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Meaning of Grades Explained Explicitly

A recent faculty statement on grading policy released by the Dean's office emphasizes the fact that final grades ought not to represent only the achievement of a student on tests and quizzes, as important as they may be.

The statement continues to state that C indicates a satisfactory degree of attainment and is the acceptable standard for graduation from Stern College for Women. It is the grade that may be expected of a student of normal ability who gives to the work a reasonable amount of time and effort.

A "C" grade implies: familiarity with the content of the course; evidence of improvement in the work of the course; the ability to express oneself in intelligible English; full participation in the work of the class. A student's grade should be no higher than "C" until she clearly demonstrates her worthiness of it.

The superior student, a candidate for the grade of B, must show mastery of the subject matter at least. Beyond that she ought to show some touch of distinct ability to go beyond the minimum requirement of the course by contributing meaningfully at times to class discussion.

To be considered distinctly superior, a candidate for the grade of B+, a student must be close to excellence but not of it. It may be that she has a mastery of the subject but is confined by an inability to express her ideas well in writing

or speaking, though it is evident that she has good ideas.

To be considered excellent (a candidate for the grade of "A"), a student must show mastery of the subject matter taught and assigned, some originality in her use of the subject matter, the ability to assimilate her knowledge with related fields, and the ability to contribute meaningfully to class discussion at appropriate times. It is not an automatic grade for the best in the class. On his part, the instructor must devise tests, and other opportunities of such nature as to permit and invite the student to demonstrate her excellence.

It becomes evident, then, that a final grade ought not to be measured by "how much above average" a student is, but by "how far from the ideal" she is. It is an absolute standard of excellence, not a relative one.

"We Must Live Together" States NAACP Speaker

"Negro citizens are just as ready as any other citizens in the country to assume first class citizenship. Learn about the contributions that Negroes have made through the years." These are some of the points made by Miss Mildred Bond, administrative assistant to Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in her speech to the Stern College student body on Tuesday, October 29th, in the Koch Auditorium.

Miss Bond began her talk with a brief history of the NAACP. She explained that the NAACP is a crisis organization that works to insure first class citizenship to the Negro fighting to get laws on the books and working for the enforcement of

these laws on the local level. Miss Bond explained that most people don't want segregation but are unwilling to change their social pattern.

Education is one of the major problems dealt with by the NAACP. Miss Bond mentioned the problem of *de facto* segregation in Northern states and cited the Princeton Plan as one possible solution to this problem. She emphasized the need for higher standards of education in many areas such as Harlem, where qualifications for teachers are lower than in other parts of New York City.

Mass demonstrations are resorted to by the NAACP when desired goals are not reached through negotiation. Miss Bond cited three possible reasons for many mass demonstrations: agi-

tation by the press because of inaccurate reporting, impetus from another community that is asserting itself in the field of civil rights, and the desire to implement legislation already on the books. She noted that



Miss Mildred Bond

Kermaier, Klein, Radinsky Recipients of NSF Grant

Three seniors—Karen Kermaier, Natalie Klein and Miriam Radinsky are the recipients of a tax-free grant enabling them to conduct research under the auspices of the National Science Foundation. Karen and Natalie are engaged in treating fruit flies with a new drug (5-fluorouracil)

Fred Goodman acting in the capacity of supervisor.

Miriam is working on the study of the development of optic and auditory nerves as well as the lateral line neuromasts in fish. She is doing her experiments in conjunction with Dr. Phyllis Cahn whose theory is

essentially the study of life." Active at Stern, she has worked in the Co-op, been a Big Sister and is currently Forum Chairman. She is on the Dean's List and is a candidate for a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

Natalie, a pre-medicine major, is this year's Photography Editor of the *Kochavia* and was co-chairman of the Student Book Exchange. She plans to attend medical school after graduation. Natalie commented on her interest in science as, "having increased since I have started taking more specialized courses." She feels that by working on the N.S.F. project she is able to contribute to science while at the same time to further her scientific interests.

Miriam, a biology major, plans to study genetics and cytology in graduate school. She has been a Big Sister, is currently chairman of the Senior Theater Party, and is a candidate for a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Aside from these activities Miriam is the head waitress at the cafeteria on Shabbat.

Although Stern College students have participated in the N.S.F.'s independent study program in former years, this is the first time that the participating students will have a full year to work on authorized research.

According to the N.S.F. project booklet the students in this program will act as "semi-professional junior colleagues."

SSS Picks Six

The Scholastic Service Society announces that the following alumnae have met the qualifications for membership and have been admitted retroactively:

- Ann Rosenbaum Senter '58
- Rachel Rosenberg Weinstock '58
- Dorothy Gerwitz Berman '59
- Jolet Shapiro Batt '59
- Audrey Shapiro Greenblatt '60
- Paula Fogel Weber '60



Miriam Radinsky, Natalie Klein, and Karen Kermaier take time out from their scientific research to pose prettily for press photographer.

to record the effects it has on the development of the flies. The girls are also attempting by means of two other drugs to counteract the effects of 5-fluorouracil, a drug which at times is lethal to the flies. This project is under the directorship of Dr. Beatrice Friedland of the Biology Department with Dr.

that the lateral line is important in the schooling habits of fish.

The program for all three girls includes experimentation, the development of histological techniques, readings of scientific papers and writing up the results of research. These students were selected on the basis of being outstanding biology students who are interested and enthusiastic about research.

Karen, a biology major, plans to do graduate work in microbiology and eventually to teach. Asked why she is interested in biology, she replied, "It is the study of living organisms and

93 Freshmen Average 85.8

This year 1963-64 marks the entrance of the second largest freshman class in the history of Stern College. Sixteen states and three foreign countries—Israel, Canada and Morocco—are represented by the 93 member freshman class. Of the ninety-three students, seventy are out-of-towners and twenty-five are from Yeshiva high schools. Yeshiva University High Schools are represented by nineteen students. A total of sixty-three high schools are represented.

The percentage of those admitted who registered is 68.6. Thirty-four girls who completed applications were not admitted.

The office has announced the mean high school average of the entering class as 85.8, one-half percent higher than last year. Dean Vogel also announced the College Board Verbal Aptitude average of Stern's freshmen class as 539. This is 20 points higher than last year and 30 points more than the national norm.

There are a total of 314 students enrolled at Stern. Of these, thirteen are transfer students and nine are on a leave of absence. The student body is divided as follows: Seniors - 65, Juniors - 70, Sophomores - 74, Freshmen - 96.

Flash
Rabbi Sherman Siff has been appointed religious counselor for the student body. He will be available for consultation approximately 4 hours per week beginning tonight.

Friedland



Counseling

Almost every student at one time or another during her college career has a question or problem of a religious nature which must be dealt with by a learned and understanding person who is able to cope with her problem and at the same time inspire her religiously. The student who in the past has not had the benefit of personal contact with people who are **Shomrey Mitzvot** is in special need of understanding and counsel. The **Observer** notes with pleasure the appointment of Rabbi Sherman Siff to the position of Student College Religious Counselor. We hope that this appointment will alleviate some of the more pressing problems. However, we cannot help noting that this measure is only a token consideration of the situation. The students may find it difficult to confide in a person whom they rarely see and whom they hardly know. Also is it credible that four hours a week is enough time for 304 students?

Cutting

One cannot help being impressed with the irony of the recent decision of the Committee on Academic Standing regarding cuts before and after a holiday. It seems strange that a student attending an institution whose "unique element" is the fact that it provides the student with the "opportunity to develop as an informed and aware Jewish woman" should find herself doubly penalized for going home before a holiday. Students in other schools which have the double cuts rule are not faced with the problem of travel limitations. A girl should be entitled to use her cuts to travel home for a long holiday week-end or to prepare for **Yom Tov** without fear of punishment. Perhaps the Committee did not consider that those students who have double class periods would be overcut at this time. Teachers should be above hurt feelings about class attendance and should plan their schedules as they see fit, not threaten students with a double punishment for cutting at a specific time.

We hope that the Committee will reconsider its decision in the best interest of the students.

Cognizance

The spark of awareness in outside interests and activities seems to have been rekindled at Stern College this year and the flame grows bigger as each week goes by. While the club participation has not been overwhelming, it is certainly an improvement over past years. The attendance at forums and assemblies has been most gratifying. Students who attended the Halachic Seminar and the lectures given by Miss Bond and Mrs. Lind found that these few hours were well spent. The clubs are planning interesting activities for all who want to join.

The importance of being cognizant of the world outside the eight block radius of Stern College cannot be stressed enough. There are so many events of importance happening every day that a student owes it to herself to be informed. Those students taking the elementary teachers examination are rapidly becoming aware of the necessity for knowing general information. It is true that students do not have much free time to spend on outside interests; but it is also true that a person needs more than "book-learning" to make him an intelligent, well-rounded individual. Many of the activities planned for the student body at Stern are geared toward supplementing the academic education with glimpses of the world outside. They are not terribly time consuming and are well worth the minutes invested. By continuing to support the extra-curricular activities, students will be benefiting themselves as well as the school.

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Letters

Russian Jews

Letter to the Editor,

The lead editorial in the October 24th issue of the **Commentator** rightly called attention to one of the most vital problems facing the Jewish Community. This editorial can be followed up effectively by us. Telegrams and letters to our respective Congressmen can be sent urging definite action. Special telegrams to Washington cost only 85¢. This is a small enough financial investment for one, two, or three girls to make. This investment involves no risk; it can yield only improvement.

Sincerely,
Shelly Schulman '65

An Injustice

Dear Mr. Editor:

I write you this letter to acquaint your readers with a most unusual recent court case involving Rabbi David I. Shackney of Middlefield, Conn., a Hebrew teacher in New Haven, Conn., as well as an owner of a chicken farm in Middlefield.

In July of 1962 the Rabbi was indicted and subsequently convicted on several counts of holding a Mexican family on his farm in involuntary servitude.

I became interested in the case at the outset from knowing the Rabbi as my daughter's Hebrew teacher and my own esteemed educator in adult Hebrew studies. It seemed inconceivable that the Rabbi that I knew could ever perpetrate what he was accused of doing. Therefore, I attended the entire court trial to convince myself, without prejudice, of his guilt or innocence.

What I saw unfold before my eyes was a mockery of our judicial system. The prosecuting attorney constantly attempted, and did have, the jury hear his prejudicial arguments. The judge was forced to reprimand him several times, once even going so far as to dismiss the jury and give the prosecuting attorney a ten or fifteen minute tongue lashing for his unethical tactics.

Not once in any of the trial proceedings were any of the allegations proven.

The following letter which was endorsed by most of the New Haven area rabbinate was circulated throughout the area.

We, the undersigned, believe that the charges against Rabbi David I. Shackney, in his recent trial, are so serious and that the evidence presented in his defense is in such sharp contradiction to the allegations and evidence adduced by the prosecution, that we earnestly look forward to his appeal to a higher court.

The cost involved in obtaining a complete transcript of the trial record and its printing for the Appellate Court comes to approximately \$10,000. We ask all who are interested in giving Rabbi Shackney the opportunity to exercise his right of appeal to send contributions to THE SHACKNEY DEFENSE FUND.

The Advancement

by SHELLY SCHULMAN

... I come now to the essence of the problem that confronts us at this point. Although it may have appeared in various guises throughout our short history, such as projects that would seemingly promote a more efficient institution, the basic character of the problem may be aptly and concisely described by the term, *imitatio* ivy. Itself a self-explanatory phrase, we may now move on to the most recent manifestations at our own midtown center.

It was brought to our attention on the third day of the school term that each member of the student body was to subject herself to the steadfast gaze of the school photographer, the eventual purpose being the attachment of a picture to the regulation bursar's card. This act, of being ultimately concerned with the identification of the individual, had few immediate repercussions.

Girls willingly filled out the backs of the little blue cards, carefully tore off the stubs at the perforated line, quietly and serenely sat smiling for the required ten seconds and obediently tucked the stub in some safe hiding place. The reaction was plainly favorable. Never before had things moved so quickly or calmly; the entire student body breathlessly awaited the outcome of the innovation.

And then it came, the day of stub collection arrived. All rushed, eager to match the impersonal number with the face. A flip through the cards, a moment's hesitation, a shriek of disbelief. The card is plasticized; it is light blue. It is sleek and sophisticated, and the numbers match those on the stub. But alas, the squinting tooth paste smiling girl in the picture more clearly resembles the portraits adorning the local post office than the bright eyed, sweet faced Stern College co-ed.

Coming Events

- November
- 1-2 Washington Heights Week-end
- 5 Election Day
- 9 Dormitory Social
- 11 Student Council Meeting Armistice Day
- 12 Class Meetings
- 18 Hebrew Speaking Day
- 19 Clubs
- 25 Lecture at Y.U. 8:30 P.M.
- 26 Student Council Meeting
- 26 Assembly
- 26 Lecture at Y.U. 8:30 P.M.
- 27 Next Issue of the **Observer**
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Vacation

Opening Night at the Met

by FELICE GARELICK

On October 14, 1963 the Metropolitan Opera Company began its 79th season with a radical departure from the characteristic program of previous opening nights. The Met refrained from inaugurating its season with an esoteric, non-standard work. Instead, it began the season with what is probably the "bread and butter" opera of the standard repertory, Verdi's *Aida*.

The only familiar factor about the opening night production was the music, for the Met has mounted a new production that is bold both in concept and de-

sign. It is apparent that no expense was spared in staging this very lavish and extravagant spectacle. Nowhere is the opulence more evident than in the great triumphal scene where over 300 singers, live horses, and even live belly dancers fill the stage.

But, lest one forget, *Aida* is renowned for its music, not its scenery. In respect to the former the Met outdid itself, for the interpretation of the principals was a splendid credit to the production itself. Birgit Nilsson in the title role displayed the vocal *bravura* that has already secured her an everlasting niche as one of the great *divas* of our age. Carlo Bergoni as *Radames* brought a forceful lyricism to his role that literally brought down the house. Although he does not possess the ruggedly handsome stage presence of a Franco Corelli, his beautiful legato singing more than compensates for this. His closing of the great tenor aria "*Celeste Aida*" with a high *C pianissimo* as Verdi wrote it was a welcome relief from the bleating, bawling interpretations we hear so often.

Giango Tozzi gave his customary competent portrayal of *Ramphis*, the high priest. Manio Sereni was adequate as *Amnasso*, and Irene Dalis was vocally secure as *Amneris*.

One weak point of the production was the offensive, overly erotic choreography. Besides being totally irrelevant, it served no other purpose than to provide a bit of vulgar pleasure for those of the opening night audience whose interest in the music may have lagged.

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If any reader would like further information, I will be glad to communicate with him. He may contact me by writing to Sherman Jacobson, 394 Drummond Road, Orange, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,
Sherman Jacobson

Shabbos Spirit

Dear Editor,

I would like to praise the *ruach* found in Stern on *Shabbos*. Although many people feel that there is no *ruach*, my opinion is that you can get as much out of *Shabbos* as you put into it. Of course, if you remain in the dorm and "vegetate," the whole day seems uninspired, but if you go to school and eat, you can sing, dance, and feel a real *Shabbos* atmosphere.

Rachel Spierling '67

We'll Walk Hand in Hand ...

Today

by PHYLIS CORBETT

"Jim Crow Must Go—Black and White Together, We Shall Not Be Moved—Freedom Now." With these words we pledged ourselves to freedom.

Thirty-three buses from Boston participated in "the Washington March for Jobs and Freedom." We left Boston amid cheers and good wishes from hundreds who had lined up along Columbus Ave. to wish us a good trip. The general spirit was one of excitement and comradeship.

The passengers in my bus were students, housewives, clergymen, schoolteachers, and laborers, Jews, Catholics, Protestants, atheists, and agnostics. This variety of race, religion and occupation was present in all buses.

During the long trip to Washington I thought of the reasons which had compelled me, as an Orthodox Jewess and as a human being, to make this trip. Mainonides said that the problem with society was not with the evil people, but that the good people were not good enough. This past summer I realized how very true this statement is. I have spoken to many "good" people who have readily agreed that the Negro should have equal education, housing, and job opportunities, but as for

living next door to one—that is another matter. Before we can attempt to fight prejudice we must first be able to recognize it in ourselves. Until this knowledge is achieved there can be no justice. When injustice affects one person directly it affects all people indirectly.

We arrived in Maryland just as the work of the day was beginning. Driving through the Negro sections we were greeted by men on their way to work. Women and children waved to us from windows, porches, and sidewalks. The expressions of hope on their faces brought a touch of beauty to the ugly slums. We arrived in Washington at 10:30 Wednesday morning along with buses from all over the country; there were 600 buses from Harlem alone. It was wonderful to know that people had left jobs and homes to travel miles in order to march for freedom.

When the ceremonies began, over 200,000 people were assembled between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Hundreds of people carried banners, and though the words written on the banners were different they all expressed one thought—FREEDOM NOW.

There was no shoving or pushing among the crowd. The presence of collective humility was demonstrated by the respect and consideration for others that was practiced by all.

The ceremonies opened with songs of freedom and faith sung by Odetta, Mahalia Jackson, Joan Baez, and many others from all over our land. The euphoria of the occasion was brought back to reality when a telegram was read from James Farmer, of CORE, arrested a week earlier in Plaquemine, Louisiana. It read in part: "From a south Louisiana parish jail. I salute the march on Washington. Two hundred and thirty-two freedom fighters jailed with me for demanding 'freedom now' also send their greetings."

Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, spoke words that we must heed if we are to survive. He said that while he lived under the Hitler regime the most important thing he learned under those tragic conditions was that bigotry and hatred are not the most urgent problem. He said, "The most urgent, the most disgraceful, the most shameful, and the most tragic problem is silence."

We at Stern are familiar with the concept of **ha-sater panim**—the hiding of G-d's face. We are also aware of the attributes of G-d by which He reveals Himself to man—justice, love, mercy, kindness. We have been told that the covenant between G-d and Israel is mutual, and we are therefore enjoined to imitate these attributes of G-d. If we hide our faces and remain silent while people are oppressed and injustice reigns, have we the right to ask G-d to show us his face? If the Rabbis remain silent

then they will have failed as leaders, if we continue to remain silent then we will be destroying that part of us that was made in the image and likeness of G-d.

The culminating speech of Rev. Martin Luther King filled the air with strong emotion. He spoke of his dream for his people and a dream for all people—the dream of freedom. "We refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt." He spoke of faith in man and faith in G-d, a faith that would bring freedom to every corner of the land. He gave the Negro courage to go back to his ghetto in the South, to go back to police brutality and hostile neighbors, knowing that he is no longer alone in his search for freedom.

At the close of the ceremonies we all stood and sang the national anthem of the Negro movement "We Shall Overcome". While singing this song I really did believe that someday we would all overcome our fear, our hate, our ignorance, and that men will be able to live in peace. Someday the whole world will be as beautiful as that day in Washington. "If you will it, it is no dream."

Escape From Boredom

"To be more fully informed read . . ." the cultural bulletin boards in the smoking lounge. "All the news that's fit to . . ." be heard, seen, and enjoyed in New York—operas, theater, concerts, and museums—is described in detail in up to date bulletins.

Tickets are regularly available to television shows and concerts at reduced prices. Rehearsals to operas and plays open to the public are duly noted. What to do and see in New York in the fall? Watch the bulletin boards and then go out and see for yourself.

ראיון עם מר יהושע כארי

אמא תרות ויזניק

כמינה עד כה. מר. כארי מתעניין וחוסר במידת אהבתי את בעיות החינוך היהודי באר"ב. שאלתי: מה רעונו על החינוך היהודי באר"ב?

הוא השיב: היה מי שאמר שהחינוך רומה לנהר שרובו מימי ועסקו שיש . . . ורובו עסקו שיש גם כזה. ישנם אומים, שבהם קיימים נפילים מסומדות חוננו מוכתרים, שאינם נפילים מסומדות סמבילים להם בארץ; אבל הוסיף המדבר סמבילים הוא גדול מאד, ואחת הבעיות והראשונה את ההדרים והחיוביות.

על אף הגדרה הנ"ל, הוסיף מסתיר המסוכן פורה מיוחד, שלשם המסוזה נרשם בתור טרוב ששפתה, והוא חשוד, ללמד את הידע כסתר. צעור השיר, וכינוי שולחן בעל מנורת רבות, שאחרות כמו חיו נטישות ונשחרות, וכן והלאה הספורים העבריים. על השולחן היו מנחמים הסור סמרים ורומים מחשש עינא בישא . . .

הלימוד הרחי והעביר היה כרוך בסכנה רבה. כי אילו היה הדבר מתנהל על"י משהו, היו הווצאות — מאד נזלח לסכנה.

לאחר מאמצים וקשיים שאין לתאר, הצליחה המספחה לעאת מרומה, ולעלות לא"י. הם החשבו בת"א, כדור תחילה באוהל, ואח"כ בצריף, וכדור ראשון המתיישבים בת"א באוהלים.

בבן שומנה היה בלולתו ארצה. הוא השפיע את לימודיו כבי"ם יסוד, ואח"כ כבי"ם חינוך, כב"ם נסיה.

בחינוך נער, היה מסיסורו תנועה הנוער ההיטורית והבלתי מסגרתית: "עושריבריאווה", ובכסף שש שנות קיימה, היה המדורר הראשון, וי"ר, הסנה הנרול ביותר, בת"א, וכן וי"ר כל התנועה בארץ. באוהנו ובן התנדב כחבר, "התנהג".

לאחר נסר הלימודים בכנסיה, המסיע את לימודיו לשנת אחת, הוא היה מזכיר וספרן כבי"ם בת"א, בחוש הקיץ, סוד וניהל קיימנה של תלמידי תורה, על"י שפת הים בת"א, שכל השתתפו מאה ילדים. באוהת שנת הווסן הלימם קיימנות דומות כב"ם בת"א בת"א, וכן היה, לאחר שהימנה, המנהל הכללי, המרדוני והאדמיניסטרטיבי של כל קיימנות בת"א בת"א, שהיו בהן אז 1500 ילדים. כשנה לאחר מכן, היה מנהל הקיימנה לילדים חו"ל אסמבה, מב"ל הארץ, שנת סיימה כביתיהתחברם, כירושלים.

לאחר המספה של שנה, עבר לירושלים, ושם השפיע את לימודיו בבית המדרש לילדים העברי; וסאו סיים את לימודי" עם מספר ברוהא, ובחינוך בבית"א, תחילה — כמורה, ואח"כ כמנהל. כמו כן היה מנהל אולפן למורים.

Mazel Tov

- Engagements:**
 Debby Lurie '64 to Jerry Dolgoff
 Inez Bernstein '64 to Paul Levy
 Rivka Knobel '66 to Yitzchak Schreiber
 June Rhodes '64 to Yaakov Rosenberg
 Perie Katz '65 to Dr. Yashar Hirschaut Y.U. '59
 Evelyn Gleiser '62 to Kalmen Mintz
 Susan Matkowsky '63 to Shalom Blum
 Barbara Post '66 to Barry Schreiber Y.U. '64
 Chava Weinstein '66 to Shlomo Holland
 Dorothy Richard '64 to Ray Bloch Y.U. '63
 Sue Blumenthal '66 to Saul Koss

- Married**
 Ethel Stoltz '62 to Rabbi Orlian
 Francis Greenberg '64 to Yosef Schreiber
 Rivka Brill '64 to Mitch Snyder
 Brenda Reich '64 to George Strom
 Janice Flusberg '65 to Larry Levine Y.U. '62
 Fagie Baumerind '64 to Reuvan Yudkofsky
 Helen Wohl '62 to Yehudah Borar
 Nechama Hellinger '65 to Asher Lieber
 Ofra Gielan '65 to Dr. Lenny Gerstein

- Births:**
 Miriam Gunzunhauser Greenblatt '62 - a boy
 Elysheva Teitz '65 - a boy
 Phyllis Zauderer Weiner '64 - a girl
 Rita Goldberg Rothchild '63 - a girl

Refuah Shalemah

Felice Zimmern
Mrs. Libby Klapperman

From Rabat to Stern College

by EILEEN RIVKIN

Stern College takes pride in the fact that its student body is comprised of girls from all over the world. This year pretty Sylvia Daham from Morocco has joined our ranks. Sylvia converses fluently in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

Sylvia lives in Rabat, Morocco's capital, a city of great contrasts between rich and poor, old Arabesque and modern French architecture. "Arab clothing is slowly being replaced by western style clothing," says Miss Daham. She described Morocco as a growing, young country which follows French patterns of living. Schools, too, are organized according to the French system. Children attend elementary school from age 8-11. Upon completion they take an exam. Bright students continue their education for six years, others study at a trade school. All

schools are government supported. Though the language of instruction is French, the use of Arabic as an official language is being increased in the process of "Arabization". At present Morocco's atmosphere still retains an Oriental flavor. Upon asking Sylvia why she had come to the United States and how she found out about Stern College, she replied that a friend in Brooklyn told her about Stern. She was also attracted by the opportunities New York had to offer and by the Jewish studies at Stern.

Like other visitors to our country Sylvia commented on the hurried tempo of American life. She feels that the pace of Moroccan life is far more leisurely, allowing more time for relaxation. Even though Miss Daham is quite impressed by the United States her heart is still with her native Morocco.

Varied Dorm Activities Announced

Stern College's first planned weekend of the year will be held Nov. 1 and 2 at the Washington Heights Congregation in lower Washington Heights. Dr. Raphael Weinberg of the Stern College faculty will begin the program Friday night with a talk on "Chinuch Banot (education of women) Through the Ages". In his talk, Dr. Weinberg will discuss the Jewish outlook on the education of women throughout history. The program will include an Oneg Shabbat on Shabbat afternoon to consist of a panel discussion among Stern girls and women of the congregation. There will be a *Shalosh Seudot* and the program will conclude with *Havdolah*.

This is the second year that Stern will hold a weekend at the Washington Heights Congregation. Last year's program was a success both for the students and for the families who housed them. Many of the girls kept in contact with their host families and returned to spend another Shabbat with them.

Shabbat

For the benefit of the girls who are in the dorm over the weekend, there is a full program each Shabbat under the guidance of Rabbi Joshua Schmidman, dorm rabbi. The Oneg Shabbat on Friday night includes singing, dancing and a lecture by Rabbi Schmidman on the *Sedra* of the week. At each of the Shabbat meals a student gives a *Dvar Torah*. Late in the afternoon, there is a *Shalosh Seudot* in the dormitory lounge. At this time Rabbi Schmidman speaks on the *mitzvot* contained in the week's *Sedra*. Response to the Shabbat program has been very good; however, Rabbi Schmidman would like to see more active student participation. He feels this can be accomplished by the formation of a Shabbat planning committee.

Dorm Social

The dorm social, the first and largest social of the year will be held on Saturday night, November 9, 8:30 P.M. at Stern College. This function is under the co-chairmanship of Gale Davis and Rachel Solomon.

Dorm President

Maxine Levy, president of the dormitory expresses the hope that the students will help to make the dormitory council a more effective 'representative' of the dormitory students by means of better organization and acceptance of responsibility.

Dormitory council meets every Tuesday night at 10:30. All students are urged to attend.

Students Enjoy Stern Generosity

Through the generosity of Mr. Max Stern seven students attended a performance of the opera "Manon" at the Metropolitan Opera house on Thursday, October 17th. Mr. Stern has, in previous years, reserved a box at the "Met" for students of Stern College.

From the names submitted, those students who have been selected by chance will attend performances on alternate Thursday nights throughout the opera season.

Stern Frosh Elect Class Representatives

The Class of '67 has had three dates to remember. The first of these, October 22, was the day the freshmen became a self-governing body; officers were elected. Following campaign speeches, the class elected Debra Weiner—president, Nina Rosenblum — vice-president, Liza Wallach — secretary, and Sue Harris—treasurer.

A Freshman-Junior kumstiz

provided many moments of comedy.

Folk singers of the Junior Class entertained with original songs such as *How Many Times Shall I Knock, Mrs. Schwartz?* and *The Chagiga Blues*.

Refreshments were served under the direction of the evening's chairman, Shelly Schulman and her committee—Shaine Friedman and Miriam Landesman.



Newly elected Freshman Class Officers: l. to r. Debra Welner, Nina Rosenblum, Liza Wallach, and Sue Harris.

was held on October 15. At that time a skit based on the Broadway musical *West Side Story* was presented. Involved was the arrangement of a *shidduch* between Yitzi and Rivka. The cast consisting of Ruth Scheuer, Barbara Cooper, Shelly Schulman, Yona Porush and Arlene Osband

The seniors had previously welcomed the freshmen at a kumstiz held September 24. Special entertainment consisted of a comedy skit comparing student life as seen through the naive eyes of a freshman as opposed to the outlook of a sophisticated senior.

S.C. Prexy Names 63-64 Chairmen

The following committee chairmen have been announced by Student Council president, Naomi Raymon;

Hebrew Activities Marcia Davis
T.A.C. Maxine Levy
Publicity Yael Max
Eve Potaschnik
Joan Scarborough

Club Co-ordinator Evelyn Blatt

Social Co-ordinator Risha Goodman

Forums Karen Kermaier

Big Sister Program Sue Blumenthal

Edythe Styler

Music Co-ordinators Heni Fink

Rochel Sperling

Newspaper Naomi Minder

Esther Yablok

Literary Review Miriam Landesman

Co-op Rachel Solomon

Culture Board Shani Cohen

Bulletin Board Bette Goldstein

Supplies Marlene Hochman

Historian Adena Silver

Parliamentarian Susan Harris

Blood Drive Sheila Snyder

Charity Drive Miriam Landesman

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Widespread Choice Of Clubs Offered

Tuesday, October 15, marked the beginning of the extra-curricular club program for the year.

Drama

The drama club directed by Miss Jacqueline Hyde has a membership of approximately 40. Plans call for a presentation of *Cry Havoc*, a play by Allan Kenward, on Sunday, December 22 at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel. Officers of the club include: president, Eve Posnansky; vice-president, Kalma Mushkin; secretary-treasurer, Florence Zweig.

Israeli-dance

Felice Zimmern, leader of the Israeli-dance club, announces that there will be two groups of dancers — beginners and advanced — because of the large turnout at sessions.

Faculty Notes

Professor Rachel Wischnitzer (Fine Arts) published "Gleanings — The Zeena U'Reena and its Illustrations, *Gelber Jubilee Volume*" (Israel), 1963

Mr. Meir Havazelet (Jewish Studies) wrote on the custom of ritual purity in *Talpioth* and on Rambam's attitude toward Geonic institution in *Sinai* (1963)

Dr. Shlomo Eidelberg (Jewish Studies) "King Saul in S. Tehernikovsky's Poems," *Hadoar* August 1963

Dr. Robinson (Psychology) "Effects of Degree of Knowledge of Results on Time Estimation" *Psychology Record*, July 1963

Dr. Gershon Appel (Jewish Studies) reviewed *Morashat Moshe* for *Talpioth*, and *Zion Min Hatorah*, for *Jewish Horizon*

Dr. Meyer Karlin (Jewish Studies, Math) discussed "Witnesses and Their False Testimony in Monetary Matter", *Hadrom*, 1963

Parshat Hashavua

Parshat Hashavua class given by Rabbi Rabinowitz will be meeting in room 410. The tentative program for this year will entail preparation of the Parsha by the girls. Questions will be posed to ensure active group discussion.

Yiddish

A newcomer to the list of clubs, the Yiddish club, is led by Dr. Lisman. Students will attempt to acquire a speaking and reading knowledge of the language by use of Yiddish newspapers. The club is open to students on all levels and meets in room 207.

Current Events

The current events club looks forward to a stimulating and interesting year under the leadership of Dr. Ostrau. A main topic of discussion will be the book *Consensus of the Conservative* by Senator Barry Goldwater. Guest speakers will be invited. The club meets in room 206.

Other clubs include *Science* led by Myra Lee in room 310, *Art* led by Mrs. Guterman in room 303, and *Chorus* led by Prof. Kisch in the auditorium. All students are urged to join at least one club. Try, and see!

TAC Plans Group Study

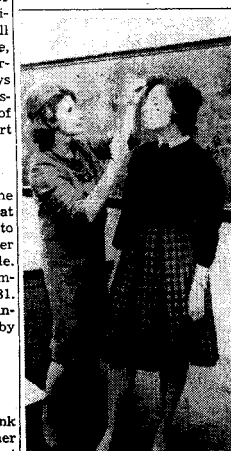
Miss Maxine Levy, president of the Torah Activities Committee, announces that *Trumat Shaot* forms are being distributed this week. *Trumat Shaot*, an annual project of TAC, is a program of student study groups in Bible, Jewish History, Dinim, and Jewish Philosophy. The weekly groups are led by interested students.

All those interested in participating in this program, either as a student or a teacher, are encouraged to contact Shelly Schulman, Eileen Klavan, or Naomi AvRutick.

Mrs. Lind Expostulates On Beauty Treatment

The first of three one-hour lectures on Beauty Hints took

place on Wednesday, October 23, at 6:45 P.M. Miss Meri Lind, guest lecturer, is a member of the faculty of Brooklyn College where she teaches courses in "Personal Grooming for Teenagers" and "Fashion For You."



Mrs. Meri Lind demonstrates hair styling on Edith Styler.

Working under the assumption that poise and self confidence come from knowing that "you look well," Miss Lind instructs students in posture, hair care, make-up, and fashion.

Miss Lind's varied background proves a great asset in teaching. A former ballet dancer, she has lectured on make-up and has taught techniques of theatrical make-up. She has also helped develop cosmetics and has owned her own cosmetic line. Besides being a radio and television personality, she has been the subject of articles both in the *New York Times* and *Post*.

The succeeding lectures will take place on December 4, and 18, respectively. Attention Y.U.! Take a look at the new improved Stern College girl.

Thank You

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