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Chief Rabbi of Israel Visits Yeshiva University

This past fall semester, Chief Rabbi of Israel, the Rishon LeZion, Hakham Shlomo Amar, Shlita, spent a day on campus visiting and inspiring the Yeshiva University community. The visit was organized by the Center for Jewish Future (CJF) in cooperation with Yeshiva University's Sephardic Community Program (SCP) and involved a day full of Shiurim (Torah lectures) and meetings with important leaders within YU.

The Chief Rabbi was received at 10 am in Zysman Hall and greeted by President Richard Joel, Rabbi Kenneth Brander, Dr. Hillel Davis, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Rabbi Elie Abadie, Rabbi Moshe Tessone, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim, as well as other Roshei Yeshiva, such as Rabbi Hershel Schachter.

A highlight of the day's activities was a shiur that lasted over an hour in the main Beit Midrash, where the student body of RIETS and other YU students were in attendance. The topic of the shiur was Shemita (the agricultural laws of the



Chief Rabbi of Israel Shlomo Amar delivering a shiur in the main Bet Midrash at Yeshiva University

Sabbatical year) and many of the relevant Talmudic and Halakhic issues that have to do with Shemita observance in Israel this Shemita year.

Later in the day, the Rishon LeZion gave special addresses to the student body of Yeshiva University's High School for Boys and the students of Stern College for Women, and he also took time to meet with Yeshiva University officials and Roshei Yeshiva.

He also participated in Minha with the Sephardic students in the Shenk Synagogue on the Wilf Campus and attended a dinner reception held in his honor at Stern College. In attendance were The Sephardic Council of Overseers and select lay leaders of the Sephardic communities representing the Syrian,

Moroccan, Persian, Judeo-Spanish, Greek and Iraqi communities. Upon entering the room, the Chief Rabbi was greeted with the singing of a special Sephardic Pizmon, led by Rabbi Moshe Tessone. Rabbi Amar was introduced by SCO Chairman David Eshagian and then addressed the gathering in Hebrew (which was translated by Rabbi Elie Abadie). Rabbi Amar commended all who attended for their dedication to Torah scholarship and their support for community growth for all Jewish and Sephardic communities.

Dr. Herbert Dobrinsky, vice president for University Affairs, extended his appreciation and gratitude to the Rishon LeZion for gracing Yeshiva University with his presence and for visiting many schools within the University. Rav Amar was duly impressed with the impact of Torah at all of YU's schools, and he and officials from the school both expressed the hope that he can return soon. ■

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L-R: Rabbi Moshe Tessone and Rabbi Elie Abadie, greeting Chief Rabbi Amar



Chief Rabbi addressing students at Stern College for Women

Yeshiva University Sephardic Students Club Visits Sephardic Home

The Sephardic Home was pleased to welcome Rabbi Moshe Tessone, director of Yeshiva University's Sephardic community program, as he accompanied a group of outstanding Yeshiva University students who cheerfully celebrated Hanukkah and participated in related activities with the residents. The students enjoyed exchanging stories, talking and singing with the residents in the dining room and synagogue. They also visited many residents individually in their respective rooms, accompanied by Michael New, the executive director of the Sephardic Home.

The home has a history of intergenerational programs with students from local public schools and yeshivot. However, the visit of the YU students was special as this was their second visit this year.

The earlier visit took place last Spring on the eve of Rosh Hodesh Nissan, when students and residents celebrated Rosh Hodesh and partook in pre-Pesach holiday

activities. Rabbi David Friedberg, a cherished resident and a graduate of YU, was ecstatic to share his personal experiences with the students. Rabbi Friedberg was also pleased to see the return of David New, the son of Michael New, who volunteered at the home last summer.

On behalf of its residents, the home extends its heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Tessone and to all the Yeshiva University students who participated in these events. Special recognition goes to Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky, vice president for University Affairs at YU, for his instrumental role in coordinating this program. He assures us that the students will be visiting on a regular basis. It is important that these young future community leaders meet with the elders of the Sephardic community to uphold our beautiful traditions, as we say, "M' Dor L' Dor." ■



L-R: David New, Rabbi Amar, Mr. Michael New, Rabbi Tessone, Ephraim Iliagouev and Victor Gheriani

YU students Sion Setton (L) and Victor Gheriani (R) visiting residents of the Sephardic Home

Hazzanut Course at Yeshiva of Flatbush High School

This past spring semester, the Yeshiva of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School offered a course in Sephardic Liturgical music, taught by Rabbi Moshe Tessone. This course was arranged in cooperation with the Belz School of Jewish Music (BSJM) at Yeshiva University, and with the foresight of Dr. Joel Wolowelsky and leadership of Cantor Bernard Beer, director of the BSJM at YU.

Among the students who participated were Isaac Cohen, Morris Jerome, Ariel Mizrahi, Isaac Mograbi, and Charlie Shrem. These students will all be receiving college credits for the course and hope to continue in their studies of oriental hazzanut in the immediate future.

The course examined the origins, relevant background and development of Judeo-Arabic and Judeo-Spanish liturgical music and chants. It also included a survey of different prayer modes according to the Oriental cantorial tradition followed by the Syrian Community. The course was grounded in the theory and knowledge of liturgy and also provided development for the practical skills necessary to become *baalei tefillah* and amateur *hazzanim*. ■

Chief Rabbi of Israel Visits Yeshiva University (continued)



Chief Rabbi delivering a shiur in the main Bet Midrash to students and roshei yeshiva at Yeshiva University



L-R: Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar, Rabbi Mark Gottlieb, head of school at YU High School for Boys



L-R: Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop and Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim



L-R: David Eshaghian, Rabbi Moshe Tessone, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar, Rabbi Elie Abadie, and Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky



L-R: Dr. Hillel Davis, Rabbi Kenneth Brander, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop and Rabbi Meir Goldvicht



Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar with President Richard M. Joel



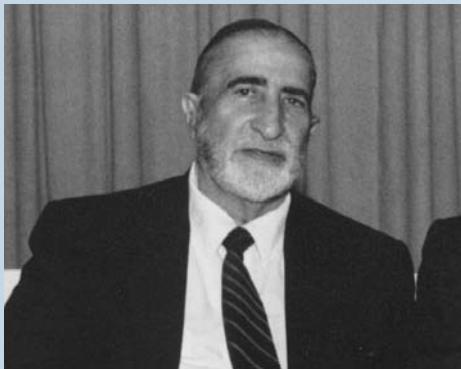
L-R: Stern College women, Ralph Harary, Rabbi Moshe Tessone, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar and Rabbi Elie Abadie



L-R: Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, Rabbi Hershel Reichman and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar

In Memoriam of our Sephardic Leaders: Hakham Baruch Ben Haim, Rabbi Abraham L. Cardozo and Rabbi Yizhak Kadouri

Over the past two years, the Sephardic community suffered the loss of some of our great rabbinic leaders in the Syrian and near eastern communities of the United States and Israel, as well as the Spanish and Portuguese community of New York.



HAKHAM BARUCH BEN HAIM *z'tl* was a highly respected leader of the Syrian/Middle Eastern community throughout his life. He was an alumnus of the Sephardic Yeshiva, Porat Yoseph in Jerusalem, where he studied and was ordained under the Rosh Yeshiva Haham Ezra Attieh and Haham Ben-Zion Hai Uziel, the late Chief Rabbi of Israel. In 1950, he was invited to visit the Syrian community in an effort to assist the Hakham Bashi, Rav Jacob Kassin *z'tl*. During his leadership, Haham Barukh was an extremely active and effective leader in the service of Shaare Zion Congregation, in Yeshivat Magen David and the Kol Yaacov Synagogue in Deal, NJ. ■



REVEREND ABRAHAM LOPES CARDOZO *z'tl*, served as Hazzan and as a spiritual leader of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York City for more than half a century. Born in Amsterdam, Holland, Reverend Cardozo came to the United States and rebuilt his life after losing his family in Europe. He was a faculty member at the Belz School of Jewish Music for some two decades and played a significant role in the development of YU's Sephardic program, dating back to 1964. He published the Sephardic music of his community and taught the traditions of the prayers and liturgy of occidental Jewry to his many students. ■



RABBI YIZHAK KADOURI *z'tl* was not only an acclaimed Sephardic Rabbi and Kabbalist but was also highly respected and well known by the Ashkenazim as well. He was known as the "zaken ha'mekubalim" of Jerusalem and a master teacher of Kabbalah to many students and followers. He was of Babylonian descent and at a young age he received blessings from the grand rabbis of his time, including the Ben Ish Hai, Rabbi Yehuda F'taya, and Rabbi Yoseph Haim. Although he was devoted in his studies of Kabbalah, he still reserved much of his time for bookbinding. He lived a very simple life and refrained from eating all different kinds of meats. His popularity expanded during the Yom Kippur War, when he guided parents in knowing whether or not their children were alive using his special perception. He was revered by many of the Sephardic Iraqi leaders and Middle Eastern communities who looked to him for guidance. ■

The loss of these renowned Sephardic rabbinic leaders who touched Jews all over the world left a huge void in the lives of many. But their passing is a reminder that we must strive to educate the great leaders of the future. As Judaism teaches us, we are placed in this world for a reason and then we move on to the world to come. Indeed, these great scholars and leaders lived a life in which they all strived for perfection and gave and taught to their communities, and to the world, the most precious of gifts: the Torah. May we all learn and emulate the ways of our past leaders and pass on their commitment to the Torah to our children. So long as we do, their legacy will live on through us and future generations.

Magen David Yeshiva and Yeshivah of Flatbush Students Visit YU campus

This past spring semester both Magen David Yeshiva and Yeshivah of Flatbush sent a group of their students to visit YU where they were welcomed by Rabbi Moshe Tessone and Rabbi Elie Abadie. The students were addressed by Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim, Sephardic Rosh Yeshiva at YU and visited the Student Organization at Yeshiva's (SOY) annual sefarim sale.

The Magen David students were led by Mr. Richard Altabe, principal at Magen David Yeshiva, who was also very active in planning the trip. The students from Yeshiva of Flatbush were led by Rabbi Abraham Benhamu, who is a rabbinic graduate of YU and a teacher in the Middle Division at the Yeshiva of Flatbush. All those who participated had an exciting and educational day. ■



L-R: Mr. Richard Altabe, Rabbi Greenblatt, Rabbi Abadie, Rabbi Ben-Haim, Rabbi Tessone and Rabbi Matalon



Mr. Altabe and Rabbi Tessone with students at the main Bet Midrash at YU



Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim addressing the students of Magen David Yeshiva



Rabbi Avraham Benhamu with his students from Yeshiva of Flatbush visiting YU

YU Alumnus Sam Sutton serves as a trustee of the Board of CUNY



Yeshiva University Graduate (Cum Laude), Sam A. Sutton was appointed by Governor Pataki in 2006 to serve as a trustee of the Board of The City University of New York. Sutton, a well known lay leader in the Syrian Sephardic community of Brooklyn and Deal, NJ, is chief executive officer of Accessory Exchange, a company that designs, manufactures and distributes handbags and leather goods.

Sutton is well known for his leader-

ship role in the Syrian community, including serving as president of Sephardic Bikur Holim, a premier community-based social service organization. He also serves as president of the Sephardic Community Federation, an umbrella public policy group of the Sephardic Jewish community.

Sutton chaired the board of education for Sephardic High School in Brooklyn and is a certified foster parent who has opened his home to a dozen children, including many with special needs.

Among his volunteer work in education, Sutton served as chairman of the Sephardic High School fundraising committee, as chairman of its board of education, and as a member of its board of directors.

Sutton is also a proud Yeshiva University parent, as his son, Ezra, is currently enrolled at Yeshiva College for Men and Ezra's older brother, Abe, is a recent graduate of YU. ■

Hilula for Baba Sali at Yeshiva University

BY DAVID OHANA

On the fourth of Shevat, the YU Sephardic club celebrated the annual hilula of The Baba Sali, *z'tl*, Rabbi Yisrael Abuchatzaira. Planned by David Ohana (Syms 08) and Mikael Knafo (Syms 07), the event marked the first ever hilula at YU run by the students for the students. Signs posted around the campus promoted attendance, which was higher than expected.

A crowd of 60 plus packed the Sephardic Bet Midrash to hear divrei hizuk from Rabbi Refael Benchimol of The Manhattan Sephardic Congregation. The rabbi dazzled the crowd with his speech about the Tzadik and his greatness. The students sang in unison specially selected piyoutim, including Habibi, Ashorer Shira, and many songs about the Abuchatzaira family, including the classic Likevod Hakadosh Rebi.



Most of the crowd was from the Sephardic community but other members of the student body were represented. Moroccan students sang and danced in honor of their hometown hero, and there was an array of food from all over the world: Chinese, Israeli, deli, and of course Moroccan food ordered from a restaurant in the city.

Many of YU's rabbis stopped in to join the celebration. Rabbi Levi Mostofsky from the Center for Jewish Future said that the energy and passion of the Sephardim, *baruch Hashem*, should be used to plan even larger events that involve the tri-state Sephardic community. With the help and merit of the Baba Sali *z'tl*, may he grant us much success in our future endeavors and help us be *mekadesh shem shamayim*. ■

YU Mechina Students Meet Sephardic Communities and Families Throughout the Tri-State Area

BY CHAD HOPKOVITZ

“What a Zekhut! To not only learn about our Sephardic laws and customs in the classroom, but to also see them in practice in vibrant Sephardic communities throughout the Metropolitan area,” said Jeremy Millul, after returning from a Mechinah Program Shabbaton at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Ely Allen in Teaneck, New Jersey. Millul is a junior at Sy Syms School of Business; he came to Yeshiva University from his home in Paris, France.

The Mechinah Program at Yeshiva University was established in the fall of 2004, at President Richard Joel's initiative. Under the direction of Rabbi Zev Reichman, the Mechinah provides educational and social programming for undergraduate students with little to no background in Jewish studies. Small class sizes and personal attention are the hallmark of the program.

Students also receive mentoring and tutoring from RIETS rabbinical students. Benyamin Segan-Kohanim, a semicha student of Iranian heritage, appreciates the opportunity to learn and live with students from similar backgrounds and “to encourage and to be encouraged in our religious growth and connection with our Sephardic Heritage.”

In order to even better serve the Sephardic students, Mechinah hired Rabbi Avidan Elkin as a full-time faculty member last year. Rabbi Elkin, who is a rabbinic graduate of Yeshiva University and RIETS, participated in the Shabbaton in Teaneck, NJ, with Rabbi Ely Allen. Rabbi Elkin also serves as the spiritual leader of Kehillat Ahavat Achim in Fairlawn, NJ, and taught at Ben Porat Yosef, which is the Sephardic Yeshiva Day School of Bergen County.

Mechinah has sponsored community

Shabbatons for YU Sephardic students in Riverdale, NY at the home of President Joel, in Englewood, NJ at the home of Rabbi Zev Reichman, and in Great Neck, NY at the home and synagogue of Rabbi Avraham Kohen. They have also sponsored Sephardic shabbatons at YU's Wilf and Beren campuses.

“Sometimes strict classroom education can only go so far,” noted Rabbi Reichman, director of the Mechinah program. “We saw the need to show our students real Sephardic practice, by their Rebbeim and teachers, and by businessmen, professionals, and families. In whichever synagogues we find ourselves, the students gain tremendously from the warm communities that host them.” The eagerness and zeal of the students has also rubbed off, so much so that some families have already invited their guests back again. ■

Chief Rabbi of Turkey, Isaac Haleva Visits Yeshiva University

Last spring, the current Chief Rabbi of Istanbul visited YU where he met with President Richard M. Joel, Dr Herbert Dobrinsky, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben-Haim, Rabbi J. J. Schacter, Rabbi Moshe Tessone, and other faculty members of YU and RIETS. Rabbi Haleva was accompanied by his son, Rabbi Naftali Haleva, who is a rabbinic graduate of YU and RIETS. Rabbi Naftali Haleva is also currently serving as a Rabbi in the Jewish community of Istanbul.

In addition to visiting many divisions of the university, including the Center for the Jewish Future (CJF), Rabbi Isaac Haleva delivered a Torah Shiur to the Sephardic students in Rabbi Ben-Haim's class. ■



L-R: Chancellor Norman Lamm and Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva



L-R: Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Rabbi Nafatali Haleva, Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva, President Richard Joel, Rabbi Elie Abadie, Rabbi Herbert Dobrinsky and Rabbi Moshe Tessone



L-R: Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva, Rabbi Moshe Tessone and Rabbi J. J. Schacter



Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva with President Richard M. Joel



Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva conversing with RIETS student



L-R: Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva and Chancellor Norman Lamm



Chief Rabbi Isaac Haleva addressing Sephardic students of Yeshiva College

Sephardic Community Program Updates

Yeshiva University's Sephardic Community Program has been active in numerous communities in the past semesters. Here's a closer look at just a few:

■ Students Visit Sephardic Congregation of Newton Center

YU students David Ohana and Reuben Abitbol visited the Sephardic Congregation of Newton Center, MA and ignited a sense of Torah, ruah and Sephardic pride in the entire community. They led the services, delivered shiurim (Torah lectures) and sang zemirot at the community shabbaton in which YU's Sephardic students were featured. The program was organized through the efforts of Rabbi Tessone in cooperation with local community leaders, including the president of their congregation, Dr. Simone Levy and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Philosophie. Later in the semester, Rabbi Tessone visited the community as a scholar-in-residence, where he delivered Torah and cultural lectures on Sephardic history. He also celebrated that community's annual dinner, at which Elias Cohen was honored as a founder of that community.

■ Sephardic Community of Elizabeth, NJ, Features YU Cultural Program

Last spring, YU's Sephardic Community Program featured a Sephardic Night of Torah and Music at the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth in cooperation with the Sephardic Minyanim of the JEC and the Elmora Ave Shul. The event was organized by various community leaders, including Reuven Rahmani, Nissim Kontente,

Dr. Solomon Galimidi, and others.

The featured speaker was YU's Rabbi Elie Abadie, who inspired the audience with his words of Torah. The hazzanut (cantorial) and musical performance featured YU's Rabbi Moshe Tessone and Jewish music sensation Ira Heller, who treated the large crowd to an exciting musical duet. Local community rabbis, including Rabbi Teitz and Rabbi Shapiro, also attended and participated in this community-wide celebration.

■ RJC Sephardic Minyan Led by Rabbi Michael Kaplan

Under the leadership of Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, Riverdale Jewish Center has formed a Sephardic Minyan. Rabbi Michael Kaplan, a recent rabbinic graduate trained at YU, joined the new Sephardic Minyan in Riverdale's RJC synagogue, where he serves as the rabbi. Rabbi Kaplan also serves as associate director for Ora, a non-profit organization that actively assists agunot.

■ Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia

During the fall semester, Rabbi Tessone was scholar-in-residence at the Spanish & Portuguese Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, where he was welcomed by Rabbi Avraham Gabbai, the community rabbi who is a graduate of YU and attended RIETS. Rabbi Gabbai organized Torah lectures on

Sephardic culture throughout the Shabbat. A warm melave malka program was followed on Motzaei Shabbat and featured Rabbi Tessone, who led the singing with live accompaniment.

■ The Mashadi Communities of Great Neck

During the fall semester, Rabbi Tessone visited the Mashadi community of Great Neck on Shabbat. He toured all the community synagogues throughout the Shabbat, including Shaare Shalom, Shira Hadasha, and Shaare Rahamim. Rabbi Tessone delivered a Torah lecture and led the Tefilla using traditional Sephardic melodies.

A good number of young adults from the Mashadi community are students at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Ben Haim, their Chief Rabbi, is the Sephardic Rosh Yeshiva at YU and holds the Maxwell R. Maybaum Chair at YU in Talmud and Sephardic Halakha (Codes).

■ Ladino Music Festival in Atlanta

Rabbi Hayim Kassorla, rabbinic leader of the Or VeShalom Synagogue in Atlanta and rabbinic alumnus of Yeshiva University, hosted a Ladino Music Festival in his community. The program was organized by YU's Sephardic Community Program in cooperation with the synagogue president, Lenny Franco.

Students in the Community

■ Student teaches Sephardic Tefillah at Ramaz

Last year, Yeshiva University sent a Sephardic student, Sion Setton, who was supervised and mentored by Rabbi Moshe Tessone, to serve in Ramaz Middle School. Part of his task was to conduct a



Minyan for their Sephardic students and to explain Sephardic tefilla (prayer) to the students. This Minyan was inaugurated with 25 males and 20 females attending on a weekly basis. It has now grown to more than 30 males and an equivalent number of females.

The Sephardic students at Ramaz are currently learning the Middle Eastern melodies for various parts of the “se’la” (Judeo-Arabic word for “prayer”). They also sing the Tehillim (psalms) in their proper tunes and Az Yashir in the Sephardic *Ta’amei Hamikra*. Additionally, once a week, a Sephardic club is conducted where he teaches the students many of the famous *pizmonim* (liturgical poems) pertaining to Sephardic tefillah throughout the year, as well as important Sephardic halakhot, traditions and foods. Sion hopes that his teaching will instill more of the traditions that are essential to the students’ growth as Syrian Jews. Hazzak U Barukh to Sion Setton for his fine community work!

Sion is also involved with youth leadership in his community congregation Ahava Ve Ahva in Brooklyn, as well as his current duties at Ramaz. ■

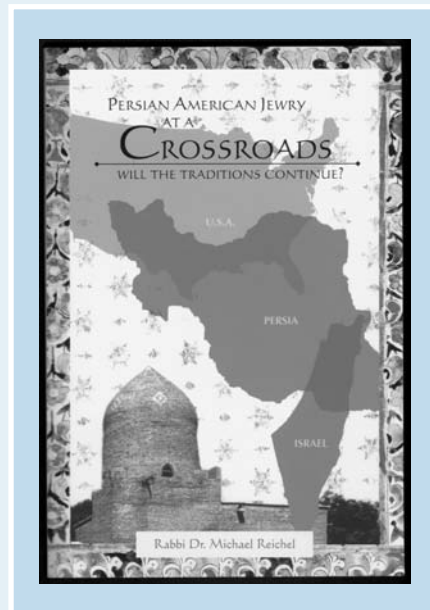
■ Alumnus Establishes Sephardic Dating Service

Moshe Frances, a recent YU alumnus, established *Sephardic Dating.com*, an exclusive Online Dating service for global Sephardic singles. This new dating service allows its members



to directly contact one another and features personalized profiles for each member; each is reviewed before being allowed on the site. *SephardicDating.com* recently featured a successful International Sephardic Singles Shabbaton in Miami, FL. The event drew a crowd of over 75 singles from the US and South America. Moshe Frances recently joined the RJC’s Sephardic Minyan in Riverdale,

where he serves as baal koreh and hazzan. He has served in similar positions at the Shaare Rahamim and Kahal Kadosh Janina synagogues in previous years. ■



Rabbi Michael Reichel’s recently published PhD dissertation, *Persian American Jewry at a Crossroads: Will the Tradition Continue*, published by LV Press of Great Neck, NY, presents a groundbreaking and thoroughly researched history of the Persian and Mashadi communities from its inception to the present day. This work documents a comprehensive examination of the Persian American Jewry’s educational experiences and attitudes and provides insight on the many facets of the Persian American experience; it also marks the beginning of research projects that will document the American experience of various Sephardic ethnic communities.

Even though the author is of Ashkenazic decent, his personal and professional experience with the Persian and Mashadi communities is invaluable and evident throughout the book. Reichel has lived and worked in the Great Neck, NY community as an educator and administrator for over a decade. He has developed an intimate understanding of Persian history and culture. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College, received his rabbinical ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchannan Theological Seminary of YU and his masters degree and his doctorate from the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration at Yeshiva University. His dissertation helped him earn his doctoral degree. Since his graduation, Rabbi Reichel has established a new yeshiva in Jerusalem where he now resides. ■

Sephardic Graduates of 2006–2007

GRADUATE

Wurzweiler School of Social Work

Master of Social Work

ELSA BARKHORDARIAN
SANDY BENZAQUEN

Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology

Master of Arts

SHIPHRA HABIBIAN

Doctor of Psychology

DAVID J. SITT

Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration

Master of Science

JOSEPH M. ESSES
HANA COHEN
HANOCH HAIM GEZ
SHIMSHON E. JACOB

Doctor of Education

HANOCH HAIM GEZ

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine

SIVAN SHEMESH

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Juris Doctor

SAMANTHA M. DAHAN
MICHELLE DOUEK
GISOO MOVTADY

Bernard Revel Graduate School

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MARIE-PAULE BENSOUSSAN
ORLY BENTATA
GALITH BITTON
SARA CHAMAMA
TAMAR MEIRA FRANCES
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ELISHEVA GOMEZ
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in Hebrew*

ETHAN ASSOULINE

*Manfred Siegbert and Migon Fischel
Memorial Award in Jewish Studies
and Character*

JACOB AFRIAT
RAPHAEL WAKNINE

*Isaace Araten Memorial Award
for Excellence in Bible*

GREGORY NATANOV

*Dr. Isadore Margolis Memorial Award
for Excellence in Jewish Studies*

ELI AROESTY-COHEN

*Blanche Attas Zuckerman
Memorial Award for Excellence
in Sephardic Studies*

SIMON EBRANI

*Isaac Araten Memorial Award
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