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**Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies** A Graduate School offering innovative, interdisciplinary M.A. programs to Israeli educators of all backgrounds and beliefs.

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**Midreshet Yerushalayim** An educational program offering study opportunities in Jewish culture to Israelis and immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel and in communities throughout Ukraine.

This year, the Schechter Institutes embarked on a new chapter of growth and expansion with the dedication of new campuses in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

**Schechter in Jerusalem.**
**Legacy Heritage House.**
Designed by Israel Prize Laureate Ada Karmi, this new campus will allow the Schechter Institute to meet the demands of increased enrollment and to enlarge the scope of educational activities to strengthen the pluralistic character of Jerusalem and the State of Israel.

**Neve Schechter in Tel Aviv.**
**Legacy Heritage Center for Jewish Culture.**
Designed by award-winning architect Michal Kimmel, the new Neve Schechter Campus will help define the cultural and spiritual life for Neve Zedek and for greater Tel Aviv.
a new chapter
Schechter in Jerusalem
The Legacy Heritage House of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, scheduled to open at the end of 2010, stands five stories high with 25,000 sq. ft. of space. Walking through the ground floor Harvey L. Miller Family Bet Midrash and first floor classrooms, one can see and feel the striking beauty of architect Ada Karmi-Melamede’s design in the utilization of open spaces and natural light. From a vantage point in the first floor foyer, you can look into the auditorium classroom; view students learning in the Bet Midrash below, or gaze out at the courtyard. The three upper floors hold fourteen lecture halls, classrooms and seminar rooms. A student lounge and art gallery for permanent and visiting exhibits is on the ground floor. The basement houses the Lou and Judy Miller TALI Pedagogic Center. The new Schechter Campus in Jerusalem, when completed, will include the Liebhaber Center for Jewish Education and the Schechter Library Building.

Neve Schechter in Tel Aviv
The Legacy Heritage Center for Jewish Culture of Neve Schechter, located in Tel Aviv’s trendy Neve Zedek neighborhood, accommodates the Kehillat Sinai Masorti synagogue/sanctuary, Art Gallery, the Jake and Janet Farber Courtyard and a café on the first floor. The Simha and Sara Lainer Bet Midrash, classrooms and rabbi’s study occupy the second floor. Neve Zedek architect Michal Kimmel and Associates have painstakingly restored the exquisite 19th century Templer building which is rich in detail. The charm of the 125-year old building which once served as a coffee house for artists and writers, and was described in colorful detail by Nobel Prize Laureate Shai Agnon, will be felt throughout the complex. Neve Schechter in Tel Aviv, will eventually comprise additional activity rooms and a pre-school, in addition to the restoration of the original building.
Jerusalem Campus  |  May 4, 2010
Dedication of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Legacy Heritage House

1. Right: Schechter Board Member, Dr. David Breakstone, leads Natan Sharansky to the podium
2. Dedication Ceremony
3. Left: Alisa Doctoroff, NYC, and Arleen Priest, NYC, unveil the donor’s plaque
4. Schechter Medal recipients (from left): Robert Rifkind, Rabbi Mark Liebhaber, Efi Abramson for William Davidson z”l, Geoff Turetsky for Legacy Heritage Fund
5. Major donors to the Schechter Jerusalem campus
6. Festive dinner on the lawn (from left): Carl Sunshine, LA, Martin Cohn, Longboat Key, FL, Rabbi Joel Rembaum, LA, Judy and Lou Miller, LA, Saul and Mary Sanders, NYC
7. Prof. David Golinkin with Saul and Mary Sanders and Ralph Goldman
8. Profs. Jonathan Sarna (left) and Arnold Eisen (right) with Robert Rifkind
9. From left: Rick and Ann Tavan with Shari and Paul Robbins, Palo Alto, CA
10. Natan Sharansky, Chairman, Jewish Agency
Tel Aviv Campus | May 5, 2010
Dedication of the Neve Schechter Legacy Heritage Center for Jewish Culture in Neve Zedek

1. Former MK and Schechter Board Member Colette Avital
2. Restored Courtyard and venue of the dedication
3. Geoff Turestsky represents the Legacy Heritage Fund
4. Celebrating the Neve Schechter dedication are members of the Schechter Boards and Dedications Mission
5. A full house for the dedication
6. Unveiling the donor’s plaque, from left: Rabbi Roberto Arbib, Geoff Turetsky, Saul Sanders, Robert Rifkind, Luis Lainer, Prof. David Golinkin and Rabbi Joel Rembaum
7. Prof. Golinkin with Luis Lainer
8. Performance of the Artists’ Bet Midrash
9. From left: Rabbi Joel Rembaum, Luis Lainer and Carl Sunshine
10. Rabbi Roberto Arbib with David Broza
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Mr. Robert S. Rifkind who served as Chairman of the Schechter Institute Board of Trustees and The Schechter Institutes, Inc. for over a decade, stepped down as Chair in May. Mr. Rifkind assumed the mantle of leadership at Schechter in 1999. He has also been a board member of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary. Over a decade of dedicated service, Mr. Rifkind’s wisdom and experience has steered The Schechter Institutes on a course of major growth and achievement. In 2001, Mr. Rifkind played an invaluable role in establishing the Judge Simon H. Rifkind and Harry Meresman Scholarship Fund for Academic Excellence, an endowment that promotes academic excellence in the Schechter Institute’s graduate school.

In tribute to his outstanding leadership skills, generosity and deep humanity, the Schechter Institute honored him in May at the opening dinner of the Schechter Dedication Celebrations and presented him with the Schechter Medal at the Jerusalem dedication.

Mr. Saul I Sanders has succeeded Mr. Rifkind as Chairman of the Schechter Institute Board of Trustees after a unanimous vote of approval in May. He also is Chairman of The Schechter Institutes, Inc. Saul and his wife, Mary, divide their time between New York City and Tel Aviv. Mr. Sanders helped found C-BASS, an investment and securities firm in 1996, and serves as its Co-CEO. In addition, Saul serves as Co-CEO of Shellpoint Mortgage, a mortgage origination and investment company. Saul is very involved with a number of non-profit organizations, including his synagogue, Congregation Habonim, where he just completed five years of service as President. He also serves on the boards of The Jewish Theological Seminary and The Joyce Theater Foundation and previously served on the board of The Joffrey Ballet.

Prof. David Golinkin, who is President and The Jerome and Miriam Katzin Professor of Jewish Studies at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, assumed the reins of leadership at the Institute at a crucial juncture in Israel’s history. Israelis had begun to redefine their Israeli/Jewish identity. With limitless energy and commitment, Prof. Golinkin responded to the call, and during the past decade, the number of people served annually by Schechter programs has more than doubled to over 40,000 people of all ages; the institution received accreditation from Israel’s Council for Higher Education; and its library stacks more than tripled. The success in building two new campuses, in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, will enable Schechter to expand its programs as it continues to grow from strength to strength.

A leading halakhic scholar, Prof. Golinkin has made an invaluable contribution to the development of Jewish Law. He is the founder and director of the Institute for Applied Halakhah, which publishes a library of Halakhic literature in Hebrew, English and Russian for Jews throughout the world. He directs the Center for Women in Jewish Law, whose research and publications, especially in the area of agunot, have made a significant contribution to advancing the status of women in Jewish Law.

Prof. Golinkin is the author or editor of forty books. Under his able direction, the Schechter Institute has published or co-published over fifty books.

Yishar Kochacha to Prof. Golinkin on the achievements of his first decade. May he continue to lead the Schechter Institute to new heights in the decade ahead.
A Letter from the President

We have much to be grateful for as we begin our second quarter century and as we celebrate the completion of our new campuses in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Yet, recent headlines in *The Jerusalem Post* (27.8.10) reminded us that we must redouble our efforts to teach pluralistic, tolerant Jewish studies throughout the State of Israel.

Rabbi Shimon Ba’adani of the Shas party said that “Only threat of closure can justify secular studies… [He] denies encouraging English study in elementary schools.” The very next headline reads “[Education Ministry] Sa’ar: No plans to teach secular studies…” He was responding to criticism by MK Nitzan Horowitz of the Meretz party: “We cannot cross the clear line between studying a historical Jewish ceremony of great value, and between bringing religious ritual into the schools. The next step could be wearing a yarmulke during Bible study…”

I am happy to report that many polls show that 60% of Israelis disagree with both Ba’adani and Horowitz. Like R. Shimon Ben Gamliel, Maimonides and the Gaon of Vilna, they know that it is perfectly permissible and even desirable to study secular studies. But they also know that a well-rounded Israeli Jew must know how to wear a kippah, pray from a siddur, and study Pirkei Avot and the weekly portion. This is precisely why the Schechter Institute has grown from 4 to over 40,000 students in 25 years. We are providing the type of Jewish education which most Israelis want and which the Israeli government does not yet provide.

The current thirst for Judaism in Israel is epitomized by an e-mail which we received in March:

“Hello, I am the mother of two girls, one in first grade and the other in kindergarten. I want to inquire if you have any framework for classes about Judaism in Kfar Saba. My older daughter goes to a secular public school and it bothers me greatly that [the school does not] teach anything about values and about Judaism. I am very interested that my daughters should know, honor, love and want to understand Judaism…”

So are we! That is why Schechter has grown so rapidly in 25 years and that is why, with your help, we shall continue to expand our programs in years to come.

David Golinkin
Professor David Golinkin
President
Jerome and Miriam Katzin Professor of Jewish Studies

A Letter from the Chairman

This last year has been a time of transition and growth for Schechter. Clearly, the highlight of the year was the dedication of our two new buildings: The Legacy House of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies on our Jerusalem campus and the Neve Schechter Legacy Heritage Center for Jewish Culture in Tel Aviv. When we compare the spaces we have lived in until now with these beautiful new buildings, the distance we have traveled is quite evident. If you haven’t yet seen our new facilities, I urge you to visit; you will be proud of what they represent.

Besides the growth of our new campuses, 2009-10 marked other transitions. I write to you today as the new Board Chairman, having replaced Bob Rifkind who served 10 years in that role. Bob’s vision and leadership helped to guide Schechter through a period of difficult economic times and rapid institutional growth. At our May dedication, Bob received the Schechter Medal to recognize his outstanding contributions.

During the year, we continued our capital campaign to pay for our new campuses. Although we made substantial progress, the fall of the dollar compared to the shekel necessitated an increase in the size of the total dollar-denominated campaign. With all of your support, whether for capital or operations, we are almost there. We will now face the task of integrating these buildings with our programs which continue to expand at a rapid pace and to move forward with Phase II of each campus in the next few years.

Our reputation for quality Jewish education continues to grow. We are now the largest masters program in Jewish studies in the country. TALI has increased its percentage of students in the Israeli secular school system to more than 10%, bringing its total to 88 schools and 100 pre-schools. The recent decision by Israel’s Minister of Education to increase the Jewish studies curriculum in the public schools is a reflection of the demand that Schechter has helped to create for greater Jewish education in all segments of Israeli society. The TALI Education Fund is working closely with the Ministry of Education to develop textbooks and teaching aids.

2009-10 also represented another milestone. It is the 10th anniversary of Rabbi Professor David Golinkin serving as our President. With his hard work, his managerial skills and his ability to explain who we are and what we do to our many supporters, David has transformed Schechter. We are all indebted to him for what he has accomplished and hope he will continue to lead us for many years.

I wish you, your family and the Jewish people a year of peace and prosperity.

Saul I. Sanders
Chairman of the Board
Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies
The real strength of the Schechter Institutes lies in the thousands of Israelis who have been enriched by Schechter education over the past 25 years. Each person’s story is unique. Coming together, they form a collective good which is having a vast and profound impact on Israeli society. We have chosen to focus on a few individuals whose work is opening new and exciting chapters in the fields of education, social advocacy, ecology and more. Their stories are, in no small way, the Schechter story.
Einat Kramer 32, Founding Director of Jewish Nature, Eschar, Lower Galilee

“Jewish Sustainability’ is my definition of 21st century Zionism. It speaks of peoplehood, Tikkun Olam, and a common agenda that will strengthen all of us.”

Einat Kramer is a computer engineer by profession. But the “links” she has decided to tackle are human, not cyber. Growing up in a conventional “national religious” home in Rehovot, Einat’s boundless energy and strong moral compass directed her to environmental causes. “We were extreme Greens,” she smiles, when remembering her environmentally active days at Ben Gurion University.

Five years ago, Einat and her husband Shmulik joined a group of young families interested in building an ecological community. Two years ago they realized their dream with 12 other families in Eschar, a religiously mixed Galilee village. Today the project boasts 40 families.

Einat reasons that Judaism must project flexibility. “Much of Orthodoxy today is occupied with defining and refining the halakhic “niche,” leaving more and more people out of the framework. Halakhah does not need to divide. It is not the only measurement of your Judaism,” she explains.

Einat founded Jewish Nature in 2010, partially in response to “the post-modern disconnect” she feels is threatening Israel and the western world. She also feels that “Jewish Environmentalism” can restore the spiritual and ecological balance we all are searching for. “We are no longer connected to the ground we walk on, or the sky above us; neither to God nor his heavens. I maintain that my identity as a Jew and my environmental activism are one integral whole. This is true ‘Jewish Sustainability,’” she says.

Lacking specific Jewish knowledge for her imposing agenda, Einat turned to Schechter and its M.A. program. “Schechter was an amazing experience. The faculty allowed me to build a special curriculum around ecology and Judaism and they encouraged me in my research,” she says.

Jewish Nature has become Einat’s “fourth baby” (She is a mother to three, all under the age of 5!) The organization has created leadership training seminars, a special program for Shabbat Noah, curricula for TALI schools and community center-based learning programs.

“Our work is about bringing Jews from all backgrounds together, focused on a common goal and passion. Environmental awareness has become a crucial element of Judaism and we are getting this message out.”

Amnon Magid 35, Program Director

“I am a secular Jew who finds pleasure in a page of Talmud. The learning process brings to bear a complexity of thought and richness in detail that can approach the spiritual.”

Critical thinking and values education. These two principles have guided Amnon Magid for as long as he can remember. He lives in an urban kibbutz; works to bring white-color professionals to the classroom for mentoring with children from weak socio-economic backgrounds; and most recently, has devised a current-events curriculum for schools and educators that stresses individual thought, while employing strategies to defuse the “hot topic” potential for a blow-up.
Judaism plays a critical role in determining both Amnon’s lesson plans and his “long view of life.” “I am a secular Jew,” he states simply. “Secular Judaism is a way of life that seeks out meaning through our Jewish roots and sources and is crafted through a community-based world view and Tikun Olam,” explains Amnon.

“In my current events program, I rely heavily on what I call ‘Israel’ sources, which are in fact, ‘Jewish sources.’ But today, in Israel’s politically charged climate, ‘creative language’ can help bridge cultural divides,” he explains with a smile.

Amnon is currently studying Jewish Education and Midrash at Schechter. “I wanted to enhance my independent study of Jewish sources. I knew that I wanted an academic environment whose curriculum could augment program and community building. I found all this and more at Schechter.”

Amnon’s heightened social consciousness began at a young age. Coming from the central Negev town of Arad, he “grew up” in Israel’s labor youth group, Ha’Noar Ha’Oved V’Halomed. He stayed with the movement through the army and beyond, actively working as a youth counselor and program coordinator. A seminal moment came for him when reading a text by one of the pioneers of modern Hebrew literature - Yosef Haim Brenner.

“I remember thinking ‘this is a text full of hidden meaning and ties to Jewish sources.’ I have always had a love affair with language, linguistics and the relationship between words and phrases. Here I was, only getting half of what this titan of Jewish/Zionist thought had to say. I was determined to open up that second half of the world that had not existed for me.”

Dafna Garfunkel 48, Teacher, Hand in Hand Bi-Lingual School, Jerusalem

“I often thought, ‘my father built this country. What is left for me to do?’ I too want to contribute in a significant way.”

Dafna Garfunkel’s 6th grade class is not your standard Jerusalem fare. It is multicultural and bi-lingual, made up of an equal number of Jewish Israelis and Muslim and Christian Arabs. All classes are taught in Hebrew and Arabic. Two teachers lead each class: a Jewish Israeli and an Arab Israeli. Dafna works in tandem with her counterpart, Ulfat, from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Bet Safafa.

For Dafna, Arabic is a familiar sound. Her grandfather rode into Jerusalem on a mule in 1917, a widower from Iraq with three children left motherless. Her father, born in Jerusalem in 1925 to a second wife from Saloniki, grew up in a mixed neighborhood of Arabs and Jews near Yemin Moshe.

“We learned Arabic in 7th grade, but the sub-text was ‘know your enemy.’ My father was a moderate man. His creed was always, ‘know your neighbor.’”

Dafna, taking her father’s lead, enrolled in a one-year course on co-existence offered by the David Yellin Teacher’s Seminary, where she also received her degree in education years earlier. In 2005, a teaching position opened up at Hand in Hand. She grabbed the opportunity.

“Children in grades 1 through 3 learn comparative religion together, based on the Five Books of Moses. In fourth grade, they split up according to their religion,” she explains.

“In this environment of sharing cultures, knowledge of Judaism becomes even more important for the Jewish kids.” It was important for Dafna to teach Judaism to her Jewish students in a meaningful way. “Many of the parents come from a very ideological place where co-existence and equality, if given the chance, could co-opt their Jewish identity. I wanted to bring the two together.” The M.A. degree she earned at Schechter gave her the credibility and the credentials to impart Jewish knowledge coming from a place “that encouraged biblical criticism and the right to question and probe.”

“I see both Hand in Hand and Schechter as true educational models in Israel. They don’t talk co-existence, they live it, and most importantly, share it with all willing to take.”
Chagit Dotan, 42, rabbinical student, teacher of informal Jewish studies

Chagit Dotan is not a timid person. She has jumped right into many a challenging situation, always landing on her feet. She has volunteered with the Citizen’s Guard; has earned licenses for motorcycles, deep-sea diving and guiding. She has earned a degree from the Hebrew University and a teaching certificate from Bar Ilan University. She has worked as a tour guide, a teacher, and community coordinator for a school in Modi’in, where she now lives with her husband and four children, ages 4-13.

Growing up in a modern religious home in Jerusalem’s Bet Hakerem neighborhood, Chagit’s first challenge came in the army. She chose to work with an IDF pilot project in the Negev development town of Ofakim. There she led a nature education program. “The army afforded me a great deal of room for creativity,” she explains.

Chagit worked a few summers as an Israeli counselor at the Ramah Camps in Wisconsin and Massachusetts. “Prayers at Camp Ramah were an eye-opener for me. Coming from a place of happiness, it was a joyful community experience which has guided me in shaping my vision of Judaism ever since,” remembers Chagit. Hearing Prof. David Golinkin speak about the Conservative approach to Jewish Law was a turning point for Chagit in her search for religious meaning. At the time she was a fellow of the Tehudah program for Jewish Leadership.

Today, in addition to her full-time studies, Chagit teaches a number of weekly Jewish studies classes in Modi’in to a mix of communities including a very special family session. “What began as a small weekly gathering over two years ago has mushroomed into an extended family affair, where we discuss the Weekly Torah portion,” she shares proudly. Chagit is also completing a course unit in Schechter’s chaplaincy program in conjunction with the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the National Association of Jewish Chaplains. As part of this program, she has been working with terminally ill oncology patients at the Assaf Haroofe Hospital.

Today, Chagit is immersed in studies, but leaves open all doors for future employment as an educator and/or pulpit rabbi. “For the first time in Israel’s history, Israelis are considering the ‘essence’ of their lives, not only their physical survival. Judaism obligates you to deeds and I am totally committed to answering this call.”

“There is a Talmudic saying (Niddah 31 a): ‘Man has three partners: God, his mother and his father.’ I say, I have a fourth and fifth partner: the donors who have allowed me the privilege of learning Torah at Schechter and the gifted teachers who are sharing that Torah with me.”

“I am somebody who loves to give. Provide me with a platform…and the sky is the limit!”
Jonathan and Aviva Kremer were a “family chavruta” at Schechter, often found sitting together over a page of Talmud…or a cup of coffee. “Aviva’s enthusiasm and encouragement helped me decide to come to Jerusalem this year,” says her father, Jonathan. In many ways, the decision was a “no-brainer” for “Abba” Kremer, as all three of his children were in Israel at the same time: 21 year-old Devora in a Junior Year abroad program; 24 year-old Hannah who had recently made aliyah; and Aviva, his study partner at Schechter.

Jonathan, a graphic artist specializing in Judaica, comes from a four-generation line of Kremer artists: his father worked in advertising; his grandfather was a sign painter and model builder; his great-grandfather, a sofer stam, whose miniature Megillat Esther (just two inches high!) is a treasured family heirloom. One of Jonathan’s brothers is a glass artist; the other has taken up bookbinding. His shift to rabbinics did not come as a shock to many. “With Rabbi Neil Cooper’s blessing, I’d been ‘playing’ rabbi for a long time at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, in Ardmore, a community outside of Philadelphia.” For Jonathan and his wife, Ellie, keruv, or bringing people closer to their Judaism, is something that they just do naturally.

Aviva leaned toward the rabbinate very early on in life. From the age of 8, this determined young woman knew which profession she wanted to enter. “Instead of playing house, I gave sermons,” she recalls with a chuckle. Both father and daughter have a deep sense of calling. “I see my goal as sharing the joys of what Jewish life has to offer. Being a rabbi for me is not the authority that comes with the title, but rather, the influence of the position, allowing me to reach more people,” explains Jonathan.

Aviva also aims to be a pulpit rabbi. “A community allows for the total expression of Jewish life, encompassing the entire age spectrum, the Jewish calendar and life cycles,” she explains. “Although Jewish day schools and summer camps provide a very positive Jewish experience,” Aviva knows that for her, a congregational setting provides “the most opportunities to positively influence a person’s connection to Judaism.”

The year studying at Schechter was a rewarding experience for Jonathan and Aviva. For Jonathan, the array of courses was too tempting. “I overloaded on nine courses. There was just so much to choose from!”

For Aviva, the year afforded her the ability to compare Conservative religious life in North America with Israel. “Communities on both sides of the ocean have much to offer each other, being ever mindful of the differences and unique aspects of each community,” she feels.

Aviva’s encounter with Masorti Judaism also brought her a delightful surprise. While fulfilling her internship requirements at Ramat Aviv’s Tiferet Shalom synagogue, she met her future husband, Ari Fellman, from Hod Hasharon, who was visiting that Shabbat with a Marom group of Israeli university students. The two will be married before the end of 2010. Mazal Tov, Family Kremer!
Ilana Ozer, 52, Principal, TALI Givat Ela School  Lower Galilee

Our pioneering (halutz) days are over. The Kibbutz Movement is no longer relevant. What ties our children to this land?”

Ilana Ozer is not new to her job as principal of the Givat Ela Community School, located on a picturesque hill overlooking the Jezreel Valley. What is new is her tenacious commitment to bringing TALI education to all 318 students (and parents!) of the school. The town of Givat Ela was settled 23 years ago by 2nd generation kibbutzniks from neighboring kibbutzim. For most, their worldview is secular; their relationship to Judaism, minimal at best. Introducing an enriched Jewish studies curriculum to this population in 2007 was no easy task.

Ilana grew up in a secular home in Ramat Yishai, a community not far from Givat Ela, where she continues to live today. Her moment of reckoning, like many Israelis who visit North America, came on a visit to Detroit, MI, as part of an exchange program sponsored by the Detroit Federation, twinned with Givat Ela through Partnership 2000. “I was greeted by the biggest shock of my life,” she remembers. The Jewish community there is not sitting in Eretz Yisrael, but they are the ones opening the Tanach. They know where to turn the page in the Siddur. I don’t. I asked myself, ‘how is it possible that these people have this knowledge and I don’t? These Jews are teaching their children and we are not!'”

Ilana returned to Israel with a mission. “I called all my teachers in for a meeting,” Ilana recalls. She shared her thoughts with them. “Our pioneering (halutz) days are over. The Kibbutz Movement is no longer relevant. What ties our children to this land?” Ilana answered her own question: Jewish knowledge and values.

Anat Ovadia, a teacher at the school, is Givat Ela’s original “halutznik” when it comes to Jewish education. She received an M.A. in Jewish Studies from the Schechter Institute in 2001 and today is Jewish Studies coordinator at the school. “I remember bringing my first grade class a tallit and a yad for reading from the Torah. I set up a Shabbat table with challah and candles. These children had never been inside a synagogue. They had never set a Shabbat table!” she explains with wonderment. “Our educational challenge today is to find new definitions for Zionism. For me, instilling Jewish values is the 21st century response to Zionism.”

Anat teaches TALI’s Weekly Torah portion curriculum at the school. “For years teachers have been grappling with how to present values education, but with little success,” explains TALI pedagogic counselor Tsipi Kadoshy, who has worked with the school for the last three years. “TALI’s curriculum takes the wisdom of our Jewish sources and places it within a modern context of universal values which directs the children how to live those values.”

Last year, after introducing Rosh Hodesh ceremonies and pedagogic workshops for the teachers, Ilana added the dimension of prayer. Here, she ran into opposition. Not giving up, Ilana put together a team of teachers to...
“Rabbi Yoav” Opens a New Chapter for TALI’s Bar-Bat Mitzvah Seminar at Kibbutz Hanaton

In 1991, Dr. Eitan Chikli, founding director of the educational center at Kibbutz Hanaton, established the TALI Bar-Bar Mitzvah seminar program. Around that time he met Yoav Ende who was fulfilling his army service at Kibbutz Hanaton with a group of young idealists from the Masorti Noam youth movement.

Today, Schechter-ordained “Rabbi Yoav” directs the educational center at Hanaton and is rabbi of the kibbutz. Eitan Chikli is now Susan and Scott Shay Executive Director of the TALI Education Fund. The two have “opened a new chapter” for the Bar-Bat Mitzvah seminar, which lay dormant for many years.

“I remember participating in the seminar with my school from Ramat Hasharon,” says Vicki Pines, 28, one of Hanaton’s new members. “Hanaton was my first encounter with pluralistic Judaism. Before that seminar, Judaism was very one-dimensional for me.” Today, Vicki is responsible for building the two-day Bar-Bat Mitzvah program. Spending over three months working on this first pilot project, she and a dedicated staff presented it in June to 6th graders of the TALI Givat Ela school, located only a few miles away from Hanaton.

“Yoav is working directly with the TALI Education Fund in marketing the seminar for TALI schools. “We are hopeful that the seminar will once again become an integral component of TALI education,” says Yoav. Judging by the high marks that TALI Givat Ela students and teachers gave the pilot project, Yoav and his staff have a winner on their hands!”

custom-design a curriculum that weaves personal prayer with prayers for the country, connecting Jewish tradition to love of the land. For the 2010-11 school year, Ilana will introduce child-parent workshops based on a new TALI curriculum.

Where TALI education has met with resounding success is the TALI rabbi program. Known as “Rabbi Yoav”, Schechter-ordained Yoav Ende began working with the school last year. “It was a perfect match,” says Ilana. “Yoav adds the experiential side to our learning of the holidays …with a guitar, a song and a smile.” A highlight was the very moving Sefer Torah ceremony that he organized for 1st graders, including his own son, Tomer.”

The best indicator of where TALI Givat Ela is headed? This year, Ilana completed the first year in a two-year TALI Leadership program which meets once a week at the Schechter Institute and leads to an M.A. in Jewish Studies. This fall, three additional teachers from the school are joining Ilana in Jerusalem for this intensive study program.

“The seminar is based on the original workshop conceived by TALI back in the early 90s, but updated to fit 2010,” explains Yoav. The new and improved program has added women to its curriculum. It also discusses social taboos and how to deal with them. “Most importantly, it is helping Bar/Bat Mitzvot reach this milestone in a way that challenges them to do something significant with their lives,” adds Yoav.
A Tale of Two Jewish Day Schools: Chernowitz and Kharkov

TALI Chernowitz School Opens a New Chapter in Excellence

Gila Katz, founding director of the TALI Chernowitz School and today outgoing director of Midreshet Yerushalayim-Ukraine, has always been a modest individual. But these days, she is taking great pride in the latest achievement of the school which she founded in 1991. Through her efforts of the past twenty years, the school is not only the flagship of the Midreshet Yerushalayim network in Ukraine, but now ranks No.1 in academic excellence in the entire country.

In the presence of President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovych, Ukraine Minister of Education and Science Dmytro Tabachnyk and other government officials, the TALI Chernowitz Jewish Day School was awarded “First Place for Education and Science in Ukraine” on May 21, 2010. Ludwiga Tsurkin, the principal of TALI Chernowitz accepted the award in the school’s name. “I am honored to receive this prize,” said Ludwiga. “But the award goes to my entire staff of dedicated teachers, the students themselves, and of course, to Midreshet Yerushalayim which has been like a parent to the school, from the beginning.”

“One of the keys to TALI Chernowitz’s success is our integration of Jewish values into the curriculum. Of course our students are talented and capable children. But more important, they are learning how to be good human beings,” explains Gila. In addition to the state prize, Gila reports that another 68 students from the school won various other academic achievement prizes during this past school year.

Over 100 educational institutions – universities, colleges and schools – participated in the competition, from which 15 semifinalists were selected. The TALI Chernowitz Day School was the only Jewish school chosen to participate in the competition. The criteria for awarding the prize included the students’ level of knowledge, the school’s program in science, extracurricular classes and programs offered.

The TALI Chernowitz Day School, located in southwest Ukraine, was the first Jewish Day School in Ukraine following the fall of the Communist regime. There are currently 320 pupils in grades 1-11. General studies fall under the auspices of the Ukrainian Ministry of Education, while 9-10 weekly hours of Hebrew Language and Jewish studies, as well as informal Jewish programming for pupils and their parents, are provided by Midreshet Yerushalayim.

Kharkov-born Eugeny Persky, 69, is a leading expert in the field of bio-chemistry and a respected lecturer and head of the Kharkov University medical research laboratory. Never in his wildest dreams could he have predicted that he would one day be headmaster of a thriving Jewish Day School, in addition to his university duties.

That day arrived more than 15 years ago when the Orthodox Union approached him to direct the Shaalvim Lyceum elementary school they were establishing in Kharkov. “I still can’t explain why I was drawn to this project,” says Persky. “Each year, I say, ‘this will be my last,’ but every year brings more challenges and rewards.”

In 2009, the OU stopped its activities in Kharkov. A man of tremendous energies and a streak of stubbornness, Persky looked for other sponsors. The World Jewish Relief...
Fund stepped in as a major supporter of the school. Contacts at the Joint and Jewish Agency led to a meeting with Gila Katz, director of Midreshet Yerushalayim-Ukraine. In February 2010, the school opened a new chapter, joining the Midreshet Yerushalayim network of schools, camps and centers in Ukraine. A number of teacher training sessions were held, and this summer, 18 children from the school attended Ramah-Ukraine summer camp. All teachers of Jewish subjects participated in Midreshet Yerushalayim’s Teacher Training Seminar in June.

“Midreshet Yerushalayim is a perfect match for us. It offers full pedagogic support and a rich Jewish studies program which is much more inclusive and informed,” explains Persky. “But most important, we have a common agenda: maintaining a high educational level.”

The school’s 100 students, (grades 1-10) learn a full curriculum of secular and Jewish subjects from a gifted staff of teachers, many of whom Persky personally recruited from his university contacts.

Persky grew up in a warm Jewish environment. He remembers going to synagogue with his father on special occasions and holidays. “Judaism has always been a part of my life. It is simply in my blood,” he says.

“Jewish knowledge is important for every person to have. Not only is it part of our heritage as Jews, but it also is a key part of European and western culture.”

All eyes in the silent hall focused on Ilya Taliantski as he read: “What were Jews called who hid from officers sent to round up new recruits for the Tsar’s army every spring?”

The moment he finished reading, heated discussion replaced the silence as participants in the MILI club in Beersheva conferred with their teammates. Each team handed Ilya a slip of paper with its answer and all eyes returned to him. “The answer is afikomen,” he announced, giving a point to the team with the right answer. One team looked confused – none of its members had heard the word before.

MILI Opens A New Chapter in Beersheva

A member of the successful team, Alana Kishinev, 35, who made aliyah from Ukraine in 1995 and now lives at Kibbutz Hazerim, explained that the afikomen is a piece of matzo that is hidden during the Passover seder (just like the potential soldiers hid).

The club was playing a variation of What, Where and When, which began as a television game show in Russia and became so popular that fans formed clubs in over a dozen countries. Recognizing the game’s pedagogic potential, Midreshet Yerushalayim established clubs throughout Israel in which immigrants meet regularly to play a variation of it known as MILI in which 40-50 percent of the questions are on Jewish topics.

Ilya, 36, who made aliya from St. Petersburg in 1992, and today works as a content manager for an Israeli cable station, is an Israeli champion and a board member of the Israeli and international federations of What, Where and When clubs. Due to his prominence in that world, Midreshet Yerushalayim asked him to help coordinate the MILI club in Holon in 2006. Ilya, who had not seriously studied Judaism beforehand, discovered a whole new world. “Thanks to MILI, I’m more knowledgeable about and respectful of Judaism and thirsty for more knowledge,” Ilya says. “I’m not religious, but Judaism is an important part of my life and identity. I’m still discovering and understanding this world and finding my place in it.”

Ilya has become increasingly involved in MILI, writing questions for it, opening a new chapter in Beersheva in fall 2009, coordinating special projects, and organizing national tournaments. He currently is working on organizing an international MILI tournament. “MILI provides a fascinating way for secular people to access the great beautiful world that is Judaism on every level, from history and philosophy to traditions and heritage. Immigrants from the former Soviet Union are MILI’s perfect target audience,” he sums up.
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Academic News

- **Growth**: Schechter, for the 3rd consecutive year, runs the largest M.A. program in Jewish Studies in Israel with students coming from over 150 cities and towns throughout Israel.

- **Record Numbers**: Schechter recruited 140 new M.A. students in 2009, bringing the total number of M.A. students to 613.

- **New Track**: Hebrew and Jewish Literature, the 15th M.A. track at Schechter, opened in 2009-10, with 10 first-year students enrolled in the program.

- **New Course**: *Jewish Sources and Environmental Ethics*, taught by Schechter graduate Dr. Jeremy Benstein, Associate Director of the Heschel Center for Environmental Leadership, and sponsored by the JNF and Masorti Olami.

- **Library Acquisitions**: The libraries of Rabbi Moshe Sachs z”l, donated by his son, Noam Zion; Dr. Aryeh Geiger z”l, donated by Tanya Geiger | Books from the libraries of Prof. Moshe Greenberg z”l, donated by his wife, Hava; Bernard White z”l, donated by Judy White; Prof. Shalom Paul; Colette Avital; Nitza Elazara | Fall 2010: Dr. Ora Lifshitz Collection of 20,000 volumes on the Bible and the Ancient Near East

**Looking Ahead**: Schechter will co-sponsor: a conference on *Students Against the Holocaust: Jewish and Christian Seminary Students who Spoke Out Against the Nazi Genocide*, with JTS, UTS, Targum Shlishi and Columbia University, November 10, 2010, New York City; an international conference on *The Actuality of Sacrifice* with Bar Ilan University, the University of Tilburg and Protestant Theological University, the Netherlands, at Schechter and Bar Ilan University, January 2010.

**FOCUS ON**: Handmade Midrash in the Artist’s Home staged an impressive art exhibit at Schechter in January 2010. Nine students, together with their mentor and teacher, Dr. Jo Milgrom, studied and created works that visually depicted their personal dialogue with Biblical sources.

**Alumni News**

Alumni newsletter published twice a year; 2nd Alumni Conference held at Schechter in December 2009 with Prof. Eliezer Schweid, 60 graduates in attendance; 3rd Alumni conference held in May 2010 with Prof. Jonathan Sarna and Jacky Levy; alumni development campaign launched; plans underway to develop joint learning between Schechter graduates and Schechter Batei Midrash.

Dear Prof. Golinkin and Faculty,

I am sure that I made the right decision coming to Schechter. I even convinced my wife, Orna to join me. Schechter’s approach to Jewish study and the warm environment in which we learned touched me profoundly. I am telling all my colleagues about Schechter.

David Vaknin, Director, Municipal Sport Center, Tel Aviv

Faculty News

**Kekst Faculty Fellowship**

The Kekst Fellow for 2009-11 is Prof. Guy Miron, Associate Prof. of Modern Jewish History at Schechter and leading expert on German Jewry before the Holocaust.

**Promotions**

Prof. Guy Miron (Modern Jewish History) and Prof. Yossi Turner (Jewish Thought) from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor; Dr. Doron Bar to Senior Lecturer in Land of Israel Studies; Dr. David Frankel to Senior Lecturer in Bible.

**Numbers 2009-10**

- 613 students
- 75 faculty members
- 15 interdisciplinary M.A. tracks of Jewish Studies
- 81 graduates in 2009 for a total of 995 graduates since 1988
- 11 books published
- 9 academic conferences sponsored or co-sponsored
Faculty Feted
Dr. Michal Govrin was selected to attend the Paris Writers’ Salon of France’s 60 best writers and the world’s 30 best writers, March 2010; Kekst Fellow Prof. Guy Miron received an impressive grant from the Israel Science Foundation for his book The Waning of Emancipation - Historical Memory Under the Impact of Fascism: Germany, France and Hungary; Dr. Yaron Harel received the Shazar Prize for Research on the History of Israel, October 2009.

FOCUS ON: The Marc and Henia z”l Liebhaber Prize for Religious Tolerance in Israel was conferred upon by well-known Israeli artists, singer Shlomo Gronich and media personality Jacky Levy. The two, who bring Israelis together through song and comedy, gave a memorable performance at the ceremony held in Jerusalem on December 13, 2009.

Scholarship News
■ The Judge Simon Rifkind and Harry Meresan Scholarships for Outstanding Scholarship and Commitment to Jewish Pluralism were awarded to eight graduates at the Schechter Commencement Exercises in December 2009.
■ Prof. Alice Shalvi Scholarships for Outstanding Students in Gender Studies and Judaism and the Arts were awarded to two top students in the field at the graduation ceremony.
■ The Sidney Frank Foundation Scholarships in Women’s and Gender Studies were awarded to two exceptional students in the field at the graduation ceremony.
■ The Grinspoon Scholarships for M.A. Students in the TALI Leadership Program were awarded to 13 TALI teachers and principals of merit.
■ Scholarships for Students from Development Towns and Underprivileged Neighborhoods allowed 43 students to study at Schechter in 2009-10. Among these students are five from the Ethiopian community and one new immigrant from the FSU.

In Memoriam
Schechter mourns the loss of two beloved colleagues, giants in the field of modern Bible Studies, Prof. Moshe Greenberg z”l and Prof. Jacob Milgrom z”l. Both men made a tremendous contribution to the academic life at Schechter for many years through their teaching and as members of Schechter’s Academic Senate. Their scholarship and humanity will be sorely missed.

Research Institutes
The Center for Judaism and the Arts was established in 2001 for the enrichment of educational and cultural life in Israel and includes the M.A. track in Judaism and the Arts and TALI’s Visual Midrash Electronic Archive which went “live” in 2009 and has met with positive feedback from educators and students around the world. (see TALI, p. 24)

The Center for Women in Jewish Law was established in 1999 in order to enable women rabbis to research, publish and educate the public on the rights of women from the perspective of Jewish Law. Its publications include Jewish Law Watch; Za’akat Dalot (The Cry of the Wretched): Halakhic Solutions for the Agunot of our Time; To Learn and To Teach; and Ask the Rabbi, a collection of responsa culled from the Ask the Rabbi website.

The Institute of Applied Halakhah was founded in 1997 in order to publish a library of Halakhic literature in Hebrew, English, and Russian for Jews throughout the world. It has to date published 22 volumes on Halakhah and related topics.
Schechter Scholarship for the Community

Conferences and Lectures Sponsored by Schechter

Brain Research and Jewish Law, a symposium in conjunction with the Ministry of Science, June 2010

Closing Faculty Study Evening, The Future of American Judaism in the 21st Century, Prof. Jonathan Sarna, June 2010

Coercion and Consent in the Marriage of Minors in Ashkenaz in the Middle Ages, Meira Schnitzer-Maimon, May 2010

Development of Belief in the Trans-Migration of the Soul, Dr. Doron Danino, Bar Ilan University, May 2010

Remembering the Shoah: From a Literary Perspective, Dr. David Roskies, JTS, May 2010

Unique Aspects of the Commentaries of the Book of Chronicles, Dr. Eran Weisel, Hebrew University, May 2010

Annual Limmud in Memory of Rabbi David Clayman z”l, English, Prof. Jonathan Sarna; Hebrew, Jacky Levy, May 2010

The Tower of Babel: Ancient Story with Hebrew, Jacky Levy, May 2010

The Relationship between Secularism and Religion, Prof. Eliezer Schweid and Schechter faculty, December 2009

Conservative Judaism: Halakhah, Culture and Sociology, International Conference, Prof. Hanan Alexander, Prof. Arnold Eisen, Prof. David Golinkin, Dr. Guy Miron, Dr. Einat Ramon, December 2009

Job in the Writings of the Sages, Dr. Hananel Mack, Bar Ilan University, December 2009

The Relationship between Secularism and Religion, International Conference, Prof. Hanan Alexander, Prof. Arnold Eisen, Prof. David Golinkin, Dr. Guy Miron, Dr. Einat Ramon, December 2009

Who’s Afraid of Virginity? Women Write on Feminity, Tamar Mishmar, December 2009

Book launching of Sabbath Desecrators in the Talmudic Period, by Dr. Moti Arad, Van Leer Institute, November 2009

FOCUS ON: Jewish Festivals - Schechter faculty took part in Jewish learning festivals around the country including Limmud Galil (Rosh Hanikra), Dr. Einat Ramon and Rabbi Diana Villa, December 2009; Sukkot 2009: Hakhel, Rabbis Diana Villa (Agunot and Women Rabbis) and Hagit Sabag (the Masorti Siddur), Ramat Efal; Limmud Negev, Sderot, Rabbi Hagit Sabag; Gateways (She’arayikh), Dr. Sara Strasberg-Dayan.

Conservative Congregations Study with Schechter Best

The Rebecca Goldstein z”l and Rabbi Noah Golinkin z”l Educational Outreach Program enables Schechter lecturers to teach at Masorti synagogues throughout Israel. In 2009-10: Dr. Ari Ackerman, Prof. Renée Levine Melammed, Kehillat Ya’ar Ramot, Jerusalem ■ Dr. Moti Arad, two-part series, Hod V’Hadar, Kfar Saba ■ Prof. David Golinkin, Prof. Moshe Benovitz, Dr. David Frankel, Kehillat Moriah, Haifa ■ Dr. Ari Bursztejn, four-part lecture series, Kehillat Ra’anana

Women’s Study Day – Record Attendance

440 women – a record-breaking number – attended the 11th annual Masorti Women’s Study Day in Jerusalem in June. Coming in busloads from throughout Israel, the women chose from a variety of courses offered in four languages on Building a Better Self, Community and Nation. Sponsored by the Schechter Institute, Women’s League for Conservative Judaism and the Masorti Movement, and organized by Diane Friedgut, the study also takes place in three locations each February, drawing 400 women. Of special note was the February study in Kibbutz Hanaton which brought 23 young immigrants from the FSU.
FOCUS ON: A New Psalm-Weekly Online Commentary Launched
The Schechter Institute is sponsoring a weekly commentary on the Psalms, authored by Rabbi Benjamin Segal, writer, lecturer and former president of the Schechter Institute. Commentaries for all 150 psalms will be published in book form. A New Psalm, as well as Schechter’s Responsa in a Moment, Faculty Forum, Iyunei Shabbat and Ask the Rabbi can be found at www.schechter.edu.

New Books 2009-10
(published by the Schechter Institute or authored by Schechter faculty)

FOCUS ON: The Midrash Project
Through the Midrash Project, Schechter is publishing eight critical, user-friendly editions of many midrashim which have never appeared in a modern format. Each midrash will include the text utilizing the best manuscript, selected variant readings, mesoret hamidrash referring to all rabbinc parallels and a commentary. Published to date: 3-Volume Legends of the Jews (in Hebrew) and Midrash Shmuel.

Perspectives on Jewish Law and Contemporary Issues, Rabbi Wayne Allen, Jerusalem: Schechter Institute, 2009
Taking the Plunge, Miriam Berkowtiz, 2nd edition, Jerusalem: Schechter Institute
Kuntress Ha-Teshuvot He-hadash: A Bibliographic Thesaurus of Responsa Literature Published from ca. 1470-2000, Vol. 4, ed. Shmuel Glick, Jerusalem & Ramat-Gan: co-published with Bar Ilan University Law Faculty and the Schocken Institute, 2010, (Hebrew with English summaries)

Ask the Rabbis by Monique Susskind Goldberg and Diana Villa, eds. David Golinkin and Yisrael Warman, Jerusalem: Schechter Institute, 2010

The Schechter Haggadah: Art, History and Commentary, 2nd edition, commentary, Joshua Kulp; illuminations, David Golinkin, Jerusalem: Schechter Institute, 2010

The Student Struggle Against the Holocaust, eds. Rafael Medoff and David Golinkin, Jerusalem and New York: co-published with JTS, David Wyman Center, 2010


NASHIM, A Journal of Jewish Women’s Studies and Gender Issues, academic editor, Prof. Renée Levine Melammed, managing editor, Deborah Greniman, a joint publication of the Schechter Institute, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and Indiana University Press: No. 18, Iranian Jewish Women, Consulting Editor: Farideh Dabanim Goldin, Fall 2009; No. 19, Women and Jewish Poetry, Consulting Editor: Kathryn Hellerstein, Spring 2010


FOCUS ON: The Schechter Haggadah – A Second Printing The Schechter Haggadah sold out its first printing of 2500 copies in three months. Authors Dr. Joshua Kulp and Prof. David Golinkin gave pre-Pesach lectures at Kehillot Ya’ar Ramot, Moreshet Avraham and Shevet Achim and The Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem; and to Judaism and the Arts M.A. students.

Books to be Published in 2010-11

Esther Rabbah, eds., Yosef Tabori and Arnon Atzmon

Responsa in a Moment, Volume 2, David Golinkin

Responsa of the Vaad Halakham, Volume 7, eds., Monique Susskind Goldberg and David Golinkin

Megillat Hahatulim, an illuminated Megillah

The Hebrew Writings of Prof. A.J. Heschel, ed., Avraham Shapira and Dror Bondi
Academic News
Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum assumed her position as Associate Dean in August 2010, after a successful year working with Rabbi Gordon Tucker as assistant rabbi of Temple Israel, White Plains, NY.

New Students: Four new students began rabbinical studies in Fall 2009. They are: Ola Veinstein, involved in Jewish education for immigrants from the FSU and former community development director for the Masorti Movement; Natalie Lestiger, founding director of a successful Bet Midrash for Human Rights at Hebrew University’s Hillel House; Baruch Greenwald, a social worker active in the absorption of Ethiopian immigrants; Annabel Heriger-Tanger, a multi-lingual licensed tour guide whose dream is to integrate Bible and Talmud with historical tours of Israel.

Ordination 2009: Rabbis Dubi Hayun, Rafi Kassimov and Michal Schwartz were ordained at Schechter’s 22th Ordination Ceremony held in Jerusalem on December 13th, 2009. Legacy Heritage Fellow Dubi Hayun, spiritual leader of Kehilat Moriah in Haifa, has launched innovative programming including a new Bet Midrash for veteran Israelis and Russian-speakers. Rafi Kassimov, recently appointed director of Midreshet Yerushalayim-Ukraine, continues to lead a successful Tel Aviv lecture series for Russian-speakers. Michal Schwartz is developing the chaplaincy program at Asaf Harofe Hospital, in addition to her work as a TALI rabbi at the TALI Tafrarim school in Hadera.

Ordination 2010: Three rabbis will be ordained on November 30, 2010 in Jerusalem. Congratulations to Legacy Heritage Fellow Liron Levy, rabbi of a new Kehillah forming in Holon and the Masorti Neve Hanna boarding school; Michael Ben David, who has interned at Omer’s Kehilat Magen Avraham and will be serving as acting rabbi this year at the Netzach Israel congregation in Ashkelon; David Toubul, who is serving as rabbi of the Masorti Kehilah in Nice, France.

2009-10 New Initiatives
SRS Launches Mishlei – New Bet Midrash Program
Ten students have been chosen to inaugurate Schechter’s new program - Mishlei - an innovative two-stage track of study designed to expand the student body and broaden the pool of students trained to take on leadership roles within the Masorti Movement. This new framework offers students a two-year program which meets two full days a week and combines Bet Midrash (chavruta study) with academic study leading to an M.A. in Jewish Studies from the Schechter Institute. The second stage (an additional two years of study) offers rabbinic ordination with full scholarships and stipends.

New Schechter Partnership in Holon with Masorti Movement and Community Center Association
A Kabbalat Shabbat pilot program, supported by the Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellows Program, took place in the Holon community center at the behest of local residents. Schechter rabbinical student Liron Levy led Friday afternoon programs to enthusiastic crowds including a pre-Shavuot happening that attracted 150 people and a pre-Shabbat activity for families with teenaged children. A High Holiday program is planned. It is hoped that the “Holon Project” will provide a prototype for similar new Masorti Kehillot.

Liron Levy is the first Legacy Heritage Rabbinic Fellow who will take up a position following graduation. A major program component was the broadening of professional training for the Fellows. The program offered new courses in Psychological Intervention, seminars on NPO Leadership and Management, a track leading to Teacher Certification, and ongoing group facilitation and community development.
Chaplaincy Program: Four years ago, Schechter pioneered the first accredited chaplaincy program in Israel with Cecil Asekoff, the National Association of Jewish Chaplains, and Rabbi Zahara Davidovich-Farkash, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the generous support of the New York Federation. 14 professionals have completed one unit (9) or one-half unit (5) in Clinical Pastoral Education. Five students are working in the Asaf Harofe Hospital Oncology and Dialysis Departments in Rishon Lezion, a senior citizens home in Jerusalem, and most recently, the French Hospice in Jerusalem. Students attend an intensive summer chaplaincy program which combines fieldwork with classroom lectures by Schechter faculty and guest lecturers.

News in Brief

- Schechter graduate Rabbi Hagit Sabag, together with a group of talented local organizers, made history in Israel’s south last fall with the first “Limmud Negev”.
  - A celebration of Jewish pluralistic learning, the event drew top scholars and hundreds of local residents. Feedback was so positive that a second Limmud is already being planned.

- Overseas rabbinical students dialogued with TALI teachers enrolled in the Leadership Development program that meets weekly at Schechter. The special session was organized as part of the teacher’s semester course on the North American Jewish Community and Israel.
  - SRS offered two courses on synagogue skills to the Masorti community at large in order to expand the circle of men and women capable of taking an active part in synagogue services. The 12-session workshop, led by Associate Dean Rabbi Shlomo Tucker focused on Shaliach Tzibur and Torah Reading skills.

- The Forward, New York’s oldest Jewish newspaper in its “The Sisterhood 50” list of America’s most influential Women Rabbis, also sited Israel’s five top Women Rabbis Making a Difference. Of the five, two were Schechter affiliated! Hats off to former Dean, Rabbi Dr. Einat Ramon, and Associate Dean, Schechter-ordained Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum.
  - After the Year 70: Jewish and Christian Approaches to the Temple and Jerusalem in Liturgy and Theology was the theme of a 3-day interfaith study seminar organized by Schechter in partnership with the Dutch Center for Israel Studies. Altogether, over 45 participants from Israel and Holland took part in lectures and field trips.
TALI Education Fund

Brig. Gen. Ram Shmueli Chair, Board of Directors and Executive Committee
Rabbi Dr. Eitan Chikli Susan and Scott Shay TALI Director General

TALI Growth

TALI at 10%: TALI schools comprise over 10% of all elementary schools in the secular public school system, with 88 schools and 100 pre-schools in 2010-11.

2009-10 Numbers

■ 185 schools and pre-schools, including 9 new schools and ten pre-schools
■ 38,000 students
■ 1500 teachers receive on-going pedagogic guidance
■ 120 parents in Parental Leadership
■ 12 pedagogic school mentors working in 60 schools
■ 40 TALI teachers and principals in TALI Leadership Program
■ 14 TALI rabbis and music specialists
■ 300 hours of teacher training seminars
■ 4 TALI textbooks published for a total of 36 textbooks

News

Visual Midrash Website Launched

Visual Midrash, an electronic collection of Fine and Folk Art on Biblical themes went live in 2009 with 560 artworks with descriptions in English and Hebrew, a search engine by artist, theme and time period and topical essays. The site, created by Schechter faculty member Dr. Jo Milgrom and Dr. Joel Duman, is based on Milgrom’s archive of art images collected over a lifetime of teaching in the field of art as Biblical commentary.

When completed, the site’s 4,000 artworks will constitute a major resource for Jewish education.

“ I am a teacher of Jewish Studies and Art from Melbourne, researching and teaching Tanach through Art. You can imagine my excitement when finding your site!” — Amanda Castelan-Starr

4 Schools Join Dialogue and Identity

The Dialogue and Identity Project grew to 12 schools in 2009-10, with the addition of four schools from the Haifa area. Altogether, 360 pupils, 24 teachers and 12 principals from six Arab and six Jewish (TALI) schools focused on Three Religions in the Holy Land, a unique curriculum designed to nurture a cultural identity that is both knowledgeable and reflective. Arab and Jewish teachers work together to implement the program, creating a natural connection between schools and a model of cooperation that could serve the entire Israeli school system.

New Initiatives for TALI Textbooks

■ Ministry of Education Selects TALI Books for Israel Culture and Tradition Curriculum

The TALI Education Fund has won a nation-wide tender to provide four textbooks on Jewish culture for grades 6-10. The first of the series, For All Times: Holidays, will be introduced into all 6th grade classes in 2010. A Link in the Generations: That’s Me! (6th grade); World of Prayer (7th Grade) and The Ideal Society as Presented in Ethics of the Fathers (8th grade) will appear during 2011.

■ New Shoah Curriculum for Younger Grades

TALI is developing a new educational kit for teaching the Holocaust to grades 3-6, an age group that poses special challenges. The kit, funded by the Claim’s Conference, the Legacy Heritage Fund and Marty and Bracha Werber, forms the basis for a Shoah Resource Center, an interactive museum of 13 “stations” including The World That Was, Historical Information, Righteous Gentiles, Personal Stories and more. TALI’s pluralistic approach allows discussion on loss of faith and Jewish values in the context of the Holocaust. The innovation of the resource center lies in its experiential character, providing learning that is both intellectual and emotional. The pilot is set for Spring 2011 to coincide with the annual Yom Hashoah commemorations.

■ Friends Across the Sea: English Edition on the Way

The popular Friends Across the Sea textbook that focuses on Israel-Disapora Relations will appear in 2011 in a new and expanded Hebrew edition and its first English edition, with the generous support of TALI board member Varda Rafaeli and a matching grant from the “Mosaic” Initiative. The book is required reading for all 5th graders in Modi’in and for most students in Bet Shemesh.
Textbook Series in Mexico Warmly Received

The TALI Toldot Jewish history series, commissioned by The Magen David Jewish Day School in Mexico City, received highest marks from 7th and 8th students and teachers. For 2011, the third book in the series (9th grade) will be introduced. The six-year curriculum for grades 7-12, written in Hebrew and then translated and printed in Mexico, integrates Bible with Jewish History and Culture.

Reactions from the School community:
“Congratulations to TALI for the extraordinary job. The material is superb. Judging by classroom reactions, the results are beyond our expectations.” Salomon Lobaton, Parent’s Committee Head

Genger Prize Winners Announced

The Prize winners for the Seventh Award Ceremony of the Devorah and Shraga Genger Prize for Excellence in TALI Education have been chosen. The prize will be awarded in April 2011.

TALI Tsafrarim Celebrates A New Torah

Chanuka 2009 was very special for the TALI Tsafrarim school in Hadera when well over a thousand teachers, students and their parents took to the streets to joyously receive a Sefer Torah brought to them by Fran and Buddy Brandt, Lido Beach NY, accompanied by the Brandt-Rauf family from Skokie, IL. The Torah Scroll, donated by Congregation Beth Shalom, Long Beach, NY, will be read every Rosh Hodesh and will serve Bar-Bat Mitzvah-age children and a nascent group of school families organizing Shabbat services.

TALI Partners with Kibbutz Hanaton

Schechter graduate Rabbi Yoav Ende with his staff of talented facilitators have revived the Bar-Bat Mitzvah Seminar at Kibbutz Hanaton, founded almost twenty years ago by TALI’s Susan and Scott Shay Director General, Dr. Eitan Chikli (see Profile p. 15). TALI is offering a generous subsidy to the first twenty TALI schools that register for the seminar.

Educational Leadership Program Boasts 159 Graduates

The Educational Leadership Program was established over a decade ago to develop competent and professional educational leadership, conversant with Jewish texts and capable of achieving the goals of TALI schools. To date, 159 TALI teachers and principals have graduated from the two-year program, with the majority of them going on for an M.A. in Jewish Studies at the Schechter Institute. This year’s courses included building a model for a school vision and a course on the psychological aspects of pluralism. For 2010-11: Two groups totaling 42 educators will be learning in the program, with 67 graduates learning at Schechter for an M.A. degree.

1000 TALI Families Participate in Sifryat Pijama Pilot Year

1000 TALI pre-schoolers and their parents participated in the pilot year of this trailblazing project founded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. The project, based on The PJ Library, distributes early childhood storybooks emphasizing Jewish values to young children and their parents through Israeli kindergartens. Director of TALI pre-school programs, Sylvia Kamowitz Hareven, has been a member of the Sifryat Pijama team since the program’s inception, and now serves as its education director. For 2010-11, 2000 TALI families will take part in the program.

TALI Award Winners

TALI Teacher - One of Six Best in Israel

Dalia Reich, 3rd grade teacher at the TALI Bayit V’Gan school in Jerusalem, was chosen “Teacher of the Country”, a title she shared with just five other teachers from throughout Israel in a ceremony held at the President’s Residence in May 2010.

TALI Curriculum to Combat Violence Cited for Excellence

The TALI Neurim School in Kiryat Bialik was awarded a national prize for a curriculum it created to combat violence in the schools. The program is being considered for national distribution.
Israel
2009-10 Numbers
NEW! Midreshet Yerushalayim adult education has expanded to include Batei Midrash for veteran Israelis in partnership with Masorti congregations. Pilot Batei Midrash operated this year in Karmiel and Haifa. New Batei Midrash to open in Beersheva and Tel Aviv in 2010-11.

- 16 Jewish studies courses in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Karmiel, Maale Adumim, Ashdod and Eilat
- 8 MILI clubs operating in Jerusalem, Yavneh, Bat Yam, Haifa, Karmiel, Eilat, Beersheva and Bet Shemesh
- 3 MILI National Competitions, attracting over 400 participants for Hanukah, Purim and Jerusalem Day events
- MILI International Club in Vinnitsa continued to meet on a regular basis
- 30 fieldtrips throughout Israel
- 100 students a month attend the Israel Culture Club in Jerusalem
- 24,000 annual visitors to the Midreshet Yerushalayim Jewish studies resource website in Russian, www.mili.org.il
- 35 participants in the weekly “Heritage Trail” (Shvilei Moreshet) seminar and fieldtrip led by Mikhail Korol and sponsored by Keren Klita.
Ukraine

A Changing of the Guard

Founder and beloved educator, Gila Katz, is stepping down as Director of Midreshet Yerushalayim-Ukraine, after 19 years of service. Rabbi Dr. Rafi Kassimov, a popular Midreshet Yerushalayim lecturer recently ordained by the Schechter Institute is assuming the position of European Director in September 2010.

Gila, who established the Chernowitz Day School in 1991, served as its founding principal until she made aliyah in 1996. Her educational innovation and great compassion have helped build Midreshet Yerushalayim in Ukraine into a respected educational network. She will continue to work as Pedagogic Supervisor. Rabbi Kassimov, with a Ph.D. in French literature, is a certified tour guide. He founded a program that combines serious academic study with informative field trips. He will continue to teach this long-running lecture series, now a mainstay of Jewish cultural life for Russian-speakers in Tel Aviv and Ashdod.

TALI Chernowitz School Takes First Place for Educational Excellence

In a special ceremony headed by the President of Ukraine, Ukraine Minister of Education and Science and other government officials, the TALI Chernowitz Jewish Day School was awarded “First Place for Education and Science in Ukraine” in May 2010. Over 100 universities, colleges and schools participated in the competition. TALI Chernowitz was the only Jewish school selected to compete. (See Profile, p. 16).

- 1,000 children and their families participated in Midreshet Yerushalayim Jewish learning, the only Conservative Jewish educational network in the former Soviet Union, through the following education frameworks:
  - Seven TALI Family Education Centers in Kiev, Donetsk, Chernowitz, Berdichev, Kharkov, Priluki and Kirovograd, with Chirkasi and Nikolaiyev Family Centers receiving pedagogical support
  - Chernowitz TALI Day School, 320 pupils, with more than 400 attending Shabbat services and weekly programming
  - Kiev Cultural Center programming seven days a week, attracting over 200 participants weekly with Armon (Chestnut) Community Sunday School, Kiev Beit Midrash, weekly pre-Kabbalat Shabbat Chavruta study, Clubs in Jewish Film, Drama and Literature and Poetry
  - 18th Annual Ramah-Ukraine Summer Camp, 146 children and 15 counselors
  - Rabbi David Clayman Memorial Resource Library serves as a unique mobile resource center of Jewish educational materials for Camp Ramah-Ukraine during the summer and for the Midreshet Yerushalayim Kiev Educational and Cultural Center during the school year. It contains Bibles, Mishnah, Talmud, Midrash, Pirke Avot, Siddurim, Russian and Hebrew books on spiritual and practical aspects of Judaism, and CDs with prayers and Shabbat songs
  - Turetsky Rabbinical Intern, Reuven Stamov, traveled to Ukraine for educational work at Camp Ramah, teacher seminars and Marom retreats. Stamov, who will be ordained from Schechter in 2011, will become Masorti Olami rabbi of the Kiev Jewish community.
  - A teachers’ training seminar focusing on Jewish-Zionist education in Ukraine, was enriched with scholars-in-residence from Moscow University Jewish Studies Faculty; attended by 44 teachers from Midreshet Yerushalayim schools and community centers, July 2010.
The period between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 was a time of continued uncertainty due to economic loss and uneasiness about the future. In the face of unprecedented challenges, Schechter raised $4,375,594 for operating expenses, enabling its four Amutot to conduct a myriad of academic, educational and outreach activities at its main campus in Jerusalem, throughout the entire State of Israel and in Eastern Europe. This represents a decrease of 11% over the same period in 2008-09.

Our capital campaigns continued to move forward towards their goals. 

Jerusalem: Through July 30, 2010, the Jerusalem Campus campaign has received commitments of slightly over $10 million, $8 million of which is designated for the Legacy Heritage House classroom building, bringing us very close to our goal of $8.3.

Neve Zedek: Through July 30, 2010, the campaign for the Legacy Heritage Center of Neve Schechter in Neve Zedek has received $3.2 million in commitments out of $3.5 million dollars needed to complete the restoration.

Our generous donor community has enabled the Schechter Institute to continue to pursue its vision of Jewish education for an open and tolerant society in Israel. We are grateful to all our donors and funders for their generosity, especially in this difficult period, and look forward to their continued involvement in our mission.

The highlight of our program year was, of course, the Schechter 25th anniversary mission and celebration, in which some 30 friends from abroad joined hundreds of Israelis as we dedicated our future facilities in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and honored major contributors to our success.

New Major Gifts/Commitments ($10,000 and up)

David Berg Foundation, translation of the book, *The Status of Women in Judaism*

Vicki Berman, General Support

Binah Yitzrit Foundation, Rick Goldberg, Trustee, to initiate a program for the study of Bio-Social Perspectives on Judaism

Erma Blumenfeld, programming at Neve Schechter in Neve Zedek

Michael Gould, General Support

Toddy and Irving Granovsky, TALI Textbook Development

Jack and Donna Greenberg, General Support

Harold and Beatriz Jacobson, General Support

Michael and Kristin Karp, to establish a National TALI Choir Competition

Mordechai Kiryati Foundation, programming, Neve Schechter, Neve Zedek

Karen and David Kremerman, programming, Neve Schechter, Neve Zedek

Levi Lassen Foundation, TALI “Dialogue and Identity” Program

Lou and Judy Miller, TALI Textbook Development

Family of Alexander (z”l) and Esther Rafaeli, 2nd edition of TALI textbook on Jewish peoplehood

Saul and Mary Sanders, General Support

Morton and Miriam Steinberg, Midreshet Yerushalayim in Ukraine

Ben Teitel Trust, Gerald Cook, Trustee, on-line TALI curriculum to encourage organ donations in Israel

Marty and Bracha Werber, TALI Shoah curriculum
New or Additional Capital Commitments ($25,000 and up)

Dr. David Braun, additional support for Neve Schechter, Neve Zedek

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LA Friends of Schechter

The LA Friends of Schechter has continued meeting and planning in 2009-10 for the ongoing development and expansion of the Schechter Institute in the Los Angeles area, and ultimately the entire West Coast.

This year we initiated a Distance Learning program with Schechter faculty in Israel. In addition, the LA Friends of Schechter are actively engaged in Schechter’s capital campaign to complete Neve Schechter in Tel Aviv, and in raising money for teacher training and general support of the TALI Program.

We are proud of the achievements of the LA Friends of Schechter. We are particularly grateful to Lou Miller and Bruce Whizin and for the involvement of a dedicated Committee of leaders and volunteers who comprise the LA Friends of Schechter.

LA “Goes the Distance” with Video Conference Learning

LA Friends of Schechter launched a successful six-part learning series that broadcast the best of Schechter faculty live from Jerusalem to the Los Angeles learning community via state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment donated by Lou and Judy Miller. Hosted by prominent Los Angeles rabbis, the “real-time” dialogue delved into a wide range of contemporary Jewish topics. The pilot program will be expanded in 2010-11 to include Chicago’s Anshe Emet Congregation led by Rabbis Michael Segal and Matthew Futterman, with other communities showing interest in joining.

Fundraising in Israel

Fundraising in Israel continued, and with the help of matching grants from the Mosaic initiative of Tmura, JFN, Avi Chai and UJA-Federation of Greater New York, some $70,000 was committed for the first year of programming in Neve Zedek. David and Keren Hendler-Kremerman, chairs of the Friends of Neve Schechter in Neve Zedek, hosted a beautiful Hannukah candle lighting and study evening at their home in Jaffa.

An Alumni Scholarship appeal was sent to graduates, and funds for two M.A. scholarships were raised. Results were encouraging and this appeal will be repeated annually. Altogether, some $110,000 was raised this past year in Israel.

Festive Campus Dedications

Celebrated in May 2010 to Coincide with Schechter’s 25th Anniversary

On May 4th, the Legacy Heritage House of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies was dedicated in Jerusalem. On May 5th, the Legacy Heritage Center for Jewish Culture of Neve Schechter was dedicated in the Neve Zedek neighborhood of Tel Aviv. Both campuses will be opened for learning at the end of 2010. (see Dedications p.2-6.)

Schechter Board News

Robert Rifkind stepped down as Chairman of the Schechter Institute Board of Trustees and The Schechter Institutes, Inc. after ten years of exemplary service.
The Board unanimously approved the election of Saul Sanders to succeed Mr. Rifkind at the May 2010 Board Meeting. (see Leadership, p. 7) The Schechter Institutes, Inc. met in New York in September 2009 and February 2010. The Schechter Institute Graduate School, led by Mr. Rifkind (and Mr. Sanders from May 2010), and by Executive Committee Chair Ya’akov Tsur, and the Rabbinical Seminary, led by Board Chair, Prof. Hanan Alexander and Executive Committee Chair Ilana Laderman Mushkin, conducted their board meetings in Jerusalem in May 2010 and by video conference in Jerusalem and New York in December 2009 and June 2010.

Board Members Feted

Prof. Haim Be’er was honored by Ben Gurion University with a two-day conference marking the author’s literary and journalistic achievements, March 2010; Dr. David Breakstone was appointed Deputy Chair of the WZO, June 2010; Prof. Dalia Ofer was honored by Yad Vashem and the Hebrew University with a seminar on the Holocaust and the Birth of Israel, October 2009; Aaron Priest received the Harry Scherman Lifetime Service Award from the UJA-Federation of New York, May 2010; Rabbi David Rosen was awarded a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) Award for services to interfaith relations in the Middle East, and between the UK and Israel, January 2010; Prof. Alice Shalvi received an honorary doctorate from Ben Gurion University and the Yeshayahu Leibowitz Prize for Lifetime Achievements, November 2009.

Following the President...


In the media News items and articles by Prof. Golinkin and other Schechter faculty appeared in the Los Angeles Times, BBC TV, Canadian Jewish News, CJ Voices of Conservative Judaism, Conservative Judaism, Jerusalem Post, YNet Online, NRG Online, Haaretz English and Hebrew newspapers, Israel radio and TV. The Liebhaber Prize for Religious Tolerance received excellent media coverage.

Academic Conferences

Prof. Shamma Friedman, Prof. Renée Levine Melammed and Dr. Shula Laderman, Conference on Judaism in the Mediterranean Context, Ravenna Italy, July 2010; Dr. Yair Paz, Heidelberg University, June 2010 lectures and meetings to strengthen ties between two institutions; Rabbi Diana Villa, Limmud Stockholm, November 2009, Cyprus Interfaith Conference, June 2010; Prof. Guy Miron, Conference on Hungarian Jewry, Budapest, October 2009;

Faculty Fellowships

Prof. Yossi Turner was Schusterman Scholar of Israel Studies and Jewish Philosophy at Indiana University, 2009-2010. He also spoke at the AICE conference on Israel in a Time of Global Change, American University, May 2010; International Conference on Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State, UC-Berkeley, April 2010

Dr. Nurit Novis received a Fulbright-Rabin Fellowship for 2010-11 for her work on Pluralistic Thought Among Religious and Non-Religious Jews in Israel and the U.S., U.C.-Berkeley, CA
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**Total** 3,290,967

| Jewish Agency | Faculty | 341,054 |
| Federations and Foundations | Scholarship Stipends | 123,891 |
| Israeli Government | Special Programs and Student Activities | 79,756 |
| Contributions | M.A. Program | 129,595 |
| Tuition and Fees | Administration | 109,601 |
| Miscellaneous | Reserve | 213,387 |

**Total** 805,275

| Jewish Agency | Textbook/Curriculum Development | 316,080 |
| Federations | Pedagogical Counseling | 406,156 |
| Foundations | School Rabbis and Experiential Programming | 137,576 |
| Contributions | Teacher and Leadership Training | 216,675 |
| Israeli Government | Early Childhood Department | 110,544 |
| Fees for Sales, Services | Special Programs | 222,670 |
| Miscellaneous | Network Expansion | 251,272 |
| Administration | Reserve | 302,026 |

**Total** 1,987,202

| Jewish Agency | Weekly Courses and Programs | 63,000 |
| Foundations and Federations | MILI Program | 55,900 |
| Israeli Government/Municipalities | Land of Israel and Shvilei Moreshet Courses | 85,800 |
| Contributions | Bet Midrash Development | 82,800 |
| Participation and Fees | MILI Olami Program | 8,100 |
| | Administration | 66,900 |
| | Reserve | 13,800 |

**Total** 376,300

| Federations | Schools and Teacher Training | 105,800 |
| Foundations | Camp Ramah Sessions | 92,600 |
| Contributions | Young Leadership Training | 27,600 |
| Masorti Olami | Kiev Center | 45,700 |
| | Administration | 67,500 |
| | Reserve | 14,500 |

**Total** 353,700

| Grand Total, Four Amutot | 6,813,444 |

* Serves all four Schechter Amutot and capital projects and includes budget of Schechter Institutes, Inc. in U.S.
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