

# From Guantanamo to Rikers...

*Do Prisons work?*

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## Panelist Bios

**Rachel Farbiarz** (BYFI '94) was a staff attorney at California's Prison Law Office, where she worked on impact litigation concerning the civil rights and humane treatment of prisoners. In this role, Rachel helped improve the basic living conditions on California's death row at San Quentin after prevailing at trial against the State. During this time, Rachel also monitored the provision of health services in prisons throughout California and secured the release of a prisoner who had served 19 years under a precursor to the "three-strikes" sentencing laws. During law school, Rachel led a bi-weekly program bringing together law students and prisoners at a New York State maximum security facility. She is a recipient of the American Jewish World Service's Lisa Goldberg Memorial Writers Fellowship, for which she writes *divrei tzedek* on the weekly *parshah* as it relates to issues of global social justice. Rachel is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School and has clerked for the Honorable William Fletcher of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Rachel is a 1994 alumna of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships.

**Aeli Gladstein** (AVODAH '04-'05) is the Coordinator of Court Operations at Bronx Community Solutions, the nation's first county-wide problem solving justice initiative. In leading his team of resource coordinators, Aeli helps to create meaningful policies and practical alternatives to reduce the use of short term jail in the Bronx. Aeli is also a current participant in Coro Leadership New York (LNY), a part-time civic leadership program for mid-career professionals from the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Along with 54 other cohort members, Aeli and the other participants in LNY are working to challenge their personal approaches to leadership while going behind the scenes to examine different perspectives of New York City's complex public policy questions, developing personal leadership skills, and learning from a diverse group of peers. Additionally, Aeli is an alumnus of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, and currently serves on the AVODAH selection committee for new members. Aeli participated in AVODAH in the 2004-2005 program year, during which time he lived in the Carroll Gardens Bayit and worked at the Red Hook Community Justice Center as a case manager. Aeli holds a BA in Arts and Humanities from the University of Maryland College Park.

**Daniel Stolzman** (BYFI '97) is an award-winning filmmaker and writer who has produced documentary, television, and commercial projects for a variety of clients. In 2008 Daniel worked as Field Producer of the History Channel show "Sandhogs," an 11-episode series that follows brave urban miners as they build tunnels for New York City's water, power, and transportation infrastructure. Later in 2008, Daniel went on to work as Story Producer of



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"How Sweet the Sound," a documentary-special about a first-ever gospel music competition. The show will air on BET later this year. In 2007, Daniel co-developed and served as Coordinating Producer for "San Quentin Film School," a groundbreaking Discovery Channel series that follows nine inmates at California's San Quentin State Prison as they learn the basics of filmmaking. Daniel's other film work includes an episode for the History Channel's Emmy-Award winning series "Ten Days That Changed America", which he associate-produced; an online documentary project for the Ford Motor Company; and editing work for CNN's Madrid Bureau. Daniel is also the coauthor of *Synagogue Architecture of America*, published by Images Publishing, which he wrote with his father Henry Stolzman in 2004. Daniel is currently writing a fictional feature film about a whimsical physicist trying to discover a Theory of the Universe. Daniel received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies from Brown University. Daniel is a 1997 alumnus of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships.

**Ben Wizner** (BYFI '88) is a Staff Attorney in the ACLU's National Security Project. He has been involved in the litigation of cases concerning post-9/11 civil liberties violations, including two challenges to the CIA's extraordinary rendition program, legal challenges aimed at exposing FBI and Pentagon surveillance of non-violent protestors, and suits challenging the discriminatory removal of Arab and South Asian men from commercial flights and other public venues. He has traveled to Guantánamo Bay to observe and report on Military Commission trials. Ben is a graduate of Harvard College and New York University School of Law. Ben is a 1988 alumnus of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships.

**Shmuly Yanklowitz** is the co-Founder and co-Director of Uri L'Tzedek, the Orthodox Social Justice Movement. He was raised in Toronto, New Jersey, and Chicago and studied at the University of Texas for an undergraduate degree and Harvard University for his Masters degree in Leadership and Psychology. Shmuly completed a second Masters degree in Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University, is working on his Doctoral Studies at Columbia University in Moral Development and Epistemology, and is an instructor of Moral Philosophy at Barnard College. During two different years, he studied Talmud and Jewish law at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat, Israel. Shmuly has volunteered, taught, and staffed missions in many countries including Israel, France, Thailand, El Salvador, Ghana, India, and Ukraine. He is a third year Rabbinical School student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York, a Wexner Graduate Fellow, and the former Director of Panim's Jam in Washington DC.

