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Rabbi A. Seigel Contends Mixed Marriages Serve As Compromise For Both Extremes

By David Gleicher

One of American Jewry's greatest problems is that of intermarriage. Rabbis and lay leaders of all three branches of Judaism cry out daily about such marriages and many solutions to the growing problem are offered. However, not all rabbis feel the same way about the issue. But A. Seigel, rabbi of Riverdale Temple (Reform) contends that in some

Standing-Room-Only Crowd Hears Final Performances From Resident 'Virtuosos'

By Howard Wieder

Performing to a standing-room-only crowd of over 200, Eliezer Dreyfus, an accomplished cellist and pianist, performed his farewell recital before his graduation from YC this June. The concert, entitled "A Program of Chamber Music," which was sponsored by YCSC's Cultural Club on April 10, also featured Ronald Levin on the piano.

Mr. Dreyfus, a YP student majoring in political science, previously attended the Julliard School of Music. Mr. Dreyfus, whose parents are also musicians, plans to enter Columbia University's Ph.D. program in musicology. He hopes to teach music on the college level, coupled with the performance of chamber music.

Mr. Levin, a talented pianist, is a math major attending YP. After graduation this June, he plans to pursue his studies in math and also enter the Semicha program.

The program began with the performance of Shostakovitch's Sonata for Cello and Piano. The second movement of the work was particularly invigorating.

Mr. Dreyfus then left the cello to join Mr. Levin on the piano in the rendition of two works by Mozart, both requiring four hands. The Sonata for Piano, written in the Austrian composer's early years, has a vivacious spirit. In the Fantasia in F minor, written shortly before his death, one can sense the pathos of the miserable end of his life.

The highpoint in the program was Beethoven's Sonata in G minor. The music's powerful pulse has a deep emotional effect on the audience. The program concluded on Beethoven's delightful variations on a theme from "The Magic Flute", an opera by Mozart.

Throughout the evening, one could sense the great rapport between the two virtuosos. As in the past, the Cultural Club's presentation was enthusiastically received by the audience.

The Cultural Club of Yeshiva College, under the dedicated direction of Abe Blank, was founded two years ago to provide a cultural outlet and environment for the Yeshiva community. In the past year it has sponsored recitals and student-faculty art exhibits which were great successes.

cases mixed marriages are as good as, if not better than, regular Jewish marriages.

Rabbi Seigel's background is as interesting and as different as his views. Originally from Milwaukee, Siegel came to YU in 1957 often becoming friendly with a local Orthodox rabbi. He left after one year: "Not coming from an Orthodox background, I had many religious questions. No one here answered them to my satisfaction. I got responses like 'Have faith,' 'Daven more,' etc., but no serious answers that I could accept." After his graduation from University of Wisconsin, Siegel entered Hebrew Union College where he was ordained. For the past 3½ years, he has been with Riverdale Temple.

Rabbi Siegel performs intermarriages under certain conditions: The non-Jew must accept instruction about Judaism (though not conversion), the couple must live within the Jewish community, and the children must be raised as Jews. Siegel was asked about cases in which the mother was a Gentile. In those cases, how could the children be considered Jewish?

Seigel: "According to Orthodox halacha, the children aren't Jewish. However, the Reform movement recognizes children who are raised as Jews to be as Jewish as children who were born into the religion. I realize that Orthodoxy won't recognize children of such intermarriages as Jewish, but then again, Orthodoxy doesn't recognize many other Reform practices."

Rabbi Siegel says that he is not pro-intermarriage: "Lechatchila, mixed marriages are bad, but B'd'avad, if it happens, we must make the best out of the situation." Siegel contends that most intermarriages occur because of romantic love and not because the Jew wants to turn his back on the community Judaism. Therefore, Siegel feels that mixed couples, including the non-Jewish partner, shouldn't be barred from the community. He (the non-Jew) may even join the temple (and there are such non-Jewish members in Riverdale Temple). Although a Jewish temple with non-Jewish members seems an anomaly,

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Dr. Greenberg Advances Radical Thesis In Explaining Significance of Holocaust

By Avi Bitton

Thirty years ago a handful of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto rose in armed rebellion against their Nazi oppressors. In commemoration of that heroic stand and in memory of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis, the Israeli government established the twenty seventh of Nissan as Yom Hashoa Vehagevura.

All of Yeshiva's student councils sponsored an assembly on that day. The event was supported by the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims.

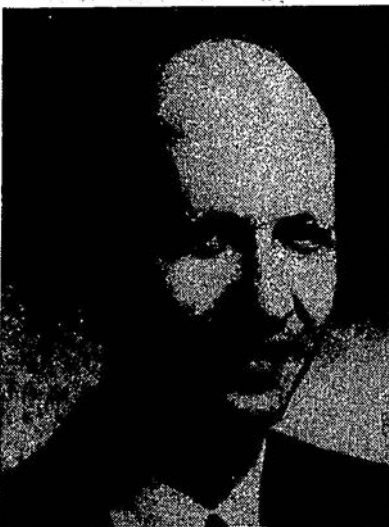
The commemoration service at Yeshiva was highlighted by an address by Rabbi Irving Greenberg, chairman of the Judaic Studies Department of City College and past member of the YU faculty. During his stay at Yeshiva Rabbi Greenberg taught courses related to the Holocaust.

After Auschwitz

"God and Man after Auschwitz" was Rabbi Greenberg's topic as he proceeded by showing how the Holocaust changed what it means to be a Jew. Among the several lessons to be learned from this tragedy, the rabbi especially emphasized the Jews' need to prevent its recurrence and devote themselves to Jewish survival.

Also, as religious Jews, "we must constantly be aware that as all other historical occurrences, the Holocaust was mishamayim, by the will of God. Thus, it is wrong to say that it is impossible to have faith in God after the Holocaust."

Rabbi Greenberg went on to explain another implication of the Shoa. The Jews as living evidence



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Dr. Irving Greenberg

of the greatness and glory of God, were the targets of Hitler's terror. Even apostate Jews were exterminated since they too "testify to God's glory". Thus, according to Rabbi Greenberg, religious Jews must realize that the concept of a chosen people applies to non-religious Jews as well. This realization would go a long way toward resolving some of the religious strife in Israel today.

"Our response," said Rabbi Greenberg, "to this evil intention of Hitler's must be to reaffirm life-to recreate the Tzelem Elokim that he defaced and attempted to destroy-and thereby reaffirm God's glory. The overwhelming act of creating life is the greatest affirmation of emunat Hashem." Re-directing Thought

Another important lesson of the Holocaust is that Jews must establish new methods of making judgments, new criteria and priorities.

ALA: Budget Slash Will Force Protests

By Eli Seidman

The American Library Association will conduct a demonstration on May 8, designed to draw public attention to what they consider a grave problem. Yeshiva's Pollack and Mendel Gottesman libraries plan to participate.

Most public libraries, as well as those within schools and colleges, will dim their lights on that day in order to dramatize their declining ability to provide necessary services as a result of new federal budget proposals. Under its prospective 1974 budget, the federal government would no longer appropriate any funds for library subsidies.

Yeshiva's academic libraries will dim their lights on May 8 demonstrating that they too suffer from the lack of necessary financial support in order to operate as efficiently as they would

like.

The American Library Association hopes to encourage local politicians to participate in this protest and make the public aware that "the lights are dimming on their right to know."

YCSC Debates Action On Dr. Shami's "Departure"; Praises Dramatics Society

By Eli Seidman

YCSC met on April 9 to discuss the curriculum evaluation, student directory, and possible student measures to protest the decline of academic standards resulting from the loss of faculty members.

The meeting began with President Davis announcing that the United Jewish Council is collecting used clothing for New York's Jewish poor. Various other announcements concerned Eliezer Dreyfus' farewell recital, the semi-annual Red Cross Blood drive and a commendation of Mr. Beukas and the Dramatics Society for "The Fantasticks."

Council then debated the question of the curriculum evaluation which had come under halachic criticism earlier this year. After much discussion, it was decided to print the evaluation with the teacher's description of the course only, omitting the student-teacher evaluation section.

Next, President Davis and Mr. Ruchelsman told Council of their meeting with Dean Bacon about Dr. Shami's tentative departure from Yeshiva College. They were told that the assistant professor of economics was refused promotion to associate professor because he had not published.

Council proposed forming a committee to investigate this case and criteria for promotion. Alumnus Mr. Berkowitz advised Council not to let Dr. Shami's case go without protest. He said that unless strong student measures were taken now, the students would allow their own education to become secondary. He insisted that student demand that the quality of undergraduate education become first priority.

Mr. Weiss moved to send a strongly worded letter of concern including the threat of a student strike and petitions to Dean Bacon. Council adjourned for an hour so that a letter of this sort could be written.

The subsequent letter contained many of the ideas expressed by the Council members that night. The mention of the strike was held in abeyance until administration reaction could be gauged. Council unanimously passed a motion to accept this letter.

Before adjourning for the night, Council defeated the motion to print the student directory before the end of the year.

SOY Haggadah

This past Passover, hundreds of students and their families participated in their sederim with a newly-published Passover Haggadah before them. The Haggadah, prepared by the Student Organization of Yeshiva (SOY), was a meaningful, important, and inexpensive publication. Congratulations are extended to SOY and the Haggadah editors and contributors for a job well done. With a few minor corrections and improvements, however, the Haggadah will be even further improved by next Passover.

Solidarity March

THE COMMENTATOR expresses its appreciation to Dr. Irving Greenberg and to the organizing committee for their presentation of the Yom Hashoa commemoration service.

Dr. Greenberg called for a reorientation of traditional Jewish thought toward admission of past guilt, with hope for concerned action in the future, and his eloquent message must not be forgotten. In addition to recognizing a past sin, t'shuva is not complete until the sinner once again comes across a similar situation in which he abandons his sinful behavior and replaces it with virtuous actions. Recognizing our sin of

silence in the past, we are clearly obligated to action in the future.

Sunday May 6 is Solidarity Day, and with steadily rising Administration pressures to abandon the Jackson Amendment, it is every Jew's religious duty to march on behalf of the liberation of our brethren in the Soviet Union. The lessons of history should be all the argument that is needed to convince each and every Yeshiva College and Stern College student to be at 70 Street between Lexington and Park Avenues at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Tay-Sachs, Yes

Over the past several months a storm of controversy has arisen from the decision of Student Council to offer Tay-Sachs disease testing at Yeshiva College. THE COMMENTATOR vigorously supports the testing program as it will be conducted, which will include halachic counseling once results are known. It is hoped that a large number of students will avail themselves of this most valuable service.

There is a sanctity to the privacy of each individual, and it is fully expected that a mature attitude will be adopted by the student body. It is essential that there be no subsequent discussion of any of the results either in public or in private.

Tenure, Continued

THE COMMENTATOR, realizing the importance of the precedent-setting meeting between the Dean and Economic Department students, wishes to commend the Dean on the forthrightness of the discussion. From the direct statements made by the Dean a criterion for tenured faculty was firmly established: That a "degree" instructor is rated higher than the competence of a "non-degree" teacher. This rating is based on the need for student recommendations within the major concerned and for the prestige of the institution.

However, we feel, based on student reaction after the meeting, that the students desire "competence over degree". We also add that the question of how to control the tenured teacher (in terms of furthering his academic standards by publishing) could not be answered by the Dean. In this light, THE COMMENTATOR supports the reportedly advanced motion on the Senate floor that the Senate exercise its recommending power in promotion and hiring of faculty.

The previous issue's editorial concerning Dr. Shami made use of the term graduate student. This refers only to student-teachers who have not passed their orals, and not to the second category of graduate students who are A.B.D.'s — all but dissertation — and one step away from their doctorate.

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Due to a printer's error, the following was omitted from the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR.

Ted Ness, properly agile and dashing as El Gallo, with an inherently good voice, suffered from a most capable but slightly overzealous accompanist. All in all, though, Mr. Ness gave a strong performance, and with further Dramatics Society seasoning he stands an excellent chance of further refining his innate talents for future presentations.

One is never tempted to call Marvin Stern a bad actor, but his portrayal of The Boy did lack sufficient active interpretation. Though I have found my opinion in this to be that of a small minority, nevertheless, I found myself presented with a neutral character who managed to evoke only neutral emotions. This was clearly a case in which errors of omission proved costly. But, again, in this assessment I remain a small minority.

News In Brief

A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CHAIR IN SEPHARDIC STUDIES has been recently established at Yeshiva University. Announced at the University's Sephardic Heritage Convocation and Dinner on April 8, the chair will be the first of its kind in America. This innovation will

allow for an as-yet unannounced prominent scholar to teach at the university. The convocation and dinner marked the conferral of honorary doctorates on Dr. Rene Cassin of Paris, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1968, and President of the Alliance Israelite Universelle; and industrialist Nessim D. Gaon of Geneva, President of the World Sephardic Federation. The chair will be incorporated into the University's Sephardic Studies and Community Activities program.

puters undergraduate (YC) course, taught in the Belfer building, which was opened this year to registration from both schools. (The reasoning for allowing this course to be coed is that it is not given in a "yeshiva" building but in Belfer.)

The combination of several of the advanced courses would prevent their demise as the minimum required registration per class could be reached. The financial end would be balanced, as fewer instructors would be needed—with the combination of courses being achieved. A busing and cross-registration system could be worked out to make the idea reasonable to students from both schools.

The basic clash will occur in where the classes will take place. (Every time I review this problem it becomes more ridiculous.) It must be quite obvious that there is little difference between a YC coed course that has its lectures in Belfer and a "future" coed course that has its lectures in either school building. And if this difference is so vast—then move all advanced courses at YC to Belfer (utilizing the extra space) and hold coed classes there. I certainly feel that the councils should consider this area of education that was discarded completely last year.

I wish to point out a slight change in print and style to our readers. Because of reductions in the student council budget the newspaper received a smaller budget this year of \$9,000 (reduced \$1800). This reduction, because of increased ad space, did not hurt the production of the paper—the bi-weekly publication and total number of pages per year was greater than last year's. However, as a precaution, the paper is considering a lower cost printer than the present one—a printer which I suggested Hamevaser use when they had monetary problems. This precaution was considered earlier this year, and, as this is a small edition, the experiment has taken effect. Please feel free to make any comments to myself or any other member of the board.

Letters To the Editor

DIFFERENT VIEW

To the Editor:

Although I did not actively participate in the Stern College Speech Arts Forum presentation of "The Children's Hour" I was extremely insulted by Mr. Lovinger's review of the play.

I caught his few crumbs of praise for only several of the actresses but had I not been fully awake I could have easily missed the few worthwhile things said.

I realize the play was not perfect but I do not think that it was deserving of the degradation it received. Nor can I agree with the incessant superlatives Mr. Lovinger used in describing the YU play, but, I will not stoop to his level by enumerating several incidents which I found to be less than perfect.

However, what enraged me the most was Mr. Lovinger's attempts to allay our fears of his dislike for Stern. I found his statements quite distasteful as their sarcasm was undeniably marked.

I would like to conclude with a quote from the Gemorah-Baba Metzia, "Don't taunt your neighbor with a fault that you may have."

Francine Siegel '75

Mr. Lovinger replies: There is a significant difference between sarcasm vindictively aimed at definite targets and sarcasm that is intended in a lighter vein and not directed at particulars. A careful and honest re-reading of my review, in which the names of certain persons (whom I again refrain from naming) were carefully omitted, should reveal that, rather than reading between the lines, one would fare better to read the lines themselves. Though not overly noble by my own admission, from the criticism levelled against them it appears that my intentions have been badly misinterpreted.

From the Editor's Desk



Coeducation II

By Mark Koslowe

While not intending to bring back the "divisions" of last year concerning coeducation, I believe that an honest accounting should be taken on this matter. A recent New York Times article (Sun. April 22) on all-women colleges has indicated that they are resisting efforts to become coed, as they feel that women in coed colleges tend to play lesser roles in student affairs. These same schools feel that they must continue their singular existence in order to provide leadership for women in future years. They have also indicated that, although male students attend their school, a degree may not be granted to them (but through the associated "male" college nearby).

It is this last area that I would like to explore, which should concern YU and Stern. This is the feasibility of having advanced courses coed in either school. There are courses at Stern unavailable to the YC student (i.e. education) and courses at YC unavailable to the Stern student (i.e. economics). There already exists coeducation of a type where YU students attend university classes (which are definitely coed) and there is no "adverse" effect recorded. A second example is the math com-

Pollack and Gottesman libraries will hold a moratorium May 15. Any overdue books can be returned without fine.

Comment On...

The Legend Of Yeldorado, Part II



By Lenny Davis

The following text was discovered in a time capsule in the deep recesses of THE COMMENTATOR morgue files. It is, apparently, chapter 6, 7, and 8 of the LEGEND OF YELDORADO, a long-lost and ancient scroll. Fragments of the legend were last printed in THE COMMENTATOR in April, 1936. I feel the time is now ripe to print it in my last column. — L.D.

... and thus, the kingdom of Yeldorado, in the far-off continent of Amdole, lived in peace and happiness for 30 years.

But, the skies over Yeldorado darkened. Barbarian invasions threatened to overrun the kingdom and steal its valuable treasures. The kingdom of Yeldorado, though, was very fortunate in that it had a good king, and he wisely decided to enclose his kingdom within a tall, strong fortress. The king drew up expert plans and blueprints. And the good king's council approved the plans and gave the good king their absolute allegiance and support. The strong and beautiful fortress was built, and for many years Yeldorado lived in peace, protected from the barbarians. The kingdom thrived, the population grew, and the culture blossomed.

The good king, therefore, was very proud of his fortress. So pleased was he that he rewarded those who helped build it—his chief architects, treasurers, military advisors, and supply officers—by knighting them and appointing them Guardians of the Fortress. So perfect was the fortress, the good king had a model of it placed in the kingdom's public square for all to admire. "My fortress is perfect. I am very proud of it," said the good king.

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Years passed, and again the barbarians came out of the plains and eyed the kingdom of Yeldorado jealously and ravenously. The fortress was verily a formidable

obstacle; the barbarian hordes could not penetrate it at all. But, Yeldorado's treasures were vast and the barbarians were determined. They constructed new and awesome weapons. Catapults were built, granite missiles were gathered, battering rams were fashioned, and spies and saboteurs were dispatched into the fortress.

In great alarm, the fortress

sentries ran to the fortress guardians. "Sires, the barbarians are preparing to attack! The kingdom and its treasures are in danger!" The fortress guardians checked the reports and perceived that the threat was real.

The barbarian threat was indeed real; yet the fortress guardians dare not tell the good king! For had

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Tze Ulmad Institute Seeks To Combine Several Aims of Existing Organizations

By Asher Mansdorf

"Never in Jewish history has a Jewish community had the potential for greatness which contemporary American Jewry possesses. We have unprecedented numbers, resources, and opportunities.

"Yet we have not realized this potential. One reason is that we Jews have been so preoccupied with the details of how to insure our physical survival that we have ignored the more important questions of why we should survive as Jews and what being Jewish entails...The People of the Book know precious little about their books, and their children know less. As a result, the cry heard throughout Jewish America is 'where have all the young Jews gone?'"

"Bold Jewish Venture"

Posing the question is Mr. Dennis Prager, who, at twenty-four, is an established authority and leading speaker on contemporary Jewish issues. Though at present there are a significant number of organizations attempting to answer that very question, their scope is limited. The organizations, ranging from the National Conference of Synagogue Youth and Yeshiva University Seminars to Rebbitzin Jungreis' Hineni, all stress increased emphasis on Hashkafah, so that the young might more easily handle the problems they are confronted with today.

Mr. Prager, known to many as the National Spokesman for the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry,

together with a growing number of other "dedicated Jews", has the distinction of being responsible for much of the attention now focused upon Soviet Jewry. Now, however, undertaking a new, equally important project, he is asking the Jewish community to "participate in a bold new Jewish venture: the Tze Ulmad Institute." Mr. Prager does not minimize the importance of NCSY, YU Seminars or Hineni; he merely believes that there is a much wider spectrum of Jewish needs which must be fulfilled. The Institute does not propose to tear down the existing institutions of Jewish life, but, rather, it desires to build from within, for the old will eventually destroy itself.

Tze Ulmad presently offers a speaker service, the introduction of voices which are totally committed to Judaism and to the issues which affect it. Tze Ulmad wishes to share the wealth of knowledge gathered by the Institute's young scholars with the Jewish community-at-large, in order to provide inspiration for further accomplishments. These speakers cross the denominational line of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, coming from various sides of the Jewish spectrum. Yet all share at least one thing in common: a total commitment to Judaism.

Goals and Projects

The Tze Ulmad faculty, which at present stands at eleven, dedicate themselves to the following goals and projects:

(1) "Providing American Jewry with an independent and responsible source of information and

Compromise Condoned In Reform Ceremony

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Rabbi Siegel considers those non-Jews to be analogous to the "Yirei Hashem" of ancient Israel: not quite Jewish, but close to it.

Most Jewish leaders feel that rabbis who perform intermarriages are sanctioning them and are also sanctioning the end of Jewish survival. Rabbi Siegel disagrees: "if a rabbi says no, a couple won't say, 'Hey, let's break up.' They'll go to a priest or minister. I don't feel I'm doing

anything evil. In terms of Jewish survival, if the couple promises to raise their children as and be part of the Jewish community, then what have we lost? In fact these mixed marriages are better than some Jewish marriages where the couple leaves the community and doesn't raise their children as Jews. The mixed marriages that are bad are the ones in which the couple shuns Judaism."

The wedding ceremony itself differs little from a typical Reform ceremony. There is no priest or minister present. The non-Jew doesn't say k'dat Mosheh v'Yisrael because both parties aren't Jewish. A more non-sectarian phrase is usually substituted.

Some weeks ago there was a proposal before the New York Board of Rabbis to bar rabbis who perform intermarriages. Rabbi Siegel comments: "The Board of Rabbis is trying to find a kapporah instead of trying to solve the problem. A proposal such as this one will not offset the spiraling rate of intermarriage. I think there has to be room for diversity in the Jewish community (and on the Board). As I've said before, I'd like to see fewer mixed marriages and increased Jewish awareness.

enlightened discussion. In these times of Jewish crisis, whether in Moscow, Jerusalem, or New York, American Jewry must be adequately informed and imaginatively led."

(2) "Reaching out to hundreds of thousands of young Jews who are either ignored or very inadequately informed about Judaism and Jewish affairs." With the proceeds of these lectures, Tze Ulmad proposes to send its faculty members nationwide to high schools, under-financed colleges and other youth groups at little or no cost to these groups.

(3) Seeking out and encouraging future communal and cultural leaders from the growing number of capable young Jews on the contemporary Jewish scene.

(4) "Communicating" with non-Jewish communities and fostering good will, which is indispensable to insuring Jewish security in America. Tze Ulmad will also relate with the utmost candor where we Jews stand and differ."

Diversified Speakers

Tze Ulmad's speakers range from Carl Gershman, who has worked for two years with VISTA in Pittsburgh, was six months in the Research Department of the Anti-Defamation League, served for two years as the director of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, and is at the present time chairman of the Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East and vice-chairman of the Young People Socialist League; to twenty-nine year-old Democratic Socialist Tom Milstein, regarded

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The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to extend their sincerest condolences to Simon Weiner '61, former Director of the Yeshiva University, instructor at YC, on the sudden loss of his father, Akiva Michael Weiner. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Perhaps this can be accomplished partly by greater Jewish education. However, since intermarriages are occurring, they must be dealt with. I believe in my way of dealing with the problem as much as other rabbis believe in theirs."

While Rabbi Siegel came across as sincerely believing that what he is doing is beneficial to the community, one may disagree with his methods because of a larger issue involved. Although many Reform practices (divorce, conversion, etc.) aren't recognized by halacha, performances of these intermarriages will only serve to widen the schism between Orthodoxy and Reform. In time, as these mixed marriages increase, the laws of halacha will have to be reinforced and we might eventually be faced with two different religions. While I don't have the answer to the intermarriage problem, it can be seen that Rabbi Siegel's solution is no panacea.

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Practice Key To Yucon Troubles; Predict Future Winning Record

By Alan Silverstein

If one were to read the final issue of last year's COMMENTATOR, he would find that the high expectations for the 1972-73 hockey season have failed to become reality. It was expected that the Yucons would literally come out running, wrecking their opponents. Unfortunately, they came out walking and got off to a slow start, losing their first two games.

Although the Yucons closed their season with a somewhat disappointing 3-3-1 record, their performances in the last two games

were quite encouraging. Sporting a dismal 1-3-1 record, the Yucons proceeded to decimate Brooklyn Poly Tech, showing their offensive and defensive muscle, 17-2. They then took on old rival Hofstra, and neatly disposed of them, 7-3, with an excellent defense.

The team began to have troubles at just about the same time that the official season was to begin. Among the more significant problems were the lack of team practices and a lack of clear-cut team leadership. With games and intramurals coming more often and the team leadership settling

down, the players began to play more on a par with their capabilities. A solid win against Columbia reflected this. The balanced 3-3-1 record, besides showing that the team is finally settled, also brings to mind one more thing. With this record, the Yucons can now begin next year's campaign without all the pressure with which they began this past season. The highly-touted 1972-73 season may have started the team with a subconscious disadvantage. Whereas with their fine ending last year, the Yucons could only go down this season, they can only improve their record next year.

The need for practice cannot be overemphasized, as it is absolutely essential in the formation of a cohesive squad guided by teamwork. With practice, though, the Yucons are as good as any other school team and are tough to beat, as evidenced by their late season drive and some fine games they produced.

So, without making any crazy predictions, next year will probably see the Yucons producing a winning record.

Grapplers Assess Future, Evaluating Each Category

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Once again it is the time of year when Yeshiva teams are having their seasons analyzed and their futures assessed. While this usually takes on the air of a postmortem accomplished amidst much sorrow and mourning, it need not be so—at least not so far as the wrestling team is concerned. With their 7-5 record, the Ellmen have earned the right to be proud of their past achievements and confident of their future.

Their success was mainly the work of four talented seniors: co-captains Lenny Press, Steve Edell and Avi Terry. With 9-3 and 6-6 records respectively, Koolyk and Press were instrumental in every Ellmen victory. Every time both co-captains won, the team emerged victorious. Even against City College, when only Koolyk won, Press contributed to the team's victory by taking on the stronger of City's 167-177 grapplers.

Past Success
Edell and Terry, with 6-6 and 5-1 records respectively, contributed stability, dependability, and, especially in Terry's case, a measure of excitement. It was mainly due to Terry's unique style, or lack of one, that 200 spectators filled the gym for almost every home match. With those four, the Ellmen attained that enigmatic blend of whatever it is that makes a winner.

The secret to the Ellmen's continuing their success lies in the ability of the returning veterans to fill in for graduating seniors and reproduce that winning combination. Manny Ruchelsman, Noah Klein, and Nate "Tiger" Schwitzer give the Ellmen a strong nucleus capable of providing team leadership and winning important matches. All three posted winning marks this season at 7-5, 6-1, and 6-

4-1 respectively, and should be even better next year.

Good Prospects

This year's rookies, on the other hand, did not fare very well, having an 8-24 record, with five of those wins coming on forfeits. Yet, though none are deserving of a "Rookie of the Year" award, there is good potential for the future. It is the same kind of potential last year's losing Ellmen had to become this year's winning squad: experience. The rookies have gained their year of experience at minimal cost to the team's record, and, for the most part, have three years of matwork ahead of them.

Victor Schwartz and Marc Weyl will continue to contribute at 118, with Roy Schmuckler and Shimmy Palgon contributing at 150. Jerry Levine will take over at 167-177, and could improve on the 3-3 record he held this year. As soon as Marty Bodner decides which weight class he will wrestle in, he can, and will, get down to the serious business of winning matches. Other returning Ellmen include Robert Fuchs and Dave Teman, with Nate Klein, Sam Marcus, and Simeon Vogel returning from a year's stay in Israel. Between returning veterans, recruits from junior varsity, and next year's crop of rookies, Coach Ellman should be able to mold another winning team.

"Tze Ulmad" Seeks Union Of Organizations Aims

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by many "as among America's foremost experts on leftist groups and ideologies, and author of a Commentary magazine article on Black Panthers as well as a Dissent article on SDS. Other faculty members are twenty-eight year-old Rabbi Avraham Weiss, a Yeshiva University graduate who has achieved national prominence for his activist role in the Soviet Jewry movement and for his advocating a dynamic Judaism based upon a flexible halacha; and Jed Abraham, who, following his graduation from the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School, spent two years with the Peace Corps as legal advisor to the Minister of Public Works in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A "traditional Jew," Mr. Abraham spent considerable time among Falashas, the Jews of Ethiopia.

Joseph Telushkin, a rabbinical student at RIETS who is associate director of the Institute, sums up the situation as follows: "American Jewish groups today listen to voices that draw their primary inspiration from leftist

sources. These voices look to traditional Jewish sources only for validation of beliefs they already have...education is the first prerequisite of the Jewish community...we wish to make use of a young generation of scholars in the United States whose concerns are Jewish and who derive from

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traditional Jewish areas of concern... 'Lo Am Ha'aretz Chasid'—an ignorant man cannot be pious, because morality is not exclusively a matter of the heart; it is a matter of knowing what the right thing to do is. The only way this intellect will be acquired is when one follows Hillel's urging to 'go forth and study'—'Tze Ulmad.' "

The Legend Of Yeldorado, Part II

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not they been the architects, planners, and builders of the fortress? Had not the good king entrusted them with protecting the fortress and strengthening its defenses? Yet, the defenses were antiquated and useless. The army, whose ranks consisted of old heroes of ancient battles and poorly trained, untested novices, was clearly outmatched. The fortress guardians dare not tell the good king of the barbarian danger, though. Instead, the fortress guardians did what they thought best: they purchased for the kingdom of Yeldorado a combat stretcher and hoped that would suffice.

Every day, as the good king passed in the public square he gazed at the fortress model. "My fortress is perfect. I am very proud of it."

Acts of barbarian sabotage increased, Yeldorado treasures were stolen, and rumors spread through the kingdom very quickly. The citizens of Yeldorado recognized the grave danger and they realized the fortress' vulnerability to the barbarian weapons. The brave citizens did not panic, however. The citizens went to the fortress guardians and pleaded, "O great lords, protect us or give us arms. We will defend the kingdom of Yeldorado ourselves."

But the fortress guardians dare not act. They could not show the good king that the fortress was no longer perfect, no longer invincible. The fortress guardians could only tell the good king, "Sire, your fortress is still perfect." And the good king looked at his model and was very proud.

fortress guardians themselves told me so."

One day, as the good king was passing in the public square, he heard grumblings from the citizens, for the citizens were indeed disheartened. "What is the noise?" the good king asked of his fortress guardians.

"O sire. The citizens are expressing their gratitude for your fortress and their great admiration for the great king who built it."

"Yes, of course. My fortress is perfect. I am very proud of it." The good king believed his fortress guardians. Even some of the fortress guardians began to believe their own words.

But the citizens did not believe it. Their morale weakened and Yeldorado's culture and population dwindled.

The barbarians mortally threatened the kingdom of Yeldorado and its great treasures. Yeldorado was in very great peril.

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And far off on the horizon, the kingdom of Toledono was building a new fortress . . .

The good king's council, likewise, knew not of the barbarian threat to Yeldorado and its treasures. From their palaces and ivory towers the council members could not see the grave danger. The council, of course, believed the good king whenever he told them, "My fortress is perfect. My for-

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