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MAZAL TOVS!

Phil Schiffman and Miram Maltz Schiffman, Mazal Tov to Phil Schiffman (YC 1979) & Miriam Maltz Schiffman (SCW 1980) Schiffman on the birth of their granddaughter Eva Faith Kaufman, and Mazal Tov on the marriage of their son Avi to Malory Shain.

PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Atty. James Horwitz '84 Cardozo School of Law has been admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 28, 2021 – Atty. James Horwitz of Bridgeport-based Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America.



The induction ceremony at which he became a Fellow took place before an audience of approximately 687 (including both in-person and virtual attendees) during the recent Annual Meeting of the College in Chicago.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,800 members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice,

and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice. A resident of **Woodbridge**, Atty. Horwitz is the Managing Attorney at Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder. He is well known for handling medical malpractice cases related to obstetrics, cardiology, and pediatric medicine as well as a wide range of other medical specialties. He has lectured nationally on birth injuries and written on negligent infliction of emotional distress. He is a graduate of Colgate University and received his Juris Doctorate from Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York.

Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, nationally known for personal injury, medical malpractice, product liability, and class actions, concentrates on helping people who suffer serious personal injury or economic harm. The firm's attorneys have been responsible for important changes in the conduct of corporate and government defendants. The firm has offices in Bridgeport, Danbury and New Haven.

BOOKS

Engineering Expansion, The U.S. Army and Economic Development, 1787-1860 Written by William Adler. William, a professor of political science at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, teaches courses on the American presidency, public policy, public administration, and Jewish political thought.

Corrections and Beyond Written by Dr. Ivan Godfrey. Dr. Godfrey graduated from Wurzweiler graduate School of Social Work in 1998 with a M.S.W. His new book is about his career as an African American male in law enforcement and the challenges he faced, along with becoming a Forensic Psychologist with the NYSOMH Bureau of Forensic Services. Dr. Godfrey is currently an Associate Professor at SUNY Ulster C.C. and an Adjunct Professor at UAlbany graduate School of Social Welfare. The book is available on Amazon Books.

The Bible in Rabbinic Interpretation- Jonah Written by Yu Graduate and musmach, Rabbi Professor Jordan S. Penkower of Bar Ilan University along with co- author, Menahem Ben- Yashar. This book gathers all the derashot on the Book of Jonah from the Talmud and midrashic literature (150 derashot). The derashot are arranged according to the biblical sequence of verses in each chapter. Every Derasha is interpreted both on its own and in relation to the biblical text, in order to clarify which difficulties, the darshan found in the verse and what solutions he suggested in the derasha. Each chapter ends with a short summary according to the plain meaning of the biblical text and in contrast, a summary of the derashot for that chapter and the main trends in them, to show the difference between the plain and midrashic versions of the verses.

IN-MEMORIAM

Dr. Eli Levy z'l

Dr. Eli Levy z'l, a former associate professor at Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Father of Sondra Rube, Sherry and Rav Shlomo Krupka z'l, and Benji and Cheri Levy.

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler z'l

Husband of Rebbetzin Sifra (Feinstein) Tendler Z"L. Brother of Rabbi Sholom Tendler [YC 60]. Father of Rivka Rappaport (and Rabbi Shabtai), Dr. Yacov Tendler [YC 72, AECOM 77] (and Yael), Rabbi Mordecai Tendler [YC 73] (and Michelle), Rabbi Aron Tendler (and Esther), Rabbi Hillel Tendler [CLS 83] (and Mashie), Sara Oren (and Rabbi Avraham), Russie Fried [SCW 85] (and our chaver Rabbi Sholom [YC 82, RIETS 86]), Ely Tendler (and Racheli).

Rabbi David Beitler z'l

Brother of Rabbi Gary Beitler (YC '89, RIETS '92) and Roseann Beitler. Father of Sruli, Ariella, and Nechama,

Mr. Jacob Gershon Muskat z'l

Husband of the late Miriam Muskat (nee Weiss) z'l. Father of Rabbi Danny and Rivkie Muskat, Rabbi Jonathan Muskat (YC '94, BRGS '94, RIETS '97) and Dr. Yael Muskat, Josh Muskat (YC '00) and Bracha Rutner (YUHSG Head of School), The late David Muskat z'l and Gloria, and Miriam and Yaakov Greenwald.

Harav HaGaon Rav Gedalia Dov Schwartz z'l

YC graduate '46, RIETS '49. Husband of Chana Sarah Schwartz and the late Rosalie Schwartz z'l. Father of Avraham Yeshaya and Sally Schwartz, Rivka Leah and the late Rabbi Yehoshua z'l Goldman, and Chaim and Shani Schwartz.

Rav Schwartz was born in 1925 and raised in Newark, New Jersey, where he first studied Torah in his teenage years with Rav Yaakov Bentzion Mendelson. He later attended Yeshiva College and RIETS, where he received semicha. Before moving to Chicago in 1987, Rav Schwartz was the Rabbi of the Young Israel of Boro Park for 18 years, having earlier held pulpits in Rhode Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Rabbi Schwartz led the American Jewish community with distinction for over 60 years and the Chicago community for over 30 years. On October 27, 2007, Rabbi Schwartz was honored for his 20 years of service to the CRC and to the Chicago Jewish community during a national dinner. Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, Yeshiva University chancellor, was the keynote speaker.

Rabbi Melvin Burg z'l

We mourn the sad passing of Rabbi Melvin I. Burg Z"L (YUHS 66, YC 70, RIETS 74, BRGS 74), husband of Pearl (YUHS 67) and father of Rabbi Steven Burg (YUHS 89, YC 93, RIETS 06, BRGS 13) of Bergenfield, NJ, Daniel Burg (YUHS 94, YC 98) of Cedarhurst and Barbara Vidomlanski (YUHS 94, SCW 98) of Ramat Bet Shemesh.

Jules Brod z'l

Husband of Adele Brody (YUHS '63, SCW '67). Father of Rabbi Aaron and Raquel Brody (YUHS '87, RIETS '95) and Tzivia (SCW '92, CLS 95) and Joseph Rubin.

Rabbi Dr. David Eliach z'l

Condolences to our chaver RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Michael Rosensweig '80R and his Rebbetzin Professor Smadar, on the passing of Smadar's father Rabbi Dr. David Eliach. Husband of Professor Yaffa Eliach z'l. Father of Rabbi Yotav (YUHS '75) and Hildy Eliach and Smadar and Rabbi Michael Rosensweig.

Dr. Chaya R. Gorsetman z'l

Wife of Rabbi Fred Gorsetman [YC 67, BRGS 70, RIETS 71]. Daughter of Naomi Rosenfeld. Sister of Varda Meller (and Izzy), Schlomit Goldenberg (and Irving), and Moshe "Miki" Rosenfeld (and Gitty). Mother of: Atara Spira [SCW 96] (and Brian), Talya Gorsetman Starr [SCW 97] (and Rabbi Adam [YC 00, RIETS 02]), Leora Flicker (and Rabbi Omri [RIETS 04, BRGS 05]), and Yedidya Gorsetman (and Shlomit Cohen)

Yola Berliant Jacobson z'l

Widow of Rabbi Chanan "Clive" Jacobson Z"L. Mother of Senior Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Ms. Miriam Jacobson [SCW 17]. Sister of: Rabbi Ben-Zion Berliant [YUHS 64, YC 68, BRGS 73, RIETS 73] (and Chana Berliant), and Sarah Kadosh (and Rabbi Dr. Meir Kadosh [RIETS 83, BRGS 85]). Daughter of the late Rabbi Samuel [RIETS 29, HDR] and Rebbetzin Miriam Berliant Z"L.

Rabbi Abraham J. Kramer z'l

Husband of Dr. Cheryl Kramer [YUHS 61, WSSW 95]. Father of Sharon Ginsberg [YUHS-G-M 84, SCW 88], David Kramer, Ari Kramer [YUHS 90, YC 95], and Daniel Kramer [YC 03].

Chaim Jacob Fortgang z'l

Husband of Fay Fortgang. Father of: Leyla Posner [SCW 93] (and Member of the RIETS Board of Trustees, Daniel "Donny" Posner [YC 91]), Chanie Kohn (and Dr. Jeffrey [YC 99]), Seth Fortgang [YC 97], Gitty Freund [SCW 04] (and Marc).

Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Glick z'l

[YC 1965, RIETS 1969, FGS 1999] Husband of Rebbetzin Nina Glick [BRGS 88]. Father of: Chavie Hagler (and Rabbi Chaim [RIETS 94]) and Dena Kinderlehrer [SCW 96] (and Rabbi Moshe [YUHS 91, YC 95, RIETS 02]).

Rabbi David M. Keehn z'l

Harav Dovid Yitzchak ben Akiva Yehuda [YUHS 1985, YC 1989, RIETS 1994]. Son of Helen Klein [YUHS 63] (and Dr. Warren [YC 81]). Son of Akiba Keehn (and Linda). Husband of Dr. Andrea Keehn [FGS 02]. Father of Avraham Tzvi Keehn and Leah Keehn. Brother of: Ari Keehn [YUHS 86, YC 90] (and Lisa [SCW 94]), Jay Keehn [YUHS 90], (and Melissa [SCW 94]), Melissa Strazynski (and Ephraim "Ephi" [SSSB 07, WSSW 16]), Eric Keehn (and Naava). Stepbrother of: Betzael Rothstein (and Chana), Amy Solomon (and Eyal), Penny Levy (and Eric), Rabbi Nachi Klein [YUHS 94, SSSB 97]] (and Michele).

Ellen Lasser LeVee (Chuldah Yocheved bat Chaim) z'l

Wife of Eugene LeVee. Mother of Rabbi Matt (RIETS '19) and Sheli LeVee, Amy and Matt Williams and Sara and Michael) Safyan. Grandmother of Yochanan, DeVorah, Eliezer, Emmett and Nora. Daughter of Howard and Barbara Lasser. Sister of Cathy Lasser and Alan and Lovi Lasser.

The levaya will take place at 12 p.m. (CDT), Monday, November 1, at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment to follow at Waldheim Jewish Cemetery.

Location and streaming information on the following link: <https://chicagojewishf.wpengine.com/funeral-detail-page/>

Shiva Info in Chicago and Washington Heights:

The Family will be sitting shiva at their home in Chicago, 6711 N. Talman Ave. from Monday following the burial until getting up on Sunday, November 7:

8-11 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Minyanim: Shachrit 8 a.m., Mincha/Mariv 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday Rabbi Matt LeVee will be returning to sit the remainder of shiva at his home in Washington Heights,

475 W. 186th Street Apt 2c

New York, New York

Thursday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-5:35 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Motzai Shabbat: 7:30-10 p.m.

Minyanim:

Shachrit 9 a.m. on Thursday/Friday; 8:30 a.m. on Sunday

Mincha/Maariv 5:35 p.m.

Rabbi LeVee can be reached at shenkrabbi@gmail.com.

Leo Brandstatter (YUHS 66, YC 70) z'l

Husband of Doris Dassie (Gold) (YUHS 67), father of Batsheva Fass (SCW 95), Dov (YUHS 96, YC 2000), and Yisrael and brother of Bruchie Weinstein YUHS 71).

The funeral in Israel will take place today, Monday, November 1 at Eretz Hachaim Cemetery in Har Tuv (near Bet Shemesh) at 7:30 PM <https://livestream.com/bti/Leo-brandstatter>

Shiva in Israel

Rehov Yerushalayim 10/2, Ramat Bet Shemesh

Doris and Dov on Tuesday only and Batsheva Tuesday and Wednesday

Minyanim on Tuesday Shacharit: 8:00 AM

Mincha 4:35 PM

Shiva in the US

The remaining days of shiva, the family will sit at 5-20 Hazel Place, Fair Lawn, NJ

Bruchie will sit on Sunday- Tuesday, Friday at 1156 East 26th St., Brooklyn

Minyanim starting Wednesday

Shacharit: 8:00 AM

Mincha: 5:35PM