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1950s

Mazal tov to **Dr. Mel** '57YC and **Debby** '55YUHS **Adler**, and Arthur and Niki Fuchs on the birth of twin grandsons, Yaakov Yehoshua and Shmuel Reuven. The proud parents are **Zevi** '92YC and **Leslie (Fuchs)** '94SCW **Adler**.

Mazal tov to **Rabbi Aaron** '55YC, IBC, '59BRGS, RIETS and his wife **Pearl** '52YUHS **Borow** on the marriages of their grandsons Chaim and Uri to Tzivia Nudel and Dina Levy, respectively.

The accomplishments of **Dr. Leon Chameides** '51YUHS, '55YC, TI, IBC, '59AECOM, in the field of pediatric resuscitation were described recently in a chapter of "Resuscitation Greats," a book published in Great Britain. Dr. Chameides retired 11 years ago after 30 years as director of pediatric cardiology at Hartford Hospital and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and as clinical professor at the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine. He was very active in the American Heart Association (AHA) and served as chair of the Pediatric Resuscitation Committee, which was responsible for developing the Pediatric Advanced Life Support course (PALS), the Neonatal Resuscitation program (NRP) and the AHA course on first aid.

Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky '50YUHS, '54YC, '57RIETS, '80FGS, vice president for university affairs, celebrated the wedding in Jerusalem of his granddaughter Aliza Kramer to Elie Deutsch of Efrat, Israel. Aliza is the daughter of **Dr. Michael** '73YUHS, '77YC and Dr. Deborah **Kramer**.

At the AECOM graduation in June, the Alumni Association honored **Dr. Arthur Eidelman** '55YUHS, '59YC, '63AECOM, '75BRGS, professor of pediatrics, with its 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Eidelman is a visiting professor of

pediatrics at Einstein. He is a past director of newborn services at the Weiler Hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Mazal tov to **Libby Kahane** '55YUHS, who just completed "Rabbi Meir Kahane: His Life and Thought," a book on the life of her late husband.

Mazal tov to **Meyer Lubin**, '58FGS on the publication of his collection of essays, "Thrilling Torah Discoveries."

Mazal tov to **Seymour Moskowitz** '54YC, '56RIETS on the recent publication of two books: "Falcon of the Quraysh," a historical novel depicting the eighth century Muslim conquest of Spain, and "Inter-Religious Prayers," which is intended to help any person unexpectedly called upon to offer a prayer in public.

Mazal tov to **Monty Noam Penkower** '59YUHS, '63YC and his wife Yael, of Jerusalem, on the birth of their newest grandson, Moshe Ro'i Ne'eman, born to their children Avi and Rochelle Penkower of Talmon, Israel. Mazal tov to the Penkowers also on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandsons Nachshon Yosef Roth in Jerusalem, and Aharon Ohev-Shalom Penkower in Talmon, Israel.

Mazal tov to Roz and **Rabbi Alvin Poplack** '58BRGS on the marriage of their granddaughter Sara Steinberg to Barry Rubin.




Sheldon Rudoff '50YUHS, '54YC, '57RIETS recently joined the New York City office of Phillips Nizer LLP as a partner in the corporate department.

Mr. Rudoff will continue to practice in corporate and commercial law, representing privately owned businesses, corporations, not-for-profits and philanthropic organizations. Mr. Rudoff serves as a member of the Board of

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Directors of Yeshiva College and as the honorary president of the Beth Din of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish congregations of America. He is chairman of the board of a UJA-Federation agency, chairman of the Audit Committee of the Conference on Claims Against Germany and a member of the audit committee of the United Jewish Communities.

Mazal tov to **Sol Steinmetz** '53YC, '56RIETS, and his wife Tzipora, on the birth of great-grandson Moshe Menachem, in Israel. Mazal tov also to the grandfather **Steven Steinmetz** '82YC and his wife Liba.

Dr. Joseph Sungolowsky '55YC, '58BRG, professor of French literature and Jewish studies at Queens College, City University of New York, and adjunct professor of French at Stern College for Women, wrote "La tentation dans 'Le Père Goriot' de Balzac," which appeared on the Web site of the Association Française des Enseignants de Français (AFEF) on October 24, 2007, and "André Neher (1918–1988) et Erets Israel," which was published in Delmaire, Danielle & Pollefeyt, Didier, eds., "La pensée juive contemporaine," Editions Parole & Silence, 2008. He also wrote "Hidden Children in France (1940–1944): A Memoir," published in "The Hidden Child," vol. XVI, 2008.

Mazal tov to **Dr. Gerald** '55YC and **Judith** '57TI **Traub** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jake.

1960s

Congratulations to **Rabbi Edward Y. Abramson** '64YUHS, '69YC, '69JSS, '73BRGS, '73RIETS on the publication of his book, "A Circle in the Square: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin Reinvents the Synagogue."

Mazal tov to **Dr. Stanford Goldman** '61YC, '65AECOM, who was recently

honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Uroradiology (SUR) at the annual meeting in Rancho Mirage, California.

Mazal tov to **Robert Philip Kaminsky** '66AECOM who recently retired from a successful career as a gynecologist and has three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Mazal tov to Charlie and Susan Rotsztajn and **Robert J.** '64JSS, YC and Judy **Pransky** on the recent marriage of their children, Amanda and Yehoshua.

Phyllis Maza Parker '69SCW has been named a shareholder at the Philadelphia law firm Berger & Montague, P.C., where she specializes in securities class action litigation. She is married to **Charles B. Parker** '68YC.

Mazal tov to **Joseph Pessah** '64YC, '66IBC, '68FGS on the birth of a granddaughter, Hannah Grace. Mr. Pessah recently lectured at the Museum of Jewish Heritage on the Jews of Greece during the Holocaust, and the courage of his father in saving many Jews during this period.

Benjamin Z. Richler '60YC edited the recently published "Hebrew Manuscripts in the Vatican Library." His previous editorial work includes "Hebrew Manuscripts in the Biblioteca Palatina in Parma" and "Guide to Hebrew Manuscript Collections."

Dr. Bernhard H. Rosenberg '69YC, '74RIETS, FGS, '92AG recently published a revised and expanded version of his educational text entitled, "Public Speaking: A Guide for Study." He and his wife also celebrated the engagement of their son Yaakov to Avital Kelin.

"Insights on the Haggadah and Pesach" (1993), written by **Rabbi Eliyahu Safran** '69YC, '78RIETS, '78FGS was reprinted (2003). Drawing on the resources of Jewish thought

and extensive Jewish sources, Rabbi Safran illuminates every aspect of the Passover festival in 31 essays. Rabbi Safran is vice president-communications & marketing/Orthodox Union Kashruth division. He previously served as principal of Yeshiva University High School for Girls.

Dr. Edward Stim '60AECOM lives in Tokyo and works for the Japanese medical assistance company Emergency Assistance Japan (EAJ). He speaks to physicians around the globe, makes medical reports that assist insurance companies in deciding

eligibility, and organizes medical rescue missions. He is happy to be a guide and offer a stayover to any YU alumni who find their way to Japan.

1970s

Tamar S. Kramer Klein '73SCW, '79CSL and her husband Yitzchok announce the marriage of their daughter, Adina Klein, to Ari Lerer. Mazal tov also to the bride's uncle, **Rabbi Dr. Doniel Z. Kramer** '70YC, '73RIETS, '76BRGS, and her grandfather, **Rabbi Meyer Kramer** '40YC, '41RIETS.



Rabbi Shmuel Simenowitz '75YUHS (second from left) recently received a citation from the Hon. Uri Lapolianski, mayor of Jerusalem, for his contribution to the journal, "The Environment in Jewish Thought and Law," jointly sponsored by Sviva Israel, the Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection and the municipality of Jerusalem. His article, entitled "Composting—Torah Style," traces the history of biomass use through Talmudic times, using the laws of "hatmana" as a guide. Simenowitz is the executive director of Project Ya'aleh V'Yavo, Inc., a Torah-based environmental education program based on his maple farm in Southern Vermont. His sugarhouse—which is a functional synagogue—was built to resemble the wooden synagogue from his family shtetl, Ivey, and is featured prominently in the new book, "How Strange It Seems" (Michael Hoberman; University of Massachusetts Press, 2008) about the resurgence of Jewish life in New England.

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Linda (Pattashnick) Klonsky '71SCW has been elected president of Kemp Mill Synagogue and is a Ph.D. student in organizational development at Fielding Graduate University. In addition to teaching leadership at Hebrew Union College in New York City, she runs a firm that specializes in strategic planning, leadership development, organizational assessments and board retreats. She and her husband Elliot are pleased to announce that their son David is an assistant professor in clinical psychology at Stony Brook and is married to Alexis Black.

Estelle I. (Faden) Krumholz '73WSSW recently received a certificate in completion of a three-year program in advanced study of psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the Institute of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis of New Jersey. She maintains a private practice in Florham, New Jersey, and her daughter Abigail recently received her bachelor of arts degree from Haverford College.

Mazal tov to RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger** '77YC, '79RIETS and his wife **Peshi (Charlop)** '73YUHS, '77SCW on the engagement of their son, Motti, to Avigayil Schwerdt. Motti is the grandson of **Rabbi Zevulun Charlop** '47YUHS, '51YC, '54RIETS, dean emeritus of RIETS and special advisor to the president for yeshiva affairs.

Avery E. Neumark '70YUHS, '74YC has been elected director-at-large of the New York State Society of Certified

Public Accountants for the fiscal year 2008–2009. Mr. Neumark is the partner-in-charge of employee benefits and executive compensation with Rosen Seymour Shapss Martin & Company LLP (RSSM) and has more than 25 years of experience in public accounting and employee benefits consulting. He also has served as counsel to the law firm of Rosen & Reade. Prior to joining RSSM, Mr. Neumark served as a partner in Weber Lipshie & Company and Ernst & Young.

Mazal tov to **Dr. Abraham H. Pollack** '73YC and **Shelley Pollack** '72YUHS on the birth of a grandson to parents Sunni and Jonny Halpern.

Nava Rephun '76WSSW participated in a panel presentation at Stern College sponsored by the SCW Psychology Club and the YU Career Development Center, on the topic "Careers in Psychology." She also gave a lecture series at the Friar Tuck Inn in Catskill, New York, on "Using the Imago Approach to Develop Vibrant, Committed Relationships." Nava is a licensed clinical social worker and certified Imago relationship therapist who works with couples and individuals in her New York City private practice, and leads workshops in the U.S. and Israel.

Mazal tov to Rabbi Yitschak and **Zhava** '78SCW, '82WSSW **Rudomin** upon the marriage of their daughter Miriam to Menachem Yifat and upon the birth of their first grandchild, Yocheved, to David and Sara Rudomin. Congratula-

tions to Zhava on obtaining her licensed clinical social worker status and her completion of the seminar in field instruction at Touro College Graduate School of Social Work in order to supervise Touro College MSW social work students.

Mazal tov to **Philip Schiffman** '79YC, IBC and his wife **Miriam (Ryfka)** '80SCW on the birth of granddaughter Anna Michelle.

Mazal tov to Sheila and **Larry Strulowitz** '72YC on the birth of two granddaughters. Meira Tamar was born to their son, **Rabbi Joshua Strulowitz** '01YC, '05RIETS and his wife **Bethany** '01SCW, '06AG, and Aliyah Serach was born to their daughter **Sari** '02SCW and her husband **Ari Kahn** '99YC.

Mazal tov to **Deborah** '78SCW and Heshy **Wengrow**, who serves on the Orthodox Union Board of Directors, upon the engagement of their son, Yoni, to Tzippy Leidner.

Mazal tov to **Samuel** '77YUHS, '81YC, '84RIETS, BRGS and **Deena** '88AECOM **Zimmerman** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rivka Shafirra.

1980s

Naomi (Bromberg) Bar-Yam '81WSSW is the founding executive director of the newly formed Mother's Milk Bank of New England. A milk bank is a service through which mothers who have more milk than their babies need

pump and donate their milk to premature and sick babies.

Adena K. Berkowitz '85CSL co-authored, "Shaarei Simcha—Gates of Prayer" the first liturgical work in the modern era written by Orthodox women for use in the Orthodox and general Jewish communities. During 2007–2008, Adena served as scholar in residence at Congregation Orach Chayim and KRA in Manhattan and the Great Neck Synagogue.

Mazal tov to RIETS Rosh Yeshiva **Rabbi Assaf Bednarsh** '89YUHS, '97RIETS and wife Leora, on the birth and brit milah of their son Yechiel Yaakov.

Mark M. Goldberg '84YC has been appointed president of Carey Financial, LLC, the W.P. Carey & Co. broker-dealer subsidiary responsible for wholesaling its Corporate Property Associates series of nontraded real estate investment trusts. Prior to joining W.P. Carey, Mr. Goldberg served as CEO and president of independent broker-dealer AIG-Royal Alliance, Inc. He has also held senior management positions at SunAmerica Financial Network, AIG Securities–Tokyo, and Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.

Mazal tov to **Chanu** '88SSSB and **David** '87YC **Goldis** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Shmuel Elimelech in November 2007 and the birth of their triplets Gavriel Moshe, Arielle Charna and Adielle Bracha in December 2007.

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

Ellie Kastel '80WSSW has been named executive director of the Boro Park Y in Brooklyn. Ms. Kastel has worked at the Boro Park Y since September 1980, first as its program director, later as assistant director and, finally, associate director. She brings with her many years of experience and an understanding and appreciation of the needs of the community.

Mazal tov to **Ephraim Kanarfogel** '73YUHS, '77YC, '79RIETS, '87BRGS, the E. Billi Ivry Professor of Jewish History at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and at Stern College for Women, who has been elected to the American Academy for Jewish Research, the oldest organization of Judaic scholars in North America. Members are nominated and elected by their peers and thus constitute the most distinguished and senior scholars teaching Judaic studies at American universities. Professor Kanarfogel joins Yeshiva colleagues professors David Berger, Louis Feldman, Arthur Hyman, Haym Soloveitchik and Richard Steiner as a member of the academy.

Russell D. Mayer '81CSL is a senior partner in the Jerusalem-based law firm Livnat, Mayer & Co. and recently had an article published in "Law and Financial Markets Review" entitled, "Capital Adequacy Requirements for Israeli Banks: The Impact of the Basel II Accord."

Hindy Najman '88SCW has been appointed director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto. Professor Najman received her Ph.D. in Bible and post-biblical literature from Harvard University in 1998 and subsequently taught at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. In 2003 Professor Najman moved to the University of Toronto, where she has been associate professor of ancient Judaism in the

Department and Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto.

Alan Steven Ronkin '89YC, IBC was honored by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Boston with the Warren B. Kohn Award for dedicated service to the Jewish community. The Kohn Award is presented to an outstanding Jewish community relations professional each year. Since January 2000, Ronkin has served the Boston Jewish community as JCRC's deputy director. His passion for the Jewish community is reflected in his 20 years of Jewish communal service, having worked at Jewish federations in Los Angeles, Cleveland and Seattle. Since being in Boston, his work has focused on Israel advocacy, community and interfaith relations, Holocaust programming and the development of media and public relations strategies. Ronkin led highly successful efforts to defeat what the JCRC considered anti-Israel resolutions in the city of Somerville, developed a new focus for the Israel Action Center, and implemented JCRC's rebranding.

For service and commitment to his synagogue and his community, **Mark S. Ross** '82CSL received the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, New Jersey region. Ross is the co-owner of the Menorah Chapels at Millburn funeral home as well as a practicing attorney and the owner of M. Ross Advertising, all located in Union, New Jersey.

Evelyn (Sarota) Rutstein '80SCW, '82WSSW is a life coach specializing in women going through transitions in their lives. She and her husband **Dr. Stan Joel Rutstein** '80YC, JSS live in West Hartford, and their son **Yaakov ("Jay")** '07YC recently married Tzirel Cook. They are also grandparents of a granddaughter, Channa, who was born to Rochel (Rutstein) and Avi Rosenholtz.

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Dr. Michael (Mike) Cohen '93YC, '93JSS, founder of The Galilee Institute for Practical Zionism, and former YU sports information director, women's basketball coach and special assistant to the director of public relations, was awarded the second annual Defender of the Reserves award by Israel's minister of defense, chief of staff and chief of all reserve forces. The award was presented to 10 companies that exemplify the spirit of national service and Zionism in uniform. Five major corporations, including the Strauss-Elite conglomerate, Bank Mizrahi-Tefachot and Bezeq Telecom, three midsize corporations and two community initiatives were presented with the award this year.

ALUMNA PICKS YU BLUE

Shanna Blaustein Winters '90YUHS, '93SCW, '96CSL, recently left Yeshiva University's "trademark" color blue on America's eminent publication relating to copyright law.

Working as an attorney for the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Winters is chief counsel for the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. Winters has been with the Judiciary Committee since March 2006, and previously worked in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She spent part of that time as a fellow for U.S. Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), chairman of the intellectual property subcommittee where she now works.

Winters gets one interesting perk through her job. "As chief counsel of the subcommittee, you get to pick the color of the cover of the copyright book when it comes out. It's basically an unofficial tradition," she explained.

So this past year, the *Circular 92 Copyright Laws of the United States and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code, October 2007 Version*, was outfitted in YU blue.

"The previous counsel went to Duke, so his choice color was blue, and before him, the color was purple for Northwestern," she said.

"I debated about whether the color should be hot pink, but then I decided to pick Yeshiva, as I am a triple alum."

Winters is not just a high school, undergraduate and law school alumna of three Yeshiva schools; she also represents the third generation of YU graduates in her family. Her mother, Joette Milians Blaustein, graduated from Cardozo in 1986, and her grandfather, Bernard Milians, graduated from both the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies and Yeshiva College in 1933.

This past summer, Winters presented Yeshiva University President Richard Joel with a copy of the book in Washington, when he joined the community for a shabbaton at Keshet Israel Synagogue, in Georgetown.

Winters lives in Washington with her husband, Gary, a former president of Keshet Israel, and their three children.



Mark Sommer '80YC is a visiting professor at West Point Military Academy in the Social Science Department and has recently published numerous articles in many different U.S. Intelligence and Department of Defense publications.

Mazal tov to **Rabbi Brian Thau** '86YC, '90RIETS, '94AG and his son Avraham Zvi Thau on the completion of the entire shas Mishnayos.

Linda (Vlosky) Zack '84SCW recently graduated from Capital University Law School and passed the Ohio state bar exam. Linda is married to **Rabbi Howard Zack** '80YC, '85BRGS, RIETS and is the mother of **Etana** '09SCW, **Shifra** '10SCW and **Meira** '11SCW.

1990s

Otto M. Berk '90WSSW is now in private practice in Forest Hills, New York.

Mazal tov to **Dina Bogner** '97SCW and Daniel Heiss, who were married in April 2008. Dina's parents are Gail and **William Bogner** '71YC, '73WSSW.

Mazal Tov to **Ariel Davis** '98YUHS, '05YC and his wife Yael who had a baby, Avishai Azriel. Avishai's grandparents are **Dr. Hillel** '72YC, '75BRGS, RIETS, vice president for university life, and **Rachayl Davis** '75SCW.

Mazal tov to Talia and **Yitzi Flynn** '93YUHS, '00CSL on the birth of their baby boy.

Isaac Geld, '97WSSW was promoted to director of community education outreach at Citywide Adult Protective Services.

Dr. Isaac Halickman '98YC has completed his fellowship in cardiology at Cooper University Hospital in New Jersey. He is currently a staff cardiologist in southern New Jersey.

Mazal tov to **Margy (Berkowitz) Horowitz** '94SCW and her husband

Jeremy on the birth of their son Natan Zev (Nathan), brother to Julia.

Margy founded the Jewish Women's Repertory Company, a nonprofit musical theater group for religious women in Los Angeles.

Mazal tov to **Shoshana (Scheide) Hurwitz** '99SCW on her aliyah to Maale Adumim with her family in July 2008.

Sarah Klain '98SCW, SSSB and Gary Klain announce the birth of their daughter Meirah Leeba.

Mazal tov to **Shelley Klein** '93SSSB and Judah Fierstein on the birth of a baby boy.

Mazal tov to Amir and **Necli Kohan** '91SSSB, who had a baby daughter, Natalie Sarah, in February 2008.

Mazal tov to **Jeremy Kurz** '92YUHS, '96YC, '00AECOM and his wife, Rebecca (Breslau) who are happy to announce the arrival of a new son Daniel Yisrael (Israel), brother to Yonatan (8), Ayelet (5) and Aviva (2).

Mazal tov to **Shira (Lieberman) Goldress** '96SCW, SSSB and her husband, Gadi, who announce the birth of a son, Eitan Pesach. Mazal tov to grandparents **Andrea (Kaplan) Lieberman** '69SCW and **Dr. Michael Lieberman** '70YC and Leslie and Irwin Goldress, and great-grandmothers Esther Kaplan and Roslyn Novack. Great-grandfathers were **Rabbi Murray H. Lieberman** '35YUHS, '39YC, IBC and **Rabbi Philip (Pesach) Kaplan** '36YUHS, '39YC, '42RIETS.

Mazal tov to **Chana E. (Schiffmiller) Meyers** '96SCW and Tsachi Meyers on the birth of their son Akiva Yonatan. He joins siblings Atara Tziporah and Ariana Tamara. Mazal tov also to the grandparents **Shari (Spilky)** '72TI and **Rabbi Dr. Richard Schiffmiller** '68YUHS, '72YC, '76RIETS, '77BRGS; and **Josie (Kaplan)** '71SCW and **Joel Meyers** '69YC, JSS.

Jonathan Mishkin '90YC, '92RIETS published "Think of It This Way," a book on informal Jewish education.

Rachelle Hannah Nash '99CSL litigated in the area of commercial real estate and corporate law in supreme, appellate, housing and civil courts before recently becoming one of the youngest administrative law judges hired by the City of New York.

Mazal tov to **Jeremy S. Neiss** '99YUHS, '03YC on his recent marriage to Alison Leventhal. Mazal tov also to brother **Jonathon** '93YUHS, '97YC and **Mindy Neiss** on the birth of their son Yishai Gavriel. Proud parents are **Rabbi Moshe S. Neiss** '68YUHS, '72YC, '74RIETS, '75BRGS and **Dr. Vivian J. Neiss** '91FGS.

Rabbi Eliezer Schnell, Ph.D., '95YUHS, '00YC, '03RIETS, '07FGS recently ran a study assessing the efficacy of a psychosocial intervention for use by family medicine physicians. His results were published in the June 2008 issue of the journal "Family Medicine."

Zvi Shapiro '99SSSB and his wife Leah announce the birth of their first child, Adina Yaffa.

Avi Shmidman '96YC delivered a lecture entitled, "Cibarious Motifs in the Festival Poetry for the Grace after Meals," at the Fifth Medieval Hebrew Poetry Colloquium, held at the University of Groningen, in the Netherlands, during July 2008.

Mazal tov to **Miriam (Bluth)** '90YUHS, '93SCW and **Daniel Wallach** '93SSSB on the birth of their fourth child, Shlomo Yonatan (Yoni).

Mazal tov to **Deborah Michelle Waltuch** '94YUHS, '98SCW, '98SSSB, daughter of **Rabbi Marvin** '66YC, '69RIETS, '99FGS and **Rosalie Waltuch**, on her marriage to Uri Frenkel.

Effy Zinkin '93SSSB, '96CSL chaired a \$1.5 million fundraiser for Tikva, a

charity dedicated to saving the lives of orphaned, abandoned and abused Jewish children in Odessa, Ukraine.

2000s

Daniel Abramoff '01YC has joined the firm Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott LLP. He earned his J.D. from Fordham University, and his practice focuses on real estate law.

Mazal tov to **Zachariah** '07YC and **Penina (Oberstein) Abramowitz** '03SCW on the birth of their son Naftali Yaakov.

Mazal tov to **Alex Altberg**, '02YC and **Jennifer Feldman** '05SCW on their recent marriage.

Mazal tov on the marriage of **Tamar Estreicher** '08SSSB to Yoni Braun.

Dr. Rachel Leah Farkas '00SCW, daughter of Zelda Farkas and Israel Farkas of Willowbrook, Staten Island, married Dr. Jacob Moalem, the son of Rowena Moalem and Sasson Moalem of Plainview, New York. Dr. Farkas is a third-year surgical resident at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, and received her medical degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. Dr. Moalem is an assistant professor of endocrine surgical oncology at the University of Rochester.

Lisa (Helprin) Feldman '02SCW recently completed her MPA in nonprofit management from the School of Public Affairs at CUNY and was honored at graduation for having the highest academic record in the school. She recently accepted a position with Nishmat as its director of development and alumnae relations in its New York office. Her husband, **Dr. Jonah Feldman** '03YC, recently graduated from Stony Brook Medical School and will soon begin his residency at Winthrop University Hospital on Long Island, New York.

'Conventional' Alum

Jeff Stier, '93YC, '96CSL was an attendee at both the Democratic and Republican Conventions this year, on behalf of his non-profit independent think tank, the American Council on Science and Health, which works to debunk health scares and put public health issues into perspective. His organization gets involved in public debates when "junk science" finds its way into federal regulations, often involving issues like alleged health implications of plastics, the safety of nuclear energy and food safety. He said his time at Cardozo, and especially as editor of the Cardozo Law Forum, prepared him well for his role in public affairs advocacy.

As an orthodox Jew, Jeff said he enjoyed the diversity of comments and sideways glances he gets when he wore his yarmulke at the national conventions. "Last night [outside the Democratic National Convention] someone tapped me on the shoulder to say 'shalom.' "He said, 'I am from South Lebanon, and I'm on your side.' "

Jeff took the opportunity to attend and participate in a myriad of Jewish events at the conventions, some of which were sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, the National Jewish Democratic Council, the Republican Jewish Coalition, AIPAC and JPAC, a new left-leaning public affairs committee.

Because Jeff often appears on television and radio to debunk the latest health scares in the media, he especially enjoyed the "Radio Row," areas at the national conventions, where many radio shows broadcasted live on location in the unending hallways that run around the perimeters of the convention centers. During the course of one afternoon, Jeff's voice was heard in over 100 cities, where he spoke about a variety of issues in the public health arena.

He had a variety of unique Jewish experiences in the two cities, both of which have smaller Jewish populations than cities in the tri-state areas. He ordered in kosher sandwiches from the East Side Kosher Deli with an Orthodox Union staffer and davened mincha with a minyan in Denver. He visited the Chabad House in Minneapolis, tempering an afternoon of schmoozing with lobbyists with an evening shiur with Rabbi Manis Friedman. Jeff said he appreciated the fellowship with other Jews to help process an exciting and sometimes exhausting convention experience.



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Mazal tov to **Aaron Friedman** '08 SSSB and **Ariella Beth (Deyong)** '08SCW, who recently had a baby boy, Dovid Gershon.

Mazal tov to Dassie and **Ari Fuchs** '07SSSB upon the birth of their daughter.

Mazal tov to **Rachel Hyman** '03SCW, daughter of Dr. Dale and **Ruth Hyman** '69SCW, on her marriage to Steven Schwartzberg.

Mazal tov to **Scott Garber** '03SSSB and **Tova Lieberman** '07SCW on their engagement.

Rabbi Ryan S. Girnun '01YC, '05RIETS, husband of **Bari (Rothstein) Girnun** '01SSSB, AG, has just graduated from the University of Miami Law School with the distinction of summa cum laude.

Judith Eve Gorelick-Feldman '07SCW married Joshua Rosenbloom. They met as first-year graduate students at Harvard, where she was in dental school and he was in medical school.

Mazal tov to Sandy and **Rabbi Alan Kalinsky** '69YUHS, '73YC, '76RIETS, '77FGS, director of the Orthodox Union West Coast, upon the recent marriage of their daughter **Michelle (Michal) Ilana** '08SSSB to **Jonathan (Yoni) Frankel** '07YC. Mazal tov also to the grandparents, Harriet and Isador Kalinsky, and to Yoni's parents, Rabbi Sam and Sharon Frankel.

Mazal tov to **Joseph B. Korn** '00SSSB and his wife **Devorah (Rubin)** '01SCW on the birth of their daughter Avigail Bracha.

Mazal tov to **Chaim Kozlovsky** '01YC on his marriage to Randi Adelman.

Jeremy Kupferman '06SSSB and his wife Danielle joyfully announced the birth of Noah Aaron. Mazal tov to grandparents **Alan** '82YC and **Mindy Peyser** and Carole and **Max Kupferman** '65YUHS.

Sara Menchel '07SCW, daughter of **Rabbi Gary Menchel** '74YUHS, '78YC, '81RIETS and **Beatrice Menchel** '74BGSS, '77TI, was recently married to **Eric Pollak** '08YC.

Mazal tov to Isralight Avraham HaLevi Rabbinic Enrichment Fellow Rabbi Seth Nadel, his wife **Na'ama (Fogel) Nadel** '03SCW, and their entire family on the birth of a baby girl.

Mazal tov to David and **Leora (Fein) Neuman** '08SCW on the birth of their son Dov Gavriel. Leora is the daughter of **Renee (Edelman)** '83SCW and **Alan Fein** '83YC, '87CSL. The baby was named for his great grandfather **David Edelman** '49YUHS, who is survived by his wife, **Hannah Edelman** '59SCW.

Mazal tov to **Yair Oppenheim** '00SSSB on his marriage to Aviva Bieler, daughter of **Rabbi Richard C. Bieler** '74YC, JSS, '78RIETS, '79BRG, senior executive director for community affairs.

Mazal tov to **Sara** '08SCW, daughter of **Mindy** '80SCW and **Steven (Shmully) Rosengarten** '76YUHS, who recently married Saul Haimoff, son of Ellen and Manny.

Mazal tov to **Evan Rosenhouse** '05YC, '06SSSB and **Susanne Goldstone** '02SCW on their marriage.

Mazal tov to **Aliza** '06SCW, SSSB and Dov **Sassoon** on the birth of their son Charles Isaac.

Mazal tov to **Amy** '02SCW, SSSB and **Shalom** '01YC **Schwartz** on the birth of twin sons, Yehuda Bavriel and Shuvel Aron. Mazal tov to the proud grandparents Janet and **Berni Schwarz** '77YC and Mona and David Schwartz.

Jonathan (Yoni) Shenkman '07SSSB recently joined Secemski & Associates, a wealth advisory and financial planning group within Merrill Lynch.

Mazal Tov to **Drs. Joshua** '01YC, '05AECOM and **Rachel** '05AECOM **Sisser** on the birth of their daughter Rebecca Elizabeth.

Mazal tov to **Ari Spodek** '05SSSB and his wife Ariella on the birth of their son Gaby.

Mazal tov to Marc and **Elysia Stein** '04SCW on the birth of a baby girl, Abigail Paige.

Mazal tov to **Victoria Stone** '08 SCW, the Fredda Leff Presidential Fellow for Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, daughter of Natalie and Ken Stone, on her recent marriage to **Ezra Sutton** '09YC (expected), son of Nancy and **Sam Sutton** '71YC.

Jenny and **Samuel Sultan** '05YC sponsored an Eruv in September in honor of the marriage of Sammy's brother, **Rabbi Raymond Sultan** '01YC, '06RIETS to **Chana Leora (Ora) Klein** '06SCW. Sammy and Ray's parents are Dr. Ronald and **Andrea Sultan** '78SCW.

Mati Sved '08YC and his sister Amber, children of **Ira** '79YUHS and Naomi **Sved**, were both recently engaged. Mati will be marrying **Jenny Steinberg** '07SCW, and Amber will marry **Joseph David (Joey) Schwarz** '08SSSB.

Josh Vogel '07YC, past SOY president, and **Tamar Grun** '07SCW were married in Baltimore. Josh's parents are Alan and **Cheryl** '80SCW **Vogel**.

Sharon Weiss '03SCW, '06AG was recently married to Ben Greenberg, who went to Lander's College and is currently completing his studies at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah.



Mazal tov to **Yael Wolynetz** '08SCW, the Robert M. Beren Presidential Fellow for the Yeshiva University office of communications and

public affairs, daughter of Lori and Larry Wolynetz, on her recent marriage to **Baruch Jakobovic** '09YC, son of **Holly (Yudkowitz)** '76SCW and Henry Jakobovic, in Toronto, Canada.

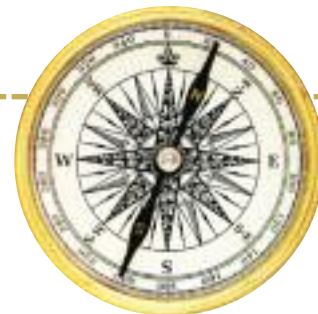
Mazal tov on the marriage of **Seth Zahner** '08SSSB to Ariella Noveck.

BOARD/FRIENDS CALLOUTS

Mazal tov to Elie and Sara Weiss on the birth of their son Jonah Zvi. Mazal tov to Elie's father, **YU Board Chairman Morry Weiss** and his wife, Judith, as well as brothers **Jeffrey** '85YC and **Zev** '88YC **Weiss**.

Dr. Michael A. Stocker, secretary of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Board of Overseers, has been appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg as chairman of the board of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, the largest municipal hospital and health-care system in the country, serving 1.3 million New Yorkers annually. Since his election to the board in 1999, Michael has provided invaluable service to the college. A member of the executive committee and an Einstein benefactor, he has also served as chairperson of the hospital affiliation committee, and as a member of our ad hoc governance and nominating committees. Although the wisdom, guidance and personal warmth he brought to AECOM will be missed, AECOM wishes him all the best in his new position and thanks him for his many years of dedicated service.

Mazal tov to **Jack Zencheck**, YU's chief procurement officer, and wife, Robin, on the marriage of their daughter Wendy to Tom Cavuoto.



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Condolences to the family of **Dr. Yehudah Assouline** '95YC, '01AECOM, who died in July 2008.

Rabbi Eli Baum '54RIETS, '99FGS is mourned by his wife Margot and by their son **Rabbi Shalom Baum** '88YC, '92CSL, '94RIETS.

Condolences to the family of **Nisson A. Berlin** '64YUHS, who passed away in April 2008. His family includes sister

Sarah Fishman '55TI, brothers **Moshe Berlin** '54YUHS, '58YC and the late **Joseph I Berlin** '62YUHS, '66YC, and sons Elie and Avi.

Rabbi Jerome H. Blass '44YC, '48RIETS, '60BRGS, who died in April 2008. Condolences to his wife Rita and children Dr. David M. Blass, Dr. Robert A. Blass and Dr. Joel M. Blass.

Condolences to the family of **Charles Bernstein** '74YC, who died in October 2007.

Condolences to the family of **Daniel Alan Epstein** '82YC, '82JS, who passed away in September 2008.

Condolences to the family of **Aliza Esral** '08SCW, who passed away in July 2008.

Hyman Fleishman '59IBC, '59YC, beloved husband of Elinor and father of Ovadaya Elchanan.

Sol Kalish '48YUHS, father of **Jay Kalish** '79YC, '82CSL, president of Yeshiva University Israel Alumni and father-in-law of **Judy** '76YUHS, '80SCW.

Henry Kamioner '74YUHS, '78YC, '81C passed away suddenly. Condolences to Henry's wife **Debbie** '78SCW, his daughter **Chava Weisstuch** '05YUHS and his son **Michael** '04YUHS.

Condolences to the family of **Dr. Benny Kraut** '68YC, who is survived by his wife, **Penina L. Kraut** '67BRGS, '71TI and his daughter **Yosefa Kraut** '04SCW.

Condolences to **Harvey Lieber** '59YC on the loss of his wife, **Vera** '60SCW.

Our condolences to the family of **Yoel Lipschitz** '62YC, '65BRGS, RIETS who died in February 2008. He resided in Petach Tikva for more than 35 years and was the Baal Koreh and Baal Tokeah in the Great Synagogue of Petach Tikva for 22 years.

Condolences on the passing of **Rabbi Dr. Levi Meier** '64YUHS, '70RIETS, '71BRG, who was the chaplain of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Marcie; his brother **Rabbi Menachem Meier** '60YUHS, '66BRGS, RIETS and his wife **Dr. Tzipora Meier** '63BG, '67SCW; his daughter **Chana Gelb** '94SCW and her husband Rabbi Pinchas Gelb; and his daughter **Malka Grebenau** '04SCW and her husband **Rabbi Maurice Grebenau** '01YC, '04RIETS, '07AG.

Rabbi Dr. Moses Mescheloff '32RIETS, rabbi emeritus, Congregation K.I.N.S. (Knesset Israel Nusach Sfar), Chicago, recently passed away. He is mourned by his daughter **Renah M. Bell** '58SCW, sons Rabbi David Mescheloff and **Rabbi Efraim Mescheloff** '62YUHS, '65RIETS and daughter-in-law **Felice Mescheloff** '62YUHS, '64TI.

Rabbi Leon Mozeson '40YUHS, '44YC, '47RIETS was the husband of Bernice Mozeson, father of **Rabbi Yoni Mozeson** '77YC, '80RIETS and father-in-law of Navah Mozeson.

Rabbi Philip H. Reiss, '48RIETS was the beloved husband of Gladys and father of Gedalia.

Condolences to the family of **Rabbi Isaac B. Rose** '38YC, '42RIETS, who passed away in August 2008.



Yeshiva University mourns the loss of Yeshiva College student **David Rottenstreich** who passed away on Tuesday April 7, 2009 after a brief

but serious illness. Over 60 of his friends and fellow classmates joined together after night seder and maariv on April 20 in the spirit of camaraderie and love to remember David.

Condolences to **Suzie (Schapiro) Steinberg** '84SCW, '86WSSW upon the death of her mother **Rosalee (Jacobson) Schapiro** '59SCW.

Jacob Silvera '71YC, beloved husband of Marlene.

We mourn the passing of **Rabbi Dr. Victor M. Solomon**, Col. Ret., USAF '50YC, '55RIETS in June 2008. A renaissance scholar, author, rabbi, psychologist and psychotherapist, who served as a pulpit rabbi in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Fairfield,

Rabbi Dr. Leon A. Feldman '48RIETS, '57BRGS, renowned scholar, prolific author and master teacher, passed away on July 23, 2008, at the age of 87 after a brief battle with cancer. He had served as professor of Jewish history at the Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies since September 2004. Dr. Feldman was born in Berlin, and found refuge in England and Canada during World War II, eventually settling in New York. In addition to semikhah, he earned a D.H.L. from Yeshiva University and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He also received a doctorate from the University of Amsterdam, and bachelor's and master's degrees from Oxford University, as well as an honorary doctorate from Yeshiva University. Dr. Feldman founded the department of Hebraic studies at Rutgers University and taught there from 1962 to 1992, serving as distinguished professor of Hebraic studies. He also held visiting faculty appointments at universities in Canada, England, Germany, Israel, Spain and Switzerland, and was the founding rector of the College of Jewish Studies in Heidelberg, Germany. Dr. Feldman's many scholarly volumes and articles focus primarily upon medieval rabbinic literature and, in particular, on responsa as a source for the study of Jewish history. His critical edition of the sermons of Rabbi Nissim ben Reuben Gerondi was awarded the Jerusalem Prize for Literature and Jewish Thought in 1975. In 1988, he received the Rabbi Judah Leib Maimon Prize for Rabbinic Literature and Jewish History. Dr. Feldman was the recipient of numerous prestigious academic fellowships, and served as consultant to a wide variety of Jewish communal and educational organizations. He had been a fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research since 1982. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Small Feldman, his brother Emmanuel Feldman, his sons **Howard R. Feldman** '62YUHS and Peter B. Telem, his granddaughters Debra Belowich, Adee and Michal Telem, grandsons Brian Feldman, Elan Telem, and great-grandchildren Alexa and Talia Belowich.

LILLIAN ZACH '64F

Everyone in the Yeshiva University and Ferkau community mourns the loss of Lillian Zach, a beloved alumna, founding faculty member and mentor who taught every student in the school's psychology and school-clinical child psychology programs during her 45-year tenure. She chaired Ferkau's department of educational psychology and guidance, served as associate dean and was first director of its

school psychology program. She created the Ph.D. program in school psychology and developed Ferkau's National Institute of Mental Health fellowship training program. An early giant in the field of school psychology in New York, she worked with the New York City board of education and other school systems. Heartfelt condolences are extended to her son, Dr. Jonathan Zach; her brother Leon Feingold; and all members of her extended family.

Connecticut, then as the highest-ranking Jewish chaplain in the United States Air Force, he also was chief of the Jewish chaplains in the Far East and associate director of the Jewish Welfare Board in NYC. His distinguished career was recognized by Yeshiva College several years ago. A graduate of YU's High School for Boys and Yeshiva College, he was ordained by RIETS and earned three doctorates from other universities. Heartfelt condolences are extended to his beloved wife, Marcia R. Solomon, to his sister Rhoda Fefferman, to his children, Yeshiva College and Yeshiva University Museum Board member **Rabbi Samuel** (and Meryl, M.D.) **Solomon** '81RIETS, BRGS, who are also YU guardians, Shimon (and Lisa) **Solomon**, **Yitzchak Solomon** '84YC and wife **Yosepha Solomon** '87SCW, **Avraham Solomon** '94YC and his wife **Rebecca** '94SCW, and also to his many grandchildren.

We mourn **Leon Sutton** '43YUHS, '47YC, brother of **David Sutton** '50YUHS, who passed away in September 2008.

Our condolences to the family of **Harry Steinberg** '32YUHS, who passed away in May 2008. He was one of the last surviving alumni of Yeshiva College's first graduating class.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of **Roland Arnall**, who strengthened the Jewish community as a generous supporter of Jewish causes around the world. With his beloved wife Dawn as benefactors to YU, they helped establish The Center for the Jewish Future and supported education and research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. They also established the Roland Arnall Presidential Fellowship at YU. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife and children, Daniel and Michelle; his brother Claude; his nephew Adam Bass; and to all members of the family.

Shirley Auslander, member of the Jewish Studies Office, on the death of her husband **Heshy Auslander** in May 2008.

Rachel Balsam '62SCW, whose mother **Ann Steinberg** passed away.

Rabbi Howard Seth Balter '83YC, '85RIETS, devoted member of the RIETS board of trustees, on the death of his father **David Balter** in July 2008.

Rabbi Aharon '56YC, '58RIETS and Lolet **Batt** '59SCW, who mourn the loss of their grandson **Yonadav Haim Hirshfeld**, age 19, of Kochav Hashahar, in the Yeshiva Mercaz Harav terrorist attack on March 6, 2008.

Carl Bennett, husband of **Dorothy Bennett**, Yeshiva University benefactor, who passed away in May 2008. The couple established the Carl and Dorothy Bennett chair in pastoral counseling at the Wurtzweiler School of Social Work in tribute to Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, as well as a major scholarship fund at the Sy Syms School of Business. Condolences also to their children, Marc and his wife Katy, Bruce and his wife Jennifer, and Robin and her husband Joseph Kanarek, as well as to Dorothy's sister Florence Caplan.

Rabbi J. David Bleich, a RIETS Rosh Yeshiva and "Tradition" columnist, on the passing of his daughter **Chaya Gurwitz**.

Rabbi Jon Bloomberg '69YC, '74RIETS on the loss of his beloved father **Allan Bloomberg**.

Jan Blumenfeld, senior director of operations for institutional advancement, on the death of her grandmother **Ruth Blumenfeld** in April 2008.

Rabbi Aaron Chomsky '42 YUHS, '46IBC, YC, '51RIETS on the death of his wife **Lillian Chomsky**.

Olga Cohen, on the death of her beloved husband **Ezra Cohen**, in April 2008. Sympathies also to their daughter Chella and her husband Moise Safra, a YU benefactor who established the Women's Health

Program at AECOM. The Cohens are Yeshiva University benefactors who have established and supported many scholarships at Yeshiva University and AECOM.

Dr. Jay '81YC, '85AECOM and **Mindy Cinnamon** and Dr. (Yussie) Robert and **Carol L. Lesser** '72 SCW on the passing of their mother **Ethel Cinnamon**.

Joseph Cukier '00YC and **Robert Philip Cukier** '02YC, whose beloved mother passed away in September 2008.

Rabbi Eliot Feldman '72 YC, JSS, '75RIETS, his wife **Ann** '72SCW, and their sons, **Joshua** '97SSSB, **Jay Nathan** '07SSSB and **Jeremy** '02SSSB, on the death of mother and grandmother **Blanche Feldman**.

Jeffrey Fiedler, member and past chairman at Einstein, on the death of his mother **Caroline Fiedler** in August 2008.

Jutta Freudenstein, whose husband **Erich Freudenstein** died in June 2008. Condolences to their children **George** '71YUHS, **Deborah Fink** '73YUHS, Shoshana Silver and Michael.

Rabbi Joel Grossman '83BRGS on the loss of his mother, **Ruth Grossman**.

Rabbi Yeshaya "Arnold" Heisler '40YUHS, '44YC, '46BRGS, RIETS, **Reuven "Ruby" Heisler** '51YC, Toby Goldberg and Yitta Weiss on the loss of their sister, **Dorothy Ciment**.

Yeshiva University Benefactor **Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffman** and her husband, **Martin Hoffman**, on the passing of Martin's brother, **Phillip Hoffman**, in May 2008.

Rabbi Chaim Ilson '68YUHS, '72YC, '76RIETS, on the death of his wife, **Rebbetzin Esther Chana Ilson** in June 2008.

Professor Eliezer Jaffe '55YC, TI, on the passing of his wife **Rivka Jaffe** in September 2008.

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Rabbi Lowell Kronick '63YUHS, '67YC, '70BRGS on the loss of his father Julius Kronick.

Doris Kukin, a member of the Stern College for Women Board of Directors, who with her husband, **Dr. Ira Kukin**, a YU benefactor, mourn the loss of Doris' sister **Evelyn Nadler**.

The family of **Hy Koblinsky**, an employee of Yeshiva University from 1985 through 1997, who died in March 2008.

The family of **Susanne Kornreich**, with profound sorrow, on the passing of this dear friend and longtime, passionate supporter of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Susanne was the beloved wife of former overseer Matthew Kornreich, mother of Kathy Weinberg—honorary president of the division's Westchester/Fairfield chapter and a vice president of its national board—and mother-in-law of Einstein Overseer Samuel Weinberg. Susanne was an honorary vice president of the Westchester/Fairfield Chapter of Einstein's Women's Division and served on its national board. Deepest sympathies are extended to all her family.

Yonina Langer '71SCW and **Meira Davis** '69SCW, on the passing of their mother **Lotte Katz** of Brookline, Massachusetts. Mrs. Katz is also mourned by Yonina's husband Dr. Sidney Langer and their daughters Talia and Naomi, as well as Meira's husband **Rabbi Edward Davis** '68YC, '70RIETS, '71BRGS.

Rabbi Pinchas Stolper '49YUHS, a long-serving executive vice president of the Orthodox Union, on the passing of his sister **Frayda Labovitz**.

Meyer Lubin, '58FGS and his son Lazan, on the loss of **Malka**, a beloved wife and mother.

Geri Mansdorf '96AG, associate director of admissions at Yeshiva University,

on the death of her father, **Samuel Spiegel**, in June 2008.

Susan Meyers '92SCW on the death of her grandmother **Adela Engel**.

Melekheh Nassimi and children Albert, Morris, Mike and Edward, on the death of their beloved husband and father **Aghajan Nassimi** in May 2008. He served as a member of YU's Sephardic Council of Overseers and established the Aghajan Nassimi Endowed Scholarship Fund for Sephardic Students.

The family of **Mortimer Propp**, a distinguished Jewish communal leader who, with his beloved wife, Eugenie, and his brothers, Ephraim (and Gail) and the late Seymour Propp, and his wife Gabrielle, served as a YU guardian, having jointly established the Propp Brothers Scholarship Fund at the affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in memory of their parents, Morris and Anna Propp. Morris and Anna were also founders of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and supported many other projects within Yeshiva University and the Yeshiva University Women's Organization (YUWO), where all three sisters-in-law—Eugenie, Gabrielle and Gail—are members of the executive council.

Norma Rodriguez, administrative assistant for campus events communications, on the loss of her mother, **Guillermina Rodriguez**.

The *kehillah* of New Rochelle and Scarsdale, NY, on the tragic loss of **Rabbi Jacob** and **Devorah Rubenstein**, rabbi and rebbetzin of the Young Israel of Scarsdale, who passed away in a house fire in 2008. They are survived by four children: daughters **Shira** '97SCW and **Yocheved** '04YUHS, '09SCW and sons Daniel and Jonathan. Rabbi Rubenstein was a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America and a past chair of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the United

Jewish Communities. Rabbi Rubenstein's many awards over his lifetime included the Yeshiva University Mrs. Abraham Stern Service Award. Before coming to the Young Israel of Scarsdale, New York, where he was for the past 20 years, Rabbi Rubenstein served in pulpits in Milford, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island.

The Sy Syms School of Business on the loss of **Dr. Peter Lencsis**, an adjunct assistant professor of finance and coordinator of insurance programs since 2000. He taught insurance, finance, estate benefits and employee programs. He was also a beloved student advisor and special projects coordinator. Lencsis was the author of many articles and several books on business insurance, liability and workers' compensation law. Heralded as a favorite of many students, he took great pride in having been selected adjunct professor of the year at Sy Syms in 2007.

The family of **Samuel J. Sable**, who with his late wife, Jean, and their friends named the Samuel J. and Jean Sable Chair in Jewish Family Social Work at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. He was a devoted leader on behalf of the university and many other institutions. Heartfelt condolences are extended to his children, Marlene Weller, Heather Sable, Martin (and Gayle) Sable, as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rabbi Nachum Sauer '69YC on the passing of his mother **Chana Bas Akiva Sauer**.

Jack L. Scharf, Esq., on the passing of his beloved wife, **Anita Scharf**, who together have been longtime supporters of Yeshiva University and its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, personally and through associated foundations. Anita was a kind, gentle and caring friend, whose commitment to Jewish education and to her family

was well known. Condolences are also sent to their children Kenneth Scharf, Donna Hoenig and their entire family.

Arnold Skolnick, husband of Beverly, who was a past president of Young Israel of Oceanside, New York. Our thoughts go to his son **Zev Skolnick** '80YUHS, '85YC and his wife Erica, and to his daughter **Naomi Kaszovitz** '87SCW and '90CSL and her husband **David** '80YUHS.

Dvorah Telsner '63YUHS on the death of her mother **Edith** in March 2007.

To the family of **Anne Tanenbaum**, who passed away in April 2008. She was a guardian of Yeshiva University and generous provider of scholarships for students at Yeshiva University and AECOM. Condolences are sent to her children, Joey and wife Toby Tannenbaum, Minda and husband Les Feldman, Tuaba and husband Sol Spiro, Howard and wife Carole Tanenbaum, Lawrence and wife Judy Tanenbaum, Carol Tanenbaum, and Jeannie Tanenbaum; to her brother Bill and wife Noah Wolf; and to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Anne and her husband Max, who predeceased her, were among the most generous supporters of Jewish causes in Toronto.

Wilfredo Toledo, lead mechanic in facilities management, on the loss of his brother.

Stanley Waintraub, a YUHS parent and former member of the YUHS board, on the death of his beloved father **Izak Waintraub** in July 2008.

Dafna Zwickler, on the death of her beloved husband **Rabbi Joel Zwickler** '77YC, '82RIETS, '82FGS. We also send condolences to his mother, Ruth Zwickler, his sons **Donald** '79YC and **Zvi**, and his daughter **Chavi Tilson** '83SCW.

IN MEMORIAM

**E. Billie Ivry,
Benefactor and First Female Trustee,
Dies at 102**

Yeshiva University deeply mourns the loss of E. Billie Ivry, a University trustee, YU's longest continual donor and a celebrated philanthropist of Jewish causes. Ms. Ivry died on October 18, 2008 at her Manhattan home. She was 102 years old.

"Billie Ivry taught us how to use all our being to serve God," said YU President Richard Joel in his eulogy. "Her heart was large and pure, her spine upright with dignity and integrity, her eyes undiminished in their foresight and love, and her lips filled with encouragement and humility."

Even as her eyesight faded, President Joel noted, "her vision remained clear. That vision was focused on the children, on the Jewish story, on learning and on knowledge. That vision focused until the last on serving as a link between her parents, Rebecca and Israel Ivry, and our children, Jewish history and Jewish destiny."

In 1987, Ms. Ivry became the first woman ever elected to the University's Board of Trustees. She was also the first person to serve on the boards of five different YU schools: Stern College for Women (1987), Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (1985), Bernard Revel Graduate School for Jewish Studies (1992) and Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration (2002).

A YU Benefactor, Ms. Ivry memorialized her mother by endowing the Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies at Stern College, the largest and most diversified university program of Jewish studies in North America.

Ms. Ivry also endowed scholarship funds, research fellowships, a professorial chair, a free loan fund, a Beit Midrash [study hall], and a student center at various schools under the Yeshiva University banner, from Stern College and Cardozo to Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

In 1987, Ms. Ivry was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, the highest honor YU bestows upon an individual. In

conferring the degree, then University President and now Chancellor Rabbi Norman Lamm said of her: "Throughout your life—in work and in leisure, in family and in community—you have unabashedly proclaimed, *'Ivry Anokhi'*—I am proudly Jewish, a member of the Hebrew people."

Ms. Ivry served since 1992 on the Board of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she endowed the Rebecca and Israel Ivry Prozdor High School and the E. Billie Ivry Professorship of Talmud and Rabbinics.

She was served on boards of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, the State of Israel Bonds, the Friends of the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Israel, and the Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College. She also supported Jerusalem College of Technology (Machon Lev), David Yellin College of Education, and Boys Town, Jerusalem.

E. Billie Ivry was born on August 27, 1906 in Grajevo, Lithuania/Poland, one of seven children of Israel and Rebecca Ivry. Her father was in the lumber business in Europe and a paper box manufacturer in New York City, while her mother became very active in philanthropic work with women's organizations in Manhattan.

After graduating from NYC public schools Ms. Ivry accepted a summer secretarial job at United Cigars and was soon selected to work for various executives. She so enjoyed her work that she decided to forego her acceptance at Hunter College to take a position as secretary to the CEO of that company.

From there, she went to work as personal secretary to the top executive of McCrory Department Stores; he fueled her interest in investing when he loaned Ms. Ivry a small amount of money to invest on her own behalf.

When Ms. Ivry was in her 50s she became a licensed stockbroker, enjoying a successful second career at Bache, McKennon, E.F. Hutton, Prudential and Prudential Bache. This success propelled her third—and favorite—career, as a philanthropist, following in her parents' footsteps.

Ms. Ivry is survived by her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins, many of whom attended the special birthday celebrations sponsored by Yeshiva University over the years, including her centennial. It was at that event that Richard Joel, the YU President, played the accordion. "I hope she forgave me for that," he said in his eulogy. ■

