

YLC Report

Malcolm Hoenlein Addresses YLC Leadership Event

YLC Events

The first YLC leadership event of the year was held at the OU on Wednesday, September 28, with Mr. Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice President of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Mr. Hoenlein was introduced by OU President Mr. Steven Savitsky who expressed his excitement and support for YLC leadership activities. For the video of Mr. Hoenlein's speech please visit the YLC website at www.ou.org/ylc/videos.htm.



OU Synagogue Grant Proposals

Neima Chasky has been appointed by the Chairman of Synagogue Services, Mr. Emanuel Adler, to a Synagogue and Community Services committee

that will determine the selection of OU synagogues that will receive \$20,000 each for new and innovative projects. This year, five grants totaling \$100,000 will be given to synagogues whose projects are deemed creative, beneficial to their congregants, and possibly utilized by other communities across the country.

Yachad

Under the guidance of Steven Savitsky, five YLC members have joined the Yachad Board: Neima Chasky, Srulee Hercman, Benyamin Rieder, Zevi Spitz, and Monty Steckler.

YLC members attended a Yachad commission meeting at the home of Steven Spira on September 14 to discuss Yachad's financial and organizational struc-

ture. A second meeting is being planned at the Yachad office in November.

An initial meeting was held on Sept. 15 between YLC Director Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch and Yachad staff members Chani Hermann and Blima Tannenbaum to discuss YLC participation in the Yachad Family Shabbaton. Dr. Pelcovitz will be a scholar in residence for the conference that will be held May 19-21, in Waterbury, Connecticut. Details to follow.

Yachad is now gearing up towards a major community event that will be held on Dec. 5th at the American Airlines Theater in NYC. For more information please contact Srulee Hercman at shercman@aol.com.

Young Leadership Cabinet

Charles J. Harary,
Chairman
Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch,
Director

Special points of interest:

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The OU is looking for NEW IDEAS that will benefit your synagogue and your community

And we're willing to pay for them!

Up to \$20,000 will be awarded to each of FIVE MEMBER SYNAGOGUES for innovative programs that are grounded in synagogue life and will positively impact on the community as a whole.

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Teens Enjoying NCSY Summer Programs

NCSY

YLC Chairman Charles Harary and YLC member Elisheva Diamond will be chairing the new Long Island NCSY Youth Commission. Each have already met with new regional director Rabbi Steven Berger to discuss the upcoming year. Other YLC members who will be on the LI NCSY are Avi

Eisenberg, Naomi Maryles and Atara Yudin.

Atara Yudin and Charles Harary attended LI NCSY's kickoff event in North Woodmere in September.

Development

YLC member Michael Gewirtz is chairing the YLC-Development Commission. Michael will be

working closely with the OU's Development Dept. in creating fundraising opportunities for YLC members and will chair YLC's participation in this year's upcoming OU Dinner being held April 2, 2006. For more information please contact Michael at:

Michael.gewirtz@us.cibc.com

Challenges Facing Young Unmarried Singles Addressed by YLC-OU Initiatives

YLC Shidduch Initiative

A new initiative spearheaded by YLC member Zahava Farbman will examine the problems and challenges facing young unmarried singles in the Jewish community. An initial meeting was held on Oct. 21 with Zahava Farbman, Charles Harary, and

Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch to discuss ways of addressing this growing problem.

On November 8, Zahava Farbman and Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch will meet with Elly Edelman, Executive Director of Operations and Management of the OU and a representative of the Capiyot Company to

discuss the organization, logistics and management of a new jointly run web-based Shidduch initiative with the Orthodox Union.

For more information, please contact Zahava Farbman at ZahavaF@aol.com.

YLC Website/Jewish Action

YLC member Jordan Hiller and Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch met with OU Web staff Ricky and Gary Magder to discuss the creation of a new YLC website featuring articles and features from YLC members and

other young orthodox leaders nationwide. Those interested in writing for the site please contact Jordan at jtrick@aol.com.

In addition, Jordan is working with the OU Web and Media department to create interactivity and increased traf-

fic on the Jewish Action website.

Creativity Commission

Chairs Jordan Hiller and Uri Pilochowksy have assumed a 10 person commission to provide a forum for creative ideas. The first meeting is scheduled for early this month.



YLC-Long Island Political Group

A meeting is set for early November between the IPA, the newly formed YLC Long Island Political Group and Dr. Asher Mansdorf, a high ranking member of the District 15 School Board, to discuss local public/day school cost saving initiatives and the upcoming

local school elections. Gavri Butler is chairing the group and can be contacted at gbutler@nyu.edu.

Torah Initiative

A meeting between Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch, Stewie Beinstock and Charles Harray has led to the initiation of a project to expand Torah resources

geared towards orthodox professionals. The project will utilize Torah and internet resources that will enhance Torah learning and self growth. For more information, please contact Stewie at stuart@triplefive.com.



Breaking Ground in Local School Board Elections to support day schools



Project Areivim

Over twenty five Scholars in Residence have now been planned for Project Areivim, which sends OU, YLC and community professionals to smaller communities to teach, inspire and reach out to OU shuls

regionally and nationwide.

YLC member Uri Schneider and Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch are playing a leading role in organizing and developing new Areivim opportunities and weekends during the year. All YLC

members are urged to spend a Shabbat this year in one of many communities within driving distance to their home location.

For more information please contact Uri Schneider at: urischneid@aol.com.

Smaller Jewish Communities to be visited by Volunteer Scholars in Residence on Project Areivim



Orthodox Communities Network (OCN)

Due to the tremendous efforts of Shlomo Koyfman, a new OU website dedicated to the showcasing and promoting of smaller Jewish communities is now available online at <http://www.ou.org/programs/>

[ocn/](http://www.ou.org/programs/). The site aims to assist individuals and families looking to move to smaller Jewish communities and inform them about synagogues, community size, professional contacts, Jewish schools, mikvaot, restaurants etc. in those communities.

YLC member Kostia Feldman, will help advise on the future direction of the project and the collection of data nationwide. For more information please contact Kostia at:

kostia.feldman@gmail.com

OCN will showcase smaller Jewish communities





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Jewish Tuition Initiative

Several in-person meetings have taken place between the YLC's Jewish Tuition Initiative's co-chairmen Shlomo Koyfman and David Gerstley and the OU's Betty Ehrenberg, Deputy to the Executive Director, to plan a strategy for upcoming OU meetings with Elliot Gibber and other key community leaders.

A flowchart outlining the causes and solutions in the tuition crisis has been created by Ovadya Aryeh, Michael Davis, David Gerstley, Charles Harary, Shlomo Koyfman and Dov Robinson. For more information please email Shlomo Koyfman at shlomo.koyfman@yale.edu.

A meeting was held on October 9th at the home of Mr. Moshe Bane with Michael Davis, David Gerstley, Charles Harary, Shlomo Koyfman, Atara Yudin, and Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch to discuss participation in a new broad-based coalition being formed whose goal will

be expanding New York State funding of parochial school education.

The YLC has commenced a research study examining day school finances and evaluating the feasibility of creating a more affordable day school system.

RCA

RCA had an event last month for Rabbis and lay leaders. YLC was represented by Uri Schneider.

Your Submissions

If you would like to help contribute to the YLC Report or would like to send us an update of your activities, articles, mazal tovs, opportunities etc. Please email Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch at ylc@ou.org.

Other Opportunities for Involvement

Bloomberg Campaign

From Michael Fragin Friends-

I am contacting you because you have expressed an interest in helping Mayor Michael Bloomberg get reelected this year. There are many volunteer opportunities for you at Bloomberg's Manhattan Headquarters.

The Mayor needs as many volunteers as possible in the crucial days leading up to Election Day. Please call 212 382 4444 or email joeykoch@bloomberg2005.com to schedule a time to meet with someone and mention to the campaign that you are interested in Jewish outreach.

Michael Fragin
Bloomberg for Mayor
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Jewish Action

Jewish Action, the magazine of the OU, will be focusing on business ethics in an upcoming issue. Jewish Action is looking for a few brief anecdotes about individuals who have exhibited exceptional integrity in the workplace. Please email all suggestions and ideas to: carmeln@ou.org.

Mazel Tovs

Mazel Tov to Jason Venokur upon his recent engagement to Shoshana Lopatin.

Mazel Tov to Jason and Rachel Cyrolnik on the birth of a baby boy.

Mazel Tov to David and Rachel Gerstley upon the recent birth of a baby boy.

Mazel Tov to Srulee and Alisa Hercman on the birth of their daughter Talia Yehudit.

Mazel Tov to Josh Goldberg on his marriage to Michelle Sussman.