ELYSSA ROSENBAUM, SHDS ’99

“I’ve felt a strong connection to Israel ever since my first grade class took a ‘pretend trip’ here when I was six. After spending the last year volunteering, teaching and living like an Israeli, I feel a much stronger connection. I’m very excited to have the chance to represent Israel in the Women’s World Cup,” says Elyssa Rosenbaum who has been selected to play on the Israeli National Team in the Women’s Lacrosse World Cup this summer near Toronto, Canada. She is “very excited to represent Israel” and is working to raise money to help the team travel to Toronto this summer where the Lacrosse World Cup is being held.

“This will be Israel’s first appearance in the World Cup. After spending an amazing 8 months here, I am honored to be able to represent Israel as a member of the inaugural team. However, we need support to help us get there,” she says. She is helping to raise money for Israel Lacrosse (a qualified non-profit organization) and says, “Your donation will allow us to represent Israel strongly on the field in Canada and help bring this great sport to Israeli kids.”

Additionally, each player has selected an Israeli-based charity to receive a portion of their fundraising efforts. “I’m playing in honor of SHALVA - The Association for Mentally & Physically Challenged Children in Israel,” reports Elyssa, “which provides services to more than 500 participants with special needs, including infants, children, adolescents and young adults via a plethora of tailored programs and round-the-clock therapies, seven days a week. The Hebrew letters shin, lamed, vav, heh comprising the name (continued on page 3)
HEAD OF SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Marc Beckman, president of the Board of Directors and Tamar Margolis, head of the search committee, reported that “after an extensive interview process, we are extremely pleased to announce that the Board has overwhelmingly approved the appointment of Lori Tenenbaum and Barbara Davis as co-Heads of School for the 2013-14 school year. It is anticipated that together they will work toward a seamless transition to Lori Tenenbaum as the Head of School starting with the 2014-15 school year.”

Margolis stated that “Mrs. Tenenbaum comes to this position with many years of experience both at SHDS and other educational venues in the Syracuse area. She has been accepted to the prestigious Day School Leadership Training Institute at the Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. This professional development program trains and supports a cadre of visionary and skilled heads of school who exemplify Jewish values and are committed to developing them in this and future generations across North America.” Davis has headed the Day School for over 25 years. She serves on the international board of directors of RAVSAK, the Jewish Community Day School Network and is editor of its quarterly journal, HaYidion.

Beckman stated: “We thank both of these educators, together with the incredible faculty of SHDS, for their commitment to the school's mission to provide the very best secular and Jewish elementary education available in CNY. Please also wish them a hearty mazal tov and congratulations as we embark on this new direction together.”

Rafael Marmor ’88 is a producer of documentary, feature film and television. His feature documentary Blue Blood, dubbed by Variety as “one of the best sports films of all time,” was nominated by both the Evening Standard and London Critic’s Circle for Best British Film of 2007. After a short digression producing the comedy TV series Svetlana for Marc Cuban’s HDnet, he returned to the feature documentary world as a producer on Alma Harel’s Bombay Beach, which won the Tribeca grand jury prize in 2011. His most recent film, The Short Game, about the best 7 year-old golfers in the world, premiered at SXSW 2013 where it won the audience award.

His latest film, NO PLACE ON EARTH, brings to light the untold story of thirty-eight Ukrainian Jews who survived World War II by living in caves for eighteen months. Built upon interviews with former cave inhabitants, as well as Chris Nicola, the caving enthusiast who unearthed the story, NO PLACE ON EARTH is an extraordinary testament to ingenuity, willpower and endurance against all odds. In 1942, 38 men, women and children slide down a cold, muddy hole in the ground, seeking refuge from the war above in a pitch-black underground world where no human had gone before. These five Ukrainian Jewish families created their own society where young men bravely ventured into the harrowing night to collect food, supplies and chop firewood. The girls and women never left; surviving underground longer than anyone in recorded history. Held together by an iron-willed matriarch, after 511 days, the cave dwellers, ages 2 to 76, emerged at war’s end in tattered clothes, blinded by a sun some children forgot existed. Despite all odds, they had survived.

The remarkable true story of NO PLACE ON EARTH starts out as a mystery. While exploring caves in southwestern Ukraine in the 1990s, American caver Chris Nicola stumbled onto unusual objects... an antique ladies shoe and comb, old buttons, an old world key. Was the vague rumor true, that some Jews had hid in this cave during WWII and if so, had any survived to tell their tale? 67 years later, Chris led four of the survivors back to Ukraine to say thank you to “the cave.”
ALL IN THE FAMILY

STEPHANIE RABIN ‘96 will be receiving a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Drexel University this spring. The title of her dissertation is: “The Roles of Therapist Experiential Avoidance and Extraneous Clinical Information in Predicting Therapist Preference for Exposure Treatment for OCD.” Stephanie completed an internship at the Minneapolis VA hospital and will be moving back to Philadelphia in August to be being closer to family and friends. She is engaged to Jon Scherr and they are happily planning a fall 2014 wedding.

SAM WEINTER ‘96’s new book, “How to Win at Everything” is being published in November.

DR. SANIA WILKINS ‘84 and husband Timothy gave a little brother, Jonah, to big brother Giddy.

DR. TINA YANIV ‘97 NO-TIK and husband Yossi gave a little brother Yoni to big sister Ella.

ANDREW KOLDIN ‘93 has returned to Central New York and is an attorney with the Wladis Law Firm, specializing in commercial and environmental litigation. Andrew graduated cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law, where he was a member of the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Society.

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SHALVA stand for shichrur l’mishpacha v’layeled hamugbal: ‘liberating the child with special needs and their family.’ In Hebrew, the word ‘shalva’ means ‘peace of mind’ and the programs that Shalva offers help provide that to the families that they work with.”

The Day School is incredibly proud of Elyssa and hopes that you will do all you can to support her and the team. You can visit her player page to submit donations: http://donate.lacrosse.co.il/player/elyssa_rosenbaum. Mail-in donations can be made, payable to Israel Lacrosse. Please write Elyssa Rosenbaum in the memo portion of your check and send to Israel Lacrosse, 1501 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10036.

OUR ALUMNI IN ISRAEL

SHALDS “trips to Israel can have long-term consequences. Most of our alumni travel to Eretz Israel and many have also made aliyah. We had a wonderful celebration of Israel Independence Day this year and are so proud of our alumni who live and work in our Jewish homeland.

David Roth ’81 is Executive Director at Yoreinu Foundation

Rabbi Daniel Roth is the director of the Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution at The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife and four children

Elliot Zimelman, ’67 is Senior Associate at Frontier Marketing Communications. He resides in Modi’in with his wife Debbie and sons Liav and Avidan.

Seth Holtzblatt ’77, using his Hebrew name Meir Paltiel, works as Program Director for Livnot U’Lehibanot. He lives in Tzfat, with his wife Nechama and his children Re’ayah, Uzziel, Yitzhar, Tiferet, Hodyiah and Benayahu Menachem.

Josh Holtzblatt ’81, known as Yehoshua Paltiel, is a rabbi and teaches at Lev Ha Torah in Ramat Bet Shemesh... He lives in Ramat Bet Shemesh, with his wife Batammi and children Eliana, Rachel, Ayelet, Leora, Nava, Yosef, and Meital.

John Davis ’91 works for Shaldor, a business consulting firm. He lives in Tel Aviv with his wife Lital and their children, Tama and Noam.

Simone Rosenzweig ’91 Liss lives in Armon Hanetziv, Jerusalem with her husband Yoni and their children Erez Adam, Zohara Shira Bracha and Uriel Nevo.

Alexis Baron ’95 lives in Katamon, Jerusalem, and works at Gan Nomi preschool.

Shira Blank ’95 lives in Ra’anana and works as US Marketing Manager at TenenGroup; she is engaged to Eli Stiegitz.

Dov Shore ’96 is the Social Media Community Manager at Interteam Content Services. He lives in Har Nof with his wife Rifka and children Chava, Shimmon Asher, Dov, Yisroel Maier, and Nechuma.

Miriav Baron ’97 Burstein is head of the English resource room at Michlalah Jerusalem College for women. She lives in Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem with her husband Baruch her children, Naftali Tzvi, Ayelet, and Yaakov Shalom.

Jenna Neulander ’01 lives in Tel Aviv and works at Yahel - Israel Service Learning

Sasha Miller ’02 lives in Tel Aviv and is the Content Manager at Skech.
ALUMNI IN THE ARTS

We are very proud of our alumni in the performing arts.

MUSIC
Hughie Stone-Fish '01
Soundscapes Music Library

THEATER
Sam Goldman '00
Central Casting Los Angeles

DANCE
Trevor VanOrden '03
FuturPointe Dance

Ariella Goldberg '94
Ballet Academy East

THE CLASS OF 2007 GOES TO COLLEGE!

Rachel Diamond—Ohio State University
Allison Emmel—Oneonta
Max Freeman—undecided
Daliah Greenwald—Case Western Reserve
Jennifer Kaplan—University of Richmond
Sophia Maloff—University of Delaware
Natalie Mash—SUNY Albany
Terry Netusil—Coast Guard Academy
Lauren Steciak - LeMoyne or YU
Evan Stein—Ithaca College
Raechel Teitelbaum—Sevilla, Spain; SUNY Albany
Hush Van Orden—US Marine Corps