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The American Society for Yad Vashem held its 25th Anniversary Tribute Dinner on 19 November at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, with over 1,200 guests, including diplomats from more than 35 countries. Former Chief Rabbi of Israel and Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa **Rabbi Israel Meir Lau** was the distinguished guest speaker. The program was presided over by Dinner Chairs **Ira Mitzner** and **Marilyn Rubenstein**.

This year's recipients of the Yad Vashem Remembrance Award were **Dr. Miriam** and **Sheldon G. Adelson**, Patrons of the Mount of Remembrance and the donors of Yad Vashem's Museum of Holocaust Art building. A special **Yad Vashem Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to American Society Chairman **Eli Zborowski**, for his outstanding vision and leadership.



On 16 October, "The David and Fela Shapell Family Shoah and Heroism

Study Center for Youth" was inaugurated at the International School for Holocaust Studies, in the presence of Yad Vashem Benefactors **David** and **Fela Shapell**, their son **Ben**, and Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate **Avner Shalev**. The Center offers a wide range of educational programs and seminars to thousands of students from Israel and overseas, exploring the meaning of moral and spiritual heroism, and encouraging Jewish continuity.

Four generations of the **Belz/Groveman/Weiner** family, Yad Vashem Benefactors and steadfast friends, visited Yad Vashem in November to attend the *bat mitzvah* ceremony of Elly Katz. Pictured, left to right, in the new Synagogue: **Marilyn Belz**, **Ilan Weiner**, **Ariel Weiner**, **Elly Katz**, **Jack Belz** and **Jan Groveman**



Correction: In volume 42, a photograph of **Shrub Kempner** and **Bruce Ramer** appeared in "Friends Worldwide" with a mistaken caption. Their delegation was, in fact, from the **American Jewish Committee**. We apologize for the error.



Left to right: **Ariel Zborowski**, **Eli Zborowski**, **Dr. Israel Singer**, **Sheldon G.** and **Dr. Miriam Adelson**, **Elizabeth Zborowski** and **Murry Zborowski**



Left to right: **Eli Zborowski** and **Avner Shalev**



Left to right: **Eli** and **Elizabeth Zborowski**, **Elizabeth** and **Joseph Wilf**



Barry Rubenstein and Dinner Chair **Marilyn Rubenstein**



Mindy Mitzner and Dinner Chair **Ira Mitzner**

In November, Yad Vashem Benefactors **Dr. Felix** and **Ruta Zandman** visited Yad Vashem for a special tour of the campus along with the Board of Vishay Intertechnology.



In October, **George** and **Barbara Hanus** of Chicago visited Yad Vashem and toured the Museum. The Hanus' "Jewish Broadcasting Network" and "World Jewish Digest" provide a forum for informing the public about Yad Vashem's work. The Hanus family recently became Yad Vashem "Builders."

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In October, **Geraldine Schottenstein Hoffmann** (right) and **Martin Hoffman** of Columbus and **Leonard** and **Heddy Rabe** (left) of Cleveland visited the Holocaust History Museum for a special tour, following which Heddy Rabe recorded her personal testimony and entrusted it to the Yad Vashem Video Archives. Earlier this summer, Geraldine's son **Jay Schottenstein** and his family also visited the Museum.



Yad Vashem supporter and Holocaust survivor **Abe Besser** (center) and **Marlene Gallenter** (right) of Atlanta received a special tour of the Museum during a visit to Yad Vashem.



Yad Vashem supporters, **Dr. Mark Hasten** (left) and brother **Hart Hasten** visited the Mount of Remembrance in November, along with the management leadership of First National Bank & Trust, Indiana. The group participated in a memorial ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance.

Yad Vashem Guardians **Mark** and **DeeDee Honigsfeld** and family (pictured in the Square of Hope) visited the Holocaust History Museum in August.



UNITED KINGDOM

On 30 November, **Professor Elie Wiesel** (center) was awarded an honorary knighthood by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of his services to Holocaust education. At a ceremony in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, the award was presented by Foreign Secretary **Margaret Beckett** (left) in the presence of **Marion Wiesel** (right), other family members and close friends.



Following the presentation, Professor Wiesel, Vice-Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, was the guest of honor at a special dinner hosted by the Yad Vashem UK Foundation. Pictured, left to right: Life President, Yad Vashem UK **Simon Reiss**; **Elie Wiesel**; Director, Yad Vashem's English Desk **David Metzler**; Life President, Yad Vashem UK **Ben Helfgott**; and Chairman, Yad Vashem UK **Jeffrey Pinnick**



CANADA

In November, **Sara** and **Barry Zagdanski** led a Leadership Mission of close to 60 people from Toronto to Israel under the auspices of the **Canadian Society for Yad Vashem**, State of Israel Bonds and the Canadian Zionist Cultural Association. One full day was spent at Yad Vashem. Pictured, left to right: **Avner Shalev**, **Sheldon Libfeld**, **Shaya Ben Yehuda**, **Barry Zagdanski** and **Miguel Singer**



As the Canadian Leadership Mission concluded their day at Yad Vashem, **Stan Moneta** (left) was shown the original card-file documenting his father's internment in the Mauthausen concentration camp. A copy of this record was presented to the Moneta family by **David Metzler** (right).



Senator **Leo Kolber** (second from right) from Montreal and **Ronit Gandell** (left) toured the Holocaust History Museum in November together with Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Directorate **Irena Steinfeldt** (right) and **Rita Silber** (second from left).

On 7 December, Yad Vashem held a special preview of its latest exhibition, “**An Arduous Road: Samuel Bak—60 Years of Creativity**” (see pp. 10-11). In attendance were the artist and his wife, as well as several key supporters of the exhibition:



Left to right: **Dr. André Bollag** and **Carolyn Bollag** of Switzerland, and Exhibition Curator **Yehudit Shendar**



Left to right: **Bernie Pucker**, Director of the International Relations Division **Shaya Ben Yehuda**, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate

Avner Shalev, **Matthew Bronfman** and **Stacey Bronfman**



Left to right: **David Solomon** and **Sir Harry Solomon** of England, and **Samuel Bak**

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MEXICO



Members of the **Centro Deportivo Israelita** from Mexico were hosted by Director of the Iberoamerican Desk, **Perla Hazan** (fifth from right) during their visit to Yad Vashem.



Yad Vashem supporters **Victor** and **Masha Cohen** (fourth and sixth from left) from Mexico, together with their sons and daughter, met with **Avner Shalev**, **Shaya Ben Yehuda** and **Perla Hazan** during a recent visit to Yad Vashem.

SWEDEN

Hans Wiener and daughter **Marion** from Stockholm visited Yad Vashem in November, exploring the Yad Vashem Archives and meeting representatives of the International School for Holocaust Studies, where the Wiener family is involved in a Swedish study seminar on the Holocaust.



AUSTRALIA

Yad Vashem Benefactors **Baba** and **Andor Schwartz** from Melbourne (right, with **Shaya Ben Yehuda**) paid an emotional visit to Yad Vashem in December. Endowed by the Schwartz family, the recently completed Path of Remembrance and Reflection stretches from Warsaw Ghetto Square to the Valley of the Communities.



BRAZIL



Perla Hazan (left), Spokesperson and Editor-in-Chief of *Yad Vashem Jerusalem Magazine* **Iris Rosenberg** (center) and Managing Editor of the Magazine **Leah Goldstein** (second from left).

Nessim Hamoui from Brazil (second from right), publisher and editor of Yad Vashem’s magazine in Portuguese, recently visited Yad Vashem and met with Director of the International Relations Division **Shaya Ben Yehuda** (right), Director of the Iberoamerican Desk