

# Senators Overwhelmingly Defeat Proposal; Would Have Altered Residency Requirement

By HENRY ZUPNICK

After four weeks of debate, the Yeshiva College Senate has decisively rejected a major proposal by five student senators calling for a revision of the present four year residency requirement. The Senate, however, did adopt a resolution calling for the establishment of a committee on early graduation for students interested in graduating early under the existing YC regulations.

On November seventh, Drs. Haahr and Fleisher of the English department led the faculty attack against the students' proposal. Dr. Haahr said the proposal encouraged "rushing through college" and did not allow students graduating early to take many courses outside their major field. Once in graduate school, students would certainly not be able to take such courses.

Dr. Fleisher pointed out that to graduate early a student would, in some cases, have to go to school for two full summers, and he expressed the opinion that summer courses were in most cases "watered down" and "not what I consider education."

Senator Steven Weinstein, who originally presented the proposal to the Senate four weeks ago, expressed the opinion that the proposal's limitation of the number of CLEP credits a student would be allowed to count towards the one hundred twenty eight he would need to graduate ensured the student of more classroom time and more of the type of education that is desirable.

Under existing conditions, a student may graduate in less than eight semesters if he has attained a 3.6 index and a 600 on his GRE test. Senator Hirsch then stated that an educated student is not one who has fulfilled these conditions, but rather a student who is mature enough to formulate a goal in life and achieve it.

Another objection to the proposal voiced in previous weeks by members of the faculty and administration had been its im-

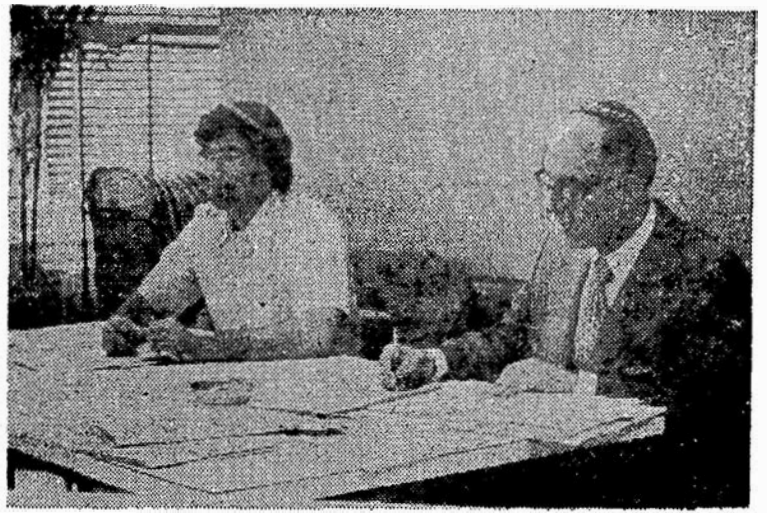
PLICIT reduction of the Jewish Studies requirement. In replying to this objection, Student Senator Adler cited examples of situations when the four year Jewish Studies requirement is routinely waived, among them the case of a student who takes a leave of absence to study for a year at a foreign university.

Adler stated that the desire of the administration to deny a student a YC degree to ensure that he study Jewish Studies another year was tantamount to "black-mail." He also pointed out that the idea of a residency requirement in a yeshiva was unheard of even in the leading Yeshivot of Europe and Babylonia.

When votes were taken on November 14 on the various parts of the proposal, the section abolishing the limitation that only forty-three credits may be earned in a twelve month period was defeated. The primary section, allowing a student to graduate in less than three years if he had earned no more than twelve CLEP credits and had attended an institution of higher learning for a minimum of six terms, was also soundly defeated.

Even after these two sections were voted down, however, the proposal to establish a committee to advise students interested in early graduation was adopted in what was called a "moral victory" for Yeshiva students.

In other news Dean Bacon announced to the Senate that the Faculty assembly had voted down making an introductory course in Bible a requirement. A number of Senators who had worked on the Senate version of a revision of the Bible requirement last year, expressed disappointment.



Paul Millman

Chairman Wandel and Secretary Silverman preside over Senate discussions concerning residency requirement.

## The Commentator

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### YCSC Discusses Budget But Delays A Vote Cafeteria, Dorm Problems 024 Debated

By HARRY FELD

The November 11 meeting of the Yeshiva College Student Council was opened with the welcoming of the freshman class officers followed by the presentation of the tentative 1974-75 budget, which will be voted on at the next Council meeting and subject to revision at the beginning of next term.

Steve Reisbaum, Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, was very disappointed with the sum of nine thousand six hundred dollars which was allocated to THE COMMENTATOR, stating he needs more money because of the rising prices of paper and printing. Sophomore President Ricky Eisenberg

showed support for THE COMMENTATOR, claiming that it is the most important and influential project YCSC sponsors. He suggested the "phasing out of Tempo and the transfer of the \$250 allocated to it" for THE COMMENTATOR. When asked why COMMENTATOR uses a more expensive printer when it could use the inexpensive type that Hamevaser and The Observer use, Mr. Reisbaum responded that the present printer is much more reliable in meeting deadlines.

Specials . . . Losers

YCSC President Larry Eisenberg had met with Rabbi Miller, Dr. Socol and Mr. Parker and reported that according to Mr. Parker, the cafeteria is operating at a loss on every special and Shabbos meal it sells. The only reason Mr. Parker has not raised prices to an even higher level is that he still has a stock of items which have since gone up in price. Dr. Socol suggested that before Council takes any action against the bookstore for not providing adequate service, it should meet with the present owner to see if there will be any improvement by the beginning of the spring term.

Until now, YCSC publicity has been handled in a chaotic manner. Posters, announcements, and signs have been pasted up all over, yet students have been missing important announcements. Council has now designated special areas for different categories of announcements.

"Never Mind the Why . . ."

Alumni Representative Rotter reported that he had spoken with Rabbi Cheifetz about untripling freshmen in the Rubin Dorm while allowing the Alumni to remain in the Riets Dorm. The suggestions were to clear the second floor in Riets of the equipment now stored there and to allow the Alumni to move there; or to convert the fifth floor of Riets into dormitory rooms. Neither of these choices seem practical, since the red tape involved in moving the equipment from the second floor would be tremendous, and Rabbi Cheifetz isn't sure as to why the fifth floor isn't available,

though he knows it certainly isn't.

Some important announcements also were made. Dean Bacon has been invited to the Council meeting of either December second or sixteenth, whichever one is more convenient for him. Students who have not as yet done so, should pick up Teacher Evaluation forms, available in room 307 of Morgenstern. Other announcements concerned upcoming events.

There is a problem of vandalism and robbery in Room 024, the game room. From now on, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

### Dr. Wischnitzer Begins Medical Ethics Lecture Series; Others Planned

By HENRY KAMIONER and BENJAMIN ARBESFELD  
Club Hour, November 7, 1974 marked the beginning of the Mrs. Ray Wischnitzer Memorial Lecture Series in Jewish Medical Ethics. The first lecture, "A Jewish Concept of the Physician," was delivered by Dr. Saul Wischnitzer.

Ever since Dr. Wischnitzer was appointed Premedical and Pre dental Advisor, nine years ago, he has been in favor of establishing a course in Jewish Medical Ethics. He believes that the upcoming lectures and their speakers might help in working towards the establishment of such a course.

Survival

Dr. Wischnitzer began his talk by pointing out that Man cannot adjust adequately to a radical change. Those who survive—accept and compromise, those who do not—cease to exist. Therefore, in order for a doctor to survive, must he be immune to the non-physical needs of his patients? If a doctor is that callous, how then can ethical problems be important?

Unfortunately, Dr. Wischnitzer continued, today's education fails to meet the challenge of today's moral medical questions. He demanded that Yeshiva College ap- (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

### Mass Rallies Are Held Protest PLO's Arrival

In the wake of the invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the United Nations debate on the Middle-East situation, a number of demonstrations, small in relation to the massive November 4 rally, were staged by many Jewish groups throughout the week. The protests emphasized that the United States can play a major role in the entire issue, and demanded that the U.S. government do all it can to prevent the PLO from achieving any of its aims.

Welfare, Murderers . . . Next?

On Monday, November eleventh, protesters gathered at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on forty-ninth Street where the representatives of the PLO had been granted accommodations. The demonstrators decried the housing of members of the avowed terrorist organization in the Waldorf. Police security for the PLO was the tightest in NYPD history, and the management of the hotel refused to get involved or speak with the demonstrators.

The next day saw a group composed mostly of students demonstrating at the United States mission to the United Nations. A crowd of about two hundred to three hundred marched up and down the sidewalks in front of the mission and across 44th Street chanting and protesting in Hebrew and English. Rabbi Blech of JSS compared the United Nations to the

Dor Haflagah, after the flood, who united all people, including murders, against G-d.

Scali Prevaricates

Later on, the crowd marched past the Waldorf Astoria and assembled across the street. They were joined by Rabbis Avi Weiss and Steven Riskin who had just obtained an interview with Ambassador John Scali after a long wait in the US mission. They had asked the United States Ambassador to the UN for a promise of firm opposition to the Palestine Liberation Organization in the United Nations debate but were not completely satisfied with his responses. Rabbi Weiss stressed the outrage of allowing the "extensions of Hitler," in his words, to speak before the United Nations, to be housed in suites in the Waldorf, and to be provided with extensive police protection at the expense of the entire city of New York.

Rabbis Weiss and Riskin emphasized that the protest must be kept up. A third rally was scheduled for the next day, Wednesday, November 13, at the Isaiah Wall of the UN. The students were urged to turn out for that rally as well to put forth their protest to the government of the United States.

### Former Israel Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir Presents Speech Here

By ROBERT BLASS

Expressing the opinion that "only a cruel world would receive Arafat," Pinchas Sapir, former Israeli Minister of Finance, addressed the student body on Tuesday, November 12 in a presentation sponsored by the Erna Michael College Stu-



Yeshiva University  
Pinchas Sapir

dent Council. The introduction by EMCSC president Herbie Insel and the entire proceedings were conducted in Hebrew in a crowded Room 501 in Furst Hall.

Mr. Sapir, currently the chair- (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

## A Time To Weep

During a week of the most sordid international hypocrisy, a week which saw the "victorious" address of Yasir Arafat before the UN General Assembly, New Yorkers have been forced to swallow still another painful dose of hypocrisy, this time on a local level. Only a few days before Mr. Arafat's arrival, tens of thousands thronged the streets surrounding the UN and heard politicians of every stripe and party denounce the General Assembly for catering to the PLO. Yet when this same PLO demanded accommodations in midtown Manhattan, and then proceeded to occupy an entire floor of the prestigious Waldorf Astoria, the expected deafening roar of outrage was replaced by shameful silence.

Where were the New York politicians then, those "grassroots" politicians, Democrats and Republicans, elected and supposedly acting on behalf of a city with a Jewish population of two million? Where was their righteous indignation, their cries of protest, their sense of morality, all so evident a short week earlier when the television cameras were grinding away? Perhaps New York City received the dubious honor of Mr. Arafat's presence only after the insistence of the federal government, yet the sheeplike acquiescence of New York City officials was unwarranted and appalling. The fact that these were "our" politicians only made their silence even more painful.

THE COMMENTATOR urges all New Yorkers to voice their justified disappointment in our elected leaders' utter lack of backbone. At the time of printing, only Assemblyman Stein and Congressman Koch have expressed any sort of regret that New York City was forced to play host and deploy policemen to protect the PLO. Come next election day, THE COMMENTATOR feels confident that New York politicians will once again offer their lukewarm gifts of crocodile tears to New Yorkers concerned about Israel's safety. However, for everything there is a time, and the time to weep, the time to mourn and the time to shout, has slipped away into ignominious silence.

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THE COMMENTATOR wishes to commend Dr. Israel Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs of Yeshiva University for his indefatigable efforts in arousing the consciences of Jewish and non-Jewish Americans against the atrocities of the PLO. His was one of the all too few courageous voices in this otherwise tragic week.

## A Time To Change

It is with great dismay that THE COMMENTATOR notes the failure of the Yeshiva College Senate to revise the present residency requirement. The present requirement, with its regulations of dubious educational value, has often served to confuse and confound qualified students who wished to graduate in fewer than eight semesters. By requiring a 3.6 index and a 600 score on a student's graduate examination, and by requiring the recommendation and approval of the faculty, administration, and the Scholastic Standing Committee, the present residency requirement has served to reward only a few students at Yeshiva College at the expense of other qualified students.

Five student senators recently introduced a comprehensive proposal to replace the outdated rules currently in effect with a more realistic residency requirement.

The proposal went down to defeat except for the token formation of a committee to advise students interested in early graduation. Although the student senators are at fault for their cautionism with regard to their own proposal and unwillingness to offer compromises, part of the blame must be shouldered by the faculty and administration senators, for they too refused to compromise and cooperate. While the students recognized that a problem exists and made an attempt to alleviate

it, the faculty and administration senators would not acknowledge that any change was in order. Perhaps the students spent too much time trying to talk around some of the valid objections to their particular proposal. That the faculty closed their minds completely to the students' cogent arguments is both disgraceful and unpardonable.

The sole bright spot was Dean Bacon's willingness to compromise by excluding CLEP credit from the yearly credit limit of forty-three. Perhaps this may be reintroduced as a basis for a new proposal in an effort to find a meaningful residency requirement. All the senators must realize that compromise can be a powerful tool for progress when used properly.

*Pursuant to the constitution of THE COMMENTATOR, Student Senators Robert Kantowitz, Asher Mansdorf, and Jeffrey Wandel did not take part in the vote on this editorial and hence are not responsible to adhere to the views expressed therein.*

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## A Time To Gather Up . . .

Recently students who use the Rubin Hall elevator have been treated, upon entering, to the sight and scent of dirty dishes left there by students who choose to eat in their rooms.

The presence of these dishes shows a total lack of concern, on the part of some students for their peers. Aside from the sanitary problems involved, halachic and financial difficulties are also being created.

From the halachic standpoint the careless mixing of dairy and meat dishes renders all of them unkosher and unusable by the cafeteria. Consequently these dishes must be replaced, which only adds to the overburdening financial problems suffered by Parkers. Thus, this limited student practice will ultimately lead to higher food prices for everyone.

THE COMMENTATOR is of the opinion that students who feel they must eat in their rooms should, out of consideration for themselves and for others, cooperate with Parkers and return their used dishes, rather than leave them lying in the elevator.

## Op - Ed

### One More Time

On Nov. 13th, the Faculty Assembly debated and voted on the Bible proposal which had been passed by last year's Senate. Though most of the proposal was approved, one key provision providing for a required course in the "Introduction to the Bible" and four topical elective courses was vetoed. This action raises serious questions regarding the relative powers of the Faculty Assembly and the Senate.

Since becoming a member of the Senate, I have been present at two Faculty Assembly meetings. Only a small group of faculty members attended either of these meetings. At the Nov. 13th meeting, just eighteen members—the minimum required for a quorum—voted on the Bible proposal. Though the faculty may not have regarded the Bible requirement as the most burning issue on campus, I would have expected them to be somewhat more concerned with their own welfare. The first substantive order of business on the Faculty Assembly agenda was a report of the Welfare Committee. Thus by failing to attend this past meeting, the majority of the faculty have expressed their total indifference to the issues which affect them and Yeshiva College.

The Faculty Assembly possesses the power to veto by a two-thirds vote all measures passed by the Senate. Many students have questioned the right of the faculty to overrule the decisions of the Senate, a body whose members represent all segments of the college — administration, faculty, students, and alumni. I believe the Faculty Assembly's veto power serves as a necessary check on the Senate's activities. However, if this power is to be exercised by a small, unrepresentative minority of the faculty, then it is both dangerous and undemocratic. To prevent a "tyranny of the majority" all eligible faculty

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### Strike

Permit me, as a former editor of COMMENTATOR, to express my disappointment at the editorial entitled Faculty Power and the news coverage of the story. Nowhere did I find any attempt to present a contrary faculty view or the administration's position.

The editorial assumes and concludes that "the best interests of the students, faculty, and University would best be served by speedy recognition of the Faculty Association." Each of the three groupings is quite competent to speak for itself. Although I have been a faculty member some 20 years now (probably longer than any of the three organizing professors), the first I heard of the proposed union was The Commentator story. I quickly checked with some 20 colleagues who either never heard of the proposed union or were repelled by it. It is presumptuous, to say the least, to assume that the faculty association speaks for, at this time, the school's various faculties.

There are some serious questions whether unions belong in higher education. My specific concern is with Yeshiva University which I submit is different from other universities. Its history and goals make it entirely different from other universities. Yeshiva was built by immigrants with their quarters and dollars as a torah institution and today is the spinal column of American Jewry. Neither the editorial or the news stories recognize in any manner Yeshiva's unique role on the American Jewish scene and its responsibility to and for the span of all Jewish interests including Israel.

I do not deny that there may be just faculty grievances. I do resent carrying our problems to government, a practice Jews have learned in their history as

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## ¡Que Pasa?

On Thursday, December 12, 1974, Ira L. Jaskoll (YC '71), Assistant to the Dean of the School of Business Administration of Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York will be recruiting interested students in Graduate Studies in Business or Public Administration. Those interested, please contact the guidance office for an appointment.

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**THE YESHIVA BASKETBALL TEAM** (The Maccabees) will face John Jay College in the opening game of the season on Sunday, December 1, 5:00 p.m. at John Bowne High School, 63-25 Main Street, Kew Garden Hills.

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**DEAN BACON** has asked that all students who think they should be on the **DEAN'S LIST** come to his office before December 2 to have their names checked off.

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**THE DRAMATICS HONOR SOCIETY** is sponsoring a theater party at Love for Love. See Stuie Kessler, M428 for details.

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**THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT** will present An Evening of Chamber Music, November 20, at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

**THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON** will be presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society on December 7, 8, and 9. Tickets are available from Stu Lehrer and Phil Billet, R518; Stu Rappaport, R324; Gary Lipstein, M223; Bernie Schwarz, M322; or Art Herzfeld, M525. At Stern, contact Cheryl Lebetkin, 4e, or Chani Zucker, 14e.

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**GO APE** over the Audio-Visual Committee's presentation of Planet of the Apes on Tuesday, November 26 at 8:00 p.m. For the spaghetti western fans, The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly will be presented on Tuesday, December 3, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is 50c.

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**THE ELLMEN** will wrestle Staten Island Community College on Sunday, December 1, 4:00 p.m., at home.

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**THE TAUBERMEN** will meet St. Peter's in the first fencing match of the season on Monday, December 2, 7:30, at home.

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**THE ELLMEN** will participate in a tri-meet against Kingsboro CC and Bronx CC on Tuesday, December 3. Away.

Bits and Pieces III

# Are These The Little Boys I Used To Know . . .



By MARK BRESLOW

Caesar Chavez says "Don't eat the lettuce." The Teamsters say, "We represent the lettuce pickers". The Teamsters strongarm Chavez's men. Chavez's union protects its men. Life is just a bowl of union cherries.

Meanwhile, the farm owners look to make the most money. If the pickers get coolie wages, no pension, no job security—so what? "Gotta make a buck, you know."

In the middle of all this is the National Labor Relations Board. Acting like a referee in a fight-to-the-death, the Board makes decisions that are meant to please everyone and no one at the same time.

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The story you have just read is true and if you change the names and use your imagination, this is what will happen at YU. At least this is what The Administration is direly forecasting if the teachers unionize.

On Friday, November 1, 1974, the embryonic teachers' group informed President Belkin, the NLRB and every newspaper worth its print that they wished to gain recognition for an internal union, that is, one which is not affiliated with a parent union like the Teamsters. Some said it was an association. Others called it a union. Whatever it is, it was an expression of unhappiness with what is, and an attempt to get a voice in what will be.

This attempt at organizing is not to be confused with the attempt made by Belfer and Ferkauf to form an internal union last year. This attempt was defeated, in court, by the Administration's claim that one cannot separate schools from The University. (We won't tell about the separation of the Yeshiva Pro-

## General M. Dayan Presents Lecture To NYU Students

By AVI MOSKOWITZ

Moshe Dayan delivered the November 4 lecture of the "Great Speaker Series" sponsored by New York University. The former Israeli Defense Minister, who has been involved in each of the wars and subsequent peace negotiations during Israel's twenty-six year history, spoke on the subject of "The Conflict in the Middle-East and the Super Powers", to a packed auditorium at the Loeb Student Center of NYU.

### Split Level

After being introduced by Chancellor Borowitz, Mr. Dayan began his lecture with a brief opening statement, as he thought it better to field questions from the audience than to deliver a long lecture. In his statement, the former Defense Minister explained the conflict in the Middle-East on two levels, the first between Israel and the Arabs, and the second between the United States and Russia. He claimed that Israel feels quite confident in its ability to cope with the Arabs as long as they alone op-

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gram from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the resultant fiscal windfall). Undaunted, Belfer and Ferkauf went out and enlisted more unhappy people, i.e. the YC faculty.

And The Administration is astonished. How could the teachers be unhappy? They come and go when they please without punching a clock. If they miss a day, they are not docked any pay. Their hours are not the toughest and they have a three-month vacation. They can set their own curricula.

At least most of them can. In the beginning of this term, an instructor in the Spanish Department decided to teach his 01 course using the International Method (oral rather than textual in emphasis). The head of the department (and the only other teacher) said that standard tests must be given to all 01 sections, thus he would have to use the traditional method of teaching. He left.

Money might also have been a factor. Yeshiva has the lowest pay scale for its teachers in the area, and according to one high-level administrator it is even worse for the lower paid people. He probably decided that if he could not run the show, elsewhere would be better.

The Administration has warned everyone that should the union gain recognition by the NLRB, a necessary step because

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## A Dynamic Speech And Drama Dept. Has Many Plans For Activities For Remainder Of Year

Speech and Drama Department Students are eager to learn how to speak, to perform, and to communicate with and relate to others. "The dedication of the Department's faculty motivates us to succeed because they take an extraordinary interest in our work.

In this Department, the teachers actually participate in extracurricular activities!" The words of this student, not a Speech and Drama major, are typical of the opinions of many students interviewed this week by THE COMMENTATOR.

During the past few years, the Department has experienced a dynamic development. The large number and variety of elective courses have attracted many students. And since the Speech and Drama major was first introduced six years ago, the number of majors has grown significantly. In fact, the Speech and Drama Department has a system of Senior Student Advisors who play an important role in the Department's decision-making processes. This year's Senior Advisors are: Howard Wieder, Jay Richman, and Stewart Kessler.

### Terrific Team

Why is the Department popular? The answer probably lies in the cooperation of the Speech and Drama Department Faculty with the Speech and Drama Club, the YC Dramatics Society, and the Dramatics Honor Society. These groups unite in a team effort to organize the Department's plans including the courses offered and the many extracurricular activities.

Under the leadership of Stewart Kessler, the Speech and

# Federation Explains Role Change; Due To More Orthodox Influence

By ARTHUR HERZFELD

"Federation of Jewish Philanthropies—isn't that the organization which uses Jewish money to aid everyone and everything unrelated to Jewish needs?" While in the past Federation had apparently done little to change its image, a rush of advertisements in the media exposing a greater

need for Jewish education in our communities lately, have given pause to those once quick to decry the organization. Yes, Federation sponsored those advertisements, incredible as it may seem. Or is it really so incredible? THE COMMENTATOR went to Rabbi Isaac Trainin, Director of Jewish Affairs at Federation and one time administrative assistant to Dr. Belkin, to discuss this apparently new trend.

Has there been a change in policy or leadership to account for this sudden expansive program in Jewish education?

### No Real Change

"Actually," answered Rabbi Trainin, "there has been no change in policy. We have always been concerned with this problem." Yet an organization is only as good as the people who man it. Although for years there have been forces within Federation fighting to make Jewish education a priority, their influence was minimal. In the past, Federation has responded primarily to the needs of what its own leadership thought essential, and, since most traditional Jews avoided Federation politics and the associated stigma, they were not consulted and their prospective programs remained penury stricken dreams. Of late, however, a greater number of traditional leaders have risen from the middle ranks of Federation or have joined the Board of Trustees

and Jewish Affairs Distribution Committee, and these men and women have pleaded the case for Jewish education.

A new program is the new special independent Program Development Fund which is attempting to raise \$20 million. This fund will be of great financial help to Jewish day schools, and will campaign to warn the Jewish community at large that the alarming percentage of Jewish children receiving no training in the traditions and ways of life of their people can lead only to tragedy. Appropriations for the 1973-74 school year included one million two hundred thousand dollars for aid to Yeshivot. Although it is admittedly spread thin, at least this same amount will be apportioned

this year. The aid is distributed in two ways: allocations for the physical improvement of the premises and through scholarships to needy students themselves, averaging approximately \$100 per child. The advisory committee for the fund which distributes the money even includes some gedolim such as Rabbi J.B. Soleveitchik and Rabbi Schechter. Schools aided by Federation in the past year include Yeshiva Chafetz Chaim, Yeshiva Moses Soleveitchik, Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, Yeshiva Toras Enes, Beth Yaakov Academy and twenty-six other lesser known schools.

The Jewish poor and elderly have also benefited from the shift within Federation. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2.)

## Various Jewish Organizations Trying To Help Russian Jews Settling Here

By JONATHAN MICHAELI

With the recent compromise agreement between the USSR and US allowing for freer emigration for Soviet Jews, many organizations are faced with the problem of how to absorb the new immigrants into their societies, whether in Israel or here in the New York area.

It is estimated that right now there are well over four thousand families who immigrated from Russia living in the New York area alone. These immigrants chose to live in the United States instead of Israel

for many reasons: A few of these immigrants first travelled to Israel, but after living there for some time, decided to move to the US. Some blamed Kol Yisrael, which they listened to regularly while in the Soviet Union, as their reason for leaving Israel. They felt that Kol Yisrael did not tell them of the problems facing the new immigrant in Israel. Others were turned off from Israel by the reception given to them by the Israelis. A recent poll taken in Israel by the Ministry of Absorption showed that twenty-five percent of the Israelis polled were against Russian Jews' immigration to Israel. Fifty percent were apathetic to it, while less than twenty-five percent fully supported the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

### Limited Absorption

A major problem facing the Russian immigrant in Israel is the Israeli economy. Israel cannot absorb more than a certain number of doctors, engineers, etc., so some new immigrants left Israel for the US simply to find jobs in their fields. Another problem facing the Russian Jews in Israel is the adaptation from a Communist controlled society to an open society. Some can't handle this change and hope that things will be different in the US. Many Russian emigrants, however, merely choose to immigrate directly to the United States.

### HIAS-NYANA-Techiya

Gil Marks, the Associate Director of Techiya, an organization committed to the absorption of Soviet Jews, both here and in Israel, explained the process by which Russian immigrants are absorbed into the United States.

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), an organization founded during World War II, brings the new immigrants into the US by plane. Once these new immigrants arrive in New

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Drama Club has initiated bold and innovative programs. President Kessler recently announced a program whereby well-trained members of the Club will provide tutorial assistance to students in the Department's courses. The program has been well-received by the Department's faculty. The Club, with the as-

The Club also plans other events such as an invitation to the Elbee Players, a nationally acclaimed troupe of blind actors who perform oral interpretations of plays. Their previous performances at YU were well-attended and enthusiastically received. In addition, "Doc" Hurwitz, the former YU athletic director and



Jay Richman, Stewie Kessler, Prof. Tauber, Howie Wieder.

sistance of Station Manager Glenn Hirsch, will be broadcasting radio plays over WYUR this year. The first play, Lucille Fletcher's "Sorry, Wrong Number," will soon be heard over YU's airwaves. The Club plans to do individual plays this semester, with the possibility of performing a series in the Spring.

a skilled magician, is being invited to demonstrate his talents.

### Two Contests

The Speech and Drama Department and the Club are sponsoring two major, prize-awarding contests this year. "The Seventh Annual Festival of Oral Interpretation of Literature" (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

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## The Masterpieces Of Western Civilization



By Jeffrey Wandel

Until very recently Western Civilization has regarded it as self-evident that the road to education lay through "great books." No man was educated unless he was acquainted with the masterpieces of his tradition. What were these masterpieces? They were those books that had endured as the finest creations, in writing, of the human mind and those which shed substantial light on some of our basic problems. These masterpieces began with Homer, great Greek plays, and Plato and extended through our modern era.

The great books used to be the principal instrument of liberal education, the education that men acquired as an end in itself, for no other purpose than that it would help them to be men, and to lead better human lives, thus the aim of this liberal education is human excellence.

The substance of liberal education appears to consist in the recognition of basic problems, in knowledge of distinctions and interrelations in subject matter, and in comprehension of ideas. It strives for a grasp of the methods by which solutions can be reached and the formulation of standards for testing solutions proposed.

Today, however, with our growing educational emphasis on specialization and our greater reliance on the media forms of radio, cinema, and television, the importance of reading the classics is being gradually de-emphasized. This disappearance of great books from education and from the reading of adults constitutes a steady deterioration in our concept of education. While adults have come to lead lives comparatively rich in material comforts their lives are nevertheless poor insofar as its moral, intellectual, and spiritual tone.

Now more than ever, with all

## YCSC Meeting

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) it was announced, anyone found vandalizing any of the machines or attempting to remove money from them, would have charges pressed against him. Anyone who still has furniture from any of the lounges, will be charged a five dollar fine. Council members will be going around checking rooms.

### No Accounts

New ID cards have not yet been issued because the person in charge of our cards at the printing company has been seriously ill, and the Yeshiva College account has not been transferred to anyone else. Yeshiva College students, meanwhile, have no new ID cards, and the freshmen have no ID cards at all. Sammy C. Friedman suggested that temporary IDs be issued to freshmen until the new cards can be issued.

It was brought to Council's attention that one Spanish class is seven units behind the other class. A delegation went to Dean Bacon but he refused to see it, expressing his confidence in the teacher's ability to catch up. President Eisenberg promised to look further into the matter and adjourned the meeting.

the problems of our complex society we need to recapture and re-emphasize the wisdom that lies in the works of our greatest thinkers. These classic works help us to better live our lives through illuminating many of our basic problems. Frequently this is done by focusing on the origin of our most serious difficulties. The spirit that the books represent and the habit of mind they teach are more necessary today than ever before.

The spirit of Western Civilization is the spirit of inquiry. Within its confines no proposition is to be left unexamined. The exchange of ideas is held to be the path to the realization of the potentialities of the race. These books are the tools to successfully carry out this exchange of ideas through which we also gain a deeper understanding of our society and ourselves.

It is with all of this in mind that I think we should institute in Yeshiva College a four year course offering in the "Great Books." This eight semester sequence would not be a requirement but merely an offering for those students desiring to pursue courses concentrating on books by some of the greatest thinkers of our ages. Each semester the equivalent of approximately sev-

en or eight full length novels would be studied and analyzed in class. Thus at the completion of the four year sequence the student would have the possibility of having learned sixty of the most crucial works in Western Civilization. Though two one-year courses are presently offered in the English Department, they are exclusively concerned with works of literature. What I have in mind here is a sequence of courses designed to familiarize students with major developments in many of the disciplines of the arts including literature, history, philosophy, economics, and even a few works from the sciences.

There would be much to be gained by such a program. The mere fact that these books have endured is a testimony to their ability to lift man above himself by the inspiration of their example. In the words of Sir Richard Livingstone — "We are tied down for the greater part of our days, to the commonplace. That is where contact with great thinkers, great literature helps. In their company we are still in the ordinary world but it is the ordinary world transfigured and seen through the eyes of wisdom and genius and some of their vision becomes our own."

## Federation Explains Role Change; Due To More Orthodox Influence

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Federation organized the Metropolitan Council for the Jewish Poor," noted Rabbi Trainin who was its first President. More than half of the funds distributed annually by Federation are allocated for programs specifically aimed to serve the Jewish poor of Greater New York. Services for the aged, who represent the largest segment of the Jewish poor, "embrace all aspects of treatment and care," claims Rabbi Trainin. In addition to specialized hospitals and old age homes, apartment house residences, "Golden Age" recreation centers, and workshops, Federation's Jewish Association for Services to the Aged (JASA) concentrates on working with the Jewish elderly-poor in a case by case manner. Such intensive care, however, is limited to the more serious cases, although funding for widespread individual treatment is being contemplated and even executed on a trial basis in Brownsville-East New York by the Jewish Action Committee (an organization of Jewish Social workers receiving partial Federation funding).

Federation deals directly with the indigent in some cases. Federation, for example, has had a Joint Passover Association since the 1920's aiding thousands of people through anonymous checks, with no welfare stigma attached. Last year alone, over twelve thousand families had their Pesach hardships eased by Federation.

### Wrong People?

Rabbi Trainin is particularly sensitive to charges that Federation does not help enough, or helps the wrong people. He insists that it is nearly impossible

to reach and help all the Jews of Greater New York. Most Jews don't want to be reached for donations, he claimed. As an illustration Rabbi Trainin noted that during the Yom-Kippur War the UJA in its massive drive reached only thirty-five percent of all New York Jews.

To improve services, the UJA and the Federation have finally merged after five long years of negotiations. When separate both organizations had two separate appeals, two overheads and a wasteful duplication of labor pools and departments. The merger, in Rabbi Trainin's eyes, was thus a logical move towards sane economics and good communal planning. "There is a devised formula for allocating donations to the UJA-Federation," he explained. For the first two years of the merger, Federation is guaranteed twenty million out of a projected two hundred million dollars raised, with the UJA receiving the one hundred and eighty million dollar lion's share for distribution to its national and international branch agencies.

### Jewish Addicts Too

As to the charge that Federation helps the "wrong" people, Rabbi Trainin pointed out that there are over 130 beneficiary agencies of the Federation, serving diverse needs. Last year, for example, Federation aided more than one and a half million men, women, and children. Federation's hospital for the disturbed have, at times, accepted drug addicts as patients, and Federation administers general health clinics which treat junkies. Rabbi Trainin, however, stressed that drug rehabilitation houses such as Daytop Village are gov-

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## Bernstein Writes On Union

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most detrimental. The very concept of a strike which Dr. Behrends concedes is feasible, if only as a last resort is contrary to halacha and has no place in a yeshiva. There is good reason to question whether it is a legitimate practice in today's society where both labor and management can cause strikes injuring the health and welfare of untold thousands.

I recall while yet in high school that our English teacher, Mr. Emanuel Leibel (a non-observant Jew), recounted to us the days of the depression when the faculty was not paid for two years and there was some talk of a strike. The English faculty met with Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik who told them there can be no strike against Torah

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and they remained on the job.

I am not waxing nostalgia but rather stating fact that in the early days of Yeshiva students were concerned and involved in its precarious financial existence. When they went home on weekends, they raised money. They were sent out to make appeals. Would it that our students and faculty would shoulder their share of this responsibility.

ernment, not Federation, funded. He defends Federation's open health clinics by countering, "let's not forget that a lot of drug addicts are Jewish too."

Rabbi Trainin insists that most adverse charges against Federation are rumor and gossip spread by ignorant people. He urges all interested to call Federation and ask for personal explanations of Federation's policies and programs.

## EMCSC Sponsors A Talk By Mr. P. Sapir

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) man of the World Zionist Organization, and of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, began his address by lauding Yeshiva University and the students it has produced for their involvement and concern regarding Jewish causes. He proceeded to discuss the various problems facing Israel and world Jewry, especially with regard to youth.

### Money Man

Having served since 1948 in Israeli government and until recently as Finance Minister, Mr. Sapir concluded that the state should strongly consider the promotion of aliyah. "Our power lies not only in our swords and pens," he declared, "but in a strong and unified Jewish community . . . That we are greater in number, we will be closer to peace." In emphasizing his point, Mr. Sapir claimed that all the Phantoms and Skyhawks would be less valuable than one thousand additional Jews.

Shifting to discussion on the world situation, Mr. Sapir point-

ed out that the problem of Russian Jewry is ever widening to even the wisest of our generation. Who, he asked, could explain why Russia wished to cut off its Jews from their brethren, and why after Jewish schools and synagogues were closed in strict suppression, did the USSR suddenly allow the Jews to leave? The fate of the tiny Jewish people, Mr. Sapir pointed out, rests in the hands of two superpowers.

### West Over East

The speaker emphasized that while Aliyah from Russia is important, he is more concerned with immigration from the west. Mr. Sapir expressed Israel's need for experienced and informed Jews, both religious and non-religious; the government and the opposition, he stated, agree that Aliyah is of primary importance to the security of the land and of the people. Israel cannot be concerned only with defense, Mr. Sapir concluded, but also with building up the land, the people, and the culture.

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all the ills listed (and this writer can add to them) could be treated satisfactorily.

We observed only a year or two ago how a service union almost closed the Yeshiva when there was simply no money available. Whereas one can understand that non-Jewish laborers or professors in our schools who are foreign to Yeshiva's goals and role do not care whether Yeshiva is open or closed and are unconcerned with the fund raising problem, it is not too much to expect a more understanding attitude from the student newspaper.

The fear of this association is that it can eventually close the Yeshiva without any compunctions or hesitation. The legitimate issues of tenure, promotions, salaries can be settled without an NLRB election, strike, etc., especially if faculty and students who seek involvement in economic and administrative matters assume more financial responsibility for implementing decisions, as well. Dr. Behrends is quoted, "What is at stake is not so much the amount of money but what is done with existing money." I am certain that the administration would not object if he met with some of the representatives of the other schools, particularly the Jewish programs, and arrived at a more proper balance between their salary scales and those at Belfer and Wurzeiler.

RABBI LOUIS BERNSTEIN

# Are These The Little Boys I Used To Know?

# A Dynamic Speech And Drama Dept Has Many Plans For Activities For Remainder of Year

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(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) The University has refused to recognize the union, the present informality of faculty-administration cooperation regarding hiring, tenure, courses, etc., will be destroyed. "Teachers' recommendations are vital to the proper administration of The University."

Well, maybe they are vital only 99% of the time. Approximately seven years ago, the faculty at Belfer advised The Administration about the lack of breadth in the Chemistry Doctoral Program. The University did nothing about their recommendations, maintained the three separate, distinct chemistry departments at Stern, YC and Belfer (remember the "one univers-

ity, indivisible" claim?) and was ordered by the State Education Department to phase out its Chemistry doctoral program.

Claim and counterclaim. Point and counterpoint. One really does not know whom to believe. Yet one can see that the teachers are genuinely unhappy and The Administration does not see that they have a reason for their unhappiness. The teachers are countering with a union.

One interesting historical note. In 1971, Local 1199, the cafeteria workers, maintenance men, etc., went on strike. The students broke the strike. In 1974, the students support the teachers. The Administration is unhappy.

contest, co-ordinated by Department instructor Ms. Shirley Lauro, will hold its preliminary competition on Thursday, December 12 in Furst 501 with the final round to be held Thursday, December 19. All YC students are invited to participate by submitting an entry blank available from the Department's faculty or from Mr. Kessler in Morg. 428. In the Spring semester, the Department and the Club also plan the "Annual Extemporaneous Speaking Contest" to be co-ordinated by Dr. Laurel Keating.

Headed by Lenny Balanson, the Dramatics Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega, Chi Pi Chapter, recently hosted a theater party to the Broadway hit, "My

Fat Friend." Duplicating that success, the Dramatics Honor Society will be sponsoring another theater party to the Phoenix Repertory Company's Broadway show, "Love for Love," on November 21 and 27. As before, the cast will again meet with the YU contingent after the show.

Under the leadership of President Norman Gras and its popular Faculty Advisor and Artistic Director, Dr. Anthony S. Beukas, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society is busily preparing for its Fall production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "That Championship Season."

### Respected and Popular

The respected and popular leader of the team effort is the Speech and Drama Department Chairman, Senior Professor Dr. Abraham Tauber. Besides the contests sponsored by the Department, Prof. Tauber has issued a letter inviting all YC students to see him regarding any problem in Speech or Speech Correction. In addition, Prof. and Mrs. Tauber host an "Annual Gathering of Senior Graduating Students and Department Faculty" at their home in Yonkers.

The Department is proud of its faculty members' achievements. Dr. Beukas has been granted his doctorate from New York University. Dr. Keating's book on Speech is used at Yeshiva and at other colleges. Ms. Lauro has written a play which will soon be professionally produced. In addition to Prof. Tauber, Dr. Beukas, Dr. Keating, Ms. Lauro, full-time members, the Department is staffed by Ms. Rebecca Stearns and Ms. Eve Branstein, part-time instructors. Ms. Stearns has returned to YC from California, after having taught here previously for three years as a full-time instructor. Ms. Branstein is a Speech instructor at Stern, and was director of last year's Stern play.

### Friendly Village

The great devotion of the students to the Speech and Drama Department's faculty is aptly demonstrated by the comments of many students. One YC student asserted, "I know of no other department in this school in which the instructors are not only academically excellent, but have a very sincere, deeply-rooted concern for every student, not just those who are Speech and Drama majors. The instructors are well-liked not only for their superb teaching capabilities, but because they are on a friend-to-friend relationship with the pupils." Another student exclaimed, "Dr. Tauber and the entire faculty of the Speech and Drama Department always have their doors open to anyone who seeks advice and help. It is because of this deep interest in the students that the Speech and Drama Department is one of the finest in the College." These opinions have been shared by alumni for many years.

Another reason for the Department's popularity lies in the fact that many of the courses are extended into extracurricular activities. Lenny Balanson, a Math major, offered an additional insight: "Because Speech electives are not lecture courses, you don't have to take notes. In the Speech and Drama Department, students actively participate. Some of the courses in the

Department are outlets for students to express their ideas and develop their personalities."

Perhaps one student summed up the reasons for the Department's success when he stated, "The spirit and camaraderie that we majors, minors, and students of the Speech and Drama Department have for each other, and the close relationship we have with our instructors, is unmatched. Whether it is inside the classroom or outside, there's a real sense of joy in speaking, performing, working, and interacting with each other."

# Maalot Survivors Express Dislike Towards The UN

By NATHAN KLINE

Three survivors of the terrorism of Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization arrived at Kennedy International Airport on Thursday, November fourteenth. Galil and Tzipora Maimon of Safed and Mordechai Zarenkin of Nahariya recounted their tragic stories of how they survived the brutal massacres which were carried out by the P.L.O. The press conference was called by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

### Two Legged Animals

Galil Maimon, seen all over the world in photographs as the brother who carried his wounded sister from a religious school in Maalot last May 15, told his story in English. After the terrorists had entered the school, Galil saw his 15½ year old sister through the smoke produced by the explosions inside. He ran to rescue her as the Israeli soldiers entered the building. Others carrying survivors were shot down, but he and Tzipora made it to safety. When asked by the press what kind of people the terrorists are in his opinion, he characterized them not as people but rather as animals. On the question of the possibility of peace between Israel and the P.L.O., Galil stated that no such possibility exists simply because the terrorists have no interest in the idea. He also contradicted Arafat's statement that the P.L.O. is not against Jews but rather against the Israeli government by stressing that these acts were meaningless murders of innocent children who played no part in the Israeli government.

Mordechai Zarenkin, a thirty-four year old technician who had come to Israel after he and his parents narrowly escaped the Nazi massacre at Babi Yar told through an interpreter how his wife and two children were murdered. On the night of June twenty-fourth, he and his wife were awakened by the sound of bullets being fired through the door of their apartment. He helped his wife and children out the window; the next morning he heard the tragic news that he was no longer a husband or a father.

The three Israelis have asked to meet the U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim to tell him personally of their shock and revulsion at the idea that the murderers of their families and friends should be invited to the United Nations and receive a standing ovation there.

# Wischnitzer Begins Ethical Series Wanefsky Gives Second Lecture

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ply a Torah-oriented philosophy toward the premedical program. Yeshiva must set a standard for other colleges. The Jew's primary concern and obligation in medicine must be the carrying out of the ethical standard of Halacha.

Dr. Wischnitzer quoted several sources from the Bible and Talmud which illustrated the Jewish view of the physician as the messenger of G-d. Man is told that he must "walk after G-d", which is done by emulating G-d's attributes. Although superhuman feats are not expected from the human physician, he must be, as G-d is, a "faithful healer."

"Faithful" has many implications, one being firm and steadfast. The physician must be prepared for duty every hour of the day. The physician must be steadfast. As the messenger of G-d, he does not decide "who shall live, and who shall die." His job is to sustain life to the best of his capabilities.

The second definition of faithful is "trustworthy." This definition applies more to the relationship between the physician and the patient, than "firm and steadfast", which refers more to the doctor's obligation to G-d. Among the obligations to the patient is that of thoroughness in his work. If he is ever in doubt as to the welfare of his patient, he must never be embarrassed to consult a competent colleague. "Faithful" also means that a doctor is expected to be truthful with his patient. Imposing unnecessary tests is not only monetarily exhausting to the patient, but it also causes much unneeded anxiety.

### Wall Chart

Yet another role of the physician is to "visit the sick." The patient is not just another chart hanging on a sickbed; he is an individual who needs personal attention. Dr. Wischnitzer quoted Maimonides, who wrote, "Frequent visitation is good. He who visits the sick is as one who has taken part of the sickness away." He also quoted the Talmud, which says, "There is no limit to visiting the sick."

Dr. Wischnitzer summarized his feelings by saying that the only way a doctor can be a messenger of G-d and a faithful healer is by realizing and obey-

ing the word of G-d, who is both a King and a faithful healer.

### Second Lecture

Rabbi Joseph Wanefsky, an instructor at Erna Michael College, delivered the second address of the Mrs. Ray Wischnitzer Memorial Lecture Series in Jewish Medical Ethics on November 14.

Speaking on the topic, "The Role of the Doctor as a Protector of Life," Rabbi Wanefsky proceeded to emphasize how important it is for a physician to embody a social concern and moral responsibility for his patients. According to Rabbi Wanefsky, it is necessary for this sense of sensitivity to be understood within "the conceptual scheme of the halachic framework."

Rabbi Wanefsky explained that the individual's obligation to restore another's health and physical well being is included within the commandment to return another's lost object. There are two scriptural sources for this

Mishna which asks philosophically why mankind was created individually and not as a totality. The Mishna answers that if one destroys one life, it is as if he had destroyed the whole world, and if one saves or sustains one life, it is as if he had given sustenance to the entire world.

Mankind was, therefore, cre-

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ated individually because of the great importance with which G-d values each individual's life. Expounding on this concept, Rabbi Wanefsky said that we, too, must recognize the dignity and significance of each individual, and realize that one's



Paul Millman

Rabbi Wanefsky flanked by Shimmy Palgon and Dr. Wischnitzer.

biblical obligation. One source serves as a positive precept urging action directed at the restoration of one's fellow man's physical well being, while the other prohibits any laxity among men in the face of another's suffering.

### Guidelines

"The main idea of Judaism," Rabbi Wanefsky said, "is that ethics are not provisional, but Judaism formulated ethics in a normative structure, in specific norms, because it realized that man requires certain guidelines." Thus, according to Rabbi Wanefsky, a vague concept of grace is not sufficient.

Rabbi Wanefsky quoted the

right to life must not be treated lightly.

### Personal Concern

"Judaism," Rabbi Wanefsky said, "is preoccupied with the special concern for the individual. Our patriarch Abraham, for example, exemplified the personality par excellence of one concerned for his fellow man." Consequently, the personal concern of the physician for his patient should be one of unqualified objectivity.

Concluding his discourse, Rabbi Wanefsky urged those considering a medical career to envisage this moral and ethical responsibility toward one's fellow man that Judaism prescribes.

## Various Jewish Organizations Trying To Help Russian Jews Settling Here

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) York, the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA), a subdivision of HIAS, takes these immigrants and puts them into hotels in downtown Manhattan. NYANA then tries to find jobs and new apartments for the new arrivals. There is, however, no religious or secular education involved in NYANA's program.

Many Soviet Jews prefer to stay in New York for a variety of reasons: some have relatives here, while others would just like to stay among Yiddish speaking people. Yet others seek the protection of "white" neighborhoods, displaying an almost neurotic fear of racial violence, since while in the Soviet Union they were told that the US is constantly wracked with race riots.

Gil Marks explained that *Techiya* begins working once the immigrants arrive in New York. While these new immigrants are

## General M. Dayan Presents Lecture To NYU Students

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 1) pose Israel. Their only fear is of Russian intervention, and it is there that the United States enters the picture. The crucial factor in the Mideast is whether or not the U.S. is ready to counteract any Russian aggression in the area. Mr. Dayan stated that at this moment, the USSR is in a much better strategic position than the United States in the area and blamed this factor on the recent U.S. trend toward isolationism. While taking into account the serious economic conditions of the time, he claimed that this trend is still extremely dangerous to the stability of the region.

Mr. Dayan predicted that in the future with the exception of another interim agreement with Egypt, the status quo would remain unchanged.

During the question and answer period which followed the short speech, Mr. Dayan touched on some sensitive issues ranging from settlement in conquered territories to the question of Israeli nuclear power and *Giyur K'Halachah*. Mr. Dayan justified settlement of the conquered areas by explaining that the government didn't impound the land; it bought all of the land without having ever forcibly removed an Arab from his land. He also stressed that settlement of these areas results in increased prosperity for them.

### The Bomb?

On the question of Israeli nuclear power, Mr. Dayan was slightly evasive, stating that while Israel does not have any actual atomic weapons, he believes that they could be made if necessary. When questioned on *Giyur K'Halachah*, he responded that he believed that anyone who was a Jew and wanted to remain so should be allowed to, no matter how he had become one.

The final and most difficult question concerned Mr. Dayan's possible guilt in Israel's early losses during the Yom Kippur War. In reply to this he once again became evasive, simply citing the Agranat Commission's findings, which placed no blame on him.

in the hotels, the *Techiya* program based at Stern College offers to give tutoring in both English and basic Jewish concepts, thus supplementing the work begun by NYANA.

### Many Near YU

Many of the new immigrants move into the Washington Heights area of Manhattan where over fifty Russian families now live. The Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights led by Mrs. Wurtzberger has worked with these new immigrants and has succeeded in placing almost all of the children of these new immigrants into *Yeshivot* in the area. These children have, fortunately, proven to be about average students and have little difficulty in secular subjects. Most of the children, however, don't even know the *Aleph-Bet* and, therefore, cannot keep pace in religious subjects. *Techiya*, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Council, has been working with these students, by tutoring them in religious subjects.

*Techiya* is also extensively involved with the social aspects of immigrant absorption as many of the Russian Jews here do not fit in socially with their peers. Gil Marks believes the reason little has been done for the immigrants is that many people do not want to get involved with a person who has trouble speaking their language, and therefore avoid social contact with the Russian immigrants. The normal introversion of new immigrants is further compounded by the fears bred into them by an oppressive Soviet regime. In order to alleviate this problem, *Techiya* has planned both social and religious parties. This coming *Chanukah* they have four parties planned all over the city. These social gatherings have been planned in order to get Russian Jews together with other Russian Jews as well as with Jewish Americans of the same age.

### MTA Gets Six

Six new immigrants were admitted to MTA this past week. The immigrants are totally confused in the religious subjects, however, because of the lack of any significant previous preparation. Since MTA doesn't have the extra teachers needed to concentrate privately on these new students, they are looking for a tutor who is free for an hour or more between nine in the morning and three in the afternoon.

With the growing programs of organizations like *Techiya* and NYANA, and the generous help of individual volunteers, many recent Soviet Jewish immigrants can now hope to find themselves a niche in their strange but freely adopted society.

# Op-Ed

## Weinstein On The Faculty Veto

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 4) members must participate in the debate and vote on the measures presented to the Assembly. The tenor of the debate and the method of voting at the Faculty Assembly meeting were far from dignified. During his presentation, Dr. Herskovics equated the course in the "Introduction to the Bible" to Biblical criticism. One faculty mem-

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ber commented after the meeting that he would not approve a course involving "apikorsus." Other faculty members were led to believe that there was no need to introduce such a course for the current course structure provides the same material. These distortions and deceptions were harmless when compared to the events which took place during the voting, at which time students are not permitted to be present. I have been informed that just prior to voting on the section providing for the introductory and topical courses, one member of the faculty stood up and announced: "Remember, we have to veto this section." The vote was taken by a show of hands and the results were: six in favor, eleven opposed, and one abstention. Since this was just short of the two-thirds necessary for a veto, the opponents of the proposal then proceeded to browbeat and pressure the faculty member who had abstained into changing his vote. Having been actively involved in numerous political

campaigns, I am familiar with the use of such tactics. What is shocking is that such methods should be employed by members of the Yeshiva College faculty. To prevent a recurrence of these events, the Faculty Assembly should vote on all future Senate proposals via secret ballot and should permit students to be present during the voting process.

The Faculty Assembly's veto established a very bad precedent. Citing the concept of "departmental prerogative," a number of faculty members argued that the Faculty Assembly should respect the recommendations of a department in the areas of its special competence. Though "departmental prerogative" is an accepted academic principle, it does not imply that a department's decisions are exempt from Faculty Assembly review. It is noteworthy that the Senate's Constitution states in regard to the establishment of new courses that "the Senate shall be required to consult with the Department and Division Heads involved before voting on the issue." It does not mandate that the Senate receive the Department's approval before taking any action. However, if

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the Faculty Assembly is to automatically ratify a department's recommendations (no matter how uncompromising and unconcerned with their students' education), then the Senate will be precluded from passing any legislation which does not meet with

the complete approval of the affected department.

During the Faculty Assembly debate, both Rabbi Tendler and Dr. Fleisher agreed (a rare occurrence indeed) that a required course in the introduction to the Bible, is essential if there is to be a meaningful Bible requirement. I therefore urge my Senate colleagues to vote one more time in favor of a resolution providing for the required introductory course and for the four topical elective courses. We will thus provide the many members of the faculty who did not vote at this past meeting, the opportunity to express their views in a fair and democratic manner. More importantly, the Senate will thereby affirm that the education of our students is more important than the narrow self-interests of the members of one department.

Steven A. Weinstein '75  
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# Merlis Return To Spark Yeshiva In '74-'75 As Maccabee Mean Machine Sets For Action

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So it seems as if the Mites/Maccabees have the ballplayers, and if they play together they should win a lot of games. This was evidenced when Yeshiva beat Bronx Community College 85-81 in a pre-season scrimmage.

Yeshiva showed great determination on the boards and were led by Jerry and Paul with fifteen rebounds apiece.

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Thursday	19	*Pratt	Home	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	21	**Newark Col. of Eng.	Home	8:45 p.m.
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Thursday	30	New Paltz	Away	8:00 p.m.

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## Intramural Box Scores

SEMICHA (28)	Juniors (45)
Krieger 4 0-3 8	Strizower 4 3-3 11
Amsel 4 0-0 8	Levine 5 0-1 10
Friedman 0 0-0 0	Lerer 2 2-4 6
Zwelter 0 0-0 0	Mann 3 2-2 6
Miller 0 0-0 0	Greenspan 2 0-0-4
Neiss 3 0-0 6	Dorf 2 0-0 4
Davis 1 1-2 3	Strenger 1 0-0 2
Well 0 1-2 1	Hirmes 0 0-0 0
Fuchs 0 0-0 0	Cooper 0 0-0 0
Appleman 1 0-0 2	Krantz 0 0-0 0
Strick 0 0-0 0	Holtzman 0 0-0 0
	Katzstein 0 0-0 0
13 2-7 28	19 7-10 45

Semicha (35)	Seniors (68)
Amsel 6 3-4 15	Insel 5 6-8 16
Zwelter 5 0-0 10	Wells 11 0-0 22
Friedman 2 0-2 4	Reifman 4 2-2 10
Davis 1 1-1 3	Cohen 2 0-0 4
Krieger 0 2-2 2	Jetter 1 1-1 3
Neiss 1 0-0 2	Rosenbaum 0 0-0 0
Appleman 0 0-0 0	Rosenbloom 2 1-1 5
	Zelkowitz 4 0-0 3
15 6-9 36	29 10-12 65

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## ... Hello Maccabees

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different Sundays: December eighth and fifteenth, January twelfth, nineteenth, and twenty-sixth. To register, just call the Scrabble people at 675-4472. The match consists of three games played against three different people. The top eight scorers for the day go into the quarter-finals. So give it a try. Maybe your Kaplan's word lists will come in useful for something besides Boards.

Okay, back to the subject of words: When words are used as titles of persons, places, or things, they're called names. One name I'd like to discuss is the name of our beloved, if not always successful, basketball team: The Yeshiva Mighty Mites. To be honest with you, I don't know how the Mites got their name. Maybe because 40 years ago (just like now) the team members were shorter than their counterparts in other schools.

One thing I do know about the name "Mighty Mites": It's an asinine, if alliterative, name. Granted, it's distinctive, but . . . I don't know, there's just something about the name that makes me want to laugh (I said the name, not the team).

I've heard a few different suggestions as to what the team's name should be: One idea was "Lions," because that animal symbolizes strength, the tribe of Judah, etc. In addition, that's the name that the MTA Mini-Mites adopted many years ago when they changed their name.

However, the name I like the best is "Maccabees." Unlike Lions, it's distinctive (and distinctively Jewish, as opposed to Mighty Mites), and unlike the varsity's present name, Maccabees conjures up images of strength, not laughter. A Mighty Mite is a short nothing that gets pushed around on the court, while a Maccabee is a ball-player who doesn't take anything from anybody (a Merlis or Wenig type). Who knows, maybe with a different name, the team will play more aggressively to try to live up to that name. So look out, cause here comes the Yeshiva Mean Machine.

SPORT SHORTS: Volleyball intramurals are coming! That's right, they will be held every other Wednesday night at G. W. High School beginning next term. However, volleyball intramurals will be set up differently than basketball: That is, division of teams will not take place on class lines. Any group of students can get together, form a team and give it a name. All teams must be registered (in December) and approved by Intramural Commissioner Herbie A. Insel. Each team will have a minimum of 6 players, but can add as many reserves as it wants.

Volleyball can accommodate many more players than basketball (because numerous games can be played in one night), and it is hoped that a lot of students who haven't participated in intramurals before will come down and play. Remember, each member of the championship team will receive a large trophy at the Awards Dinner in May, so get ready now. Maybe your team will go all the way.

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## Merlis Return To Spark Yeshiva In '74-'75 As Maccabee Mean Machine Sets For Action

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

The bowlers are rolling, the fencers are pointing to a big season, the wrestlers seem to grapple with their opponents, but the question is can the Mites (or Maccabees) shoot down their opponents? This could be the year the team ends a long drought. Nobody's predicting that they will go to the finals of the N.I.T., but wouldn't a .500 season be a refreshing change? That idea (of a .500 season) is not a fan-

lative freshman campaign. Last year he was the team's leading rebounder and one of the top scorers. He should be aided by

ring in intramurals for two years. He possesses a fine outside shot and the one quality everybody on this year's team has: Aggressiveness. Mark Hoenig, coming from MTA, has a reputation as a good ballhandler and shooter. If he adapts to the college brand of ball, he could prove a valuable asset to the team. With Pete Samet coming off the bench, Yeshiva possesses depth in the backcourt. Up front Rosey and Leon could also prove valuable backups for the starting five. The addition of such fine freshmen makes the team deeper than they have been in years.

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Co-captains Ira "King" Scharaga and Allan "Spider" Lockspeiser.

tasy; it is a distinct possibility.

Why is it a possibility? Because this year's team returns six lettermen, four of whom were starters. The only starter not back is David Wilzig, last year's captain and high scorer. Dave's fine touch from the outside will be missed by the team, but will hopefully be compensated for by this year's Co-Captain Ira Scharaga. Ira, now a senior, is coming off two lacklustre years, but he showed immense potential as a freshman when he was in the top five in Knick Conference scoring. Ira needs to play both ends of the court and try not to give up as many points as he scores.

The other Co-Captain on this year's team is Allan Lockspeiser. Allan lacks what Ira has, a good outside shot, but the other facets of his game compensate for it. He is an excellent ballhandler and aggressive defensive ballplayer. In a tight game, Locks really excels because he is able to bring the ball up against defensive pressure, and then come back the other way and prevent his man from getting a hoop.

### 2 'n' 1 Combo

Ira and Locks are the only fourth year veterans on this year's squad, but the key to a .500 season may be two juniors and a sophomore. The juniors are Paul Merlis and Bruce Wenig and the Soph is Jerry Jozsef. Paul is back after spending a half year in Israel and not playing at all during his soph year. He will certainly help correct last year's most serious shortcoming: rebounding. In doing so he will probably regain his Knick Conference rebounding title.

For Paul to score he will have to have the ball, and the job of getting it to him will belong to Bruce Wenig. Bruce is the most adept passer on the team and he led the club in assists last year. He is the key to the Yeshiva attack because as the point man on offense, he has to set up the plays and feed the ball off to the other players. It may very well be true that as Bruce goes so goes the team. If he fails to set up the offense, Yeshiva will fail to put points on the board.

The last man of the important trio is Jerry Jozsef. Jerry should have as fine a year as his super-

the return of Merlis because he'll be able to play outside a little more and some of the rebounding load will be taken off his shoulders.

Also back from last year's team is David "Denver" Beren. Denver has a world of potential but so far he has not been able to put it all together on the court. He is an excellent leaper and is very aggressive around the basket, but his shortcoming seems to be an inability to put the ball in the basket when he gets close. If Dave can overcome this, he will definitely become a valuable member of this year's team.

To supplement these six returning lettermen, the team adds senior Dave Menche and freshmen Mark "Witzzy" Hoenig, Robert Rosenbloom, Leon Behar and Peter Samet. Dave Menche is coming to the team after star-

## Pasternak Super Goalie As Sophs Demoralize Jrs. In A Donnybrook

By MIKE GELBER

The defending champion sophomore team stretched their hold on first place to four points by gaining victory in each of the two games they played in the past week. They remained the only unbeaten club in the league, with a record of three wins, no losses and one tie for seven points, to three points for the second place freshmen.

With Mitch Merlis stymied in their match with the sophs, the frosh found a new hero of sorts in Moishe Housman who scored four goals in an 8-5 loss. Two goals by Judah Koolyk, and one apiece by Alden Leifer and Nathan Katz gave the sophs an early 4-2 lead so they (the champs) sat back and admired the view, taking the highly touted freshmen for a bad joke.

When the sophomores awoke, midway through the third period, they found themselves on the short side of a 5-4 score. From that point till the closing whistle it was indeed a unique sight seeing the puck leave the frosh zone. Freshman goaltender Gams was virtually defenseless against the onslaught of shots delivered by his opponents. Koolyk registered a hat trick when he tied the game at 5-5, followed by three more goals put in by Howie Estrin and Katz.

### Hat Tricks

The Sophomores continued in their winning ways behind the

hat tricks of Howie Estrin and Nathan Katz to hand the juniors their second loss of the season, by a score of 8-1. By far the best goaltending of the year was displayed by Alvin Pasternak, as he turned back twenty-seven of the juniors twenty-eight shots on net.

All the outstanding performances, however, were marred by the farcical attitude taken by some players during different points in the game. Penalties were the order of the day, especially in the final period when the game's outcome was no longer in doubt. Twenty-six minutes worth were meted out in the closing stanza including a misconduct, and two fighting majors. The juniors didn't even win the fight (which was a draw), let alone the game. Let this game be a lesson to all who participated in it.

Sandwiched between the two soph wins was the first junior loss and the first senior win. Dov Zeffren provided the heroics for the seniors by tallying three times and setting up two

## Semicha Drops Two Games Weiss Scores For Seniors

By BENJY KRUPKA

In two games this week, Semicha showed that their bones are starting to creak as they dropped games to the juniors (45-28) and the seniors (68-36).

In the first game, the juniors had no trouble at all in trouncing Semicha. After the first quarter, the juniors had outscored the future rabbis 13-7 with Moishe Neiss and Hillel Davis accounting for Semicha's points.

### Two Ahead

The second quarter was disastrous for the Semichites as they were shut out 12-0 leaving the juniors with an insurmountable 25-7 halftime lead. The period was highlighted by Artie Strenger's driving layup, his first two points of the year and two more points than he scored all of last year.

Finally, in the third quarter,

Semicha woke up and outscored their opponents 14-10, cutting the junior lead to 35-21. Semicha's improvement that period can be attributed to two "rookies" who didn't start and saw limited action in the first half: Norman "Edsel" Amsel and Jonny Krieger. Between them, they scored twelve of their team's 14 third quarter points.

Unfortunately for Semicha, their dynamic duo cooled off in the fourth quarter as the juniors outscored them 10-7 and won the game 45-28.

Leading the juniors in scoring were Howie Strizower (11) and Jerry Levine (10). Louis Green-span was the team's playmaker and his passes accounted for many of the junior points. When Louie rested, Ira Cooper did a superb job of coming off the bench and replacing him. Paul Lerer, in one of his finest intramural games, led the juniors in rebounding, with Alan Hirmes supporting him off the bench.

### Old Age Woes

Semicha might have made a game of it had Edsel and Krieger seen more playing time. Starters Stuie Zweiter and Dave Friedman played unusually poorly that night. Maybe they're just getting old.

The second Semicha game, versus the seniors, started off very close. The two teams traded baskets, and it looked for a while that Semicha would stay in the game. Semicha aces Amsel and Zweiter were rippling the cords and the team as a whole was hustling and concentrating at both ends of the court. Stan Weiss and Herbie Insel kept the seniors on top in the first half. Stan shot six-for-six from the floor and seemed unstoppable. Herbie, although playing with an injured ankle, was tough off the boards and added eight points in the half.

The second half was all seniors as the Semicha offense seemed stymied. Little Mike Zerkowitz was passing beautifully and driving through the defense. It was basket after basket until the seniors wrapped it up 68-36.

The Zweiter-Davis-Friedman-Neiss clique was broken a little this game as Jonny Krieger started. Now all the Semichites have to do is start Amsel and maybe they'll win a couple of games.

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### On The Sidelines

## Goodbye, Mighty Mites Hello, Maccabees



By David Gleicher

Words are very important to us. They're our medium of expression, of communication, of social intercourse. According to George Carlin, noted authority on words, there are 400,000 words in the English language (7 of which you're not allowed to say on television or in most places outside a dorm room.)

Yeshiva students are word experts, too. Because of all the reading they had to do in high school and before, many Y.U. students have a larger than average vocabulary. Following Kaplan's, of course, all Y.U. students have a larger than average vocabulary.

But practically, of what use is a good vocabulary? Well, for one thing, large words impress teachers, both in reports and in class discussions. How does vocabulary tie in with sports? In my book, sports and games are similar, and the premier sport/game for which a large vocabulary is necessary is Scrabble.

The picture becomes clearer; if Y.U. students have a good vocabulary, then they should be good at Scrabble (that statement goes double for post-Kaplan scholars.) Now there's a chance to test that hypothesis at the Second Annual New York City Scrabble Tournament.

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