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Attentive Senators, Silverman, Posen and Besdin

## Senators Filibustering On Faculty Evaluation

By CHARLES SPANGLET

The Yeshiva College Senate, at its most recent meeting on November 15, considered a measure which would allow for a documented student evaluation of faculty members eligible for promotion (tenure and retirement) providing that the faculty member's consent is obtained.

The motion, sponsored by Student Senators Tannenbaum and Wandel, was introduced to satisfy student requests for an additional voice in faculty evaluation. However, it also took into account the objections of faculty members and thus contained a safety clause necessitating the individual member's consent to the evaluation. The student senators emphasized that in the event a student evaluation was conducted, it would merely serve as a non-binding recommendation.

### A Newman Amendment

During discussion of the measure, Secretary Norman Newman presented an amendment to the motion that faculty members receive the same summary and report that is given to the Dean by the student committee.

Concerning the option of faculty candidates being evaluated by a student committee, Dr. Levy of the Chemistry department, indicated that if it is agreed to include these student evaluations in regard to promotion, teachers should not refuse to allow them. Senator Wandel pointed out that without this option he felt the proposal would not be accepted by the faculty assembly, which must approve the motion in order for it to take effect.

### Dean Concerned

Dean Bacon, echoing the concern of Rabbi Charlop from the previous meeting, expressed "concern about the dignity of the faculty member." He elaborated by asserting that the faculty candidate will find it very difficult to refuse this student evaluation because others might think he is apprehensive of a negative student evaluation.

Dr. Miller, Vice President of Student Affairs, then followed with a new motion to be referred back to a committee, "that the Senate appoint a committee to draw up and submit for Senate action an acceptable means of student evaluation of all faculty. It is understood that this committee may very well be the original committee that submitted the proposals now under discussion."

Senator Wandel strongly objected to this proposal since the original motion was more structured and would therefore serve as a more significant means of student evaluation. Senator Lichteniger added that this detailed and documented student evaluation which could easily be checked upon, would yield a more thorough and objective report than

the superficial one that would occur under the new proposal.

Dr. Haahr of the English Department stated that the new motion would have no chance of passage in the faculty assembly because of faculty wariness at the present time about student evaluations.

## Dirshu, Food Discussed During Council Meeting

By Robert Kantrowitz

The Yeshiva College Student Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 20. The meeting, in marked contrast with the budget melee of Nov. 6, proceeded calmly, with neither shouting nor animosity.

President Ruchelshman reported that the Presidents Council (the presidents of YCSC, EMCSC, JSSC, and SOY) has finally reached agreement with

the schedule of activities or the names of those chosen to work for Dirshu. In particular, Mr. Greenberg alleged that the selection process for those chosen to

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VP Bergman Shows Better Side

the university on two troublesome matters. After the first semester, the cost of cafeteria operations and the recent price increases will be reviewed in the light of the leveling off of wholesale food prices. In December, the contract with the bookstore will also be reviewed and the presidents will investigate the feasibility of a partly student-operated bookstore. YCSC has established a complaint committee to review and discuss problems arising from conflicts in class and examination schedules.

### Council vs. Dirshu

The friction between Council and Dirshu continued as Will Greenberg, Council's representative to Dirshu, complained that Dirshu did not "take kindly" to him as a representative of YCSC. Dirshu totally ignored his suggestions, he said, and acted without even informing him of

## YU Intercollegiate Shabbaton Held; Participants Deem It Big Success

By ISRAEL S. WAHRMAN

This year's first Intercollegiate Shabbaton sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council Jewish Affairs Committee was held on the weekend of Nov. 17 at Yeshiva University's Main Center. A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the co-ed Shabbaton.

The largest group ever to stay at YU on a Shabbat, approximately 430 people, filled Parker's Cafeteria for the *seudot*. One hundred and ninety people were fully registered participants in the weekend while the rest only bought meal tickets and participated in the Shabbat program. As befitting a festive occasion there was much *ruach* during all the meals.

### Festival to Kumsitz

Saturday night, the 190 full participants in the weekend attended the Israeli Chassidic Song Festival, being held at Manhattan Center. Afterwards, a *Kum-*

sitz was held in Room F204 with entertainment provided by three guitarists. As one participant described the affair, "it was a good end to a successful weekend."

Speakers at the Shabbaton included Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, Assistant Director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, an organization which provides grants for Jewish cultural events; Mr. Ben Rosenberg, Instructor of Speech at Yeshiva College, and Rabbi Mordecai Willig, a *rosh yeshiva* in Yeshiva University's Yeshiva Program.

During his address at the Friday night *Oneg-Shabbat*, Dr. Hochbaum, a sociologist and rabbi, ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, emphasized the need for the Jewish Community to overlook its differences and become more active in community affairs. Mr. Rosenberg, speaker at the Saturday morning services, stressed that the youth present at the Shabbaton should provide leadership for the coming generation. Rabbi Willig, at the *Shalosh Seudot* meal, discussed the role of women in the Jewish household.

### "Great!"

A sampling of the Shabbaton participants indicated that they extremely enjoyed the weekend. For example, a Brooklyn College co-ed called the Shabbaton weekend "great." A Yeshiva College student said, "It was handled very well." Another YC student commented, "I only hope that this will lead the way for more co-ed functions in the future at Yeshiva."

Much work was involved in the planning and arranging of the Shabbaton. Besides the coordinator, Marc Hanfling, many others were instrumental in the

weekend's success especially Helen Stark of Stern College and Messrs. Bergman, Blumenfrucht, Eisenman, Kaabe, and Wolk of Yeshiva College.

Mr. Hanfling commented: "Up until now, YU hasn't taken the full leadership role it is capable of and that it should in the area of Jewish College Youth... YU should be a center in the city for activities concerning Orthodox youth... This was a step in YU's achieving the level of leadership that it can."

## Rav A. Soloveichick Delivers Euthanasia Speech At Yeshiva

By SAMUEL HOROWITZ

On Sunday night, Nov. 18, Rav Aaron Soloveichick, *Shlita*, spoke on the topic of euthanasia. This talk was held under the joint sponsorship of the Yeshiva College Pre-medical Society, the Raphael Society of Orthodox Jewish Doctors, and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists (A.O.J.S.).

After a short introduction about euthanasia, Rav Soloveichick differentiated between active and passive euthanasia. Active euthanasia is considered outright murder and is punishable by the death sentence of a Jewish court.

Passive euthanasia, the withholding of medication from a person with a terminal illness in order to let him die more quickly, is not as clearly definable halachically as active euthanasia. Firstly, Rav Soloveichick found it necessary to define death according to the Rambam and Rashi. According to Rashi, death is the point at which respiration ceases permanently; while according to the Rambam, death is a process which begins with the cessation of respiration and ends when the brain ceases to function. Rav Soloveichick then explained that until the cessation of respiration a person is considered totally alive and it is the doctor's duty to do everything possible to prolong life.

### Both Alive and Dead

It is during what the Rambam considers the process of death that a halachic question would arise. He explained that during this period a person is considered semi-alive and semi-dead. Rav Soloveichick concluded that even during this period it is forbidden to kill the patient and there would still be an obligation on the doctor to try to save him.

After concluding the lecture, a short question-and-answer period was held. During this session, Rav Aaron answered a number of highly sensitive questions with halachic value.

## Egyptian YC Student Recalls His Six-Day-War Internment

For Albert Gabbai, a native Egyptian Jew now studying at Yeshiva University, the latest outbreak of fighting in the Middle East brought back dark memories of the Six-Day War in 1967 when he and his three brothers were imprisoned outside Cairo by Egyptian authorities for three years.

The Gabbai brothers were among more than 350 men (the majority of the entire Jewish male population of Egypt) who were imprisoned at the close of the 1967 war.

### Abu Zabal Abominable

Mr. Gabbai, 25, a freshman pre-med student at Yeshiva College, recalled the abominable conditions at the Abu Zabal prison, situated between Port Said and Cairo. "The first six months were totally intolerable,"

he said. "Upon entering the prison we were beaten and humiliated. We were confined to a cell for forty-eight hours. Seventy persons were confined to a cell twelve feet wide and forty-five feet long. The food was mixed with dust and stones, with occasional lizards in the bread.

"We were beaten every day and forced to yell, 'Down with American imperialism.' The mood of the prison officers was related to events in the outside world. When events went against

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## There Were Found Twenty

At its October 30 meeting, YCSC claimed that a library survey reported that fewer than 20 students are found in the library after 10 P.M. and that, consequently, an earlier closing time was being considered. Students were therefore requested to patronize the library at late hours so that the present schedule is maintained. THE COMMENTATOR wishes to correct the inaccuracies of Council's report. When considering closing the library at an earlier hour, Dr. Tishby did, indeed, conduct a survey. However, contrary to Council's report, it was found that over twenty students use the Pollack Library during the late hours and at least that many are found in the Gottesman Library. Because of these findings the library is continuing its present schedule.

THE COMMENTATOR commends Dr. Tishby for gauging student interests prior to effecting any changes. In addition, though the status quo is being maintained, we still urge students to make full use of the library as it is an integral part of the college experience.

## Do It Again

Yeshiva University, on the shabbat of Nov. 16-17, was host to a successful inter-collegiate shabbaton. The weekend was unprecedented with regard to the number of people at the Yeshiva for a shabbat and the ruach which was very much in evidence at the seudot and Saturday night's kumsitz.

THE COMMENTATOR would like to commend both YCSC and those individuals whose time and effort enabled the event to be an overwhelming success. At the same time, we hope that this shabbaton will not be an isolated event, but rather the first of many hosted by Yeshiva College. Through this, Yeshiva could take another step towards establishing itself as a center for Jewish college youth in New York City.

## Lack Of Food And Studies

The college dormitories and services associated with them are suffering once again from student vandalism and administrative neglect. Many of the food machines are inoperable and those which have been wrecked by students have remained broken for a period of years. Places for quiet study during late night hours are almost non-existent. Because of the near complete destruction of chairs and tables the study halls on the dormitory floors are virtually empty.

THE COMMENTATOR urges the cafeteria administration to fix those machines which are inoperable and to make sure that those working are filled often enough to assure students a source of food late at

night. We also urge the dormitory and buildings and grounds administrators to furnish the study halls with at least chairs and tables. In particular, Room 101 in the Morgenstern Dormitory should, once again, be made available to students. Finally, THE COMMENTATOR strongly hopes that students will show more restraint and respect when using dormitory property. The proposed establishment of a student lounge in the basement of the Rubin dormitory is being held up because contributors are hesitant to donate material which has, in the past, been destroyed. In the future, unless more respect is displayed for our facilities, it is unlikely that this situation will improve.

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### From the Editor's Desk

## Not On Intellectual Bread Alone



By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

The gripes and complaints at our institution are so prevalent that cynicism should almost be a prerequisite for attendance at Yeshiva. Be it poor faculty, limited course offerings, minimal sports facilities, etc., the Yeshiva community hardly suffers from a shortage of grievances. At this time, I wish to add yet another gripe to our overextended list. The mere fact that this complaint has been relatively neglected by all, warrants the reader's attention.

Yeshiva University is an aesthetic disaster. That its buildings are haphazardly sprawled on various city thoroughfares is a blatant display of aesthetic neglect. Evidence of this obtuseness abounds in classrooms, lounges and many areas in which we congregate.

For example, though it is with only the gravest caution that one would recommend more "grass" at a modern American university, considering the state of Danciger Campus, I doubt if my request will be misunderstood. This plot of land, Yeshiva's pathetic claim to a campus, has gone to seed. On windy days, the dustbowl rises ominously from its center proclaiming the doom of trees and grass. The thought of green lawns and shaded walks on other campuses renders the Yeshiva student's green—the only example of verdure still extant on Amsterdam Avenue.

Perhaps the most disregarded and unattractive part of our campus is the cafeteria. While the food served is, at times, the target of our cynicism (often unjustifiably so since, in my opinion, the culinary treats are, for communal cooking, quite satisfactory), the dismal atmosphere of the campus dining room is simply taken for granted. The only adornment overhead is the discarded paper coverings of drinking straws which are omitted seemingly in a spirit of indifference to a surrounding that fails to affirm comfort and beauty.

Perhaps most disgraceful is the condition of our few token lounges. The Yeshiva student is notoriously overworked, pressured and in dire need of a retreat to unwind and relax. On the top of any list of neglected lounges must be Stern's renowned Blue Lounge. This yes-man's land between Stern and Yeshiva College is often more depressing than the blind dates and shiduchim incurred there. In contrast to the wood-paneled and well furnished meeting grounds of other universities, this lounge is barren and uninviting.

It is difficult to pinpoint culprits for this unfortunate situation. Much of the deterioration is due to the University's financial burdens which have impinged on all aspects of campus life. Undoubtedly, vandalism on the part of the students is a major contributing factor. However, I believe that these observations are also attributable to an attitude that can account for this and other deficiencies at YU. I refer to an attitude that academics should be the only important, if not exclusive, aspect of a college experience. Adherents to this educational philosophy fail to see college as a life experience that transcends books and lectures. It is not impossible that this approach is a remnant of the austere European yeshivos in which case we have imported the gold with the dross—an unequalled love for learning and a disregard for anything non-academic.

This one-sided view of the college experience has numerous detrimental consequences in addition to aesthetic neglect. I believe that from this attitude emanates student vandalism in our lounges; the inordinate emphasis placed on grades; the deplorable lack of any adequate sports facilities on campus; and the like. Even Council's recent admirable attempts to offer some diversion to the student body have not been spared criticism and resistance. I am also convinced that despite open enrollment and Jewish studies programs at other universities, were the campus atmosphere somewhat less oppressive, the student attrition rate at Yeshiva would decrease.

The four college years are a piece of our life and not just an interlude restricted to learning. While nobody would voluntarily consent to live in unattractive, barren surroundings, why should we at Yeshiva?

## NEWS IN BRIEF

SIX YU FACULTY members have been chosen for inclusion in the current edition of Outstanding Educators of America; an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for exceptional service achievements and leadership in the field of education. Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classrooms, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service and professional recognition. Those cited are: Dr. David Fleisher, Abraham Wouk, Professor of English, YC; Dr. Mayer Hershkovics, Professor of Jewish Studies, EMC; Dr. Norman Lamm, Professor of Jewish Philosophy, EMC; Dr. J. Mitchell Orlian, Assistant Professor of Bible; Dr. Leon Stitskin, Professor of Jewish Philosophy, Bernard Revel Graduate School; and Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, Professor of English, YC.

MISS PERL BECK of Project Ezra, a Jewish student organization which focuses its attention on aiding the elderly poor of the Lower East Side discussed New York City's 750,000 Jewish poor. Describing the squalid living conditions of the third largest poverty group, Miss Beck cited the lack of "an integrated Jewish community" and the influx of increasing numbers of blacks and Puerto Ricans to the Lower East Side as primary factors in the area's decline. She also noted that, despite assumptions to the contrary, only a small percentage of funds from large Jewish philanthropic organizations are apportioned to Jewish poverty organizations. "Eighty five percent of the money from the Federation of Jewish

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## Letters To The Editor

### Jewish Studies

#### To the Editor:

We applaud your new column Scripta Jasue as a preliminary step in expressing student sentiment for revitalizing Jewish studies in YU. However, we would like to announce that last year, while Joshua Schwartz, the writer of the column was in Israel, a Jewish Studies Society was founded at YU. One of its successes was the dramatic rise of the number of students planning a career in Jewish studies. Among these are a number of honor students presently studying in EMC. This is the outcome of Dean Rabinowitz's success in creating in EMC a level of Jewish studies equal if not superior to many other Universities' Judaic programs. The limited suc-

cesses of the Jewish Studies Society are only one aspect of the attempt of a few YUers to make Jewish studies a more serious endeavor, the big achievements are dependent on a more massive student response to projects of the society. Hopefully, Schwartz's articles will stimulate efforts by more students to further serious Jewish studies in YC and all the various divisions of YU. That is the main purpose for founding the new society.

#### Officers of the Jewish Studies Society

#### Seeking Of Conflict

#### To the Editor:

Congratulations on a fine article in the November 5, 1973 issue of THE COMMENTATOR reporting on our discussion. I must,

however, ask your help in correcting one unfortunate phrase, namely, the one that reports me as "seeking of conflict." What I intended to convey in that part of our discussion was to indicate that, although the world is full of conflict, I hoped to avoid conflict and strongly felt it to be unnecessary at the University. However, where conflict occurs, it may still have some saving qualities, namely, the ultimate "growth and strengthening of the social system." Fundamentally, however, I believe that "growth and strengthening of the (University) social system" can be pursued directly, rather than indirectly and painfully via conflict.

It is inevitable that in a brief  
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# The Druse Keep Their Religion And Uphold Allegiance To Israel

By BARRY SALTZMAN

Say the proper noun "Druse" and the picture of a swarthy, mustached mountaineer helping Ari ben Canaan in Exodus comes to the minds of most people. Mr. Attache is a brawny, light complexioned, with fair hair and blue eyes. Presently working in New York's Israeli Consulate as a full consul, Mr. Attache now ranks as the top foreign Drusi diplomat employed by Israel.

At an early age, Mr. Attache immersed himself in Arab-Israeli relations and in youth movements. As a student of political science and Arabic literature, he received his M.A. from Hebrew University soon to become a prominent television journalist before assuming his diplomatic post here in New York.

The Druse are a mountain people living in small isolated villages in Israel, Lebanon and Syria. They number approximately 200,000. Having broken with the mainstream of Islam back in the eleventh century, they fled to the hilltops to avoid persecution and even succeeded in forging for themselves a semi-independent state in the later Middle Ages.

## Not a Nation

Yet, Mr. Attache stressed that they are not a nation. "We have no national goals or aspirations. We are a religious community [and] we have tried to integrate ourselves into the same society in which we live. This is a direction of our religion." The Druse take this directive to a tragic reality. If two Druse from Israel and Syria, each loyal to his own state, should meet on the battlefield, one would be certain to fall. Mr. Attache added somberly, "it is not easy."

Perhaps because of this fierce allegiance to his native state, the Drusi does not see himself as a minority. He is creative and dedicated and this is the sole criteria for citizenship. Mr. Attache was adamant. "I have always insisted that Druse have demonstrated their loyalty to Israel since 1929 and I think they are entitled to sensitive and representative positions in Israel."

## Mutual Historical Experience

It is not the traditional Druse

directive alone of loyalty to the native state that make the Druse loyal to Israel, but a mutual historical experience has reinforced the alliance between Jew and Drusi. Having no national contacts with other Druse outside state borders, the Israeli Drusi feels unusually akin to his Jewish counterpart. Both have suffered persecution, both have survived for centuries despite these persecutions, and both joined together in 1948 to build a society with religious freedom and political independence. Thus, though there are exceptions, the majority of Israeli Druse, both young and old, have a positive attitude towards Israel. They are "Israeli."

Indeed, Jewish relations in Israel with non-Jewish groups is excellent overall. Glows Mr. Attache "... at least 70% of all non-Jews in Israel have been loyal to Israel." This is due in part to the Israeli government's strict respect of all religions within its borders and to the economic boom which has blessed Israel until the latest war.

Despite economic discomforts which may or may not come, Mr. Attache feels certain that both Arab and Druse will remain bound to Israel by the ties of religions and political freedom. He sees proof for this position in the Druse reaction to the Yom Kippur War. "The Druse reaction is the same as the Jewish reaction. We have benefited with the Jews, now we must suffer with them."

## Secret Religion

Yet, no matter how politically-akin Jews and Druse may become, there is an essential difference which neither can, nor desires, to ignore—religion. Mr. Attache became noticeably abstruse when discussing his faith but apologized by explaining that since the eleventh century the Drusian faith has been "secret" in order to shield it from the larger, and often antagonistic Islam, Christian and Jewish faiths.

Briefly, the Druse religion is an offshoot of Islam, professing reincarnation and the belief in one god, Allah, while prohibiting intermarriage, drinking, polygamy and conversion. Special severity is attached to the crimes

of murder and adultery which rob the Drusi of his privileged position as a true believer. Though the Druse deny any belief in a messiah, "we do not believe anyone will return," they do believe "that for this world



Drusi, Mr. Attache

there is an 'end' about the year 2000. Everyone will go to meet Allah." At this judgment time a man will be weighed fit or unfit in accordance with his love for Allah and his fellow man as well as his performance of good deeds.

A peculiar aspect of Druse faith is the appearance of a

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## Perspective

# Impeachment Dilemma

By STEVEN MANDELSBURG

So much has been written about the consequences of what transpired on a certain evening in June 1972 that it would be fruitless to essay yet another discussion of how corruption has or has not always been rife in U.S. government. One need only consult newspapers and periodicals for the most recent details and most controversial commentary on the ostensibly unending saga known as Watergate. What has been wracking the minds of most Americans deals not so much with the almost deary evidences of fresh scandal as with the broader and more inevitable questions of resignation and impeachment of Richard Milhous Nixon.

Since I deem the former option highly unlikely, the polemics center around the latter alternative. Impeachment, for those who are unclear of precisely what the process entails, is actually no more than a formal charge brought by a majority of the House of Representatives against a President or any civil officer of the United States, and upon which he or she must stand trial by the Senate. Even if impeached, the official in question is presumed innocent and the burden

of proof rests upon the accusers. Conviction may be obtained only by a two-thirds vote of Senators voting upon the issue, and only after a fair trial governed by well-established rules of procedure.

Regardless of how capriciously it is being discussed today, impeachment connotes a very grave state of affairs. To those Jews (and others) who identify with Am Yisroel, however, another element enters into the equation. What would be the effect, one wonders, of lengthy impeachment proceeding resulting in the diminution of American prestige abroad and in the possible eviction of Mr. Nixon?

Those among us who view the entire Watergate affair as contrived and exaggerated by a hostile news media or who would rather accentuate the positive accomplishments of the Nixon Presidency obviously have no trouble in inveighing against those clamoring for impeachment. But what of those advocating, or undecided about, the recourse of impeachment? Would Mr. Nixon's removal from office augur a change in government which might be detrimental to

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# Hineni Rally Held At MSG Tries To Kindle Spark Of Yiddushkeit

By JEFFREY STRASHUN

Six thousand young Jews gathered in the Felt Forum of Madison Square Garden on Sunday, Nov. 18, for the first Hineni rally. Hineni, created by Rebbitzen Esther Jungreis, is a young movement dedicated to bringing alienated Jewish youth back to Judaism and closer to God. This new organization on Nov. 18, produced a powerful and professional production which called itself, "The First Jewish Revival Rally."

Outside the Forum, Torah counselors manned booths and disseminated information pertaining to the various tenets of Judaism. Aside from personal contact with the aroused participants, the counselors distributed a variety of Hineni literature. These booklets were but another method of reaching out to the alienated. Combining halacha, practical knowledge, and Chasidic folklore, the booklets are a simple but highly informative method of relating the ideas of religious Judaism. "A Day To Turn On" describes briefly, yet comprehensively, all a Jew needs to know to begin observing Shabbat. "A Diet For The Soul" details the background and benefits of kashruth. The approach to these topics are quite interesting and enlightening, even for a religious Jew. The most important booklet, however, is one not dealing with halacha but with history. It is entitled appropriately enough, "Everything You Wanted To Know About Jesus, But Were Afraid To Ask." The booklet directs itself to distinctions between Judaism and Christianity as a response to Key '73. This unique brochure discusses the Christian outlook on

Kashruth, Shabbat, marriage, as well as delving into the background of the Virgin Birth.

## Ruach Revived

When 7:30 arrived, the action moved inside, where thousands of Jewish kids danced on the Forum floor. This sight was truly moving, as most of them were not from NCSY, USY, or Hillel. They had come from as far as Baltimore and Cleveland

to participate in a re-awakening of their heritage. They are in the process of learning about themselves and Judaism. To add to this festive atmosphere, a band of top Jewish performers were together on stage to stir up the ruach. They included Sherwood Goffin, Yossi Tov, and David Nulman. Even YU got into the act as David Shapiro, Maish

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# Neot Kedumim Kibbutz A New Israeli Project

By HIRSCH JOSEPH and PHILIP KAZLOW

Garin Neot Kedumim is a project which hopes to combine the most outstanding aspects of Kibbutz agricultural life and city intellectual life, forming a type of Jewish Utopia. It will be a place where forty acres of land have been set aside, in the hope of the intrinsic connection of Eretz Yisroel, Am Yisroel and the Tanach.

Garin Neot Kedumim is not the fantasy of some eccentric Jewish idealist. It is rather a feasible project which has already passed its embryonic stages, and has the full support of the Israeli government.

On a more practical note, the Garin members envision a community which will be semi-academic, semi-agricultural, and self-sustaining in nature. Unlike an ordinary Kibbutz, academic and intellectual pursuits will be strongly emphasized. Each member of the community will involve himself in a type of labor which best suits his physical and

mental capabilities. In regard to political philosophy, the Garin will be socialist in nature. This will entail a pooling of both monetary assets and mental resources for the benefit of the community at large.

The planners of Garin Neot Kedumim hope for a community which will be tradition minded and tradition oriented. This leaves things open to a broad spectrum of individuals of varying degrees of religious observance. Nevertheless, the Masoret will serve as a foundation upon which all Garin projects will be based.

At present, plans for implementing the above-mentioned theories are going full speed ahead. Already planned are a three-hundred-youth study center, a survival training area, and a museum to stress the cultural and historical connections implicit in the site itself. Previously successful work-study programs on the Neot Kedumim site are being continued and expanded.

## Bits and Pieces II

# "Kacha Yeaseh Laish"



By MARK BRESLOW

Fish gotta swim; birds gotta fly. And administrations have to administer. The latter is the hardest fact of life at Yeshiva University.

In January, Dr. Reguer will be leaving the employ of Yeshiva University. He has served The University continuously since 1938. He was appointed an assistant professor in 1968 — after thirty years. He has not become a professor — after thirty-five years.

He has, however, reached sixty-eight years of age as of Nov. 20.

That is a fact of life—sixty-

eight is mandatory retirement age for the faculty at YU. Although it is claimed that a few years ago The University tried to lower it without telling anyone (except the 66-year-old professor The Administration retired and YU is now involved with him in a legal suit), sixty-eight is the age that forces an instructor to hang up his chalk.

Mandatory retirement is a positive force. It allows a university to prune the tenured deadwood from its staff. This in turn allows the student body to see younger professors with innova-

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## Dr. Reguer Forced Out In Jan.; Says Situation Is Bacon's Fault

"The only thing I want is to stay here till June. The first thing is not to stop a teacher in the middle of the year, especially one who has taught for thirty-five years, since 1938."

With these words, Rabbi Dr. Moshe Aron Reguer, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva College and noted community leader, expressed his deep disappointment for being forced out at the conclusion of this semester. Dr. Reguer has reached the mandatory retirement age of sixty-eight on Nov. 20 and is anxious to continue teaching till the end of the academic year in June.

Dr. Reguer studied at the European Yeshivot of Tachkemoni, Slutsk and Slobodka. He received his bachelor's degree, religious ordination, Teacher's Institute Diploma, and D.H.L. from Yeshiva University.

### Seminary Director

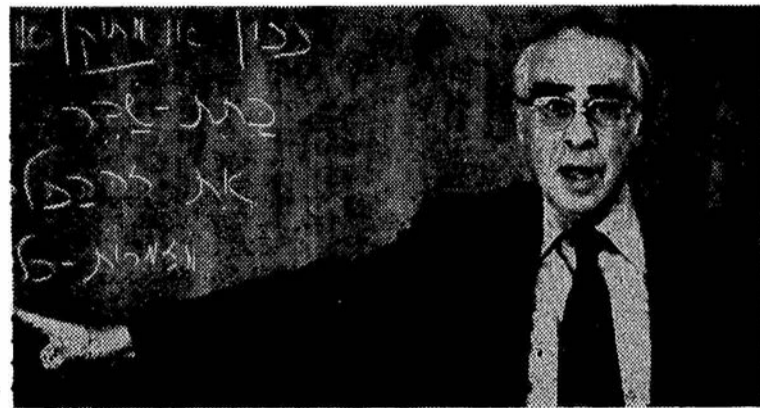
In 1946, Dr. Belkin sent his close friend, Dr. Reguer, to be the director of the Hebrew Teacher's Seminary in Montreal, a post he held for five years. He has also served as Secretary of the Beth-Din of the Montreal Board of Ministers and Chairman of the Board of Education of Yeshiva Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik. Among his other services to the Jewish community is his active membership in the Rabbinical Council of America, the New York Board of Rabbis and the Bible Society of N.Y. Board of Rabbis.

Dr. Reguer claims that Dean Bacon is responsible for disrupting him from his teaching duties. According to Dr. Reguer, the bitter conflict between the Dean and him began when Dr. Belkin appointed him Associate Professor of Jewish Studies.

Dr. Reguer expressed his great desire to teach. "I thank G-d for blessing me with the ability to teach. This has provided me with great spiritual satisfaction."

Asserting that Jewish education is not merely a matter of "teaching," the Professor of Bible said that a teacher in the field of Jewish education must set an example for his students by his daily actions. "I know of several cases where some of my

former students, now married, have become religious Jews because of my training and teaching. These students have approached me and thanked me personally for how I affected their life."



Paul Millman

### Dr. Reguer At The Board

#### Supports Veto

Commenting on the proposal to change the Bible requirement before the YC Senate, Dr. Reguer stated that he wholeheartedly approved with the sentiments expressed by Dr. Belkin, when he vetoed the measure. He said that many students who enter the College are ignorant of **Tanach** because of the little emphasis placed on the subject in elementary and secondary yeshivot. Dr. Reguer noted, "The learning of **Tanach** provides a solid foundation for further advancement in Jewish studies. There is, furthermore, a valuable methodology in the learning of **Tanach** that can be applied to other subjects.

Prof. Reguer asks, "Why does not the Dean employ me as a part-time teacher? It is foolish to say that the knowledge of a younger person in a discipline can approach that of his senior counterpart. The fact that the Dean refuses to give part-time employment to retired college teachers proves his lack of concern for the quality of education at Yeshiva."

Dr. Reguer proudly declares that he teaches on a very high level. "And to prove it, in the fourth year, I am the only teacher who has two-thirds of those students who started with me in the first year, I have ab-

solutely the best students and the Dean knows it!"

In an article about him in the April 4, 1963, edition of THE COMMENTATOR the reporter stated "Respected for his scholarship, Dr. Reguer has served

Yeshiva well over the years. His lively wit, coupled with a scholarly approach make him deserving of Yeshiva's gratitude."

## Simon Wiesenthal Discusses Various Problems Of His Nazi - Hunting

By WARREN H. GLICKSTEIN

Simon Wiesenthal, founder of the Documentation Center in Vienna, an organization dedicated to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, recently held an hour-long interview with representatives of a number of New York area organizations, including THE COMMENTATOR.

The meeting, held at the Mac-Millan Publishing Co. Building, arranged, ostensibly at least, to announce the publication of Mr. Wiesenthal's latest book, *Sails of Hope*. This new piece of investigation by Mr. Wiesenthal attempts to prove that Christopher Columbus was of Jewish origin and that he set sail in 1492 hoping to find a new trade route to the East, in addition to the descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

According to publicity sheets distributed by his publishers, Mr. Wiesenthal, in his book, takes note of some fairly mysterious historical facts that have shrouded Columbus' epic voyage for centuries. It seems that an array of marginal notes and cryptic symbols in Columbus's letters and logs points tantalizingly to Jewish sources. In addition, contends the author, the Vatican possesses in its archives mysterious secret documents which were cited, without elaboration, as cause for the denial of the proposed canonization of Columbus. Weaving these and other points of evidence together Mr. Wiesenthal portrays Columbus's voyage as one financed by Morano Jews, not as traditionally believed, by Queen Isabella, and executed by Jewish sailors in a last desperate attempt on behalf of Spain's Jews to escape the Inquisition.

Almost the entire interview, however, was devoted to answering the questions put to Mr. Wiesenthal by the invited representatives. The questions, in light of Mr. Wiesenthal's unique background, concerned themselves almost exclusively with his view of the Jewish situation in the world today and his ongoing program as a "Nazi hunter." Although he did discuss to some length the Yom Kippur War and its political ramifications both in Israel and the

## Dirshu, Food Discussed During Council Meeting

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) go out to other college campuses was left too much in the hands of the directors of Dirshu and was excessively subject to personal judgment.

David Abramchick of Dirshu responded to Mr. Greenberg's complaints and defended the present selection process. He read a list of names of undergraduates at Yeshiva College who were involved with Dirshu, and said that a major criterion for selection was the willingness to work in planning a weekend rather than asking two days in advance to be sent out to a campus. He expressed surprise at Mr. Greenberg's claim that he did not know when the interviews were being held since posters had been put up.

When asked by President Ruchelsman why there was no rabbi on the selection committee, Mr. Abramchick replied that the directors are more involved than

any rabbi and are consequently best equipped to evaluate a person's qualifications. He agreed to allow a rabbi to serve on the committee but insisted that the directors maintain the final decisions. Mr. Abramchick concluded that Dirshu needs neither Council's money, especially those funds generated from what he termed a controversial lounge, nor organizational ideas.

### Ruchelsman Incentive Plan

Allocations for clubs have begun to be awarded. The hockey club received the standard \$25 to replace worn out equipment. The Chabad club, partly funded by Lubavitch and SOY, received \$75 for the various services it performs and an additional \$25 under the "Ruchelsman Incentive Plan" in recognition of the outstanding work that the club has done and its ubiquitous presence on campus.

The North American Jewish Student Network, composed of all elements of Jewish college students, will hold its convention late in December. YCSC has voted to allocate \$30 to defray the \$40 cost for the student chosen as the delegate of Yeshiva College to the convention.

The meeting was brought to a close, but not before a number of issues had been assigned to the agenda for the next meeting. These include: use of the new parking lot; whether the student lounge should stay closed during the morning; and whether high school students should be allowed the privilege of using the student and Morgenstern lounges.

## Alon Stern Serves In Recent War As Medic

By DAVID BLASS

During the recent Middle East war, Yeshiva students were occupied in helping Israel in various capacities, whether in Israeli bond offices or even on a kibbutz in Israel. But very few were actually involved in direct combat. Alon Stern, a YC Senior, spent this past *Succot* on the Syrian front, working as a medic.

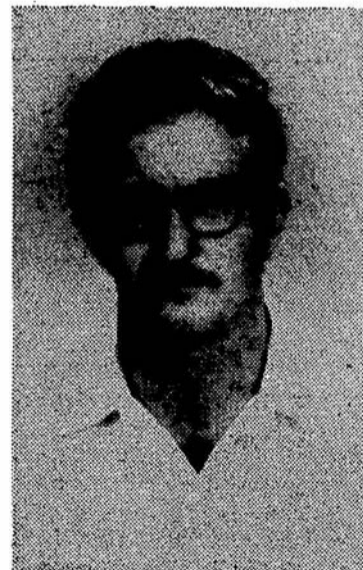
Alon was home in Haifa, visiting his family, when war broke

ting broken bones.

Alon was one of eighteen medics and eight physicians in an eighty-man unit situated in the center of combat. No member ever had more than two hours of sleep a day since there was a concerted drive toward Damascus with the soldiers constantly on the move. Despite the persistency of the fighters and the ongoing efforts of the physicians and medics, the majority of Alon's unit did not survive the war.

In his reminiscences of the war, Alon recalled some of the heroic acts displayed by his fellow countrymen. In particular, he recalled one commander who had been wounded in the field and brought to a military hospital to recuperate. The officer "escaped" from the hospital to rejoin the battle only to be wounded a second time. He was warned, this time, by a superior officer not to leave the hospital until he was released. The persistent soldier left the hospital once again to join another unit and avoid being recognized by his superior officer.

Alon returned to Yeshiva just two weeks ago. He remarked that at the time he left Israel, the morale of the Israelis was very low. Among the prime factors for this feeling he said, were the Arab atrocities being committed on the Israeli POW's as well as the recently revealed statistics of Israeli war casualties. He was hopeful that, with the current efforts for a Middle East settlement, a long, if not permanent, peace will ensue.



Alon Stern

out on Yom Kippur. It was not until the third day of the war that he, as a reserve soldier, was called up and transferred to the Syrian front as a medic.

To qualify as a medic, one has to take a four-month course which dealt with practical techniques to use on wounded soldiers in the field—from applying bandages and tourniquets to set-

## Mr. Attache Explains A Few Aspects Of Religious Drusi

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) seemingly religious double standard in which a segment of the Druse community is religious while the rest need not be. Nevertheless, "there is full consensus between the religious and non-religious," explains Mr. Attache. "We all agree on the same principles but because of circumstances, some are not religious. For instance, I could not work in the foreign ministry in Jerusalem and maintain my religion."

### Nil Assimilation

Despite this apparent rift, there is no conflict between the religious and non-religious Druse. "There are no Orthodox, Conservative or Reform Druse," Attache said. "Each Drusi is proud of the other." The tolerance seems to have combined with a sympathetic respect for Jews to remove any discomforts which might arise for Druse living in a Jewish state conscious of its Jewishness.

Mr. Attache does not mind

shabbat restrictions explaining "I have to be sensitive to the Jewish religion if I want to live with the Jews." On the contrary, observant Jews have earned his respect. "What are the Jews without their religion?" he asks.

The Druse have clung to their faith for centuries because of voluntary isolation and more importantly, because a Drusi child is carefully taught "what Allah and Druse mean to him." The results have been an almost nil rate of Druse assimilation in a relatively loose Israeli society.

Thus the Druse, like the Jews, hold to their centuries old faith despite persecution, scorn and the challenges of modern society. Within a state established by a people traditionally a minority in other lands, they are the minority along with thousands of Christians and Moslem Arabs. Many like Mr. Attache, have reached positions of importance in society, the government and army.

Alumni Airings

## A Chair For A Senator?!



By DONIEL KRAMER

One helpful result of Watergate has been a reexamination of political representations and motives. Even so constituted a body as the Yeshiva College Senate has been subjected to this self-analysis in the person of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association Representative to the Senate, namely myself. I here offer my reasons and feelings, in both a positive and negative sense, for this projected change from the present balance of power scheme of things. Very honestly I write as an underdog, overwhelmed at this point in time by vested interests that I hope you, my readers and future colleagues, will seek to influence properly and favorably.

Having been in Yeshiva in the pre-Senate days, and after serving thus far on the Senate for over a year and a half, I must adjudge the Senate setup to be a successful one. It has its built-in faults, and some added ones too, but they do not detract from the overall assessment. However, change and improvement must never be discounted, and it is for this reason that I offered a Constitutional amendment allowing for the alumni representative to be elected chairman of the Senate. (It is understood that this will not apply to me as I most probably will not be on the Senate next year and would not accept the nomination even if I was.) The present requirement calling for the chairman to be either a student or faculty member has evolved into a traditional rotation of that post among these two groups.

This amendment does not mandate the election of the alumni representative (who has already been elected by the Senate to be its secretary) at any time; it just allows it should the Senate so decide. What it will do is force the student or faculty delegations to put forward only the best possible and hardest-working candidates if they are not to lose the chairmanship to a more energetic and involved alumnus (assuming that such a person will ever serve on the Senate). The amendment likewise recognizes the fact that of all of the Senate constituencies, the Alumni Association is the most disinterested but concerned

body. It is disinterested insofar as vested interests go—it does not have the pressures of regulations and requirements that burden the students, it is not affected by the job security that worries the faculty, and it is not handicapped by guidelines and administrative procedures that strap the University officials. Since, however, the Senate members serve far more noble reasons, the alumni representative, when he chooses to be active, can be most effective since his only desire and concern is to his Alma Mater and what it represents improve and progress, at no personal gain.

It is therefore important that this amendment pass. At the very least it will prod the consciences and energies of the other Senate members. At best, it will reward an exceptional alumni representative when his colleagues deem it proper. No example of this can be more re-

cent than the present Senate business legislating the formation of a student committee to provide information and feedback to the Dean concerning student reaction to the faculty. Eighteen out of nineteen senators well understood the importance of placing the Senate alumni representatives on this committee in order to provide the opportunity for a more detached and reflective analysis and attitude.

Few words can better sum up the service of an alumnus than the inscription on the Scrolls of Honor presented earlier this month to the charter life members of the Y.C.A.A. citing them for advancing "the historic endeavors of (their) Alma Mater by maintaining the warm and sustained dedication to its programs, the fidelity to Torah, and the commitment to community leadership which exemplify Yeshiva University's aspirations for all who pass through its halls of learning."

## Simon Wiesenthal Discusses Some Grave Problems Of Nazi-Hunting

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gards the Holocaust not as having originated in Nazi Germany, but as a culmination of an anti-Semitic process that has spanned thousands of years. Its technological efficiency rather than its scope of anti-Semitic hatred distinguishes the Nazi horror from the many campaigns of Jewish persecution earlier in history. Accordingly, Mr. Wiesenthal believes that violent anti-Semitism of the proportions witnessed in the '40's is in no way exclusively native to the Europe of that period but can erupt almost anywhere in today's world. South America and South Africa were cited as prime candidates.

A good deal of skepticism, though, was directed toward the possibility of, G-d forbid, a holocaust in America. Mr. Wiesenthal believes that there is too strong a feeling of Jewish unity and identification in the United States for the total destruction of the American Jewish Community to take place. In addition, the existence of the State of Is-

rael to serve as a haven for world Jewry, greatly diminishes the chance of a holocaust. Mr. Wiesenthal maintained, with a note of bitterness, that the United States refused to serve in that role in the early stages of the Nazi persecution.

Mr. Wiesenthal also spoke about his struggle to bring Nazi criminals to justice. The number of Nazi killers still at large is upsettingly high. Many, including a significant number here in the USA, are maintaining comfortable, if not luxurious existences. Most are suspected to be living in South America or in Arab states. Prosecution of these Nazis is hampered by many factors. In many countries, especially Austria, the present governments and general populace have proven most uncooperative in any effort to uncover or convict war criminals. Sentences that are passed are often minimal. Extradition is a major problem, with many South American, and of course Arab countries, flatly refusing to do so. Extradition proceedings involving both Communist and Western governments is often hamstrung by political considerations.

### Needs Witnesses

Witnesses to the crime are absolutely necessary, and Mr. Wiesenthal, therefore must scrounge up someone willing and able to testify accurately and conclusively about events that took place thirty years ago. Many political witnesses have simply died out since the end of the war. Mr. Wiesenthal hopes that new groups of Russian Jews emigrating to Israel will provide him with hitherto untapped sources of witnesses for future trials.

Finally, Mr. Wiesenthal's Documentation Center is too frequently stymied by a lack of funds. Far too many men, responsible for the most horrible

## Song Festival Reaches NY; Delayed Show Worth Wait

By JEFFREY STRASHUN

They almost didn't make it. One week before the scheduled American opening, the 1973 Chassidic Song Festival was just taking place in Tel Aviv. The show had been scheduled for Carnegie Hall after Succot. But the Yom Kippur War postponed these plans. When the cease-fire went into effect, the producers returned to their planning. By then, however, the only available hall in New York was Manhattan Center, a large hall used primarily for union meetings. Then, another snag developed. The Israeli government was reluctant to let the troupe go abroad. In fact, Moti Giladi was a tank commander and Ushek Levi an infantryman during the recent war. (Both men are still on 24-hour recall). Luckily, former Ambassador Yitchok Rabin and other superiors out through the red tape and enabled the November 17th opening.

The performances at the Festival were an international collage of the top Israeli talent. The biggest "name" was Tirka Pick who won second prize in the 1972

Festival with "Sh'ma Yisroel." In an interview with COMMENTATOR, Tirka gave his impressions of Jewish music and opening night. Having starred in the Israeli version of "Hair," he felt that many people, initially, were shocked to see him singing in a Chassidic Song Festival. But as Sh'ma Yisroel grew in popularity, so did his personal impressions with the public. He admitted that he was making more money in Israel than on his tour of America, but he felt it important to let American youth relive the experience of a Festival not just on record, but in person. He was disappointed that the ruach Saturday night was not overwhelming. But when informed that YU and Stern were high up in the second balcony, he realized his mistake and changed the topic.

### Western Professionalism

Tirka, as a lyricist, is involved in both the production and performance of Israeli rock music, and feels that western professionalism in music has arrived in Israel. In the Festival, Tirka sung "Shehechyanu" which was one of the winning songs in the 1973 Festival.

Perhaps the most interesting performer in the Festival is Lev Filchik. An immigrant from Riga last year, he has a powerful voice which suggests his classical music background in the Soviet Union. He admitted that his favorite singers were Tom Jones and Engelbert Humperdinck. The reason, however, was not their songs, but their clear and powerful voices. He had, in the show, one of the cleverest lines when asked what he hoped to see on his American tour. The answer was "the Golden Gate and the Watergate." In the future, Lev hopes to become more active in Israeli music and release an album next year.

### Poem to Egyptian

Following initial technical difficulties, the performances have run very smoothly. In fact, one reporter at the show noted that the sound was much better than he expected.

The only somber moment of the evening was when a brief poem was read. Written by a wounded Israeli, it was dedicated to the Egyptian tankist who shot him.

The thirty-one songs in the show were the best of previous festivals as well as some new pieces. First prize (awarded in Israel) went to Lev Filchik for "Adir Hoo." The 1973 Chassidic Song Festival is now on its way to California. It will tour twenty-eight cities in the United States and Canada before returning to Israel this spring.

## Letters...

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discussion such as ours there be a few misunderstandings and I am delighted to say that, other than the above (which I hope you will correct by publishing this note) your article is blessedly unmarred by misstatements, overstatements or understatements.

—Dr. Joshua A. Fishman

## Egyptian YC Student Recalls His Six-Day-War Internment

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the Arabs, our punishments grew more severe."

During the first six months, Mr. Gabbai related, the prisoners had no contact with the outside world. Afterwards, the prisoners were transferred to a jail eight miles outside Cairo. Conditions were somewhat improved, and the prisoners were allowed to correspond with their families.

### Time to Leave

The Gabbai brothers were completely surprised when they were released from prison on June 13, 1970, and told to leave the country the same day. It was

later learned that their release had been secured through the intervention of Francois Puax, French Ambassador to Egypt. Albert departed from Paris and came to the United States in 1971. He attended City College of New York before transferring to YU.

Albert, who also attends JSS, received no formal Jewish schooling. He was taught by his late father, who operated a clothing store in Cairo because the last Jewish school closed in 1956. Albert attended the College De La Salle, a French-run Catholic high school in Cairo. His family includes eight brothers and two sisters.



# Impeachment Dilemma

## "Kacha Yeaseh Laish"

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tive ideas about teaching and a more modern outlook in general.

The University, however, is not contemplating hiring anyone new for February. "Someone else will teach the sections."

Now non-replacement is a great idea for saving money if one has a department with twenty or thirty professors that can absorb the added teaching burden without affecting other courses or research. The Bible Department, though, does not have twenty and a man hopes The University does not use Abraham's defense, "If there be found ten . . ."

Extend non-replacement to the nth degree. YU would lose a department (Art) within the decade and nobody could graduate because of a lack of requirement. This, of course, will not happen (The University would no longer have a liberal arts college), but the loss of faculty through attrition does lessen a student's options. Firstly, less sections are offered which, in turn, closes certain time slots off for a number of students. Fewer time slots mean less choice of other courses. Fewer teachers mean less chance of intellectual expansion through different approaches (especially Bible) and opinions. This gradual loss is like a man who starts painting a room at the door and eventually ends up in a corner with no where to go.

Perhaps The University was looking to assert itself without

any loss of faculty morale. Why should men, some of whom were friends and colleagues of twenty-five years, allow this shafting affect them or their teaching? After all, he is sixty-eight and the rule does state that it is time to go—even if it is the middle of the year. The younger members will not face retirement for at least twenty years so a forced retirement, should not be of any concern to them. The University, therefore, had a golden opportunity—can Dr. Reguer and prevent a dangerous precedent: a professor finishing a full academic year when he reaches the mandatory age.

One interesting result of this new policy of mid-year dismissals would be an end of any professor saying, "Next semester we will cover . . ." How will he know he will even be here?

Actually, Dr. Reguer is asking for only this—that he would be allowed to finish out the academic year. No sections (in the Bible Department) would have to be closed this year due to attrition. The ignominy of a mid-year dismissal for a thirty-five year man would be avoided. A fiscal benefit would also be gained by him because pension and social security combined do not reach one-half of a full salary. What will The University do or undo? A man only hopes that it remembers a prayer said not too long ago: "Al tashlicheinu Peis ziknah."

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Israel's security? Or would his remaining in office merely exacerbate cynicism and distrust of American politics (a massive "turn the other cheek" syndrome) to an intolerable degree?

These are difficult questions which must be confronted if one is to seriously assay the pros and cons of impeachment and also consider claims that support of such action means "selling out" Israel. A very credible case can be formulated for impeachment. The number of allegations leveled against Mr. Nixon, as all but hermits are aware, reads like an oversized grocery list.

Among the more specific counts include charges that in 1970 he approved a domestic security plan that authorized violations of the law; later established in the White House a secret police force (the "plumbers"); made unlawful use of the F.B.I. and C.I.A.; illegally wiretapped his own aides and four newspapermen; attempted to bribe Federal Judge Matthew Byrne, who presided over the Ellsberg trial, by offering him the directorship of the F.B.I.; persuaded a settlement of antitrust cases favorable to I.T.T. after the conglomerate donated \$400,000 to the Republican party, and received huge cash contributions to his re-election effort from the dairy industry after agreeing to boost government price supports for dairy products. On another level, charges could also be brought concerning the unauthorized bombing in Cambodia, not just as a criminal act,

but as the "high crime" cited in the Constitution's clause on impeachment.

While the President has sought to rebuff the aforementioned allegations and while his supporters argue that he has not committed an "impeachable offense," large doubts remain in the minds of many Americans, if we are to believe public opinion polls: Indeed, were Mr. Nixon a prime minister in a parliamentary form of government he would have been ousted long, long ago. For under that system, expression of political outrage is enough; no "high crimes or misdemeanors" need be alleged. It suffices that the people, or their representatives, no longer "like" the man or his policies.

But in our democratic system, different methods are employed. The key question in discussing impeachment concerns the effect it might have on America, domestically and internationally (especially with regard to Middle Eastern policy). There is some validity to the contention of those supporting impeachment that for the country to simply forget the revelations of the past year-and-a-half would be far worse than enduring for the next three years a crippled, crooked presidency. Their reason that American policy toward Israel is so firmly rooted, despite the present fuel shortage and the concomitant pressure it brings to bear upon the United States, that the successor to Mr. Nixon (which is certain to be Gerald Ford, who has a firm record in support of Israel) would not initiate any drastic changes.

There is equal, and in certain respects, even more cogency to the argument that the impeachment of Richard Nixon, might seriously endanger Israel's security. Surely it is not, as a recent letter writer to The New York Times averred, "unduly naive . . . timorous or calculatingly despicable" to refrain from calling for the impeachment of the President on grounds of possible danger to Israel. Israeli leaders themselves, while publicly remaining aloof from the controversy, privately are glad that Mr. Nixon is still in office.

Even if one were to concede that a switch in presidents to someone like Mr. Ford would result in no appreciable danger to Israel, the consequences of the impeachment process could not be ignored. Would the Soviet Union, for example, during or after inevitably elongated impeachment sessions, feel free to engage in unequivocal military activity on behalf of the Arabs? In a recent column, Vermont Royster of The Wall Street Journal points out that "if President Nixon . . . were removed from office, we would be turning over the presidency to someone elected to no office by the whole nation." With what authority then, he asks, "could the President and the Secretary of State speak to the world? Would a Congress embroiled in a formal impeachment trial have the time or inclination to respond to a presidential call for emergency action . . .?"

No sane individual doubts that (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3)

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# Bertram And Jozsef Rebounds Needed To Lift Mighty Mites

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**Ira Scharaga:** junior. Ira is known for his high school and freshman statistics (he was fifth in the league in scoring in his freshman year). The problem is that last year's performances and the first scrimmage game this year show that Ira is not playing to his full potential. Often he will score a big basket but then lose those points on the defensive end of the court. The coach has shown much patience with Ira, knowing of his great offensive spurt capability. All in all though, Ira should easily average in the double figures.

**Alan Lockspeiser:** junior. Alan is a great ball-handler and is one

be seeing a lot of action this year. He can take control of a game with his grappling defense and running drives to the hoop. He can also be used to stabilize the team when they are being pressed. If Lox plays enough this season, look for him to be one of the team leaders in assists.

**Bruce Wenig:** sophomore. Bruce is the most all around player on the team as he plays a very tough defense and he can give the team a few extra points when they are needed. Last year was Bruce's first year on the team and he is expected to be much better this year with that added experience. Look for Bruce to average in the double figures this year and once again



Ed Ehrlich

Shoo goes up for tap.

key rebounds for the Mites. In the scrimmage game against Dominican Jerry seemed a bit nervous and unconfident but added experience will come with each new game. Coach Halpert will probably stick with him as the potential is definitely there.

**Jeff (Pittsburgh) Schwartz:** freshman. Jeff is the other newcomer to the team and he will be filling in at the center or forward position. He too needs much more experience to be effective but with only two reserves at the forward-center positions. Jeff should be seeing quite a bit of action.

## Impeachment

(Continued from Page 6, Col. 5) public confidence in U.S. government is at an almost incredible nadir. However, when one considers some of the arguments for impeachment, the implication is that public confidence in government would miraculously be restored if only the President were removed from office. Unfortunately, this is not the case. If it were possible to dispose of Mr. Nixon silently without undergoing an impeachment proceeding and without fearing for Israel's interests, that option would be preferable. But, since that deplorable will never come about, Richard Nixon is here to stay.

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# Capacity Crowd Hears Jungreis' Mussar Talk

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) Yarmush, and Jay Richman offered their vocal talents.

After an hour of music the audience sat down (even on the floor) for "Israel, An Expression of Love"—a multi-media film on the Israeli struggle for survival. The film was an excellent testament to the suffering of world Jewry, from the Holocaust to the recent war. As the film progressed its musical background kindled sparks throughout the

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend a mazel tov to the JSS secretary Mrs. Francis Streich on the birth of her first grandson.

crowd and the singing erupted again.

This brief interlude, however, was but in anticipation of the highlight of the evening—Rebbitzin Jungreis speaking in the context of a Kunsitz.

### The Rebbitzin Arrives

The Forum was pitch-black and the candles flickered in the background. As the melody of Sh'ma Yisroel by Zirka Pick could be heard, a graceful figure began to walk slowly down a catwalk in the center of the Forum. As the music amplified, the Rebbitzin began her talk. She began softly, reminiscing about her early life in the camps of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. Building to an emotion-filled crescendo, she accused the audience of forgetting their past,

their rich heritage. She pleaded to her young listeners to realize that the only way to be a full person is through a return to Judaism. At that moment she stopped, and the singing got louder. Ani Maamin could be heard throughout the hall—everyone had been affected by the emotional appeal of the Rebbitzin. Then suddenly, a huge Mogen David came down, suspended from the ceiling, with "Hineni," written in Hebrew above it. As Rebbitzin Jungreis was about to walk off stage, the star lit up with a fire-like appearance. It was dark again and the sounds of Ani Maamin were becoming louder and louder.

As the lights went back on, the dancing began again, more exuberantly than ever. Hineni had arrived.

In response to her critics, it must be stated that though Esther Jungreis is an actress, she is, nevertheless, a very dynamic one. Her sweeping gestures and piercing screams may be part of

A major insurance firm is interested in recruiting Yeshiva students for managerial-executive positions. Anyone interested should contact Rabbi Marcus in the Guidance Office no later than December 7.

a well-choreographed act, but it is very effective. One cannot but admire the work of this person and her movement. It is but striving to accomplish the difficult, to succeed where others have failed.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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Philanthropies," she explained, "goes for aid to hospitals and old age homes."

Miss Beck exhorted students to take an active role in improving the baleful plight of the Jewish poor by joining Project Ezra and volunteering some time each week to visit the elderly of the Lower East Side.

**OVER ONE HUNDRED SEPHARDIC STUDENTS** are in attendance at the various schools of YU and, according to Rabbi Mitchell Serels head of the Sephardic Studies Program, they are an "alive and vibrant" segment of the Yeshiva Community. Among the Sephardic students activities is a Sephardic Students Club and two publications, "The American Sephardi" and "The Sephardic Scholar." There is also a Sephardic chair to be opened and a Sephardic major available.

**DR. SAMUEL BELKIN** will be honored on his 30th anniversary as President of Yeshiva University at a convocation and dinner to be held at the Americana Hotel, Sunday, Dec. 9. Honorary doctoral degrees will be bestowed upon U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Pinchas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance, and Dr. William H. Stein, Nobel laureate and professor of biochemistry at Rockefeller University. The convocation and dinner are highlights of a 30th anniversary celebration which is being marked throughout the year in many communities across the U.S.

**THE RESULT OF THE "MASMID POLL,"** designed to gauge the opinion of YC seniors on the question of publishing the annual Masmid yearbook, was recently released. Of the seventy-three seniors who participated in the poll, sixty-six agreed that Masmid should be published, while seven responded negatively. In response to a query concerning the type of yearbook to be published, thirty-six seniors preferred a "relatively inexpensive one" while twenty-six chose "a lavish one." Twenty-five seniors responded that they would be prepared to raise or contribute 30 toward publication of Masmid; twenty-two, 50, and eleven 10, five more than 50; five no contribution. The poll, conducted by THE COMMENTATOR, was held Monday, Nov. 19.

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# Mighty Mites Look Forward To An Improved Season With Wilzig And Scharaga To Provide Scoring Punch

By JAY RICHMAN

Upper classmen at Yeshiva know the signs of the arrival. The trees begin to look bare, there is a certain crispness in the air and mid-term week has reached its peak. No freshmen—I am not talking about the arrival of mighty winter, I am referring to the season of the Mighty Mites, The Mighty Mites

year as the Mighty Mites coach. **Albie Faber:** Co-Captain; senior. Albie was appointed co-captain because of his devotion and enthusiasm for the team. He is definitely the fastest man on the court and he uses this speed to confuse the opponents. With this quickness, Albie can come off the bench to spark both the offense and the defense, and he should

Knickerbocker League and from the looks of things, David has a desire to repeat or better the performance of that year. This is David's last year with the Mites and he will be out to prove that he truly is the Whiz of the court.

**Josh (Shoe) Bertram:** senior. Josh's height gives the team the needed depth for a good rebounding corp. He will fill in the center spot for graduating Captain, Joel Rich, and for the league leading rebounder who is now studying in Israel, Paul Merlis, (Paul was the only member of last year's team to receive an honorary mention from the league). If Josh could provide some good solid rebounding and if he could provide some defensive dazzle, the Mites could work its fast break with ease. Shoe has proven that he can do this but often he seems as if he just doesn't know what is happening on the court. If this situation should occur too often, look for Coach Halpert to go to Denver or Pittsburgh, (no, he is not

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Ed Ehrlich

## The Team Huddles

is the official basketball team of YU and it is provided to us for pleasure and entertainment. For the past few years the team's performances have been neither (unless of course one considers landslide losses pleasurable and entertaining), but things should prove to be more exciting this year. The team is coached by Jonathan Halpert who, after moving up from an outstanding job as coach of the MTA Junior Varsity, is now in his second

be a major reason for the success of the Mites fast break.

**David Wilzig:** Co-Captain; senior. After a disappointing season last year, David came to training camp with a desire to play, and play well, and for this reason Coach Halpert appointed him co-captain along with Albie. David is the Mites big scoring gun and can hit from any part of the court with uncanny accuracy. Two years ago, he was the sixth leading scorer in the

## Gopin's 4 Goals Lead Yucons To A 5-0 Win Over Brooklyn

The Yeshiva Yucons, finally at full strength, put on a very impressive show in walloping Brooklyn College, 5-0, a score which surprised all but the Yucons themselves. This was the same Brooklyn team that had tied Yeshiva, 4-4, in the season opener, but BC certainly did not match their performance as YU completely dominated the game and remained unbeaten with a 1-0-1 record.

A Yucon who did not participate in the first game received most of the credit for the victory. Yudi Gopin was the big scorer, bagging four goals on quick wrist shots and passing to Abe Katz for the other score. He looked like the Gopin of last year—a team leader who is at his best when the chips are down.

Yankee Poleyeff, who also didn't play the first game, recorded the shutout in goal. Much credit must go to a solid defense for allowing Brooklyn to give him a rough time only in the first period and part of the third. Otherwise it was smooth sailing and the shutout, the first in Yeshiva history, was not particularly difficult.

### Gopin Gets YU On Board

Gopin's first score came before the contest was 30 seconds old. His second, making it 2-0, did not come until the closing minutes of the second period, but after that, the outcome was never in doubt. Yeshiva's final three goals came in a flurry midway through period number three.

The YU-Columbia game, sche-

duled for this coming week, should provide a major test for the Yucons. Coach Wally Wolpoe is not only concerned with the firepower of the Lions, he also will be missing defenseman Joel Silber and forward Andy Pomrantz, both out with injuries. If these obstacles can be met and the Yucons can still defeat Columbia, Yeshiva should be branded a hockey powerhouse.

### Intramural Play

The freshmen manhandled the seniors, 4-1, in a game whose outcome brought each team's record to 1-2. It was Alden Leifer who, for the third straight game, led the frosh attack, this time with a hat-trick and an assist.

After a scoreless first period, Leifer converting a beautiful pass by Eliézer Cohen on a two-one break rifled a power-play goal past Dave Miller in the senior nets at 1:35 of the second session. It was 2-0 after two periods following another Leifer score.

The seniors seemed to wake up at the start of the third period, with Al Litwack scoring from the face-off circle with plenty of time left. But Leifer and his linemate Carey Fredman each scored a goal in the final minutes to nail down the first frosh win ever.

Leifer now has seven goals in three games, and is tied with Andy Pomrantz for the scoring lead with eight points. Steve Reisbaum of the juniors leads the circuit in goals-against average with a 2.00 log.

## Seniors Split Pair Of Games Beat Semicha, Lose To Frosh

By ARTY STARK

It was an up and down week for the seniors, who split a pair of contrasting matches in intramural basketball play. After their best showing of the season, a 65-39 schmalzing of the semicha team, they sputtered to a 61-53 loss at the hands of the

tremely tough under the boards and despite missing the start of the action, managed to score a team high of 12 points.

### Rifkin Dazzling

The seniors were unable to repeat their overpowering performance against the freshmen; however, lapsing on defense and

consecutive two-pointers from the outside. The freshmen didn't fold; however, coming back with eight straight tallies of their own and coasted the rest of the way.

The Frosh played a well-rounded game with plenty of running and a balanced scoring attack. Herbie Lempel, who scored 15, his brother Alan, and Dave Grashin dominated the boards, and Rifkin was dazzling as court leader. The bench also gave some indirect help by unselfishly not showing up, thus allowing the starting squad added playing time.

The officiating, which had been commendable under Richie Hagler, turned up some questionable calls this game in his absence. Also, a hot referee's whistle hurt the seniors, though not instantaneously, as Joel Gross was found still playing twenty seconds after fouling out. One of the more curious calls of the game came when Alan Lempel was charged with a personal foul after being floored by a ball in the groin.

The revised standings are: 1) tie-juniors, sophomores (2-0); 3) freshmen (1-2); 4) seniors (1-3); 5) semicha (0-1).

Dean Bacon has announced that December 2 will be the deadline for the following requisitions:

- 1—Special permission to withdraw from a course without penalty.
- 2—Transfer credit from YP, EMC and JSS.
- 3—Filing for P/N grade.

The fact that the midterm grade will not be available by December 2 will not be accepted as a reason for postponing decision on dropping a course or filing for P/N. Professors and students are therefore urged to allow midterm grades to be available before the deadline.

rapidly improving freshmen.

Against semicha, the seniors were able to work the ball into the basket with consistency, cashing in on a slew of chip-shots and lay-ups. Semicha opened the scoring when Hillel Davis sank a couple of free throws for a 2-0 lead, the last semicha advantage. The seniors paced by Lenny Friedman's excellent play direction and game high 17 points, went on to build leads of up to 30. Also in double figures for the seniors were Joel Gross with 16 points and Elliot Tannenbaum with 14.

Inconsistent in their shooting and unable to hit from the outside, the semicha team proved virtually ineffectual in their debut game of the season. But although the lid was on the basket throughout most of the game for the graduates, the play of their pivot man, Ira Karascick, was encouraging. Karascick was ex-

lagging in rebounding strength. Freshman Terry Rifkin, who took scoring honors with 20 points, put in the first four points of the game from the charity line. The underclassmen couldn't quite shake their opponents in the first half, holding on to a marginal 24-22 lead. Late in the third period the seniors surged ahead, pumping in four

## 1973-74 YESHIVA UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date		Opponents	Home/Away	Time
December, 1973				
Saturday 1	1	M.I.T.	A	8:15
Saturday 1	8	Kings Point	H	8:30
Tuesday 1	1	York	A	8:00
Thursday 2	13	Marist	H	8:00
§Saturday 1	15	Brooklyn Poly	H	8:45
Tuesday	18	Pratt	A	8:00
§Sunday	23	Oneonta	*	4:00
Sunday	30	John Jay	A	5:00
January 1974				
Saturday 1	5	Adelphi	H	8:30
Wednesday	9	Hunter	A	8:00
Thursday	31	Drew	A	8:00
February, 1974				
§Sunday 1	3	Lehman	H	6:00
Wednesday 2	6	New Paltz	H	8:00
Monday	11	New York Tech.	A	8:00
Thursday	14	Cathedral	A	8:30
§Sunday 1	17	Brooklyn	H	5:00
Wednesday	20	Queens	A	8:00
Saturday 1	23	Pace	H	8:30
Monday 2	25	Stony Brook	H	8:00
Thursday	28	Stevens Tech.	A	8:15

§—Preliminary game  
\*—to be announced

1—John Bowne H.S.  
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