

## In Memory of the Weinstein Family

Tragedy often prompts people to reflect about what really matters in life. For me, celebrating Mother's Day this year was especially significant in light of the tragic drunk driving accident claiming the lives of Gary Weinstein's entire family. However, taking time to appreciate those dearest to us shouldn't have to come in the wake of tragedy.

Most of you may not have known that Judy Weinstein was a lawyer. She practiced law as a private practitioner for approximately ten years, and then gave up the practice of law to pursue a career as a business consultant.

Due to the hectic and at times overwhelming nature of our profession, attorneys are especially susceptible to losing sight of what really matters. For most of us, practicing law isn't a job, it's a lifestyle, and it can be extremely difficult to remove ourselves from our work. Maybe the first step to appreciating those things (and people) that really matter, is to recognize that we could be neglecting them. Second, we need to make lifestyle adjustments that enable us to separate ourselves from the job and concentrate on spending more time with our loved ones.

I have the good fortune of knowing a friend of the Weinstein family who has enlightened me on how Gary Weinstein is coping with the loss of his loved ones. Gary made it a point to console those mourning his family by encouraging them to celebrate their lives rather than grieving their deaths. Gary also took solace in the fact that there were no, "should have's" amongst his family and they all knew they loved one another. Perhaps we can all learn something from the Weinstein family.

The moral of this story is don't let work consume your life because there are far more important things than work.

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As for the YLS . . . we are hosting our annual BBQ at the Law Offices of DeMoss, Dempsey and DeMoss on July 22<sup>nd</sup>! I would also like to welcome and congratulate four new Directors to the YLS Board: Elise Iafrate, Jarrod Flemming, James (JT) Bowden and Steve Becker.