

Israel & World Jewry Committee Update



Gary and Judy Nath proudly hosted the American Technion Society's (ATS) presentation of *The CEOs and Inventors of Tomorrow* at their home in Bethesda, Maryland on February 27, 2011. Gary is a member of the WHC Israel Engagement Committee, a Board member of the ATS, and Judy is a member of the WHC Sisterhood.

Professor Alon Gany of the Technion Faculty of Aerospace Engineering and head of the Sylvia and David I.A. Fine Rocket Propulsion Center presented to the group his latest research activities and the group's activities in assisting the Israeli and US defense systems. Shani Elitzur and Misha Tunik, two graduate students from the Technion, accompanied Professor Gany.

Ms. Elitzur has served in the Israel Air Force Aircraft Engineering Department since graduating from the Technion with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. She is a captain in the Air Force. She is also studying at the Technion for a master's degree in aerospace engineering. Her thesis deals with experimental work that could lead to a breakthrough in the area of green energy (storing hydrogen so that it can be produced where needed). Shani also escorted a Birthright group of Jewish technology students from Los Angeles on a 10-day visit to Israel, which included a day at the Technion. Shani is 27 years old.

Ms. Tunik was born in Belarus. When Masha was six years old she immigrated to Israel with her mother and brother. After high school, Masha served in the Israel Defense Forces in an elite naval commando force. Following her IDF service, she began her studies at the Technion, where she is an undergraduate in the Faculty of Industrial Engineering & Management. She worked two jobs to finance her studies, and her grades suffered. But when she received a Dean's Scholarship, she was able to quit her jobs and her grades skyrocketed; she received an Excellence Award from the President of the Technion.

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