

# Development and Communications

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## The Schechter Institutes, Inc. Highlights of Activities

The past year continued to be framed by economic uncertainty and questions about the short term future. Nonetheless, in the face of unprecedented challenges, from the period of July 31, 2010 - June 30, 2011, Schechter raised \$4,544,486 for operating expenses, an increase of 4% over the same period in 2009-10, enabling our four Amutot to conduct academic, educational and outreach activities at its main campus in Jerusalem, throughout the entire State of Israel and in Eastern Europe, making a Jewish impact on the lives of more than 40,000 people.

### Capital campaigns near completion

**Jerusalem:** Through June 30, 2011, the campaign for the Jerusalem Campus has received cash and commitments of \$10.47 million, \$8.47 million of which is designated for the nearly-completed Legacy Heritage House classroom building, bringing us ever so close to our goal of \$8.7 million.

**Neve Zedek:** Through June 30, 2011, the campaign for the soon-to-open Legacy Heritage Center of Neve Schechter in Neve Zedek has obtained \$3.6 million in cash and commitments toward the \$3.8 million needed to complete the restoration.

We salute each supporter to both of these exciting capital campaigns. Special Naming Opportunities remain for donors who are prepared to offer "last dollars."

Our generous community of contributors and friends continues to enable the Schechter Institute to pursue its mission of Jewish education and knowledge, and leadership in promoting religious pluralism and tolerance. We are grateful to all our donors and funders for their generosity and loyalty, especially in this difficult period, and look forward to their ongoing efforts as partners, making a difference in the Jewish future of the State of Israel, truly... *Bringing the Jewish People Together.*

### New Major Gift Commitments (\$10,000 and up):

#### Programs and General Support

**William Davidson Foundation,** Schechter Graduate School Scholarships and Faculty Fellowships

**David Berg Foundation,** Hebrew edition, *As a Driven Leaf* Ben Farahi, M.A. Scholarships

**Michael Gould,** Louis Ginzberg's *Commentary on Yerushalmi Pesahim*

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**UJA-Federation of New York,** Expansion of CPE program to Schechter Graduate School

**Robert Weinroth,** Hebrew edition, *As a Driven Leaf*  
**JUF Federation of Metropolitan Chicago,** Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, *Mishlei* Program; TALI Bar-Bat Mitzvah Seminar, Kibbutz Hanaton

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**Diana and Manolo Berezdivin,** New TALI school

**Gary and Carol Berman,** New TALI school, Hadera

**Buddy and Fran Brandt,** TALI Textbook Development

**Jewish Federation of Kansas City,** New TALI school, Ramle

**Jonathan Lopatin,** Leket activity for TALI schools

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**Ziering Family Foundation,** TALI-M.A. Educational Leadership Program

**Edward and Barbara Zinbarg,** Joint TALI-Masorti development project, Beersheba

**Andy Hochberg and Rabbi Vernon Kurtz,** Midreshet Yerushalayim Rabbinic position in Kiev

**Israeli Government Emergency Fund,** Midreshet Yerushalayim Israeli study programs

**Genesis Philanthropic Group,** Midreshet Yerushalayim MILL program expansion

**Abraham and Sonya Rochlin Foundation,** Additional support, Midreshet Yerushalayim in Ukraine

**Alvin and Fanny B. Thalheimer Foundation,** Midreshet Yerushalayim Center, Kiev

**Simha and Sara Lainer Family Foundation,** Neve Schechter, educational and cultural programming

**Howard and Carole Tanenbaum Family Charitable Foundation,** Neve Schechter, Arts and Judaism programming

**We wish to gratefully acknowledge all those who contributed generously in March 2011 to the TALI Emergency Campaign, which surpassed its goal of raising \$300,000 in one month, and enabled us to continue providing vital services to TALI schools:**

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1. Lecture in Neve Schechter. From left: Miriam Meghenagi, Luca Lombardi, Rabbi Marc Liebhaber, Robert Rifkind, Bernice and Raymond Coll  
 2. Buddy and Fran Brandt and family donate a Torah to TALI 3. David Golinkin hosts (left) Sandra Braun and Rosana Chermisqui 4. From left: Giorgio Coen, Erma Blumenfeld, Diane Wohl and Franca Coen, Neve Schechter 5. Mel Seidenberg with grandson-in-law, Alex Freedman 6. Floy, Matthew and Amos Kaminski 7. Betsy Gidwitz and David Golinkin 8. Kol Emeth Mission led by Rabbi David Booth visits Schechter 9. Board members (from left): Robert Rifkind, Arleen and Aaron Priest, Diane Wohl 10. Marilyn Ziering and Howard Walter, Neve Schechter 11. Donald and Lorraine Skupsky with David Golinkin 12. Outgoing board treasurer Lew Krulwich (center), with (left): Jac Friedgut, Liat Citron and David Golinkin 13. David Golinkin welcomes (right) Charles Dimston and (left) David Dimston 14. David Golinkin hosts Sharon Liebhaber and Rabbi Alan Iser 15. From left: Joshua and Beverly Baker with Rabbi Moshe Silberschein and Eitan Cooper 16. Pittsburgh Jewish Federation visits Schechter

### New or Additional Capital Commitments (\$10,000 and up):

Atid Foundation - Toddy Granovsky, Trustee, Neve Schechter  
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### Fundraising in Israel

Altogether, \$110,000 was raised this year in Israel for operating expenses. The Board of Trustees views the increase in Israeli gifts as critical to the future of Schechter, and at the May 26 Board meeting appointed a committee to plan strategy for significantly increasing this amount in 2011-12.

### Schechter Board News

The Schechter Institutes, Inc., under the leadership of Saul Saunders met in New York in November 2010 and February 2011. The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Board of Trustees, led by Saul Sanders and by Executive Committee Chair Ya'akov Tsur convened in December 2010 in New York and Jerusalem via videoconference and at Neve Schechter in May 2011. The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, led by Board Chair, Prof. Hanan Alexander and Executive Committee Chair Ilana Laderman Mushkin, conducted their board meetings via video conference in Jerusalem and New York in November 2010 and in Jerusalem in May 2011.

### New Leadership

**Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies** Ya'akov Tsur stepped down as Chair of the Schechter Institute Executive Committee after four years of dedicated service. Colette Avital was unanimously approved to succeed Mr. Tsur. Avital is a seasoned foreign diplomat who served as Israeli consul general to the United States and later as a member of Knesset. Today she is Director General of the Educational Center of the Berl Katznelson Foundation. Also stepping down from the committee are Jac Friedgut, longtime treasurer, Miriam Rosenthal and Prof. Menachem Milson, whose contributions to Schechter are greatly appreciated. In addition, terms of office for Board of Trustees members Shaik

El Ami and Dr. Motti Shalem expired in December 2010 and we thank them for their service. Sarah Teperberg, Jerusalem; an associate in the Jerusalem law office of Zeev Weil and Partners and past chair of the WIZO Jerusalem Branch, joined the Schechter Institute Board of Trustees in May 2011. Diane Wohl, Mill Neck, NY; a Jewish community activist with a wide range of local, national and international affiliations who holds numerous leadership positions, joined The Schechter Institutes, Inc. Board of Directors and the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Board of Trustees in May 2011.

**Schechter Rabbinical Seminary** Rabbi Dr. Barry Leff, Jerusalem; Vice President and Manager of Innodata Isogen Israel, a Conservative rabbi who served a number of pulpits in North America and an active lay leader for a number of non-profit organizations, joined the SRS Board of Trustees in May 2011.

**Midreshet Yerushalayim** Prof. Shmuel Glick, after three years of distinguished service stepped down as Chair. He is succeeded by Moshe Cohen, President of CMI, international supplier of aviation and logistical support, long-time Masorti lay leader, community activist in *Kehilat Sukat Shalom* in Ramat Ishai and past Chair of the Masorti Movement.

## In the Media

### Schechter Books

- ◉ *The Student Struggle Against the Holocaust*, authored by David Golinkin and Rafael Medoff, was positively reviewed in various newspapers including *Ha'aretz*, *the Jerusalem Post*, *the Long Island Jewish World* and *the Washington Jewish Week*, with David Golinkin writing an article on the book in *CJ Voices*
- ◉ *Ask the Rabbi: Women Rabbis Respond to Modern Halakhic Questions*, by Rabbis Monique Susskind Goldberg and Diana Villa, was excerpted in the *London Jewish Chronicle* and other questions and answers were translated into Spanish and Portuguese and distributed amongst Masorti communities in Latin America
- ◉ *The Schechter Haggadah: Art, History and Commentary*, by Joshua Kulp and David Golinkin, received a very positive review by the prestigious journal *ARS Judaica*, 2011
- ◉ *Kuntress Ha-Teshuvot, vol. 4*, by Shmuel Glick, was reviewed in *Makor Rishon*

◉ Schechter's weekly *Iyunei Shabbat* commentary, co-published by the Masorti Movement, RA and Masorti Olami, was picked up by a new website, *The Daily Rabbi*, which launched with over 15,000 hits during its first month in April 2011

### Schechter Faculty

A number of Schechter faculty members were featured in the media, including:

- ◉ Moshe Benovitz in *Jewish Ideas Daily*
- ◉ Eitan Chikli, *Eretz Acheret*
- ◉ Yair Paz interviewed in *The Jewish Renaissance in Israeli Society*, by Yair Sheleg
- ◉ Einat Ramon, op-ed in *Ha'aretz*
- ◉ Yossi Turner, book review in *Makor Rishon*
- ◉ Renée Levine Melammed's Jerusalem Post series on *Jewish Women in History* was picked up by *Jewish Ideas Daily*
- ◉ Guy Miron appeared in a movie on *Kristallnacht*, Channel 1, Israel Television
- ◉ Einat Ramon appeared in a film on *Tolerance and Pluralism from the Jewish-Christian-Moslem Perspective*, Templeton Foundation
- ◉ Tamar Elad-Appelbaum participated in JTS blog, *Conservative Judaism: A Community Conversation*
- ◉ Diana Villa, Doron Bar and Moshe Silberschein participated in RA podcasts

**His Story/Her Story: Schechter Dean Featured in Jerusalem Post Series** The *Jerusalem Post* Friday Magazine has a new bi-monthly series that began in February 2011, *His Story/Her Story*, contributed by Renée Levine Melammed, Dean of the Graduate School, which explores the lives of Jewish women who made their mark on history. A professor of Jewish history, Levine Melammed has written numerous articles and books on Jewish women and Oriental and Sephardi Jews.

## Following the President

Prof. David Golinkin served as a scholar-in-residence at numerous Conservative congregations in 2010-11. November 2010: Temple Israel, Great Neck, NY and Temple Emanu-

El, Reno, Nevada; January 2011: Temple Anshei Shalom, Delray Beach, FL; February 2011: Beth Ami Congregation, Boca Raton, FL and Congregation Anshei Israel, Tucson, AZ; May 2011: Temple Beth Jacob, Redwood City, CA.

Prof. Golinkin's responsum on *Selling an apartment to a non-Jew in the Land of Israel* was endorsed by fifty Masorti rabbis and received coverage throughout the world.

Prof. Golinkin "skypes" with 6th graders on Jewish Law regarding Space Travel:

"Rabbi Golinkin, thank you for talking with us today. It is amazing to think that we could be here in St. Louis and have the ability

"I wanted to thank you for your piece, "Basic Principles of Business Ethics." I am not Jewish but am a business person ... Admiring the ethics of my Jewish counterparts caused me to look on line for a reference and came upon your work...the summations that were given on each point made it easy to understand."

Tim Riley, Seattle, WA

to learn from you in Jerusalem! Your thoughts brought a real sense of life to the texts that we have been studying and it is so wonderful to be able to connect with a modern day rabbi who is engaged in the same halachic process."

Sarah Miller, Solomon Schechter Day School, St Louis, MO

# Budget 2011 (in US\$)



	Income	Expenses		
<b>The Graduate School</b>	Jewish Agency	39,500	Faculty Salaries	1,391,800
	Federations and Foundations	784,742	President's Office, PR and Development*	578,717
	Contributions	1,487,729	M.A. Scholarships	258,286
	Tuition and Fees	1,037,886	Library	132,857
	Endowment Income	214,800	Academic Centers, Publishing and Outreach	405,571
	Book sales and miscellaneous	154,064	Administration and Campus Maintenance	794,368
			Neve Schechter (Tel Aviv Center)	157,122
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>3,718,721</b>	<b>3,718,721</b>	
<b>Schechter Rabbinical Seminary</b>	Jewish Agency	115,000	Faculty	436,447
	Federations and Foundations	171,000	Scholarship Stipends	107,143
	Israeli Government	12,714	Special Programs and Student Activities	112,572
	Contributions	326,000	M.A. Program	86,123
	Tuition and Fees	237,142	Administration	119,571
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>861,856</b>	<b>861,856</b>
<b>TALI Education Fund</b>	Jewish Agency	354,450	Textbook/Curriculum Development	458,142
	Federations	170,285	Pedagogical Counseling	427,085
	Foundations	461,142	School Rabbis and Experiential Programming	115,142
	Contributions	551,714	Teacher and Leadership Training	201,408
	Israeli Government	158,571	Early Childhood Department	112,544
	Fees for Sales, Services	368,857	Special Programs	221,800
	Miscellaneous	29,646	Network Expansion	252,658
			Administration	305,886
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,094,665</b>	<b>2,094,665</b>	
<b>Midreshet Yerushalayim - Israel</b>	Jewish Agency	84,300	Weekly Courses and Programs	53,355
	Foundations and Federations	40,000	MILI Program	61,885
	Israeli Government/Municipalities	103,625	Land of Israel and Shvilei Moreshet Courses	77,368
	Contributions	27,500	Bet Midrash Development	55,685
	Participation and Fees	66,242	MILI Olami Program	9,500
			Administration	63,874
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>321,667</b>	<b>321,667</b>	
<b>Midreshet Yerushalayim - Ukraine</b>	Federations	28,500	Schools and Teacher Training	108,000
	Foundations	212,500	Camp Ramah Sessions	93,500
	Contributions	74,200	Family Programming	22,500
	Masorti Olami	22,000	Student Programming	9,200
			Kiev Center	41,700
			Administration	62,300
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>337,200</b>	<b>337,200</b>	
	<b>Total, 4 Amutot</b>	<b>7,334,109</b>	<b>7,334,109</b>	

\* Serves all 4 Schechter Amutot and capital projects and includes budget of The Schechter Institutes, Inc. in U.S.

1. David Golinkin with Schechter Chair, Saul Sanders (right) honor out-going executive committee chair, Ya'akov Tsur  
 2. Paula Gottesman, briefed by David Golinkin and Eitan Cooper  
 3. Eli Saulson (center), takes a tour of the Jerusalem campus with David Golinkin and Simcha Goldsmith  
 4. Dan Drench at Neve Schechter in Neve Zedek  
 5. Harold and Beatriz Jacobsohn with David Golinkin.

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