—one of many—but the real victory is when we all give what we are able to. It's important that more people appreciate the tremendous value of YU. People need to understand that it doesn't matter what you can give, just that you do. When we all give, we will grow more and deeper roots for this tree to be strong."



ADIR GREENFELD '05YC
Senior legal counsel at Fir Tree Partners

“Yeshiva University is an indispensable part of the wider Orthodox community. At a critical juncture in their lives, YU helps young people of all walks develop socially, academically and spiritually. I joined the YU Chai campaign, both as a volunteer and a supporter, in order to give back to the institution that served as a crucial part of my development. Thanks to the matching component, the impact of my donation tripled, creating greater impact for my dollar. The campaign has left me inspired by the generosity and spirit of the YU community.”



RACHEL (MANDEL) BERGER '88S, '91C
Parent of four, including one Stern College student; founder of thekosherdinnerlady.com

“I want to focus my energy on giving back to this institution, which means not just writing a check but encouraging others to give as well. YU Chai is a good tool for that. I couldn't have gone to Stern without financial help, and I want to pay it forward to someone else.”



“My wife, Erica, and I have found the YU Chai initiative to be the perfect platform for encouraging people to contribute to Yeshiva University in a meaningful way. As the University moves to the next stages of implementing positive changes, it's imperative that the wider YU community be supportive—YU Chai is helping to achieve that goal.”

TZVI SOLOMON '13YC
Third-generation YU graduate; operations analyst in the finance industry

Your Support Matters

Everyone has the ability to give in various capacities. Now the YU Chai initiative—in which every new or increased donation is matched—has inspired alumni, family and friends to give, and to give more, knowing that their dollars will go further and that their gifts matter, no matter the size.

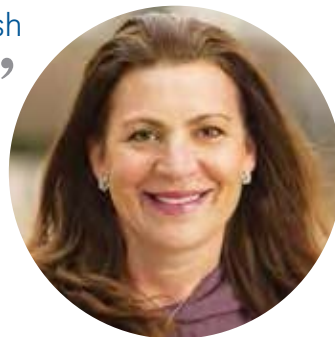
“We launched the YU Chai initiative with the goal of substantially growing the YU Annual Fund over the next several years in terms of both dollars and donors,” said Alan Spector, executive director of annual giving and major gifts at the office of institutional advancement. “The real strength of the Annual Fund campaign's recent success lies in working with a committed group of lay leaders with Elliot Gibber as our national chair. These lay leaders form our campaign cabinet and serve as brand ambassadors and volunteer solicitors, who are helping to convey the message to the entire YU community that everyone's support matters.”

These alumni, who have contributed to YU Chai both as donors and as members of the YU Chai Campaign Cabinet, share why the initiative has been a game changer.

To learn more and contribute, visit yu.edu/yuchai or call the Office of Annual Giving at 646.592.4490. ■

“YU Chai motivated me to give sooner rather than later so I could make the most of the matching gift. It's also been an exciting way for me to motivate others to contribute. I always tell people, 'We're nowhere without YU.' Giving doesn't only affect those within the four walls of the University; YU and its many programs have an impact on the greater Jewish world. Giving to YU helps all of us.”

NAOMI SKOLNICK KASZOVITZ, '87S, '90C
Parent of four, including two YU alumni and one current student; YU women's tennis head coach

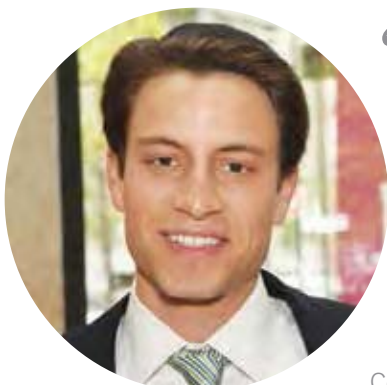


“That someone believes in YU to the degree where they're willing to put up a seven-figure matching grant is highly motivating. It makes me want to give more, and it makes it easier for me to approach others—after all,



you're getting so much more bang for your buck. Personally, I find YU Chai motivational, inspirational and aspirational—I look forward to the time when I will be able to give back to YU by matching donations myself.”

DANIEL DANESH, '13YC, '16C
Third-year law student at Cardozo; board member of the Sephardic Council of Overseers



“YU Chai has been a great way to show alumni that their regular participation is essential to YU's mission and that they are the lifeblood that keeps Yeshiva University growing. It creates confidence in would-be givers that their gift matters, no matter what the level. I've seen YU Chai inspire donors to learn more about YU's current plans and future goals.”

BEN BLUMENTHAL '12SB
Commercial real estate services, Norman Bobrow & Co, Inc.



Remembering Rabbi Yosef Weiss '39YUH, '43YC z"tl

Yeshiva University Mourns Passing of Longtime Rosh Yeshiva



On December 21, crowds of students assembled at the Jacob and Dreizel Glueck Center for Jewish Study as members of the administration of Yeshiva University and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) gathered to pay tribute to the late Rabbi Yosef Weiss z"tl, Perez F. and Frieda Friedberg Chair in Talmud at RIETS, who passed away on December 20 at the age of 95.

Born in Hungary in 1920, Rabbi Weiss immigrated to America as a young child with his family and received *semicha* [ordination] from RIETS in 1940 as a student of Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik. "He was a brilliant Talmudist and a genius student," said Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, dean emeritus of RIETS. "He began his teaching career at YU in 1938, when he would deliver an explanation of Rav Soloveitchik's *shiur* [lesson] after class. He left an indelible mark at Yeshiva."

"To learn with Rav Weiss was to connect with an earlier generation," said RIETS student Sholom Licht. "The old world, the nobility of character and pure *yiddishkeit* [Judaism] of the Rebbi, and *TiBadel LeChaim* [long may she live], the Rebbetzin, is deeply inspiring and perhaps the most important Torah that I learned over the months that I was *zoche* [worthy] to spend in Rebbi's *shiur*."

"Rabbi Weiss served as the core educator for hundreds of rabbis for over half a century," said Rabbi Menachem Penner, the Max and Marion Grill Dean of RIETS. "He has played a historic role in the transmission of Jewish law."

Rabbi Weiss is survived by his wife, Rebbetzin Miriam Weiss; sons Hershel, Chaim Yeshayah and Shamshon; daughters Rivka Taub and Rochel Gottesman; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and *talmidim* [students] across the world. Rabbi Weiss was predeceased by his daughter Esther Alster, a"h. ■

Mindy '04S and Rabbi David Polsky '96YUHS, '01YC, '06R announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Lily.



Dr. Dale Rosenbach '99YUHS, '03YC wrote an article entitled "The Single-Stage Implant Procedure: Science or Convenience?" that was accepted for publication as continuing education in

the March 2016 edition of the peer-reviewed dental magazine *Dentistry Today*. He was also invited to give a full-day lecture to the East Texas Dental Society in January 2016, entitled "Critical Considerations for Immediate Implant Dentistry."

Rabbi Eliezer Schnall, PhD '95YUHS, '00YC, '02F, '03R, '06F, professor of psychology at Yeshiva College, delivered a series of lectures at Congregation Ahavas Achim of Highland Park, New Jersey, on the topic of positive psychology and Judaism.

Bonnie and Rabbi Gideon Shloush '93YC, '97R announce the bat mitzvah of their daughter Ariella Malka.



Dr. Avi Shmidman '92YUHS, '96YC has been granted tenure at Bar-Ilan University as a senior lecturer in the Department of Hebrew Literature.

Shira (Dershowitz) Shmidman '97S received a master's degree from the Department of Talmud at Bar-Ilan University. Her thesis, approved with distinction, is entitled "The Levirate Bond and Levirate Betrothal in Rabbinic Literature."

Tara '94SB and Ari Silbiger announce the bar mitzvah of their son Rafi.

Dina and Chaim Stepelman '94YUHS, '00YC announce the bar mitzvah of their son Yitzchak.

Vivianne (Braun) '93YUHS, '96S, '05W and Rabbi Raphael Willig '95YC, '98R, '01BR announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to grandparents Faygie '72S and Rabbi Mordechai Willig '68YC, '71R.

2000s

Liat and Daniel Bensimon '04SB were honored at the Unity for Israel Reception, sponsored by Israel Bonds.

Simon Bernstein '09SB, '12C announces his engagement to Jordana Kaminetsky. Mazel tov to their parents Melanie and **Dr. Bernie Kaminetsky** '74YC, '78E and Gloria Goldenberg and Joel Bernstein.

Dr. Nechama '03SB and YU Torah Mitzion Kollel of Chicago Rosh Kollel **Rabbi Reuven Brand** '02YC, '05R, '06A announce the birth of a baby boy.

Shira '14S and **Rabbi Jeremy Donath** '08YC '11R, '11A announce the birth of a daughter.



Amanda Douek '11S and **Ariel Rosenzweig** '02YUHS, '06YC, '11C announce their engagement.

Jenny '04YUHS, '08S and **Rabbi David Eckstein** '09SB, '13R announce the birth of their daughter Leora Eliana. Mazel tov to grandparents Doreen '78S and **Beryl Eckstein** '79YC as well as Nicole and **Rabbi Sol Appleman** '70YUHS, '74YC, '78R, '78BR and Jay Ringelheim.

Rabbi Zev Eleff '09YC, '11R received the 2015 Salo Wittmayer Baron Dissertation Award in Jewish Studies at the Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies.

Rachel and **Doni Elovic** '08YC announce the birth of a baby boy, Amichai Yitzchak.

Sara '01C and **Reuven Falik** '95YC, '01C announce the bar mitzvah of their son Jake.

Nina and **Gavriel Feld** '08YUHS, '13SB announce the birth of a baby girl.

Miryam and **Jonathan Fiskus** '07YC, '09F announce the birth of a baby boy, Elijah Bentley.

Reuven Fenton '03YC, a reporter with the *New York Post*, has written *Stolen Years: Stories of the Wrongfully Imprisoned*, published by Tantor Media. The book looks into the lives of 10 people who were convicted of crimes they did not commit.

Faith '04W and Joshua Fisch were honored at Congregation Adath Israel's 61st anniversary dinner in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Jennifer and **Steven Frankel** '00YC announce the bar mitzvah of their son Jason.

Sara '08S, '12BR and **Rabbi Adam Frieberg** '09SC, '13A, '13R announce the birth of a baby girl.

Tziporah '02S and **Rabbi Shaanan Gelman** '97YUHS, '02YC, '06R were honored at the Kehilat Chovevei Zion annual dinner in Skokie, Illinois, honoring their 10 years of service to the synagogue.

Stephanie '09S and **Rabbi Mordechai Gershon** '08YC, '11R, '11A announce the birth of a baby girl, Shira Emunah.

Brian Gluck '03SB was elected as a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.

Dr. Shira '00S and Marnin **Goldberg** announce the birth of their son Jacob Eliezer.



Dr. Julie Yanofsky Goldstein '00S, '04BR was the faculty honoree at Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School's annual dinner. She currently serves as chair of the Department of

Jewish History and has been an instructor at Ma'ayanot since 2001.



Elana (Epstein) '03S, '05W and **Yossi Gottfried** '03SB announce the birth of their daughter Tamar Rivka.

Rachel and **Eliezer Gross** '01YUHS, '06SB announce the birth of a baby girl, Basya Nechama.

Rachel and **Jeremy Jozsef** '09SB announce the birth of their son Yehudah Menachem Mendel (Judah William).



S. Joshua Kahane '01YC, who is a current member of the Azrieli Graduate School Board of Overseers, was selected to represent the United States on its national basketball team for the 2015 Pan American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile.

Lauren and **Avi Kelin** '08YC announce the birth of a baby girl.

Amy '02W and David **Kirschenbaum** announce the birth of a baby boy.

Hillary and **Avi Levison** '03SB announce the birth of their daughter Gemma Téa.

Moshe Lidsky '01YUHS, '06YC recently published *The Philanthropic Mind* (Dog Ear Publishing, 2015). The book features interviews with nearly 50 big givers, each of whom made at least one donation greater than \$1 million.

Avital '08S and **Yaakov Margulies** '03YC announce the birth of a baby girl, Danielle Eliora. Mazel tov to grandparents **Laura** '77TI and Dr. Sheldon **Margulies**.



Menachem Menchel '07YC, '13A has been named one of the inaugural fellows at the Ruskay Institute for Jewish Professional Leadership.

Ari Pelcovitz '02YC announces his marriage to Sara Segal.

Ariella Polakoff '09YUHS, '13S announces her marriage to Raffi Leicht.

Ilana and **Rabbi Kenny Pollack** '06YC, '10R, '10A announce the birth of a baby girl, Orly Dena.



Avital '09S and **Yaakov Rosenberg** '09YC announce the birth of their son Judah Samuel. Mazel tov to grandparents Jackie and Alan Kelin and **Charlene** '68YUHS and

Rabbi Bernhard Rosenberg '69YC, '74F, '74R, '92A.

Ayol Samuels '08YC was awarded the Outstanding House Officer Award at Montefiore Medical Center.

Arielle (Appel) '09YUHS and **Evan Seltzer** '14SB announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to grandparents Debrah and David Seltzer, and **Tina** '88YUHS '93S and **Jonathan Appel** '87YUHS, '91SB.

Lauren and **Yoni Shenkman** '07SB announce the birth of a baby girl, Rivkah Rachel (Becky).

Talia '03S and **Rabbi Simi Sherman** '04YC, '07R, '11A announce the birth of a baby boy.

Rena '01S, '02A and **Rabbi Michael Siev** '95YUHS, '00YC, '04R, '05A announce the bar mitzvah of their son Tzachi. Mazel tov to grandparents **Shulamit** '73YUHS, '76TI, '02A and **Rabbi Joel Cohn** '73YUHS, '77YC, '80R and Ruthie and **Rabbi Yossie Siev** '62YUHS, '66YC, '70R, '71BR.



Sara and **Shael Sokolowski** '05SB announce the birth of their second child, Emmy Rachil.

Estee '06S and **Rabbi Elon Soniker** '05SB, '08R, '11A announce the birth of a daughter.



Erin (Cooper) '08S, '11A, David Stiebel and big brother Alexander announce the birth of baby boy Shaul Avraham (Solly).

Sarah and **Etan Walls** '01SB were the guests of honor at the 41st Annual Young Israel of Great Neck dinner. Etan Walls has also been selected as a member of the 2016 class for Long Island Business News 40 Under 40.

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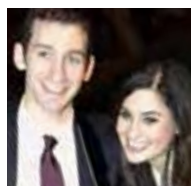


Yael and **Chaim Aaron** '12SB announce the birth of a baby boy.



Daniel Abraham '13SB announces his marriage to Faigy Weintraub.

Rachaeli (Berman) '10YUHS, '14S and **Tuvia Bacharach** '10YUHS, '15SB announce their *aliyah*. Mazel tov to their parents **Judy** '84S and **Zev Berman** '82YC and **Esther** '73YUHS and **Gary Bacharach** '71YUHS; and to grandparents **Dorothy** '59S, '60F and **Rabbi Julius Berman** '56YC, '59R and Sara and **Rabbi Michael Hecht** '57YUHS, '61YC, '64R, '64BR.



Leora Balk '15S announces her engagement to Shmuel Leshar.

Tova (Schiff) '13S and **Adam Berman** '11YC announce the birth of a baby boy, Noam Gavriel. Mazel tov also to grandparents **Beth (Hoch)** '80S and **Dr. Gerald Schiff** '81YC and great-grandparents Judy and **Dr. Seymour Schiff** '53YC, '60BR. Tova (Schiff) Berman won the Touro College of Pharmacy's American Pharmacists Association Patient Counseling Competition. She will move on to the national competition.

Daniel Bodner '15SB announces his engagement to Sefi Shuman.

Molly Brakha '15S announces her marriage to Ari Hagler.



Ari Clark '11SB announces his engagement to Shani Siegel.

Samantha Turk and **Elchanan (Lawrence) Clingman** '10YC announce their engagement.

Margaret (Mati) Engel '14S is now director of national initiatives at Embassy of Israel.



Neema Fischman '12S and **Michael Adler** '10YC announce their engagement.

Ariella Fried '14S and **Aaron Fishbein** '11SB announce their engagement.

Aliza and **Ben Glueck** '10YC announce the birth of a baby girl, Stella Hanna.

Tzvi Goldfeder '12YC announces his marriage to Malky Blisko.

Ayelet '12S and **Yosef Gottesman** '12YC announce the birth of a baby girl, Temima Ruchama.



Yocheved Greenberg '13S and **Yitzi Diskind** '13YC announce their engagement.

Raiza Malka and **Rabbi Herschel Hartz** '13R, '13BR announce the birth of a baby girl, Yisraela Chavah.



Elizabeth Blass and **Michael Horowitz** '11SB announce their engagement.

David Jasphy '14YC announces his engagement to Sarena Isakow.

Dr. Judah Koller '11F is now assistant director of the Autism Center at Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical Center.



Yoni Kranzler '15SB announces his engagement to Devon Greenbaum. Mazel tov to Devon's parents, Nyla and **Dr. Mark Greenbaum** '76YC, and to Yoni's parents, Faigi and **Michael Kranzler** '84YC.



Rachel Loboda '11S and **Abraham Bendahan** '14SB announce their engagement.

Shira '12S and **Rabbi Josh Maslow** '12YC, '15R announce the birth of a son.

Malki '12S and **Zack Peskin** '07YUHS, '12YC announce the birth of a baby girl, Lea Esther.

Miri Reichman '15S and **Joey Krombach** '16YC announce their marriage.



Margot Reinstein '13S and **Josh Botwinick** '15YC announce their marriage.

Malka '12S and **Scott Sears** '15C announce the birth of a baby girl.



Elizabeth Segal '14C and **Eric Weiss** '09SB announce their engagement.

Benny Smith '12SB announces his engagement to Deb Mizrahi.

Batsheva '14S and **Zevi Weisinger** '15SB announce their *aliyah*.

Samantha Yekutiel '14SB announces her engagement to Yaakov Gindi.

Cheryl '11S and **Marc Zeffren** '12YC announce the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov also to grandparents Dr. Riki and Robert Kreitman and Mira and David Zeffren.



Shayna Zuckerman '15S and **Ari Feiger** '14SB announce their engagement.

In Memoriam

Adina Bernstein '40TI
Ruth Botknecht '54YUHS
Yakov Fogelman '61YC
Harold Ginsburg '65YUHS
Dr. Allen Goldstein '59YC, '63E
Donna Gross '66S
Joseph Heimowitz '47YUHS, '51YC, '55R, '79F
Dr. Fred Hirschenfang '69E
A. Leo Levin '39YC
Aaron Mann '47YUHS, '51YC
Henny Machlis '75YUHS, '84TI
Rabbi Ephraim Oratz '50YC
Bernard Pittinsky, longtime director of finance at Yeshiva University
Rabbi Philip Schwebel '59R
Rabbi Norman Seif '56R, '83W
Mayer Shapiro '65YUHS
Rabbi Chaim Shulman '46YUHS, '50YC, '52R
Dr. Joshua Sternberg '57YUHS, '61YC
Rabbi Yosef Weiss '39YUHS, '43YC, '40R
Dr. Irving Zeidel '70YC, '99F

Legend for school abbreviations:

A: Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration • **BR:** Bernard Revel Graduate School • **BS:** Belfer Graduate School of Science • **BZ:** Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music • **C:** Cardozo School of Law • **E:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine • **F:** Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology • **R:** Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary • **S:** Stern College for Women • **SB:** Sy Syms School of Business • **TI:** Teacher's Institute • **W:** Wurzweiler School of Social Work • **YC:** Yeshiva College • **YUHS:** Yeshiva University High Schools

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ALUMNI IN ACTION

ON THE FUTURE OF MODERN ORTHODOX EDUCATION (JANUARY 16, 2016)

Yeshiva University hosted a panel discussion on the topic, “Modern Orthodox Education in 21st Century Israel and America: Lessons from the Past, Building the Future” at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem, Israel. The event was sponsored by YU in Israel, Office of Alumni Affairs, and the S. Daniel Abraham Israel Program.



(l-r) Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik, director, Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, YU; Esti Rosenberg, founder and Rosh Beit Midrash, Stella K. Abraham Migdal Oz Beit Midrash for Women; President Richard M. Joel; and Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh, Ruth Buchbinder Mitzner Chair in Talmud and Jewish Law



ALUMNI BASKETBALL NIGHT (FEBRUARY 20, 2016)

Alumni and their families watched YU men’s basketball close out the regular season at the Max Stern Athletic Center. The alumni event coincided with Senior Night, where five graduating Maccabees—Joseph Ammar, Eytan Potash, Shelby Rosenberg, Yosef Rosenthal and Shaje Weiss—were honored.



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and wished she had had access to practical mentorship. “A lot of people, both men and women, need mentors. As a student, it would have been invaluable to have had someone to help me understand what a career in medicine would really be like,” said Friedman. “That’s why I felt strongly that I had something to offer.”

“Dr. Friedman was an extraordinary mentor when I shadowed her during the summer of 2014,” said protégée Sari Joshowitz ’17S. “Although I was only at the beginning of my pre-med journey when I met her, she has had a profound impact on my career path. She also showed me that being a doctor and having a family were not two mutually exclusive realities.”

“I have real-life experience to share,” said Friedman. “Contributions don’t always have to be financial, and I enjoy sharing my experience. I was already mentoring fellows and residents, and I thought, ‘Why not take it back a level?’”

“She really took the time to teach. Before she saw a patient, she would go through their history and explain the medical concepts to me so that I wouldn’t be lost,” said Joshowitz. “Often, even during appointments, she would continue to explain things, and was always happy to discuss any further questions after the appointment. She’s a great mentor, and working with her was an instrumental experience.”

JEREMY LUSTMAN ’96YC

For Jeremy Lustman, much of his profession is built on creating and nurturing relationships. As a partner at DLA Piper US, Lustman spends much of his time in Israel, where he has developed an international network of companies, investors, entrepreneurs, bankers, accountants and lawyers.

“When I first moved to Israel, it was daunting to think about being a professional there,” said Lustman. “When I had the good fortune to find success, others interested in making *aliyah* [immigration to Israel] started reaching out to me for guidance.” He found himself speaking with many Yeshiva University students interested in Israeli entrepreneurial activity and business. “As more Israeli companies have moved to New York in the last two to three

years, Manhattan has exploded with emerging growth companies (EGCs) created by Israeli entrepreneurs,” said Lustman. “The number of EGCs within proximity to YU students has grown dramatically, sparking increased interest. As Sy Syms expanded and upgraded its business program and added Mike Strauss [associate dean and entrepreneur-in-residence], the stars were aligning for mentorship opportunities between students and alumni interested in entrepreneurship. Given my very warm feelings toward YU, this is the perfect way for me to give back.”

After speaking to law students at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law last year about entrepreneurship in law, he found himself becoming increasingly active within his alma mater. “Deciding to mentor wasn’t a formal decision; I had a wonderful experience at YU personally, and several members of my family are alumni, including my father, Mark ’67YC; mother, Elsa (Cantor) ’69S; wife, Tamar (Parness) ’95SB; and in-laws, Chani (Weissman) ’59YUHS and Jacob Parness ’58YUHS. I believe YU serves a critical role in North American Jewry as well as internationally.”

Lustman is particularly proud when he is able to assist a YU alumna in securing a job. He described helping a Cardozo graduate land a position in Israel. “It was a ‘direct connection’ from an event I did at Belfer Hall,” he said. “That’s a great feeling.”

Leora Goldstein ’13C was searching for a job after taking the bar exam. Her brother, Avi Goldstein ’15YC, heard Lustman speak at YU and put her in touch with him. Lustman offered to meet her for coffee and then sent her résumé around to his contacts, resulting in Goldstein receiving several interviews and a number of job offers. Ultimately, she accepted a position at Herzog Fox & Neeman, a top Israeli law firm in high-tech commercial licensing. “Jeremy really just opened the door for me,” said Goldstein. “He wanted to look out for a fellow Cardozo graduate. His mentorship changed my life.”

Goldstein has since assisted other alumni in the process of making *aliyah*. Like Lustman, she too wants to pay it forward. “Jeremy gave me that push that made me successful,” she said. “I’m very thankful.” ■

To get involved and help mentor students or alumni, please contact alumni@yu.edu

For **Dr. Fredy Zypman**, professor of physics and chair of the physics department at Yeshiva College, the key to big advances in the creation of everything from medicine to electric cars lies in a better understanding of nanoparticles.

Along with his research colleague, Dr. Steven Eppell, associate professor of biomedical engineering at Case Western Reserve University, Zypman has been awarded a \$412,000 grant by the National Science Foundation to develop a technique that will allow scientists to map and measure electrical charge distribution on the surface of nanoparticles and tiny molecules.

Charge distribution plays a critical role in many natural processes. For example, it determines the communication that allows some proteins within the body to create tissue, a mechanism called “self-assembly,” which in and of itself could yield revolutionary advances in biology and disease treatment if it were better understood. By providing scientists with a tool to determine exactly where charges are located and what the charge value is within a specific molecule, Zypman’s research could provide valuable insight into how that process could be recreated for medicinal purposes.

“We’re at a very primitive stage of understanding the charge content of very small systems,” said Zypman. “With proteins, nanoparticles—we’re talking about systems that are 10,000 to 100,000 times smaller than the thickness of a hair—people use 100-year-old techniques to measure charges in systems like this.”

Those techniques may be standard, Zypman argued in his proposal to the NSF, but they’re also incredibly limited, because they can only offer a likelihood of what that charge content is over many thousands of particles, instead of a definitive value for an individual one.

According to Zypman, the key to unlocking that information is hidden in the sensor of an atomic force microscope, a device that allows scientists to study objects at a resolution higher than 1,000 times the magnitude of a standard optical microscope. Zypman’s goal is to develop a technique that will help researchers understand the sensor’s behavior so they can retrieve and analyze that data, a feature that hasn’t been developed by the companies that produce the microscope. To achieve this, he and his student researchers—currently four Yeshiva College students assisting him with the project and supported by the grant, along with a PhD student who will join them next fall—have to analyze the dynamics of the atomic force microscope in an unconventional way.

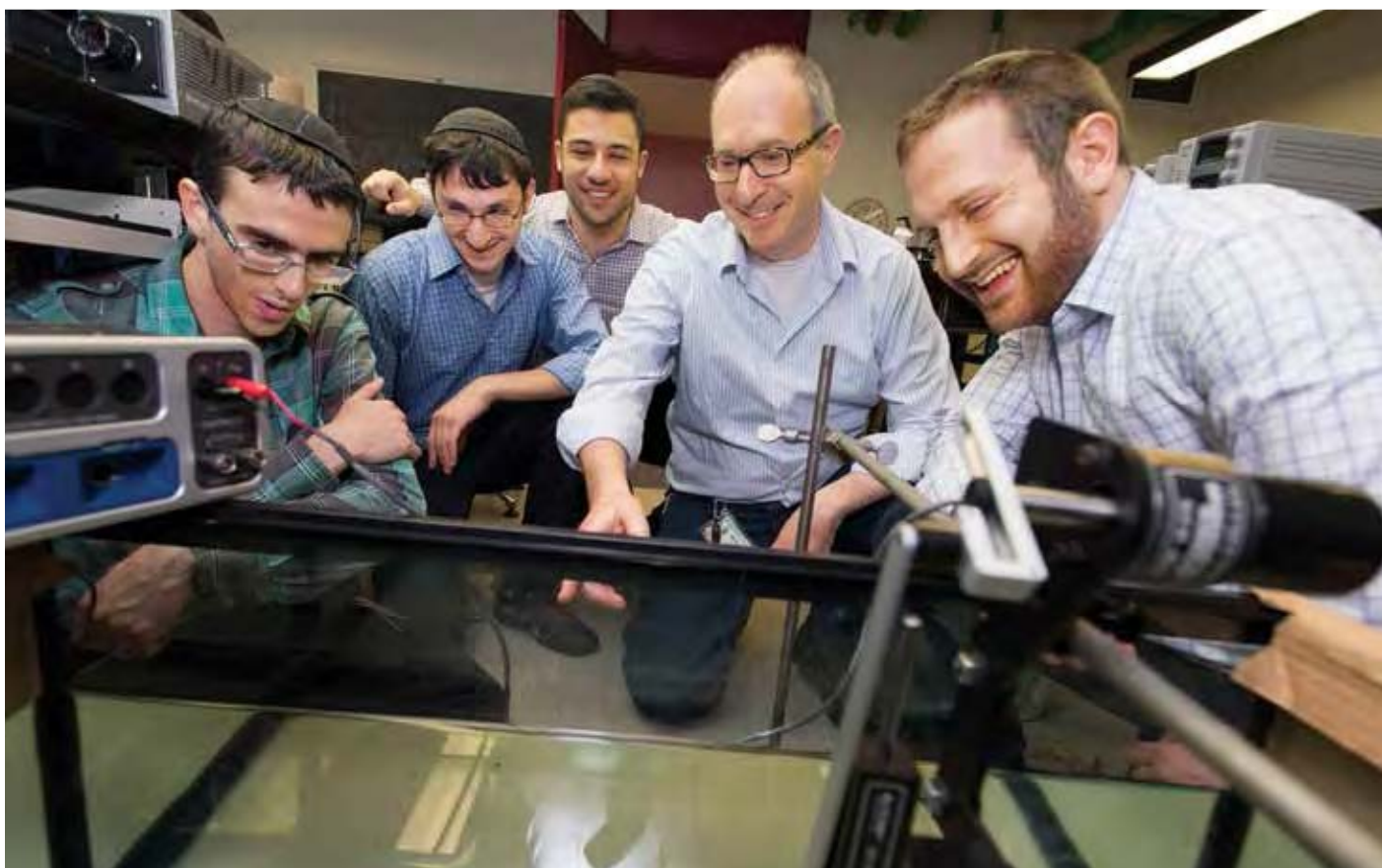
Ultimately, Zypman and his students hope to create a computer algorithm and user-friendly software that will calculate those forces at the touch of a button, making the information accessible to researchers and industry.

Dr. Fredy Zypman and his students study an oscillating metal cantilever inside an aquarium



Dr. Sumanta Goswami

Dr. Sumanta Goswami, associate professor of biology at Yeshiva College, published an article in a recent edition of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*. The paper, titled “The Application of Molecular Diagnostics to Stained Cytology Smears,” was co-authored by Goswami’s students, **Evan Pieri** ’14YC and **Eli Grunblatt** ’14YC, among other scientists at Montefiore Medical Center. The research described in the article involved extracting tumor cells from Diff-Quik and Papanicolaou (PAP) cytology smears and performing molecular analysis to demonstrate that testing on smears was accurate and more sensitive than testing on tissue sections.



Dr. Bruno Galantucci, associate professor of psychology; Dr. Gareth Roberts of the University of Pennsylvania; and Yeshiva College senior **Benjamin Langstein** recently co-authored an article that appeared in the March 2016 edition of *Language and Communication*. Titled “(In)sensitivity to incoherence in human communication,” the research builds on Roberts’ and Galantucci’s previous studies, which found that about a third of participants failed to notice when their online conversation with a designated partner was interrupted by random insertions of statements from other participants’ conversations. This article details two new studies Galantucci, Roberts and Langstein conducted with enhanced methodology to more precisely measure how sensitive participants were to incoherence in online conversations.

Dr. Greta Doctoroff, an associate professor in the School-Clinical Child Psychology Program at Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, will publish an article in an upcoming edition of the peer-reviewed journal *Psychology in the Schools* detailing a study she conducted with her Early Childhood Research Lab on the connection between preschool children’s interest in mathematics, social-emotional skills and early mathematics skills. The study drew on various methods to assess children’s interest and skills, including a teacher

questionnaire, observation of children playing independently with math-related toys and a test of math achievement. Doctoroff found that children who displayed higher interest in learning, math and math-related play demonstrated more advanced math skills. Although no conclusions regarding causality can be made given the cross-sectional design of the study, the significant association between children’s interest and early math skills suggests that both interest and skills are important to consider for children’s academic success.

Students Stand With Israelis Against Terror on Winter Mission

From January 17–24, 20 undergraduate and rabbinical students embarked on a Yeshiva University Solidarity Mission to Israel, where they spent their winter break meeting with political experts, military personnel and Israeli citizens to gain a better understanding of the conflict. They also volunteered with an array of organizations across the country that assists victims of terror and their families.



Students recap their mission experiences with President Richard M. Joel

“So often when you read the news, it’s hard to connect to what’s happening from so far away,” said Aliza Abrams Konig, director of student life and Jewish service learning on the Israel Henry Beren Campus. “The students felt it was so impactful to be right there, on the ground, a part of what was going on.”

Over the course of the mission, students volunteered with victims of terror at area hospitals and One Family’s main support center in Jerusalem, met with families from Gush Etzion, held an interactive discussion with United Hatza-lah’s first responders, and organized a barbecue with lone soldiers.

“I do a lot of sharing on social media so that people know what’s going on in Israel,” said Shlomo Anapolle, president of the YU Israel Club. “However, I see that the best solidarity is actually coming to Israel.”

Students also interacted with community leaders, like Rabbanit Chana Henkin ’68S, ’76BR, whose son and daughter-in-law were tragically murdered by Palestinian terrorists in October 2015, and took part in a thought-provoking session with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin ’56YUHS, ’60YC, ’63R, founding chief rabbi of Efrat. The group also participated in conversations with YU Roshei Yeshiva, with Jews and Arabs trying to forge a peaceful solution, and with Eli Groner, director-general of the Prime Minister’s Office, as well as a workshop with HonestReporting and Stand With Us about combatting media bias.

“This was our first solidarity mission in 10 years, and it was transformational,” said Rabbi Kenneth Brander, vice president for university and community life. “The goal was to provide the students with opportunities to connect with Israeli citizens while offering a reflective experience. When they returned, they shared that information throughout our campuses and with their friends on other college campuses where the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement is an issue, discussing amongst themselves what action items should come out of this mission.”

Yeshiva University’s Student Solidarity Mission to Israel was supported by Beryl and Doreen Eckstein and Neal’s Fund, a social entrepreneurial fund established in memory of Neal Dublinsky z”l. ■



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course, Arab-Israeli Conflict, taught by former Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor Dr. Charles Freilich, grounds students in the comprehensive study of rising tensions in the Middle East, especially ongoing acts of domestic terror in Israel.

“We strive to make our courses academically rigorous as well as personally relevant to the everyday lives of students,” said Luders. “Students care about a range of topics, from Israel and terrorism to inequality and environmental degradation, and we want them to be able to follow their passions in the subject matter. Our courses teach them to take an issue apart, critically analyze competing perspectives—including their own assumptions—and conduct independent research. In doing so, they go far beyond the headlines to comprehend the fundamental dynamics of social change.”

“The practitioners bring tremendous insight with them from the world of everyday politics,” said Bevan. “The focus on Israel in our department is something that makes our study here especially distinctive—our students have many opportunities to enrich their knowledge of the political situation of this country that is dear and important to them.”

“There is only so much you can learn from textbooks and in the classroom,”

said Avi Strauss, a junior majoring in political science and biology. “Learning from politicians with decades of experience is a tremendous opportunity and privilege. In this regard, my experience with Ambassador Ayalon has been truly enlightening. It isn’t enough to just know the facts about Israeli foreign policy; I also have to understand how those facts interact with the global political stage and how to use my knowledge to engage them with different viewpoints.”

Jennifer Lifshutz Lankin, a senior majoring in political science and minoring in English, has found the interplay of political theory and real-world politics in the American Politics Seminar with Lieberman and Luders especially intriguing. “It’s exciting to learn about the intricacies of American politics from a former senator and from my longtime professor,” she said. “I have taken several classes taught by Professor Luders, all of which have introduced me to different elements of political science, from political psychology to game theory. I feel tremendously privileged to have learned from a true expert, whose classes have not only impacted my decision to major in political science but also proved insightful as I developed my own political beliefs.”

For Ayalon and Lieberman, however,

these courses are more than just a chance to share with students what they’ve learned over a lifetime in politics; they provide the opportunity to shape tomorrow’s political leaders in American and Israeli politics.

“The most important thing for me is the interaction with the students here because I find them very much engaged and involved and concerned and interested, which makes the experience in the class a great thing,” said Ayalon. “The Jewish people need effective advocates today more than ever because, with new communication technology and practices, the news cycles and the explosion of the Internet and social media have been used to delegitimize Israel and the Jewish nation. Today, you don’t need a fancy office to be an ambassador for Israel—all you need is a keyboard, and I’ve already seen students taking the lead on the Internet.”

“I take every opportunity I can to encourage young people to consider a career in public service, some in elective politics, some in civil service,” said Lieberman. “Demographically, the Orthodox Jewish community in America is growing, and I think there will be an additional responsibility for Orthodox Jewish Americans to play a more active role in leadership. I hope I can stimulate students to think

about careers in government and that my life story shows that it’s possible to have that career and lead a religious Jewish life in this country.”

Lieberman’s advice to students who are considering that balance? “The first thing you should do is study politics and history. Then you have to get involved. I’m planning a session on public service and Jewish life where I talk about the extent to which my Jewish upbringing influenced my decision to come into public life, what it was like to be the first Jewish American to be privileged to be on a national ticket in the 2000 elections and how I tried to combine an Orthodox Jewish life with public service in America.”

According to Bevan, many students in the political science department already have an excellent head start on the path Lieberman recommends.

“We have a very active and dedicated student body,” she said. “They come with a certain sense of mission and see involvement in the political world as part of their responsibility to better life for all concerned, within but also above and beyond the Jewish community.” ■

➔ To learn more about political science at YU, visit yu.edu/politics



▲ Visiting Professor Leon Wieseltier (left) and Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik (right) co-teach the course Moses Mendelssohn and his American Friends for **Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies** and **The Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought**. ■



▲ The students of Yeshiva University held their annual **Seforim Sale**, North America's largest Jewish book sale, from February 7 to February 28 on YU's Wilf Campus. ■



▲ In February, nearly 1,200 students, alumni and members of the YU community received free, comprehensive genetic testing during three sessions organized by Yeshiva University's **Student Medical Ethics Society**, in partnership with JScreen. Participants were screened for more than 100 possible disorders and had the opportunity to consult with a licensed genetic counselor. ■



▲ On February 4, nearly 500 students gathered in Furst Hall to participate in the **Fifth Annual Cake Wars** competition. The event raises funds and awareness for breast cancer. ■



▲ Students from **Yeshiva University High School for Boys/Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy** and the **Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls** took part in the annual student exchange program with Israeli high schools. The program, in its seventh year, immerses students in Israeli culture and helps them connect with their Israeli counterparts. ■



▲ **Senior forward Shelby Rosenberg** scored his 1,000th career point, becoming the 28th player in men's basketball history to reach the milestone. ■



YU Unveils Updated, Luminous Library

Mendel Gottesman Library of Hebraica/Judaica, Yeshiva University’s research center and student hub on the Wilf Campus, recently underwent the first major restorations in its history. The renovations—made possible through a generous donation from David S. Gottesman, former chairman of the YU Board of Trustees, and his wife, Ruth—have transformed the space.

Designed with a focus on student needs, the renovated library includes expanded seating areas and workspaces, nine additional group study rooms, larger bathrooms with handicap-accessible features, a women’s restroom on each level and digital infrastructure upgrades, as well as ergonomic chairs and modern furniture. Much of the building’s brick façade was replaced with large floor-to-ceiling windows, allowing natural light to pour into reading spaces.

“I am very impressed by the success of the design and I take great pleasure in seeing students using the spaces as they were intended to be used,” said Paul Glassman, who was appointed director of University Libraries as the renovation neared its completion. “The architect, Ran Oran, fully capitalized on the essential strengths of the original design but increased transparency, brightening the space and increasing illumination.”

Glassman credited former Dean of Libraries Pearl Berger for “the overarching vision of the renovation” and Robert Salpeter, former director of planning, design and construction, for “lending his invaluable expertise to this project.”

Describing the new layout, Glassman said: “Floors two and three now represent a dynamic, collaborative, social space. The new design incorporates an information commons model, offering collaborative spaces for peer-to-peer learning and research assistance, individual study spaces, computer work stations and group study rooms—all



supported by a new, high-speed Wi-Fi network. The fourth floor, with twice the seating capacity, remains the preserve of quiet study and contains new carrels, each with electrical power for laptops and mobile devices.”

A bright wall mural, painted by artist Connie Rose, follows the path of stairs leading up to the library and adds additional color and vibrancy to the space. “The mural’s message is positive and upbeat,” said Rose. “It depicts a bright colorful landscape emerging from the open pages of a book. The viewer becomes a participant in the piece as they journey up the staircase into a parallel universe. It is there to inspire the imagination and enlighten in the same way that books do.” ■

Take a virtual tour of the library renovations at yu.edu/librarytour

Yeshiva Establishes Athletics Hall of Fame

Inaugural Class to be Inducted Spring 2017

Yeshiva University announced the creation of the Maccabees Hall of Fame to honor Yeshiva University alumni and other individuals who have distinguished themselves in NCAA competition and who best exemplify the University’s highest ideals and mission. The establishment of the Hall of Fame is a testament to the contributions that Yeshiva athletes, coaches and others have made to the world of sports for over more than a century.

The Hall of Fame began accepting nominations of former YU athletes and coaches to be considered for induction in February, and it will continue to accept nominations through May 31 of this year. The selection committee will commence in June, announcing the inductees in July. The inaugural induction ceremony will be held in May 2017.

The Hall of Fame reflects Yeshiva’s long and illustrious athletic



history, which includes renowned men’s basketball coach Bernard “Red” Sarachek, who helped modernize the sport; two-time Olympic gold medal winner in wrestling and longtime YU coach Henry Wittenberg; and world-famous fencing coach Professor Arthur Tauber, who helped shape and popularize the sport.

“This Hall of Fame will help enshrine Yeshiva’s long tradition of athletic excellence by selecting students, coaches and other individuals who best exemplify the exceptional athletic ability, personal integrity, high standards of character and ideals and philosophy of Yeshiva University,” said Joe Bednarsh, director of athletics, physical education and recreation. ■

Submit your nominations at yumacs.com/halloffame

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