

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Drisha's Founding Dean Earns Covenant Award

Rabbi David Silber, founding dean of the Drisha Institute for Jewish Education in Manhattan, is one of three recipients of 2000 Covenant Awards for outstanding Jewish educators. The award carries a \$20,000 prize. The other awardees are **Rabbi Yosi Gordon** of St. Paul, Minn., and **Karen Shawn** of Englewood, N.J.

Attorneys on the staff of four major Jewish organizations received the Distinguished Public Service in the Legal Profession award from state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer at a Jewish Heritage celebration. The recipients are **Marcia Eisenberg**, general counsel of the Jewish Community Relations Council; **Dennis Rapps**, executive director of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs; **Marc Stern**, co-director of the American Jewish Congress' commission on law and social action; and **David Zwiebel**, general counsel of Agudath Israel of America. The award was also given to **Yisroel Schulman**, executive director of the New York Legal Assistance Group, which provides free legal services to indigent New Yorkers.

The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science presented Women and Science Millennial Lifetime Achievement Awards to **Dr. Carla Shatz** of Harvard Medical School and **Dr. Mildred Dresselhaus** of Massachusetts Institute of Technology ... Chamah will honor three families who support its educational activities in the United States, Israel and the former Soviet Union at its 13th annual humanitarian awards dinner Oct. 29 at the New York Marriott Marquis. They are **Milton** and **Shirley Gralla**, and the families of

Alexander Shvets and **Joseph Ganger**.

Former National Football League referee **Jerry Markbreit** was inducted into the B'nai B'rith Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Washington ... **Miriam Weiner** received the Graphic Arts Association's Best of Category award in the reference books division for her 1999 "Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova." The book was also named Reference Book of the Year by the Association of Jewish Libraries.

The Catholic-Jewish Relations Council Partnership honored **Rabbi Leon Klenicki**, Anti-Defamation League director of interfaith affairs, for his "outstanding efforts in uniting Catholics and Jews worldwide" ... **Daniel Mariaschin**, acting executive vice president of B'nai B'rith International, was named executive vice president ... **Charles Goodman**, a director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was named chairman of the board of The Trust for Jewish Philanthropy ... **Roberta Elliott**, national public affairs director of Hadassah, was elected to the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Rabbi Jeremiah Unterman, formerly a senior educator fellow of Bar-Ilan University's Lookstein Program in Jewish Education in the Diaspora, was named director of the Association of Modern Orthodox Day Schools and Yeshiva High Schools.

Rabbi Deborah Hirsch, former spiritual leader of the East End Temple in Manhattan, is new director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Greater New York Council of Reform Synagogues ... **Florence Charwat Simon** of Manhattan was inducted into the President's Council of Brandeis University. □