

# Yeshiva Har Torah

## Thirty-Third Annual Scholarship Dinner

TUESDAY • JUNE 14, 2022 • 7:45 PM

OLD WESTBURY HEBREW CONGREGATION 21 OLD WESTBURY ROAD, WESTBURY, NY 11568

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Elana & Adam Zitter **GUESTS OF HONOR** 



PILLARS OF JEWISH EDUCATION



Leah & Ari Feldman Elham & Jacob Levian TOMCHEI TORAH AWARDEES



Mrs. Sara Duani Kerry Newman AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED AISHET CHAYIL AWARDEE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Saluting the Class of 2002 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR YHT GRADUATION

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The world continues to exist only in the merit of the breath of schoolchildren

### Elana & Adam Zitter •

Elana and Adam Zitter represent the very best of what it means to be a YHT family. They hold the distinction of being the last family listed in our family directory, but are foremost amongst our families in taking on leadership roles and in representing our Yeshiva's most important values. Elana has served with distinction on the Education Committee, supports all YHT events, and co-chairs YHT's blood drive. Elana is accomplished and renowned professionally as well. She is the Director of Structural Heart Echocardiography at Northwell Health. Adam has served on YHT's Executive Committee for years, and currently serves as our Treasurer and chair of our Security Committee. Professionally, Adam is Executive Vice President, General Counsel for Strategic Initiatives & Technology at Mastercard. They both work quietly behind the scenes in a number of other roles within YHT. Most importantly, Elana and Adam are parents of 4 amazing YHT students: Nate (8th), Julia (6th), Keira (4th), and Sylvie (K). We are thrilled to have them as our Guests of Honor this year.

## Leah & Ari Feldman = PILLARS OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Leah and Ari Feldman have established themselves as a family of dedication and involvement, both at Yeshiva Har Torah and in the West Hempstead community. Ari currently serves as our Administrative Vice President, and has been a valuable member of the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for many years, contributing to the fiscal oversight of the Yeshiva. Ari's analytical skills, attention to detail and vision have supported the school's financial and organizational health tremendously. Together with Leah, their community involvement was further evidenced during these challenging times, as they transformed their home into a place of tefila and learning. They have passed on their legacy of chessed to their four children, Talia '18, Ilan '21, Atara (8th grade) and Aliza (5th grade), who each volunteer in their own ways. Leah and Ari are true role models of what it means to

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be part of Am Yisrael and true Pillars of Jewish Education.

Elham and Jacob Levian have earned a stellar reputation within the Great Neck - Mashadi and the Yeshiva Har Torah communities. They embody the highest Torah values and finest middot and are role models for commitment to and support of Jewish education. Their activities of chessed and communal responsibility are always performed below the radar and with humility. We at YHT have witnessed these qualities and values directly, as well as through their children for over 20 years. We are so proud of David '09, Rachel '11, Daniel '15, Sarah '17, Shayna '20, distinguished YHT alumni, and Dina, a member of the class of '22, who have learned well from their parents a strong commitment to and respect for Torah personalities and values. Elham and Jacob have been outstanding partners with Yeshiva Har Torah and we are delighted to be presenting them with the Tomchei Torah Award.

#### 🖜 Mrs. Sara Duani 🕳 AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Over the past 14 years, the Yeshiva Har Torah community has been the beneficiary of the skill, passion and creativity of Mrs. Sara Duani. Mrs. Duani began her career at YHT as an instructional assistant and soon became a master Jewish studies teacher, utilizing a multimodal approach to Hebrew immersion, all while motivating students to grow academically, socially and spiritually. She transitioned into a leadership role, as the Jewish studies curriculum coordinator for the elementary school, and a teacher mentor, extending her impact on the program's Torah learning and faculty development. In those roles, Mrs. Duani evolved our lyrit B'lyrit program and worked closely with teachers to increase their pedagogical skills. Mrs. Duani's exceptional leadership skills paired with her unique ability to understand and connect with students and faculty made becoming an assistant principal of the elementary department the perfect next step for her. Mrs. Duani's commitment to Torah values, Hebrew language and academic excellence have contributed greatly to the success of YHT. We are honored to pay tribute to her for her monumental contributions to our Yeshiva.

#### Kerry Newman AISHET CHAYIL AWARDEE

Kerry Newman is so dedicated to Yeshiva Har Torah that she continues to devote herself to the school even after moving to another state three years ago! From previous Treasurer of the PTA and Board member to current Executive Committee member (and numerous roles in between), Kerry offers her time, advice, and expertise, generously and indefatigably. No task is too small or too large for Kerry to proactively offer her assistance, always with a cheerful demeanor. Kerry now lives in Sharon, Massachusetts with her husband, David, and their awesome children, Ilan and Yonatan (former YHT students). Thankfully for us, "while you can take the family out of YHT, you can't take the YHT out of the family." Kerry is a true Aishet Chayil and most deserving of recognition.