

The Power of a Jewish Woman – Women Teaching Women

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Fifty women participated in an exciting learning program at the Lander College for Women – The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School, on Sunday, May 4. The theme of the event was “The Power of a Jewish Woman – Women Teaching Women.” Chaired by Dr. Marian Stoltz-Loike, the dean of the college, the Yom Iyun event marked the 40th anniversary of the school, an undergraduate division of Touro College.

The *yom iyun* featured a stirring keynote address by Rebbetzin Aviva Feiner on the topic of “*Sheasani Kirtzono: Being His Will and Doing His Will.*” A highly respected and sought-after inspirational speaker, Rebbetzin Feiner is Rebbetzin of Congregation Kneseth Israel of Far Rockaway and *menaheles*, Machon Basya Rochel Seminary.

Introductory *shiur* sessions were delivered by Dr. Susan Weissman, professor, of Judaic Studies at Lander College for Women who spoke about “Ruth: Royal to the Core.” Dr. Stoltz-Loike taught about “Naomi: Awakening to Greatness.” Dr. Judith Bleich, professor of Judaic Studies at Lander College for Women and professor in the Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Touro, presented on

“Jerusalem: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow.” And Professor Shulamith Rubin, deputy chair of Judaic Studies and assistant professor, Lander College for Women, spoke on “The Innkeeper and the Tent Dweller: The Power and Personalities of Rachav and Yael.”

The *yom iyun* served as an example of the vision of Lander College for Women, to teach high level Torah learning, to instill a deep commitment to *Halachah* and Jewish values, and the education of young women to pursue their personal and professional dreams.

Touro is America’s largest private institution of higher and professional education under Jewish auspices. In only four decades, Touro has achieved renown for affordable excellence and currently educates 19,000 students at 32 schools in five countries. Touro provides a comprehensive range of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, all with a focus on career and work force preparation. Lander College for Women has been providing a quality education to generations of women committed to Torah values and academic excellence, making a major contribution to professional development, Jewish education, and *Klal Yisrael*.

Agudath Israel to Pay Tribute to Those Who ‘Stand Up and Speak Up’

“Stand Up and Speak Up” is the theme of the upcoming 92nd Anniversary Dinner of Agudath Israel of America, which will take place at the New York Hilton on Tuesday, May 27. The dinner will honor and pay tribute to a distinguished group of individuals, all of whom have risen to the occasion whenever there is a need, truly making a difference on behalf of the individual or the *tzibbur*.

Mr. Rubin Schron, this year’s Guest of Honor, is a prominent Torah philanthropist. For many years, Mr. Schron has stood up for the

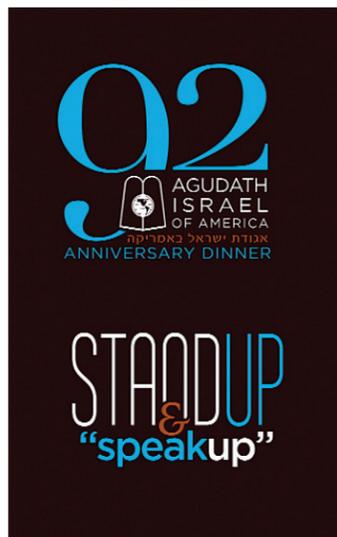


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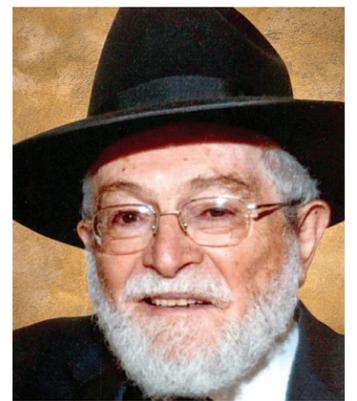
Mr. Julius Klugmann, z"l

success of numerous *mosdos haTorah* that he supports generously. He creates a *kiddush Hashem* as an imperative of conducting all his business affairs with the utmost integrity and dignity befitting a true *ben Torah*. As someone who



service. Rabbi Schwebel, world-renowned as a *baal tefillah* par excellence, spent many years as *chazzan* of the flagship Agudas Yisroel shul of Fourteenth Avenue in Boro Park.

The Moreinu Yaakov Rosenheim Memorial Award will be going to Rabbi Yosef Aszknazy. During his years as a yeshivah *bachur*, Reb Yossi stood up and served as the President of Zeirei Agudas Yisroel. Over the years he continued to be an extremely dedicated Agudas Yisroel *askan*. He recently undertook to assist in the conversion and transfer of



Rabbi Aaron Schwebel, z"l

hundreds of tapes from the Agudath Israel of America archives to digital format.

Four prominent *askanim* who stand up and speak up on a regular basis for the needs of our communities will be presented with Avodas HaKodesh awards: Dr. Ernest Isaacson of Far Rockaway; Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Rabbi of Ahavat Achim/Bukharian Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills; Sender Rapaport, director of Masbia; and Rabbi Mordechai Zions, noted *mechanech* and director of Pirchei Agudath Israel of Lakewood. Rabbi Ellis J. Safdeye of the Sephardic Ateret Torah community will receive the William K. Friedman Young Leadership award, and Rabbi Yeruchim Silber, executive director of the Boro Park Jewish Community Council, will receive the Public Service Award.

The chairman of the dinner is the well-known *askan* Shmuel Yosef Rieder, a member of Agudath Israel’s Board of Trustees. Yechiel Eisenstadt, one of the main forces behind the Masmidei HaSiyum program of the *Siyum HaShas*, will serve as co-chairman.

In the words of Shlomo Werdiger, chairman of Agudath Israel’s Board of Trustees, “This year’s dinner promises to be an extraordinary demonstration of the effectiveness of Agudath Israel’s work over the past year and a glimpse into the dynamic future ahead.”



Rabbi Yosef Aszknazy

enjoyed a meaningful relationship with the unforgettable Agudath leader Rabbi Moshe Sherer, z"l, it is more than appropriate that Mr. Schron will be receiving Agudath Israel’s Rabbi Moshe Sherer Memorial Award.

The Hagoon Harav Aharon Kotler Memorial Award will be given in memory of the legendary *askan* Mr. Julius Klugmann, z"l. Mr. Klugmann maintained an exceptionally close relationship with many *Gedolei Yisroel*, including Harav Aharon Kotler, and devoted his life to following their *daas Torah* and preserving the integrity of the *mesorah*.

The Reb Elimelech Tress Memorial Award will be bestowed in memory of Rabbi Aaron Schwebel, z"l, an individual who truly represented *Torah v'chessed* in his *avodas Hashem* as well as in his long career of *Rabbanus* and Torah

Members of Congress Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month With Jewish Community Leaders

Dozens of members of Congress and Jewish community leaders gathered on May 7 to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month in the ornate LBJ Room of the U.S. Capitol. The annual event, organized by The Friedlander Group, highlighted the work of five individuals who were chosen as honorees for their various contributions and achievements.

The Jewish American Heritage Month, said Congressman Joe Kennedy, is a “reminder of the contributions the Jewish community has made to this country in every aspect of our history, our culture and our traditions.”

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz pointed to the importance of acknowledging and creating Jewish American Heritage Month “so that we could make sure that after we finish the 350th year



Luncheon Co-Chair Stanley Treitel, a community leader from Los Angeles who has been in the forefront of activities that reinforce the principle that all citizens are required to remain vigilant in the pursuit of tolerance.

celebration of Jewish life in the Americas, we had an opportunity to continue to

educate and let people across the country” know of Jewish contributions to society.