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## CONTEMPLATING TESHUVAH

Something seems to be missing from the Rosh Hashanah Machzor. Even though Rosh Hashanah is the first of the Aseret Yemei Teshuvah (the Ten Days of Repentance), in the standard tefillot of Rosh Hashanah there does not seem to be any mention of doing teshuvah. It seems strange for this theme to be completely ignored in our Rosh Hashanah davening. Many Jewish thinkers dealt with this difficulty, and Harav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, zt"l, has a particularly beautiful approach.

He quotes a Talmudic ruling that if, when betrothing a woman, a man stipulates, "You are betrothed to me on the condition that I am a tzaddik (a righteous person)," we must treat the marriage as effective – even if he now seems to be a rasha (an evil person) (Kiddushin 49b). Why is this so? The Gemara explains that we must consider the possibility that he contemplated doing teshuvah – "shema hirher teshuvah belibo."

Rav Soloveitchik points out that the Gemara does not say that he actually did teshuvah, but that he contemplated doing teshuvah.

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## BY RABBI YITZCHAK SHURIN



## ERIC & LINDSAY FELDMAN

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## ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL DAVID SHAPELL Z"l MEMORIAL MARRIED COUPLES FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Among the students who have joined Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya for the 5777 academic year are our first David Shapell z"l Memorial Married Couples Fellows, Eric and Lindsay Feldman of Chicago. The Feldmans were selected from an impressive group of applicants from Israel, the United States, Canada, England, and South Africa. The fellowship covers their full tuition, room and half-board for the 5777/2016-7 academic year.

Prior to joining us this year, Eric and Lindsay both taught in Chicago – Eric in a public school for at-risk youth, and Lindsay at Cheder Lubavitch. Their multi-faceted teaching roles demanded creativity and devotion. Eric was the only Jewish member of the staff, and proudly wore a kippah on his head and displayed the Israeli flag in his classroom. This gave him the opportunity to explain Judaism to questioning students and colleagues.

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That is enough to remove him from being defined as wicked. This Gemara, says Rav Soloveitchik, reveals a new concept in the teshuvah process: contemplating teshuvah, an awakening and realization within ourselves that we need to change.

Contemplation of teshuvah does not include the essential components of the standard mitzvah of teshuvah, like regretting the past, confessing one's sin, changing behavior, and committing to personal transformation. What change is actually taking place within this person who merely contemplated teshuvah?

The answer, says Rav Soloveitchik, is found in the Rambam's Hilchot Teshuvah 3:4, where he discusses the reason for blowing the shofar. The point of the shofar, says the Rambam, is: "Wake up sleepy ones from your sleep; and you who slumber, arise!" This obviously does not refer to literal sleep; rather, it means waking up from our lives of illusion and complacency. This waking up is often the first step before our actual teshuvah process can begin. On Rosh Hashanah, the shofar blasts and jars our whole essence into the realization that "I have been fooling myself and spiritually sleeping for a long time." The blast calls to us: "Now is the time to wake up to reality, because the Day of Judgement has come upon us."

Through this concept of contemplating teshuvah, the pre-teshuvah wake-up, Rav Soloveitchik solves another problem in the halachic literature about the shofar. Our practice is to blow 100 shofar blasts on Rosh Hashanah. The source for this is the 100 sobs that the mother of the Canaanite general Sisera sobbed while waiting for her son. This begs a question. The Song of Devorah explains what Sisera's mother was thinking as she waited for her son. She thought with glee – he is probably spending extra time violating the Jewish women and pillaging the many Jewish belongings (Shoftim 5:28-30). How is it possible that the crying of this coarse heathen woman is the source for one of the halachot of shofar?

A quick read of the story makes the answer apparent. The prophet is clearly describing that Sisera's mother lived with an illusion about her son. She fantasized that he will soon come home and that his delay is due to the extra violating and pillaging – but she was in denial. Deep down she knew the truth: he is dead and will never return. Somewhere in her psyche she knew the truth, and that broke out in her sobbing. This is the source of our 100 shofar blasts that shake us out of our illusions and bring us back to reality.

Rosh Hashanah is a wake-up call after a yearlong denial of our responsibilities to our Creator. Let us use the call of the shofar to breathe new energy into our commitment to Torah, mitzvot, and spiritual growth.

## ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL DAVID SHAPELL Z"l MEMORIAL MARRIED COUPLES FELLOWSHIP WINNERS CONT.

Lindsay was involved in all aspects of her school, focusing on the individual growth of each student, and was passionate about integrating her drama background into her teaching.

Eric is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he majored in science and engineering, and served as a dormitory resident advisor. Having served as a BBYO chapter advisor in high school, he was active in both Meor and Hillel on campus. Lindsay is a graduate of New York University, where she majored in educational theatre. A USY alumna, she too was active on campus with Hillel, Chabad, and Meor.

Having studied at Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel before their marriage (during which they distinguished themselves both academically and as student leaders), Eric and Lindsay were excited to return this year as a married couple. They shared: "We plan to absorb as much Torah learning as possible, and completely immerse ourselves in the environment of yeshiva and seminary. We know that we need this both to provide our future family with a strong grounding in Torah and mitzvot and to contribute all that we can to our future community and to Klal Yisrael."

When told that they had been selected for the fellowship, Eric said, "We are overwhelmed and deeply grateful to have been chosen for this incredibly generous fellowship. We feel honored to be given the chance to invest in our future in the most profound way imaginable – by studying Torah with the incredible faculty and student body of Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel. We recognize that with this gift comes great responsibility, and we therefore hope to make the most of our time, each and every day." Lindsay added, "We look forward to contributing to the Shapell's/Darché Noam community during our time here, and hope to honor the legacy of David Shapell, z"l, by investing in Jewish continuity, building a foundation for our marriage and family, and enhancing ourselves to play important roles in Jewish society."

The David Shapell, z"l, Memorial Married Couples Fellowship was created and funded by alumni to honor the memory of our benefactor, David Shapell, z"l. Mr. Shapell (along with his wife Fela, may she live and be well) was particularly proud of the Torah families built by our almost 4,000 alumni. Shapell's/Darché Noam is proud of our first Married Couples Fellows, Eric and Lindsay Feldman, whose participation this year will surely add to the family's sacred legacy.

## NEW GEMARA REBBE JOINS SHAPELL'S/DARCHÉ NOAM

As students at Yeshiva Darché Noam entered the Beit Midrash in Elul, they were greeted both by veteran Rebbeim and by a new face. Rabbi Yonatan Kohn has joined our faculty as a Gemara Rebbe. Previously, Rabbi Kohn taught in the overseas programs at Yeshivat Kerem BeYavneh and Shaalvim for Women. He has also written and edited both for the Koren English language Talmud Bavli project and Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon's Halacha Education Center curriculum project.

Rabbi Kohn is excited to have joined our faculty. He said, "I am thrilled and honored to be joining Shapell's/Darché Noam. The chance to teach alongside accomplished mechanchim and to learn with sophisticated and self-motivated students is simply an enormous beracha."

Rabbi Kohn grew up in Chicago where he graduated from Fasman Yeshiva High School at "Skokie Yeshiva." He studied at Shaalvim and then attended the University of Pennsylvania where he earned a degree in Jewish history. After teaching for one year in the Maimonides School in Boston, he made aliyah. Once in Israel he studied at Yeshiva University's Gruss Kollel, where he earned smicha. He also earned a Master's Degree in Jewish history from Machon Lander and is completing a second Master's degree from Ben Gurion University. Rabbi Kohn lives in Yad Binyamin with his wife Elana (Naidler), and their six children - Adina, Elhanan, Ezra, Mordechai, Aderet, and Nava.



## CONNECTING TO THE WORLD ...



A drone flying over the Shapell's campus, capturing birds-eye-view footage for use in our forthcoming promotional video

Over the last year, Shapell's/Darché Noam has expanded its presence in cyberspace! Of course, our websites continue to be updated with the most recent shiurim and news. But we also have an active presence on Facebook. Be sure to visit our pages, click "like" and share our content with the world. LinkedIn users can join our alumni group to keep up with our news and network with fellow alumni. And if you include Shapell's/Darché Noam on your list of educational institutions you've attended, you'll be added to our "Colleges and Universities Group" - and be able to include our logo on your LinkedIn profile.

Be sure to watch our websites and social media platforms for the debut of our new videos - which include stunning "drone" footage of the Shapell's campus. We hope you'll find the videos exciting, and that you'll share them with family and friends who should know more about our important work.

# ALUMNI FEATURES

## MICHAEL AVRUKIN

5771/2011



By age eleven, Michael Avrukin had lived in three great Jewish communities. His family emigrated from Minsk, Belarus, to Israel just before his 6th birthday, and they relocated to Northern California when he was 11. Though not religiously observant, his parents were keenly aware of their Jewish heritage and tradition. Michael describes his upbringing: "I had a strong Jewish identity ... living in Israel gave me a basic exposure to Judaism, and I acquired the Hebrew skills which made future interactions with Judaism much more approachable."

After public school, Michael earned a degree in Computer Science at San Jose State University. While in university, he participated in a shiur on Parshat HaShavua given by a local rabbi. "It was my first interaction with a very thorough and intellectual approach to Judaism," he says. This new encounter with Judaism inspired him to delve further.

His then-fiancée, Devorah, had spent a seminal summer at Midreshet Rachel V'Chaya; she strongly encouraged Michael to learn in Israel as well. But only after their wedding and birth of their first child did she actually push him to go to Israel for six weeks while she "held down the fort at home."

Michael describes his time at Shapell's as "transformational." He found the yeshiva warm, welcoming, and serious – "not in a stern manner, but rather by the sincere commitment to growth shared by both staff and students." In his short time at Shapell's, Michael gained analytical skills that, he says, went beyond Jewish learning, even helping him in his career – "I read texts fundamentally differently than before." At Shapell's, says Michael, he gained a much more holistic view of Judaism.

Upon his return to Palo Alto, Michael moved forward with his career in Silicon Valley and currently works for Google in a senior position as a software engineer and manager. Guided and inspired by his experience at Shapell's, Michael sets aside time for Torah study (he is currently learning Masechet Megillah) and has stayed actively involved in his community, serving as president of his local shul. He has also been able to use his professional experiences to inspire others, recently speaking at a Bay-area "Jewish hackathon" about applying Jewish ethics to the Silicon Valley workplace. Participants were appreciative of both his insights, and his staying to help with their technological projects.

Michael and Devorah also have a passion for the mitzvah of hachnasat orchim (hospitality) and for the past few years have run the community hospitality committee, providing warm Shabbat meals and accommodation for the many travelers that pass through the area for business and other reasons. Meanwhile, the Avrukin family has been blessed with two more daughters.

Both Michael and Devorah credit Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel with helping to shape their Jewish outlook. "It is rather difficult to quantify or qualify the impact," admits Michael, "but it is something I keep with me wherever I go; it is the filter through which I see the world; it is how I orient my approach to the chinuch (education) of my children. Ultimately, it all goes back to Shapell's."

## ALEKSANDRA SASHA (KOZLOV) SILBER

5773/2013



Sasha grew up as a first generation American in a secular family of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. At the Johns Hopkins University Peabody Institute she earned her undergraduate and master's degrees in classical piano performance, and subsequently lived and performed extensively in Europe. She eventually returned to New York, where she began a parallel career in the film industry, initially in the music department, and later as a dialect and performance coach. It was also in New York that her interest in Judaism began to grow.

Sasha first came to Israel on Birthright in the summer of 2012, and her love for Israel and Judaism exploded. Against many personal and professional odds, she opted to remain in Israel to learn in seminary, and came to Midreshet Rachel. At Midreshet Rachel, Sasha enjoyed the opportunity to learn the skills needed to access Jewish sources directly, and gained the confidence and clarity with which to continue to pursue her musical goals within a religious lifestyle.

Since then, Sasha has continued to perform and to advance in her career as a performance coach and dialect coach to an Oscar-nominated, leading Hollywood actress. Her work has taken her to such far-flung places as Hungary, Germany, Spain, and the Maldives – an Islamic state – which, she says, posed particularly unique halachic challenges. Sasha's current projects include working on the upcoming "Star Wars" movie and the third installment of "The Da Vinci Code." She also recently produced a short documentary film ([www.yourtimetolearn.com](http://www.yourtimetolearn.com)) about the unique experiences of young students studying in Israel.

Acknowledging that her career is unconventional for an Orthodox woman, she constantly draws strength and guidance from her time in seminary. "Many, many, many times I've called upon what I learned to help keep me grounded and on track. I'm involved in a very modern world," she says, "but I've been able to do it totally within the realm of halachah." She has found her Hollywood coworkers to be respectful and accommodating.

Sasha married her husband Daniel in January 2016, and they "settled" – as much as Sasha's busy, international schedule allows – in the Rechavia neighborhood of Jerusalem. When asked how a Hollywood career gels with establishing a Jewish home, she emphatically states, "If my work could keep me local, I would do it. Daniel is extremely supportive of my professional goals, as I am of his; at the end of the day, though, the point of it all is to build a strong Jewish home." To this end, Sasha has begun establishing her own creative projects that will allow her to travel less. She hopes resume her classical performance in the future as well.

In summing up her experiences, Sasha is effusive: "It makes me really happy to look back at what my intentions were four years ago when I started at Midreshet Rachel, and to see how far I've come. Midreshet Rachel allowed me to experience first-hand that I can live as an observant Jew without sacrificing my talents and dreams."

# SHAPELL'S / DARCHÉ NOAM WELCOMES RABBI SHIMSHON NADEL

**SHAPELL'S/DARCHÉ NOAM IS HAPPY TO WELCOME  
RABBI SHIMSHON NADEL AS ITS FIRST FULL-TIME  
DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT.**



A native of New Jersey, Rabbi Nadel made aliyah in 2009 and has taught at Machon Tal and the OU-Israel Center. An accomplished author, Rabbi Nadel's articles on Jewish Law have appeared in a wide variety of Torah journals.

Rabbi Nadel brings with him a deep knowledge of Jewish communal life, having served as a rabbi in communities in Connecticut and Nebraska before moving to Israel. He also possesses extensive experience in Jewish education and outreach, having taught in yeshiva day schools and high schools, and having served as an on-campus Hillel rabbi.

Since January, Rabbi Nadel has been leading the recruitment efforts for all of our programs, working collaboratively with our entire staff. He has also enhanced our programs through teaching at Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel, hosting students in his home for Shabbat and Yom Tov, and leading musical kumzitzes.

This winter and spring Rabbi Nadel visited campuses and communities in North America, connecting with rabbis, outreach professionals, prospective students, and alumni. He also had the opportunity to meet and network with colleagues at the AJOP conference.

This summer Rabbi Nadel explored new frontiers and forged new relationships, recruiting in Berlin, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam. In Israel, he was busy with visits from groups like Aish Hatorah and RAJE, giving participants on their summer trips a taste of Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel, and introducing them to the rich programs we offer. In addition, Rabbi Nadel taught a "Shapell's Method" Gemara class to participants of the OU-JLIC Summer Israel program, and participated in Olami's Campus Kiruv Conference.

Rabbi Nadel is excited to continue the recruitment efforts in 5777, strengthening relationships with our long-time partners, and building new bridges, expanding vistas and broadening our horizons.

**Where will our future students come from? If you know of someone who may be interested in studying at Shapell's, Midreshet Rachel, or any of our short-term programs, please contact Rabbi Nadel at [rsn@darchenoam.org](mailto:rsn@darchenoam.org)**

# SHAPELL'S / YESHIVA DARCHÉ NOAM



Shapell's summer zman students learning hands-on about the 39 melachot at the "Shabbat Farm" in Beit Meir

David Shapell College / Yeshiva Darché Noam had another excellent year providing its students with incredible opportunities for Torah learning and personal growth. Our students not only excelled in their studies, but many invested the time and energy necessary to progress multiple levels in the program. We are especially proud of those students now in our highest level shiur who two years ago began in our introductory level.

During the course of the year, we hosted many guest speakers to complement our regular curriculum. Among them were: Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rabbi of the Young Israel of Riverdale, Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel at Yeshiva University, ; Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersch Weinreb, Executive Vice President Emeritus of the Orthodox Union and now editor-in-chief of the Koren Talmud; attorney and dynamic speaker, Harry Rothenberg, who shared inspiring insights on the opportunities to become role models of how a Torah Jew conducts himself in the business world; Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, Director of the Israel Office of the Rabbinical Council of America and former Rav of Kehillat Shaarei Torah in Toronto; and philanthropist Leo Noe of England, who challenged the students to find and make their unique contributions to the Jewish people. On Lag Ba'omer, we had the privilege to visit the Tolner Rebbe, Rabbi Yitzchok Menachem Weinberg.



Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rosh Yeshiva and Rosh Kollel at Yeshiva University and Rabbi of the Young Israel of Riverdale speaking in the Shapell's Beit Midrash



Spending an afternoon of hands-on chesed at Yad Eliezer, packing food packages to be distributed to Jerusalem's needy

Every Thursday night, students experienced a special mishmar (evening learning program) with Rabbi Avraham Jacobovitz, the legendary lecturer and campus kiruv rabbi from Detroit who now lives in Israel. Particularly gratifying was the number of students who took the opportunity to learn beyond the core curriculum. Students organized and participated in extracurricular learning programs, including: daily Mishna and Chafetz Chaim study; the shakla vetarya (Talmudic discussion points) memorization program where students earned inscribed Haggadot from the Rosh Yeshiva and rebbeim; and personal learning projects that culminated in many siyum celebrations (completing a tractate of Talmud or an order of the Mishna). There was almost never a time during the day when the kol Torah was not heard in the Beit Midrash.

# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

## / 5776

### THE STUDENTS' YESHIVA EXPERIENCE WAS ENHANCED BY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE BEIT MIDRASH THAT BROUGHT THEM CLOSER TO THEIR REBBEIM, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE LAND OF ISRAEL.

- ◇ The rabbis and students were together for a meaningful Chol Hamoed Sukkot dinner and tisch, prior to joining with the alumni for our festive Simchat Beit ha'Shoevah.
- ◇ One late-autumn day all students and rebbeim joined for a "super tiyul." The day began with jeep rides in the Judean desert, continued with bowling in the Binyamin region, and closed with a tour and festive dinner at the Psagot winery.
- ◇ During the winter, our Ramat Beit Shemesh alumni hosted many of our rabbis and students for a mini-Shabbaton, followed by an alumni Melaveh Malkah.
- ◇ In the spring, we celebrated Yom Yerushalayim with Shacharit at the Kotel followed by a VIP tour of Ir David with Shapell's alumnus, Doron Spielman, Senior Director at the City of David Foundation.
- ◇ During the summer program, which revolved around the theme of Shabbat, our students and rabbis visited the "Shabbat Farm" in Beit Meir to learn first-hand how many of the 39 melachot (labors forbidden on Shabbat) are performed. They also enjoyed an overnight tiyul, that included visit to the grave of Rebbe Shimon Bar Yochai in Meron, kayaking on the Jordan River, and a campout (complete with barbeque and kumzitz) on the beautiful Kinar beach on the Kinneret.



Students break for Mincha on the grounds of the Kinar Hotel during the annual overnight summer tiyul in the North of Israel



Shapell's student, Chanan Unterslak - one of many students who celebrated a siyum in the yeshiva this year

# MIDRESHET RACHEL V'CHAYA



Midreshet Rachel students with Director of Education, Yaffa Moskowitz, making a siyum on Mesilat Yesharim

A number of innovations in the Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya educational program this year both broadened and deepened our students' learning. Esther Shurin's new weekly Bekiyut class in Chumash and Navi complements our in depth learning by working on fluency and adding breadth, enabling our students to gain familiarity with the broad range of stories and personalities in Tanach. Guided by Yaffa Moskowitz, the women of MRC made a siyum on the classic work Mesillat Yesharim this winter. Rabbi Yaakov Lynn's "Making Emunah Real" shiur is also a very welcomed addition to this year's program

During the year, we were happy to welcome a number of visiting groups. Participants in the Israel 2.0, RAJE, and JLE programs all came to get a glimpse of what MRC is all about.

MRC makes an effort to introduce our students to life in Israel outside of the "seminary bubble." Our students participate in educational yet fun tiyulim and visit a wide range of communities,

sites and personalities. This winter, we visited the communities of Sderot and Netzer Chazani, where the students were addressed by Anita Tucker, one of the founders of Gush Katif, who was expelled from her home during the disengagement. Along with other fellow evacuees, they established Netzer Chazani, a new, beautiful yishuv. We also visited Israeli startup businesses in Mishor Adumim, had a tour of the Belz Shul in Jerusalem, and went to the Palmach Museum in Tel Aviv.

On Yom Hazikaron, the women were addressed by a soldier who fought in the most recent war in Gaza. This was followed by a tour of the Israeli Military Cemetery on Mount Herzl. On Yom Haatzmaut morning the students were introduced to the world of Israel advocacy by Elana Heidman, founder of Israel Forever. On Yom Yerushalayim, Golda Warhaftig shared her personal experiences while living in Israel during the 1967 War. The students then headed off to a very unique tour of the Old City of Jerusalem with Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum that included a number of sites that tourists do not usually visit. Many of the women stayed to participate in the festivities at the Kotel.

The holidays provided opportunities to further enrich our students' seminary experience. On Chanukah, students continued the annual tradition of collecting and packaging toys for the needy and Mrs. Yehudis Golshevsky regaled our women with songs and Chassidic Torah; on Tu B'Shvat we had a beautifully decorated Seder led by Rochel Silber; we joined for a special Lag B'aomer kumitz at the home of Rabbi Shimshon Nadel; and we shared a meaningful, pre-Purim morning at Seeach Sod, a school in Jerusalem for young adults with special needs. Our Shavuot night learning, with an all-star lineup – including Rabbi Karlinsky, Rabbi Lerner, Rabbi Shuster, and Rabbi Shurin – gave way to a packed MRC Beit Midrash filled with current students and alumni who gathered to celebrate Kabbalat Hatorah together.

All in all, it has been a busy year here in Midreshet Rachel, full of learning, growing, giving and being inspired.



Midreshet Rachel on a pre-Lag Ba'Omer tiyul to Har Meron

## EXECUTIVE LEARNING PROGRAM

The Executive Learning Program, directed by Rabbi Yisroel Choleva, offers working professionals from around the world the opportunity to tap into the Shapell's/Darché style of Torah study through short-term, customized learning programs. Our skilled teachers provide motivated students with a specialized program for one day or several weeks, and work with the participant to study areas of interest and relevance to their lives. This year marked some exciting developments for the Shapell's / Darché Noam Executive Learning Program. We hosted participants from the United States, Canada, England, Argentina, and Switzerland. We also had a marked increase in women who joined us at Midreshet Rachel as participants in the ELP.

This year, Jordan Hullman of Baltimore made several visits with family in Israel. He decided to devote some of his time during those visits to developing his Gemara skills with the ELP. He visited twice this year and we look forward to seeing him again in the future.

Moshe Laurenti of Zurich met with Rabbi Karlinsky abroad and was inspired to join us in Jerusalem for several weeks. He enjoyed his time so much that he encouraged his friend Gabriel Sztutwojner to come as well. Gabriel and his son David (who became our youngest ever participant in ELP) visited in March and enjoyed, among other things, a chavruta with then Shapell's student Martin Skudicky (born in Argentina) in their native language – Spanish.

Larry Albin of New York, an alumnus from the early days of Shapell's, reconnected with Shapell's rebbeim – both old and new – for two weeks of Torah. During his return to yeshiva, Mr. Albin focused on learning the halachot of honoring one's parents. We also were thrilled to have our beloved alumnus, Laurence Richards, spend time learning in our Beit Midrash while he was in Israel.

Most recently we hosted Adrian Cohen of London, along with his son Harry, who was then finishing a semester abroad at Hebrew University. Mr. Cohen and his son joined the Yeshiva in learning Gemara Shabbat.

In the summer, we are always happy to have Dan and Rachel (Pecore) Horwitz of New York visit our institutions.

**As always, the ELP staff is ready to facilitate short-term customized learning programs for both alumni and new participants throughout the year. Please contact Rabbi Yisroel Choleva, [ryc@darchenoam.org](mailto:ryc@darchenoam.org) for more information about how you, a friend or a colleague can participate in our ELP program.**



David Sztutwojner, who came with his father, Gabriel, on the Executive Learning Program, learning with Shapell's student, Martin Skudicky

## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM

In this year's Holocaust Education Program, both Shapell's and MRC students greatly benefited from lectures by the renowned Rabbi Berel Wein. His well-developed lecture series began with the roots of Anti-Semitism and the events in Germany and the world leading to the Holocaust; and followed with lectures on the Holocaust itself, the world's reaction, and the post-Holocaust Jewish world. Other highlights of the Holocaust program included: "Responsa Before and After the Holocaust" by Shapell's rebbe, Rabbi Yakov Haber; and "Leah Kaufman – A Survivor's Story" with author Leah Kaufman. The year's programming concluded with our annual pre-Tisha B'Av visit to Yad Vashem.



Rabbi Berel Wein kicked off our Holocaust Education Program at both Shapell's and Midrshet Rachel.

# PATHWAYS PLUS FOR WOMEN



Pathways Plus for Women participants out and about in Jerusalem

The Pathways Plus for Women and “Internships” joint program continues to run at full speed. Pathways Plus for Women provides an invaluable opportunity for personal and spiritual growth; and in the “Internships” framework, participants can further their professional goals through an amazing choice of internships. Since last Rosh Hashanah, we have hosted five programs. The Pathways Plus women are growth oriented, enthusiastic, and inspired; and wonderful connections have developed between them and the MRC students.

Highlights of Pathways Plus are always our memorable tiyulim to Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea, Shabbatonim in Tzfat, kumzitz and rap performances, pizza suppers, dance performances, and all-women’s karaoke. Two great developments - we have been blessed to see Pathways Plus participants return to Israel as MRC students; and we had our first engagement this year between a Pathways Plus alumna and a Shapell’s alumnus!

## OUR STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED IN HELPING OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH:

CONTINUING THE SHAPPELL’S TRADITION OF SINGING FOR PATIENTS AT SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL ON SHABBAT AFTERNOON



SERVING AS MENTORS TO SPECIAL NEEDS YOUNG ADULTS AT SEEACH SOD



DONATING BLOOD THROUGH THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM BLOOD DRIVES SET UP IN OUR CLASSROOMS



COLLECTING AND PACKAGING TOYS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES ON CHANUKAH



## MARRIAGES

**Rachel (Moss) and Yisroel Jungreis**  
**Sarah Dena and Rabbi Aharon Katz**  
 marriage of their daughter  
 Zehava to Hillel Wolf

**Sarah Dena and Rabbi Aharon Katz**  
 marriage of their son Dovid to Channa  
 Gross

**Devora and Moshe Rubin**  
 marriage of their daughter Shira to Refael  
 Kronengold

**Ronnie and Bonnie Yonah**  
 marriage of their son Tal Shlomo to Sarah

Yonatan and Ariella Abbo | Ben and Aimee (Herszaf) Allen | Ze'ev and Sari Ben-Yechiel | Nachman and Nomi Catch - marriage of their son Yehuda Leib to Rivka Leah | Ezra and Eve (Swearingen) Chernobelskiy | Brian and Miriam Cohen | Aviva (Morris) and Aaron Dudling | Miryam (Amieli) and Uriyah Eviathar | Joshua and Juliet Freedman | Rella (Firat) and Michael Gevertzman | Ben and Renee Goldfarb - marriage of their son Avraham Yair to Avishag Magori | Yonatan and Elisheva Goldschmidt | Ryan and Dalya Green | Jonathan and Mor Gross | Natasha (Eisner) and Joseph Harris | Alexander and Judith Hecht | Chaya Sara (Seigleman) and Yosef Herman | Marissa (Garfinkel) and Ben Jacobson | Leah (Ward) and Mordechai Julian | Joel and Ariella Kadish | Andy and Nechama Rachel Kohlenberg | William and Leslie Kolbrener - marriage of their daughter | Bryan and Jenny (Karo) Leeds | Avraham and Michal Lukeman - marriage of their daughter Miriam | Maria (Abramov) and Steven Mann | Aviva (Katz) and Tzvi Miller | Zecharia and Rachel (Channon) Miller | Marc and Jacqueline Nelkin | Matthew and Natasha (Nanus) Neubauer | Yisroel Meir and Dena Raskin | Leon and Shirin Rishty | Josh and Rina Sabes | Eric and Avital Schaffer | Shira Schwartz | David and Orly Shadovitz - marriage of their son Yekutiel to Pnina Rozen | Itamar and Nitzana (Yovel) Shimrat - marriage of their daughter | Erica (Rosenbaum) and Peretz Shlosberg | Sasha (Kozlov) and Daniel Silber | Michael and Rachel Stein - marriage of their daughter Aliza to Aaron Zivic | Ally (Poret) and David Tsitsuashvili | Rivka (Cigan) and Ian Turk | Dovid and Meira Zernik | Misha and Ariella Zubarev

## BIRTHS

**granddaughter, Rivka Sarit (Jacqueline Sadie), to Ben and Susan Shapell, and great-granddaughter to Mrs. Fela Shapell, born to Jennifer and Mark Smith**

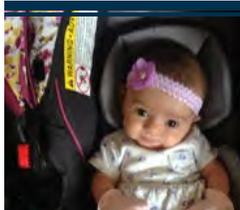
**grandson, Daniel, to Rabbi Yitzchak and Esther Shurin, born to Batya and Channanel Yarkoni**

**granddaughter, Leah, to Michael and Adina Cohen, born to Naava and Aharon Girman | grandson, Zev, to Michael and Adina Cohen, born to Shuli and Eli | granddaughter, Adva Devora, to Rabbi Avraham and Cheryl Fischer, born to Sara and Alex | granddaughter, Elisheva, to Dovid and Shoshi Lerner, born to Miryam and Barak Eliash | grandson, Yehonatan, to Dovid and Shoshi Lerner, born to Yisroel and Penina | daughter, Dina, to Alysha (Grice) and Rabbi Gidon Schneider | granddaughter, Devora, to Rabbi Fyvel and Leya Shuster, born to Ahuva and Yitzzy Leibowitz | grandson to Rabbi Elie and Lisa (Scheidlinger) Silverberg, born to Elie and Lisa | grandson to Ariella Ukelson**

daughter, Liba Ruchama, to David & Bayla Rivkah (Coppotelli) Abdurachmanov | granddaughter, Tehila Shoshana, to Mitchel & Lita (Sznadjer) Aeder, born to Elisheva & Baruch Cohen | grandson, Aharon Simcha, to Mitchel & Lita (Sznadjer) Aeder, born to Yael & Eli Gelernter | son, Asher Anshel, to Yosef & Nikki Alberti | daughter, Nechama Elisheva, to Yishai Yitzchak & Chana Batya Rivka (Koplen) Anderson | daughter, Moshe & Lori (Girnun) Applebaum | son, Ari & Yehudis Shifra Aragon | daughter, Avital, to Asaf & Rivka Artsi | son, Yafit (Eskenasi) & Avigdor Atlas | son, Daniel & Simcha Banach | son, Shmuel, to Mosheh & Yiskah Ben Avraham | granddaughter, Daniel & Sara Berelowitz | daughter, Haya Emuna, to Daniel & Daniela (Feldman) Berkowitz | son, Aleksander & Tehila Binson | son, Joshua, to Stephanie (Goldner) & Jonathan Blitz | son, Avi & Elana Blumenthal | daughter, Michael & Erica (Koltun) Buchman | Daughter, Tal Ahava, to Yaakov & Dahlia Cantor | daughter, Eli & Jennifer (Dancey) Chernin | daughter, Sara Zehava to Elan & Ashley (Seener) Cohen | son, Nadav Pinchas, to Dov-Ber & Zehava Cohen | daughter, Tova Devorah, to Joshua & Hattie Danziger | daughter, Channa Hadassah, to Selig & Rachel Davis | son, Jonathan & Ilana (Shechter) Dress | daughter, Samuel & Jordan Elbaz | son, Amichai Yitzchak, to Rachel (Greiff) & Doni Elovic | daughter, Batya Ohr, to Elaina (Deutsch) & Yitzchak Avi Estreicher | son, Elisha Levi, to Alex & Anat Fiedler | son, Asher Reuben, to Benjamin & Jessica Finger | daughter, Ella Lynn, to Ahuva & Asher Finsley | son, Yeshaya Reuven, to Jacob & Jaclyn Fishbein | grandson, Mordechai, to Sherman & Susan Frager | son, Shimshon Meir & Tziporah (Radin) Frankel | son, Aharon Moshe, to Dovid & Donna Gall | daughter, Hadassah, to Eliyahu & Deborah Gholian | daughter, Kayla, to David & Sara

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DAUGHTER OF KATIE AND ARYEH



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## BIRTHS CONT.

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