

# The Lexicon

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## Students Decorate Their Room to Raise Money For Israel

### *Snap For Israel*

#### Brookdale Hall Based Charity that Continues to Expand

By Rivka Gerber

One fine autumn morning, I exited my dorm room to face room 12B's erasable marker board requesting people to donate Snapple wrappers. Curious as to why they wanted the wrappers, I began a thorough investigation of the project at hand.

In September 2002, Nechama Gottlieb, Sarah Horowitz, Ilana Lieberson, Chavie Schwarzbard, and Shani Aron, "just wanted to fill [the] room with something interesting and decorative, so we started putting up Snapple wrappers that we drank ourselves."

By December, Horowitz had initiated the collection of Snapple wrappers from people outside of 12B.

As an incentive for people to donate wrappers, Horowitz came up with the idea that she and her roommates would give money to Israel for every Snapple wrapper they would receive. By the time finals rolled around, the room was overtaken by an increasing

number of Snapple wrappers.

The roommates will be donating the money to Magen David Adom, the Israeli emergency medical service, and to Save Our Soldiers, which raises money to buy for Israeli soldiers a sophisticated kind of bullet proof vest and a small Sefer Tehillim (Book of Psalms) which they can put in the little pocket.

Israeli organizations were the choice of charity for Brookdale 12B because, as they say, "We like Snapple, but we love Israel."

Snap for Israel began to advertise through word of mouth. Last December, the members set up a website, accessible to people world wide through several search engines.

Phone calls began coming in from Brooklyn; New Jersey; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago; Florida; Texas; Canada, and beyond. Various institutions and their students, such as Mayanot, Frisch, HALB, Bnei Akiva, NCSY, Fair Lawn High School, The Bergen Academy, Rutgers University, and the YU Beis Medrash have donated Snapple wrappers.

The first step that room 12B takes after receiving a Snapple

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With the second round of the 2003 NHL playoffs coming to a close, there are numerous accounts that will be told for years to come. The number one topic of conversation about the playoffs this year is the Stanley Cup run that the Anaheim Mighty Ducks have put together.

By Alana Stanger

## NHL Playoffs Winding Down

### Season of the Underdog ?

The Ducks, led by goaltender Jean Sebastian-Giguere, swept the defending Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Redwings in four thrilling one-goal games. The Mighty Ducks had a slightly less impressive, yet still notable, 3-2 series lead over the equally threatening Dallas Stars. Game six was played in Anaheim on May fifth as the Ducks beat Dallas 3-1.

Honorable mention in this season's Stanley Cup run goes to cont. on page 10

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We are Stern College for Women students who have founded "The Lexicon" because we feel that as part of a recognized university, Stern College should have another frequent periodical that Yeshiva University students can both contribute to and enjoy reading.

Since this is our premier issue, I will introduce you to the content and focus of *The Lexicon*.

"The Lexicon" is a periodical that includes information and news about current happenings in New York, around the world and at Yeshiva University itself. It is also meant to be a textual platform where students can voice their opinion as well as write original human interest articles. *The Lexicon* will feature student reviews of kosher restaurants, on and off Broadway plays, comedy clubs and various other attractions throughout New York City.

Currently, our aim is to produce one issue approximately every six weeks beginning the upcoming fall semester.

The staff of *The Lexicon* is not limited to natural writers. There are many aspects of *The Lexicon* that cater to the resumes of all sorts of majors. If you would like to contribute to future



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We hope you enjoy our first issue and we look forward to providing you a with periodical that is both entertaining and informative as well.

Have a wonderful and productive summer!

# From the Editors' Desktop

When I was in elementary and high school I could say that summer was great because I had no school. But now in college, summer school is an option and many of my friends are taking advantage of it. I may follow in their footsteps in the coming summers. Also, many college students take jobs in the summer, so they do not have a real vacation. Yet I, as well as most people, still love summer, are happy when it comes, and sad when it leaves.

What is it about the summer that makes students such as those at SCW feel so good? On the extreme side, the lack of sunlight in fall and winter cause serotonin levels to get so low as to cause depression is susceptible people, resulting in Seasonal Affective Disorder. However, for people who do not suffer from SAD, the summer still puts them in a (non-clinical) good mood.

We spend ten long months together with the same group of friends, and then summer comes and we all go somewhere different and have totally different experiences. On the one hand it is sad that we are not going to be near each other and not able to talk and hang out and have fun together. But on the other hand it is kind of enjoyable because we each get a chance to meet new people and be on our own. We get to regenerate ourselves and we have time to think and grow without the influences of our close friends. Then when fall comes and we get back together we can infuse our relationships over the next ten months with what we've each experienced individually during the summer.

Another thing about the summer is that it is unpredictable. Some people don't know what they're going to be doing until the last minute - will they be getting a job in Manhattan or visiting Israel with their parents?

Even those who have their summer planned out, say someone's working in a camp - they have yet to meet all their co-workers and campers or employers. Or if someone is vacationing in Europe, they don't

Rivka Gerber



Drawing by Miri Ravich

know what they will see and learn and what kind of interesting people they will meet.

In the summer, we spend much more time in the outdoors in the sun because of the good weather, and we are a lot more active. Sunlight and exercise have both been shown to increase the level of serotonin in the brain, a chemical that elevates mood. Also, courses we take outside of Stern do not influence our grade point average and are shorter than during the academic year. Jobs we have in the summer usually only last the season, so we're not worried if we do not like the job so much or that we may get laid off.

Summertime brings about the feeling that I've worked so hard this whole year and now at the end look what I have accomplished. It is a milestone, I've finished another year of college. I am looking forward to have a higher class standing in the coming semester, G-d willing. I am closer to achieving the goals I set for myself at the beginning of the year.

# SO YOU WANT TO BE A DIVA

By Lauren Goldglantz

Who says you have to look like a pop star to feel like one? Karaoke has always been a window into the world of entertainment for underground stars, or simply just an excuse to go crazy.

Karaoke bars are very popular today, but for those of you who are shy, won't sing in front of guys, or simply have a horrible voice, have I got a solution for you! Private karaoke rooms with thousands of songs, comfortable couches, black lights, disco balls. You name it, they provide it.

There are many private karaoke places in the city. One in particular that I have gone to a few times is "Karaoke Marathon," located on East 49th street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

"Karaoke Marathon" is open seven days a week, and they offer over ten different size rooms. Up until last week, I would have fully recommended this place. After my most recent visit, however, I have to say that I was very disappointed.

One of the workers at "Karaoke Marathon" had an attitude that made it very unpleasant to do business with them. It was a situation where it was unnecessary for the worker to be as disrespectful as he was to my friends and me. My friends and I complained to the manager, and hopefully next time this employee will not be employed at this Karaoke club anymore.

Aside from this not so pleasant experience, I believe that overall,

"Karaoke Marathon" still offers a fun night out and is worth the trip.

Karaoke is a fresh idea, and now there is no excuse to hide your talent. Whether you go solo or bring along some friends, it is always a blast and keeps you occupied for hours! You will be amazed at how much time you can end up spending there.

With so many choices from The Beach Boys to Blink 182 to Britney Spears, I can guarantee you will always find a song that you are desperate to belt out. So the next time that you and your friends run out of things to do in the city, head on over to a karaoke place and let the diva inside you shine.

## Cultural Expansion in Downtown Manhattan

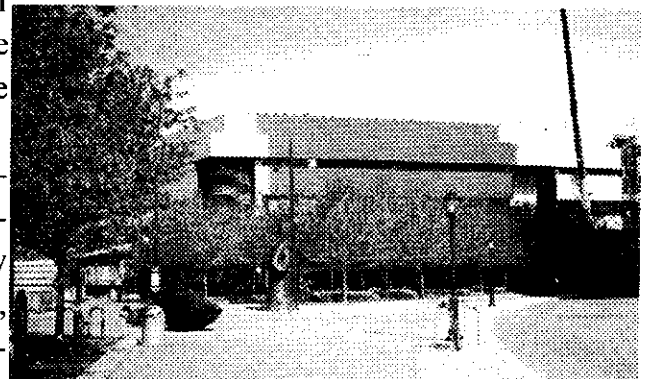
By Shelley Willner



Scheduled for September of 2003, an 82,000- square foot wing will be added to the Museum of Jewish Heritage- A living Memorial to the Holocaust. The museum, which is located near Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan, is undergoing the

first new construction project in the area since September 11th.

The new wing will feature additional exhibit space, a theatre for live performances, classrooms, memorial gardens, a cafe, and a new museum gift shop. Through this expansion, museum employees hope to increase visitorship and enable more programs to take place.



Admission to the Museum of Jewish Heritage is seven dollars for adults and five dollars for students. For information on the museum, visit [www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org) or call (212)- 786-0820.

IN & AROUND

NEW YORK CITY

# Broadway's New Un-Hit: Urban Cowboy

By Jodi Pollock

Lights, cameras, COWBOYS! As the weeks get busier with finals coming around, you may just need a break from all that thinking. A good way to take it easy is by going to a Broadway show filled with music, dancing and most importantly, boys. The perfect remedy is the new Broadway show Urban Cowboy.

It is an uncomplicated story with simple characters who do not have extremely deep, important conversations. It is the old love story, you know, a cute boy comes from a small Texas town to a larger, more urban southern city. The simple cowboy gets stuck in the city. The boy meets a girl, they fall in love and get married- but then there is a twist. I'll let you see that for yourselves.

The setting of the play is mostly in the town's popular bar where everyone gathers every night for a round of Budweiser and some good music. The band is actually the show's orchestra and during the bar scenes, they are positioned in the middle of the stage; wearing their cowboy hats. It is interesting how the orchestra are actually part of the play themselves. The southern music is the type of music that makes me want to get up and dance with the cast members; I left the play doing line dances in the streets.

If you are looking for a deep meaningful play, this is not the play to go to. Both of the main characters made their Broadway debut with this play. They both put on stellar performances although their characters do not have much depth to them.

Despite the not getting such great reviews, my four friends

and I loved the dances, bopping to the music and just plain watching the cowboys. The main problem that the reviews had with the play was that it did not follow the script of the movie Urban Cowboy which starred John Travolta. The producers of the play had to slightly change some of the characters in order to make it more fitting to be performed on stage. Personally, I

was not asking for the movie, otherwise I would have rented it. I was looking for an entertaining show that would keep my attention, which is exactly what Urban Cowboy gave me.

I don't know about you, but throughout the entire final exam stretch, I do not want to see a play that I'm expected to analyze each line; if I wanted to do that I would have chosen to study for my English Lit exam. At this point in the year, I want to just sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

I know what all of you money budgeting students are thinking, "is this play going to take away from my much needed coffee from Eee's?" NO! That is one of the best reasons to see this play. Students who go to the show an hour or so before it starts and flash their student ID card get one hundred dollar seats for only twenty six dollars (the catch is that they're partial view, but nevertheless it is worth the price). Don't worry about the show being sold out, due to the bad reviews, it is probably not full. But don't let those bad reviews stop you- I hope this review has swayed you to jump on the saddle and just go for it. Plus, did I mention the cowboys?

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## The Big Apple After Hours When You're Under 21

In each issue of The Lexicon, we will feature an activity or event taking place in the metropolitan area.

The following are home games of both the Yankees and Mets through the end of May, excluding Friday night and Saturday games.

**New York METS:  
Shea Stadium  
To order tickets call:  
718-507-TIXX**

May 6- vs LA 7:10  
May 7 vs LA 7:10  
May 8: vs LA 7:10  
May 11: vs SD 1:10  
May 20: vs PHI 7:10  
May 21: vs PHI 7:10  
May 22: vs PHI 1:10

**New York YANKEES:  
Yankee Stadium  
To order tickets call:  
212-307-1212  
OR 800-943-4327**

May 1: vs SEA 7:05  
May 4: vs OAK 1:05 PM  
May 13: vs ANA 7:05  
May 14: vs ANA 7:05  
May 15: vs ANA 7:05  
May 18: vs TEX 1:05 PM  
May 22: vs TOR 7:05  
May 25: vs TOR 1:05  
May 26: vs BOS 1:05  
May 27: vs BOS 7:05  
May 28: vs BOS 7:05

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**NEW YORK CITY**

## Exploring Jewish life at Universities Around the World

Focus: Binghamton University

By Shelley Willner

What types of activities do other universities have for students? In this issue we will be exploring Binghamton University, located in upstate New York. Binghamton has two main Jewish houses, Hillel and Chabad. Out of the 12,820 people enrolled, 3,200 are Jewish.

Among the opportunities that Binghamton University offers are programs in which students may study in Israel, which are available throughout the University. They also offer a kosher kitchen, and housing that accommodates Jewish people.

Hillel at Binghamton University is operated by a full-time staff and runs many programs throughout the year. The building is equipped with a student lounge and the students publish a monthly newspaper and have their own A Capella group. They have had programs on Yom Haatzmaut which ranged from rock climbing to falafel, a Chanukah Swing Dance, and many cultural events which are all well-attended.

Chabad house at Binghamton University is as active as Hillel. They have events such as Pizza and Parsha, Purim carnivals, Karaoke, and shabbatons. Chabad is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and welcomes all Jewish students to experience their heritage. It is a "Home away from home."

Hillel house: (607) 777-3424  
Chabad house: (607) 797- 0015

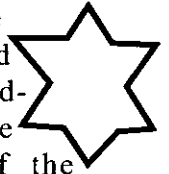
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## Paving the Road to Israel in America

By Frumie Horowitz and Yafit Vaanunu

We all know at least one. They can be recognized by their healthy November tans, while the rest of us are here rotting in the freezing Manhattan rain. When they grace us with their presence for "just a week or so," we are enlightened by the various trials and tribulations of their new holy life. We see hoards of Jewish people crowding round them watering at the mouth, gracing them with comments such as: "Wow, tell me, is it really hard?" or "You are so cool!" and "I hope I can make it like you did!" Those lucky few who have had the tremendous opportunity to single-handedly bring the Jews the Geulah (ultimate redemption, referring to the coming of the Messiah) are what we call Aliyah heroes.

Aliyah is the Hebrew term used to describe a Jewish person who leaves his birthplace and settles in his homeland, Israel. Nowadays, there are countless Jewish youth who make Aliyah, and they are the ones whose expensive overseas conversations with their parents end with a trip to Misrad Hapnim, their return to the bitter diaspora pushed off forever. While we, the Zionist youth who have not yet had the opportunity to move to Israel, must attend symposiums on "Investment in Israel-the best options for



those interested in making Aliyah," these students have a head start because they already dwell in Israel.

We, the future Olim (settlers) have the utmost respect for these pioneers and support them unwaveringly. We know the language barrier and the distance from close friends are only some of the obstacles which they must overcome. Yet, despite all these obstacles, we feel that they are one step ahead of the game. They will experience living in Israel as a student, learning Hebrew each and everyday. They will form connections with many people and communities and these connections will help them to create a foundation for the future.

On the other hand, we will be coming to Israel at a different point in our lives. No longer as a student, carefree and unattached, there is a good chance that we will be making Aliyah with a spouse and possibly a child in tow. With this in mind, it becomes very hard to be content with what we are doing now due to the realization that we still have a long road ahead of us.

Young Zionists that are in the Diaspora have a lot to contend with. Although we all have a plan that eventually leads to Aliyah, when compared with the plight of the Aliyah heroes, our efforts seem meaningless. At some point in our lives we have come in contact with the incredible beauty of the Holy Land. We have all grown to love it. Yet we are made to feel that our appreciation of the land is inferior to the appreciation of those who have already settled in Israel because we have not yet gotten our Teudat Zehut, our Israeli identification.

Additionally, when we come into contact with those who have sacrificed a comfortable American life for a harder life in Israel, every action, no matter its importance, seems to lose significance. Attending an Israel rally, involving

# AIM: THE SOCIAL EPIDEMIC OF OUR GENERATION

By Nechama Gottlieb

The phrase, "It's a small world after all," along with its catchy Disney tune, is one which is more true today than ever before. This is because, as of September 2002, the number of internet users worldwide has grown to be over 605.60 million. This means that people are no longer separated by huge land masses and vast oceans. People can be instantly connected to each other because of the oh-so-small World Wide Web.

I no longer need to wait two weeks before receiving a letter from my cousin overseas. I no longer need to scavenge through my wallet, only to find out that I don't have enough money to speak to my best friend who is studying in Israel for the year. I can now do all this and more, practically for free. It sounds like a great deal.

However, amidst the phenomenon of the internet, there exists a contagious disease which is slowly penetrating into our lives, killing our social mentality. When it comes to keeping in touch, the Instant Messenger, a relatively new forma-

tion in internet history, is something which many people depend on. And why not? In this age of broadband where people leave their computers, internet servers and now Instant Messengers on twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, access to conversation between friends and family is easier than ever.

However, this is the biggest ailment of the internet disease. In an article published in *Yeshiva University's The Commentator*, written by Jesse Mandell and titled "The Global Village and Why I am Leaving," Mandell

refers to the AIM (AOL Instant Messenger) service as "Another Idiotic Message." In order to validate his reasoning, Mandell simulates a typical conversation between two people which runs as

follows:

"Jewboy08: hey

"Jewgirl79: hey

"Jewboy08: how was your shabbos?

"Jewgirl79: good, yours?

"Jewboy08: good"

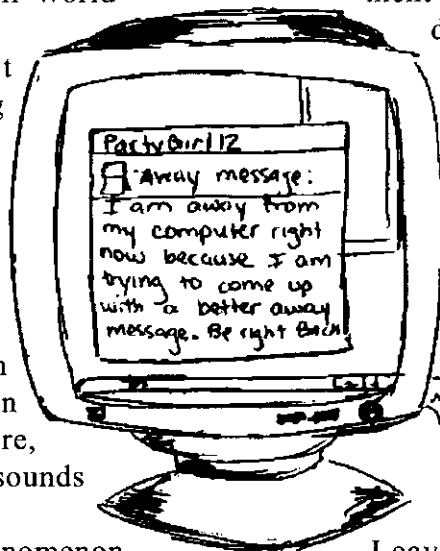
When people see that they have a friend signed on their buddy list, they often feel compelled to "IM" them, even if they have nothing to say. Perhaps this is because of guilt, however it results in a dull and dry conversation, such as the one mentioned above.

AIM sucks the juice out of daily conversation. Mandell writes that he notices that many students are completely unable to communicate properly because they have lost the power of having a real conversation. He says that "AIM removes the interesting, quirky details that made up the human experience from conversation."

The last time I spoke to a friend to whom I haven't spoken to in a while, we had so much to say. Our conversation had substance, mainly because I've cut down on the use of AIM. So, in reality, instead of boosting friendships between people, AIM punctures them.

The use of E-mail is also pro

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oneself in acts of kindness, and even learning Torah become petty actions.

So as to avoid being overcome by this feeling of dejection, both we and our counterparts in Israel must understand each other's present situations. Our Aliyah heroes must realize that we have not lost our passion. We still

yearn to become a part of the growing Jewish state. Therefore, our current situation makes us sensitive to any remark about our absence alongside them. We are insulted by the suggestion that our actions are not for the general public. What we are doing in America is every bit as important as what they are doing in Israel. We are trying to build a foundation for our future life in Israel.

Therefore, both young "Olim," and Zionists who have yet to move to Israel, must be very careful when it comes to assumptions. We must avoid comparisons. This is a lesson not only to warn those who have "made it", but it is also a lesson for those of us who are still here. We should always trust in our own actions. We all know fully well the extent of our commitment to Aliyah and Israel, we should never doubt that our passion, love, and devotion are just as steadfast as that of our peers in Israel.

It is their homeland just as much as it is the homeland of the entire Jewish nation. Some of us, however, might be a little late in coming home.

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# Student Profile:

## Is this Sy Syms Student the Last Met Fan Around?

Name Available  
Class Standing: Upper  
School: Sy Syms  
School of Business  
Major: Accounting  
Hometown: Queens, N.Y.

**Ed.-** What are some of your hobbies and interests?

**A.B.-** Chess, reading national geographic magazine, watching C-span, and C-span2, Nascar, hunting and fishing.

**Ed.-** Are you involved in any

extracurricular activities at Stern?

**A.B.-** I watch TV in the lounge. Sometimes I buy food from the caf.

**Ed.-** What do you consider the best part of being a student at Stern College/ Sy Syms School of Business?

**A.B.-** Rabbi Feldman's classes, they're really something else. And there's H&M down the block.

**Ed.-** Who do you regard as your strongest role models?

**A.B.-** William H. Bonney (a.k.a Billy the Kid)- he was a victim of circumstance, and misunderstood; Rabbi Feldman-I'm not obsessed, okay? Norm McDonald; Doris in Rego Park-she's a caller on the FAN who knows just about everything; Herschel Krustofsky a.k.a Krusty the Clown; my mommy

**Ed.-** So, it seems you're a fan of

the FAN (WFAN). As a Met fan, how do you feel about the great start that the Yankees characteristically jumped out to this year?

**A.B.-** Well, this is actually quite uncharacteristic. It is their best start ever, but for the sake of the question we can pretend that it is characteristic. I wish my team was able to spend more on bench players than the combined salaries of the Devil Rays, Tigers, Pirates, and the A's. Also, instead of playing Atlanta and Phillie nineteen times a year, it would be nice to face Baltimore, Toronto, and Tampa bay nineteen times each.

**Ed.-** Yes, the best start ever, that is true, but they always do jump out to great start. If the Mets were to play three fifths of the American league at least nineteen times a year, how about facing the Yankees nineteen times a year too, or better yet, Clemens and Piazza nineteen times a year.

So, the last time Metropolitans were hard core was so long ago that any fans that are still around have become senile and forgot that they are Met fans. This must mean that you are the last Met fan in the Universe.

**A.B.-** I dunno.these non-existent Met fans have really been giving it to Armando Benitez, they don't sound so senile.

**Ed.-** Yes, Bonehead Blown-save Benitez. Anyways, do you have any specific goals in mind for after you graduate?

**A.B.-** My goal would be to get a job.

**Ed.-** Lastly, Do you have any advice that has been particularly helpful for you to give to other college students?

**A.B.-** Yes, buy low and sell high.

## Lamp Lighters Bring Heaven Down to Earth

By Jessica Levine

One night last semester, as I walked down the first floor hall of the Schottenstein dorm building, I was pulled toward a sound that I couldn't resist-singing. Excitedly following it to the corner of the front lounge, I found a group of cheerful girls who were comfortably seated surrounded by yummy-looking nosh.

I joined this lovely gathering and spent the next hour learning, sharing Torah ideas, singing, and finding out with which kind of girls I go to school. For the first time, I deeply understood why Torah is compared to water-that

night it just flowed without interruption, and I felt as though this mayim chayim, or water of life, had penetrated every little crevice of my soul. I was amazed that these students, who were just lighting up the

room with their music and their internal knowledge of what it truly means to be a Jew, are the same students who walk through the halls of Stern College every day.

What I had experienced that night was a farbrengen, a gathering of people in the tradition of Chabad Chassidism. Under the guidance of the lovely Stern alumna Orly Elisha, I went to a few more farbrengens and informal lectures on the Parsha, the weekly portion, (which included pizza!). When I found out that the Chabad Club would continue to have farbrengens and Shabbatons as well, I immediately jumped into an experience that would result in rewarding benefits.

Led by Sarah Spangenthal, Rivki Malzyner, and Joy Kahmin, the Chabad Club, also known as the "Stern Lamp Lighters," have Tuesday night farbrengens in the back lounge of the 36th St. dormitory, along with visits to the former Lubavitch leader Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's grave,

known as "The Ohel". The club arranges transportation to lectures given by Rabbi Manis Friedman and Rabbi Laibl Wolf, which take place at the Chabad house of Midtown. They also organized a Shabbaton in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, as well as one to end off the year, which took place on the weekend of May 3rd.

The club arranges holiday appropriate activities such as a Chanukah party at the house of Rabbi Yehoshua Metzger, son of SCW professor Rabbi Alter Metzger, and his wife, the marvelous cook/baker, Rebbetzin Bracha Chana Metzger. In addition to these gatherings, they also arrange for a "Mitzvah Tank" to park outside of Pizza Cave on East 34th Street to distribute religious items. (A "Mitzvah Tank" is a trailer that travels throughout New York City, with a rabbi on board, equipped with siddurs (prayerbooks), and tefillin (phylacteries), for men to put

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# Independence In Exile

By Nechama Gottlieb

Photograph by Rivka Gerber

In the *Talmud Yerushalmi, Masechet Yoma*, a story is brought down about two Rabbis who were traveling at night. Upon seeing the first rays of dawn, one Rabbi said to the other that this is how the *Geula*, the final redemption, will be brought.

The light of day does not just come in an instant, rather it happens in slow stages in which it is often difficult to differentiate between the amounts of light in each stage. However, the day eventually comes and the darkness is completely gone.

In the same way, the final redemption of the Jews, referring to the time of the rebuilding of the Holy Temple will not just occur in a flash, but in stages.

In his explanation of the twenty ninth chapter in Jeremiah, the *Abravenel*, along with many other interpreters says that the Second Temple was not the final *Geula*. Despite the fact that the Jews had their Temple and people were returning to the Holy Land at that time, it could not be compared to the time of the first Temple. Many aspects of the First Temple had been removed from the Second Temple and there was still many

Jews who remained outside of Israel.

We are still suffering from the destruction of the First Temple. The Second Temple was merely a step up towards the final redemption. It is like the ray of light that shines through the darkness at dawn.

Today, even more so, we are privileged to be one step closer to the final redemption. We have the State of Israel, something that our grandparents never thought was possible. However, what occurs to the Jewish nation and the State of Israel, be it good or bad, we must realize that every day we are one step closer to the redemption, though not quite there. The *Gemarah in Megillah (17b)* says that "war is also the beginning of redemption." "No matter what happens now within the State of Israel and to the Jewish people, we must understand that G-d is with us. We must also realize that the beginning of the redemption is here and the final redemption will come soon. Although we cannot see the difference right away, slowly, the final redemption is coming just like the rays of light at dawn.

the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, as well as to try and gain an understanding of the Holocaust. Pictures depicting Nazi Brutality and images of Holocaust victims were displayed on the walls of Weisberg Commons and chairs were arranged in circle form where boys and girls sat separately.

blue eyes to leave the rest of the students, symbolizing the children who were torn from their parents during the Holocaust.

The last pages of the Shoah Haggadah were filled with letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Students were asked to rip out each page and they were then collected to be burnt in remembrance of the ashes of the six million souls that went up in smoke. A video featuring a select scene from Schindler's list was then shown to the group.

At the end of the memorial, a song by Wu Tang Clan was played. The song, titled "Never Again," began with sounds of the Shabbat Kiddush and ended with a gunshot. Although many students appreciated the song, which featured lyrics such as "Who would've guessed dying; another life lost, count the cost; another body gas burned and tossed in the Holocaust," others felt it was highly inappropriate, and as one SCW junior said it was "out of context and unsuitable for the event."

Overall however, students were pleased with the memorial, which supposedly was planned at last minute and surprisingly did not feature any Holocaust survivors as speakers.

The evening concluded with students facing an Israeli flag and singing the Israeli national anthem, *Hatikva*. "I'd say it was a success" said SCW Sophomore Nechama Gottlieb, "we came to remember our fallen brethren and try and relive the horror that they went through. I walked away crying" Gottlieb said.

WHAT'S NEW

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# The Holocaust Replayed

By Chavie Schwarzbard

Over a hundred students assembled together Tuesday night, April 29th to honor Yom Hashoah. The event, which was publicized in both Stern College and Yeshiva College was held in Weisberg Commons, Belfer Hall on the Yeshiva University uptown campus.

Students came to commemorate

The event, lead by Yeshiva College Junior, Yaakov Green, commenced with the reading of "A Shoah Haggadah"- a compilation of Holocaust material put together by Rav Avi Weiss, leader of The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale.

Students sang songs including *Ani Maamin*, a song about hope, and were asked to recite poems and stories from the Haggadah. In attempt to reenact feelings of family separation, organizers solicited students with

## Getting to Know Your Hair

By Rivka Kalfa, Guest Writer

The most vivid memories of my childhood involve the look of women and their hair. Some say that one notices a person's eyes when one first meets someone, but when I meet someone, I notice their hair first. This fascination is what led me to attend cosmetology school. I studied cosmetology at Leon's Studio One, an Artec concept school located in Buffalo, New York.

Through my experience, I have noticed that many people do not know facts about their own hair type. This can lead to neglected and severely damaged hair instead of healthy hair.

What great hair does for a person is more subliminal than overt. Really good hair acts like the frame on a beautiful

it surrounds. In order to "frame" your look successfully, you need to know what you are dealing with. So let's talk texture—straight, wavy, curly and kinky.

Straight hair with no curl or wave can be baby fine and limp or coarse like a broom. Like any hair type, straight hair has its styling advantages and limitations.

One type of straight hair, referred to as "steel-belted hair," is strong and resilient. It is able to withstand enormous amounts of heat and manipulation. This is because the thickness of each strand is consistent, while wavy, curly and kinky hair each have variations in thickness along their surface.

Some straight hair, however, tends to be hard to curl and shape, especially baby

painting; not overwhelming or upstaging the artistry

fine hair that seems to go nowhere but down regardless of any attempts to style it. As a result, many people over-process while trying to change its natural state. Take such measures only with caution.

Straight hair has the benefit of natural shine because its smoothness allows for maximum light reflection. Wavy hair is similar to straight hair because, like straight hair, it lies close to the scalp when it grows out, whereas curly and kinky hair grow in spirals away from it. Wavy hair is also similar to curly hair because of the signature s-shaped waves (which are actually large open curls) and it is much easier to curl than straight hair.

In its naturally dried state, wavy hair appears disheveled, often looking like "bedroom hair." However, this raggedness actually gives it more pliability and thickness, lending it to a great range of options, from blowing it out straight to formal up-do styles. The construction of wavy hair also gives these styles more support than straight hair does.

Many people with curly hair want smooth sleek straight hair because curly hair is high maintenance. Most curly textures have a natural coarseness and dryness, making daily styling routine more work than those with straight hair.

Curly textures frizz, blend, and curl in humidity sometimes uncontrollably. Also, chemical processes such as perming, coloring and lightening, can take the definition out of curly hair and leave it frizzy.

However, curly hair is versatile where straight hair isn't. While straight hair may need a product to create volume and pliability, curly has this naturally. This allows freedom to create styles such as an up-twist, ponytails or looks with pins or decorations. With a little work, curly hair does as it's told!

The word kinky describes a variety of configurations ranging from frizzy to spiraled to mixed. Frizzy and textured curls can have a fine or thick texture. It is also sometimes prone to damage and breaking, because kinky hair has the fewest cuticle layers from all the textures. Chemical treatments can cause problems if not handled with care. Yet kinky hair benefits from conditioning, relaxes; it straightens easily and can hold a curly style with great success. Kinky hair is also self supportive. This means that in its naturally dry state, kinky hair can be fashioned into shapes.

So whatever your hair type and texture, there is always a way to develop your individual style. I hope I have provided you with a better approach to treatment of your hair.

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the Minnesota Wild, who, under legendary head coach Jacques Lemaire, rallied from a 3 games to 1 deficit against the Colorado avalanche in the first round of the playoffs. Colorado had been a heavy favorite coming out of the West.

Minnesota currently trails the Vancouver Canucks 3 games to 2 with game 6 set to be played in Minnesota.

The Eastern Conference playoffs have been no less impressive. The most spectacular series of the quarter finals was no doubt the match up between the fourth seeded Philadelphia Flyers and the fifth seeded Toronto Maple Leafs.

Everything was put on the line for the two teams who both loaded up for the playoffs. Philadelphia acquired under performing forwards Tony Amonte from Phoenix and Sami Kapanen from the Carolina Hurricanes in hopes of jumpstarting a struggling offense.

Toronto made equally significant deals before the deadline by re-acquiring Doug Gilmour from the Montreal Canadiens and scoring defenseman Phil Housley from the Blackhawks. But most significantly, Toronto made the blockbuster trade of the year by acquiring Owen Nolan from the salary dumping San Jose Sharks.

Philadelphia and Toronto traded victories until a deciding game seven, in which Philadelphia took advantage of two foolish penalties by Toronto net minder Ed Belfour, to cruise to a 6-1 victory.

The Flyers are had a similarly up and down series against the President's Trophy winning Ottawa Senators, however they were defeated in that semifinals series 4 games to 2.

The Tampa Bay Lightning established a noteworthy series by rallying from a 2 game deficit in the quarterfinals against Washington winning their first series in franchise history, 4 games to 2. However, they were eliminated in 5 games by the New Jersey Devils, who then advanced to the conference finals for the 3rd time in four years.

Expect this year's playoffs to be decided, once again, by the goaltender. New Jersey is now the favorite to come out of the East. Out west, things are a little more complicated. The superb playing of Anaheim and Dallas's goaltenders suggests the winner of that series will come out of the West.

Vancouver could spoil things for everyone, however, as they've found a way to get it done nearly every night in this years playoffs so far. This year's outcome? My money is on New Jersey over the West in 6 games, and that's as daring as I'm willing to be.

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## Snap For Israel

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to record on a chart that hangs on their wall who donated the wrapper and when. This is done in order to keep track of the amount of wrappers they have. They then trim the edges of the wrapper and either paste it up immediately, or save it for "Snapple Wrapper hang up parties" which they conduct every so often.

Periodically, the roommates tally up the wrapper count. At the end of the spring 2003 semester, the roommates will calculate how many wrappers they have in total. They have determined that for each wrapper, ten cents will be donated to the charities.

Once they have calculated the amount of money they owe, the roommates will divide the amount amongst themselves and each give an equal amount of money to charity.

Participating together in "Snap for Israel" has brought the five friends closer together. Chavi Schwarzbard and Ilana Lieberman explained that, "It gives us all a common aspiration and it gives us something to do when we're bored." And they have fun with it, too. Hanging from 12B's ceiling is a 3-foot tall blowup Snapple bottle, adding to the ambience of the room. One night, the roommates counted a total of 999 wrappers, so the next one they put up, they covered with cellophane and decorated with the number "1000."

Certain members of another unnamed institution tried to donate a Lipton Iced Tea label with the word 'Brisk' crossed out and 'Snapple' written over it, but a specimen like that did not make the cut with "Snap for Israel".



"Kol shtia she'ani shotah,  
ani shotah beshvil Eretz  
Yisrael"

"Every drink that I drink, I  
drink for Eretz Yisrael."

"I'm not such a big  
fan of Snapple but if it  
means helping my brothers and  
sisters in Eretz Yisrael then  
hooks me up with some  
diet orange carrot  
Snapple juice drink."

## FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS- FUTURE WORLD CHAMPIONS

### Why the Yankees Will Win this Year

By Shoshana Herman

Baseball season is underway and the Yankees have once again taken a seat at the top of the standings. It almost seems like last season was a fluke and that we are still in 2002. We are even still waiting to see who will win the all-star game.

As much as I tried to feel upset last October, I could not be troubled by the fact that the Yankees were not playing in the World Series. I tried really hard and I even watched all the games instead of studying for my biology midterm, but it just felt like I was watching a regular inter-league game that I was sure the Giants would win.

Well, so much for that idea. And when

Kenny Lofton failed to make it home in game seven, it finally hit home that this was no cold front in July- this was October, man.

Last year was still a fluke though. While it is true that the Yankees are running out of fingers to put their rings on, nevertheless, I think that they will be the 2003 World Champions.

Manager Joe Torre, the skilled artisan who carefully crafted the 1996-2001 Yankees, once again crafted the Yankees before the 2002 season. This past off-season, Torre polished his team with additions such as Hideki Matsui, the call-up of budding star Erick Almonte from Triple A Columbus and the padding of veteran

Todd Zeile as backup in the infield.

So the Yankees are once again loaded with a great mix of talent and potential, but there are certain players that I think will be particularly instrumental in leading Torre's troops to the 2003 fall classic.

The Yankees have the solid pitching rotation that got them to the playoffs and beyond many times before. The starting pitchers had not lost a single game this season until Andy Pettitte's 6-2 loss to Anaheim on April 24th.

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SOCIETY

## What Do You Think? A Matter of Ethics

# Do Capital Crimes Deserve Capital Punishment?

By Devora Whitman

The current had been passing through his body for fifteen seconds when the electrode at the head was removed. Suddenly, the breast heaved. There was a straining at the straps which bound him. A purplish foam covered the lips and was spat-tered over the leather head band. The man was alive.

"Warden, physician, guards, everybody lost their wits. There was a startled cry for the current to be turned on again. An odor of burning flesh and singed hair filled the room, for a moment a blue flame played about the base of the victim's spine. This time the electricity flowed for four minutes." That was the report in the New World newspaper when death by electrocution was introduced in the United States in 1890 with the execution of William Kennler by the state of New York.

The New York Times described the new method as, "euthanasia by electricity," and the U.S. Supreme Court, upholding the state appellate court's decision that death by electricity was not cruel and unusual punishment, had concluded: "It is in easy reach of the electrical science at this day to so generate and apply to the person of the convict a current of electricity of such known and sufficient force as certainly to produce instantaneous and therefore painless death." However, no one viewing such an execution would be able to agree with the court's conclusion.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which unequivocally endorses the right of every human being not to be killed or subjected to torture. Amnesty International defines torture as extreme physical or mental assault on a person who has been rendered defenseless. The United States signed that declaration. Why are they not being held to it?

Capital punishment is a simplistic solution to a complex moral issue.

Execution signals to society that violence is an acceptable way of dealing with human problems. Is this the message we wish to relay to our children?

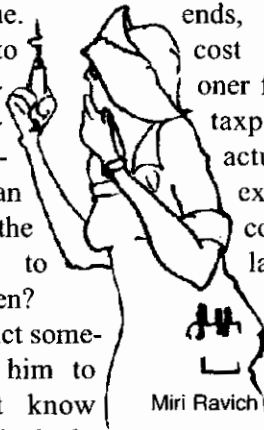
In order to convict someone and sentence him to death, we must know beyond all reasonable doubt that he is guilty,

and deserves to die. What about those cases that occur in 40-60% of murder trials according to Federal court review, in which innocence is later revealed due to added evidence? When this is a jail sentence the verdict is reversed, the imprisoned man released, and an apology given. But how do you reverse death? What apology can be given for murder?

99% of all death row inmates are poor. Is this because rich people simply commit fewer crimes than everyone else? Or is it because poor people get the defense for which they pay? In actuality, it is race, poverty, and geography that determine

who gets the death penalty. Is this a fair standard by which to mete out life and death?

Proponents of the death penalty state its effectiveness as a deterrent for future crimes. However, the U.S. murder rate is no higher in states that do not have the death penalty than in those that do. Clearly something is amiss. When questioned as to whether life imprisonment would achieve the same ends, they cite the large cost of supporting a prisoner for life, often at the taxpayer's expense. In actuality, however, the execution of a prisoner costs 3.18 million dollars, significantly greater than the sum of 516,000 dollars for life imprisonment.



Miri Ravich

Others may bring Biblical sources advocating, and even requiring the death penalty for convicted murderers. However, according to Jewish law, only a duly ordained Sanhedrin can approve capital punishment and only at a time when the Temple is standing in Jerusalem. Even Non-Jewish thinkers find it essential to note the numerous other crimes for which the Bible prescribes death as punishment: contempt of parents, sorcery, sacrifices to foreign gods, profaning the Sabbath, and adultery, to name a few. But no person with common sense would dream of appropriating such a moral code today, and it is curious that those who so readily invoke,

incorrectly according to Jewish law, the "eye for an eye, life for life" passage are so quick to shun other biblical prescriptions which also call for death, arguing that modern societies have evolved over the three thousand years since biblical times and no longer consider such exaggerated and archaic punishments appropriate.

This issue is of paramount importance to the American Orthodox Jewish community. It is our responsibility to protest injustice - when liberty is denied to one, it is denied to all. Executing Americans runs counter to the very tenets of Judaism, the fundamentals of faith on which our religion is based. This debate concerns us, as a collective whole, in a direct and personal way. We cannot allow this practice to continue. It is our task our burden and our privilege to rally against this violation of human rights. This is an American issue; a black issue, a Christian issue, a Hispanic issue, and a Jewish issue.

What is needed to abolish the death penalty is to persuade the American people that governmental killings are too costly for us, not only financially but more importantly, morally. Allowing our government to kill citizens compromises the deepest moral values upon which this country was conceived: the inviolable dignity of human persons. As Mahatma Ghandi once said, "If everyone took an eye for an eye, the whole world would be blind."

moted by many as a means of keeping in touch. It is used so much that the amount of "snail mail," as standard mail is referred to these days, is drastically being reduced. I can't even remember the last time I received a letter in the mail, other than a wedding invitation, a bill or the like. The experience of getting a letter in the mail has always been a little perk of excitement. However this experience is widely lacking today.

I noticed this lack even more this past summer when I was a counselor at a camp. Even the kids who grew up in this new age of E-mail and AIM were overjoyed when they received real mail.

One of the fondest memories I have of my grandmother took place one Sunday afternoon when we sat down together with a box filled with crumpled, yellowish pieces of paper. These papers were beautifully written letters that my grandfather had exchanged with my grandmother while he was courting her.

For a while, I saved all the E-mails I received on my hard drive. It wasn't the same and when I reread them though, I definitely did not experience the same feeling as my grandmother had when she reread her letters, but it was the closest I could get. I sometimes think about printing them out and saving them, but somehow I don't think that my grandchildren will be interested in reading a letter that starts with "hey, wutz up?" and ends with "ttyl".

Although Jesse Mandell in his editorial doesn't mention the harmful effects of e-mail,

# AIM

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I think that the overuse of E-mail is just another symptom of this social disease.

One of the many reasons people prefer the use of AIM and e-mail is because they are swept away by the quickness and speed of modern-day technology. However, on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the highest level), the internet has brought people's level of patience down to a

negative number.

Personally, this has affected me and there's nothing I can do about it. In my dorm room, I am "fortunate" enough to be connected to a network where broadband connection is at its best. However, when I go home for the weekend, it's impossible for me to connect to the internet simply because I do not have the patience to wait for the "old-fashioned" dial-up internet connection that my parents have. I can't even wait one extra minute to access the World Wide Web.

Jesse Mandell calls the internet "a new found opiate." It's a drug that causes people to have a "gimme now" mentality. We are little children who must have everything now. This symptom affects the way people act in general as well. It's highly noticeable on the streets of New York, where people can no longer simply stroll down the streets, or wait patiently to board a bus or train. People rush onto the train the second the doors open causing the people exiting the train to have a hard time getting off. We are willing to risk our lives running in front of Broadway traffic, rather than to wait two

extra minutes for the light to change from red to green. This is because in the Internet world, two minutes has been transformed into a whole lifetime. I strongly believe that all of the patience-lacking episodes we observe are a result of the "gimme now" mentality, which has developed because of the Internet.

Another attribute of the Internet is that people could just sit at their computers in their underwear and live their lives. They could shop and do research all while still keeping in touch with their friends. However, there is nothing praiseworthy about this. This simply promotes the amount of laziness found in society which also stems from the lack of patience mentioned above. Mandell's response is "why would one stay inside and shop when they could go outside?" He discusses the advantages of going to college in New York. We have so much around us, stores, museums and libraries. Instead of walking up and down the city streets, we sit at our computers with our credit cards and shop due to our laziness. Instead of curiously browsing through the wonderful collections of books the libraries have to offer, we order something online and have it shipped right to our front door. As college students living in the city, we are fortunate enough to be living amidst a world of culture. Instead, we chose to sit on our bottoms with a mouse in one hand and a credit card in the other. Laziness has always attributed to the many couch potatoes in the world. However, the time has come for the couch potatoes to move over in order make room on the La-Z-Boy for the newcomers to the world of laziness, the Internet users.

on).

Each of the events that the club organizes is characterized by love of Israel and a striving to live life as true servants of G-d. One does not have to be a "Lubavitcher" to attend, enjoy, and get the most out of "Stern Lamplighter" activities. I do not follow Lubavitcher customs, but I feel completely comfortable at the club's activities, because the "Stern Lamplighters" cont'd from pg 8

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# Malpractice

## Advice From Stun Muffin Malka Lipetz

Dear Stun Muffin,

I recently asked my boyfriend of one and a half years where he wants to live when we get married. He told me that Israel was the place for him. He went on to explain that the only place he ever dreamed of living when he got older was in Ashdod, Israel. Now I know for a fact that this isn't true.

Many times we discuss the newlyweds who make Aliyah, and each time he always puts them down, puts down the Israeli economy and says how he wants to live near Wall Street so he can make it big. So his idea of Israel being his dreamland since he was five is obviously a huge lie. I feel like he's only saying that because it has been my dream to

make Aliyah when I get married. He knows that I will only marry someone who will join me in the quest of settling the holy land.

What he's saying is a pretty big lie. Should I ignore this? But what will that say for other things in the rest of our relationship?

-Living In a Riot

Dear L.I.A.R.,

It is obvious, L.I.A.R., that your boyfriend is lying to you. And what will that say for the rest of your relationship? Only promising things. Your boyfriend has truly proven himself worthy to be with you. He knew the exact lie to tell you when you approached him with this question.

When you drilled him, he knew the right answer. It shows how well he knows you. It shows you that he cares. If he didn't love you or care for you then he would not have put any effort in his answer. He would have outright said 'baby, I wanna live on a ranch with the bulls.' But he didn't say that now, did he? No. He answered your question with thought and extreme care.

For the future this lie shows that he will be able to appease you all the time. It shows that he will go to any lengths to make you happy. This one's a keeper L.I.A.R. You shouldn't let him get away.

Sincerely,  
Stun Muffin

# MLB Predictions

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Each of the Yankee starters are accomplished pitchers who have not been worn down yet.

Forty year old "Rocket" Roger Clemens has already got his ring, but he still has some work to accomplish as he is just two wins away from win number 300, but still on a quest for even higher status in the strikeout department. After going 18-10 in 2002, Mike Mussina is 7-1 so far this season, the first pitcher to win 7 games. As of the post-season, Moose had 160 wins over the previous 10 seasons, and he has 20 career two-hit shutouts under his glove, a key capability for shutting down offensively propitious teams.

Andy Pettitte finished off last season winning eleven of his final thirteen decisions, including going 5-0 in his final five games, and Metallica fan David Wells led the Yankees in wins last season with nineteen. Wells has the aggressiveness, and not to mention attitude to be intimidating to both rookies and veterans as well.

Jeff Weaver benefited from re-locating to the Bronx last year. The mid-season acquisition gave the Yanks a talented young pitcher and gave a talented young pitcher the chance to win. In his first 84 innings of the 2002 season, Weaver did not allow a home run. After coming to the Yanks, Weaver went 5-3 with two saves.

In terms of closers, the Yankees have what they need as well. Mariano Rivera has recently returned to the Yanks from the 15 day DL. As long as Sterling Hitchcock

stays healthy, he and Rivera will provide significant innings from the bullpen.

While a winning team must have solid and consistent pitching, reliable hitting and fielding supply essential benefits to any team that has a shot at the playoffs. This applies especially to those fierce Detroit Tigers. Well, maybe back in 1968.

The Yankees have realistic visions of the post-season partly because of four players. Jason Giambi, Jorge Posada, Alfonso Soriano and Bernie Williams.

Giambi is having a rough start this season, but last year he established career highs with the Yanks. If Giambi does not break out of his slump quickly, then the Yankees have Nick Johnson to back him up at first. But I say that Giambi is due up for a comeback. Look for some mammoth home runs from him this season.

Three time all-star Jorge Posada is well-adjusted behind the plate, and with forty doubles last year, the resourceful hitter should be involved in leading the Yankees through October.

Bernie Williams is currently on a five year streak of at least a hundred runs per season. Williams can base hit as well as homer perhaps more consistently than any other Yankee player. Bernie is also capable on the track, at the wall and has come up big many times before for the Bombers.

The Yanks made it to the World Series even with Chuck Knoblauch's throwing woes, but Alfonso Soriano does not take after Knoblauch in the defensive region.

Soriano finished last season as a 40-40 player and began this season with a grand slam on opening day, one of two so far. The American League's player of the month for the month of April, Soriano batted .371 and committed just two errors at second base throughout the entire month of April. With Fonzi in the lineup, happy days are here again.

While Soriano will be one of the most important players on the Yankees this season, Hideki Matsui epitomizes the quality of a Bronx Bomber. Matsui is putting up some impressive rookie numbers so far this season batting .319 with eight doubles and twenty-four runs batted in. Look for Soriano and Matsui to be the most dominant leaders of the 2003 Yankees.

My analysis may be fairly typical in terms of which players will lead the Yankees this season, and I may have gone all out to say that these Yankees are a World Champion caliber squad. I also predict that such a large cluster of players will be instrumental in placing ring number twenty-seven on the Yankee franchise. This is because the 1996 and 1998-2000 Yankees did not have one Hank Aaron, Willie Mays or Cy Young. It was most of the team that lead the Yanks to the post-season. Torre has crafted a completely new set of characters dissimilar to the Yankees of the late nineties, but there is a Yankee dynasty for every generation and the Yankee dynasty of the Torre generation has not been overthrown just yet.

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