

ROSH HASHANAH NEWSLETTER

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This original painting was created by alumnus, Moshe Braun, in honor of Rabbi Hirshfeld's retirement as Rosh Yeshiva. See page 3

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TAKING RESPONSIBILITY



We live in challenging times. Western society is working tirelessly towards making man less and less responsible for his actions. Today, there are those who view taking responsibility as a burden that limits their freedom. In truth, however, the very opposite is true. Judaism believes that the ability of man to make responsible decisions is what truly makes him free.

An example of this is marriage in the 21st Century. Rav Shlomo Wolbe zt"l introduces his work on marriage with the verse in Kohelet: "טוב לגבר כי ישא עול" - מנעוריו - It is good for man to bear responsibility from his youth," on which Chazal explain, "This is the responsibility of having a wife." According to Chazal, the foundation of a good marriage is based on the husband's responsibility towards his wife. For modern man, this is the very reason he avoids marriage, or worse, opts out of marriage. He simply does not want the responsibility. Judaism, on the other hand, seeks to enable man to become a responsible, great personality. Keeping mitzvot, getting married, and having children bring responsibilities, but they lead to a meaningful and fulfilling life.

Chazal bring this important message to us through a curious story told about Elazar Ben Durdaya who, the Talmud tells us, slept with every known prostitute. One time a pros-

titute tells him, "Your teshuva will never be accepted." At that moment he asks all of nature - the mountains, the heavens and earth, the sun and moon, the stars - to request the mercy of G-d for him. They refuse by saying "We need to request mercy for ourselves." In other words, Elazar Ben Durdaya wants nature to take responsibility for his actions. But at the moment of truth, he realizes, "אין הדבר תלוי בי אלא בי - It depends on me alone." I alone must bear responsibility for my wrongdoings.

At that moment, a heavenly voice rings out and says, "Rav Elazar ben Durdaya, you will have a place in the World to Come." The Talmud tells us when Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi heard this story, he began to cry. He said, "There are those who acquire the World to Come in one moment." What Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi is conveying is that all it takes is a moment's realization that I alone am responsible for my actions to change into a totally new person. For this, Rav Elazar Ben Durdaya received his portion in the World to Come and even received the title "Rav." (Based on an article by Rabbi Dov Berzon zt"l, in his ספר דובר מיישרים).

When we take stock of ourselves before *Yom Hadin*, let us begin by taking responsibility in the different spheres of life. Let us take responsibility for how we act towards our parents, siblings, spouses, children, neighbors, students, mentors and all the people that have profoundly affected our lives. Most importantly, let us be responsible to Hashem, who calls out to us every year "שובו בנים" - Return My children."

Rabbi Yitzchak Shurin



REFLECTIONS ON MY FIRST YEAR AS ROSH YESHIVA

It is a great pleasure to share with our wonderful alumni and friends a glimpse into my first year as Rosh Yeshiva of Shapell's/Yeshiva Darche Noam. I will discuss some of this year's surprises, enhancements and challenges.

Let's start with the surprises (everyone loves surprises!). The nicest one was experiencing time and time again the amazingly solid reputation that the yeshiva has around the world. We are well known as a truly outstanding institution. This is something we should all take pleasure in and feel fortunate to be a part of. It has also been invigorating to continue to hear how, even in our frenetically changing world, Shapell's remains a very much needed entity.

It has been wonderful to discover the delicious blend of each Rebbe's great fidelity to his shiur's very specific role in our many stepped system of "learning how to learn," combined with being exceedingly willing to work with the individual student who may be having difficulty within that system.

It has been very special to see that at Shapell's we don't just speak about *achdus* (unity), we live it. I have been struck by the dedication of some very talented and busy alumni who have given enormous amounts of time to help in our fundraising efforts. And, although it wasn't surprising to me, the great camaraderie, quality and professionalism of the staff is a constant source of enjoyment. So too, is our outstanding student body's seriousness, sincerity, variety, maturity and desire to grow.

This year we have בעזרת ה' merited to make many enhancements to the yeshiva. With so much in-shiur time (which takes place in separate classrooms) the Beis Midrash itself can

sometimes feel empty, lacking buzz and excitement. To combat this, we instituted that three times a week all students learn in the Beis Midrash at the same time. In addition, to get an objective view of each talmid's learning progress, we created the *bochein* ("tester") role. The bochein periodically spends time with each talmid to evaluate his progress. To keep regular contact with all talmidim, I offer a mussar/hashkafa shiur each morning to a different level.

We instituted the semi-annual "Super Shabbos", where multiple Rabbis converge on the yeshiva at the same time for an unforgettable experience. We also introduced a special mini-Shabbaton where talmidim come to my home for a memorable Friday night davening and meal. We instituted a weekly, post-Shacharis, short talk about Shabbos Kodesh. To improve night seder we have sharpened and intensified the role of night seder coordinator. Every Rosh Chodesh lunch, a non-rabbinic guest speaker is brought in to share his experiences of balancing work-life with Torah learning. One of the most important changes is concentrating our *bekyus* program (breadth-oriented learning) to allow advanced talmidim to finish the *mesechet* (tractate) at hand. We ended the winter *zman* with a beautiful *siyum* ("finishing" banquet) on tractate *Megila* and with Hashem's help we will be finishing Elul *zman* with a *siyum* on tractate *Makos*.

Finally, to reach alumni in meaningful, current ways, we have introduced weekly videos for alumni which I hope many of you have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy. (The video shiurim are available on our website at www.shapellsjerusalem.org/torah-online/videos.)

Naturally, there have also been challenges. So much time goes into running the yeshiva and teaching that I often wish I could spend more individual time with our amazing students. An ongoing conundrum is how to balance the experience for talmidim staying shorter periods of time with many others staying for much longer. A very significant challenge has been how to continue to increase our enrollment. Besides redoubling our recruiting efforts towards our traditional type of student, an obvious avenue for expanding enrollment is to engage a whole different type of student. While it is a tantalizing idea, it could also be problematic. The yeshiva is so stellar and unique as it is that bringing in a different "crowd" risks significantly detracting from its beauty. This is probably my biggest ongoing challenge.

Allow me to end on a personal note. This has been a tremendous year for me – one for which I deeply thank G-d and my exceedingly supportive wife. With all the busyness and challenges, I have many times reflected on my very good fortune in becoming Rosh Yeshiva of Shapell's. It is no small thing. Surely everyone reading this has faced, and may continue to face, their own significant challenges. We are extremely skilled at taking long rides on the negative waves. But, my friends, we all have luscious tidal waves of goodness in our lives. Let's embrace, relish, enjoy and make the most of our opportunities thereby making this coming year our best one ever. Shana Tova!

Rabbi Dovid Schoonmaker



Shapell's student, Naftali Solomon, and alumnus, Elias Romano, share some Torah thoughts at the 40th anniversary dinner in Jerusalem



THE RABBI HIRSHFELD PINAT NOAM



Rabbi Hirshfeld and students enjoy a casual conversation in the new Pinat Noam



Rabbi Hirshfeld receiving the original painting by alumnus, Moshe Braun, at the 40th anniversary dinner in Israel

As our alumni and friends are aware, this year we both celebrated our 40th anniversary and honored Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzchak Hirshfeld upon his retirement as co-founding Rosh Yeshiva. One of the centerpieces of this celebration was the dedication of the sitting area in the Shapell's lobby as the Rabbi Hirshfeld Pinat Noam. We are pleased to report that our faculty and students are now enjoying this comfortable new area that has custom made couches, a ceiling fan, and a display screen showing pictures of students and faculty learning at Shapell's. The beautiful picture created by our alumnus, **Moshe Braun**, of Rabbi Hirshfeld with students, a plaque honoring Rabbi Hirshfeld and plaques with names of all of the donors to this project all pay inspiring tribute to his 40 years of dedication to our students.

We thank all of those who helped make this dream a reality, all of those who participated in our dinners in Yerushalayim and Teaneck, and everyone who took ads in our worldwide, digital tribute journal. Rabbi and Mrs. Hirshfeld and our alumni honorees (**Mr. and Mrs. Peretz and Shelley Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Baruch and Tammy Labinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Amos and Ellen Levi, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Natasha Neubauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Susan Schoenfeld**) were all moved by the tributes in their honor. 

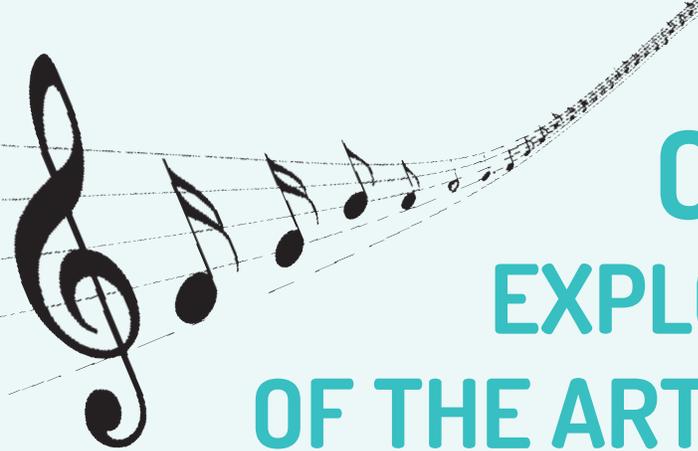


Rabbi Wolff learning with a visitor in our Beit Midrash

EXECUTIVE LEARNING PROGRAM EXPANDS

Our Executive Learning Program (ELP) under the direction of Rabbi Binyamin Wolff, has expanded. In addition to being able to create their own program, ranging from a few hours to a few weeks, we now have developed theme-based units in popular topics that participants can select. We also offer the opportunity to participants to bring their child (ages 8-78) to learn together with them, or in paral-

lel with their own teacher. Our ELP is a wonderful chance to turn a "trip to Israel" into an opportunity for growth in Torah while experiencing our Holy Land. Please visit www.darchenoam.org/elp to learn more. 



CAREER PATHS: EXPLORING THE WORLD OF THE ARTS

Pick an industry, any industry. With 4,500 talented and accomplished Shapell's/Darche Noam alumni working in just about every field of human endeavor, we have a vast wealth of people-power to draw on when we explore how our alumni integrate their Torah observance and experience with us into their chosen professions. This time: The Arts.

Artistic brilliance is often measured by its ability to push boundaries and stray from the norm. How, then, does a Torah-



Bishvili, by Yoram Raanan

observant Jew navigate the apparent dichotomy between rigorous religious observance and a career in the arts?

Award-winning artist and Shapell's alumnus, **Yoram Raanan** (5741) doesn't see any contradiction between living a Torah life and being an accomplished artist. In fact, Judaism is what influences and contributes to his art. "It's an expression of one's *neshama*," he says. Similarly, fellow artist and *sofer* **Moshe Braun** (5756-57) sees his art as an integral part of his Judaism. "My being a Jew and my observance of G-d's Torah... this is my lifeblood and essence," he says. "My art and creative process is a gift

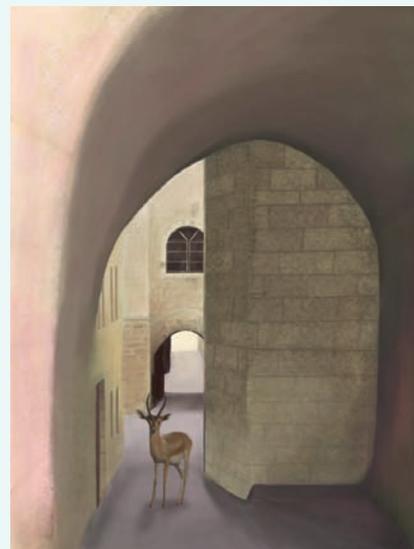


Shivat Hamanim, by Moshe Braun

from *Hashem*... and it is a critical vehicle to allow my *neshama* to express itself."

Evan Malach (5772, 5774-75), a musician and performance artist, even sees an element of mitzva in his art. We are commanded to emulate Hashem's ways (והלכת בדרכיו). Says Evan, "my work is inspired by an ideal that if G-d, the Creator, wants us to emulate Him, then we in turn should also be creative."

Many Jewish artists will admit, though, that being mitzva observant in their chosen career is not without challenges. For example, Moshe explains, "ironically, one of the biggest challenges I encounter as a Torah-observant artist is trying to strike a healthy balance between needing to spend untold hours in my studio and at the same time maintaining a healthy commitment to my responsibilities as a Jewish husband, father and son." He notes that his time at Shapell's imparted in him the need to be grounded in this world and to put in place tools



Domeh Dodi LeTzvi, by Chana Esther Bloch

that will allow him to strike a healthy balance.

For Yoram, as an artist that produces strictly Jewish-themed art (and he "can't imagine otherwise") he sometimes feels pained that the subject of his work limits his exposure to a broader audience. He admits, however, that the advantage of catering to a niche market is that it allows him to know exactly where he fits into the art world.

Leib Rigler (5748-59, 5760), a musician who has been featured on CBS and has toured



with comedian Jerry Van Dyke, found that, when he first became observant, he had to adapt to new considerations governing his performance, such as the rhythms of the Jewish calendar and the prohibition of *kol isha*. **Chana Esther Bloch** (5759, 5763) an artist and calligrapher, likewise found she had to integrate new frames of reference when she started keeping halacha: "My ideas about what is beautiful were challenged, and I learned a whole new viewpoint – that which is holy is beautiful, and it's not something totally subjective. [In the secular art scene] the prevalent attitude is that 'anything goes'"

For classical flutist, **Sarah Dinin** (5770) the challenges were even more tangible, since many concert performances take place on Shabbat, and sometimes in churches. "These issues prevented me from even being able to apply to about 80% of the jobs in my field," she explains. Whereas Evan navigated this same issue by turning to writing and creating his own performances, and scheduling them around Shabbat and Jewish holidays, Sarah took a different approach. Following her year at Midreshet Rachel, during which she practiced and performed regularly outside of classes, Sarah returned to the US and shifted her career toward music management and administration. She has since worked with the likes of Yo-Yo Ma and many other world-renowned musicians. She credits her time at MRC with enabling her to find a synthesis between her love of music and her desire to live as an observant Jewish woman. She maintains contact with her teachers at MRC when halachic or philosophical questions arise in her work.

Shapell's alumnus, **Moshe Berk** (5757, 5759) – who was Moshe Braun's chavruta in yeshiva – similarly made a career shift upon becoming more observant. Trained as an opera singer and with a degree from the prestigious Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem, he currently focuses mostly on voice coaching and hoarseness therapy for cantors and Torah teachers, who often suffer from the effects of long hours speaking in front of a classroom. He still sings with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra on the side; but he describes it as "very challenging" in that he is among very few religious musicians.

Julianne Steindler (5770), a veteran art dealer and curator, and graduate of the University of Cali-



A flower arrangement designed and arranged by Julianne Steindler



Sarah Dinin with world-renowned, Israeli-American violinist, Gil Shaham, backstage at Carnegie Hall

fornia at Santa Cruz, knows beautiful art when she sees it. When she started increasing her religious observance, though, she felt strongly that she did not want to be involved in art that she wouldn't want to show her children. To avoid any potential discomfort, she has chosen to specialize in Jewish and Israeli art. However, she has often found that the business side of the art world is not always as "straight" as the high ethical standards that she internalized while studying at Midreshet Rachel. She is proud of the reputation she has earned as an ethical dealer. Julianne also recently branched out to the creative world of flower design. Primarily serving her Los Angeles area Jewish community has allowed her to both express her creativity and have fewer challenges to her observance and values. "My biggest concern now is whether my flower arrangements will stay fresh through a three-day Yom Tov," she quips.

Despite inevitable restrictions, many of our alumni find that Judaism has refined their art. Leib, for one, explains, "As I grew in my commitment to Judaism it became important to me to understand what exactly is 'Jewish music'. Although there is no all-encompassing correct answer, my search brought my music to a purer place." Chana Esther concurs that, "Judaism has deepened the process [of creating art] for me... whereas, before it was almost exclusively focused on the aesthetic qualities of a work, now there is a lot more emphasis on looking inward and using my art as a means to connect to Hashem."

When asked what advice they would offer to young, Torah-observant Jews starting out in their field, the resounding answer among the alumni interviewed was quintessentially Darche Noam – be true to yourself, be authentic, and be accountable. There are many non-negotiable obligations and responsibilities that fall on both men and women living a Torah life, but as all of the alumni testified, Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel enabled them to establish a foundation for balancing firm commitments with individual expression and creativity, based on our guiding principle: *Dracheha Darché Noam.*



Marriages

- **Rabbi Dovid and Dina Schoonmaker on the marriage of their daughter, Tova, to Yosef Blass.**
- **Rabbi Yakov and Sara Leah Haber on the marriage of their son, Shlomo, to Sara.**
- **Rabbi Yitzchak and Michelle Lerner on the marriage of their daughter, Rina, to Yaakov Meir Eichenthal.**
- **Rabbi Elie and Lisa (Scheidlinger) Silverberg on the marriage of their daughter, Tamar, to Or'el Farkash.**
- **Yaakov and Shoshana Cohen on the marriage of their son, Shimon, to Margalit Nasiri.**
- **Ester and Daniel Gelles on the marriage of their daughter, Rivka, to Avraham Elkaim.**
- Isaac and Meirav Aftalion on their marriage.
- Peri (Axelrod) and Scott Babinder on their marriage.
- Lauren (Kandell) and Romy Bareket on their marriage.
- Lev and Jenna (Nelson) Beltser on their marriage.
- Tova (Raff) and Neil Berman on their marriage.
- Yehudit Meira (Tamayo) and Ziv Biton on their marriage.
- Morten and Muriel Braden-Golay on their marriage.
- Elizabeth Duman on her marriage.
- Alan and Barbara Gindi on the marriage of their daughter, Beth, to Avi Rabinovitch.
- Ilja and Liba (Allen) Goldin on their marriage.
- Michael and Ariella Gordon on the marriage of their daughter, Miriam, to Shlomo Zalman Shaked.
- Chava (Hinsey) and Chaim Aharon Green on their marriage.
- Yitzchak and Meital Helfon on their marriage.
- Brian and Sara Hiller on their marriage.
- Louise (Lallouz) and Sam Hyyim on their marriage.
- Bembi and Reuven Kantrowitz on the marriage of their son, Asher, to Tikva Zubar.
- Aviva (Bienn) and Ronnie Kashri on their marriage.
- Melech and Judy Lensky on the marriage of their daughter, Chava Miriam, to Yakov Millen.
- Dan and Fraida Levent on their marriage.
- Elana (Glasser) and Josh Lipman on their marriage.
- Evan and Alyssa Malach on their marriage.
- Levi and Bena Mastrangelo on their marriage.

- Jenna (Bazon) and Adam McKenna on their marriage.
- Shamual and Aline Mazal Nektalov on their marriage.
- Georgina (Bloom) and Ari Ostreicher on their marriage.
- David and Simi Peters on the marriage of their daughter, Avigayil, to Shlomi Horwitz.
- Elliot and Naomi Rosenthal on their marriage.
- Julie (Gamarnik) and Moshe Rubinstein on their marriage.
- Alexandra (Abel) and David Segal on their marriage.
- David and Orly Shadovitz on the marriage of their daughter, Avital, to Avrohom Yehuda Goldberg.
- Amanda (Thum) and Rephael Shamir on their marriage.
- Joseph and Gilah Shimansky on the marriage of their son, Chaim, to Devorah Miriam Nojowitz.
- Rabbi Aharon and Beverly Simkin on the marriage of their daughter, Adina, to Yaakov Yisrael Wolff.
- Tamar (Sandler) and Daniel Sklar on their marriage.
- Liza (Solarz) and Jesse Krumholz on their marriage.

- **grandson, Mordechai, to Rabbi Shaya and Ruthie Karlinsky, born to Binyamin and Rochie Karlinsky.**
- **granddaughter, Tamar, to Rabbi Dovid and Dina Schoonmaker, born to Akiva and Bassy Schoonmaker.**
- **grandson, Aharon, to Rabbi Yitzchak and Esther Shurin, born to Shmuel and Tali Shurin.**
- **grandson, Moshe, to Fyvel and Leya Shuster, born to Ahuva and Yitzy Leibowitz.**
- **granddaughter, Sapir Tehilla, to Rabbi Avraham and Cheryl Fischer, born to Sara and Alex Lebenzon.**
- **granddaughter, Naama Golda, to Osnat and Aharon Goldman born to Binyamin and Tami.**
- **twin daughters, Ita and Rochel, to Shira and Yitzy Greenstein.**
- **grandson to Rabbi Reuven and Rivka Kamenetsky born to Menachem and Batsheva.**
- **granddaughter to Sarah Dena and Rabbi Aharon Katz, born to Zehava and Hillel Wolf.**
- **son, Eliezer Meir, to Miriam and Yudi Spitz.**
- **son, Shlomo, to Rabbi Reuven and Natalie Stone.**
- **granddaughter, Devora, to Michael and Adina Cohen born to Nava and Aaron Girman.**
- **grandson to Ester and Daniel Gelles.**
- **grandson, Shlomo, to Dovid and Shoshi Lerner born to Miryam and Barak Eliash.**
- **daughter, Ayala Rivka, to Atara and Oren Rabinowitz.**
- **granddaughter, Sarah, to Malka and Rabbi Yishai Vainik, born to Chedva and Yaakov.**
- **grandson, Pinchas, to Malka and Rabbi Yishai Vainik, born to Rochie and Aaron.**
- daughter, Rivka, to Ariella (Angert) and Yonatan Abbo.
- son, Yaakov Simcha, to Bayla

- Rivkah (Coppotelli) and David Abdurachmanov.
- grandson to Mitch and Dr. Lita (Sznajder) Aeder, born to Elisheva and Baruch Cohen.
- son to Devora (Miller) and Michael Altonaga.
- daughter, Ahuva, to Lev and Leah Aronov.
- son, Pinchas Maimon, to Simcha and Gabriella (Maimon) Asnes.
- grandson, Eliraz Simcha, to Chaim and Karen Baldasare, born to Rina and Dan.
- son, Reuven Pinchas, to Gershon and Deborah Bandos.
- son to Yaakov and Marna (Lew) Becker.



Reuven Pinchas Bandos

- daughter to Jason and Michal Berger.
- daughter, Yael, to Aleksander and Tehila Binson.
- son, Moshe Tzvi, to Yaakov Shlomo and Amanda Boxenbaum.
- son, Yisroel Leib, to Edgar and Gina Brodtkin.
- daughter to Benjamin and Leah (Snyder) Cheirif.
- son to Alexander and Toby Claire.
- son to Daniel and Sharon Clyne.
- daughter, Ariella Miriam, to Rachel (Levine) and William Cohen.
- son, Moshe Aryeh, to Joshua and Hattie Danziger.
- son, Naftali Yosef, to Ilan and Yardena (Powers) Davis.
- son to Max and Mariya (Kossover) Dayan.
- daughter, Devorah Chana, to Josh and Zahava Eisenberg.
- daughter to Miryam (Amieli) and Uriyah Eviathar.
- daughter, Chana Shaindel, to Yiskah (Schall) and Herschel Fantl.
- daughter, Batsheva Atara, to Mark and Sarah (Frenkiel) Fishman.



Eliezer Meir Spitz

- grandson to Michele and Mutti Frankel, born to Tehilah and Yossi Erlich.
- daughter to Jodi (Meyerowitz) and Charles Fried.
- son, Avraham, to Dannielle Zehava (Rothman) and Ron Fritch.
- daughter, Ariella Ilana, to Michael and Dina Goldberg.
- daughter, Tehila Esther, to Reuven and Nava (Winkler) Goldberg.
- son, Shmuel, to Haim Hillel and Tamar Gorodzinsky.
- son to Danielle (Litt) and Moshe Halpern.
- daughter, Frieda Golda, to Deena (Roemer) and Gabriel Herman.
- grandson to Daniel and Leah (Tabacznik) Hill.
- son, Ephraim, to Yaakov and Elisheva Hudson.

MAZAL TOV!

RECENT LIFECYCLE EVENTS OF FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

- Rachel (Beckman) and David Spinka on their marriage.
- Asher Stein on the marriage of his daughter, Chana, to Kfir Ratzabi.
- Natan and Shifra Steinberg on their marriage.
- Justin and Miriam Strudler on their marriage.
- Nicole (Levidow) and Michael Tannenbaum on their marriage.
- Shira (Nussdorf) and David Trakhtman on their marriage.
- Efraim and Chanie Unger on their marriage.
- Chanan and Michal Unterslak on their marriage.
- Andrea (Freeman) and Ari Weisberg on their marriage.
- Akiva and Chaya Wolff on the marriage of their son, Yaakov Yisrael, to Adina Simkin.
- Yehuda and Naomi Zauderer on their marriage.
- Rabbi Joel and Donna Zeff on the marriage of their daughter, Nechama, to Itamar Tzemach.

Births

- **grandson and great-grandson, Eli Yosef, to Benjamin and Susan Shapell and to Mrs. Fela Shapell, born to Rachel and Noach Zeev.**



- daughter, Tova Tziporah, to Benjy and Nicole Isenberg.
- son, Michael Pesach, to Yaffa (Gallego) and Yoel Jacobowitz.
- daughter, Feige, to Eliora Jovanovic.
- daughter to Jason and Danielle (Cole) Justin.
- daughter, Daisy Mae, to Caroline (David) and Jonny Kanzen.

- daughter, Sophia Shalhevetya, to Shmuel and Rachel Kaplan.
- son to Olivia (Etkind) and Aaron Karon.
- son to Dunn and Chaya Rus Kaufman.
- son to Andrew and Rebecca (Simoff) Kazakoff.



Yehuda Meir Feldman

- son, Rafael Shimon, to Matthew and Mara (Alpert) Kleiman.
- daughter, Aliza, to Michael and Danit (Stemmer) Kleinman.
- daughter, Leah Tiferet, to Helen (Kandel) and Akiva Kline.
- daughter, Avigail Bracha, to Jonathan and Basya Korin.
- granddaughter to Gershon and Livia Leebhoff, born to Yaakov and Shira.
- grandson, Avinoam, to Gershon and Livia Leebhoff born to Shmuel and Ayala Leebhoff.
- son to Evan and Tova Levine.
- grandson to Stuart and Phyllis Lippman, born to Leora and Moshe Vinagray.
- daughter to Adam and Rebecca Lobatto.
- son to Josh and Rachel London.
- daughter, Bina, to Reuven Mordechai and Sophia Marantz.
- son, Yishai Zelik, to Michael and Michal (Taviv) Margolose.



Rina Bat-tzion Davis

- daughter, Liora Chana, to Aviva (Katz) and Tzvi Miller.
- daughter, Aviva, to Brent and Sara (Gorvy) Morris.
- son, Eyal Netanel, to Sammy and Natalie Moscisker.
- son to Justin and Rebecca Myrowitz.
- daughter, Sarah Malka, to Eitan and Adi Nilsson.
- daughter, Neshama Chana, to Adam and Miriam Nudelman.
- daughter, Amaliah Devorah, to Rachel (Broidy) and Andre Oziol.
- daughter, Ruth Hadassah, to Dovid and Menucha Page.
- granddaughter, Neomi, to Dr. Daniel and Jocelyn Polisar, born to Chanan and Rutie.
- son, Akiva Yisrael, to Mashi (Jones) and Yehuda Polstein.

- triplets – two boys and a girl, to Binyomin and Tania Preminger.



Gavriel Yehuda Yitzchak Kabins

- daughter, Rina Shushana, to Rabbi James and Sarah Proops.
- son to Chaim and Rachel Rabenstein.
- son to Avraham and Dina Rahamim.
- grandson to Daniel and Edna Ritz, born to Aviva and Michael Schwarzbaum.
- Daughter to Dalit (Ben-Basat) and Igal Roitman.

- son, Chaim Yair, to Elias and Naama Romano.
- son, Aryeh, to Daniel and Joanne Rozen.
- grandson, Yehuda Menachem, to Michael and Alison Sage, born to Uri and Dahlia Stern.



Sarah Raphaela Shalom

- grandson, Shalom Shachne, to Michael and Alison Sage born to Ilana.
- daughter, Rina Perel, to Yehuda and Shulamit Sarosi.
- grandson, Natanel Yishai, to Jonathan and Debbie Sassen, born to Elianna and Aryeh Rubinstein.
- son to Sara (Victorson) and Adam Scheinbach.
- daughter to Aaron and Zoffia Schiff.

- daughter, Naomi, to Vivi (Suess) and Daniel Schindlower.
- grandson to Daniel and Lisa Selig born to Miriam and Dov Yaeger.
- son, Zecharia, to Josh and Emma (Frame) Seshold.
- granddaughter, Chana Leeba, to David and Orly Shadovitz, born to Yekutiel and Pnina.

- daughter, Sarah Raphaela, to Dina (Isaacson) and Gadi Shalom.
- daughter, Noa, to Joel and Romy Shamash.
- son, Binyamin Zev, to Rivka (Windecker) and David Sidorsky.
- son, Raphael Haim, to Sasha (Kozlov) and Daniel Silber.
- daughter to Michelle (Goldberg) and Michael Silverman.
- granddaughter to Rabbi Aharon and Beverly Simkin, born to Eli and Michal.
- son to Rabbi Yitzchak and Hindy Snyder.

- son, Rocky Abraham, to Abbey (Nickinson) and Adam Soclof.
- daughter, Shoshana Avigayil, to Rebecca (Gutmann) and Nosson Spielberg.
- daughter, Naomi Bracha, to Hilah (Korin) and Avraham Tanev.

- daughter, Sara, to Michael and Aliza Thomas.
- daughter, Shoshana, to Ally (Poret) and David Tsitsuashvili.
- son to Joshua and Dina Vecht.
- son to Daniel and Elana Wajnblum.
- grandson to Sharon Weiss, born to Adina Aidel and Elyahu Kayfman.
- triplet grandchildren - two girls and a boy, to Matisyahu and Judith Wexler.
- daughter, Rivka Bayla, to Gavriel and Chana Witkin.

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- son, Zecharia, to Josh and Emma (Frame) Seshold.
- granddaughter, Chana Leeba, to David and Orly Shadovitz, born to Yekutiel and Pnina.
- daughter, Sarah Raphaela, to Dina (Isaacson) and Gadi Shalom.
- daughter, Noa, to Joel and Romy Shamash.
- son, Binyamin Zev, to Rivka (Windecker) and David Sidorsky.
- son, Raphael Haim, to Sasha (Kozlov) and Daniel Silber.
- daughter to Michelle (Goldberg) and Michael Silverman.
- granddaughter to Rabbi Aharon and Beverly Simkin, born to Eli and Michal.
- son to Rabbi Yitzchak and Hindy Snyder.
- son, Rocky Abraham, to Abbey (Nickinson) and Adam Soclof.
- daughter, Shoshana Avigayil, to Rebecca (Gutmann) and Nosson Spielberg.
- daughter, Naomi Bracha, to Hilah (Korin) and Avraham Tanev.
- daughter, Sara, to Michael and Aliza Thomas.



Shoshana Tsitsuashvili

Condolences

- **Menucha Chwat on the loss of her father.**
- **Rabbi Avraham Nissim on the loss of his mother.**
- **Rabbi Reuven Stone on the loss of his father.**
- **Emuna (Sufirin) Diamond on the loss of her grandmother.**
- Lilian (Klepa) Abrams on the loss of her father.
- Arron Abramson on the loss of his father.
- Karen (Langfelder) Americus on the loss of her father.
- Yisrael Meir and Lily Burak on the loss of Lily's mother.
- Rabbi Aryeh Feldman on the loss of his mother.
- Rabbi Yissachar Fried on the loss of his mother.
- Riki Fried on the loss of her sister.
- Julie (Ramelson) Goldberg on the loss of her mother.
- Doug and Batsheva Goldstein on the loss of Batsheva's father.
- Deborah (Cohn) Katz on the loss of her mother.
- Reuvein Chaim Kelner on the loss of his grandfather.
- Richard Kleiman on the loss of his wife.
- Stuart and Phyllis Lippman on the loss of Phyllis's father.
- Dikla (Yadin) Lynn on the loss of her father.
- Rabbi Ron Meyers on the loss of his mother.
- Dovid Neiburg on the loss of his mother.
- Abraham Pollack on the loss of his mother.
- Brian Ramelson on the loss of his mother.
- Rabbi Gideon Schulman on the loss of his father.
- Simcha Shapiro on the loss of his mother.
- Tzvi Silverstone on the loss of his mother.
- Leah Tabak on the loss of her grandfather.
- Jonathan Zion on the loss of his father.

The Shapell's/Darché Noam family mourns the loss of our beloved alumni:

- Daniel Davis z"l
- Yaakov Macales z"l
- Shraga Silver z"l
- May their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*
- daughter, Shoshana, to Ally (Poret) and David Tsitsuashvili.
- son to Joshua and Dina Vecht.
- son to Daniel and Elana Wajnblum.
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Join the "4 for 4 Commitment"!

Recently a group of dedicated alumni came together to create a revolution in the way alumni view their role at Shapell's/Yeshiva Darche Noam and Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya. Recognizing the tremendous amount of financial support needed to provide the new generation of students with the same life changing experience they had, they challenged their fellow alumni to commit to making Shapell's/Darche Noam one of their top four tzedakah recipient for (at least) the next four years. We appreciate all of those who joined their commitment.

Yehuda & Annette Aaronson	Doug & Batsheva Goldstein	Reuven & Sophia Marantz	Shaanan & Emma Scherer
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Rabbi Joel & Sarah Dinin		Meira Russo	
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**We invite YOU to join the
"4 for 4 Commitment"
and help ensure the future
of Shapell's/Darche Noam.**

Simply email
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to sign up.



Rebbetzin Ruthie Karlinsky with alumnae, Tara Milhem and Jenny (Karo) Leeds at the 40th anniversary dinner in Teaneck, NJ

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