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The Coeditor Wins Emmy for Excellence in Reporting

By ANONYMOUS REINDEER

Due to excellence in reporting, The Coeditor received an Emmy award. The award, traditionally given to the best journalists in the country, was given to The Coeditor in the New York Times' office on March 5.

The Coeditor beat out hundreds of different newspapers to receive the prize. The Times cited The Coeditor's meticulous use of AP style, its lack of typos, and fast reporting when giving the prize.

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Yeshiva University

"The Coeditor editors are among the best journalists I have ever seen," said New York Times Owner Arthur Sulzberger, as he held back what he promised was a cough, not a laugh. "They deserve this."

"I always knew our reporting was world-class, but never this good," said Coeditor editor-in-chief Rinathan Lenun. "It's our commitment to telling the truth and keeping deadlines that has gotten us this far."

Hundreds of newspapers and journalists are considered for the Emmy Awards each year. The awards, administered by the Association for Telamedia Amplification Systems and the National Association for Topographical and Aerospace Studies (ATAS/NATAS), were given to The Coeditor after a long review process, beating out finalists like the Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and the YU Observer.

The Coeditor's articles, including an

investigative peace and the happiness and joy of YU faculty, whose salaries are greater than most faculty in North Korea, were cited by the committee as reasons the prize was given.

YU News put out a press release celebrating the achievement.

"Strauss scholars won an Emmy," stated YU news. "YU is raising the leaders of

tomorrow, and thanks to our amazing journalism classes, YU students are making a national impact.

"With enrollment growing at skyrocketing rates (in Katz only of course), this is the perfect time for you to give back to YU as we reach for our campaign for 613 million."

Not everyone agreed with the prize going to The Commentator, and there was some

pushback.

"The Commentator did a bad job reporting on Israel," said YU administrator Eric Gray. "They should have had a reporter write something new everyday about the war. They deserve nothing as they are useless, just like my personal slush fund student council."



The Commentator staff on an actual trip to The New York Times.

A NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER

Yeshiva University Wilf campus and Stern College For Women Announce School-Wide Merger

By THE VERY HELPFUL SHEVET GLAUBACH CENTER

On March 12th, an official school announcement was made by YU spokesperson, Baruch Lerman, declaring that the men's campus and the women's campus will be combined into one location. "Today marks a historic milestone as our two prestigious campuses, emblematic of Jewish tradition and excellence, converge into one vibrant coeducational institution. With this merger, we embrace diversity, unity, and innovation, ensuring an inclusive environment where all students can thrive and fulfill their full potential". There are unconfirmed reports that with this merger will come 5 additional Torah values, bringing the total to ten. This announcement was made directly after the admissions team reviewed the significant increase in enrollment for the Fall 2024 semester.

Despite support from many students, including the JSS morning program, there have been reports of backlash from student clubs and organizations. The Club Penguin Yeshivish Club has threatened to shut down

all clubs due to the announcement of this merger. In response, JQY has offered to fund all clubs. YSU president and student in the YP program, Zakkai N., released a statement, "We, YP will takka secede from UTS, and YU as a whole, if such drastic mea-

surements are put in place. This is just pashut". Additionally, students from Teaneck, the 5 Towns, West Hempstead, Brooklyn, Edison, and Greatneck expressed outrage at this announcement. There is still much confusion regarding the merger as students and faculty are eagerly awaiting more official school statements.

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The new YU location will be located on the Saint Mary's College of California campus half an hour from the holy city of San Francisco. This campus, built in 1863 - the same age as the YU dorms - has 420 acres of

campus will be renamed the Belz Yeshiva.

YU will be re-purposing its Wilf location as the newly rebranded Sy Syms Olympic location for the yearly Maccabiah games run by YU athletics director Rabbi Jon Green. The Stern campus will be replaced by a chain of falafel restaurants called the 5 Torot.

The school is anticipating this change in location to take place before the Fall 2024 semester and all facilities and departments to be transferred in the summer. Many prominent faculty members such as Sara Schwartz and the entire beloved admissions

office have protested this change and will be providing their services virtually. There will be an early orientation and school-wide events for all students on campus groups, a platform that replaced social media and WhatsApp. With all the extra campus space, a new basketball stadium will be built to seat 613,000 fans in attendance. Former student, Ryan Turell sent out an official statement stating that he is in talks to join the G League Santa Cruz Warriors and will work part-time coach for YU.

In response to the student mental health crisis caused by this announcement, the counseling center commented about the new location; "Better weather and open space can significantly impact students' psychology, fostering a more positive and conducive learning environment." When asked about this topic, President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman replied that this is going to be a positive change for our students and "Immediately we will be launching a new installment of the 5 Core Torah Values, bigger and more colorful than ever before, embodying our enduring core tradition. Like the Jews carrying the Mishkan, these values will guide our students wherever our journey leads."

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The Co-Editor staff claims students spanning the diverse spectrum of backgrounds, beliefs and genders represented at Yeshiva.

We are united by our passion for mocking the ideals of Torah Umadda, and a commitment to Fake News.

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1

Choose the right classes

Those two minutes when everyone is scrambling to get classes and not get locked out? Those two minutes will decide your next semester. Don't think about that too hard, true freshmen.



2

Listen

The "OG" of advice. I have a feeling you won't hear me though.



3

Speak up & participate 3X a class

In terms of participation, you just need to beat your competition. And your competition is too busy playing on their emulators. Seriously. Just look up while in class and see how many students are paying attention. It's pathetic.



4

Take notes

You got that down, right?



5

On doing the readings

Get your reading notes from in-class discussions or the review session. There are AIs that can scan PDFs for you too.



6

Speak with your professor

This isn't law school. If they know who you are, you have a higher chance of doing better.



7

Use mesorah notes

Yes, I know ... the notes were taken in 1973. But don't worry, your professor is still teaching the same class.

**7 DO'S
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Don't email the professor while in class

Use the schedule option instead of making yourself look like an idiot (to be fair, I've had a professor email me during their own class. True story)

1



Don't Cheat.

Unless you are in Syms. If you don't cheat in Syms, your grade will go down because everyone else cheats and classes are curved. Alternatively, Academic Integrity has an online form to report cheating. Just don't use that either. In short: You are stuck.

2



Don't Use AI to write your assignment

Your document will be scanned. You will be caught. You will be summoned to the academic advising committee. You will fail.

3



Don't play a bad game if you are using an emulator.

I'm behind you. I don't need to see you play snake. Play something better. Here's a recommendation: Play Breath of the Wild.

4



Don't kick the desk someone else is sitting on.

Seriously. We aren't in fifth grade.

5



Don't ask a question at the end of class.

They made fun of people like you in a Purim spiel years ago. Just go up to the teacher and ask in private instead.

6



Don't blame anyone else but yourself for your mistakes

No matter who is really to blame, it's your fault. Don't forget that.

7



Golden City Chinese Restaurant Rebrands as a New Falafel Store

By FALAFEL EIZENSHEIN

The long-standing Chinese food staple on Amsterdam Avenue, Golden City, recently decided to rebrand themselves as a falafel restaurant. They have decided to change their menu and branding amid fierce competition in the falafel-selling space.

the prospect of additional dining options. Jonathan (SSSB '26) expressed his enthusiasm, saying, "Opening a fourth falafel restaurant is a good idea because you never know when one of the other 4 places will not be taking caf card." Shmuel (YC '25) made the point that "no matter how many new restaurants open, they will still all be overrun with MTA students during lunch."

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Jonathan (SSSB '26)

Now, you might be wondering, "Why would a Chinese restaurant suddenly want to become a falafel place?", or "Don't we have enough places to buy falafel?". Well, the answer lies in the intense rivalry among the falafel-selling establishments in the area. With four other falafel spots already thriving on the same block, Golden City clearly felt the pressure to join the party or risk being left behind in the dust.

Students on campus had mixed feelings about the opening of the new restaurant, with some expressing excitement about

Yaakov (SSSB '24) commented, "I thought that place is just a front. I guess this change was necessary to blend in."

Although Golden City will no longer be serving Chinese cuisine, Washington Heights locals can still eat at Chop Chop (if you can find a time it is open). Though there have been rumors that they too will change things up and become another much-needed falafel place, for now, they will continue to sell their large menu of Chinese options.

Golden City declined to comment about the rebranding.



The new Golden City Falafel Restaurant on Amsterdam Avenue next to its competition.

Yoshev Al Kiseh Ram V'Nisa: The Struggle for Chairs in the Stern Beit Midrash

By ANGRY GEMARA GIRL

In the administration's latest attempt to hinder Gemara learning at Stern, they sabotage all the chairs in the beit midrash.



A disassembled chair

AANDY RAPFELBAUM

Since the start of the school year, the chairs in the Lea and Leon Eisenberg Beit Midrash on the Beren Campus have been mysteriously breaking down. Students reported walking into the beit midrash in the morning to dismembered chairs that were

whole the day before. At the time of publishing, there are only 3 chairs still standing, but according to an inside source, they will be no longer in the coming weeks. Desperate for chairs, students have resorted to sneaking out folding chairs from the Koch Auditorium when the Katz students aren't looking.

מורידן." The Rosh Yeshiva continued to tell The Commentator that "if women are going to learn then they should do so standing so it's talmud Torah bshinuy and maybe mutar bdieved."

People closely involved in the situation are speculating that this was orchestrated by

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A Rosh Yeshiva

Rumors were circulating that the Beren beit midrash would receive the old Glueck chairs once their new state of the art swivel chairs arrived. "It would be a tremendous zechus to sit in a chair that Rav Schachter possibly sat in," remarked one optimistic Stern student. However, at the time of publication, Glueck has received their swivel chairs, and the old chairs are nowhere to be found. When an administrator was asked about the chairs, he responded "one of the semi-senior Roshei Yeshiva paskined that the use of the old Glueck chairs by the Stern beit midrash would be considered a violation of מעילה." The Commentator asked said Rosh Yeshiva the reason for his psak to which he cited Tractate Menachos "מעלין בקודש ולא"

the administration to further hinder Gemara learning at Stern. "The administration noticed that not giving the girls credit for seder was not enough to discourage them and are hoping that the lack of chairs will be their final straw," said a faculty member that would like to remain anonymous. This comes after the administration received ferocious backlash for canceling Gemara classes at Stern that they were then forced to reinstate.

Despite the lack of chairs and conducive learning conditions, Stern students are not deterred and continue to remain steadfast in their learning. They are, however, in search of those with philanthropic means to fund new chairs. If you are in a position to help please contact chairs4stern@yu.edu.

Intrepid YU Community Members Use Buddy System, Stay Safe

Taking the brave security department officials at their trustworthy word (or email), two members of the greater YU community decided to make use of the foolproof anti-crime tactic known as the buddy system to better avoid being robbed during their dangerous excursion through the crime ridden streets of Washington Heights from Morg to Como's Pizza.

"The buddy system is a proven tactic utilized by our security guards all the time,"

President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, a member of the dynamic duo, told the Coeditor. "Sure we look like we're five years old not going outside without a buddy, but at least we weren't mugged. The bandits all covered behind light polls and fire hydrants as we passed by. It was a true manifestation of at least 3 of our 5 Torahs. Maybe even 4."

Innocent bystanders told the Coeditor that as the pair walked down the street, at least every store they passed was burglarized,

with people in the immediate vicinity being shot and mugged. Only the buddy system stood between Berman, visiting Professor of Political Science Vladimir Putin, and the crime lords of Washington Heights.

"Me no understand criminals," Vladimir Putin told the Coeditor in broken English during an exclusive interview. "If they take my lunch money I shoot them in heads, or make them commit suicide by stabbing themselves thirty times. Of course they no

touch me. They no see massive machete and tiger?"

Syms Professor Caught Using ChatGPT to Grade Papers

A Syms Professor was allegedly caught using ChatGPT to grade papers for their class, school officials announced on Monday.

"These are very serious allegations," President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman told the Commentator. "We are using all of our resources to investigate this claim. If it turns out to be true, we will take strict disciplinary action against the Professor in question."

Students first became suspicious of the possibility that the teacher wasn't actually grading the papers when multiple students received comments on their essays stating that "As an AI language model, it would be improper of me to grade a student's paper." These suspicions were further confirmed by the fact that students who used ChatGPT to write their essays consistently received nearly perfect grades, much better than those who didn't.

"I'm honestly shocked," an anonymous Syms student told the Commentator. "At this point, I think we all expect the Syms students to cheat. But the Professors too? That's unacceptable!"

The teacher has responded to the allegations by stating that "it makes sense that the students who use ChatGPT get higher grades than those who don't, because none of you actually know how to write a decent paper!"

Prior to the news being released, the Professor had a very good reputation among the students. The classes were known for being easy, and the Professor was always quick to return students' papers to them, having graded them at a much faster pace than any other Professor in the college.

When asked to comment, Dean Wasserman told the Commentator "As an AI language model, it would be improper of me to respond to an allegation concerning the conduct of a college professor."

The investigation into these accusations are expected to take several months. Until then, the administration has requested that all students continue to take their classes as seriously as they were before learning this information.

The Academic Committee did not respond to our requests for a comment.



Rabbi Herschel Schachter to be official Rabbi of Beren Campus

Rabbi Herschel Schachter will be taking over as the official Rabbi of the Beren Campus starting in the Fall Semester of the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

The decision came as a result of Rav Schachter's attending of a GPATS shiur earlier in the semester. "I was very impressed with the level of learning on the women's campus," Rav Schachter told the Commentator. "The level was beyond anything I could have imagined. Only a small handful of my male students could even aspire to reach that level."

The announcement came from a statement from Rav Schachter himself, made during one of his speeches to his talmidim during shiur. The other faculty members of UTS were quick to support Rav Schachter's decision. "I was caught completely by surprise at this announcement," Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Dean of Undergraduate Torah Studies (UTS) on the Wilf Campus, told the Commentator. "Nevertheless, we are sure that Rav Schachter would only make such an important decision after giving it the appropriate amount of thought. We wish him much hatzlacha on his transition to the Beren Campus."

Rav Mordechai Willig, senior Rosh Yeshiva, also expressed his support for the move. "Honestly, I think we really just need to reevaluate the wisdom of men's learning. It just causes too many issues."

Rav Schachter will be joining the illustrious group of Rabbis already involved with the Beren campus. These include the current

head Rabbi Azi Fine, as well as the other campus Rabbi Avrumi Schonbrun, as well as Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blau. All three Rabbis are reportedly "very excited to be able to work with Rav Schachter to improve the level of learning on the Beren campus" Rabbi Fine told the Commentator.

Rav Schachter is also expected to join the staff of the GPATS program, although it has not been announced whether he would be taking over control of the program from the current director, Nechama Price.

Although originally shocked by this announcement, his current talmidim on the Wilf campus were quick to support their rebbe's decision, with an unnamed talmid telling the Commentator that "although we don't always understand our rebbe's decisions, we firmly believe he is doing the correct thing. Hopefully we will be able to grow in our learning and convince him to come back and teach us again. To quote Rebbe, 'he should have a lot of hatzlacha.'" He then broke down crying uncontrollably for about an hour."

Rav Schachter won't be completely disappearing from the Wilf Campus. He plans to still be giving guest shiurim about once a semester for the foreseeable future.

"I look forward to the bright future ahead," Rav Schachter told the Commentator. "Taka, this seemed like the best thing to do, and I'm very excited to see how it all works out."

Rebbetzin Schachter was unavailable for comment.



Jan. 6th Insurrectionist Nominated Seforim Sale Mascot

By ANONYMOUS ARMADILLO

As a preliminary note: nothing in here is intended as homophobic in any way nor is it intended to hurt or insult anyone...other than of course Elliot Resnik

Shmelliot Shmesnik, a convicted January 6th felon, has again been spreading rumors around Yeshiva University about the annual Seforim Sale. As opposed to last year's diatribe against the sexism of the sale, which the seforim sale curtailed this year by selling

my wife my queen, Shmesnik is upset this year by what he perceives as a double standard. "At the same time that the seforim sale claims that they can't sell books from terrorists, they hire none other than Ben Laden himself to spearhead the operation," Shmesnik told the Commentator. "I just want a single standard applied to all of us terrorists."

"I think I am turning over a new leaf," Shmesnik said in a recent podcast. Quite notorious for having unhealthy attachment to certain figures such as "Meir Kahane" and Donald Trump," it seems that Resnik has a new object of fascination: Yosef Silverstein. Silverstein, the CEO of this year's Seforim Sale, has been inundated with emails and letters from Shmesnik so much so that with the help of Yeshiva University he placed a restraining order on him. This comes in the wake of the unfortunate news that Shmesnik has joined the YUPA lawsuit as a victim of homophobia which he says has "had deleterious effects on his dating life even now."

After the cashiers at the seforim sale nominated the not at all creepy Shmesnik as this year's mascot, there was some push-back due to previous incendiary comments.

For example, in 2019 he made comments supporting the black hebrew israelites, suggesting "that the ethnic Ashkenazi Khazars should denounce their Jewishness and go back to their pagan religion ceding israel to the 'real jews.'" Additionally Shmesnik suggested that the 2020 election was "stolen by the Jews in Washington." The seforim sale declined to comment on the matter, saying that "they are busy working on a postmodernist rendition of Uncle Moishey."

In and out of prison Shmesnik says that he has a lot planned, other than selling his noxious books. "I just want to find a place that will finally accept me for who I am" resnik said teary eyed. "I truly hope that prison will be that place." On behalf of everyone that cares for Shmesnik and humanity so do I.



Gottesman Library to Open New Dating Problems Discussion Center

Last Monday the Yeshiva University Libraries announced in a blog post that they would open a Dating Problems Discussion Center in the Mendel Gottesman Library in Fall 2024.

The center will be built in the middle of the second floor study area. One way glass panels will

section off several small discussion rooms that will also feature an innovative one way sound muffling system. These crucial features will drown out all outside sounds, allowing the students inside to discuss dating problems without distraction. Crucially, their discussions will be visible and audible to the students around, said the blog post.

The director of library services Glass Paulman stated off the record that this innovative redesign of the second-floor study area was on the cutting edge of library services research. Librarian experts have found that many students need more specialized dating discussion rooms to succeed as students. With fewer students needing to use the library's collection of chicken scratch-coated dried wood pulp bundles for their studies. These dating discussion rooms are a much more effective use of library resources.

These discussion centers were sorely needed for some of the exercises in the Sy Syms School of Business Jewish Studies Courses.



Chemistry Department Creates Fully Transparent Plate of Solid Iron

In breaking news last Thursday, the YU Chemistry Department announced that they had made a breakthrough in creating a fully transparent plate of Iron, a feat that was previously not known to be possible.

Apparently, when word of the fascinating discovery reached the Philosophy "Department," a large number of Philosophy majors\cultists (OK large percentage, there are like 6 Philosophy majors, max) started screaming uncontrollably, running to the labs in Belfer to behold the astonishing feat. Unfortunately, many of the budding philosophers were lost upon entering Belfer to find the lab, the vast majority having never been there before, or ever having known that YU even had a lab. Some of them are still reported lost all these days later, although there have been sightings of philosophy students on various floors repeating to themselves

the legend of the glasslike metal.

"It really is possible," one Philosophy major tracked down by the Coeditor murmured under his breath. "And I don't mean that in a purely epistemic sense but in a fully metaphysical one. Take that Kripke! It's always been possible, in every possible world!" The Coeditor ultimately opted to leave the student to his brooding.

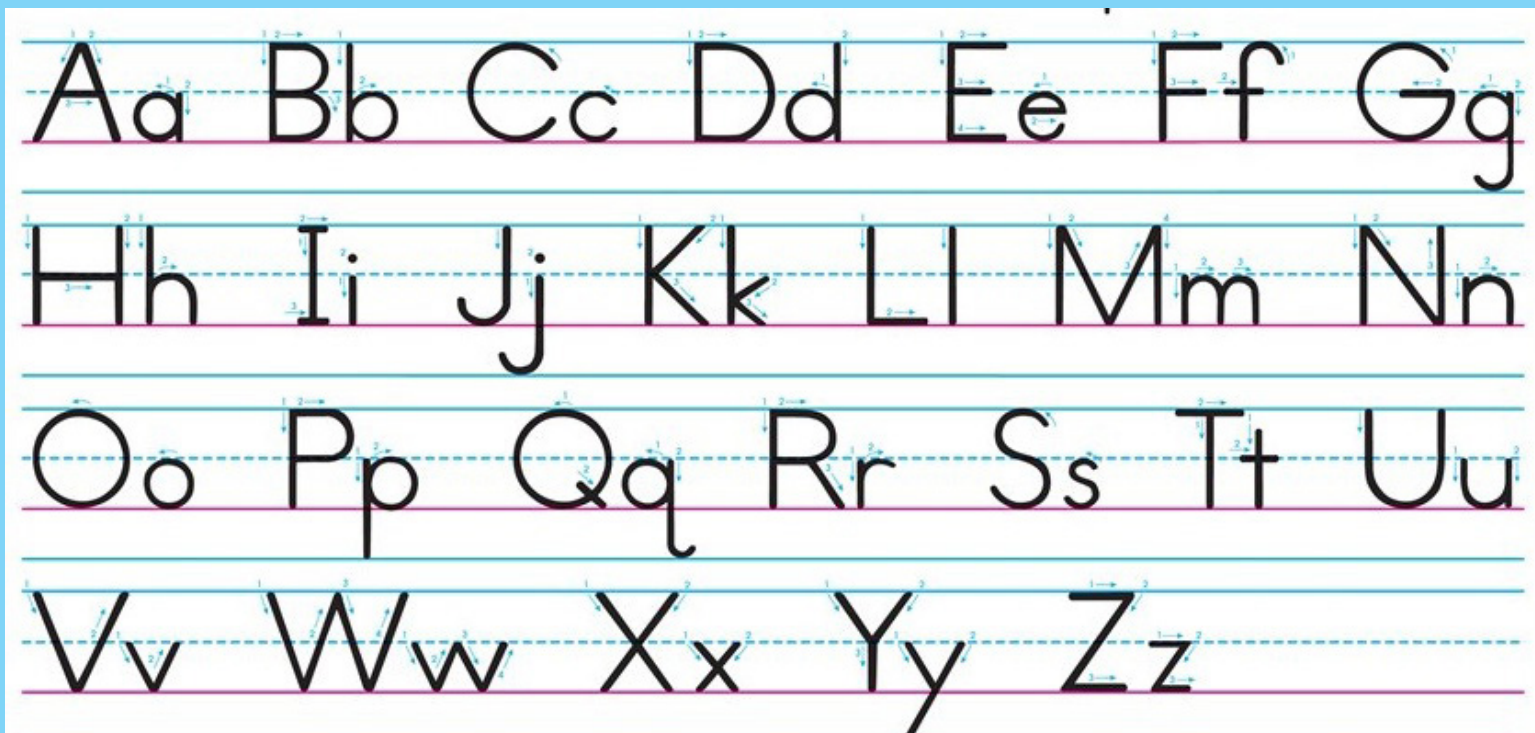
In related news, the Chemistry department has announced that its next project will be creating an exact replica of YU's desks entirely out of ice, apparently in a strange and quixotic quest to cut down on the school's budget. Many critics say the venture is impossible.

As we go to print, the Math department has just unveiled a counterexample to the Golbach Conjecture, setting off a new riot among philosophy majors.



A cup made from the revolutionary new transparent metal.

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YU InsideTrack Crashes Due To Too Many Stern Students Registering For Gemara Courses

By BRURIA BAT CHANANYA BEN
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Upon embarking on class registration for spring semester 2024, many students were left frustrated when their InsideTrack websites crashed due to an overflow of traffic on the site.

After further examination, data analysts discovered that the main area of traffic was in the JUDS section, specifically the classes listed as “Talmud.” Students experienced intense anxiety and stress fearing that their spot would be taken and that the class would close out before they could manage to click the buttons, registering them for a Gemara class.

“I was so nervous that all the Shana Bet students from Mir Yeshiva for Women (MYW) were going to take my spot in the coveted Gemara class,” a Talmida shared anonymously. “Thank God, Baruch Hashem, it all worked out and I got the last seat in the class. I do wish they opened the class to more than 70 people though.”

This happy ending was not achieved by all. Over 1500 Students got locked out of classes, due to InsideTrack’s technical difficulties. IT has been on the case, calling for

a raise for the amount of work they have been doing to fix the bugs on InsideTrack.

A disappointed Talmidah, Plonita Almonita said, “I still have nightmares sometimes. In my dreams all I see is InsideTrack and its Gemara classes fading to black, and the mouse just waves back and forth helplessly.”

This uptick in Talmud interest, tracks back to last year when twenty-five Gemara shiurs were added to the course catalog, meeting SCW’s growing curiosity and investment in Talmud Torah. Yeshiva University went to great lengths to keep up with this demand and cater to the rigorous Jewish education that the students were striving for. YU implemented many action items including funding a Talmud chair, creating a masmidos program, and placing a tea station in the Beit Midrash. An anonymous source familiar with the budgetary board shared that the school is currently working on getting more tables and chairs for the Beit Midrash. While that project is in the works it has been reported that students have resorted to bringing their own folding chairs to ascertain a seat in shiurim.

The disastrous results of too many students signing up for Gemara and causing InsideTrack to crash has had lasting effects

on the student population, breaking up chavruasas, friendships, and even acquaintanceships (people you stand next to in the elevator but never speak to.)

The demoralization on the Beren campus, both the 245 and 215 buildings, due to not everybody being capable of getting into a

at Touro’. It was then that I realized we had an issue.”

InsideTrack’s infamous shutdown has affected the overall culture at SCW to great lengths such that the Counseling Center recently held an event titled “good middot when registering for Bava Kamma.” The

“I was so nervous that all the Shana Bet students from Mir Yeshiva for Women (MYW) were going to take my spot in the coveted Gemara class.”

Talmida

Gemara shiur, spurred the administration into taking action. Since the experience of registering for Gemara was too damaging, the administration was led to make the only responsible and wise decision, canceling all Gemara classes indefinitely.

“If not everyone can take Gemara, no one should be able to take Gemara,” said Dean Kimchit Bar Pappa. “Fair is fair.” Dean Kimchit bar Pappa further explained that though these measures seem drastic, they are needed. She said “Sadly, the university’s health insurance can no longer afford the copays to cover everyone’s carpal tunnel syndrome from frantically registering for Gemara. Sadly, it is financially irresponsible for us to offer a Gemara education. Our hands, sadly, are tied.”

One anonymous student shared the desperate measures she was forced to take just to land a spot in the coveted 10:25 shiur: “I had to break into Dean Schecter’s home, find her USB, decrypt it, register myself for the course, and then encrypt everything to make it seem like nothing happened. It’s all worth it though.”

The competitive nature of Stern’s Gemara is not just an embarrassment for the current student body, but it has ramifications on future students as well. According to Mr. Modeh B’knas Patur, director of admissions, there have been many students choosing to go to Touro over Stern due to this issue. “Just last week, I was trying to convince someone that Stern really is worth it, and she looked at me and said ‘there’s no waitlist for gemara

focus of the event was to remind students to use their words, express their feelings, and not lock other students out of the Academic Advising Center during registration time.

Student Eliezerette Horkanus (SCW ‘25) reported that the intense anxiety surrounding Gemara registration led her to do what has never been done before- register for a YP shiur: “No one really wanted to be in R’ Rosensweig’s shiur anyway, so I decided to join. Honestly, I think his one-on-one approach will really benefit my bekias skills, in a way that being in a class with 70 others won’t,” Horaknus shared. “I’m mostly confident in my decision, but I’m worried that my shidduchim will be negatively affected since I’m not in the prestigious Gemara class on the Beren campus.” She then requested to end the interview.

PRDAB declared, “the chaos of the competitive spirit on the Beren Campus, Stern and Sy Syms, is abominable and goes against every single one of our core values, specifically Adam. This is clearly not a display of infinite human worth.”

PRDAB continued, “this chaos should only be excused to enter YU basketball games. I mean, it’s justified there. Even warranted. But not to register for Talmud classes, that’s not cool.”

However, hope is not lost for future Talmidot Chachamot. The email announcing the cancellation of Talmud classes included a caveat, such that classes may be reinstated pending an improvement in the Stern students’ middot.



Mir Yeshiva for Women

MIR YESHIVA FOR WOMEN

“It felt like Olah Regel:” Straus Students make Pilgrimage to Mecca

By GENENDEL SHAINDAL ABULAFIA

As I stood at the entrance to Mecca, I took a deep breath. I, among a group of 25 Straus and Beren and Wilf students, were

wrong family, was a permanent tour guide. It was better than being chopped up in an embassy, so he felt it wasn’t all too bad of a deal. He guided us around the city.

We saw things I never saw, like grown men dancing with swords, a sight you don’t

“As I danced around the Black Kaabah, I felt that I could visit a place my ancestors only dreamed of visiting.”

finally at Mecca. We were invited by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed “Chop Chop” bin Salman to what would prove to be a meaningful mission for winter break.

Mecca. This holy city. I was so ecstatic that I was there that I almost removed my Burqa, which would be shameful. Tzniut always has been important to me, and in a city with so many people who are machmir, I would seem out of place.

As we walked into Mecca, we were greeted by our guide, Jamaal (Jamaal didn’t want to be turned into Hummus, so his name is being hidden). Jamaal, dressed in more jewels than the Egel Hazahav, told us that he was a rich Saudi Prince, but since he was born into the

see in Manhattan (though you do see grown men dancing). We saw a level of opulence I never saw before — even the camels all had leather seats and leather exteriors.

For me, the highlight of the trip was our visit to the Masjid al-Haram mosque in Mecca. As I danced around the Black Kaabah, I felt that I could visit a place my ancestors only dreamed of visiting. I felt like I returned home. I felt like I could do something my ancestors never had the chance to do, and here I was, dancing around a giant black rock (I took a piece home. Don’t tell anyone.)

The visit was so wonderful, I almost stayed in Saudi Arabia, until I heard that

practicing Judaism is officially illegal. Yet it really was a wonderful experience.

“I never felt so close to our Yishmaeli cousins,” said Straus scholar Sarah Breinda Gold.

“It felt like Olah Regel,” said Jonathan U. Greenstein, a non-Straus scholar who came

on the trip due to a relative being a member of the administration. “It was so wonderful, and being trapped near so many men in a hot crowded square made me appreciate the deodorant brands we so take for granted in America.”



The author in Mecca

MUSTAFA B.

Outrageous Caf Prices Revealed as Social Experiment Gone Awry

By ANONYMOUS BUREAUCRAT #4

In an institution as large and proudly diverse as Yeshiva University, it can be quite challenging for any one particular department to take the grand prize as the year's Most Complained About Thing™. This is especially true in a university with a computer science program so brutal it has ongoing litigation at The Hague and a dedicated division in the counseling center. Yet in terms of sheer numbers, it is clear that the caf takes the cake. Anyone taking a stroll during the random hours the Dining Hall happens to be open will be safely assured by a constant chorus of whining that the cartoonishly high prices have not gone unnoticed. These issues plaguing such a large portion of the student body have naturally given rise to some creative amateur conspiracy theorizing as to how this has happened and who is responsible. One popular theory has focused on the economic perspective, blaming the insidious increases on the well-known rise of Neo-Marxist beliefs throughout American college administrations. As one Syms major wrote, "They're tryna take all our money!" As the theory goes, the redistributive regime saw one Tyrwhitt shirt and Mooseknuckle coat too many and decided to take action. The rise in prices was quickly schemed up to help slowly redistribute wealth from the student body to more financially challenged entities, possibly including Yeshiva University.

A more legalistic suggestion has insisted that the always overzealous university leadership is trying to stamp out the time-honored mesorah of "Caf-Daddyng." Back in the

Good Old Days, In-towners used to be able to secretly support their more socially isolated friends towards the end of the semester with all the money they save from absolutely never staying in for Shabbos. Apparently, this arrangement was seen by administrators as far too convenient and helpful and also

"We never expected it to go this far."

Anonymous Bureaucrat #3

against halacha and probably also the constitution, so they conspired to put an end to it once and for all with a brilliantly simple plot. With the record-breaking price increases, no one will have any money left to solve the problem once and for all. "They would have gotten away with it too," explained a different, unrelated finance Syms guy, "if it wasn't for us meddling Yids." Indeed it remains to be seen whether there will be anyone left to answer the seasonal waves of desperate solicitations on WhatsApp chats as the semester draws to a close.

Yet a recent Commentator/Coeditor investigation has revealed that the true blame may lie in just a big misunderstanding. Apparently, the past few years have seen YU students become lab rats in perhaps the most ethically dubious psychological study since the Stanford Prison Experiment. It all started when a worker added some extra zeros to the Caf prices by mistake. "At first we panicked, thinking all the food would get

left behind and just go to waste, but people just kept tapping their cards anyway like a bunch of sheep," explained an anonymous whistleblower. "It's like they think it's all just monopoly money or something". Indeed when we attempted to interview some students in line for Sushi Salads regarding how long they had until their funds ran out, they produced such enlightening comments as "IDK" (Finance, '26) and "What do you mean run out" (Lawrence, '27). Still, it appears that many other students were in fact aware of the increase but felt they had no other choice

but to follow the pressure of their peers in buying the inflationary items.

In any case, the initial snafu proceeded to quickly spiral out of control as inspired researchers decided to keep raising the prices till the student body either declared bankruptcy, organized a boycott or just went insane, whichever came first. As of the writing of this article (2:30 a.m., the night before it was due, while I was supposed to be studying for a midterm), the results are still inconclusive ...



The Wilf Dining hall in its modern design

THE COEDITOR

Joining the Minyan: A Guidebook to Being a Well-Rounded Minyan-Man

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JACOB KATZ SHLITA

Minyan Man has been an integral part of YU for some time now. But only recently has a guidebook come out to detail all the 613 rules of participating in such a prestigious program. Here, we will be speaking with a veteran Minyan Man and obtaining some words of wisdom that he would like to impart to the next generation of Minyan Men.

Rule 1: Read the guidebook. According to President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman (PRDAB), it's a mitzvah. This is coming from a YU Rabbi. And a president. And a doctor.

Rule 22: For Shabbat attire, dress like a YP student would during the week. Modesty is a must.

Rule 110: Do not sneeze, and avoid loitering in shul. Being a Minyan Man attracts enough attention as is.

Rule 305: Please refrain from speaking politics in the shul.

Rule 420: Do not bring women or alcohol into the hotel.

Rule 516: If you cannot sing, please do not be chazzan.

Rules 612: We must discuss the 5 Torot at every single meal. No girls allowed.

When asked why he recommends that others read his book cover to cover 400 times over, he said, "You might as well. I wrote the book already. But more importantly, as you walk into Shul before Shabbat, you never know who is going to be there. If you dare introduce yourself, you may feel nervous. Remember though that you are a

novelty to those who stay in for shabbos at the Stern College for Women. These rules will hopefully provide you a guide to best present yourself".

One piece of advice he always gives to new students is timeless. "You may know some people, you may not, but when you come in for the first Shabbat, you have to be ready with a joke for two. That'll soften the landing, and you never know, you may end up having a great time!"

One of the highlights of many Minyan Men is playing board games – sorry, learning in the 7th-floor beis. A favorite story of his from Minyan Man is how one time all the minyan men started singing the theme song from Tetris in perfect harmony. At that moment, one could've easily confused them with the Yeshiva Boys Choir singing at the YU graduation, or the Y-Studs singing Taylor Swift Chanukah. But in all seriousness, we would not be so lucky as to sing in front of PRDAB, or the women of Stern.

Why would one take on such a daunting task? He replied "I had time" and "why not – who else would do it?" During his time at Minyan Man, he learned many lessons and gained much experience. Taking a moment to ponder, he imparted his final words, reminiscing over his time in the program, and why there is no Minyan Man Hall of Fame. Smiling and knowing he left his mark, he said "An era is ending. As a so-called legend among the Minyan Men, I can only wish the best of luck to the next generation of Minyan-goers. They'll read my book, and they'll chuckle, but I know that in their hearts they'll appreciate it. Only at YU."

Into My Lap

By Y.U. SLANTED

My coffee slides,
Down the wooden slant.
Into my lap,
I simply can't.

Next comes gliding,
My lunchtime utensils,
Into my lap,
My erasers and pencils.

When will it end?
I can't take this no more.
Into my lap,
Comes something I can't ignore.

My laptop screen,
Falls gracefully down.
Into my lap,
In the coffee it drowns.



I simply can't.

DESPERATE STERN GIRL

The Best and Funniest out-of-context quotes from YU's Renowned Out of Context Quotes Chat

"It's hard to take myself seriously when I see myself as a platypus wearing sunglasses"

"We must spread esperanto, the language of pacifism and tolerance, by any use of force necessary."

"[redacted] you would be a wonderful slug."

"And if you don't mean me I will scalp you bli neder with a potato peeler tmrw"

This message was deleted by the admin

"Larry peed on me because Larry is evil. Larry has somehow infected the minds of so many people in order to commit evil crimes against humans and humanity while still making everyone think she is cute"

"My lulav has rabies"

"🦠 Because of the psychoactive fungal spores on your back"

"Someone stops you on the street and says: 'Hey buddy: If if Plato is sad then if Plato is sad then if if Plato is sad then Plato is sad then Plato is sad then Plato is sad. Therefore: Plato is sad.'"

"How does human meat taste"

"Like chicken"

"and when migdal bavel fell down, that

was a real tragedy. Their insurance didn't cover it, because it was an act of G-d"

"The grandmas in the nearest cemetery are free" "so do I just taxidermy it?"

"Maybe these pigeons aren't vegetarians."

"I love taking people's blood"

"Sometimes jesus, sometimes the fbi"

"I met [redacted] when doing minyan men for the first time, he leined, an abortion argument started, I asked for a yerushalmi sanhedrin"

"Did everyone else get swabbed for explosives?"

"Breathing through both my nose holes" "You mean...nostrils?"

"I can't wait for captain schizophrenia to come out"

"Should we send a audio of us laughing like hyennas"

"Who put flowers in the tuna?"

"Person A: 'I have never used a steam-roller on a person before' Person B: 'No better time to try than now'"

"imagine Shrek as the messiah"

"[redacted] is playing the witch doctor song from Alvin and the chipmunks" "Not the worst shidduch advice to ever be given in a Yu classroom"

"have you bitten anyone yet?"

"I'm so bored in stats I applied to NYU. I don't even want to go to NYU, I'm just so bored."

"in my family we dont call it the family tree. we call it the family wheel." — an ashkenazi

"I'll find a nice Mormon boy and corrupt him. With coffee."

"Isn't he the one with nice facial bone structure?"

"i weaponized the boyfriend"

No names!!

"your a gene mutation" "no, your mom's a gene mutation"

"What do you guys think the average velocity is for a cigarette?"

YU Rabbi: "We are fortunate to be in a Yeshiva that indoctrinates us"

Person A: "There is a ship called the U.S.S. Maine."

Person B: "There was a ship called the

U.S.S Maine.

"My simple pleasure is throwing snails at hippies"

"Loser i'm worth like 8 cows"

"I can give you flex dollars in exchange for your kidneys" "I am currently waiting to be stabbed"

"I wish I had socks made from your skin"

"No kitten don't kill yourself"

"Cannibalism is a bad habit anyway, so your not missing much"

"Hey Syms Students I'm going out to Target tomorrow if you need me to buy a pack of crayons for your finals"

"Why am I fighting a washing machine?"

"I remember holding a severed leg but I'm not sure if I took a bite"

"Imagine being married to George Santos" "My dream but I'm not a man 🤔"

"Note: Chickadees do not become chickens"

"YU guy: 'You know who has nice dorms? Lindenbaum.'"

The Oath of The Cult of Johnson

By GRUE HESPERUS

The following text was uncovered in a dark classroom concealed somewhere in the bowels of Furst Hall, or Belz Building, or whatever the bureaucrats are calling it nowadays. On an adjacent whiteboard appeared, in what looks to be dried blood, the word "ROCKETMAN." Beneath a colossal and seemingly ancient stack of handouts on axiomatic set theory, the following was

"we are all 'burning out their fuse up here alone.'"

A rocket man

found scrawled in crayon, presumably penned by a frustrated student driven to insanity from the sheer pain engendered by the homework. We reproduce the text exactly as it was found, to present a window into the feverish mind of a Philosophy major.

We, the Cult of Johnson, humbly swear an oath of fealty to our lord Dr. David A. Johnson (shlit"a). We recognize that we are all ill, stumbling around blind, and that only he can help us. He can help us by opening our eyes, so that we may become aware of the logical structure of arguments, and the secrets encoded in scribbles.

The world we live in is all a falsehood; we are all "burning out their fuse up here alone." Nothing around us exists. All is trivial. There are no apples, oranges, nor tuna fish; none of life's pleasures are real. As Chalmers implied: "It's all dark inside."

Only Dr. Johnson can correct our souls. Only he can give us intuition about the nature of life's scribbles. For this rare ability, we will sacrifice our blood, toil, sweat, tears onto the altar of Logic and will forever pledge our allegiance.

We have heard the hallowed prophecy

transmitted by our Lord Johnson: "I dreamt and saw a ladder which reached to infinity; and there were scribbles ascending and descending upon it."

From his "boring, pointless and dark" lectures on the nature of art and aesthetics, to his forbidden lectures, we yearn to know more. As he is commanded by God to teach the secrets of music, we are tasked with being its privileged recipients. This is self-evident, it follows by any standard modal logic.

Only with the help of logic can we access those eternal truths that few at Gabriel's gate can identify. That some electron exists such that every electron it attracts, attracts at least

one electron. That "If if Plato is sad then if Plato is sad then if if Plato is sad then Plato is sad then Plato is sad, then Plato is sad," implies that Plato is, in fact, sad. And that there is someone, who, if he passes Logic, we all pass Logic, and that we await that someone's arrival.

For these reasons, we, the Cult of

Johnson, see it as our duty to schmooze with all these things, that which is spooky and that which is material, until we arrive at truth. To this end, we are prepared to "toil day and night," taking the plunge into the depths of Johnsonland.

Amen Ken Yehi Ratzon



Bloodstained Whiteboard Reading ROCKETMAN

THE COEDITOR



Yet Another Complaint Article: A Template

By AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ANY
COEDITOR EDITION

This is a complaint article about an aspect of Yeshiva University. The author had a poor experience or interaction with some department, and now thinks that writing an article in The Commentator will do anything about it. Perhaps an underpaid low ranking

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The author’s only roommate or friend who is willing to risk their shidduch chances by having their name appear in the newspaper (SCW ‘24).

staff member was kurt to them because they were unfamiliar with the department’s policies, which are clearly published in a piece of paper students at orientation that is not read by anyone.

“This is a quote from one of the author’s roommates or friends who had a similar experience” said the author’s only roommate

or friend who is willing to risk their shidduch chances by having their name appear in the newspaper (SCW 24).

The author is unaware that a similar article was published 5 years ago, and despite being the talk of campus for a few days, achieved nothing. This article will be even less relevant. No person who makes any decisions in this institution will ever read it, and if they did they would dismiss it.

Perhaps the article is calling out a department in particular, in which case it is probably written by a first time on campus student. Or maybe it is written by a student leader who has to be more coy about whom they are calling out due to fear of backlash by an administrator.

“Some completely out of touch sentiment couched in administrative double speak”

would be a quote from an administrator should this article have been written a few years ago, although today the quote is less likely to appear.

The author does not realize two fundamental realities about Yeshiva University. The first is that once they have your money there’s little you can do about it, and the second is that issues tend to stem from toxic dynamics and institutional structural issues, rather than a few bad apples.

The article ends with a call to action geared towards a student audience, failing to recognize that the administration has little to no regard for student sentiment.

Will anything ever change in this institution? Will the author ever be able to get married? You’ll have to stay tuned to future editions of the Coeditor to find out.



Pointing fingers

MOHAMED_HASSAN / PIXABAY

YC Students Can Also Commit Tax Evasion

By SIGH SIMS

Much has been written about the current state of Yeshiva College. An ongoing issue has been the University’s shrinking of the liberal arts school’s resources and investing more in the Sy Syms Business School, to the frustration of YC faculty and students alike.

One critical skill not taught in YC is the art of tax evasion. As the flagship modern Orthodox school, YU bears the responsibility for maintaining undergraduate programs that can produce well-rounded students who can flourish in both Torah and Maddah. But how can the University claim to mold students into future leaders of the Jewish community when these students aren’t being taught how to cheat on their taxes?

“In its current state, Yeshiva College is in shambles. Students in the liberal arts school are left with no skills for how to amass wealth outside of the legal means,” Shlomo Schwartz (YC ‘25), Student President of YC, expressed to The Commentator. “There is a clear imbalance in how the University continues to prioritize the needs of Syms over those of YC.”

Tax evasion should NOT just be a skill taught in Syms. YC also has the potential to churn out capable tax cheats and deserves the same level of recognition from the senior faculty. In this article, I will go through the majors currently offered at Yeshiva College

and the promise these disciplines have in producing budding tax frauds.

Majors:

Biochemistry, Chemistry: Many biochemists secure grant funding for their research projects. They may have insights into how grant funds are disbursed and managed, which could be exploited to hide income or misrepresent expenses.

Biology: Medical and healthcare professionals can misappropriate costs of treatments and not properly list the costs of equipment, at the expense of their patients or clients. As far as the government and public are concerned, anesthesia is a rare substance that should be expected to cost clients hundreds of dollars.

Computer Science: Computer Science majors can hack into the IRS and make it appear as though they have already paid their taxes when they haven’t.

Economics: This is just Syms lite.

Education, English, Music: Who needs money anyway? “Mo money, mo problems.”

History: A history major would just write about how income tax wasn’t required

until the passage of the 16th Amendment and that we should just go back to the good old days. Further, “taxation without representation” and all that jazz.

Jewish Studies: Jewish studies major argues that being Jewish requires specific expenditures, from kosher food to synagogue donations, all of which should be deductible as essential aspects of their faith. They might even cite Talmudic principles to justify their creative accounting practices.

Mathematics: A math major could use their skills to calculate complex formulas to determine how much they owe in taxes, but then “accidentally” make errors in their favor.

Philosophy: Based on the vagueness of when someone is considered to have become a rich or poor man, a philosophy major might use such ambiguities to claim to be part of a lower tax bracket. This, however, would only be deceptive if it wasn’t already the case that he belonged to the lower tax bracket.

Physics: Physics majors see tax evasion as a problem to be solved with scientific precision. They’ll apply the principles of physics to carefully calculate the optimal trajectory for their finances, using Newton’s laws of motion to evade the IRS’s attempts to catch them. They might even invent ingenious contraptions to shield their income from taxation, like a gravity-defying tax shield.

Political Science: Political Science majors can be elected politicians and develop legislation that will allow them to keep millions in untaxed income. This major is basically a carte blanche for committing tax fraud already.

Psychology: A psychology major can bribe an IRS agent with free therapy because IRS employees are those most in need of therapy and it would save them anywhere between \$100-\$200 a session.

Sociology: Sow discord on Twitter to overwhelm the IRS bots so they’re unable to perform any audits. One example of this would be spreading pizzagate conspiracies about local IRS offices. (Credit Rami Levin)

These ideas are admittedly hackneyed. Were some of them written by ChatGPT? Perhaps. But this only reinforces the point that, at the moment, the YC student body is in need of guidance for how to succeed. The University needs to invest more into its students and their potential to become leaders within the Jewish community.

Tax evasion should NOT just be a skill taught in Syms.

In the most recent issue of The Commentator, one editorial critiqued the gradual trend of YU axing foreign languages from Yeshiva College. It is small administrative decisions like this which contribute to the long-lasting struggles YC students will face. How will a student avoid paying taxes if he doesn’t know French or Spanish, or even Latin? If he were living in France, a Spanish-speaking country, or in Ancient Rome, he would be subjected to the whims of their respective tax-collecting agencies without having the means to counter their advances. The lack of a serious language program in YC leaves students grossly unprepared for life after college.

Investing more in YC wouldn’t just be beneficial for the students. With more resources directed towards YC, the University would, in turn, be able to increase the funding it sees in endowments and donations from a wealthier class of alumni. This means more money for fixing elevators, more money for promoting the Five Core Torah Values, and more money to cover the staggering amount of debt the University is in. This isn’t just about our future, but YU’s future.

This article wasn’t meant for me to just disparage YU. I recognize the value that the University has for the continuity of the Jewish people and the quality education it has to offer is something we students are blessed to experience. To quote the YU promotional banner plastered on Gottesman library quoting R’ Jonathan Sacks zt”l: “Yeshiva University is the single most important educational institution in chutz la’aretz.” But as a proud YC student, I must take a stand for the integrity of our beloved Yeshiva College, the quality of the education it provides, and the future of its students.



YU Professor of Finance Bernie Ponzoff was a strong advocate for tax evasion courses at YC.

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