



JCT on the Home Front



On July 12, 2006, Hezbollah terrorists killed 8 Israeli soldiers and kidnapped 2 reservists on Israel's northern border. Once again, Israel went to war. The terrorists immediately struck at Israel's northern population centers, firing barrages of rockets into defenseless communities. Many Israelis sought refuge in neighborhood bomb shelters. Thousands, faced with no alternatives, fled their homes in the north, seeking safety elsewhere in the country.

Within the first days of the war, temporary accommodation became a civilian priority. The Jerusalem College of Technology was amongst the first in Jerusalem to help, making its campus available to those seeking a haven from the war.

For the duration of the war, JCT's Machon Lev campus became "home" to approximately 350 people, including 180 children. In the true spirit of *Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh LaZeh* - All the

Children of Israel are responsible for one another, JCT made every effort to make their stay as comfortable as possible.

In addition to board and lodging, JCT provided daily meals for all the guests (special mention goes to the kitchen and dining hall staff who gave up their vacation in order to cater delicious meals). Although no government support was available, aided by the generosity of caring supporters worldwide, JCT provided a variety of activities for adults and children alike, allowing families to forget their worries, if even for a brief period of time. Students and staff of JCT, as well as numerous other volunteers, donated their time and energies to organize a variety of activities ranging from computer games, arts and crafts, and puppetry for the children to workshops

and classes for the adults. Following Tisha B'Av, music was heard around the campus as various popular entertainers joined the effort to help boost morale by performing for our guests.

On the northern front, many JCT students, graduates, and staff were called up to join their units. Leaving their families, jobs, and studies, they contributed valiantly in the defense of the nation. This war saw many casualties, both military and civilian, and the 166 Israelis who lost their lives, will forever remain in blessed memory. Amongst those killed were Staff Sergeant Shimon Agada z"l, brother of JCT student David Agada, of JCT's "Ethiopians for Engineers" program, Dr. Igor Rothstein z"l, nephew of Professor Alexander Rothstein of JCT's Department of Engineering and

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*All our friends and supporters are invited to attend
the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of*

THE SOHACHESKI STUDENT CENTER and THE STUDENT DINING HALL

that will take place

on Erev Hoshana Raba, Thursday October 12th, 2006 at 4.15 p.m.

at the Machon Lev Campus, Givat Mordechai, Jerusalem,

followed by JCT's Annual Sukkot Reception

שנה טובה, כתיבה וחתימה טובה

*Wishing you a year of Peace, Happiness,
Good Health and Prosperity*



Dear Friends,

Looking at my President's Message from last year, I note to myself that the opening phrase I used was, "This summer has been a tumultuous period for the State of Israel". Unhappily, this also holds true for this year, albeit in a somewhat different context.

JCT is proud to have had the privilege to extend a helping hand, a friendly haven and warm hospitality to hundreds of evacuees from the north of Israel. These people are now back in their own homes trying to mend the physical damage and emotional rupture in the fabric of their daily lives. We are now putting together additional plans to strengthen the northern settlements of Kiryat Shmona and Ma'alot by offering special professional academic training for local residents. I fully believe that we will look back at this difficult period with pride.

Then, I take a look at the student enrollment figures for the forthcoming academic year, and note with great satisfaction that the enrollment has grown this year by an unprecedented rate of 25%, a growth that ranges across all our programs. The increase is especially impressive in the enrollment of young women graduating from Beth Ya'akov schools, and of young men graduating from IDF military service. Even the English Speakers' Program for students from overseas shows a healthy increase in numbers.

Finally, I look at the JCT budget figures for the coming fiscal year, starting October 1st 2006, and cannot but note the painful cutback in projected sources of income, dictated by current national circumstances. Evidently, we are facing a New Year that will be quite a challenge. But after all, isn't that what JCT is all about?

We look forward to the future with faith and confidence.

Best wishes to all our friends for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year,

Prof. Joseph S. Bodenheimer
President

THE SYMBOLISM OF ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

by Rabbi Dr. Asher Meir

The customary Rosh Hashanah greeting is *Leshana Tova Tikatev* - May you be inscribed for a good year. (1) This greeting reflects the tradition that on New Year's Day each person is judged for the coming year, and his or her judgment is recorded by God in the Book of Life. (2) This book records an earthly judgment, not a spiritual one; Nachmanides points out that spiritual judgment takes place only at death. (3) At Rosh Hashanah we are judged for the material conditions of life for the coming year, just as we say in the memorable *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer:

"Who will be calm, and who will be afflicted; who will be impoverished and humbled, and who will be elevated." In general, a person

who is oriented towards a life of righteousness will be able to make suitable use of material blessings and is deserving of favorable judgment.

The Book then remains open for revisions until it is sealed on Yom Kippur. (2) Thus, on Yom Kippur we modify the greeting accordingly, wishing one another *Leshana Tova Tikatev Vetichatem LeAltar* - May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

This metaphor of a sealed Book of Life requires some explanation. It should be obvious that repentance is possible and effective at any time. We can always change our ways and consequently, our destiny. Even so, there is special importance to the idea of an open Book of Life, which symbolizes not merely the abstract possibility of self-improvement but rather an open invitation.

Maimonides writes: "Even though repentance with entreaties is always beneficial, during the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur it is especially effective, and is accepted immediately, as it is written (Isaiah 55:6), "Seek the Lord while He may be found." (4) During this solemn period, we are able to see in our mind's eye that changes in our personality and our approach to life, most importantly in our relationships to others, have an immediate effect on the kind of life we can expect.

Alongside this widespread New Year's greeting, some people adopt a slightly

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different expression. On Rosh Hashanah, they exclaim *Leshana Tova Tikatev Vetichatem LeAltar* - May you be inscribed and sealed immediately for a good year. At first glance it seems that this greeting is jumping the gun, since we know that the Book of Life is sealed only on the Day of Atonement.

The basis for this surprising greeting is a fascinating passage in the Talmud, stating that it is only the ordinary person whose judgment is written on Rosh Hashanah and sealed on Yom Kippur. A completely righteous person is immediately sealed for a good year already on Rosh Hashanah! (2) By wishing our friends an immediate sealing, we imply that they are perfectly righteous individuals, in the exalted category of the *Tzaddik Gamur*.

The most basic understanding of this passage is that for those who are

completely righteous, God does not have to wait ten days to scrutinize their actions and determine if they are worthy of a good year, a year which will provide them with the material conditions that will allow them to serve Him. The Divine Judge is already sure of their steadfast commitment. Certainly it is a compliment to be considered one of these rare saintly individuals.

However, there is an alternative understanding, one which confirms the traditional blessing. This understanding, as explained to me by Rabbi Yisrael Sonenblick, makes a special inference from the word completely righteous.

No human being is perfect; all of us need to constantly grow in all good qualities. Someone who is "complete" is really "finished" - he or she, although a saintly person, is done growing. (In modern Hebrew when we say that someone is *gamur*, we mean he or she is "done for".) Being perfect, even in righteousness, is not necessarily such a blessing. We find that the Talmudic sage Rav, one of the leading Torah authorities in Jewish history, pointedly asserted that he was an ordinary person, and not a "complete saint." (5)

We could say that such a person, though written for life, does not benefit from the special opportunity the Ten Days of Repentance provide. Unlike the ordinary person, who has until Yom Kippur to revise his inscription, such a person is indeed inscribed for a good year on Rosh Hashanah, but then the Author of Life so to speak closes the book on him or her.

It follows that being sealed for life already on Rosh HaShanah is not necessarily the blessing it is sometimes made out to be. Perhaps the traditional greeting of inscription on Rosh Hashanah and sealing only on Yom Kippur, is really the best.

SOURCES: (1) Shulchan Arukh Orach Chaim 582:9 (2) Babylonian Talmud Rosh Hashanah 16b (3) Nachmanides, Sermon for Rosh Hashanah. (4) Maimonides Code, Laws of Repentance 2:6. (5) Babylonian Talmud Berakhot 61b.

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Faculty Profile

Not everyone gets excited about Linear Algebra and Infinitesimal Calculus! Those who do are probably amongst the few who are capable of understanding mathematics. Dr. Dana-Picard of JCT's Applied Mathematics Department is working hard to generate interest and activity in one of today's advanced theoretical fields. Beyond the classroom walls, he works just as hard building strong relationships with students, thus serving as an example by offering guidance and support with modesty.

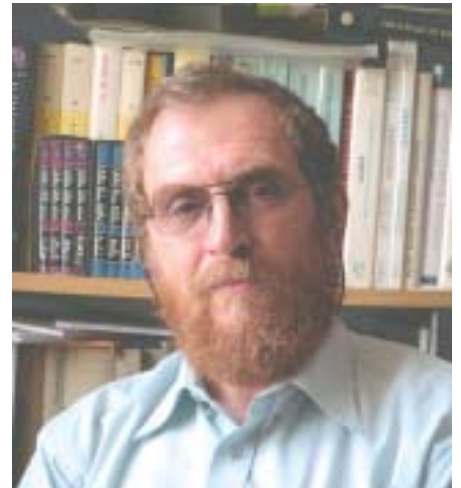
Dr. Thierry Dana-Picard grew up in the shadow of the Holocaust - his grandparents from Alsace were hunted by the Nazis, interned in the French camp of Schirmeck and survived because they were hidden in Nice. His life's outlook has been shaped by his learned grandmother's wise refrain pronounced each time she reached a new place: "How good it would be to remain right here and study!"

Learning, working, pursuing excellence: Dr. Dana-Picard has definitely internalized the message. He is currently the head of the Department of Applied Mathematics at the Jerusalem College of Technology and Advisor for Mathematics in the Department of Science Education at the Weizmann Institute. He is also a member of the American and European Mathematical Society, the International Group of Psychology of Mathematical Education, the Israel Mathematical Union, and additional professional organizations. In the world of mathematics, he found himself attracted to pure theory.

Dana-Picard's doctoral dissertation at Nice University (France) focused on Algebraic Geometry. Now, Dr. Dana-Picard's research also covers algebra, geometry and technology-based mathematics education. He has published 35 articles in "refereed publications" and is on the review board of several prestigious journals.

But mathematics is not the only world in which Dr. Dana-Picard, 52, feels at home.

In August 1984, Dr. Thierry Dana-Picard together with his family, decided to leave



Dr. Thierry Dana-Picard, Head of JCT's Department of Applied Mathematics.

his country of birth in order to accomplish his real dream, making his own contribution to Israel. He and his family started out at the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center, and then settled in Pizgat Zeev. Upon his aliya, he entered the world of higher learning, continuing his studies at Bar-Ilan University where he obtained a Phd in Non-Commutative Algebra.

From an early age, Dr. Dana-Picard also immersed himself in the world of Torah learning: "My parents made the utmost effort in order to ensure that we receive strong foundations in secular and Jewish studies, both inside and outside our home". Now the father of four, Dr. Dana-Picard is one of the founders of the "Nachalat Emet" Synagogue in his neighborhood, and he lectures frequently on Torah subjects. He especially enjoys studying the texts of Rabbenu Bechaye, Rabbi Isaac Abrabanel, and Rav Kook. In his free time, as a committed Zionist, he also helps new immigrants.

According to Dr. Dana-Picard, most of the credit for pursuing an intense professional career according to Torah principles should go to his wife. After 10 years at JCT in the Mathematics Department, Dr. Thierry Dana-Picard, has recently been appointed department head. He is a pillar of JCT and a role model for both students and staff.

Rabbi Professor Yehudah Levi

On the occasion of his 80th birthday



During my student days at JCT in the early eighties, we used to enjoy a somewhat irreverent crack: Machon Lev is better than both Ponivezh (Yeshiva) and the Technion; the Torah studies are on a higher level than the Technion's and the secular studies more advanced than Ponivezh's! While amusing, it did not then enter our mind that this implied deficiency was not inherent in the JCT vision. The proof for this was right before our very eyes. Prof. Levi, JCT Rector at the time, had already established himself as a scientific authority by publishing the definitive text on Electro-Optics. He had also published four Hebraica volumes including a commentary on the difficult Jerusalem Talmud, the comprehensive treatise Torah Study, and Jewish Chrononomy with its indispensable halachic timetables. (Incidentally, he achieved all this although he never had a chance either to attend Yeshiva full-time, or to study full-time at university).

One of the principles espoused in Prof. Levi's works and lectures is that Torah and science are partners in the world scheme - not only do they not conflict, they actually enrich and promote each other. This is one of the corollaries of the *Torah im Derekh Eretz* principle, which he does so much to explain and promulgate.

A brief review of Prof. Levi's biography will help trace the development of his

Torah im Derekh Eretz leadership. Born in Mannheim in 1926 to Orthodox parents, he received much of his early Torah education from his mother and his father, an MD and a dentist, decorated for bravery as a medic in WWI and a model of dedication to others. At age 13, the young Yehudah left Nazi Germany for London along with his brother, Raphael z"l, age 12, as part of the Kindertransport. He later explained that being his "Brother's Keeper" was an important lesson for him in responsibility.

In 1942, the family re-united in Washington Heights, New York; but economic hardship forced him to start working full time after graduating from high school at age 16. Evenings and weekends he attended shiurim given by Rabbi Joseph Breuer zt"l, Rabbi of the K'hal Adath Jeshurun community. Simultaneously, he continued his academic education in Electrical Engineering, taking evening classes at City College and earning his Bachelor's degree after nine years (1952). He began attending Rabbi Aharon Soloveitchik's zt"l shiurim at Rabbi Chaim Berlin Yeshiva on Sundays, keeping up with their full-time Talmud-study program, by learning on his own at night the rest of the week, after coming home from late evening college classes. After receiving his BEE, he further pursued his studies at New York Polytech toward a Masters degree in Physics (1957). This busy schedule meant that homework had to be done whilst commuting to and from work.

In 1957 he married Miriam Wechsler, who to this day is his behind-the-scenes adviser and supporter in all his endeavors. Soon afterwards he was ready to take on a new challenge: working half-time as a consultant and, on the remaining days, studying Torah at the prestigious Gur Aryeh Kollel of Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner zt"l. He set up a consulting firm; but finding clients proved more difficult than anticipated. This gave him additional time for Torah study, but it also started draining his savings. After almost a year of searching, he landed a long-term contract with IBM

and later also with the U.S. Navy. In 1964 he completed his Phd; at least now he could stop correcting those who erroneously addressed him with that title.

Active in community work, he was elected vice-president of Agudath Israel of America and served as president of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists (AOJS). He received rabbinic ordination from both Rabbis Breuer and Hutner in anticipation of his appointment as a Dayan in the K'hal Adath Jeshurun Beth Din.

For years Prof. Levi had dreamt of making Aliyah to Eretz Yisrael. That dream was finally realized when, in 1970, Prof. Zeev Lev z"l invited him to set up the Applied Physics and Electro-Optics Department in the newly founded JCT.

As a leading Electro-Optics expert, Prof. Levi has published essential works on image processing principles. His monumental three volumes of Applied Optics and relevant tables were written, as he explains, to be a textbook for his students, since at the time suitable publications were not yet available.

But Rabbi Prof. Levi's most influential writings are certainly those that deal with Torah law and outlook.

Significant parts of *Facing Modern Challenges (Mul Etagarei Hatekufa)* have been included by the Israel Ministry of Education as required reading for their Bagrut (matriculation) exams in Jewish philosophy alongside with the great thinkers of past centuries. *Jewish Chrononomy* (which earned him the Feder Award for Torah and Science), *Sha'arey Talmud Torah* (recipient of the Zeitlin Award for Jewish Literature), *Torah and Science*, *Modern Liberation*, are just a few of his close to 20 Judaica and Hebraica books, of which around 50,000 have been printed. Over a hundred of his articles have been published in Torah journals and books.

As one of the first modern commentators on the Jerusalem Talmud, he published, together with Rabbi Aryeh Carmell, the *Kav VeNaki* edition of Tractate *Shevi'ith* (1979). In addition to a simple

commentary, this work includes in-depth end-notes and a halakhic summary following each section. Judging by sales figures (4500 copies), this seems to have been a major factor in popularizing the study of the Jerusalem Talmud - even before the Jerusalem *Daf Hayomi* program, later introduced by the Ger Hassidim. Five additional volumes of tractates of the Order *Zeraim* have appeared since - the most recent one, *Maaser Sheni*, which was written concurrently with this article.

Rabbi Prof. Levi turned eighty a few months ago. Yet his schedule is as busy as it has always been, packed with teaching at Yeshiva and at home (one regular shiur at JCT), studying Torah with a variety of partners, and publishing at least one book a year. May Hashem grant him many more years of productive Torah dissemination.

Yosef Levi

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Industrial Management, Lieutenant-Colonel Emanuel Moreno z"l, brother of JCT graduate, David Moreno and Staff Sergeant Ami Meshulami z"l, brother of Tzofia Meshulami, a student in Machon Tal, JCT's women's institute. JCT shares in their grief and prays that their families be comforted and know no further sorrow.

After 34 days of war, and with a cease fire in effect, families began to return to their homes in the north. At a final festive activity prior to their departures, the College distributed games and other supplies to the children. Amongst those returning home to Safed were Nissim and Merav Ochayon, and their 2 young children, Eliya and Tehilla. Nissim is a graduate of JCT's Electronics



Department. For Nissim, staying at JCT for the duration of the war was "coming back home." He warmly thanked the JCT staff and student volunteers "who never ceased to look for new ways to help." Many people, along with their profuse thanks, expressed the wish that their children would one day study at JCT!

What the future holds in store we do not

know. However, as life returns to normal, and JCT gears up for a new academic year, we can be assured that, in time of need, JCT will once again be ready to offer assistance and a helping hand. A special thank you to Mrs. Tikva Shoshani, Head of the Logistics Department, for all her efforts during this period.

THANK YOU LETTERS TO JCT

Dear JCT,

This is a letter of thanks for the week we spent with you; a week in which we had refuge from the war in the North. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality, your warmth and humanity, your overwhelming willingness to receive us even though you didn't have to. It is our sincerest hope that all of Israel take a personal example from all the people at JCT. May G-d reward you for everything you did.

Warmest greetings,
Ina and Eli Vidal

August 10, 2006

JCT Administration
Prof. Joseph Bodenheimer, President
Dr. Shimon Weiss, General Director
Jerusalem

Greetings,

On Sunday evening August 8, 2006, I paid a personal visit to the residents of the North who were guests on your campus. To my surprise, I encountered people who were calm and relaxed and all of them, without exception praised the warm reception given them at JCT. This outstanding hospitality was offered to over 300 people at the Machon Lev campus during the course of close to a month. The delicious meals, the lively evening performance by well-known artists which I myself witnessed, the children's activities and the wonderful gifts they received were incredible.

You have indeed made a great contribution to Jewish solidarity in that "Kol Yisrael areivim ze la ze" - that all of the Children of Israel have a responsibility towards each other, and "Olam Chesed Yibaneh" - Acts of kindness are the building blocks of the World and may you be blessed for this.

Please accept my warmest wishes.

Avigdor Yeffet
Director General
Department of Welfare
The New Histadrut, Israel Labor Union

Academic News

Research at JCT

Each year, the Jerusalem College of Technology supports faculty research and development through dividends it receives from investments in high-tech projects that originated at JCT. The R&D Committee of JCT's Academic Senate selects the projects to be supported. Following are two of the projects that received grants for the academic year 2006.

Adaptive Micro-Optical Devices

The research team at JCT's Center for Non-Conventional Optics under **Prof. Naftali Eisenberg** and **Dr. Michael Manevich** is investigating the creation of adaptive micro-lens arrays whose parameters change under the influence of an external electrical field. This could open new possibilities for progress in micro-optics, industrial and medical applications such as laser material processing, signal processing, astronomical telescopes, ophthalmology, 3D imaging, retinal imaging and many others.

Arts'Codes: A New Methodology for the Development of Real-Time Embedded Applications for Control Systems

This research is being carried out as part of **Aryeh Teitelbaum's** Phd thesis under the supervision of **Prof. G. Mendelbaum**. Embedded real-time applications have to allow interaction between the control computer and the controlled environment. Controlling the environment requires in particular to take into account its time constraints and critical logical conditions.

One of the main programmer's efforts in real-time applications' development is to trace the incoming events, and to perform reactions based on the current system status, according to the application requirements.

This problem involves two difficulties:

- The cognitive efforts to percept the problem and consequently to express the solution.
- The correct translation of this solution to code.

The Arts'Codes method, developed in this thesis, is an executable Visual Programming Language (VPL) for real-time applications' development. It emerged from cognitive skills and real-time system research. On the one hand, it molds the software design according the natural cognitive skills; and on the other hand, it proposes a robust execution platform which takes into account only dry technical restrictions which do not depend on the design cognitive problems.



Shimon Mizrachi and student working on the "Ishon" Project.

Video for Home Security

A new research group at JCT lead by **Prof. Natan Avivi** and **Mr. Shimon Mizrachi** of JCT's Electronic Engineering Department, called "Ishon" -Pupil, as in the pupil of the eye, aims at developing a wireless cellular camera for home security.

The group has developed a technological approach which allows the transmission of video on low broadband width via a server which improves video quality and carries out billing and collection functions. The first prototype is being developed.

Upcoming Events

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| October 12th, 2006 | Erev Hoshana Raba – Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the Sohacheski Student Center and the Student Dining Hall at Machon Lev. |
| October, 2006 | Prof. Ze'ev Lev, z"l, Memorial Lecture.
Details to be announced. |
| December, 2006 | Virtual Dinner during the month of December to raise funds for the Student Dining Hall. |
| February 11th, 2007 | The Annual Hans Bachrach z"l Memorial Oration in Melbourne, Australia, to be delivered by Israel Supreme Court Justice Elyakim Rubinstein . |

On Campus

JCT graduates 324 Students

This past academic year, 324 students joined the ranks of the JCT alumni family. Amongst the graduates were 14 students from our special "Ethiopians for Engineers" program.

Machon Lev

The Machon Lev graduation ceremony was held on June 20, 2006. The Guest of Honor was **Mr. Uri Lupolianski**, Mayor of Jerusalem, who praised JCT's contribution to the quality of Jerusalem's high-tech scene and its human fabric.

Ten prizes for excellence were awarded to graduates and students; amongst them the Cecil Kaplan Award to Uriel Levanon, the Lipschutz Prize in Memory of Prof. Zeev Lev z"l to Yonatan Mariles, the prize in memory of Kaddish Zerem to Hanania Beck and the Salli Staszewski prize to Meir Yitzchak Cohen. Bezalel Lipsker received the Dollond Prize. The title of **YAKIR of JCT** was awarded to **Mr. Raffi Kesten**, Senior VP and Chief Operating Officer, NDS Group.



Machon Lev Graduation - June 20, 2006.

Machon Tal

The Machon Tal graduation ceremony took place on July 11, 2006. The Guest of Honor was **Mrs. Sarah Lipman**, Founder and Director of the Research and Development of Power2B Technology. Sarah Lipman spoke to the graduates about the challenges of being a religious woman in the business world.

At the ceremony, seven prizes for excellence were awarded to graduates and students: the Cecil Kaplan Award to Shira Giladi, the Dollond Prize to Talia Yeshua, Yitzchak Weinreb Prize to Ela Admoni, the Salli Staszewski Memorial Scholarship to Miriam Tuvali, and Livnat Twito and Herut Shitrit received the Atara Peles-Alon z"l Memorial Scholarship. The Henry and Betty Rosenfelder Merit Award was given to Dikla Vilge and Yael Zilberberg received the prize for excellence in Jewish Studies.

An Honorary Fellowship was awarded to **Mrs. Ruth Goldsmith**. Ruth Goldsmith and her husband, Mac, z"l, were amongst the founding supporters of JCT in the UK. JCT has remained an institution close to her heart and Ruth continues to follow its development with great interest.



Machon Tal Graduation - July 11, 2006.

Machon Naveh

This year's Machon Naveh graduation ceremony took place on May 22, 2006. Guest of Honor was **Dr. Eyal Shekel**, Chief Operating Officer of El Cielo, and a JCT alumni. Four prizes were awarded for excellence to graduates and students, amongst them Yosef Gross, Gidon Loewenberg, Yogev Shapira and Mordechai Wertheimer.



Machon Naveh Graduation - May 22, 2006.



A series of posters in the spirit of JCT giving testimony by great Jewish thinkers to the inherent connection between Torah and Science, adorns the wall of the JCT Administration building.

Recent Dedications

- **Mrs. Miriam Schmideg** of Toronto, Canada has been instrumental in making possible the establishment of the **Freundlich Scholarship Fund** for needy students.
- **The Lerner Family** of London, England, has dedicated the Library at Machon Lustig in memory of **Mordechai ben Shalom Lerner**.
- **Mr. Sanford Colb** has established the **Arthur Freed Memorial Lecture in Intellectual Property** which will be held annually at Machon Lev.



Mr. Kurt Maier, a trustee of the PRMS Foundation, dedicating the Mark Schuman Center for Entrepreneurship. Left to Right: Mrs. Margery Maier, Mr. Kurt Maier, Prof. Joseph Bodenheimer, Mr. Reuven Surkis.

New Executive Vice President at Friends of JCT (U.S.)

Rabbi Moshe Kinderlehrer has recently been appointed Executive Vice President of Friends of JCT in the United States. Rabbi Kinderlehrer has an extensive background within the Jewish community and in the non-profit arena. He was formerly Associate Director of Development for OHEL, a noted social service agency serving the Jewish community in the New York City area. He was a senior consultant at the non-profit consulting firm, Perry Davis Associates, where he advised and worked with non-profit clients on fundraising, board, management and development-related issues.

Moshe received his B.A. from Yeshiva University, holds an M.A. in International Relations from NYU and has semicha (rabbinic ordination) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (Yeshiva University). He served as Assistant Rabbi at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan from 1998-2000.

We are sure that under Moshe's direction our Friends of JCT in the United States will grow in strength.

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New One Year English Speakers' Program for Women

Starting September 2007, JCT will offer a One Year English Speakers' Program for Women at Machon Tal combining Torah learning and academic studies.

The Program will be open to graduates of high schools from abroad as well as to students who have already spent their first year in Israel and are seeking to continue Torah learning together with academic studies. **Mrs. Linda Derovan** will head the Program and will be recruiting students for the coming year.

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