

# Happenings

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## ***Mazel tov!***

Wow! That's 155 accrued years of service and dedication.

Congratulations on seven milestone anniversaries:

**Bernice Katz & Avrom Shuchatowitz** (40 years),  
**Stephanie (Sarah Leah) Gross** (35 years),  
**Gerald (Yosef) Cohen & James (J.B.) Holderness** (15 years),  
**Wendy Kosakoff & Hao Zeng** (5 years).



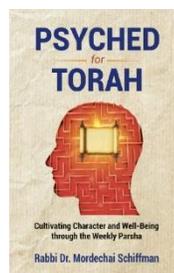
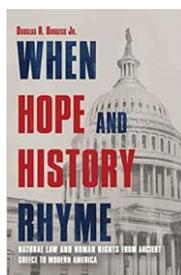
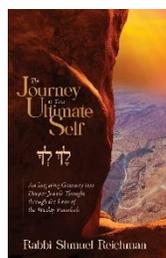
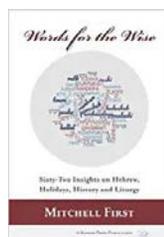
The recording of the Yeshiva University 2022 Staff Recognition Event is now available on the HR homepage: [Office of Human Resources | Yeshiva University \(yu.edu\)](https://www.yu.edu/office-of-human-resources)

## ***Condolences***

To **Ursuline Destouche** on the loss of her beloved sister Brenda Valentine. May her sister's memory be a blessing.

## ***From Canaan to Washington***

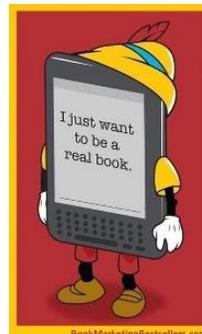
Heroes, ancient and modern. Laws, Biblical and secular. Fall 2022 YU Book Talks were a huge success, covering a wide range of topics and attracting dozens of Zoom attendees who heard five speakers, both faculty and alumnae.



The talks can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/@yulibraries>. A big shoutout to **Shulamis Hes**. Rejoining her on the Book Talks committee is **Hallie (Chaya Sarah) Cantor**. Plans are already underway for next semester's Book Talks, one of which is slated to take place February at the annual SOY Sefarim Sale.

***Still the Winner: Print***

Results of the recent textbook survey showed a majority preference for print over electronic in both the Wilf and Beren Campus libraries. Some of us noted that the majority came from Yeshiva College, and that sophomores/juniors were more represented than freshmen/seniors or graduates. Survey creator **Justin Thomas** plans on taking a field trip to Hedi Steinberg, possibly during intercession, to get a fuller picture of Stern College usage. “I’d love to help with outreach if I can,” he wrote. Winner of textbook survey was Stern student Brooke Blum, the proud new owner of Beats Studio Buds.



***Cataloging***

Technical Services has been keeping busy: **Yosef Cohen** is back at work; four Belfer dissertations have been uploaded into YAIR and cataloged, and, **Rebecca Malamud** added, “We are cataloging rare books donated to the library from Professor Herman Prins Salomon.”

***Early Judaica Americana***

**Dec. 11** -- Grateful recipient of a rare collection of newspapers from 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century America, Special Collections hosted a private event, attended by family and friends, in honor of donor Dr. Ronald and Miriam Rubin. In addition to her blogs covered in the Dec. 9 “Libraries Update,” **Shulamith Berger** issued a recent press release for the general YU newsletter:  
*YU Receives Rare Collection of Newspapers from 18-19th Century America - Yeshiva University News*

***Live from Boston***

**Dec. 18-20:** At the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, **Marlene Schiffman** joined a team of panelists on “Varieties of Careers in Judaica Librarianship and Archives.” The session was geared “for those who love scholarship but might find themselves less enamored of the pursuit of a tenure track position; for anyone who wonders what librarians and archivists do all day.”

***“Historic” Discovery***

Need to read about the sinking of the Titanic? Or the bombing of Pearl Harbor?

Thanks to **Hindishe Lee**, a new database for locating free historic U.S. newspapers by state has been discovered and added to our e-holdings:  
<https://guides.lib.purdue.edu/c.php?g=893882&p=8769479>.

***C'est magnifique!***

As a form of library outreach to Stern College's new French Club, **Hallie (Chaya Sarah)** dropped in on their "croissant gathering" to say "*bonjour*" and to inform the club members of Hedi Steinberg's French literature holdings. In addition, Hallie promised to donate a board game of hers featuring French vocabulary practice.



***Other Gatherings***

*Yasher koach* to **Emily Apterbach**, who is mentoring Stern College for Women's Book Club.

We look forward to this intersession's Mini-Symposium, which Emily will be coordinating with **Wendy Kosakoff**.

***Worldwide Outreach***

Ever committed to library equity, **Hindishe Lee** has scoured through discards to find anything of potential value to Kulanu, an organization supplying Judaica materials to far-flung and underserved communities.

"Recently a rabbi came here from Tanzania," Hindishe explained. "Because shipments get easily lost, he packs whatever he can in his suitcase." She is expecting another request from the Philippines.



***Kulanu boxes awaiting shipment.***

Personal donations are welcome. **Alex Kahgan** gave away some of the books he owned; anyone else who is interested should contact Hindishe: [hlee1@yu.edu](mailto:hlee1@yu.edu).

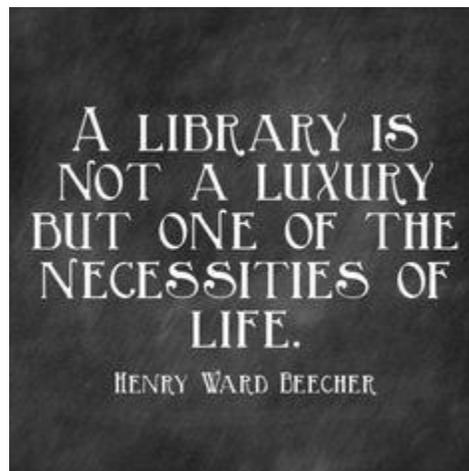


***Treasure Hunt***

It's a massive deep cleaning. But as preparations for Hedi Steinberg's renovations go underway, staff is checking every single item for its presence on the shelf and its condition. Problem books--barcodes, labels, location code, records--were pulled, a treasure hunt even earning mention from **Rebecca Malamud** in her November report. Noting the important role played by HSL staff, **Edith Lubetski** wrote, "I want to thank all of you for your continued commitment to correcting numerous problems and making our inventory project a success. It is due only to the excellent teamwork that we are succeeding."

**Author-Title Combos to Ponder**  
*(from the top-secret index cards of Marlene Schiffman)*

- Wild* / Cheryl Strayed  
*Canine Behavior* / Michael W. Fox  
*The Imperial Animal* / Lionel Tiger & Robin Fox  
*What Schools are for* / John I. Goodlad  
*The Fragmentation of Reason* / Stephen Stich  
*Fragments I Saved from the Fire* / Mary Anne Ashley  
*Humanity: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* / James. G. Peoples  
*The History of Art History* / Udo Kultermann  
*Electronic Music: Systems, Techniques and Controls* / Allen Strange  
*Handbook of Selling* / Harold C. Cash (joint author)  
*The Theory of Desire* / Martha Craven Nussbaum  
*The Use of Air Power* / V.E.R. Blunt  
*Management Control Models* / Earl P. Strong  
*Seek the Lord* / A. Vanlier Hunter  
*Communication for the Hearing* / Herbert J. Oyer  
*The Dead Sea and its Surroundings* / V. Arad [Hebrew: “dry”]



***We need your help!***

Please share with us any personal events, as well as professional and departmental achievements, as they occur. Contact Hallie (Chaya Sarah): [hlcantor@yu.edu](mailto:hlcantor@yu.edu).