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## SOY Reps Opt To Bar 'Girls' From Annual Purim Chagigah

At a special meeting on Thursday night, February 14, members of the Student Organization of Yeshiva voted not to allow girls to attend their annual Purim Chagigah. This meeting of the student council of the Yeshiva Program and RIETS was called specifically for a vote on this issue, and many students realizing the potential significance of the vote, were in attendance. The reason for calling the vote this year, although in the past women have been allowed to attend the Chagigah and were said to take Chagigah, was explained by SOY President Joel Silber. Since many girls, dressed "improperly" had attended the SOY Chanukah Chagigah and were said to take away from the Chagigah's ruach, Silber told the representatives, SOY was to debate whether to prevent them from attending the Purim Chagigah where they would inevitably socialize.

### Serious Exception

As he opened the meeting, Silber urged the SOY representatives to "make an exception here, and make it serious." He explained that the representatives were to vote on a "potentially very volatile issue" and that just as a vote to allow girls to attend the Chagigah would not indicate irreverence, a vote to exclude them would not make someone a "chinyuck". Silber announced that the vote would be by secret ballot.

Before opening debate to the floor, Silber expressed a number of considerations he felt were reasons to prevent the girls from attending. Although optimally girls who "knew and understood" the significance of the Chagigah

should be allowed, he said, "history had demonstrated adequately that we cannot allow girls to come without having problems of socializing." Silber added that the YP and RIETS Rebbetzin would probably not come if girls were present.

YCSC President Larry Eisenberg expressed fears that the SOY members were overreacting to the Chanukah Chagigah. He emphasized that the SOY Chagigah should be aimed at the entire Yeshiva body, including all its religious divisions as well as the college. The majority of students he explained, thought that girls should be permitted to attend. President Eisenberg also promised that, should SOY vote to bar girls from attending the chagigah he would do his best to see that it had no problems from other campus student councils.

Josh Gross, SOY Vice President, spoke of the lack of decorum at the chagigah caused by students from other city colleges as they tore down the mechitzah separating boys and girls, and socialized. "People get

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## YC Senators Attack Credit Limits Amendment Awaits Senate Approval

By RICKY EISENBERG

In the meeting of January 2 and February 6, the Yeshiva College Senate debate concentrated on the work load proposals which had been passed at the meeting of December 26. That resolution had allowed Yeshiva College students unlimited yearly ex-

credits out of a summer, while another person could get ten." Professor Posen concurred with Senator Kantowitz, saying that "two courses is a little too

Unarbitrary Classification

Dr. Aaron Levine disputed Dr. Fleisher's contention that two credit courses could be as difficult as those of three or five credits. "Classification of credits is in no way arbitrary," he said, "and is supposed to reflect the work load."

Following the discussion, the Senate overwhelmingly amended the work-load resolution to allow students to take up to ten credits of summer work.

Discussion on the resolution did not, however, end there. Dr. Keating said that "unlimited CLEP credit distresses me much more than summer credits" because "at least a summer course is a course." Dr. Keating expressed fears that by allowing unlimited CLEP credit, the Senate would be destroying the quality of education of YC students.

After stressing the value of classroom experience, she proposed to strike the passage allowing unlimited examination credits from the work-load resolution.

Rabbi Groff spoke against limiting CLEP credits. Rabbi Groff advised the Senate that many bright high school students with many examination credits may decide not to come to Yeshiva if their credits would not be accepted.

Professor Silverman informed the Senators that he had submitted a report containing examination credit statistics to Dean Bacon. The Dean, who had not yet read the report, proposed that the Senate table the discussion on the issue until the next meeting by which time the Senators will have read the report. After the Senators decided to table the discussion until the February 13 meeting, Dr. Fleisher requested that information on the average hours spent by YC students in classroom be included in the report. Dr. Fleisher warned the Senators that with too many class hours, students would soon be developing their posteriors rather than their education.

### Business Program

The other major Senate under-

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## SOY 'Girls' Vote, Funds Allocations On YCSC Agenda

By HARRY FELD

ently in disposing of the important issues discussed at the opening meeting of the spring semester.

The controversial decision of SOY to exclude women from the Purim chagigah was discussed at length. Israel Wahrman said, "Girls have always been allowed to attend. By excluding them

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Senators Bacon, Kantowitz, and Socol.

Paul Millman

Student Senator Robert Kantowitz attacked the two course summer limit, and explained that it is grossly unfair to expect one person can get only four

vague. A two credit course is about half as much material as a four credit course." Senator Posen expressed the desire "to see rediscussion on this."

## Chemistry Departments Linked Pomerantz, Levine Express Ideas

By MEIR CHERNOFSKY

At the Faculty Assembly meeting of December 11, 1974, Dean Bacon announced that the chemistry departments of Yeshiva College, Stern College, and the Belfer Graduate School of Science had been combined into one integrated department. In order to

clarify the rumors that soon arose, Dean Bacon explained that as a result of the loss of the PhD program in chemistry, Dr. Belkin had decided to combine the three departments, with Dr. Pomerantz as chairman. At the time, no one was exactly sure what the full ramifications of the integration were.

In an interview with THE COMMENTATOR, Dr. Eli Levine, senior professor of chemistry at Yeshiva College, discussed the past, present, and future of the chemistry department at Yeshiva College. Dr. Martin Pomerantz, chairman of the department of chemistry of Yeshiva University, related his plans for the future of the department.

Q. Dr. Levine, what change has taken place in the chemistry department?

A. When the state removed its accreditation from the chemistry PhD program at Belfer, Drs. Belkin and Fishman asked the state to reconsider. As a result of this appeal's having been turned down, the University combined the chemistry departments of Belfer and Stern College with our own department and introduced Dr. Pomerantz as chairman.

Q. How is the combination of

three departments supposed to eliminate the problems which led to the loss of Belfer's PhD accreditation.

A. Dr. Fishman felt that the main problem with Belfer's department had been that it was not integrated with the undergraduate department.

Q. Do you agree with that accreditation?

A. Number one, the graduate department had many other faults, which were, no doubt, the cause of its downfall. Secondly, even if the only complaint of the state had been a lack of integration, we could have easily demonstrated that this is not so. Our students do take courses in Belfer, and for years, graduate students have been serving in my department as teaching assistants.

Q. Were you consulted in the change?

A. Not only was I not consulted, but they did not even see fit to send me a memo regarding the change.

### BA/MA Role

Q. What role did the BA/MA program play in the integration of the departments? Were you in favor of the program?

A. I am not against the BA/MA program. But one must

keep in mind the fact that Yeshiva College already has a double program, and it is impossible to do justice to any subject, especially a science, on the MA level within the overcrowded four years of undergraduate college education. We must give our students a vigorous, quality education, not a rushed education. Moreover, who are the beneficiaries of this BA/MA program? Our pre-medical majors are constantly told by medical schools to obtain a liberal education in the humanities and social sciences. We have had many cases of pre-medical majors who were told in their medical school interviews that their overabundant concentration in the sciences demonstrates that their interest is not really in medicine but in the pure sciences.

As to our chemistry majors, they have been few in the past three years because of the economic conditions in the United States. Some estimates are that jobs in chemistry will not be plentiful again for the next ten years. We, however, have another problem. Practically all of our science students come here originally with the intention of

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## Undergrad Group Forms Committee On Coed Issues

The future of co-ed social activities at YU's Main Center and the status of the Buckley Amendment were the primary issues raised by the Undergraduate Council at its February 5 meeting. (See editorial page)

Professor Morris Silverman, University Registrar, reported that the Buckley Amendment had originally granted broad access to a student's secondary and undergraduate school files, solely by virtue of the student's request to see them. As amended, however, the act only applies to those transcripts and documents not on file prior to December 31, 1974. Professor Silverman proceeded to discuss the importance of signing the Senior-Evaluation Waiver Form saying that if not signed "the form will not be included in the student's personal file."

The Council then received a briefing by Melvin Diamond, of SOY, on their proposal to curtail the limited co-ed activities centered on the main campus. He justified the plan by mentioning the "actions" which took place during the SOY sponsored Chagigah. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

## On Purim and "Permissiveness"

It has been the practice of SOY to sponsor two chagigot annually, one on Chanukah and another on Purim, for the benefit of the YU community. However, due to the regrettable abuse of SOY's code of behavior at this year's Chanukah, Chagigah SOY, in an unfortunate and shortsighted move, determined by a close 10-8 vote of its council to effectively bar all girls, regardless of their dress or affiliations, from their upcoming Purim Chagigah.

THE COMMENTATOR feels that the terms "unfortunate and shortsighted" are particularly applicable in this case. The barring of all girls from SOY functions is unfortunate because it polarizes the various elements of our university into steadily hardening factions. If SOY is to make such a drastic decision despite the dismay of coordinating councils, despite an inter-council injunction on altering the status quo for now, and despite the opposition of a large segment of its own council, what is to prevent YCSC, or SCSC, or any other student council from embracing a self-serving course of action which would affront fellow students? Why would the other councils not band together in a counter-chagigah? Consideration of fellow students is a bulwark of inter-student organization; it is the common lubricant which enables all the councils to function effectively. Now, SOY has inexplicably deemed it wise to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery.

SOY's ban on girls is also shortsighted in that it defeats many of the basic principles for which SOY stands. There is something terribly unsettling in the vision of *rebbeim and talmidim turning away* young Jewish women from the great public *mitzvah of simchat Purim*. The pious snuffle that their presence on the Main Campus is somehow "harmful to the Yeshiva spirit" peters out against the harsher reality of the situation. The girls will not attend a Stern Chagigah; they will either visit secular college chagigot, functions certainly far more conducive to halachik violations than any function held under SOY's eminent auspices, or they will stay home morosely ruminating over the high regard in which they are held by their Jewish male counterparts. In an era in which the forces of doubt and assimilation open their arms to wavering young Jews, THE COMMENTATOR wonders whether YU can afford to march self-righteously backward into indifferent isolationism.

The adjective "tragic" may be added to the terms "unfortunate and shortsighted." SOY did not publicly request that girls who attend the coming Chagigah dress in a halachikly acceptable manner. SOY did not construct a firm *mechitza*. SOY did not demand strong student self discipline. Instead, SOY seized the most radical course of action. Quite simply, to cure its headache, SOY lopped off the head. Any one of the above suggestions could have been tried with the understanding that another debacle matching the Chanukah Chagigah would force SOY into the unpopular policy it has now so rashly embraced. Such a trial period would have SOY's decision defensible and more palatable to the Yeshiva student body as a whole. Instead, SOY acted in an arbitrary manner, effectively excluding Stern College from a Yeshiva University function, blatantly defying an inter-council decision, and strongly hinting to the non-Yeshiva world that we would rather bar young Jews than run the risk of impinging on

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Yeshiva's "sacred" atmosphere.

Therefore, we urge that the diverse councils of Yeshiva College and Stern College bring whatever pressure is within their power upon SOY's council members. We urge SOY's own membership to make their voices heard on this issue. And lastly, we urge SOY council to reconsider their hasty and self-defeating decision in the best interests of the entire University.

## Welcome Back

With the departure of several Yeshiva College faculty members the past few years, students have regrettably become inured to seeing competent instructors leave the University. It is therefore especially refreshing to welcome back to YC one of the faculty's most eminently qualified members, Dr. Ruth A. Bevan, Associate Professor of Political Science, who will assume the active chairmanship of the department in September, 1975.

Over the last ten years the Political Science department has been headed by the charismatic, often provocative Dr. Joseph Dunner. For nearly nine of these ten years, Dr. Dunner enjoyed the nimble assistance of Dr. Bevan, who proved to be both an outstanding educator and most generous counselor to hundreds of students majoring in the political science discipline. When Dr. Dunner retired as a Professor Emeritus last June, rumors circulated that Dr. Bevan, having been offered positions at other universities, might also leave Yeshiva.

But despite being granted a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities award to continue her writings, Dr. Bevan periodically interrupted her unpaid leave of absence to meet with the teachers and students of the Political Science depart-

ment. She thus made certain that the department would continue to function efficiently. Dr. Bevan's erudition and dedication to her profession have, besides meriting the respect of her students, made Yeshiva College quite fortunate to have her on its staff.

## On Confidential Data

The Buckley Amendment to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act went into law midnight of November 19, 1974 and requires colleges and universities to allow students and their parents to inspect (up to now) private academic records. The premise upon which this law is based is that each student has the right to see those files which pertain to his undergraduate and postgraduate career, including recommendations and evaluations previously held confidential.

This year, in the graduation kits every Yeshiva student must fill out before he expects to graduate, there is a form included which seems to be a perversion of the spirit, if not the letter, of the Buckley Amendment. The kit contains a non-required evaluation form to be completed by two professors of the student's choice with a card attached asking the student to waive the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to "inspect and review those evaluation and rating forms which (the Student) asks faculty members or administrators to complete for him. Although not required, the registrar, in his notice, says, "it is to the advantage of the student to have (them) on file if requested by employers and by graduate and professional schools".

The rationale for including this controversial waiver is that "most faculty members" are unwilling to fill out said evaluations knowing that the student's request to see it could not be denied.

The registrar has also given the student the chance to authorize the University to release any information regarding the student's status to an "actual or potential employer" without the student's written permission. This is to the student's benefit, they claim since it will avoid delay in sending the information, a delay which might possibly impair one's chances of obtaining that job.

While this seems to be a reasonable idea and to the student's advantage, the waiving of the legal right to inspect one's own records because of the squeamishness of certain instructors or administrators is, to THE COMMENTATOR, uncalled for and puerile.

Further, the devious inclusion of this card may well give the unsuspecting prospective graduate the impression that he must sign the waiver in order to graduate.

The administration has given the student the choice to his lawfully granted rights or else to refuse to waive any right at all. If he refuses however, this knowledge when relayed to the employer, will unquestionably give an unfavorable impression and cause suspicion.

THE COMMENTATOR appeals to the administration to right this misinterpretation of federal law but, at the same time, realizes that those teachers who objected will not be moved by these words. Therefore, THE COMMENTATOR proposes that a third choice be given to the student. The student should be allowed to waive his rights to see this particular evaluation sheet but still retain the right to inspect any and all others. This will provide an intelligent solution in which the faculty's request for confidentiality will not usurp the student's right to know.

## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

In response to Marc Horowitz's article in "The Commentator" on December 31, about the discussion of the Chemistry program at the December meeting of the Academic Priorities and Resources Allocations Committee, I would like to point

out a fact which was disregarded. Mr. Horowitz spoke about my requesting funds to increase the size of the faculty of the Chemistry Department to thirteen or fourteen members. This number in fact does not at all represent an increase in total chemistry faculty.

As of June, 1974 (prior to the death of Professor Musher)

Yeshiva University had 13 full time chemistry members and additional part time faculty. This comes to the equivalent of just under fifteen faculty members. The thirteen full time members were distributed as follows: Yeshiva College, 4; Stern College, 2; and Belfer Graduate School, 7.

Thus I must object to the

tone of Mr. Horowitz's article which implies that in this time of financial hardship the Chemistry Department is requesting rather unusually high levels of funding and is thus fiscally irresponsible.

Sincerely yours,  
Martin Pomerantz  
Chairman  
Department of Chemistry

— Attention —  
Seniors  
Graduation Kits  
DUE  
MARCH 1

# AZYF Revamps Procedures For Mobilizing Volunteers for Israel

The American Zionist Youth Foundation (AZYF) of the Jewish Agency is the organization that initiates and supervises the many different volunteer programs in Israel. In October 1973, AZYF was deluged with volunteers willing to make whatever sacrifice was necessary for the beleaguered Jewish state. Two months later AZYF had to go begging for applicants. Understandably, the organization set about to revamp its volunteer programs, for momentary spurts of patriotism, however noble, make poor bulwarks for Israel's sagging economy.

Cathy Gay, Director of long term programs in Israel for AZYF, explained that in Israel there exists today a manpower deficiency totalling three thousand people. This deficiency, was created in many ways by the Yom Kippur War: men were killed, wounded or are presently serving in the reserves of the Israeli Army.

Sherut La'am a year long volunteer program for college graduates-sponsored by AZYF seeks to alleviate this manpower deficiency in Israel. Sherut La'am is a work experience which offers a unique introduction to Israeli life as well as an opportunity to help new immigrants integrate into Israeli society. Volunteers, eagerly sought, range from doctors, dentists and engineers, to English teachers and Social Workers. The volunteers live in development towns and are given a stipend from the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency.

### Undergraduates Wanted

Long term voluntary programs in Israel are not necessarily restricted to college graduates. Among the programs open to undergraduates are the Project Development Town which includes a five to six-month commitment for working in a development town, and involves a six-week ulpan. The program sponsored by the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah. The tentative departure dates are February 1975 and August 1975.

Another six-month program open to undergraduates is Teehiya, which is a program directed towards religious college students and is dedicated to the absorption and integration of Soviet Jews both here and in Israel. Volunteers for the program are placed in absorption centers or in new immigrant centers and are expected to work as counselors in day camps, youth classes and as tutors.

Miss Gay stressed the point that recently the United Nations had alienated Israel but noted

that nobody is in a better position than the Jews of America to show that Israel is not entirely alone. To this end, one of the means in their possession is active participation in long term volunteer programs for Israel. When asked what preparations were currently being made in the event of a new war in Israel, Miss Gay responded that "one shouldn't need a war to mobilize people to go to Israel", and also commented that now is the time for the American Jews to come to Israel.

Yet many young American Jews are unwilling to commit themselves to an extended work tenure in Israel. For them, another organization, the Student Mobilization for Israel (SMI) is now busily involved in recruiting possible volunteers to go to Israel in case of war.

Eddie Newman, director in charge of volunteer programs for SMI, explained that they are presently accepting applications for college age students who are interested in volunteering to go to Israel on short notice in the event of war. He further explained that these applications are only of a preliminary nature, and that when the need arises the Jewish Agency will further screen the prospective volunteer. A substantial amount of work given to volunteers upon their arrival in Israel entails working on kibbutzim. However those volunteers with special skills such as truck driving and mechanics are especially sought after as replacements for Israeli counterparts in a wartime situation. Unfortunately, one of the requirements for the volunteer is that he must pay his own airfare to Israel.

### Less Red Tape

SMI was founded in November 1974, more than a year after the Yom Kippur War. One reason the organization was formed is to alleviate the problem that existed in regard to prospective volunteers who wished to go to Israel only when war broke out, thus clogging AZYF's facilities. Before SMI was formed the volunteer applied directly to the Jewish Agency where he encountered long lines, disorder and a discouraging array of red tape. Now that SMI exists, the volunteer submits a preliminary application for volunteer service to SMI and if war breaks out these

applications are forwarded to the Jewish Agency. One must realize that although SMI is a separate organization from the Jewish Agency, it is the latter which has the final say on which applicants are accepted.

During the Yom Kippur War the minimum commitment to work in Israel was six months. However Mr. Newman feels that in case of war, the minimum commitment will not be as long, if any will exist at all.

SMI is also very involved in conducting a nationwide campaign to promote Aliyah by publicizing Israel's urgent need for American immigration. They publish a weekly newsletter called *The Mideast Observer* which is an information sheet dealing with events in the Middle East.

With its vast volunteer programs, which include summer programs as well as its work in assembling a volunteer force in case of war, SMI aims to keep the Israeli economy going while the Israeli soldiers guard the front. With its now-famous publicity slogan as well as the older programs at the Jewish agency, SMI points out the necessity for everyone to "let Israel know it can count on you."

### Bits And Pieces IV

## He Tried, But . . .



By MARK BRESLOW

Robert Walker was an extraordinary person. Crippled in 1973 as a result of a car accident in which he lost his wife, he had attempted to rebuild a home-life for six young children. They had been sent to stay with relatives while he underwent therapy. He had gotten back the five oldest and was about to get back his youngest from an aunt, when he visited St. Vincent's Hospital.

St. Vincent's is no different than any other hospital. It has within it people who are recovering from operations, giving birth, dying from cancer. On Thursday, January 30, a prisoner, with police escort, came in for treatment. The prisoner, hereinafter designated the perpetrator, grabbed the policeman's service revolver and tried to escape. Mr. Walker saw this and attempted to do something about it. The policeman is recovering from his wounds. The perpetrator is in custody. Robert Walker is dead.

Perhaps this is what the people who say you should not get involved point to, when they look in the mirror. Every one of those people who heard Kitty Genovese

scream a number of years ago probably patted himself on the back for not risking a call to the police to possibly prevent her murder when he heard about Walker. Or anyone who has watched quizzically as a lady futilely pursued a purse snatcher, screaming, "Stop thief" must feel mighty proud that he can read about the "reward" of someone who did get involved.

The Policemen's Benevolent Association set up a fund for the Walker children. They gave and those who heard about Walker have given. The media have advertised the fund and aided in its collection.

This column is not written, however, as an ad to give the Walker Way. Nobody, it seems, needs to be told, post facto, about protecting innocent young victims of crime. Many people already pay for things they do not enjoy doing themselves, like a maid in a house where the mother does not work and does not care to do housework. What's one more gift to the poor?

So they give — anonymously, loudly, a dollar, a thousand, from all walks of life. The response is overwhelming. This outpouring of money and sympathy for the Walkers should rekindle a guy's faith in the humanity of humanity. But it does not.

People should praise the guts of somebody who laid his life on the line. But they do not.

No, this is New York City and the only sympathy Robert Walker gets is that he must have been out of his mind to try to help the cop. If he had thought two seconds he wouldn't have done it. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

## JAC Tries To Aid Jewish Poor In Slums of Brooklyn

"Ah, you shouldn't know from it. It used to be so nice here. Now, I'm afraid to go outside to take out the garbage. They come, every night, those hoodlums, and they knock on my door and call me names. They know I'm alone; I'm the only one." These words are delivered in the timid voice of a frightened old woman. She comes

the NYC poverty level. Like their impoverished counterparts in the Bronx or the lower East Side, they are being ruthlessly



JAC Sukkot Chagigah for Elderly Poor.

very close to tell you these things, so that the shadows can't hear. This way, maybe they won't make any more trouble for her. She can not afford any more trouble, for she is approaching seventy, needs every penny of her social security (her sole income), and is the only Jew in the high rise apartment building in which she resides. "In a little while, I'll go away," she sighs plaintively. "They should leave me in peace till then."

Unfortunately, the above incident is not only all too true, but all too common. There are approximately eight thousand Jew living in the Brownsville-East New York section of Brooklyn, of which almost all are above sixty and officially below

strained by the present trying economic situation, they are an easy prey for young toughs out to impress their girlfriends or looking for some fast cash, and worst of all, they are agonizingly and almost absolutely alone. As young Jewish families moved out to Canarsie or Forest Hills or Long Island, they remained stranded, too poor or too old to move.

### Sudden Interest

In recent years however, there has been a sudden and dramatic increase of interest in their plight on the part of Jewish high school and college youth. This welcome phenomenon has manifested itself across a broad spectrum of organizations and serv- (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

### Alumni Airings



## Dinner Gleanings; After Dinner Mints

By DONIEL KRAMER

At its Annual Dinner, the Yeshiva College Alumni Association presented its coveted Bernard Revel Memorial Awards to three distinguished alumni. Each had excelled in his field and served as a paradigm for his-peers to emulate. Honored for Religion and Religious Education was Jay Braverman '58, head of the largest American Jewish Day School system. Jacob Heller '56 received

the Community Service Leadership Award for his very active service in many New York City and national Jewish organizations. The Arts and Sciences Award went to Irwin Krasna '50, Chief of Pediatric Surgery in a number of New York hospitals. During the Yom Kippur War he flew to Israel and volunteered his services there for three (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

## 'Sword And Pen' Studies Work of Sir W. Churchill

By STEVEN MANDELSBERG  
SWORD AND PEN. A Survey of the Writings of Sir Winston Churchill. By Manfred Weidhorn. 277 pages. University of New Mexico Press. \$9.50.

In the summer of 1951, when he was seventy-six years of age. Winston Churchill visited the Dome of Discovery (a type of planetarium) in Britain and was taken up in an elevator to a telescope where, he was told, he could behold outer space. After a short time of viewing a black sky, he remarked: "Take me down. I am more interested in what is happening on earth."

Indeed, Churchill's "earthy interests" were so disparate that he required three careers, as author, politician and military commander, to keep him busy. One facet of Churchill's interests, his extensive body of writings, is the subject of *Sword and Pen*, by Manfred Weidhorn, Professor of English at Yeshiva College. By Professor Weidhorn's tally Churchill, after sixty-two years of composition, had produced thirty-three works (in fifty-one volumes) which comprised everything from collections of speeches and newspaper articles to essay and character portraits to a novel and travelogue to a (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

## Book Review

**"Shadow" By Wanefsky**

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

To understand Torah requires more than knowledge of the laws given by G-d. Proper analysis of Torah must yield a blueprint for our existence today as individuals and as a people. G-d, transcending all time, provided to the generations models within the Torah as our blueprint for us to understand what leads man to holiness and what leads man away from it. Holiness or "Kedushah", according to Rabbi Wanefsky in his book *From the Shadow of Insight*, "is the fire that man expresses, the emotion drive, energy and fervor that he channels to the direction of devotional dedication unto Almighty G-d." *From the Shadow of Insight* helps us find this blueprint for *Kedushah* that G-d provided in the laws, personalities and events of the Torah. It does so with a philosophical analysis of the Torah. The insights are deep but are written clearly in a beautiful manner. Rabbi Wanefsky follows the sequence of the Torah and thus begins the first chapter, "Genesis", with man's development. In that chapter, Rabbi Wanefsky delves into the nature of man and his relationship with the *Sh'khinah*. One example is the question raised involving the spelling of the word *v'yeetzer* "which is written with two Yuds (. . . and G-d formed man out of the dust of the ground.") Rabbi Wanefsky explains it in the following manner: "Perhaps one (Yud) expresses the relationship between G-d and man, another between man and G-d . . . both are inextric-

ably intertwined; man must reach out into something which is beyond his immediate material and mundane existence."

"The deeds of the fathers are a sign for the sons." The Torah's description of the lives and personalities of the patriarchs was meant to teach us how to live our own lives. *From the Shadow of Insight* focuses on many of these points. By Abraham for example, we find the coupling of two events: the *br'it bein hab'torim* and circumcision. Rabbi Wanefsky explains, "These are the two covenants which G-d conveyed to Abraham. The *br'it bein hab'torim* represents striking, dynamic revelation of G-d; the commandment of circumcision expresses the dual process, the almost uneventful, seemingly inconsequential supervision of Almighty G-d over Israel."

Understanding the laws of the Torah and their philosophical nature helps us see more clearly what G-d intended in the Torah. By analyzing the *M'lakhot Shabbat* for example, Rabbi Wanefsky enlightens us as to the philosophical nature of the Sabbath. Two *M'lakhot Shabbat* discussed are the lighting of fire and carrying. He says, "Two *m'lakhot* have been expressly defined as forbidden in the Torah; lighting a fire and carrying from a private domain to a thoroughfare." Rabbi Wanefsky asks, "Why these two?" He answers, "Lighting a fire symbolizes a creativity in work, a quantitative change of matter into new elements. Man's power to create, to form, to shape, has been forbidden on the sabbath. . . man's desire and eagerness to transform the elements, to demonstrate his capacity that he is a creative domineering being has been put to rest." Later in referring to the prohibition of carrying, Rabbi Wanefsky explains, "Herein the Torah explicitly prohibited a qualitative change in active daily work. There is quality transforming a private domain to the community domain."

*From the Shadow of Insight* is not Rabbi Wanefsky's only book, but for us it his most important. His first book *Rabbi Isaac Jacob Reines: His Life and Thought*, was written a year after he received a doctorate from Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1969. In 1964 he received his ordination from RIETS. Rabbi Wanefsky now teaches a course in EMC on precepts and modern Jewish law.

**NYPD Liaison Officer Cushner Deals With NYC Jewish Groups**

By PHILIP KAZLOW

Try to imagine leader's of the Lubavitch, Satmar, Bobover, and other major Hassidic communities, sitting around one table with the leaders of various "modern orthodox" organizations, secular Jews, and non-Jews, drinking Sabra in an atmosphere of comradery, and discussing mutual problems. Strange as it may seem, this scene is a common occurrence in the office of Mr. Abe Cushner at General Police Headquarters in downtown Manhattan.

Mr. Cushner is in charge of the liaison unit of the New York Police Department. His desk was created in 1970 to deal with the special problems of the various ethnic groups in New York City and specifically, Jewish citizens. Mr. Cushner, described himself as a "common soldier", who rose through the ranks of the Police Department until he reached his present status as lieutenant. He stated that much of his work on the force over the past twenty-eight years has been working with the people of the various cultural groups in the streets of the city. He was appointed to his present position in July, 1972.

"New York is the capital of the world", Mr. Cushner explained. "An event happening anywhere in the world, whether it be a terrorist attack in Israel or a disturbance in Cyprus will have immediate repercussions in New York City. It is our job to anticipate what may happen, and to insure that things don't get out of hand."

**"Contacts"**

Through his work, Mr. Cushner has made the personal acquaintance of the outstanding leaders of the Jewish community. His "contacts" range from secular organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, to the Lubavitcher and Satmar communities, including everything in between.

"People are under the impression", Mr. Cushner commented, "that all Jews are the same. This, of course, is contrary to the facts. A short while ago I attended the celebration of the anniversary of the Satmar Rebbe's release from the concentration camps during World War II. When the Rebbe walked into the hall, the 'tumult' was so great, that it seemed as if the floor was shaking. Contrastingly, when the Lubavitcher Rebbe walked in to the hall to begin his *fabrenge* on the nineteenth of Kislev you could hear a pin drop".

In his interview with THE COMMENTATOR Mr. Cushner

stressed time and again the need for education, communication, and constant dialogue between the police and the local communities, and among the various ethnic groups themselves.

While many deem it laudable that such great inter-ethnic rapport exists at the highest levels of the Police Department, Mr. Cushner was asked to explain how this accommodation is translated into action on the part of the "cop on the beat."

**Training Up**

"The classroom training pertaining to relations with ethnic groups at the Police Academy has been increased from two to thirty hours. Not only are they shown slides and given lectures, but they are actually taken to places such as Williamsburg and Crown Heights to see and hear for themselves what an Orthodox community is all about.

"For those patrolmen already on the beat, we have the rabbis of the local communities come down to the precinct and talk to the patrolmen in an informal manner. In this way the policemen can get an understanding as to why Jews wear a *yarmulke* or *streimel*, what *sukah* is, and in general what the meaning is behind other "esoteric" Jewish customs.

Orthodox Jewry presents unique problems for police work. From sundown on Friday the police must be taught that there's a virtual communications blackout for twenty-five hours. They must learn to increase patrols and be more sensitive than usual.

"The policemen must be taught that a *mikveh* is not a small swimming pool, but rather something very private and very personal, of special concern to Orthodox women. They must learn that such areas need to be especially free of harassment of any type."

**Dinner Gleanings; After Dinner Mints**

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) weeks. The dinner, attended by over 250 people, was a beautiful event held at the Lincoln Square Synagogue. Representing the YC student body as our guests were the President of the YCSC and the Editor-in-Chief of Commentator.

On March 16, in conjunction with the Gottesman Lecture Series, we will be holding our Midyear Conference with a panel discussion on "The State of the College". All students are invited to attend.

Not that his voice is that

"The goal of the Police Department is to try and create a good rapport between the local precinct and the local Jewish community. I was very pleased to hear that in Williamsburg the Hassidim and Hispanics were working together to try and find solutions to their common problems, such as safety in the streets."

Mr. Cushner is also responsible for the safety of New York's ever growing Israeli diplomatic corps, a responsibility complicated by the special security problems which it poses.

"Ever since the Munich massacre in 1972, we see that Jews are not safe anywhere in the world. As a result we have a special hostage bargaining unit, to deal with these and other potentially related problems."

Besides the meetings described earlier, which take place before every Yom Tov, the liaison desk is in charge of making the proper arrangements for parades, demonstrations, and rallies, including the recent massive anti-PLO rally of November 4.

**Only Drunks**

The liaison desk is also concerned with calming any fears the community might have. One of the most infamous events of recent years in New York City was the overturning of tombstones at Monifore Cemetery. An intensive investigation proved this to be an act of drunken vandalism, not of antisemitism, thereby quelling the fears of the Jewish Community.

"New York is a conglomeration of people from all over the world." Mr. Cushner concluded. "The only way in which we will be able to solve problems of interest to us all, is to work together, having close cooperation between police headquarters, the local precincts, and the community at large."

**Senators Continue Deliberation About Total Credit Limit**

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taking occurred during the January 2 meeting, and centered on the proposed YC-Baruch business program. Under the program, students would spend three years at Yeshiva taking the liberal arts requirements as well as eighteen credits in economics. Students would spend their fourth year in Baruch College, taking the remaining courses necessary to graduate. Upon graduation, students would receive a degree in Business Administration from Baruch as well as a Liberal Arts diploma from Yeshiva. Due to the great many credits needed for an accounting degree however, a degree in that field would take either four years and four summers or four years and one semester.

The Dean, upon proposing this program, said that he had worked on it for over a year, and hoped that it would attract many students who had been going elsewhere for Business degrees to Yeshiva. The Senate unanimously passed this proposal with only Dr. Fleisher abstaining. Dr. Fleisher objected to the proposal because he thought it would conflict with the liberal arts aim of YC education.

In other business, Senators Adler, Hecht, Kramer and Silverman were appointed to serve on a committee to examine the Senate constitution and recommend any amendments they thought necessary.

**Council Discusses Coed Issues Buckley Amendment Taken Up**(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) *nukah chagiga*.

Discussion ensued over whether it was within the "Purview of the Council" to discuss this non-academic matter. Dean Jacob Rabinowitz of Erna Michael College urged discussion of the controversy as "Any council can do what it desires, however SOY wants to cut across university lines." This statement was in re-

ference to an SOY suggestion that women be barred from movies, weekends and other social activities under the jurisdiction of YCSC.

Dean Isaac Bacon, of Yeshiva College, summed up the Administration's sentiment by remarking that "we must be concerned with the future of the Jewish community."

golden, but Larry Eisenberg's moving plea for YCAA funds to refurbish the lounges which Alumni had once decorated brought a \$1,600 response. It was accompanied by the hope that not only will the current students use it well but that there will be something left for the future student body.

By Lechakima Biremiza.

Finally, we have not forgotten you freshmen. The Bookstore was unable to get the gifts which we had ordered for you so a replacement is being sought. We'll formally greet you yet!

**Who's Whose**

Engaged:  
Bernie Hammer, '72, to Ariene Opatut  
Sam Roseman, '74, to Ann Lipener  
Sid Slivko, '74, to Lee Grossman  
Judah Cohen, '75, to Ruthie Silver  
Israel S. Wahrman, '75, to Mimi Zahavy  
Ira Scharaga, '75, to Shelley Silverman  
Married:  
Yitz Kasdan, '75, to Marsha Weiner

# Drs. E. Levine And M. Pomerantz Discuss Their Opinions About Recent Merger Of Yeshiva's Chemistry Dept.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) becoming doctors or dentists. The considerable number of chemistry majors we had before the economic downturn and the very few we have had recently have all been accepted to the most prestigious chemistry schools in the US. They have not chosen to go to Belfer. Our chemistry majors have forged an enviable record in these graduate schools because our chemistry department has given them an excellent preparation in chemistry. Our chemistry courses have all been updated with the introduction of the most recent trends in chemical education. These students have gone on to receive their PhD's in chemistry and now hold prestigious positions in the academic and industrial worlds, both here in the U.S. and in Israel. (Dr. Levine at this point quoted the names of former chemistry students and their present affiliations in the academic and industrial worlds of chemistry.)

**Pluses and Minuses**  
**Q.** What are the advantages and disadvantages of a combined department?

**A.** There need not be any disadvantages if the administration would see to it that authority is properly allocated to the respective departments. This allocation of authority must be carefully delineated so that the very large undergraduate department is not submerged to the interests of the small graduate department. Unless we do that, our popular pre-medical major and also our chemistry major will be hurt.

Students already in the College majoring in pre-medical studies and the parents and prospective students at the last open house meeting asked questions about our stated high acceptance rate to medical schools, wondering how the loss of the

PhD program at Belfer would affect chances of entering medical school from Yeshiva College. I, as was required of me, assured them that medical schools have mentally separated these departments and will probably continue to do so. I am not sure that integration will help in this respect.

**Q.** For practical purposes, who now has the senior professor authority? To whom are undergraduates to go regarding departmental questions?

**A.** They still come to me. The ramifications of the change are not as yet clear. All I can say is that if the chairman, who is from the graduate school, will be telling the undergraduate faculty what to teach and how to teach, it may not be in the best interests of our students. We must not allow the difficult problems of the Belfer graduate school to interfere with the preparation of our undergraduate students.

Dr. Martin Pomerantz was interviewed in his office in the Belfer building.

**Q.** What is the nature of the new University chemistry department?

**A.** It is a combined, University-wide department serving Belfer, Yeshiva College, and Stern, composed of fourteen faculty members, who previously made up the three separate faculties.

**Q.** Was the change a result of your department's loss of accreditation?

**A.** We proposed a combined department several years ago, and we have been pushing for it since. We always felt that a University-wide department would enhance all the schools involved. Until now, there has always been resistance from one place or another. The loss of accreditation just catalyzed the change.

**Q.** What are the advantages of a combined department?

**A.** Undergraduates will see first-hand the exciting aspects of modern chemistry and research in which our graduate faculty is involved. This will lead to more students' going into chemistry. In addition, students who do not plan to make chemistry their life will be motivated to study chemistry because it's fun and not just because they need it for school. A greater variety will be available to students, who will want to become involved.

**Q.** What were the reasons for the loss of accreditation for the PhD program? If the Belfer department has problems, isn't it dangerous to throw them into the undergraduate department?

**A.** According to the report given to the University by the state, we lost the PhD program because the faculty was small and limited in scope; the facilities and number of students were also limited. All these problems could have been eliminated were the departments combined.

**Coming Changes**

**Q.** What changes do you have in mind for the near future?

**A.** For the Spring, 1975 semester, we are offering a combined seminar in chemistry for the students of all three schools. As for next year, it is too soon to say. Eventually, we want to

get undergraduates involved in research and update the course offerings. It is my general feeling that the YC department has had little change in ten years. There should be some rotation of professors and courses.

**Q.** What is your opinion of the BA/MA program?

**A.** I favor it because it gives the student who wants to do graduate work a chance to avoid repetition.

**Q.** Do you enjoy teaching undergraduates and being involved with them?

**A.** Very much so. Contact with students who are going into medicine and other fields is a refreshing change.

**Q.** If you taught undergraduates, what book would you use?

**A.** While *Morrison and Boyd* has its problems, it is the best book for the type of course here, and I would probably use it.

**Q.** What is your grading policy?

**A.** When I taught in 1970, half the students I graded received "A". In general, YC students are good, and if they work, they do well.

**Q.** Upon what does the success of the Chemistry department depend?

**A.** Upon an exchange between the faculties and the students. We must work together to progress.

# Winter Concert: Great Success Of Song And Laughs

By ROBERT BERKO

On Sunday night, February 9, the Winter Festival of Jewish Music was held in the Walt Whitman Auditorium of Brooklyn College. The concert featured the Bat Kol, Ruach Revival, and Feenjon groups, singer Sherwood Goffin, and comedian Van Harris. The Winter Festival was sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council, Dirshu, and Techiya.

Despite the fact that the auditorium was not completely filled, the concert turned out to be a great aesthetic success. All the performers were excellent, and the audience was a very good and receptive one.

Feenjon opened the concert, after a short delay, with the song "Od Yishama", followed by a few more Hebrew songs. Their program also included some oriental music and was concluded with a performance of the song "Rosa" from the play "Kazablau".

Sherwood Goffin was next, playing his guitar and singing with the Ruach Revival as accompaniment. He sang his version of "Adon Olam" and Shlomo-Carlbach's "Sabbath Song" and ended with an old YU Seminar song about David and Abshalom.

Intermission followed, concluding with a speech praising the work of Yeshiva University, Techiya, and Dirshu.

The Ruach Revival returned after intermission. Their performance included the song "Will Fly on the Wings of an Eagle," a song about a Russian Jew who struggled to go to Israel but was sent to a Siberian labor camp. The Ruach Revival was followed by the very entertaining Van Harris.

The program ended with the performance of the Bat Kol, who began with their version of "Adon Olam", followed by a fantastic rendition of "Pitom Kam Adam". Maish Yarmush and Jay Richman sang beautifully, especially the song "He Ain't Heavy". The concert was ended with the Bat Kol singing Feenjon's song "Mah Nishtana".

All in all, the concert was a stirring success, ably handled by Art Raymond, who served as the master of ceremonies.

# He Tried, But . . .

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A guy heard of someone who had helped a mugger and when the mugger was subdued, the mugger recovered his wallet and refused to press charges. "The guy who risked his life musta felt like a damn fool," was the popular reaction.

Why risk your life for somebody else, when he might not even thank you? A New Jersey doctor gets a malpractice suit for stitching up an underage victim of an accident because he had not the parent's release and felt that the emergency could not wait.

And so it goes. The people give their money and that's the end. It sounds really nice at a cocktail party, "I gave \$500 to the Walker children." But say that you helped prevent a mugging and people look at you strangely.

The act of helping is no longer the end. There must be some result — lock the perpetrator in jail, a reward (a great example is the monetary compensation offered to anyone with any information regarding the bombing of The Fraunces by some Puerto Rican group) or just mashing the perpetrator until he can do no more harm. But the act itself is not a reward. To be able to look in the mirror is really important since most of the time one is too tired to see straight anyway. "So I didn't help the guy. At least I'm here."

And crime will increase and people will be even more afraid to walk the streets at night and the muggers will become even more brazen and the cycle will go on. Bob, the hair stylist, says "Wait till you get older and a little more bitter, you won't be so eager to offer to help." I'd like to get older.  
 Getting on to more happier

matters, mazel tov to Shlomo upon their making it official — their engagement that is. Congrats to Johnny Rudin upon her Flowery acceptance. Also to my erstwhile, ex-colleague, Asher; the wedding was quite nice.

Nomination for Joe-of-the-Year: The Stern girl who attended the November Beach Boys Concert in vintage 50's clothes, took in the music, and during intermission took out her notes and studied for a midterm she was to have the next day.

A warm Tsetcha B'Shalom to a Moreh and close personal friend, Rabbi Dr. Moshe Reguer who is going on aliyah early in March. EMC, to celebrate his leaving and his many years of service to YU, will be having a fete for him on Thursday, February 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 on the fifth floor of Furst. All of his former students can come and say P'hitraot to a beautiful man.

# ¡Que Pasa?

A MESIBAT ROSH CHODESH will be held TONIGHT at 8:00 pm in F501.

BENJAMIN MAZUZ, eight month captive of Syria and five year student at Kerem b'Yavneh, will speak in Rubin Shul on Monday, Feb. 17 at 9:00 pm.

SPORTS FILMS will be presented by YCSC on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8:00 pm in F501.

SOY will sponsor the Purim Chagigah on Monday night, Feb. 24.

SHUSHAN PURIM will be celebrated with a chagigah which is being run by Techiya on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

THE POLICEMAN will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in F501. The event is being sponsored by EMCSC.

YCSC will present The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes in F501 on Tuesday March 4 at 8:30 pm.

RANGERS-SABRES hockey tickets will soon be made available by YCSC. The game is on Wednesday, March 5. For more information, contact Mike Gelber in M424.

NEIL SIMON'S THE GOOD DOCTOR will be presented by the YC Dramatics Society Saturday thru Monday, March 15, 16, and 17. Make sure to get your tickets soon, before they run out.

# YU Faculty Union Plan Has Uncertain Future

The status of the recently founded Yeshiva University Faculty Association remains cloudy despite negotiations under the aegis of the National Labor Relations Board.

In a letter from the Executive Board of the Faculty Association circulated among the University's faculty, the administration is accused of trying to sabotage the establishment of the Association. The letter accuses the administration of "trying to stall as long as possible" and of "trying to make YUFA unworkable."

An informed source has told THE COMMENTATOR that President Belkin has stated his feeling that the present Association leadership is trustworthy, but that he is worried about future leaderships. The spokesman felt that this statement was the only item of significance to emanate from a series of conferences between Association representatives, Dr. Belkin, and University lawyers.

**Election Plans**

THE COMMENTATOR was also informed that the Association has plans underway to conduct

elections. Each University school's faculty will be able to vote whether or not to join the Association. Each school choosing to join the Association will receive equal representation on the decision making organ of the Association.

The Association, both in its letter and in statements made to THE COMMENTATOR, claims that other labor negotiations dealing with the Faculty Welfare Committees of the University have been stalled by the Administration. The Administration, the Association says, claims to be under legal constraint by the NLRB. The Association claims that it has offered to grant waivers to the University. The situation at present is indeterminate.

The Association feels that the tactics used by the University are self-defeating in that many fence sitting faculty members are drifting to the Association's side during this period of delay. The spokesmen say that the Association supports any Administration moves on behalf of faculty rights, but that despite all adversity it will not vote itself out of existence.

## JAC Seeks To Aid Jewish Poor Isolated In Brooklyn Slum Areas

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) S. Elly Rosen and his Association of Jewish anti Poverty Workers have won headlines, and in a long overdue move, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies has enlarged appropriations to the Jewish Association for Services to the Aged, and for many smaller, less recognized social welfare groups. In fact, much of the real dirty work is done by modest, unheralded Jewish youth organizations, which like Project Ezra, attempt to ameliorate the squalid conditions dogging the Jewish poor and elderly.

One such youth group is the Jewish Action Committee (JAC), an organization of high school and college youth living in Brooklyn, which for the last five years has been responsible for the success of projects totally incommensurate with its staff and budget. JAC has a three man steering committee at its head elected annually but any one of its youthful members can have his or her voice heard due to the close informal nature of the organization.

In the past, JAC has sponsored Pesach Provisions programs which supplied approximately one hundred needy Jewish families throughout Brooklyn with strictly kosher groceries for the entire Pesach holiday. However, only this year has JAC truly exploded into a storm of social activity. Today, JAC runs a "chale and milk" delivery service for

Friday afternoons, organizes shopping expeditions from the slums into Boro Park, and has established a policy of Yom-Tovim parties which have fast become the rave among the remaining Jews of Brownsville-East New York.

### Back to Basics

Along with one such party scheduled for Feb. 23 in honor of Purim, young JAC is busily preparing for its major annual project—the Pesach Provisions Campaign. As in other sectors of society, the economy has presented this organization with a crisis. Money is much harder to come by, and wholesalers who used to donate entire crates of foodstuffs by having them "lost" in transit are much more hesitant to do so. Yet, the members of JAC have chosen to respond to this crisis of deteriorating economics in an unusual, daring fashion. Instead of the expected muted apologies and cutbacks, JAC has launched a drive to enlist the aid of scores more college and high school volunteers, and has set an ambitious goal of feeding two hundred and fifty families, a hundred and fifty percent increase over last year. There are no miracles involved in this project. JAC organizers realize unhappily that their shopping bags will contain only the staples now. Gone will be the sugar, chocolates and other condiments. Still, JAC's staff prom-

ises the usual wine, chicken, potatoes, eggs, honey, nyafat and of course five pounds of matzah per person to which poor Jewish families have grown accustomed within JAC's short life span. JAC organizers explain that by mobilizing more volunteers they will be able to canvas a larger segment of potential donors, and that by limiting the provisions to what is essential, they will be able to offer their services to a far greater number of needy Jews. In this way JAC hopes to ride out this year's economic slump. As to next year, one JAC director replied with a shrug and a simple—"We take one year at a time."

However, the infectious smile conceals a real concern deeply felt by JAC members all year round. Projects are constantly being suggested, evaluated and either tabled or put into operation. One dramatic project under immediate consideration is the opening of a kosher food cooperative to provide the aged Jews of Brownsville-East New York with healthy, low priced food within easy reach, something they have been too long without. Tragically, although a source of food and staffing has been found, accommodations for storage and distribution are lacking, and so the desperately needed project has been stymied. Tragic too, is the chilling helplessness of many of JAC's clients who are easy prey to local gangs. Although willing and eager to furnish escorts whenever possible, JAC does not have a large enough membership to escort all those who request such aid.

Yet despite such disappointments, JAC has enjoyed many gratifying successes. The Pesach Provisions Campaign, the Yom Toyim parties, and the "milk and chale" deliveries have been huge triumphs. In fact, the "milk and chale" deliveries were so successful that JAC soon found itself swamped with requests for "Jewish bread" from Black residents of many projects. Although receiving limited grants from Federation sub-agencies, JAC is largely dependent on private contributions for its economic solvency, and so each year poses a new challenge to the organization's existence. When one mentions this tenuous situation to any of JAC's starry eyed members, their cheerful eyes quickly narrow, and the ready grin disappears. "We know," they say sadly, "we know."

boys and girls there.

Sheldon Chanales, SOY Secretary-Treasurer, was the last with a significant speech. He explained that the socializing during the Chagigah took away from the spirit of the event. Although "last year with all the problems [girls], there was tremendous *ruach* at the Chagigah," he continued, the spirit of the chagigah would be better without them, since many boys are upset by the socializing. "When other things are happening, it's distracting," he said.

There was some more debate, but the representatives finally voted first to accept the seven sealed proxy votes that had been submitted by absent SOY members and then to decide the issue. A secret ballot vote was ten against the presence of girls, with eight voting to allow the girls. SOY members did not vote whether or not to exclude non Yeshiva University students from attending the Chagigah.

## SOY Adopts Coed Ban Purim Chagigah Target

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) exceptionally rowdy. You have a lot of wild people there," he said. Gross continued that it was quite impossible to keep a mechitzah between the boys and the girls because of the chaos and rowdiness.

A technical debate over the possibility of maintaining a mechitzah followed Mr. Gross's remarks. Judah Rosensweig, an SOY representative, said that girls have no place at a chagigah. He explained that of course, SOY had nothing against girls. "Most of us talk to girls, phone up girls, have everything to do with girls, and everything like that," he said.

Stewart Kessler, another representative, called for a compromise, allowing YC and Stern students to attend but barring all outsiders from the Chagigah.

Steve Singfer expanded on Kessler's theme. Explaining that even in the most yeshivish places such as Kol Torah in Jerusalem, where he had studied, girls attended the Purim chagigah; Singfer added that "rowdy behavior on Purim is typical of what's considered 'yeshivish'. You're not being 'unyeshivish' by getting drunk." Kessler then asked the members of SOY, "How are five boys sitting in the back talking any different than boys and girls?"

### Scrimmage

The members of SOY decided to review events at the Channukah chagigah. Josh Gross explained that SOY members in charge of the chagigah had been surprised to see girls there, and that "there was a scrimmage" between the

## Churchill's Work Viewed In New Weidhorn Book

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) massive history of a people.

But the mere scope of Churchill's writing, though undoubtedly impressive, is not the prime concern of Professor Weidhorn's book. From the outset he makes clear that Churchill was one of the elect few in history (ranking with the likes of Caesar, Thucydides and the Earl of Clarendon) to have had a literary career commensurate in greatness with his career in public life. "No major statesman in the world," declares Weidhorn, "so richly documented his own career in peace and war for so long a period with wit and style, made such a contribution to history and literature, and built his own huge monument in words as stirring and unique as the actions they describe."

His interest in Churchill elucidated, Professor Weidhorn proceeds to survey Churchill's writings and to attempt to establish whether he is a great writer and original thinker. Dividing Churchill's career as a writer into six distinctive phases, the author very neatly traces the progression of a youthful subordinate army official and journalist fascinated by the adventure of battle to the septuagenarian leader of the opposition Conservative Party in the late 1940's, the moderate Conservative, the "chronicler summing up." More than simply discussing and assaying Churchill's works, *Sword and Pen* provides a valuable analysis of the interaction between the various phases of Churchill's life and the concomitant phases of his writing career.

Professor Weidhorn recognizes that the military, political and literary lives of Churchill were inextricable and thus does not hesitate to offer, when appropriate, observations which place in perspective some of Churchill's more outlandish ideas. For example, in commenting on two early works, *The River War* and *The Story of the Malakand Field Force*, Weidhorn notes that the "smug rhetoric of Christian, white . . . British superiority" is clearly evident in Churchill's discussion of the "duties" of westerners to civilize "savage" peoples. But even before the reader has an opportunity to sneer at Churchill's ostensible racism, Weidhorn reminds us that "the horrors of twentieth century

life have made such self-deception about 'barbarism' and white superiority impossible."

What distinguishes Professor Weidhorn's work from other scholarly books of its kind is its readability. One can, for instance, easily discern the thematic advancement, to which the author devotes much attention of Churchill's four great works: *The World Crisis*, *Marlborough*, *The Second World War* and *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*. To be sure, one's appreciation of *Sword and Pen* would be greatly enhanced if he had more a fleeting acquaintance with Churchill's life. However, this erudite and extensively documented (at times to the point of distraction) book is not so esoteric that it cannot be valued by the well-read individual. While it may not make *The New York Times* best-seller list, *Sword and Pen* is certainly worthwhile reading.

## Yeshiva's Fencers Subdue Maritime To Stay Unbeaten

The Yeshiva Taubermen pushed their undefeated record to 5-0 by demolishing Maritime's fencers 18-9 in their Monday night match.

Louis Solomon, Ted Ness and Morris Mandel led the very successful sabre squad with all three winning two victories each. Only Morris suffered a defeat.

The foilmen were only slightly less successful with David Brusowankin in his usual fine form, and Bobby Hirsch showing tremendous improvement in his two victories. Marty Hirsch, however, did not seem to be able to get into his usual good shape as he suffered two setbacks.

Shalom Buchbinder, as usual, led the epee squad. His two victories, along with those of Sammy Abramson and Jeff Fried, rounded out the Yeshiva triumph.

The match was clinched by the Taubermen early in the third round by the score of 14-5. The subs were then put in and recorded four wins and four losses, making the final tally an 18-9 Yeshiva victory.

The Taubermen's next match will be against Fairleigh Dickinson, Monday night, February 17th at 7:30, in the Main Building gym.

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# Appropriations & SOY's Vote Discussed By YCSC Members

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) we're telling them to go to other places." President Eisenberg, who attended the SOY meeting, explained that SOY decided they were running a Yeshiva event rather than a university event. I don't agree," he said. "Most of us look at it as a university function." President Eisenberg em-

Columbia's, which is held mainly for socializing. We should try to keep a religious *chagiga* by keeping it here. Also, the Stern girls will be forced to go to a *chagiga* at Columbia or Touro. Mr. Jetter moved that YCSC have its own Purim *chagiga*, at which girls would be allowed. After lengthy debate, the motion

that decision in its coming meeting. However, no matter what the Assembly decides, the Senate can pass the suggestion made by its committee to have the plus only system, and the Faculty Assembly would have to veto it by a two-thirds vote. Council was very philanthropic at the meeting. After alloca-



Paul Millman

YCSC members discuss appropriations requests.

phasized that he wanted to avoid any cause of friction in YU.

He explained that to tell SOY how to run the *chagiga* won't help. Having a YCSC *chagiga* won't help either since we would be splitting the school. It would turn out that the SOY *chagiga* would be called "yeshivish" while the YCSC *chagigah* would be called "collegish", and that wouldn't serve Council's purpose of having a religious *chagiga* with girls.

Calling on the *rebbeim* to have a meeting and decide the issue once and for all, Sammy C. Friedman, who ran the *chagiga* last year, said nothing terrible has happened in the past when girls attended the *chagigot*. This Purim *chagiga* should not suffer because of a minor incident at the Chanukah *chagiga*.

Ricky Eisenberg pointed out that EMCSC and JSSSC represent *Yiddishkeit* as much as SOY since they are Jewish Studies divisions of YU also.

Robert Jetter argued that we are bound to lose a lot of people to other *chagigot*, especially

was defeated by a vote of six to four mainly because of President Eisenberg's objection that a YCSC *chagiga* would cause a split in the school.

A motion was made to condemn SOY's decision. Israel Wahrman pointed out that the SOY representatives aren't really a representative group of YP. It was decided that President Eisenberg will draw up a letter to SOY expressing the sentiments of Council.

The next issue that Council was concerned with was the plus and minus grading system. President Eisenberg reported that the Faculty Assembly had met and decided on something which has not yet been revealed since the Assembly will probably change

ting two hundred and ten dollars to the newly formed rifle club, Council allocated two hundred and fifty dollars to both Dirshu and Techiya and twenty five dollars to register Council in the JCC of Washington Heights conference. Council has been able to allocate money more freely since the Students' Activity Fee has been raised by five dollars.

## Sophs Win Over Seniors; Clinch Title

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) turning back 35 of the thirty-seven freshman blasts. The final score was Junior-Semicha 13-Freshmen 2.

ICE CHIPS—The all-league nickname team has been announced. Starting at center is Slasher Gopin, his wings are Stiff Wolpoe, and Stick Seltzer, with a defense featuring Butcher Brand and Beam Cohn. The goaltender is Swiss-wall Gams.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
1. Sophomores	6	0	1	13
2. Seniors	3	4	0	6
3. Junior-Sem.	2	3	2	6
4. Freshman	1	5	1	3

### STATISTICS - FIRST SEMESTER (6 games)

Scoring	Goals	Assists	Pts.
1. Gopin (seniors)	15	12	27
2. N. Katz (soph)	12	9	21
3. Zeffren (sr)	9	11	20
4. Merlis (fr)	15	4	19
5. Housman (fr)	11	6	17
6. Kooylk (so)	8	9	17
7. Silber (jr.-sem.)	4	12	16
8. Breslow (sr)	11	3	14
9. Estrin (so)	11	3	14
10. Lelfer (so)	6	5	14

### PENALTIES In Minutes

1. Housman (fr)	21
2. Wolpoe (J-S)	12
3. Breslow (sr)	12
4. Newman (J-S)	11
5. Brand (J-S)	9

### GOALTENDING (Minimum 2 games)

	Gm	GA	GA Avg.
1. Pasternak (so)	6	17	2.83
2. Weiss (sr)	3	14	4.67
3. Miller (J-S)	5	31	6.20
4. Gams (fr)	4.3	41	9.53

## Maccabees Are Triumphant Over New Paltz, Maritime

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 2)

performance against Stony Brook, Yeshiva took on Queens College. Their big man, Greg Vaughan, one of the best centers in the Knick Conference, played a very poor game and spent more time on his back than on his feet. Due to his ineffectiveness, the Macs were able to take the ball inside on offense and often get two or three shots at the hoop.

The first half ended with Queens ahead 37-29. Most of Yeshiva's scoring was done by Jerry Jozsef, Dave Menche and Ira Scharaga. For Jerry, this game was a return to form, and it was good to see him hitting his jumper from inside the lane. Dave Menche got the most playing time he had seen all year and he responded admirably, hustling all over the court.

At the start of the second half Yeshiva drew to within two, 39-37, but Queens reeled

## Srs. Edge Jrs. By 3; Frosh Defeat Semicha

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gap to 30-18 by the half. Although the second half scoring was more even, Semicha had already fallen too far behind and ended up short.

The freshmen have a well organized team, almost always setting up on offense. The outside shooting of Serne Jozsef and Leo Klein, assisted by Sheldon Small's excellent quarterbacking, make it impossible for opposing defenses to shut them off. Underneath, Mitch Merlis and Lenny Pianko have proven to be tough, both scoring and rebounding. These five, together with a strong bench, have made the freshmen first semester champs.

### Foul Shot Record

Special mention in this game must go to Lenny Pianko, whose eleven consecutive foul shots surely set some sort of YU intramural record, to Morris Bienefeld, who helped out with the scoring, and to Effy Nulman, the freshmen coach who guided them to the championship.

The second game was the long awaited contest between the juniors and seniors. With the transfer of the juniors' leading scorer, Howie Strizover, to Brooklyn, it was thought that the seniors would have an easy time. That was not the case. The end of the first quarter

saw the juniors on top 15-12, mainly due to Louie Greenspan's eight points that period. The seniors played better in the second quarter and led by a point, 29-28 at the end of the half. Substitute guard Yudi Rosenbaum provided some excitement by connecting on three long range shots for six points.

In the third period the juniors were again outscored, ending up down by a score of 43-39, with Herbie Insel and Stan Weiss leading the way. By the middle

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of the third quarter it looked as if the seniors would indeed crush the juniors, having amassed an eight point lead. The "Class of 76ers" refused to give up and fought back, narrowing the gap. But time just ran out on them and the seniors had a 55-52 victory.

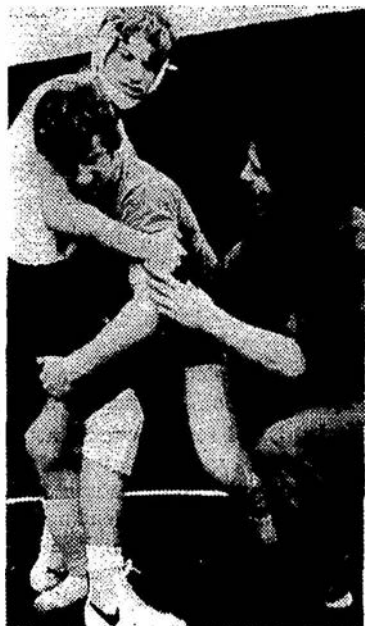
Freshman (63)			
Merlis	3	4-5	10
Small	3	0-0	6
Pianko	3	11-11	17
Jozsef	8	2-2	18
Klein	3	0-0	6
Weiss	3	0-0	6
TOTALS	23	17-18	63

Semicha (47)			
Weiss	3	0-0	6
Krieger	3	0-0	6
Friedman	4	0-2	8
Amsel	5	4-5	14
Zweller	2	0-0	4
Gold	0	0-0	0
Davis	3	1-2	7
Miller	1	0-0	2
TOTALS	21	5-9	47

Seniors (55)			
Insel	5	5-6	15
Engel	5	1-1	11
Weiss	4	1-2	9
Zelkowitz	0	0-0	0
Reifman	5	0-0	10
Rosenbaum	3	0-0	6
Cohen	1	0-0	2
Jetter	1	0-1	2
TOTALS	24	7-10	55

Juniors (52)			
Greenspan	6	3-3	15
Levine	6	4-8	16
Mann	5	2-4	12
Cooper	1	2-2	4
Katzenstein	1	0-1	2
Gomberg	0	0-0	0
Minkove	0	0-0	0
Holtzman	1	1-1	3
Strenger	0	0-0	0
TOTALS	20	12-19	52

## Takedowns



This Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Ellmen will wrestle their last home match of the season. All senior members of the squad will make farewell appearances in this match against Brooklyn Poly at 7:30 pm.

This picture is also a reminder that the wrestling intramurals are coming soon so better start getting into shape.

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Scharaga	7	13	0	2	1	0	14
Wenig	0	4	4	7	8	9	4
Merlis	7	8	3	3	6	0	17
Jozsef	4	8	2	4	5	3	20
Hoensl	1	2	1	1	2	3	4
Rosenbloom	5	8	4	5	4	3	14
Beren	1	2	2	2	5	0	4
Laekspeiser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	52	16	24	32	18	68

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# Maccabees Are Triumphant Over New Paltz, Maritime

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL

The Maccabees finished the first half of the season on the same note that they began it: Losing. During reading week, Yeshiva dropped contests to Hunter (86-62), Brooklyn (70-56), and Kings Point (89-62).

The Maccabees put in a good first half against Brooklyn and actually took a five point lead into the locker room. In the second half, however, they were not up to the test as Brooklyn began to run with the ball and Yeshiva tried to run with them—a serious error.

The lead had been built up on an aggressive defense and pattern offense. Waiting for the good shot and slowing down the tempo of the game seemed to have been Yeshiva's best weapon, and when they got away from this, the game got away from them.

This was also true in the Hunter game where despite the score, the Maccabees were in the game until the closing minutes of the first half when Hunter blew it wide open.

## Winning Comeback

After this series of three games, the college took a break for intercession as did the Maccabees. The first game of the second semester was against New Paltz with Coach Halpert preparing the team by scheduling three practices that week.

The evening began on a very inauspicious note with only three players on the bus at departure time. Finally, a half hour later, Ira Scharaga pulled up with a car full of Maccabees. Things improved after this bad beginning with Yeshiva playing its finest all-around game of the year and winning 60-58 despite having only seven ballplayers.

Bruce Wenig was the team's floor leader and compiled eight assists, many of those coming on passes to Ira. An unusual strong point for Yeshiva this game was the team's rebounding with both Paul Merlis and Robert Rosenbloom doing fine jobs on the defensive boards. This was the first game that

## Freshmen Win Championship Jozsef Stars

By TERRY RIFKIN

The last two games of the Fall 1974 intramural basketball season were played during the first week of the Spring 1975 semester with the freshmen defeating Semicha 63-47 and the seniors edging the juniors 55-52.

In the Frosh-Semicha affair, the end of the first quarter saw the lowerclassmen leading 16-10, with Seme Jozsef leading the way, hitting four outside shots for eight points. There was much contact under the boards and many of the fouls committed weren't called. Freshmen Mitch Merlis and Lenny Pianko emerged victorious, however, decisively controlling both ends of the court.

In the second quarter, the freshmen broke the game open, scoring ten unanswered points before starting wholesale substitutions. Only then was Semicha able to keep up and close the

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the Macs didn't let the other team get second and third shots at the basket.

## Winning Virtue

Once the team got on offense, patience was their motto, as was shown the first time they got the ball. They held it for over one minute before finally taking their first shot—and making it. It was a close game all the way, not decided until the last few seconds when Witzzy Hoenig canned two foul shots to assure the Maccabees of the victory.

This game pointed out what it takes for Yeshiva to win a basketball game: patience on offense, good rebounding, and solid team defense. In their next game against winless Stony Brook, those three ingredients were missing. Most notably and most obvious was the lack of defense. The Stony Brook Patriots drove to the hoop so many times that they probably wore a groove into the floor.

The final score of the game was 89-60 with very little positive to report about the Maccabees except the continued good play of Robert Rosenbloom. Rosey displays an aggressive approach to the game and he's not afraid to "mix it up" under the boards.

After this very disheartening

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# YU Downs York For 5th Win Of The Year After Wrestling Poorly In Loss To Hunter

By JEFF KRANTZ

Without displaying much effort, the Ellmen managed to split their last two matches, losing badly to Hunter and listlessly taking York, both in the Main Building gym.

In the Hunter meet (lost by the Ellmen, 42-12), the only bright spot was Captain Noah Klein's strong win at 118. Noah

strength at the end of the third period, but by then he was sapped. Tiger to pussycat in eight minutes. The rest of the dual meet was a disaster for the Yeshiva ten and suffice it to say that they were outclassed by a vastly superior Hunter squad.

Last Saturday night against York, the Ellmen went from bad

is to be expected from a grappler who has done so well in the past. The only thing that could apply sum up the situation was Coach Ellman uttering his favorite Bodnerism (and

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Jerry Levine and Mitch Merlis enjoy Coach Ellman's practice.

displayed all of the moves and the finesse that were expected of him since the beginning of the current season, but have just recently begun to show. The only other distinguishing feature of the meet was Nate Schwitzer's first loss of the year, by points, 8-7. Nate wrestled with a fever of one hundred and two degrees and might have pulled the match out if he had been able to muster a little more

to worse. Sure, they won 40-15, but its scary to think of what would have happened if the York ten did not forfeit five of the ten bouts.

Captains Noah Klein and Tiger Schwitzer started the meet off with a pin and a decision by points respectively and it looked as if the Ellmen were well on their way to a shutout. In the remaining bouts the Ellmen were beaten with Joe Frager, Roy Schumkler and Mitchell Merlis succumbing. But the match had its high point as usual in Mitch Merlis' 190 travesty. Mitchell wrestled for the first time in front of multiple Merlises and promptly put Channel

## On The Sidelines

### Does The Ref Beat His Wife?

By David Gleicher

After a Boston Celtic loss, one is bound to bump into Bob "Listy" Listernick muttering to no one in particular "Refs, refs".

Although Listy's feelings about referees are well known, nobody really likes refs or umpires or linesmen or anybody who calls a questionable play against "his" team. Referees don't expect love from the fans and as a group they're very thick-skinned. After all, if a player argues with them too much, all they have to do is call a technical foul. The fans, of course, are another matter, but they're relatively distant and are upset over the high ticket prices they paid.

If the ref makes a bad call in high school or college games it's another matter entirely: After all, those are your friends on the court, not some high-priced athletes. Also, the team out there represents your school, not the whole city of New York or Boston. Feelings against refs can run high in those games: In MTA we used to chant, "The ref beats his wife" and other slogans that I won't print here.

As for YU, the Maccabees have often been blessed with refs who were just plain out to lunch. Usually, however, the refs have been your average ECAC officials who seem to make many more calls against Yeshiva than for us.

After one recent Yeshiva game, during which I had been making loud observations about the ref's need to visit his local optometrist, I decided to see what officiating is really like: I would ref an intramural basketball game. (Actually, I was committed to refing a game anyway as an intramural supervisor.)

The game in question was between the juniors and seniors (see Terry Rifkin's article). My fellow referee was another "rookie" making his debut, Seme Jozsef. We both tried to call a good game, but our inexperience showed. More than once I wanted to call a foul on Yudi Rosenbaum, but before I could blow my whistle it was too late. Friends from both teams yelled at me: a result of my own lack of forcefulness. Somehow, the fouls are much easier to see from on the sidelines (no pun intended) than from under the basket.

After the game, Seme and I decided that with experience, our refing would improve and that even NBA officials weren't perfect. I realized, however, that refing is harder than I thought it was and that it's not that hard to miss a call. Of course, that doesn't excuse any referee's poor calls (he's a professional with much experience), but in the future I'll try to show the refs more understanding.

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47 Championship Wrestling on notice that he is competing against them. This feat was accomplished by the year's greatest display of incompetence. Two freshmen out of Coach Ellman's first term physical education classes could have done better than both of the grapplers. That is not to berate Mitchell for one bad showing, but much more

Marty didn't even wrestle) "Unbelievable."

**Takedowns**—The loss at Hunter ended Nate Schwitzer's 14 match winning streak, dating back to Manhattan last year... Next match is at the Main Building gym against Brooklyn Poly Tuesday, February 18th... Avi Moshe Ellman now weighs 17 pounds and should be up to 118 by next year.

## Sophs Win Over Seniors; Clinch Title

By MIKE GELBER

The sophomore hockey team, clinched first place for the regular season in the intramural league by whipping the seniors 10-6.

Judah Koolyk starred, netting four goals to lead the soph attack, which was also aided by Alden Leifer and Nathan Katz who tallied two apiece. Mark Breslow played an excellent game for the seniors, recording two goals and two assists in a game termed "the toughest contest of the season to referee," by refs Alan Schleider and Yankee Poleyeff.

By clinching the title, the sophs gained a bye in the first round of the playoffs, which pits the number two and three teams in a best-of-three-game runoff. In all probability those two teams will be the seniors and the junior-semicha squads. The freshmen will be eliminated should they lose one more game.

After the other game this week, David Zeffren is being treated for shellshock, and it will take a miracle to put him back between the pipes after the juniors shellacked the frosh net with 67 shots. Thirteen slipped by for scores, including five by Rich Vale, and a hat trick for Wally Wolpoe. Dave Miller was excellent in the nets

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