

Development & Communications



The Schechter Institutes, Inc. Highlights of Activities

Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, The Schechter Institutes, Inc. received \$4.9 million over and above capital gifts for its numerous programs and activities in Jerusalem and across Israel and Eastern Europe.

This represents a 9% decrease in operating income from the previous year. We are grateful to our donor community, whose belief in our mission continues to sustain Schechter, despite the uncertain global economic climate. With the recovery of the dollar towards the end of last year, Schechter did not suffer a loss in actual shekel income over the previous year, and some of its programs were able to continue their expansion to meet demand.

Capital Campaigns

Jerusalem Campus Through June 30, 2009, The Schechter Institutes, Inc. has received \$9.1 million in commitments, \$7.1 million of which is designated towards the Legacy Heritage Fund Limited Classroom Building currently under construction. An additional \$900,000 must be raised in 2009-10, to complete the \$8 million building. The additional \$2 million commitment to

the campus is the lead gift for the Rabbi Marc and Dr. Henia Liebhaber Center for Jewish Education.

Neve Zedek Through June 30, 2009, The Schechter Institutes, Inc. has received \$2.8 million in commitments for the renovation of the Schechter Center for Jewish Culture in Neve Zedek - Legacy Heritage Building and Courtyard.

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

Anonymous (Ramat Aviv) – Neve Zedek Center Programming and TALI Dialogue and Identity Program

State Administered Bequest (Apotropos) – TALI Dialogue and Identity Program

Arigatou Foundation – TALI Dialogue and Identity Program

Mort and Malvina z"l and Rabbi Gary Charlestein - Capital Gift to Jerusalem Campus

Claims Conference – New TALI Holocaust (Shoah) Curriculum

Dr. Raymond and Bernice Coll General Support

Lester Crown and Family – Capital Gift to Jerusalem Campus

Gary Gross – Adoption of New TALI School

Jewish Child's Day in Partnership with New North London Synagogue
Ramah – Ukraine

Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation – Capital Gift to Schechter Center for Jewish Culture, Neve Zedek

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Masorti Olami – Community Development in Ukraine

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Lou and Judy Miller – Video Conferencing Equipment

Jillian and Lawrence Neubauer and Melissa and Paul Anderson
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Rabbi Marty and Jeanne Sandberg
Bequest to Rabbinical Seminary for summer program for Rabbis

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2nd edition, Schechter Haggadah

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Schechter Center for Jewish Culture in Neve Zedek Founders Gifts - Israel (\$10,000 and above)

- David and Karen Hendler Kremerman**
- Prof. Paul and Etta Rozen**
- Shoshana and Selco Solomon**
- Dr. Amir Szold**

Fundraising in Israel

In October 2009, a dinner was held in the courtyard Sukkah of the Schechter Center for Jewish Culture in Neve Zedek. The evening, which was introduced by Board member **Collette Avital**, and capped off by a solo performance by popular Israeli singer **David Broza**, successfully raised funds from local residents for Schechter's new Center in Tel Aviv.

David and Karen Kremerman held a study evening of *Light and Renewal* in their Jaffa home. The evening launched a Tel Aviv Schechter learning community exposing over 80 influential Tel Avivians to the value and prospective impact of Schechter's Neve Zedek Center. The study group met five times over the course of the year. Schechter faculty, including **Prof. David Golinkin**, **Dr. Einat Ramon** and **Rabbi Roberto Arbib** taught the group.

Ms. Eva Hershkowitz hosted a study group in her Ramat Aviv home. Meeting five times, the group focused on Arab-Jewish relations and specifically, the new *Dialogue and Identity* TALI education program.

Scott and Susan Shay TALI Director General, **Dr. Eitan Chikli** spoke to the group, which included Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor **Meital Lahavi**, Councilman **Mahmoud Masrawi** and Schechter Board Member **Colette Avital**.

Los Angeles Friends of Schechter Committee

The Los Angeles Friends of Schechter Committee, under the leadership of **Lou Miller**, **Bruce Whizin** and **Sandra Braun**, has taken an active role on behalf of the Schechter Institutes. Established at the beginning of 2008, the Committee has achieved notable success in fundraising for the Schechter Center for Jewish Culture in Neve Zedek, the TALI Education Fund and other Schechter programs and activities.

In September 2008 the committee organized a lecture by **Professor David Golinkin** and a reception hosted by **Mark Lainer**, **Dr. Richard Braun** and **Dr. David Braun** at Valley Beth Shalom Congregation, and in February 2009,



1. Rabbi Roberto Arbib (right) leads Chanukah learning at the Jaffa home of David and Karen Kremerman **2.** David Broza performing in the sukka of the future Neve Zedek Center **3.** Dr. Raymond and Bernice Coll, Larchmont, NY with Eitan Cooper (right) **4.** Aaron and Arleen Priest, NYC, inspect Jerusalem Campus building site **5.** From left: Lew and Maxine Krulwich, NYC; Aaron Malinsky, NYC **6.** Board members inspect campus building site **7.** From left: Chancellor Arnold Eisen, Prof. Renée Levine Melammed and Prof. Dalia Ofer **8.** Janet and Jake Farber, Los Angeles, with David Golinkin **9.** Toddy Granovsky, Toronto (left) with Eitan Cooper, building contractor and Simcha Goldsmith **10.** Philip and Blanche Meisel, Las Vegas, NV, at a dedication ceremony for their adopted TALI school in Mevasseret Zion **11.** Mildred Sonshine (left) and Barry and Paula Sonshine, Toronto, with Rabbi Einat Ramon, pledge an Aron Kodesh for new campus **12.** From left: Alice Shalvi, Eitan Cooper, Paula Gottesman, Morristown, NJ, and Simcha Goldsmith tour building site **13.** David Golinkin with Mary and Saul Sanders, NYC **14.** Aaron Malinsky with children of TALI Mamlachti School, Ma'ale Adumim **15.** Paul Magy (left), Marjorie Shuman Saulson and David Golinkin at Women's League Convention

Lou and Judy Miller, active members of the LA Friends of Schechter Committee, hosted a study session with **Prof. David Golinkin**.



Schechter Board News

The Schechter Institutes, Inc., under the chairmanship of **Robert Rifkind**, held its Board of Directors meetings in New York in September 2008 and February 2009. The Schechter Institute Graduate School, led by Mr. Rifkind and by Executive Committee Chair **Ya'akov Tsur**, and the Rabbinical Seminary, led by Board Chair **Prof. Ismar Schorsch**, Executive Committee Chair **Prof. Hanan Alexander** and Acting Chair **Shimon Lipsky**, conducted their board meetings in Jerusalem in December 2008, and by video conference in Jerusalem and New York in June 2009.

New Board Leadership

The Schechter Institutes, Inc. Board of Directors: Mr. Bruce Whizin, Los Angeles, President of the Whizin Foundation

Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

(Graduate School): **Dr. Yaron Dagan**, Tel Aviv University and Assuta Medical Center; **Adv. Miriam Rosenthal**, Former Tel Aviv District Attorney; **Prof. Dalia Ofer**, former Academic Head, Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University; **Mr. Shaikhe El-Ami**, Executive Director, ICCY Center, Jerusalem, Schechter M.A. graduate

Schechter Rabbinical Seminary:

Prof. Ismar Schorsch, after years of devoted work, stepped down as Chair of the Board of Trustees, with **Prof. Hanan Alexander** elected to succeed him. **Shimon Lipsky** completed a successful year as acting Chair of the Executive Committee. **Ilana Laderman** will replace him as acting Chair in 2009-10. **Mr. Alan Silberman**, representing Masorti Olami, joined the Board.

TALI Education Fund:

Ram Shmueli, Brigadier General and Israeli Air Force pilot, New Chair, Board and Executive Committee. New Board Members: **Ms. Ariela Cotler**, Israel advocacy and Jewish education, Montreal; **Mr. Chen Noy**, CPA; **Ms. Sigal Shapira**, Merrill Lynch - Israel; and **Mr. Isaac (Tsachi) Mushkin**, National Security Consultant

Schechter Scholarship Overseas

Video Conferencing and Webinars

Schechter leadership and friends throughout North America have begun to enjoy *Schechter Webinars* on a regular basis. Scheduled to coincide with Jewish holidays and other important moments on the Jewish calendar, webinars have brought the value and the timely message of the Schechter Institute to donors and friends in the United States. Schechter

Budget 2009 (in US\$)

◀ **16.** Mercaz delegate Sandy Starkman, Highland Park, IL, with rabbinical students **17.** Yehiel Leket, World Chairman, Keren Kayemeth (JNF), in discussion with David Golinkin **18.** Ann Goldman (center), Women's League Executive Director, NYC, presents check to Eitan Cooper and Diane Friedgut **19.** David Golinkin addressing Temple Beth Am mission led by Rabbi Joel Rembaum **20.** Dr. Ron Moses, Bellaire, TX with David Golinkin **21.** Harold Wolfe, Toronto with Eitan Chikli **22.** Rabbi Marty Sandberg, Jacksonville, FL, with David Golinkin **23.** Ab and Phylis Flatt, Toronto, meet with David Golinkin

will be expanding its capacities to create a global learning community, thanks to **Lou and Judy Miller** who enabled the purchase of state of the art video-conferencing equipment.

In 2008-09: **Prof. David Golinkin, Dr. Einat Ramon and Dr. Shula Laderman** taught sessions in advance of the High Holidays ■ **Dr. Joshua Kulp and Prof. David Golinkin** introduced *The Schechter Haggadah* before Passover ■ **Prof. David Golinkin** taught two sessions on Jewish Law to Congregation Brith Shalom, Bellaire, TX, May 2009.

Academic Conferences Abroad

Prof. Renée Levine Melammed and Debbie Greniman, the Jewish Women and Philanthropy Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, July 2009 ■ **Dr. Paul Mandel**, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Rome, July 2009 ■ **Dr. Ari Ackerman and Dr. Brenda Bacon**, The Network for Research in Jewish Education, New York, June 2009 ■ **Dr. Yair Paz**, Heidelberg University Hochschule, June 2009 ■ **Dr. Doron Bar**, Holy Sites and Holy Wars Research Symposium, University of Arizona, Phoenix, March 2009 ■ **Dr. Einat Ramon**, World Jewish Alliance Conference; Adat Shalom, Paris, February

Income		Expenses	
Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Graduate School			
Jewish Agency	57,000	Faculty Salaries	1,222,885
Federations and Foundations	302,422	President's Office, PR and Development*	922,404
Contributions	1,713,856	Scholarships	325,674
Tuition and Fees	896,418	Library	127,832
Endowment Income	208,817	Academic Centers, Publishing and Outreach	385,364
Miscellaneous	161,533	Administration and Building Maintenance	355,887
Total	3,340,046		3,340,046

*Includes Schechter Institutes Inc. in US

Schechter Rabbinical Seminary			
Jewish Agency	198,650	Faculty	355,490
Federations and Foundations	300,055	Scholarships	227,692
Israeli Government	26,983	Special Programs and Student Activities	122,307
Contributions	176,520	M.A. Program	105,128
Tuition and Fees	258,358	Administration	149,949
Total	960,566		960,566

TALI Education Fund

Jewish Agency	376,375	Textbook/Curriculum Development	348,461
Federations	288,500	Pedagogical Counseling	463,919
Foundations	864,000	School Rabbis/Experiential Programs	168,345
Contributions	501,425	Teacher and Leadership Training	225,610
Israeli Government	10,128	Early Childhood Department	117,948
Fees for Sales, Services	133,423	Special Programs	354,128
Miscellaneous	40,555	Network Expansion	148,750
		Administration	387,245
Total	2,214,406		2,214,406

Midreshet Yerushalayim - Israel

Jewish Agency	108,250	Weekly Courses and Programs	63,830
Foundations and Federations	54,500	MILI Program	54,667
Israeli Government/ Municipalities	22,008	Land of Israel/Heritage Trail Courses	62,307
		Bet Midrash Development	21,356
Participation and Fees	43,099	MILI Olami Program	11,538
		Administration	25,685
Total	227,857		227,857

Midreshet Yerushalayim - Ukraine

Federations	23,000	Schools and Teacher Training	91,100
Foundations	202,500	Camp Ramah Sessions	136,500
Contributions	134,000	NOAM and Young Leadership Training	44,300
Masorti Olami	28,500	Hungary – Scholar-in-Residence	6,000
		Kiev Center	57,300
		Administration	52,800
Total	388,000		388,000

Grand Total 7,130,875

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