

Standing from left to right are Sylvia Barack from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Betty Feurewerber from Paris, France, and Freda London from Winnipeg, Canada. Seated in front is Nechama Hilewitz from South Africa.

Enrollment up 5%, Girls From 'Round the Globe'

Dr. Dan Vogel, Dean of Stern College, has announced an increase of 5% in the school enrollment. Of the 270 women attending the 1960-61 school year, 104 are new students with 94 of these being freshmen.

Of 240 applicants, 40 were rejected and others failed to complete their applications. From 145 applicants with satisfactory qualifications, 104 actually enrolled in Stern.

Included in the freshman class are representatives from nations around the world. From Bandon, Indonesia to Columbia, South America, to Johannesburg, South Africa, Stern College covers the globe.

Shifra Nussbaum comes originally from the farthest point. She was born in Sumatra, Indonesia and had lived in many countries before she reached her permanent home in Toronto, Canada.

Traveling inward from the Near East, Stern attracted Vordina Erez from Israel. Nechama Hilowitz from Johannesburg South Africa also joined the influx.

South of the border, from Mexico, comes Martha Shack of Mexico City. Canadians travelling south include Freda Lon-

don of Winnipeg, Ruth Lebovic and Brenda Rubinfeld from Toronto, and others from Montreal.

Throughout the United States we find representatives, with girls from Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California; Omaha, Nebraska; Denver, Colorado; St. Louis, Missouri; Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Chicago, Illinois; Memphis, Tennessee; Detroit, Michigan; Louisville, Kentucky; Miami Beach, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; and Danville, Virginia, to name a few.

Stern College Dormitory Lists Innovations; Annual Chagiga Scheduled for October 30

Under the administration of the new dormitory council officers — President Arlene Missan, Vice-President Judy Baumer, Secretary Shirley Wertheimer, and Treasurer Hermine Gertz, plans have already begun for forthcoming Annual Dorm Chagiga.

Chairmen of the Chagiga, which is scheduled for October 30, 7:30 p.m., are Miriam Gunzenhauser and Dorene Parsons. Entertainment, chaired by Judy Fink and Fern Reisberg, will be provided by members of the student body.

Other committee heads include Judith Rosenberg and Janet Maimon — Door, Rachel Steinberg and Rochelle Ziegelman — Drawing Invitations, Ruth Weinberg and Helene Friedman — Sending Out Invitations, Myra Kagan and Miriam Radinsky — Checking, Shulamith Klavan and Andrea Kirshnitz — Decorations, and Suzanne Paley and Joan Genuer — Refreshments.

Innovations in the dormitory include the addition of the fifth floor of the Hotel Collingwood as a fourth floor to the dormitory. On each floor, one study

room has been provided, and a lounge for student use, on the first floor of the hotel, is scheduled to be completed by October 1.

Integrated rooming has been instituted this year, as far as class is concerned. Thus, members of each class are found on every floor providing a greater chance for freshmen and upperclassmen to associate more closely.

The dormitory newspaper this year will be headed by Suzanne Paley and Dorene Parsons as Co-Editors.

Newly elected floor chairmen include Fran Lipman and Joy Yudofsky — second floor, Rachelee Brog and Ruth Zipper — third floor, Esther Rivkin and Ruth Weinberg — fourth floor and Dorene Parsons and Rachel Steinberg — fifth floor.

Previously, floor chairmen were appointed by the heads of the Dormitory Council. This semester, however, positions were open to any upperclassman.

Chairman for the D'var Torah Committee for presentation of speeches on Shabbos is Esther Yablak.

Twelve New Teachers Enlarge Stern Faculty

The increased enrollment and a wider range of elective courses open to students have resulted in the addition of 12 faculty members to the Stern College staff.

Dr. Meyer Minkowich is a new instructor in the Hebrew department. A former assistant district attorney in Jerusalem, he has previously taught at Gratz College in Philadelphia.

Coming to Stern after teaching previously at New York and Long Island Universities, and the New York State Institute of Psycho-Biology, Professor Stanley Graham teaches courses in the psychology department. At present he also serves as Director of Research at the Long Island Consultation Center and is a practicing psychoanalyst.

Mrs. Miriam Grosz, fellow in mathematics at Stern, received her undergraduate education at Barnard College. She did graduate work at the Columbia University Graduate School of Mathematics at Yeshiva University. Before coming to Stern, Mrs. Grosz taught at the Columbia School of General Studies.

A graduate of Yeshiva College and Teacher's Institute for Men, Rabbi Mitchell Orlian was ordained by the late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yitzchok Levi Herzog. He served as principal of the Yeshiva Hadaron before assuming his position as assistant director of T.L. for Men at Yeshiva and instructor in Hebrew at Stern.

Mrs. S. Grace is a Hunter graduate who received both her B.A. and M.A. in speech and is present co-ordinator of the speech program for retarded children in the New York Board of Education. She has served as camp director for 18 years in a children's camp and plans to open another in partnership

with her sister, television celebrity, Bess Myerson.

New in the English department is Mrs. Laurel Mendelson who comes to Stern having received her B.A. from Brooklyn College and M.A. from New York University. A Phi Beta Kappa member, she was the first woman instructor at the New York School of Engineering in Washington Square. In addition, Mrs. Mendelson has taught at New York University.

Rabbi Joshua Schmidman, who received smicha from Chayim Berlin, is teaching Jewish Philosophy, Dinim and Liturgy, here. Having received his B.A. from Brooklyn, he is presently working on his Ph.D. at Columbia.

The director of the Yeshiva University Graduate School of Education Off Campus Program, Prof. Rosenthal is new to the education department of Stern. A graduate of Columbia University where he is now working on his Ph.D., he formerly taught at Teachers College.

Dr. Fred Goodman, Assistant

Professor of Biology, taught at Stern in 1955-56, and is rejoining the faculty after a research position with Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital.

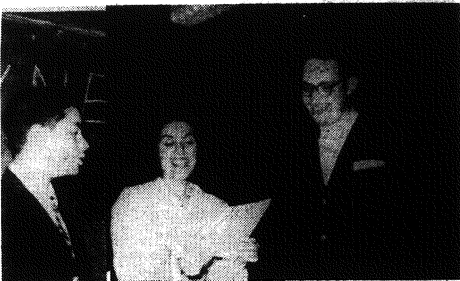
A native of Paris, Miss A. Schwartzberg is presently teaching French here. She received her B.A. from Douglas College, and an M.A. in French from New York University.

New in the history department is Professor Cantor, a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and recipient of a Ph.D. from Princeton. Professor Cantor is presently an associate professor of history at Columbia and has published a study of relations between Church and State in Medieval England.

Chanukah Chagiga Plans Begun

This year's Chanukah Chagiga will be held as a school-wide affair, rather than as separate affairs for the upper and lower classes as a result of recent student council legislation.

Yavneh Chapter Formed; Batya Abramson is Pres.



Robert Levine, left; Batya Abramson, center; and Joel Levine, right; discuss plans for newly-formed Yavneh Chapter at Stern.

by PHYLLIS BRUNSWICK

Batya Abramson was elected President of the Stern College chapter of Yavneh, organized on Monday evening, September 19.

National President Joel Levine, who attends the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, spoke on the aims and ideals of the organization.

Yavneh is a national organization promoting high level Jewish progress on various college campuses. It aims to unite Orthodox Jewish students so that they can improve the Jewish programs on their respective campuses and so that the interest of these students will be adequately represented to university administration and the Jewish community.

"Rather than see Yavneh become a large national organization," President Levine hopes to "strengthen the individual chap-

ters intellectually." Joel later stated, "I hope this is the best chapter in the organization."

Also attending was Robert Levine, the present Co-ordinator of the Yavneh Summer Institute in Israel. Bob also served as Co-Chairman of the recent Study Conclave held over Labor Day Weekend. He attends the New York University School of Medicine. Later, he expressed his hope "that the New Year sees the organization of a strong and active chapter at Stern."

Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg and Joshua Schmidman, both members on the faculty of Yeshiva University, were guest speakers recently at the 1960 Yavneh Labor Day Weekend Study Conclave.


Dean's List Names Twenty-Five Girls

Special to The Observer, the office has just released the Dean's Honor List of 1959-60. Those students named are: Batya Abramson, Judith C. Borvick, Judith P. Cohen, Judith Epstein,

Rochelle Fink, Simma Gertz, Esther Gordimer, Paulette Hiller, Debra Kfare, Shulamith Klavan, Jeanette Kleinman.

Myrna Krentzman, Lois Kuritzky, Nira Liabi, Esther Lieberman, Frances Lipman, Ellen Offenbacher, Suzanne Paley.

Helen Pflanzner, Judith Rosenberg, Dena Shapiro, Rheta Weinstein, Jessica Wernick, Dvora Wilamowsky, and Naomi Wilamowsky.



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Back To School

By this time the new school year is well underway. Schedules have been adjusted and new routines have been established. Upperclassmen have renewed their former relationships and freshmen have made new ones.

Beginning a college career or returning to school and all that it represents is exciting. Too often however, it is very much taken for granted.

It should not be forgotten that the opportunity to attend college is a privilege. The privilege is an even greater one here at Stern where one has the opportunity to study our Jewish heritage in addition to the general course of studies.

This privilege should not be abused. Too many students place primary emphasis on the quest for high marks rather than on a sincere search for knowledge.

Higher education in general should be a striving for intellectual fulfillment. Our aim at Stern College in particular should not be a satisfactory mediocrity, but a constant striving for excellency in consonance with our religious heritage.

A New 'Social Order'

In the past few years Stern College has undergone an exceedingly rapid growth. This growth has transformed the student body from a small and intimate group of classmates to today's body of college students. The new freshman class alone is as large as the entire student body was but a few years ago.

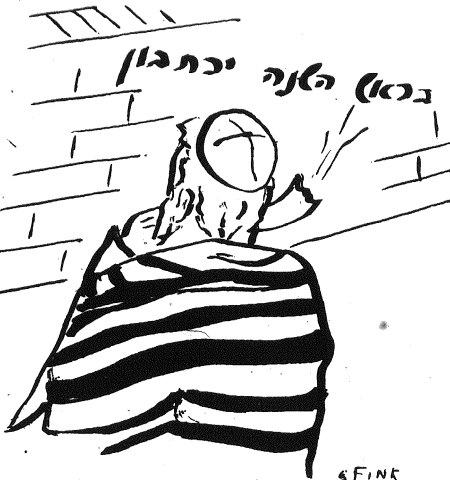
This transformation has radically altered the "social order." No more is it possible for each student to establish a personal relationship with every other student. Unfortunately growth in size brings with it a corresponding diminishing of closely knit relationships. But if Stern College is to perform its basic function, to give, as many girls as possible an opportunity to observe traditional Judaism and to develop a feeling for and appreciation of our Jewish heritage, grow it must. No deserving applicant should be denied this opportunity offered uniquely by Stern.

Nevertheless, we should strive to retain the many merits of a small and intimate school. Genuine personal relationships between the students and faculty and among the students themselves are indeed valuable. If the entire student body works together as a united group small school intimacy can be achieved and upheld despite numerical growth.

Participation in school activities and support of school projects are definite ways of fostering unity. Clubs, class activities, the college newspaper and yearbook, the school-wide charity drive and blood drive all furnish outlets for the promotion of unity and intimacy in the student body.

Student interest and support of Student Council decisions can also unite the student body. The value and importance of Student Council must not be underestimated. The student body places its trust in the hands of elected representatives. The students can unite themselves by abiding by the decisions of these delegates.

Above all, unity and intimacy can be achieved by an awakened devotion to our school and to each other.



Dr. Belkin Issues Holiday Message

by DR. SAMUEL BELKIN

President of Yeshiva University

Culminating the ten-day period of penitence after the celebration of the Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur reemphasizes one of Judaism's most enduring contributions to the ethics of civilization—the idea that man is a spiritual being.

As we and our fellow Jews throughout the world spend a day of solemn prayer in the synagogue and take stock of our spiritual resources, we are reminded that material existence alone is meaningless unless it is backed by moral and ethical purpose.

Such a profound teaching has special meaning on the Day of Penitence when each of us must assess his spiritual values. It also has special meaning for an age

increasingly concerned with materialism, an age that has tended to regard technological achievement as the sole yardstick for measuring progress.

For in a day's fasting and prayer, we put aside the normal rhythms of our lives and reflect on a meaning and purpose deeper than the hurried demands of everyday existence.

This shift in spiritual focus can serve us well in reexamining the place we assign to material values, as individuals and as a nation. What it will enable us to see in the pressures of days after Yom Kippur are those moments of spiritual significance that make our lives meaningful.

Mazel Tov

On their marriages:

Joanne Bloomberg '61 to Vel Hukower, Marcia Brickman '62 to Bob Hirt, Dina Friedman '62 to Rabbi Mendel Hirsch, Judy Grossman '62 to Eddie Rosenberg, Judy Jacobson '62 to Mitchell Leifer.

Tyra Kellner '61 to Moshe Leiberman, Claire Langner '62 to Meir Katz, Gail Markowitz '61 to Jerry Quint, Ruth Mathews '62 to Alex Katz, Judy Metzger '62 to Rabbi Moishe Sukenik, Shirli Pasternak '60 to Jules Ehrman.

Bobbie Rosen '60, to San Rapaport, Syma Rosenbaum '62 to Teddie Brodie, Bernice Shapiro '62 to Rabbi Lawrence Nesis, Deanna Sinnet '61 to Henry Klein, Shifra Teigman '62 to Rabbi Yaakov Jungreis, and Brenda Wruble '62 to Mel Streisand.

On their engagements:

Bryna Charney '63 to Muttly Blumenreich, Deanne Chill '63 to Leonard Shapiro, Sandy Cohen '62 to Robert Strauss, Pitzie Friedman '63 to Judah Landau. Phyllis D. Katz '61 to Rabbi Judah Rosenberg, Myrna Krentzman '62 to Seymour Kosowsky, and Tobi Schwitzer '62 to Rabbi Moshe Hillel Hirsch.

To The Editor

For the eight years since its inception, Stern College has maintained a student council for the purpose of representing its student body. During that period of time, it has served as a "middleman" between the administration and the student body, and has managed to establish itself as the force behind the dynamics of school activity.

Last semester the student council voted to establish a school yearbook rather than a senior yearbook. It was further decided that, in order to support the yearbook and other council activities on a school-wide basis, an increase in student activities fees would be immediately requested.

Student Council made such a request from the University's Bursar office during the spring semester. To date, no official answer has been received, and plans for the yearbook have been forced to a standstill.

We are now forced to ask ourselves a most embarrassing question: are the wishes of the student body of Stern College so inconsequential to the offices of the University that they can be blatantly ignored?

Will the Student Council of Stern College humbly accept the callous, unspoken dictates of the Bursar's office?

The Editors,

Kochaviah - 1961

Observer Announces Editorial Staff Change

Due to the departure to Israel of Dvora Wilamowsky, former Co-Editor of *The Observer*, changes in the editorial positions of the staff were necessitated. Rita Markovitz is now Editor-in-Chief. Phyllis Brunswick and Letty Hiller are Associate Editors.

Days of Thought, Judgment Constitute Month of Tishri

by BLOSSOM RABINOWITZ

A despairing father once entreated his erring son by proposing the following: For every misdemeanor you commit, hammer a nail into the wall. When you will regret your error and not commit that same offense again, you may pull out the nails.

As time progressed, whenever the son felt he had reached the point of true regret for a misdeed, he painstakingly pulled out the nails. At the end of the year, a radical improvement was evident and there was not one nail in the wall.

The nails were gone, yet in their place remained a scarred wall. The father spoke then, "This year, my son, I hope the wall shall remain clear and whole."

Upon just such a proposition are based the Yomim Noraim, the Solemn Days of reflection and prayer. The first ten days of the month of Tishri, our Almighty Father is waiting for our repentance. On the first two days of this month, Rosh Hashonah, we are given the opportunity to absolve the marred past and request a new lease on life.

We are given the ten intervening days between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur to repent. Yom Kippur, the holiest

and most solemn day, originated when G-d forgave the Jewish people for sinning against him with the golden calf. On Yom Kippur the Book of Life is inscribed and the fate of mortal man is sealed.

Joyfully we look forward to Succos, one of the three major annual festivals. By sitting in the Succah for seven days we recall the hardships our ancestors faced on their journey in the wilderness. And through this experience man sees that life itself is but a larger booth and within the encompassing walls of our Eimuna each of us will always be safe.

Many symbolic meanings are attributed to the Lulov and Esrog, three myrtle branches, and two willow branches that are waved together on the days of Sukkos. They represent a harmonious blending of four different types of people. The Esrog, the ideal,

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Calendar

Vacation Begins - September 30
Yom Kippur - October 1
Succos - October 6 and 7
Shemini Atzeres - October 13
Simchas Torah - October 14
School Resumes - October 17
Dorm Chagiga - October 30
Thanksgiving - November 24

Faculty Closeup:

Mrs. Schachter

By LETTY HILLER

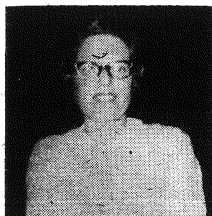
Perhaps the best example of an instructor who believes in "practicing what she teaches" is Mrs. Natalie Schachter, Instructor in Sociology and guidance adviser in charge of social functions at Stern.

Active in the Jewish community of West Hempstead, Long Island, she and her husband, Daniel Schachter, helped to found a yeshiva and Orthodox synagogue there seven years ago. She recalls with a touch of pride that the day school, which three of her four children attend, started out with only 30 students and has a present enrollment of 350. Mrs. Schachter feels that her community experiences amply illustrate the sociological problems of the maintenance of Orthodox life in the suburbs.

The pretty, light-haired instructor, who comes from a Rabbinic family, first became interested in the field of sociology at Columbia University. Previously she had majored in economics at Barnard, where she also played on the basketball team. Her father, professor of sociology at Yeshiva University, convinced her to take a course with Professor MacIver of Columbia. "From then on," she says, "I became a confirmed sociologist."

Presently she is working on the dissertation for her doctorate, which is half completed. Mrs. Schachter's theory states that in a family where the wife observes the Jewish family purity laws, there are more likely to be better family relationships. Her dissertation is being approached from a purely scientific point of view.

Displaying an active interest in politics, Mrs. Schachter has one main complaint. "Most young people who study politics," she claims, "have never seen the inside mechanisms of our national parties."



Mrs. Natalie Schachter

She gained first hand experience in politics when she worked as executive secretary of the Young Democrats of New York State. As part of this work, Mrs. Schachter and her husband traveled throughout the State, making speeches and promoting certain candidates. "The first time my husband and I met," she admits, "we argued about politics."

In 1952 they attended the national convention in Chicago as party workers. "Here I obtained experience in the excitement of crowd behavior by artificial means."

During the demonstration for Harriman, I, too, was swept up by the excitement. I only hope that no one at home was watching me on T.V."

A favorite topic of Mrs. Schachter's is her family, specifically her children—Stephen, Jessica, Judith, and Naomi, who range in age from 1½ to 10 years. Her personal theories on child-raising could be termed those of "wholesome neglect." She feels that an important characteristic for children to develop at an early age is independence.

"In my home each child has a definite responsibility. Even the baby has learned to pick up her toys. Nowadays parents worry too much about making their children happy, when they should be equipping them for adult life."

Mrs. Schachter has taken a special interest in the growth and development of Stern College, since she taught its first freshman class. "Although its enrollment has increased a great deal," she says, "it has retained its close-knit feeling. There exists at Stern a warmth and spirit which I haven't seen at other colleges."

Operation Elevator Orients Freshmen

by NATALIE KLEIN

It all started with the perplexity of learning to run the elevator at the Hotel Collingwood. September sixth and seventh brought to Stern many new faces.

Approximately forty freshmen arrived on September sixth. Their first few hours at Stern were filled with unpacking, getting settled, and getting acquainted with their next door neighbors.

The week before classes was filled with joy, with surprise, and with fun. It was necessary to orient the freshmen to Stern and to New York, as well as the dorm to the freshmen.

The first night, everyone, including upperclassmen, gathered in the dorm president's room, where the newcomers were made to feel at home with singing and joking, and even a little seriousness. Of course the serious side included a long list of rules and regulations, while the less se-



Big sister Judy Lefkowitz welcomes Joan Genauer to Stern.

rious consisted of refreshments, and getting acquainted. From then on the upperclassmen took everything in hand. The "little sisters" met their "big sisters"

at lunch; there was a Freshman Convocation and "tea" for the big and little sisters; a tour of the U.N. and plenty of TV show tickets for all.

Stern Senior Returns From Studies In Israel, Spends Year Learning At Hebrew University

by SYLVIA BARACK

"Moving, moving," was the way Devora Kasachkoff, Stern senior who spent the past year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, described the spirit of Israel.

Miss Devora Kasachkoff, a math major, was impressed and inspired by the intellectual curiosity and political activity which exists in that university of 8,000 students. She feels that the maturity of the students, the high standing of the university, the

deep political responsibility felt by most citizens, and the abundance of Israeli political parties all contribute to the lively and invigorating atmosphere of Hebrew University.

The university is based on a European, rather than American, educational system. This means that the student's field of endeavor is concentrated in one area, instead of being spread over a large number of subjects.

The student is judged only by his performance in examinations. This greater responsibility, plus the fact that most Israelis attend college after the required army term, produces a student body of more maturity, direction, and independence than is found in the average American university.

Because of its distinction as being the only government recognized university and its Je-

rusalem location, Hebrew University is in the center of political activity. With over twenty political parties in Israel at present and each professor expressing his party preferences, the result is, as Devora describes it, quite stimulating.

Although she considered the hills surrounding Jerusalem beautiful, Devora found the true spirit of Israel in the Negev. In the north, she explained, is the kind of beauty which can be found anywhere in the world, but the Negev possesses a beauty peculiar to Israel alone. It is a land for souls of true courage, a terrain which nature has dedicated to the pioneer.

It is to this unfolding Israel, the Israel that is finding its promised place in the family of nations, that Devora wishes to return.

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Stevenson Rally Provides Thrills For 'Political - Minded' Stern Girls

by LETTY HILLER

The crowd was beginning to form in the park at Washington Square when four Stern College girls stepped off a Fifth Avenue bus and became unofficial backers of the Democratic Party. The event was a Democratic rally at which Adlai E. Stevenson, two-time Presidential candidate, delivered an address in behalf of a local congressman.

Determined to get a close look at the famous former governor of Illinois, Judy Epstein, Suzanne Paley, Rosalyn Rosenberg, and this reporter stood close to the campaign truck upon which Mr. Stevenson and candidate William vanden Heuvel would make their appearances.

When a campaign worker asked Rosalyn to hold a sign promoting the election of vanden Heuvel, she readily agreed. The job proved to be especially valuable when Mr. Stevenson arrived on the scene.

Cheers arose from the crowd of 1,000 people, as the former governor, shaking hands with eager bystanders, slowly made his way to the campaign truck. Seeing Rosalyn at the steps upon which he would make his ascent,

Mr. Stevenson remarked, "Are you coming up, too?"

As he reached the platform, the spectators began to cheer. Numerous signs were held up reading "Stevenson for Secretary of State." In his speech Mr. Stevenson described the forthcoming election as a decision between "stagnation and strength, languor and leadership, and fear and faith."

Displaying his typical good humor, Mr. Stevenson referred to the welcoming demonstrations of the crowd by saying that he should have visited Greenwich Village eight, or even four, years

ago. These, of course, were the years in which he ran for the Presidency.

After a successful reception, Mr. Stevenson made his way laboriously through the crowd. The supreme moment for this reporter came, however, when, pushed among secret service men and photographers, she managed to shake the hand of the great American statesman. As he pushed on, Mr. Stevenson retained his friendly smile and flashing eyes—a sight that four Stern girls will remember for a long time.

Support the Yearbook

Dr. V. Gourevitch Completes Motive And Behavior Study

Children give concrete or materialistic motives for their behavior while adults tend to emphasize the more abstract aspects of a situation, according to a study completed this summer by Dr. Vivian Gourevitch.

Dr. Gourevitch, professor of psychology at Stern College, worked in conjunction with Dr. Melvin Feffer of the Yeshiva University Graduate School of Education Department of Clinical and Experimental Psychology.

Drs. Gourevitch and Feffer wanted to find out how the ability to take different points of

view and the motives governing behavior change with age.

It was indicated by this study that adults who showed high development in one area were mature in the other as well. Children, on the other hand, who showed maturity in being able to express different points of view were less mature in being able to interpret their motives.

Drs. Gourevitch and Feffer are submitting this completed study for publication. Two articles they have written based on this subject will be published in "The Journal of Personality" and in "The Journal of Genetic Psychology."

Prof. Jofen Writes Wilhelm Tell Article

It was the Bible, not Homer, that affected Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell," according to an article published by Dr. Jean Jofen.

"The Influences of Homer and the Bible on Schiller's Wilhelm Tell" by Dr. Jofen was printed in the summer volume of *The Canadian Modern Language Review*.

The Canadian Modern Language Review is the publication of the Modern Language Association of Canada.

Dr. Jofen teaches German, French, and Latin at Stern. She is also a certified school psychologist.

Days of Thought...

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possesses both qualities of taste and fragrance, corresponding to a knowledge of Torah and observance of good deeds. The Lulav and myrtles contain only one of these characteristics each, but the willow has neither taste nor fragrance. This person is not religiously educated, nor does he perform good deeds. Yet each individual, even the seemingly insignificant willow, has special worth.

May our sins dissolve in the depths of sincere Teshuvah and good deeds spread as plentiful as the willows about our Walls of Faith.

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