

DEBATES DOMINATE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY SCENE

Council Decides Tzedakah Drive Criterion;
Classes Plan for Chagigot and Shabbatot

by Miriam Josowitz

At the start of the last Student Council meeting the problem of low attendance at clubs was brought to attention. Only 118 girls have attended clubs. Students are urged to participate in the weeks to come. New clubs are the Sociology club headed by Dr. Soddin and the Drama Workshop with Judy Jacobs.

Evening clubs and leaders are Debating, Gilda Schuchalter; Drama, Florence Zweis; Book Club with Miss Weisen scheduled as its first speaker.

Plans for the Chanukah chagiga were outlined. Arlene Walker and Esther Metchnik are chairmen of the chagiga. It will take place at the Eleanor Roosevelt

Junior High School at 7:30 P.M. Dec. 18. Bill Johnson, a popular folk singer will entertain.

Class reports were then given. The Senior class and the Sophomore class have already held successful Shabbatot and chagigot. The Junior class and the Freshman class are planning their Shabbatot and chagigot for the near future.

For those students who are interested in buying school stationery they may make their purchase from the Sophomore class.

Toby Engel, Forum director, reported that the first forum held was a great success. The next forum will take place on Sunday night, December 12, at Yeshiva University. The topic has not

been chosen yet but Dorothy Day will be the speaker.

Under new business a proposal was brought up to support the Bnei Avrohom club. The club members visit Yeshivot Katanot in an effort to influence children attending these yeshivot to go onto yeshiva high schools.

Similar to the Bnei Avrohom club is Torah campus originated by Young Israel. The job of Torah campus is to bring Torah to the campus through yeshiva students who would teach one person who in turn would teach another person causing this teaching to go on indefinitely. Stern College students have been asked to approve Torah campus and make up curriculum sheets and go to other campuses to talk to students. After much discussion, Torah campus was accepted, as a new club.

The girls' Chanukah chagiga will take place Wednesday night December 15 at 6:15 P.M. in the auditorium. The purpose of the chagiga is to unite school spirit with the joy of Chanukah. For class competition a presentation of several poems will be presented by each class. The class with the best presentation will receive a plaque.

Refreshments will be served after the competition. Rehearsal for the chagiga will take place December 15, during club hour. Chairmen for the chagiga are Joyce Lefkowitz and Susie Kuhn.

The criterion for the support of an outside Tzedakah was unanimously accepted. The Tzedakah must be a religious, valid, non-political organization. The outside tzedakah will not interfere with Yeshiva's annual tzedakah drive. The purpose of taking on an outside tzedakah is to impress on the student the need for giving tzedakah in daily life. At the close of the meeting many suggestions were brought up about how to improve chagigot.

The Ups and Downs of Life;
Eavesdropping in Elevator

by Esther Spenciner

—Yeeks, Aw come on you can squeeze one more in. Help!! Anyone know the elevator capacity? One more, mister, just one more!! Ugh, groan!! Hey girls, this thing can actually rise... Anyone for a blackout right now?

—Two please, two, two, two... uh, well, uh mister — oh well, three please, three, three.

—Damn, there's the bell, late again. Hey... are we going down again? We just came down from there. What happened to four and five?

—And then I said... listen don't tell me you couldn't get through to the Prince George.

—I think I'll cut again.

—You'll never guess what I did last night... no... no... I knew you couldn't guess. I got about 9 hours sleep. Do you believe it?

—I hate this class.

—I hate school.

—No, I'm serious. I really hate this class. She's so boring and I don't understand a word.

—Getting off, could someone pass my pocketbook and books out to me?

—I think I'll cut again.

—Listen, I'll invite him to the chagiga and then...

—Do you know if oscillatoria princeps is under the phylum Chloro or Cyanophyta?

—I'm not sure... are there 100,000 cones on the retina or 100,000 rods, or maybe it's 100,000 rods off the retina... maybe...

—Listen guys, does anyone remember what month the first Pellophoecian War started in?

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Mrs. Miller Evaluates Lot of Russian Jews;
Finds Traditional Judaism Constrained by Fear

by Harriet Jakubovics

THE STUDENT body at Stern is often given the opportunity to hear an entertaining speaker. Too often, however, this privilege is abused. November 17, Mrs. Israel Miller, wife of Rabbi Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, addressed a meager but interested group of students.

Introduced by Rachel Vitslek, Vice President of Student Council, Mrs. Miller prefaced her talk with a contrast. She compared Stern College with the University of Moscow. Stern College is a city college restricted by its environment. Conversely, the University of Moscow is a vast complex, composed of many students and a tremendous expanse of land.

Regardless of its expansiveness,

it is bereft of any spiritual affiliations. It has no religion whatsoever.



Mrs. Israel Miller addressing student body on her recent trip to Russia.

ever, Stern, through its small but compact facilities, offers a warm, intimate atmosphere. Through its Torah observance, it allows for much more cohesion than is found in the austere University of Moscow.

Mrs. Miller reminded those interested in the plight of Russian Jewry to look into the SSSR or the Student Struggle for Soviet Russian Jewry. Recently, even Pravda urged an ease in anti-Jewish feelings.

On Mrs. Miller's recent trip, her first day was spent touring Leningrad. The Jewish guide showed her group the Hermitage. This winterplace of Catherine the Second houses the greatest collection

Dunner Defends U.S. Stand
In Viet Nam Policy Debate

by Chia Ramras



ON NOVEMBER 17 in Lamporn Auditorium, Jonathan Helfand, president of Yeshiva's debating society, introduced The Great Debate on Viet Nam as an academic debate, not a political one, the purpose being to instruct and enlighten.

Unfortunately, the debate often did assume the tones of a heated, political argument which is usual-

ly pointless. The lively reaction of an enthused audience, however, marks the success of another Yeshiva first.

Dr. Joseph Dunner, Professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, spoke for the pro side. In his opening comments, Dr. Dunner emphatically maintained that the United States has no choice but to

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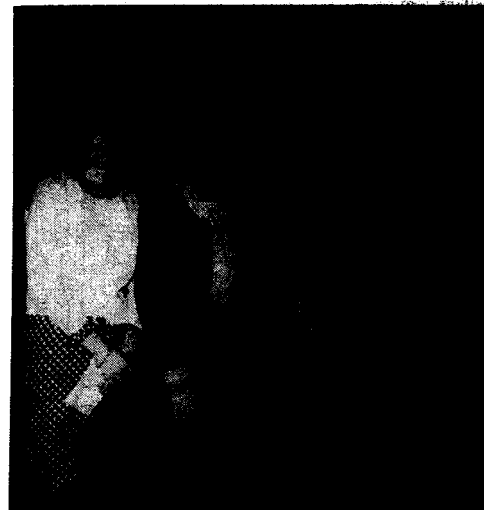
Team Triumphs Over Yeshiva;
S & S Score Forensic Success

by Brenda Aaron and Miriam Grossman

GILDA Schuchalter and Esther Spenciner of the Stern College Team successfully opposed Larry Grossman and Neil Koslowe of the Yeshiva College Debating Society on Monday eve-

ning, November 20, at the Hebrew Institute of University Heights. The debaters argued the topic, "Resolved: To be a completely observant Jew one must

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Debaters of Stern and Yeshiva. (L to r.) Esther Spenciner, Gilda Schuchalter, Larry Grossman, and Neil Koslowe.

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she must be exposed to several points of view on the subject from varying professors.

We are demanding no extras; merely that to which we are entitled.

Cue for the Future

Stern sponsored its annual Open House recently and saw one of the Observer's suggestions for efficiency realized. The cafeteria was served by two cashiers and food was not concentrated in one place, thus allowing for faster and more efficient service.

The arrangement worked temporarily; it can permanently.

B.R.E. Program Lacking

Stern prides itself in being a school which provides religious as well as secular subjects. In having four levels in the Hebrew department, the administration hopes to cater to the needs of all factions of the student body, regardless of background.

However, the standards of some courses on the "D" (highest) level do not compare favorably with parallel ones in other schools.

Why is a B.R.E. student forced to take Hebrew language which uses a literature text used by 8th graders in Israel? Those working toward a Hebrew teacher's degree, already required to take demanding Hebrew literature courses, should not be asked to take a similar subject and do time-consuming assignments for it when it does not fulfill their needs. B.R.E. students are not exposed to Hebrew language here; they are given a double dose of literature for at least two of their college years.

The present policy should be replaced by a course in conversational Hebrew in which area most students, not only B.R.E., are sorely lacking.

Knowledge of Biblical Hebrew does not sufficiently arm today's teacher with the fluency and vocabulary she needs. The course now offered in language does not allow us to improve ourselves sufficiently in this direction.

Rebels—Continue Battle

The most valid attack against any student is apathy. At Stern this attitude has come to be regarded not as a harmful force which must be overcome, but as a necessary evil that it "too bad." This air of indifference was the spark that incited the great rebellion of the freshman class.

On November 17, one history lecturer, in noting the dwindling attendance at assemblies, called for the creation of a cultural center which, by definition, should be an integral part of a university. The discussion that followed this plea treated the complaints offered; above all, it called for action.

The freshman class called an emergency meeting that same day. The excellent turnout was encouraging. "The Rebels" seated at a center table, explained the purpose of the meeting and proposed a course of action which would establish several committees, including an advisory committee to aid the class officers in carrying out the pending innovations. The meeting closed in a general agreement that action must be taken.

The only apparent outcome of the great rebellion is a suggestion box.

One suggestion we have—Freshmen in particular and students in general! The recognition of apathy as an unpleasant situation is the first step. Falling gently into disinterestedness at this point would be catastrophic.

Letters to the Editor...



Thus Spake Isaiah

Dear Editor:

First I should like to thank the administration; they did it again. By limiting the freedom of the Stern College student, they are suppressing their educational opportunities such as those to be had Thursday, November 18, at the debate on The American Policy in Viet Nam. But very sincerely I thank those who came to share with us the privilege of an informed public.

Next I address myself to those who plan activities. A YC play and a SC Chagiga on the same night exemplifies lack of coordination and poor planning. Blaming an individual or group would accomplish little. It seems, though, that December will see further harm. Is there really a

Dorm Council separate from what should be the parent Student Council? When one hand operates without knowing what the other is doing, one can strangle oneself.

Lastly, I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate THE OBSERVER on their topic for primary editorial comment in their most recent issue. Rubber stamps are inanimate objects to be bought and sold. They should not take the form of an administrator or faculty advisor. It seems that autocracy and confusion reign at Stern.

Curfews, telephone regulations, restrictions on when to sit in the lobby of a dorm, and giving demerits belong to a system prevalent in elementary schools and in summer camps for children. Does the administration deem you

all immature? Do they perhaps fear unemployment should they, Chas Veshalom, loosen the puppet strings to allow for freedom to mature without dictated policy? "The only thing we have to fear," it is said, "is fear itself." Is that why those who make use of the Letters to the Editor column often hide behind pseudonyms? Whose whip do they fear?

THE OBSERVER has begun a journey of miles with the first small step. It becomes easier as you learn to walk. Don't stumble now.

Very Sincerely,
Joseph Isaiah Berlin
President, Yeshiva College
Student Council.

Stern Exceeds Limit

Readers of the Observer are invited to give the following letter their careful attention. Is it true, as is seemingly implied, that experiential wisdom is the only worthwhile acquisition; that, preferably, one learns by stumbling; that the educative process *per se* is confined to the immature; that one may teach theory but to give direction is degradingly restrictive? These are common student thoughts. They are present, not less at Stern than they are at Berkeley. One ought to consider these questions along with the more direct problems which the letter raises. It needs answering. Will you?

To the Editor:

During the year that I have spent at Stern, I have been repeatedly dismayed at the noticeable lack of opposition and of real personal opinion in every issue of the Observer. As a bulletin of events at school, it does a fine job; as a collegiate newspaper published by intelligent students with minds of their own, I feel that the Observer leaves something to be desired.

Perhaps the girls are afraid of being attacked for their personal ideas. Or, even worse, perhaps the girls are not developing individual ideas simply because the religious nature of our university discourages "deviations" from university dogma in any subject.

I do not expect too many people at Stern, faculty or students, to agree with what I have stated above. I expect even fewer to agree with what I am about to state below. I maintain, however, that I have a basic right to speak and to be heard through the channels of the college newspaper. Think as you like. I don't care what your personal feelings are, but please HAVE personal feelings and inform other people that you have them. And with that I shall proceed...

There was a little square in the last issue of the Observer informing us that some students are eating in establishments having questionable kashruth standards. While it was very considerable of the administration or newspaper staff or whoever it was who called this fact to our attention, I detected symptoms of both naivete and some odd kind of guardianship that college students should not need by now. It would have been fine if, when still in grammar school, our parents and teachers supervised our eating. By now I would think that young women between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one can determine for themselves, according to personal preferences and beliefs, where they may and may not eat!

It is one thing to enforce the. (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Recourse for Curriculum

During the month of November our parents received a letter from Dr. Belkin announcing a \$300 raise in tuition effective July 1, 1966. Part of the statement reads, "We (Y.U.) are committed to the continued betterment of standards and facilities to maintain, for our students, an atmosphere conducive to intellectual stimulation and development."

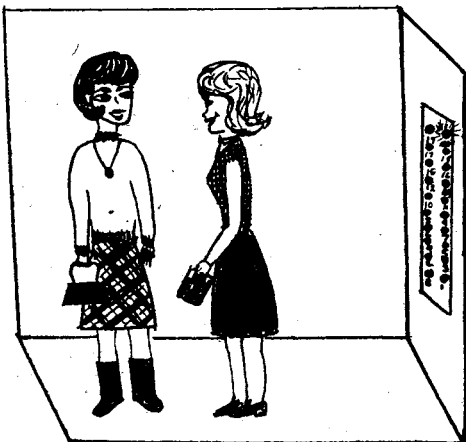
Before we commit ourselves "to the continued betterment of standards and facilities" there are many areas in which a fresh start is required.

It is unfortunate that many girls are forced to take favorably scheduled courses totally unrelated to their majors and in which they have no interest, merely because they need two or three credits to complete their programs. This is the result of the limited number of courses offered and poor planning on the part of the administration. Therefore, many girls graduate from Stern without having taken even one elective, in the true sense of the word.

Twelve major courses of study are enumerated in the new catalogue. Among these is included only one language, that of French, and such important majors as philosophy and music are not mentioned. The excuse given by the administration is that not enough girls wish to concentrate in these areas and it is, therefore, not worthwhile to offer them. If these majors were given and related subjects listed in the catalogue, girls would become aware of their presence and would consider them for majors.

In addition, courses such as Greek and advanced economics are not available. These courses and others are offered to our brothers uptown who attend a "comparable private institution" with an identical tuition.

Moreover, for the greater percentage of major courses of study there are only one or two professors in the entire department. Occasionally, it does occur that a student disagrees with the pedagogic approach of a teacher or even dislikes him or her personally. Moreover, in order for a student to get a firm and well-rounded foundation in a major,



Did you hear that the 20th floor of the new dorm is CO-ED?!

Koss-tic Comments

President Balks at Secretary; Demands Standard Facilities

THE VERY much concealed and secretive plans for our proposed classroom building have finally been revealed thanks to the persistence of a devoted "Observer" reporter. But isn't it unfortunate that we, as college students, must wait until this information was torn from sources by someone with such an extraordinary amount of patience that she can badger incessantly?



Sue Koss

This is the regrettable situation at Stern. Our students are the last to know—the same thing occurred with the new dormitory. Not even the Dorm Council President, let alone the Student Council President, received advance notice!

The dorm president received the perfunctory mimeographed notice in the mail and because your Student Council President commutes, she had to find out from a third source! Nor were any students consulted as to technicalities.

To avoid recurrence of this, Student Council aims to make itself heard and let its plans and desires for the new building be known. First of all, we want a Student Council room—all to ourselves—with space to conduct our meetings and other business particular to our purposes.

It goes without saying that we want student lounges where we can talk, nash, watch TV, listen to records and enjoy our periods of relaxation. It's imperative to note that the present lounges in the college are not at all sufficient and once we get our new college building the idea of a "decentralized campus" will be outmoded. And even if there are classes in the dormitory, it is necessary to have student lounges in all buildings.

A mandatory innovation for Stern is a public address system and intercollegiate telephones in each room. The purpose for these, especially in a large building, does not have to be mentioned.

Our long awaited room for daily davening and hopefully for a Shabbos minyan is not only requested but also eagerly looked forward to. This is a necessity which can't be overlooked! We've davened in unsuitable conditions for too long!

We also want a room, aside from the auditorium, large enough to be used for socials. With the increasing enrollment, it's becoming quite difficult to find a large enough hall, in a suitable neighborhood, in which to hold our Chagigot. With a room like this, our social coordinator won't have to waste her time searching for halls but can put her energy into the social itself.

Other necessities to be included are a student snack bar (separate from the faculty), a reading room where students can read and work without being disturbed, a new and larger room for the co-op, sufficient cafeteria space, and central air conditioning throughout the building—not only in the room of the college president!

Our fervent plea, which we sincerely hope will be heard by the administration, is that this building be built with foresight. Unlike our brothers uptown, we have no more room for expansion. Let's not in four years hear complaints of crowded conditions. And if there be any thought that our requests are too much, please be aware of the fact that we're paying the tuition of regular colleges—let's have the facilities!

Faculty Footnotes

PROFESSOR MEIR HAVAZELET has published an article entitled, "Sefer Mekach uMemkar LeRav Hai Gaon and Hilehot Mechira laRambam" in Tarbitz, the quarterly publication of the Hebrew University. This is the first of a series of articles by Dr. Havazelet from his doctoral thesis to be published by the Hebrew University, his alma mater.

He also has published an article entitled, "Ait Lachashov v'ait Ledaber," in Niv, the annual publication of the Teacher's Institute of Men of Yeshiva University.

DR. NOAH ROSENBLUM, Professor of Hebrew Literature, has had a monograph entitled "Luzzato's Ethico-Psychological Interpretation of Judaism" published by Yeshiva University. It is the tenth in the "Studies in Torah Judaism" series of monographs published by the Department of

Special Publications. The monographs are designed to offer a rationale for Judaism, grounded in Biblical, Halachic philosophic sources and geared to a contemporary view.

PROF. RACHEL WISCHNITZER, had her book The Architecture of the European Synagogue reviewed in the Jerusalem Post and Aufbau.

DR. EDWARD HOROWITZ contributed a chapter "Developments in the Hebrew Language" to Currents and Trends in Contemporary Jewish Thought.

DECOLONIZATION AND CO-OPERATION with developing countries. Israel fervently believes in the principle that no nation is entitled to dominate another, and has lent her support to peoples under colonial rule struggling for independence.

Dorm News

The Dormitory Chagigot were held Saturday and Sunday evenings, Nov. 20th and 21st at the West Side Jewish Center. Because of the size of the classes, the Mrs. and Mrs. held their Chagiga Saturday night and the Freshman and Sophomores concluded the festivities on Sunday.

Ether Koenig, Jr.-Sr. Chairman, and her committees succeeded in creating a coffee house atmosphere in which Mickey Posnick entertained with folk songs. He also sang at the Sunday evening Chagig, chaired by Evelyn Thaw.

There were mixed reactions to the success of the chagigot as witnessed by the conduct of the audiences and later comments.

Dorm Council has announced the collection of dorm dues. Dues are \$2.00 and should have been paid to Floor Chairmen. A good part of the treasury of Dorm Council goes for Christmas tips at the Prince George, so dues must be paid as soon as possible.

The lounge in the new dorm is in deplorable condition, with spoiled in the refrigerator and trash overflowing. Some of these conditions are being alleviated by cleanup details, but the situation is not good.

Our Girl Abroad

"Teulim" Highlight Vacation

IN case you are wondering, classes started at Hebrew University October 31. The rhythm is now in full swing.

By this time, everyone has a permanent schedule, having made any changes or additions in the first month. The halfway point of the first trimester is already past; students are already talking of "Teulim" (trips) during the two week January vacation.



Rosalie Landesman

The average Israeli student takes 25-30 hours weekly during his three years of study towards a B.A. Unlike the American liberal arts college where numerous subjects are required in addition to one major, the Israeli student must choose one "minor" and two majors.

The special student from abroad, here for one year, is allowed complete freedom in choice of classes. Only in the science departments, where the laboratories are crowded, would any problem arise.

The lounge will be restricted unless it is kept clean. This applies to commuters and lower classmen who use the lounge during the day, as well as residents of the new dorm.

Most exams are given during the summer, in July and September. If a student fails an exam during the July sitting, he may take it again in September, with no loss to him. Many students take half of their exams in July and half in September.

Some one trimester or two trimester courses administer exams during the winter or spring vacation.

Yavneh is the religious students organization, formed more than 30 years ago. At the general meeting held last week, a governing committee of 17 was newly elected.

Last Shabbat was the first of several Shabbat "Teulim." Approximately 80 students spent Shabbat in Karai Deshab on Lake Kinneret near Tiberias. The topic for the symposium concerned the role of the religious party in the new coalition in Jerusalem.

In the next issue, the relationship between the religious youth will be discussed.

Mrs. Giges Lauds Student Help During Blackout

This is to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to all the students at the Prince George Hotel and the 34th Street residence halls for their exemplary cooperation and assistance during the November 9th blackout, the ordeal of darkness. Though we all felt some anxiety, they met the challenge with unusual sturdiness, courage, dignity, and stoicism.

Immediately when the lights went out, many of the students offered their services, distributing flashlights, taking posts at the foot of the stairway at the Prince George Hotel and stairway landings on the upper floors, and guiding students, as well as hotel residents, to reach their respective floors safely. This was a true test of maturity.

My special thanks to the following, who performed admirably.

Carol Fisch, Linda Gensauer, Susan Krantman, Jeanne Feldman, Hannah Malowitzky, Lorraine Osband, Magda Sas and Helen Weintraub.

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Audience Examines One-Act Presentations by Workshop

by Patti Flom

HIDDEN in a little room on the eighth floor of Little Carnegie Hall is a dramatic workshop. Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night the actors perform two one-act plays. Last week the two plays shown were "Hello Out There" and "If Men Played Cards as Women Do."

The first is a tense and dramatic jail scene. A man is in jail for raping another man's wife. He is "lonely as a coyote," and calls from behind his bars "Hello out there!" hoping to get an answer from the empty outside.

His answer comes in the form of a lonely jail cook who has none to speak to. Both want to hear the echo of the voice of a friend. Within an evening the two lonely ones come to love one another.

The man behind the bars sees in the young girl an image of himself, and he gives her all the money he has so that she can escape to a place where she will not remain alone. Finally, the raped woman's irate husband comes to the jail and shoots his wife's assailant, leaving the young girl alone again only to mutter "Hello out there."

The acting on the part of the jailer is moving and alive. The young girl, however, does not seem real. Her words and actions are forced.

"If Men Played Cards as Women Do" is a short farce on the ridiculous actions of women and their preparations for company, the way they speak, their meticulousness.

Instead of women's bridge, four men get together and play cards. "Oh! What a lovely hat you have on," — "It's a Paris original," and other such lines make it a successful comedy.

If men would speak of these trivialities (though, unquestionably, they have their own idiosyncrasies), they would be mocked. The idea and lines for the play are perfect. Unfortunately, the play is underacted and the performers are not serious enough.

The most unique thing about the theatre is that after each play the director sits in front of the audience and there is a discussion about

the intent and performance of the play. The exchange of ideas (often very diverse) is extremely enlightening and at times the ideas are amusing.

It is a pity, then, that the audience of such an interesting performance has to be so small. It is time for us to stop depending upon things which will entertain us; we should, rather, use our minds for diversion.

Our sincerest thanks to Mr. Jacob Blaser who so ably handled matters the night of the blackout. Because of his direction and Mrs. Sobel's assistance, many commuters and T.I. students were accommodated for the evening. Once again, our thanks.

Kochaviah Editor Promises Changes for '66 Yearbook

"It's going to be a great yearbook," announced Kochaviah's Editor in Chief, Toby Umansky. Plans for the upcoming yearbook are in full swing encompassing drastic renovations in style and form.

Under consideration are a different shape and size for the yearbook, and a new layout for the pictures of the graduates. Already decided upon is the opening page which will consist of a poem by Adele Levine '68.

A picture essay of the class history is being worked out by the Kochaviah's staff. Also under consideration is colored text paper.

Replacing the formal pictures will be candid shots of the faculty and seniors. The length of

the yearbook will be seventy-two pages. Seniors are presently securing ads that will be contained in the last pages.

Editor Toby Umansky

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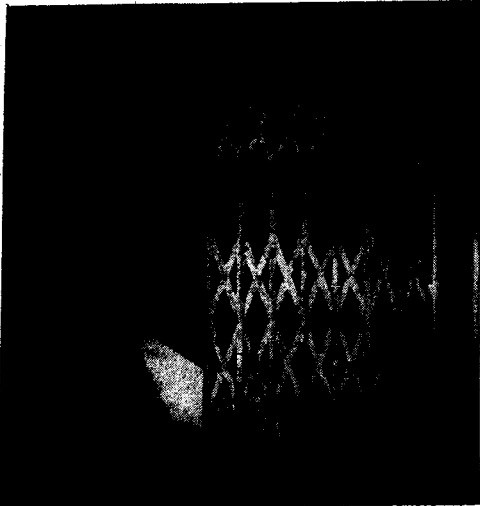
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Enigmas 'Eard . . .

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- And then he said . . .
- But I have to do a term paper on Chicago.
- At least when you took Bio they hadn't changed the classifications!
- I love it here . . . but I'm going to flunk out.



A scene of girls as they crowd into already crowded elevator.

- What do you mean, why am I wearing boots? I'm a commuter.
- Out There it's snowing.
- Then Mrs. Giges said . . .
- My goodness, my library book is one minute overdue . . .
- It's not all that bad.
- One Bio major to another: —Well, there's more than one way to skin a rat, oops, I mean cat."
- What's a 'Chanukah Social'? If it's a chagiga, why don't they just say so?
- Sure, we're getting a new building. They've bought the parking lot, surveyed the sidewalk, and the building next door just got a new paint job.
- It's Hebrew Speaking Day! You must be kidding!
- Hey you guys, you're all invited to a 'Let's-burn-Josephus-party'!
- Look, the school really is growing. The speech department alone is double the size it was last year.
- She is not pregnant. That's what everyone said last June.
- Are you sure everyone fails the first Poll Sci test?
- But I don't want to be called "Pussycat" in class!
- . . . then my supper fell into the courtyard so I had to go down and . . .
- In February' . . .
- You mean you didn't know we owned the jail? Why the New York Times said we moved in last February . . .
- Should I cut my hair?
- Just count the times she walks back and forth while she lectures . . . and the day she breaks one hundred . . .
- I'm going to cut again.
- Is this four, oops, excuse me, pardon me, thanks . . .
- And, of course, downstairs one passing by overhears, "Is he on the fourth floor again? Never mind, I'll walk."

Season's Socials Started

by Vivian Singer

Upon entering Stern College for Women, one is quick to observe the sign on the bulletin board, "Long Range Activities". Underneath this sign, many class announcements are tacked.

There is a poster for the Freshman Chagiga and signs urging Freshmen to sign up for the publicity and fund raising activities of their class. Also hanging on the board and attracting attention, is the poster for the Junior Social with a message asking the Juniors to sign up for various committees.

As their first class function of the year, the Freshman held a Chagiga on Sunday night Dec. 5th. The chairmen were Phyllis Euthen and Vivian Singer.

The Seniors had their social on Nov. 13th. The theme was Mesaviv Lamedurah. It was held in the school, Benjamin Mandel entertained the guests with some original songs. The atmosphere was informal, characteristic of a hoot-essny.

Many Sophomore girls are interested in the Junior Year in Israel. The Sophomore class had a panel discussion on this timely topic. The class had a successful stationery sale.

Mazel Tov

Engagements:
Barbara Prenner '66 — Arthur Berger '68
Susan Katz '66—Lester Kaufman

Marriages:
Henl Fink '67 — Gerald Weistogel '68
Elaine Weisz '67—Alan Furster

Births:
To Rabbi & Mrs. Mitchell Orlian—a boy
To Judy Fink Elger '63—a boy

A special congratulations to Miss Blanche Wiessen, a history lecturer at Stern on her forthcoming marriage.

Letters To The Editor

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highest degree of kashruth in the school and dormitory buildings and at all sanctioned school affairs. It is quite a different story, however to supervise the girls' eating habits during their private hours away from Stern. True that it is required of all Stern students to be in sympathy with the ideals of the college. But it is often possible, and quite valid, to be in sympathy with certain ideals without actually living up to them. For example, I was very much in sympathy with many of the civil rights drives, but I would not have marched to Washington or anywhere else for their sake. Sympathy can be mutual understanding and nothing more in many cases. Thus, girls can conceivably be in sympathy with Stern College's ideals and purposes and, at the same time, they can eat whatever and wherever they like, they can pray wherever and however and to whomever they like, etc., etc., etc.

Many girls are at Stern simply to acquire a Jewish education. Of course it would be thrilling if every girl became sincerely observant during her stay at Stern, but as far as I know, strict observance has not yet become a faculty requirement for graduation. Furthermore, if these "disreputable establishments" coincide with the girls PERSONAL PREFERENCES, can't you find it at all satisfying to see that some girls have developed into individuals, whether or not you agree with them?

For all we know, many of the girls' homes do not meet the kashruth requirements that Stern College prefers. Shall we, then, forbid the girls to go home until we have stationed a mashgiach in every kitchen?

Let us assume that kashruth is being upheld at Stern College proper, and let us hope that everyone is being positively influenced by Stern's teachings.

BUT LET'S KEEP OUR NOSES OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S PLATES!

Janice Rutberg

A Grand Old Flag

Dear Editor:

All patriotism aside, I distinctly remember from any high school history course that Alaska was admitted to the Union on January 3, 1959, followed shortly thereafter by Hawaii on August 21.

It is good to see that expansion is going on in places other than Stern College for Women. However, the administration seems not to have recognized these events of the past six years, for while sitting in a class held in the "auditorium" (kindly notice the quotes) I noticed that there were only forty-eight stars on the flag. If my information is correct and there are fifty states in the Union, I feel it only just that Stern purchase a new flag having fifty stars.

If such purchase is not already included in the budget, perhaps it can be taken out of the three hundred dollar increase in tuition.

Sincerely,
Reva Weinreb

Mandatory Starvation

Dear Editor:

Water, water, everywhere but not a drop to drink. No, that's

not the case this time—just no food to eat. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks but to many of us who stayed in the dorm it was a time of cursing.

Our school claims to worry so much about our welfare but isn't food included in the general welfare of the student. Thursday, the school was locked up and no provisions were made in the dorm for sandwiches or any food. Stores were closed so, one couldn't even buy "tref" food. Friday, too, the cafeteria was closed.

True, the workers in the cafeteria would like a vacation, but doesn't the administration care about its students? We're not all dieting!

Jeri Smulevitz

Bracha Bulletin

To the Editor:

Many students have been forgetting to make many brachot. Such as the one over the candy bar eaten in haste, because she had not time for lunch and no breaks between classes, or the one over the drink of water gulped down on her way to and from classes. Perhaps students have been forgetting to make these brachot because they are in a hurry to be on time for their next class. As a reminder why not put signs of the brachot next to every candy machine and water fountain?

Another bracha which is of great importance but which is seldom said is the Asher Yatzer which should be said when leaving the bathroom. Everyone remembers to wash her hands because of sanitary reasons but few remember to say the bracha because "it's too long to remember." Some students are not familiar with it and other students cannot remember it. To refresh their memories, why not put a sign of the bracha outside of every ladies' room?

Miriam Josowitz

It Bugs Us

To the Editor:

In the November 18, 1965 edition of the Commentator, we read that flu shots were given to dorm residents at Yeshiva University. The article further stressed the need for these shots. The Public Health Service warns of a possible nationwide flu epidemic.

Similar action should take place in our Stern College dormitories. The following reasons will stress why:

- 1) In the new dormitory several girls sleep in a room. This increases the possibility of becoming sick.
- 2) Since many girls are not accustomed to New York weather, they do not prepare themselves for the weather properly.
- 3) Also, the changeability of the weather increases chances of becoming sick.
- 4) In addition to the regular homework, this is the season for midterms and term papers. Thus, the girls' resistance to sickness is lowered.

It is hoped that soon action will be taken on this matter.

Lenore Wolfson

Unrequested Thanks

To the Editor:

Although he requested that we do not mention his name in either our recent debate or in the news

story concerning it, Rabbi Weinberg said nothing about our expressing our gratitude in a public letter to the editor.

We would therefore like to try to express our thanks to Rabbi Dr. Weinberg of the Jewish History department for his invaluable aid, encouragement and knowledge, which we believe played a vital part in the outcome of our debate with Yeshiva College.

It isn't often that one comes across a teacher who is so willing to completely give of himself to others . . . and who will then withdraw modestly into the background.

With great appreciation, Dr. Weinberg.

Thanks,
Ethel Spender
Glida Schuchalter

Communal Living

Dear Editor:

Isn't it wonderful that Stern has a new dorm? Yes, we are quite fortunate to have possession of a large beautiful building with many new "facilities" which we are not allowed to use.

We should be very thankful that we see progress and do have a "dorm". But, what kind of a place is it? A unique one for sure. For what other college dorm has at least three girls in a room? What other dorm encourages close friendships among many girls at once, gives a girl such privacy, and gives her an atmosphere conducive to study with one roommate listening to the radio, one chatting with friends who have stopped by to visit, and another complaining about not being able to sleep.

It is not that the hard work of the administration and Mrs. Giges is not appreciated. It is simply that we would like to see Stern College a real college, with a dorm not featuring communal wards! Perhaps the increase in price rates will remove us from the wards and place us in tri-private if not semi-private rooms.

The Inmates

Manners, Please

To the Editor:

I was shocked and embarrassed Sunday evening, November 21st, at the Dorm Social.

During a performance, people are supposed to listen and at least be courteous. Even if to some people the performer is considered bad, others may hold a conflicting opinion.

Such rudeness as was shown to the folksinger Sunday night was unbelievable. Repeatedly he was obligated to stop because some people felt either that socializing is the epitome of success or that immaturity is the accepted code of acting.

We are in college now; doesn't that mean anything to anyone? Are we still too immature to attend a performance without a teacher hovering over every two rows guarding our silence? Whoever is among the guilty, I ask WHY?

A Perturbed Student

Menorah Lights

Dear Editor:

We at Stern College Dormitory have our "little miracle on 94th Street" to be thankful for this year, but the problem at hand is—
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Russian Guide Seeks Religious Jewish Burial

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of art in the world. It was aptly named because the Czarina would impose hermit-like conditions in her palace.

Mrs. Miller next discussed the suppression of religious observance in Russia. Though not as deplorable as Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union is slowly but inexorably smothering the Jewish religion in Russia. There will be a very minute percentage of Jews remaining to carry over the tradition. Young children have no opportunity for Bris (Circumcision), Bar Mitzvah, or shul affiliations. The shuls are crowded on Shabbat, but only with the older generation.

There were two unfamiliar sounds in the shul Mrs. Miller visited. Firstly, there was a rustling of paper, for each person had brought his own Siddur and paper for insulation.

Also, as the Bircat Hachodesh (Blessing of the Month) was made, a wailing and crying accompanied the blessing. It is very touching to note that these Jews are begging G-d to be created again. They wish to live in a state where they can live freely as Jews; a privilege that we Americans so lightly toss around.

Also in Leningrad, Mrs. Miller and her party visited the Jewish cemetery. There, they saw a marked contrast between the recent and older grave-stones. The older stones are engraved in Yiddish; those that are more recent are in Russian or German.

The Jewish guide expressed a desire to be buried in the cemetery so that he could perpetuate his religion. His children were already assimilated and he wanted to maintain his tradition.

Russia is divided into fifteen republics. Tbilisy is one such republic with its own language and culture. The majority of its population are of the Moslem and Jewish faiths. It is unique in that it is the only community in which men may teach their children.

The town also has a "shochet"

and a "Mikvah." It is a spiritual oasis in the midst of so much assimilation. For the most part, Russian Jews are confined and deprived. It is up to us to let them know we care.

We have given them many injections of hope but we must keep aid coming if they are to survive. Their situation is a grave one and should be eased as soon as possible in order for them to survive as Jews.

New York Offers Activities — Gratis

by Lenore Wolfson

In New York, there are many interesting things that one can do for free. Interesting activities are held at Donnell Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Other museums such as the Gallery of Modern Art and the Museum of Modern Art conduct film festivals to which one can gain admission by the initial admission price to the museum. Another place which holds many inexpensive activities is the 92nd Street YMHA.

During the past Monday nights, a series of free programs dealing with "The Influences on Dance of Today" have been conducted at Donnell Library. Each program has commentary, demonstration, performance, films and slides on the dance.

The first program, November 8th, dealt with "The History of Ballet — Renaissance to Modern." Demonstrations were given of earlier and later ballets with authentic costumes. Also, a film excerpt from "The Sugar Plum Fairy" was shown. In addition to interesting slides on the ballet, there were many other highlights to the evening.

November 15th, Julia Levien and Hortense Kooburis dealt with "Isadora Duncan, Pioneer of the Dance." Isadora Duncan can be considered one of the beginners of modern dance. Demonstrations were given of some of her dances.

Also, information was conveyed about her early contemporaries and her later influences, since she did have an indirect effect upon

Y.U. Viet Nam Teach-In Finds Dunner Pro; Komar, Lieb, Behrends Protest U.S. Role

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use the armed force repression in Viet Nam.

The National Army for the Liberation of Viet Nam which instigated the 1955 terrorism south of the 17th parallel was actually the remains of the Communist Army irregulars who were not included in the Geneva Agreement.

While these forces of conspiracy

and armed aggression permeated the area, the western world preached peace and pacifism. The United States at that time began to aid Viet Nam independently.

The methods and the goals of the Communists are seen by Dr. Dunner as resembling Hitlerism. The United States, therefore, has no choice but to repel Communist infiltration. "We are honor bound

to help a nation fight for independence."

Drs. Ralph Behrends, Arthur Komar and Elliot Lieb, associate professors of Physics at the Belfer Graduate School of Science represented the opposition to the present U.S. policy in Viet Nam. Dr. Behrends opened the remarks for this side by explaining that the essential purpose of the Geneva Agreement was to end hostilities not to set up a territorial boundary. The provisions were to be effected by an international commission.

The position of the United States could therefore be called an intervening force upon which the consequently demoralized Army of South Viet Nam will come to depend.

Furthermore, the con side attacked the supposed popularity of U.S. troops in Viet Nam and asked if Dr. Dunner would support the present policy in the face of popular opposition. Since Dr. Dunner denies this premise, he dismissed the possibility.

The debate continued in a somewhat repetitious style. The con side seemed to advocate policy alterations from a logical standpoint of upholding the practical aspects of a democracy; the support of the U.S. stand centers on a moral ideal.

Dr. Goldstein Meets French During Year Away From Stern

by Noemi Lowinger

THE patriotism of the French is heartwarming. On July 14, Bastille Day, the picnic is out. The warm glow is in.

Dr. Goldstein, Professor of History at Stern and visiting Professor at Yeshiva University, met the French this summer in the latter part of her year away from Stern.

Dr. Goldstein had been awarded a grant by the American Council of Learned Societies. Given a year to do research, she devoted her time to the completion of an article on Victor Cousin and a book on Alexis De Tocqueville.

The article, entitled "The Official Philosophies in Modern France—The Example of Victor Cousin," is concerned with the origin of state supported philosophies. Cousin, in 1840, was the head of the Ministry of Instruction in France. He also taught in schools and was able to bring official state philosophies directly to the students.

The book on Tocqueville, the historian of the second French Republic, encompasses his ideas on the role of religion in thought. Dr. Goldstein had already written on the subject in journals, and based her doctorate on it as well.

During the earlier part of the year she studied the matter extensively at Yale. She was, however, in need of original sources

such present day artists as Martha Graham and "The Jacob Pillow Festival."

November 27th was "The Place of the Male in Dance." Films were seen of Taras Bulba and the State Ensemble of the Folk Dance, directed by Igor Moiseyev. Also, the place of the male in primitive African and Norwegian dances was shown by film.

Other such programs are held at Donnell Library and at other centers throughout the city. Keep your ears and eyes open to take advantage of them.



Dr. Doris Goldstein

found in Paris. Thus, with both her husband and daughter free to take the trip they went to Paris during summer vacation.

This was not Dr. Goldstein's first trip to the city. She had been there after World War II and again five years ago. At both times she had found the country in a state of depression and slightly antagonistic to Americans. France is now, however, prosperous and tourists were greeted with the famed French charm.

She was also pleasantly impressed by "Operation Clean-up" in Paris. All the old buildings are being cleaned and the gleaming marble restores Paris to its title of "The City of Lights."

Independence Day and the nationalism of the French was the most moving of all. The Parisians danced at the public monuments and the Marseillaise was played on horns along the Seine.

Dr. Goldstein was thus able to capture the spirit of the Frenchmen whose ideas she investigated.

A question about Cremora, the milk substitute, has been brought to our attention. There are no non-kosher ingredients in this product, and it, therefore, may be used. It should be kept in mind, however, that Cremora is Milkbig (dairy), since it contains sodium caseinate and should be used appropriately.

The Adams Co. produces Chiclets gum products. All the flavors under this heading may be used except Beaman's and Peppin, since they are made with a chicken fat flavoring.

THE NEGEL INSTITUTE for Arid Zone Research, at Beer-sheba, which gives all possible scientific assistance in the development of the Negev. It does research in plant and animal biology, human physiology, the large-scale utilization of solar energy, and the utilization of the area's natural resources and raw materials. It has achieved significant results in water desalination.

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Debating Society Defeats Yeshiva; Girls Request Equal Touring Funds

The debate team of Stern College, an outgrowth of the debating society, got off to a fine start last week with their debate against Yeshiva College. The topic of the debate between the brother-sister schools was "Re-

solved: To Be a Good Jew You Must Live in Israel," with Stern College taking the pro-Israel stand.

The society's advisor, Miss Tauber, President Gilda Schuchalter, and Vice-President Esther Spenciner held a brief meeting No-

vember 10 for all those interested in trying out for the varsity squad debate team.

Prospective debaters were each asked to prepare a debate to be given within the month. Anyone, it was announced, who might still be interested in joining the society should contact Gilda Schuchalter, the president of the club, immediately.

Students interested in researching background material for the forthcoming intercollegiate debates are urged to join.

Four big debates have been scheduled with other colleges including schools in Pennsylvania and Staten Island. The Stern team is also preparing to debate other colleges in the New York City area on the National Debating Society topic "Resolved: Fed-

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La Plume de Lewin

Journal Sheds New Light on French Poet and Dramatist

TO commemorate the death of the great poet and dramatist Paul Claudel, "La Place Paul Claudel" was consecrated on November 5. A plaque was placed in his honor behind the "theatre de l'odeon" where "Le Soulier de Satin" was presented. The French newspaper "Le Figaro Litteraire" published on this occasion new pages of his journal, still unpublished, which have never appeared in print.



Eva Lewin

In January of 1921, hearing from a friend of his nomination in Tokyo, Claudel decided to take another trip to the Orient, where he had been stationed previously on diplomatic missions and where he was inspired to write "Le Partage de Midi."

Even while still in Europe, he thought constantly of his trip and his spirit had already crossed the sea. Without waiting, he recopied a prayer for the conversion of the Japanese, which his ancient friend and confessor, the Abbey Fontaine had written a short time before his death, and which would inspire the guardian angel of Dona Fruzeze in "Le Soulier de Satin."

At this time the ideas upon which the play would be based were becoming clearer in his mind and he had already written the rough draft of the principal dialogues.

He was also obsessed with the memory of his encounter on the boat for China with a Polish woman whom he made the heroine of "Le Partage de Midi" which was revived by a recent meeting with her. This was mixed with the perspective of his future departure and with a clear spiritual orientation which he had formulated about the mother of G-d.

He also prepared for his departure by reading about Buddhist art. His voyage reopened "the great book of the Orient" and brought back to him all his previous memories.

While there, he was obsessed by personal worries. His son was hospitalized during his absence because of tuberculosis. Also, a close friend was violently attacked in the French press and parliament following a catastrophe of the Industrial Bank of China.

When he visited Colombo he had the idea for the first time in front of a Buddhist temple of a certain relationship between the Hindu conception of religion and the Christian truths. He also received

a letter from a young student who was converted by reading Claudel's works and who was obsessed by the conflict between religion and everyday life.

Claudel showed to him and others like him that the work of G-d. The students had confidence in him for he demonstrated to them a complete faith in G-d as well as a great poetic inspiration.

The notes which are contained in the article are reworded and presented in "Le Poete et le Vase Etrusque" and "Mon Voyage en Indochine." By comparing the notes with the texts one gets a clearer picture of the process of creation of Paul Claudel.

Soviet Sensitivity to Jewish Problem Encourages Y.U. to Continued Action

by Lenore Wolfson

THE most recent evidence of the flexibility of the Soviet Union was their printing support of the Israeli side of the Arab-Israeli situation. This is an example of the Soviet's sensitivity to the "Jewish problem."

During this past year, the situation of Soviet Jewry represents a major breakthrough. There have been a significant number of small concessions to the Jews by the Soviets. Also, as reported by informed authorities, the Soviet Jews have shown a strengthened will to survive.

Through the action of the World Jewish Community to the support of their Soviet brethren, there is a chance for an increase in the betterment of the Soviet Jew's position.

Yeshiva University and Stern College, the future leaders of the American Jewish community, have a definite responsibility to their Soviet brethren. "If we do not who will?"

There are two important meetings during which we may show our support for Soviet Jewry and gain further knowledge of the situation.

December 9th will be a Major Symposium on Soviet Jewry at Furst Hall. This will take place from 8:20 till 10:30 p.m. The program will be divided into three

"YOU HAVE to see to believe." This was Florence Zweig's statement concerning Y.U.'s summer tour to Israel and to Eastern Europe.

The tour first flew from New York to London, England and stayed there three days. "The people were cold and austere and it rained all the time," recalled Florence. She was quite overjoyed that the next three days were spent in Paris for "even though it was filthy, it was still Paris and the people there are so friendly." The group then proceeded to Geneva "which always smells like flowers" and next to Italy where they toured Milan, Rome, Venice and Naples. They visited the run down Jewish Ghetto in Venice which manifests the indigence of its inhabitants.

From Naples, El Sorrento, an Italian boat which Zim Lines



Florence Zweig

rented, delivered the group to Haifa, Israel. They stayed there twelve days, touring the country from Haifa to Eilat with their two Israeli student guides and even managing to squeeze in a few lectures at Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The "troupe" sailed to Venice from Haifa on the Greek ship S.S. Atlantica. Of course, as is typical, kosher food was forgotten and the "squad" lived on tuna fish and tomatoes for eight days, spending most of their time in their "boiler-room quarters."

From Venice they bussed to Vienna and spent three days in "one of the most beautiful cities one could ever be in." At this point of the tour, the tension was increased for the next stop was the Polish border. When the bus crossed the border it was met by a police guide, a student from the University of Warsaw, who accompanied the group during their entire stay in Poland. At this time, they were told to account for all money brought

We apologize for the unfortunate mixup caused by the rescheduling of a dorm social on the same night that "Twelve Angry Men" was presented by Y.C. Arrangements have been made to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

into and spent in the country. In addition the entourage was warned that their hotel rooms were probably tapped and no changes could be made since all was arranged by the government. The two days in Krakow were spent visiting sites and the Jewish populace "who are afraid of each other." The Jews of the city put on a lavish spread with the extra rations the government gave them for this purpose. A few of the girls sneaked clothes to them, but they were afraid to accept them. The group also made a trip to Auschwitz which is as it was during the war (except, of course, those parts which were bombed). Miss Zweig termed it as "a monument to morbid curiosity seekers and Jews who want to remember and understand."

They left Poland, with small tokens from their Polish guide and traveled twelve hours to Czechoslovakia. They were met by Merig, a "much sharper guide than the Polish one." In fact when asked if they could call him Mike, he answered, "No, my name is Merig." They arrived in Prague, which "at one time must have been very beautiful for it is still nicer than other Eastern European cities." During the two-day visit, they went to a shul whose walls were inscribed with the names of the 72,000 Jews killed in Triesenstadt. At the Czech border they were held up one and a half hours while the government checked everything.

For the remainder of the tour, they travelled through West Germany, Holland and Belgium, visiting various places of interest such as Anne Frank's home and the International Court of Justice at the Hague. They then took a steamer to London and flew back to the "good old U.S.A." Florence was happy to return but even though she "roughed it a lot," she "wouldn't have missed it for anything."

Snow Season Clouds World; Progress Uncovers View

by Faye Greenfield

GETTING colder, isn't it? You drag yourself out of bed every morning to push against the biting wind to . . . midterms. Midterms, no sleep, half dead . . . and then you seem to wake up; everything gets a little clearer. A hazy world focuses to black and white.

Just when people bundle up more and more—layer upon layer to cover reality, you become able to perceive a life and a mind behind each mask. Amazing, isn't it? A trickle of ice water down your back sounds uncomfortable. But it wakes you up. And maybe we need waking up. . .

December, already. Can't go forward much longer. Year's coming to an end. Look, it's beginning to snow. Big, white flakes, each a perfect geometric pattern. Yet, it seems futile; they hit the pavement and melt into nothingness. A year, too, course after course driving madly forward to learn each entity for itself. Beautiful, but something is missing. . . or this too will melt into nothingness.

It's snowing harder and harder now. The cars are covered, even New York's busy streets. They don't seem so busy now. A calm is descending with the falling snow. Soon the rat race will stop.

You can't go forward any longer. It's December, time to look back.

It's stopped snowing. You can no longer make out a single snowflake, only a pure white blanket which transforms the world. An answer, the missing element—retrogress and fact after fact will pour into a single mold, and your personality, intellect, and reaction to existence will never again be the same.

True, in a year or so you won't remember what had the power of influence. But then, your whole being views the world with new eyes. Retrospect, what G-d made December for.

And the snow, so white, so pure, as if to cleanse the world to prepare it for a new beginning. January. Wind up the whirligig and go forward. But progress, taking one fact at a time; and a new layer of experience and a deeper understanding. . . Deep as a snow-drift.



Only through such action and interest can we hope for the betterment of the position of the Jew in Soviet Russia.

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Walpurgisnacht At New Yorker

by Sara Spivak

What could possibly be the rationalization for attending that brouhaha at Buckley headquarters on election night? Well, as an old Diehard of the Lost Cause (Confederate Division) could one help sympathizing with Buckley's efforts to place a Hapsbourg back on the throne of Austria? And isn't Mr. Buckley on good terms with that establishment luminary, Murray Kempton?

Truthfully, one's admiration for the "Scourage of Liberalism" was motivated by one's belief (illusory) that Buckley bore a striking resemblance to Alec Guinness, partly to the fact that, in an age of congealed blandness, Buckley's Peck's Bad Boy aristocratic hauteur gave one a sense of perversely vicarious pleasure as the icons were successively smashed.

At any rate, I found myself in the New Yorker Hotel with five friends in a very gemütlich atmosphere consisting of free spirits, disheveled, cursing C.B.S. men, perverted supporters, a few yarmelke co-religionists with yarmelkas and "Bomb Hanoi" buttons (sort of Colonel Blimp-cum-tzitzis)—all anxiously awaiting the candidate's arrival.

Demographically, the crowd was predominantly Irish Catholic, and overwhelmingly blue-eyed (to the point that we brown-eyed types felt positively intimidated) (The prevalence of blue-eyes among the young Goldwaterites at the G.O.P. Convention had astonished Norman Mailer, also).

One looked in vain for those archetypal heroes of the Absurd Right. (Poor Edmund Burke would somersault in his sarcophagus at the ludicrous spectacle of Fulton Lewis, Jr., Dan Smoot, the Rev. Billy James Hargis, and that distaff marvel, Vivian Kellems.) Now and then one would spot an objectivist heavy, but these were rare.

The Angst of the crowd only quickened with the rolling-in of the returns. Now and then they would cheer when Buckley carried some obscure little precinct in Queens, but the mood was sardonic. Even Kieran O'Dougherty's re-iterated assurance that the Conservatives had routed the Liberal Party and were now the swing force in New York politics was not enough.

But to change this ambience, in strode the young Siegfried, surprisingly attractive with his Teutonic-Celtic features. But he gave a singularly disappointing performance. Gone were the High Camp gesturing, the velvety insults, the mercenary witticisms. The blue eyes flashed sardonically as the Alexander Scourby—straining voice said: "I hope messieurs Lindsay, Beame, Rose, and Dubinsky will all congratulate you on your civic-mindedness."

Had the Buckley candidacy become a venture in triviality?

Judges' Decision . . .

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reside in Israel," to a large enthusiastic audience.

Gilda, who presented the opening arguments for the affirmative, defined the term "Jew" as, "one who is born of a Jewish mother," and the term "observant" as, "one who fulfills as many of the 613 commandments as possible."

She pointed out that there are 75 mitzvot which can be observed only in Israel, and therefore, one who does not live in Israel cannot be a completely observant Jew. She set the outline and the debate followed by discussing the topic in terms of Halachic, spiritual, and social significance.



Esther concluded the argument for the affirmative by stressing the belief that "When the children of Israel return to the land of Israel the presence of G-d will return once more."

The speakers for the negative tried to show how one could live in the Diaspora as a completely observant Jew and fulfill a significant purpose. Neil Koslow stressed, "that while it may be easier and more comfortable for a Jew to live in Israel, it is not impossible for a Jew in the Diaspora to be completely observant." The degree of observance is not tied to the land in which one lives but to the individual.

The second speaker for the negative, Larry Grossman, cited many eminent rabbis and contemporary scholars to prove that an observant Jew need not necessarily live in Israel.

He pointed out that in the Shulchan Aruch, which is our guide to daily living, there are no laws dealing with the return to Zion. He also mentioned that many of our greatest sages did not live in Israel and did not advocate a mass move to the Holy Land.

After a heated rebuttal the judges announced the score 116 to 105 in favor of Stern.

Mrs. Giges . . .

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The following is an excerpt from Mr. Jacob Blazer's note to Dean Isaacs and to me . . . "Commending the behavior of the students of the new dormitory during the crisis. Especially cooperative were the following five students, Nina Rosenblum, Sheila Stein, Sharon Duchan, Debbie Shecter, and Leah Laiman. These girls made many trips up and down from the first to the eighth floor, escorting non-dorm residents who were stranded in the City. They were also helpful in compiling the list of names of

Five Alumnae Among Outstanding Women

FIVE alumnae of Stern College have been selected for inclusion in the 1985 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America," an annual biographical compilation of approximately 6,000 outstanding young women between the ages of 21 and 36.

Three of the women reside in Manhattan, one in Brooklyn and one in Brookline, Mass. they are:

MANHATTAN: Dvora Kasachkoff of 24 Bennett Ave., a 1961 graduate; Mrs. Martelle Urivetsky of 45 Fairview Ave., a 1959 graduate; and Mrs. Sabina Schmidman of 165 East 32nd St., a 1961 graduate.

Miss Kasachkoff, a doctoral candidate at Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School of Science and former lecturer at the City College of New York, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics.

Mrs. Urivetsky, a recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, was recently named "Woman of the Year" for 1985 by the National Women's Organization of Hapoel-Hamizrachi.

Mrs. Schmidman, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree, became Stern College's first alumnae-faculty member when she lectured in French last year. Her husband, Rabbi Joshua Schmidman, is an instructor in philosophy at the College.

BROOKLYN: Jessica Wernick of 875 Saratoga Ave., a 1962 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree, is a laboratory lecturer in biology at Stern College.

BROOKLINE, MASS.: Prof. Ruth Beck of 34A Harvard Ave., a 1961 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics, is an assistant professor of mathematics at Northeastern University, Boston.

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Nominations for selection are submitted to local women's clubs throughout the United States. Guidelines for selection include usefulness service to others, charitable activities, community service, professional excellence, business advancement, and civic and professional recognition.

These students who were put up for the night, and it was extremely helpful when anxious parents called, inquiring as to whether their children were at the dorm.

Please officially convey my thanks to these girls."

Mrs. Jenny Giges
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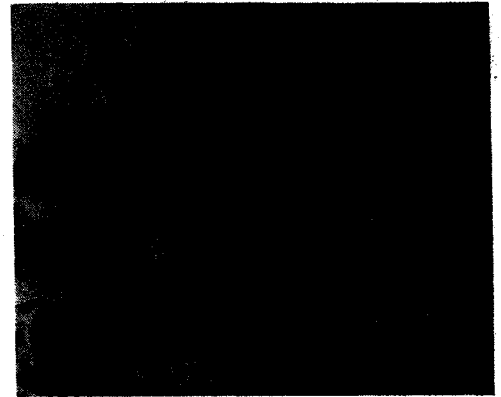
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L'Ecole Juive de Lyon Peylim Still in Action

by Chana Greenberg

YIDDISHKEIT comes to 40,000 Jews of Lyon! How? Approximately three years ago, a shaliach was sent by Peylim to France to investigate rumors that masses of North African refugees were facing dangers of shmad (missionary activity) and assimilation. Unfortunately the reports



Scene in M. Fedida's classroom in Ecole Juive de Lyon.

were quite accurate.

Thousands of refugee children were torn away from Jewish heritage simply because their parents' only alternative was to send them to Catholic schools. Thus the goal of Peylim and its French affiliate was to establish Yeshiva day schools in the large cities which contained a considerable concentration of immigrants.

Lyon was chosen as the pilot project and in cooperation with Peylim, a dynamic personality, M. Zvi Fedida, organized the first day school for Algerian refugee children.

The following case history portrays the plight of many of these immigrant children.

Student: Henri Toutou
Born: Bliska, Algeria

Arrival in Lyon: 1962

Henri's father was killed by the Arabs while the family still lived in Algeria. When the Toutous arrived in Lyon the mission took advantage of their "low economic status and placed the boy in the local school. However when the case reached the ears of Monsieur Fedida, he immediately arranged to have Henri enrolled in the newly founded Yeshiva.

When Henri first entered the school he could not recognize the shape of a Hebrew letter. Today he is learning Tfillot, Chumaah and Rashi, etc. When he completes his studies at the Yeshiva of Lyon he will attend a Yeshiva Gedola (Yeshiva for advanced studies).

Now in its third year, "L'Ecole Juive" has an enrollment of over 110 students and has been forced

to turn away boys due to inadequate facilities.

This institution has expanded to include a high school and dormitory for boys, and a day school for girls. In addition the community of Lyon now sponsors religious summer camps for hundreds of children which are subsidized by Peylim.

The youngsters attending these Yeshiva schools, summer camps, etc. represent only a fraction of the community. The great majority of Jewish children are left to the public school system or worse.

Missionary activities are especially intense among Algerians whose abject poverty makes them such easy prey. Who knows how many "Henris" we have lost!

American Jewry is very concerned about the fate of our brethren in Soviet Russia. I do not wish to undermine the activities of any organization involved in this case. My point is that American Jewry can do much to combat shmad in France.

Here there are no reasons for entering political complexities as is the case with the Russian Jews. The experience of Lyon shows that a Jewish day school in every large city in France will transform the situation from one of despair and tragedy to one of hope and salvation.

No doubt these segments of our Jewish population must be educated in the spirit of the Torah and be prevented from losing their Jewish identity.

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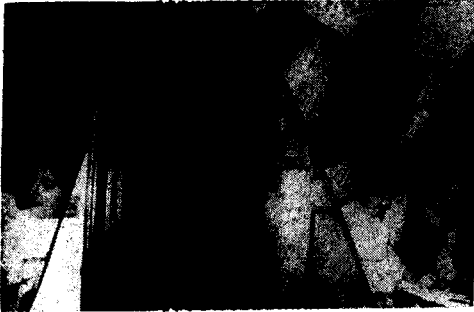
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Sorry About That

by Ruth and Sue Amin



Will we ever see

- A commuter from Alaska?
- A decrease in tuition?
- A closed-door policy?
- Good pictures from Public Relations?
- A Commentator issue better than the Observer?
- A 13th floor in the dorm?
- The lounge quiet when we want to study?
- The lounge noisy when we want to gab?
- A meal made without peas in the cafeteria?
- Blueprint for the Seventies?

Will we always

- Be in the dark about the power failure—
- Be known as the "oldest and largest"—
- Be unique—
- Have New York as our campus—
- Be known for our chagigas—
- Have to read articles like this...

Pirsuma Nissa . . .

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 solves a much greater mitzva — that commemorated each year on Chanukah.

Every year I have the feeling that we at Stern are short-changing the mitzva of lighting candles by burying them in the cafeteria at school or by having one lighting of the menorah at the dorm lounge. And what happened to the girls who just missed it? — not everybody's schedule is the same.

Now that we are in our new dorm, we must re-evaluate our policies and practices to add to the progressive note of the "Blueprint for the Sixties". Our blueprint must be, at all times, the Torah and Halacha.

I want to bring to light some of the halachot concerning the mitzva of lighting Chanukah candles. 1) The Shulchan Aruch states that the candles are to be placed in doorways opposite the public domain in order, adds the Mishne Brura, to have "pirsuma nissa" — to publicize the miracle.

On this point the Shulchan Aruch continues that if one lives on an upper floor where there is no doorway that opens onto the public domain (which applies to our dormitory), one is to leave the menorah on the window facing the public domain;

2) Also in the Shulchan Aruch we learn that a man has not fulfilled his obligation of lighting the candles if he did so in the synagogue but must also light them at home. The Mishne Brura points out "because there is a responsibility on each one to light in his home";

3) Furthermore the obligation of lighting candles immediately after sunset is required of women as well; in fact, the Mishne Brura comments that a woman may even light for all of her household, including the men.

What better "pirsuma nissa" would there be than to see Stern College Dormitory windows adorned with Chanukah candles. Or

course, it is to be understood that the girls must remain in their rooms during the half-hour or so that the candles burn.

I feel that each girl's personal participation in this mitzva in her own room and at her own convenience will bring greater appreciation for and satisfaction and fulfillment of the mitzva in particular and the holiday in general. This year, will there be a "big miracle on 34th Street?"

Marcela Davis

Come. Win lots of prizes at the Chanukah Chagigah to be held December 18th. There'll be a big drawing for door prizes. Most important, you'll be helping to set up a fund for free Shalosh Seudot on Shabbos.

RELIGIOUS COURTS: Each of the three major communities in Israel has its own religious courts of first instance and appeal. These have exclusive jurisdiction in matters of marriage and divorce, which they decide according to their respective religious law — Rabbinical (Jewish), Shari'a (Moslem), or one of the Christian codes.

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Library Changes Promise Relief

Change has become the vogue at Stern. Much of it is due to our exploding student body and faculty and the impelling need for expansion.

One very welcome expansion is that of Stern's library. With hundreds of new books constantly coming in, even the many new bookcases recently added are not sufficient.

To alleviate the impossibly crowded conditions in the library, the main lounge has been converted into a reading room. It has not yet been completed, but even now changes are apparent.

Part of the room is occupied with new tables and chairs and the other part with comfortable couches, end tables and attractive new lamps. The general atmosphere is peaceful and comfortable.

The major change however has not yet been affected. Within the next month, it is hopefully expected, new book shelves will be installed in the lounge and will be filled with 5,000 literature and history books. This is expected to relieve the situation in the main library and allow room for additional new books.

The reading room has been designated for quiet study and the doors are kept closed so as to keep out the noise from the halls.

The smoking lounge has been outfitted with comfortable couches and set aside for conversation and general relaxation.

ISRAEL RANKS SECOND in the world for the number of titles published in proportion to the population, according to recent UNESCO figures. Some two thousand books are published annually, including translations of world classics and outstanding contemporary works.

The T.V. and the victrola have been transferred, too.

It has been suggested by some students that the reading room is not quiet enough for serious study and no longer comfortable enough for relaxation. The general consensus, however, is that the change has been an improvement and is, at least, temporarily satisfactory.

Stern Hosts Annual Fete For Newcomers and Parents

by Nancy Cohn and Suzi Schustek

On Sunday, November 21, Stern opened its doors to prospective students for the coming academic year. Approximately 125 high school students, accompanied by their parents and friends, attended the Open House to participate in a program acquainting them with the school.



Potential students greeted at Open House.

Beginning at 9:00 A.M. tours of the building were given. Student volunteers distributed packets containing information pertinent to admission and a schedule of the day's activities. Everyone then assembled in the auditorium where Dean Isaacs commenced the session.

Dr. Vogel followed with greetings on behalf of the administration.

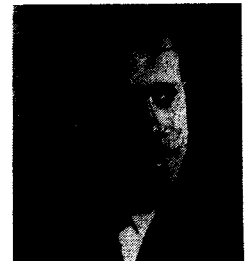
We must to express our gratitude to the governing board of the Commentator and to the YCSC for their aid during our recent financial crisis. A special thanks to the Editor-in-Chief—those two dollars surely went a long way.

Debate Team In Need of Budget

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City area on the National Debating Society topic "Resolved: Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Want Wider Freedom in Law Enforcement."

If the Stern College debate society is allotted an expense account as is the Yeshiva College debate team, they plan to be on cross country tour by the end of this school year.



Folk singer Bill Johnson will entertain at Chanukah Chaggia to be held Dec. 18.

Faculty members representing the different departments briefly explained the educational opportunities at Stern. Among the speakers were: Dr. Jules Greenstein, behavioral science; Dr. Shelley Koenigsberg, teacher-training; Dr. Georgianna Lord, humanities; Dr. Howard Levine, Jewish Studies; Dr. Eleanor Ostrau, social sciences; Dr. Beatrice Friedland, biological sciences; Mrs. Miriam Grosz, physical sciences.

At 11:30 some of the guests went to lunch while the others participated in informal discussion groups concerning the majors offered at Stern. Later in the afternoon, the guests gathered in different rooms to hear lectures by some of the Religious Studies instructors who spoke on the Jewish Studies programs at the various levels.

Emphasis was placed on the synthesis of the liberal arts and the Jewish Studies programs afforded all students.

The concluding session consisted of a discussion of the academic and spiritual goals of the college, guidance programs, and of financing education at Stern.

Mrs. Sue Koss, president of the Student Council and residence director, Mrs. Jenny Giges, highlighted the social life and co-curricular activities with a description of student government, special interest clubs, newspaper, yearbook, and other aspects of student life. Mrs. Esther Zuroff, placement coordinator, explained career opportunities.

Dean Isaacs considered the open house a great success. Speaking for the administration she said, "I am particularly grateful to all our students who acted as hostesses."

Clubs Continue Weekly Meetings; Club Hour Forces Evening Groups

Initial attendance at all clubs was encouraging. Israeli Dance drew the largest number of people. This club is led by Felice Zimmern.

There are seven clubs that meet during club hour. There are as follows: Chess, Dramatic: Workshop, Parashat Hashavua, Folk Singing, Israeli Dance, art, and Sociology clubs.

Of these clubs, the Sociology club is a new addition. It meets bi-monthly under the direction of Dr. Soddin of our Sociology Department. Every other session an outside speaker is invited to discuss some aspect of Sociology, and on the alternating session, a

group discussion is conducted by Dr. Soddin.

The Book Club is led by Esther Levenberg. The first lecturer will be Miss Wiesen of the History Department; Mr. Grinberg, of the English Department, will speak at a future time.

For those students who find it impossible to attend clubs during the appointed hour, there

are four evening clubs available. The Drama Club will present "Tevya's Daughters" in the future. It is under the leadership of Miss Tauber of the Speech Department.

The Debating Club also meets in the evening, under Gilda Schuchalter, as well as the Torah Activities Club. The latter meets bi-monthly on Thursday.

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