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## Deans Of YC And Stern Enhance Joint Shabbaton

By MOISH LOVINGER

For the first time in its history, Yeshiva College was invited to spend a Shabbat at Stern. An overwhelming crowd of over 130 Yeshiva College students gathered in Koch Auditorium to inaugurate the unexpected event. Cantor Paul Glasser, Director of Programming, extended a warm welcome to the student bodies of both colleges. Addresses by Student Council Presidents Sally Roth and Harry Skydell were delivered to the attentive audience.

A special attraction of the Shabbaton was the presence of two distinguished personalities: Dean Karen Bacon of Stern College and Dean Daniel Kurtzer of Yeshiva College. Following the Seudah, both Deans engaged in a joint presentation revolving around the topic "The Rights and Obligations of Society Regarding Genetic Research." Dr. Bacon, whose realm of expertise is biology, alluded to the fact that rapid advances in genetic research, with respect to cloning and artificial insemination, were bringing the world closer to the Orwellian world of 1984. These advances, said Dean Bacon, would inevitably bring us in conflict with society as well as with Halachic requirements. Dean Kurtzer, a Ph.D. in Political Science, related genetic research to its affect on society and introduced relevant questions relating to social legislation as well as halacha. The floor was then open to discussion, the Deans and the students presenting ramifications of continued genetic research as it would seriously affect the fabric of Jewish values and ideals. An Oneg Shabbat in the newly

decorated Stern lounge followed the presentations, accompanied by refreshments and socializing.

During the afternoon a round table discussion was held on the topic of "Yeshiva Undergraduate Schools: Ideas for Enrichment and Change." Participants in the forum were Deans Bacon and Kurtzer and Presidents Roth and Skydell. Questions concerning requirements, new courses and joint programs were raised. Both deans were extremely informative, helpful and sympathetic to the students' views.

The Shabbaton participants spent the afternoon learning, socializing and enjoying: Rabbi Saul Berman, chairman of the Judaic Studies department at Stern, delivered an inspiring D'var Torah at the seudat shlishit. Following the Havdalah, a Melaveh Malkah was prepared, featuring the movie "Bridge Over the River Kwai."

The warm atmosphere enjoyed during the Shabbaton exemplified the true nature of its YU "Family." The Student Councils of both schools must be duly lauded for their exemplary efforts in making the event an overwhelming success.

## Movie Program Set In Motion As YCSC Okays Annual Budget



President Skydell and his Executive Council laugh off another successful budget meeting. J. Fredman

On November 2, the second YCSC meeting of the year took place, at which time the newly elected officers were introduced, new business was discussed, and past controversy was resurrected.

The budget meeting, traditionally replete with hot-tempered debate, began with the introduction of the victors in last week's freshman elections. Eliot Pearlson, the newly elected president from Miami Beach; Carey (Zeke)

Zionce, the new Vice President and a resident of Toronto; and Robert Friedman the freshman Secretary Treasurer, and a graduate of Yeshiva University H.S. were all greeted warmly.

The next order of business, the budget itself, was passed without the usual haggling over allocations. This year's council, employing a method of approval, granted projected sums for one semester only, thus giving council leverage to scrutinize past semester performances at next semester's budget meeting. WYUR and YCDS took the brunt of this year's financial crunch in which YCSC found itself in the same financial straits as the rest of the University. WYUR is expected to offset its lack of funds through a Stern College Council stipend and the Dramatics Society will rebound

from its cutback by way of its enormous ticket sales.

The sum of five hundred dollars was set aside for movies to be shown on most Sunday nights. The movies are intended "to give those Yeshiva students who do not have the chance to go out often, something to look forward to," said Mr. Skydell.

With entertainment the subject of discussion, Saul Finkelshtein, Senior class Secretary-Treasurer rekindled a controversial issue by raising the topic of HBO (Home Box Office). Home Box Office is an additional service of Cable TV, which shows first run movies. The service was available in the Morgenstern TV lounge until late 1975 when it was removed by Israel Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs at Yeshiva. Miller (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

## Mizrachi Chairman Burg Speaks To YC Students

By JACK STROH

On Thursday, Oct. 27 during club hour, Dr. Yosef Burg, Member of the Knesset, chairman of the National Religious Party, and Minister of the Interior of the State of Israel, spoke to an overflowing crowd of students and faculty members in the Rubin Shul. He spoke about a wide variety of topics concerning the Jewish State ranging from the role of Israel's religious

parties in the new Begin government to the Law of Return.

Following a short introduction by Rabbi Israel Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Burg began his talk by quoting Maimonides in Moreh Nevuchim, which says that religious political parties are justified in Judaism. In taking care of their bodily needs, Jews will be able to take care of their spiritual needs as well. Jews must acquire and run a state which will guarantee them the right to serve the Creator according to the customs of their forefathers. The American concept of separation of Church and State does not agree with the Jewish State because Israel took (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)



Dr. Yosef Burg J. Fredman

## Senate's Future Uncertain With Consolidation Plans

By MATTHEW JAY TROPP

The creation of a University-wide Senate and the continued viability of the current Yeshiva College Senate were discussed by the Senate at meetings on October 20 and November 3.

Dean Daniel Kurtzer reported that the current YC Faculty Assembly will continue to accept Senate legislation for consideration despite the forthcoming consolidation of the YC and SCW faculties. The Senate's constitution requires that all its legislation be submitted to the Faculty Assembly. In the absence of a Faculty Assembly, Senate legislation is meaningless. Administration plans to integrate the faculties and eliminate faculty assemblies as they now exist, would jeopardize the viability of the Senate. The administration plans to restructure the Senate to deal with the problem.

Professor Morris Silverman, YC Registrar, stated that the administration's view of a future senate is that of a University-wide Senate. "The composition and function of such a body is

in the planning stage," added Dean Kurtzer. One of the options that Dr. Kurtzer then described was to maintain the YC and SCW Senates in their present forms and to treat the new University Senate as a reconstituted Faculty Assembly, to which Senate measures would be sent for approval.

A variation of this plan would merge the undergraduate Senates for the consideration of major issues and maintain separate YC and SCW components to handle issues of a less general nature. The University-wide Senate would function as in the aforementioned plan.

Several senators expressed hope that the new Senate structure would include adequate representation for the four constituent parts of the current Senate. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

## Proxy Marriages Save Unmarried Syrian Girls

By RICHARD HOROWITZ

Along Ocean Parkway in Brooklyn, there is a strong Sephardic community of Jews from Syria. Damascus and Aleppo, once formidable Jewish communities, have dwindled, due to most Syrian Jews leaving their unfriendly environment to settle in America.

Over the last twenty years, the Brooklyn Syrian community has strengthened and established itself as one of the strongest Sephardic communities in the world. Several strictly orthodox synagogues have sprung up, and on Shabbat and Yomim Tovim these synagogues are filled, on both sides of the mechtza. The youth minyan, run by the community's active youth group, Young Shaarei Zion, draws over two hundred teenagers every week. The community has a mikvah, and is known for its altruistic nature when it comes to giving tzedaka.

Recently, this community has performed one of the most important mitzvot in Jewish life,

the mitzvah of pidyon sh'vuim (redemption of captives).

Syria has in the past been very strict in not allowing Jews remaining in Syria to emigrate. This policy is most potentially dangerous to five hundred young, single Jewish girls.

Many of the young men have been able to escape from Syria by crossing part of the border with Lebanon, thirteen miles away, or through other dangerous routes. The escape path has been made more difficult due to the civil wars in Lebanon. Due to this difficulty, most of the young girls have been unable to escape and thus must remain in Syria. The obvious outcome of such a situation is that there are no Jewish men for these girls to (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

## Empty Promises

As every new student has learned by now, Yeshiva College lacks a true college bookstore. This, however, is not a new problem. For the past few years students have had to endure poor service here and, consequently, many students have been forced to buy their textbooks elsewhere. This situation is intolerable.

The bookstore in Furst Hall is run by Dial Books, a company which also serves the Cardozo School of Law and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Regardless of whom its other clients are, the bookstore is extremely inadequate in providing for the textbook needs of the Yeshiva College student body. The problem with the store is two-fold.

1. Although faculty members submitted booklists well in advance of the present semester, many of the textbooks have yet to arrive. For students to be without books with midterms only three weeks away is inexcusable.
2. That the bookstore is open for only three hours a week, and at that during class time, is deplorable. The bookstore exists to serve the students, yet it fails to stay open for the time necessary to satisfy their needs.

While a full-service bookstore might be economically unfeasible, we demand a store which would supply the basic textbook needs of the students. It is time that Yeshiva College had a bona fide bookstore and not some basement room selling promises.

## Long Punch-Lines

Students who are taking courses in the Information Science Department must do work involving extensive use of Yeshiva's computer facilities. Most computer work requires special cards that must be typed out on a keypunch machine before being processed. This semester eighty-five students are enrolled in the various courses which require use of the keypunch. Presently, however, only one properly functioning keypunch is available. This has caused unnecessary anxiety and extreme inconvenience to the many students who are forced to wait for long periods of time in order to complete their assignments.

The solution is obvious. The University must allocate the funds needed to purchase a new keypunch machine. Though the cost may be considerable, the administration must recognize that students are paying a fifty dollar lab fee per term and that such an acquisition would be beneficial to the Department for many years to come.

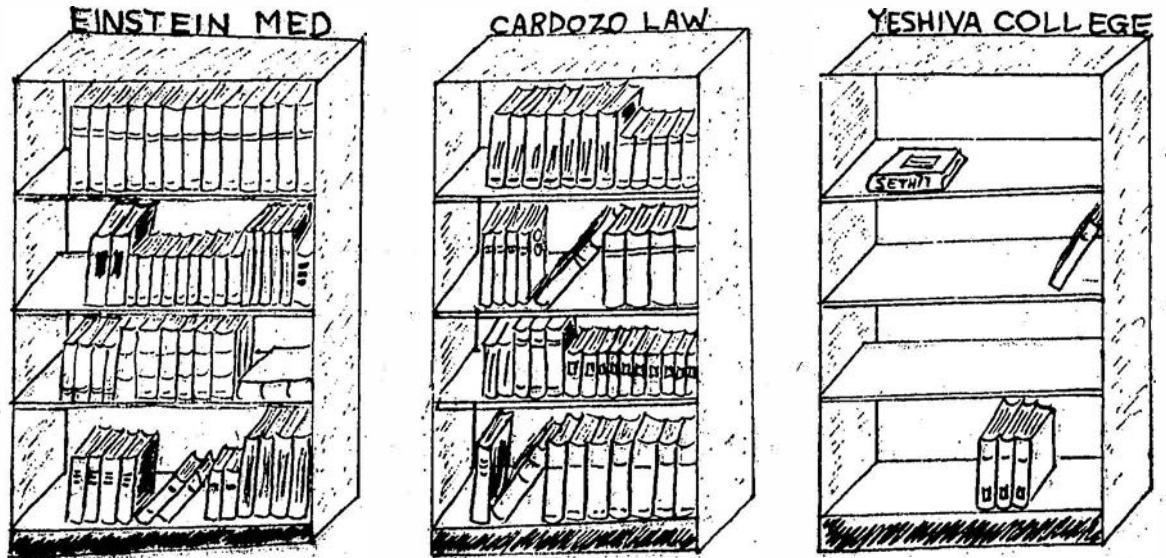
## GUIDANCE NOTES

1. If you have any interest in a career in journalism, you may want to apply for a salaried summer internship on a newspaper — one of 60 internships sponsored by The Newspaper Fund. Deadline: December 1. Applications: Dr. Connolly, Guidance.

2. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a non-profit organization which encourages protection and preservation of the American Cultural Heritage, is offering 35 paid summer internships (\$135/week) to undergradu-

ate and graduate students interested in historic preservation. Application deadline: February 15. See Guidance Bulletin Board outside F.413.

3. The University of California's Livermore Laboratory is now accepting applications for paid summer research appointments in laser fusion, environmental studies, biomedical studies, natural resource development, and magnetic fusion energy. Deadline: December 31. Applications available from Dr. Connolly.



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## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

It was a pleasure for me to read that Yigal Allon now considers the sinking of the Altalena to have been an accident. Times have changed since the days when Ben-Gurion happily proclaimed, "Blessed be the cannon that blew up the ship. May it be enshrined in the Third Temple of the Jews." (Hamashkif, June 24, 1948.) Why, one might almost think that the Labor government has been voted out of power in Israel and that Menachem Begin — the ship's heroic leader — has become Prime Minister!

The fact is that only one accident occurred on that infamous day. The accident was that Allon's sharpshooters murdered Abrasha Stavsky and twenty other crew members, while missing Menachem Begin. The sinking of the Altalena was no more accidental than were the spiritual murders of countless Jewish immigrants from North Africa, who were torn from the Torah and from G-d by the Labor governments of the 1950's.

Thank G-d that we have finally beheld the ousting of the Ben-Gurions and Allons and Rabins, after so many decades. Now, for the first time, Israel is led by a man who believes in G-d, who believes that the Torah must be re-introduced to the Israeli school system, and who believes in Giyur K' Halacha. He is a man whose love for the Jewish people motivated him to bear abuse, kidnap-

pings, and other terrible acts perpetrated against Irgun members by the Ben-Gurion / Allon / Rabin clique, all the while refusing to retaliate against fellow Jews.

Let us pray for the well-being of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, survivor of the Altalena journey. For, after his public service comes to an end, it will be quite a long time before another such person rises to the highest office in the State of Israel.

Dov Fisch  
RIETS - BRGS

To the Editor:

As the smoke clears from the battles that accompany the commencement of another year in Riets, all is quiet but for a few skirmishes. No, Riets is not a province in Somalia or South Africa, but nevertheless people are fighting for ideals.

YU is fortunate to have in Riets a group of students who honestly wish to learn as much as they can and as well as possible. Indicative of this is the student's insistence on getting into the shiur of their choice. The shiur placement system which at times seems arbitrary, has left a bad taste in all too many students. How many students have had to enter the catacombs of the Riets office in an attempt to get into a shiur that they feel is best for them?

Why must so many stumbling blocks be placed in front of those students? It is frustrating for a student to see and complain about a problem just to be told that the problem does not exist or what he saw was a hallucination. Riets has problems for which no one claims to have all encompassing solutions, but the problems should be recognized and every attempt be made to assist the student in avoiding the pitfalls of the system.

I am a student who feels that I was put through the Riets wringer. I was hunted, threatened and had my sanity questioned. I would like to see these issues resolved or at least an interim plan implemented. Hopefully by the time this letter is printed my situation will have been cleared up. But there's always next year.

As a final note I would like to thank Dean Kurtzer for taking the time to listen to my plight and offering his help and advice.

A Riets Student

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. Manfred Weidhorn at the meeting of the Faculty Assembly on Wednesday, October 19. It was adopted by acclamation.

Resolved, the faculty of Yeshiva College notes with profound regret the retirement of Dr. Isaac Bacon from the Post of Dean of Yeshiva College, in which he has served for 18 turbulent and challenging years with unusual distinction. More than any other individual he has helped place Yeshiva College on the academic map. The mere list of his achievements is too long to be contained on a single-spaced typewritten page, but perhaps the greatest tribute that can be paid to him is to observe that faculty members regard him as neither a boss nor an administrator but as a friend. Serving concurrently as Dean of Faculty, Dean of Students, and Academic Dean, when there are only twenty-four hours to each day, he leaves behind him a position that no one man or woman can fill. The faculty urges him to remain, for many years to come, in close touch officially and unofficially, with the Yeshiva University community and to continue to give to his successors and to the new University administration the benefits of his unequalled experience and wisdom. As a token of its affection, the faculty hereby makes Dean Bacon honorary lifetime voting member of the faculty and urges him, by way of keeping a hand in and retaining his ever-present sense of humor, to attend and participate in all future faculty assemblies.



# Yad L'Achim Effective In Battling Missionaries

By YECHIEL FRIEDMAN

Missionaries have operated relatively unhindered in Israel ever since the Turks allowed them in Palestine during the early part of the 19th Century. Not much is actually being done about them. One group though, has been remarkably successful in its attempts.

That organization is called Yad L'Achim. Working out of a small office in New York and ten offices in Israel, Yad L'Achim runs educational, community, religious, publishing and other services to combat the highly organized international networks of missionaries.

One of their most successful programs is called Yeshivot La'am. Twice a year, before Pesach and Rosh Hashana, students from all kinds of Yeshivot all over Israel spend two weeks in a dozen development towns. By getting to know the town's residents, they gradually start encouraging them to send their children to religious schools.

This past year alone, over 1200 children were enrolled in all types of religious schools all over Israel. Yad L'Achim also operates a referral service to match the schools with the students. All these schools have dormitories that enable the schools to isolate the students from the undesirable influences of their home towns.

This program is supplemented by another program, *Oholei Torah*, which every summer organizes study groups and activities to keep these students coming back year after year.

Other educational programs include a publishing division. Every month, a calendar explaining in detail the particular halachot of that month, is published in Hebrew, English and French. A Yiddish edition is also published and sent to Jews behind the Iron Curtain. Other publications include weekly magazines and other special publications.

# Honor Achieved In Battle By Jews Of US Military

By A. J. EDELHEIT

As Veterans Day approaches we remember those who gave their lives for their nation in the two hundred years of America's existence. One thinks about those Jews who sacrificed their lives to protect their nation — the United States of America. In every war there were Jews who fought with bravery and skill to defend the one nation that treated them with true equality and dignity.

In every period of US history, when there were wars, Jews served. In the Dutch period, Asser Levy was the first Jew to serve guard duty against the Indians. During the War of Independence many Jews served — some even achieving distinction. Among these were Isaac and David Franks, Lewis Bush and Major Benjamin Nones. In the War of 1812 only a few Jews served — mostly volunteers. In the Navy, only two men achieved distinction: Captain John Ordronov and Uriah P. Levy. The latter, although dogged by anti-semitism throughout his career, managed to gain the rank of Commodore. He is famous for his role in the abolition of corporal punishment in the US Navy.

The Civil War

In the greatest war to take place on the continent of America,

Russian Jewry is of particular concern to Yad L'Achim. By the very nature of its operations, Yad L'Achim is very active with Sephardic Jews, so the Georgian and Bucharian Jewish communities benefit greatly from them. This year, they published a siddur in the Georgian language and managed to send over 800 copies to Russia. Georgian-Jewish music as well as halachic tapes recorded by the Rabbi of the Georgian community, Rabbi Moshe Debrashvilli, are also distributed.

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# Yeshiva And Stern Freshmen Enjoy Cultural Tour Of NYC

By PAUL WEINBERG

On Sunday, November 6, approximately twenty freshmen students participated in the jointly sponsored Yeshiva College-Stern College "cultural tour" of New York City. A vast majority of the students attending were from Stern College, the starting point of the tour.

All of the participants were quite surprised as to the exact nature of the tour. Although expecting to see some of the more cultural and picturesque sights of New York, as implied by the posters advertising the event, the students spent three hours seeing Bedford - Stuyvesant, Williamsburg, Park Slope, Flatbush, and, as the guide claimed, other historical sights in Brooklyn. The tour concentrated on private and public efforts to preserve and rehabilitate neighborhoods in the older sections of Brooklyn, and focused on the phenomenon of Brownstone revival in the City of

the Civil War, Jews rose to high rank on both sides. About 7,500 Jews served for both the Union and the Confederate armies. Among the most prominent was Judah P. Benjamin who was Secretary of War for the Confederacy. The highest ranking Jew in the Union army was Major General Frederick Knepler, who

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# RLG: A Legend Of Our Past

RLG (Robert L. Goldberg) is a former professor of History at Yeshiva College. He is presently a high-level analyst for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C.

If man writes as he eats, this note to the Yeshiva bocher will taste like sunflower seeds (the diet of Yeshiva faculty and Hartz-fed parrots); if man writes as he sees, the note will have the fine filaments of a macrame created by a semi-religious "ginge" (Israeli for redhead?); if man writes as he hears, this note will begin to sound like the unfinished symphony. If man writes as he roots, only a Chassid will understand it. So having wasted a paragraph of COMMENTATOR's scarce newsprint, "let us begin"

It is rare that a man of stature such as Yigal Allon comes to YU to address the students. Therefore, it was with much anticipation and excitement that I went to Rubin Shul to listen to the former foreign minister speak. My enthusiasm quickly changed to embarrassment as I witnessed the hostile reaction of the students. Mr. Allon was constantly interrupted and at times people tried to shout him down. This rude behavior was particularly evident during the question and answer session. The questions were very

New York. The tour was designed to give a person "a feel of the different neighborhoods in New York and what makes them viable and what makes them degenerate," said the tour guide, a graduate student in the Hunter College Graduate Program in Urban Planning. The guide mentioned some of the negative effects many urban planners such as Robert Moses had on many sections of Brooklyn. For example, some planners lacked the foresight to realize how their plans may harm the very same places in the very near future.

While the tour did prove to be quite entertaining, it seemed to have left a negative impression of New York on many of the out of town students.

# A Weakened Economy In Israel

By DANIEL GOTTLIEB

Last week's sudden announcement by Israel's Finance Minister, Simcha Erlich, of drastic new economic policies thrust the country into the most far-reaching internal upheaval that she has experienced since the Yom Kippur War. The decision, which was reached after a special, unusual, Friday session of the cabinet, will have a very significant effect on the average Israeli, and hopefully on the Israeli economy as a whole. The plan, which should curb inflation and reduce government subsidies, was designed to induce foreign investment and promote a system of free economy.

The inception of this newly released policy came when the

(as Elie Wiesel likes to intone slowly, giving latecomers a chance).

With Southern hospitality and a great fondness for Yeshiva students — as for the administrative scrooges of Christmas past, let's hope they give the faculty a Hanukkah miracle (how's that for a mixed religious metaphor — the product of too much synthesis) — I've maintained an "underground railroad" of freed YU alumni. I'm happy to report that any college that produces personalities such as these alumni deserves immortality. As I wrote to Harvard Law about one of these students, where else are Talmudic Tom Sawyers developed? Harvard admitted that student, I might add, though the more sober-minded

antagonistic but even worse was the disgusting arrogance which accompanied these remarks.

This lack of respect made this shameful display so regrettable. Yigal Allon has dedicated his entire life to the cause of Eretz Yisroel. His record is certainly impressive militarily if not politically. How many of us can make this same claim of devotion? This doesn't mean we must agree with him or refrain from questioning him. It does mean though that we ought to conduct ourselves with dignity towards Mr. Allon. These bases for respect are totally irrespective of his religious or political views.

Much of the furor surrounding Allon's speech arose due to his anti-religious sentiments on some issues. He is certainly not alone. The situation in modern Israel is one in which the secular Jews constitute a majority to the religious minority. Shouting them down won't make them disappear. One must think rationally rather than act emotionally. Everybody has a right to express his ideas. Any student of history knows the danger involved in attempting to limit a person's right of speech. We as Jews should be particularly sensitive about this issue. It is precisely this repressive attitude that Jews have lived under throughout history, and in many cases resulted in the decline of Jewish populations throughout the world.

This brings to light a much more serious and potentially very dangerous problem. I am referring to the apparent reluctance

plagued the Rabin Government. There are reports that when US Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal, visited Israel last month, Simcha Erlich wanted to inform him of the new policy in Yiddish to prevent the other Americans from understanding. The US Ambassador, Samuel Lewis, was not even informed of the new policy until after it had been made public.

The new system, in effect devalues the Israeli Lira to 15.00 pounds per dollar, leveling a heavy burden on the average household; maintenance costs will rise from the present 7535 pounds per month to 8500 pounds per month. With the sharp reduction of government subsidies on bread and dairy products, food costs are expected to rise 20% while imports go up 30%, clothing 15% and hotels 50% (for Israelis). The Value Added Tax (sales tax) will also rise from 8-12% but the "creeping devaluation" will come to a halt.

At the same time the new laws provide for Israelis to own foreign currency; under the new system an Israeli can maintain an unlimited dollar account in Israel, have \$3000 in cash, and another \$3000 in a foreign bank account. In addition the 15%

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of many students to entertain opposing viewpoints. This is most unfortunate because opposing viewpoints can be very relevant to our own ideas. When one forms an outlook on a particular issue he must consider all its different aspects before arriving at a conclusion. It is only through the conflict of opposing ideas that a true and strong conclusion may be reached. An idea which is never questioned is a weak one. A person secure in his beliefs should allow himself to be questioned.

Listening to viewpoints common to those of our own is certainly not very challenging. Too often we are spoon-fed with ideas designed to elicit a favorable response. A prime example of this occurred when Ed Koch spoke at YU. Half his speech revolved around his "letter" to President Carter which is totally irrelevant to the issues involving the governing of New York City. Yet mention of this opportunistic political maneuver evoked a very favorable response from the audience. I found this particularly demeaning and offensive.

The university environment is supposed to be a stimulating and challenging one. It is during these years that we must make many difficult and crucial decisions. Closing our minds to the world around us is counter-productive. We must open our eyes to the surrounding environment and question what we see. But when we question we must do so in a dignified and rational manner, and not with arrogance and emotionalism.

Stepping Out

# A Little Respect

By MICHAEL JABLINOWITZ



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## Honors Achieved In Battles By Jews

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) rose from the rank of private. Another General was Edward S. Salomon who was decorated for bravery in the battles of Fredrickston and Gettysburg. Among the first men to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (created in 1862) were seven Jews. The 59th New York regiment was made up largely of Jews and was commanded by Phillip J. Joachimsno. One other Confederate Jew who deserves mention was Captain Levy Myers Harby who held off the Union attack at Galveston, Texas.

### The Great War

The next major war for America was in 1898, but Jews played no special part in this one. About 2,500 Jews served. After that, peace reigned until World War I. In this war over 250,000 Jews served, per-capita more than any other single group in the nation! Nearly half of the 77th division of the New York National Guard was Jewish, along with about 10,000 officers of the US Army and Navy. Jews received over 1,100 citations for valor including some among the British, French and other Allied commands. One of the most famous of these men was "the fighting Jew" Sam Dreben. General Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, said of him that "he was

one of my finest and bravest soldiers." His heroism, including killing forty of the enemy without a loss in his own unit, was later recalled in a poem by Damon Runyan.

### World War II

Without a doubt it was in World War II that the Jews served to their greatest extent. The Nazis' anti-semitic ideology greatly increased the Jews' desire to join the Armed Forces. Over half a million Jews served on every front and in every service with great distinction. More than 36,000 awards for bravery were given to Jews in the Army alone. From all services, Jews received a total of 61,448 awards including two Medals of Honor to Raymond Lusman and Raymond Zussman, both posthumously. Zussman is credited with single-handedly capturing thirty-two Nazis, two anti-tank guns, an anti-aircraft gun, and two trucks. It has been well said that Zussman "practically fought the Battle of Noray Le Bourg by himself." Three others of distinction were: Ben Moreel, who organized the Sea Bees, the famous Navy construction battalions, Hyman Rickover, who after the war reorganized the US submarine force, and Colonel David Marcus who was an advisor to Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall. Many salutes were given to the

Jewish servicemen of World War II, both by Jews and non-Jews, and even some from the higher ranks of government. Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., the commander of the US forces in the South Pacific, said: "The Jewish heritage has been one of suffering and sorrow. The Jews always have fought against oppression, seeking freedom for themselves and all people. . . . We are proud to have the Jews in our ranks. Their deeds furnish unshakable proof of their courage and loyalty to our common cause — the worldwide preservation of freedom." Along a similar line, Frank Knox, the Secretary of the Navy said: "Ever since the founding of the republic, American Jews have served heroically in its armed forces. Throughout the years they have proved their unselfish devotion to the nation and to the ideas which it strives to represent. . . ."

## Volleyball Provides Opportunity For Fun, Exercise And Credits

By DAN WIDENBAUM

Get into the action! It's fast! It's fun! It's volleyball. Volleyball is the newest and hottest game in the country and it's coming to the YU gym.

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### Rolling Along

## Responsive Government

By ERNIE ROLL



Responsible government is the basis of the democratic process. The responsive capacity of an institution is indicated by its ability to effect authoritative decisions that satisfy the expressed needs and interests of its society. The extent of responsiveness exhibited then by the administration of an institution determines the degree of responsibility. In this respect the administration of Yeshiva would do well to reorient its responsive capacity to meet the perceived interests of Yeshiva students.

Due to the nature of its relatively close knit community, exemplified in part by the close relationship between faculty and students, Yeshiva students are intricately involved in the day to day affairs of their University; so much so that the students, for all intents and purposes, "make" the University. A great paradox emerges though, when one weighs the extent of the student body's "involvement" in proportion to the actual effect the student body has on the decision making process of the University. The students therefore must be afforded open channels of communication through which their expressed interests may be transmitted to and may be acted upon, by the administration.

The Yeshiva College Senate, comprised of members of the administration, faculty and student body, should be the main pipeline through which students' interests may be directly communicated to the administration. That the Senate constitution provides the Faculty Assembly with the veto power over Senate Resolutions shuts off the responsive role of the administration. The responsiveness of Yeshiva's administration unfortunately ends where the student voice begins.

Let us analyze, therefore, the areas in which the level of responsiveness may be enhanced.

The faculty has within its collective and individual hands the power to mold the thinking processes that a student will carry with him into the real world. In this respect, the professor has an important guiding hand in the student's future. It is necessary, therefore, to guarantee that the

student receives that quality of education which will best promote his intellectual and general growth. If one assumes that Yeshiva's system is based on the democratic ideal of responsible government, then it is safe to assume that students should have a voice in determining what level of education is best suited for their development. Thereby, students should have a say in determining which professors will be selected for promotion and which professors will be considered for tenure, since it is the professors who will subsequently become guiding forces in the students' development. There are various ways in which such measures can be realistically implemented to help achieve the goal of responsible government through responsive administration.

The proposal is as follows: mature students, juniors and seniors in their fields of concentration, appointed by the Student Council, should be offered seats on faculty promotion and faculty tenure committees. Since it is the students who actually attend a professor's lectures, the students are in a relatively good position to evaluate a professor's teaching abilities. Students are by no means in the same class as professional educators, but they are in as good a position to evaluate pedagogical techniques as is the administration, which merely reviews a professor's credentials and curriculum vitae. This is not to suggest that students should have the final word on faculty promotion and tenure. Although the student contingent would necessarily comprise only a small percentage of each of the committees in question, the students should, however, have an official say in committee action, involving voting rights. It is in pursuance of the spirit of responsive government that such rights be granted, and that the administration seriously consider the voice of the student body as transmitted via student recommendations and student vote on such committees.

There is one more area where the students' voices must be heard and that is with regard to mandatory retirement. When one analyzes the principle of mandatory

retirement as it now stands, one is compelled to notice its incompatibility with moral standards. A professor who arrives at the present mandatory retirement age should not be automatically relegated to non-entity status. To apply this type of mechanical law to the lives of human beings is plainly unjust. To abolish the principle outright, however, is unrealistic. It is necessary to revise such a principle to incorporate flexibility. A professor who arrives at the present mandatory retirement age, but who still has a contribution to make to his field and still retains the professional capacity to effectively impart his knowledge and experience to his students, should be offered the opportunity to continue teaching. Here again, mature students, who are majors in the professor's field, appointed by the Student Council, should be allowed to sit on mandatory retirement committees, and enjoy recommendative and voting rights on these committees. Yeshiva students should have a say in the maintenance of the educational standards at their University, without having to resort to action similar to that taken by the students of the "Save Our Stern" committee of Stern College, two years ago, where the students went on strike to protest the firing of popular faculty members.

To suggest that the inclusion of students on faculty promotion, tenure and retirement committees will play the faculty into the hands of the students and will thus inevitably serve to lower the educational and academic standards of the University, is insulting to the integrity of the faculty. To suggest that students will take unfair advantage of such committee input power, is equally insulting to the integrity of the student body.

It is within the spirit of responsive government that Yeshiva's administration open up such channels of communication. It is in pursuance of the spirit of responsive government that the administration hear the students' voice and that their decisions truly reflect the needs and interests of the students whom they serve.

## Brooklyn's Jewish Syrians Conduct Proxy Marriages

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) marry.

The Syrian community in Brooklyn saw the urgent need to respond to this situation. Two prominent members of the community, Bert Chabot and Steve Shalom, travelled to Syria, along with Congressman Steve Solarz to view the situation there. During the trip, the men also brought with them news to the families whose sons had attempted to escape; the families had no way of knowing if they had succeeded. Some families have not heard from their sons in over ten years.

The decision in the Brooklyn community was to arrange "proxy" marriages between the young men of the community and the girls left in Syria. Many boys were interested and willing to assist these girls in their attempt to leave Syria, so an ample number of prospective proxy husbands were available.

Rep. Solarz and Steve Shalom met with President Carter in Washington, and the President seemed to be very responsive and sympathetic. Last April, at a summit conference in London, Carter took an afternoon off to meet with Syrian President Assad in Geneva, concerning the plight of these girls. It is reported that Secretary of State Vance also brought up this topic with Assad during his visit to the Middle East.

Congressman Solarz was instrumental in working out the political aspects with the Syrian government, while Rabbi Abraham Hecht, spiritual leader of Shaarei Zion, followed up with the details from this side of the Atlantic.

Again, Bert Chabot and Steve Shalom went to Syria, this time with Rabbi Isaac Dweck to work out the final details and to perform the proxy wedding ceremonies.

It was understood at the outset that these proxy marriages

were not to be considered kid-dushin al yiday shaliach, nor were the ceremonies performed by Rabbi Dweck in Syria the final consummation of a civil marriage.

The first group of twelve girls arrived over the summer to be met by their respective proxy husbands as well as the press. As brought out in the press, this incident was viewed as a human interest story; various political overtones were not emphasized. Syria permitted the first group to leave only on the condition that these girls do not settle in Israel.

The Syrian community had not intended such wide publicity, but Syria utilized the event to attract favorable public attention. A second group of girls was supposed to leave two months ago, but to date, Syria has not permitted any further groups to leave, despite attempts and protests by the Brooklyn community. Hence, almost all of the original five hundred girls are still trapped in Syria. One of the proxy husbands, Morris Mann, commented, "It's news once, but it's not news when it happens every other month. After the first group, there is no publicity."

Thus, the Syrian government has apparently reneged on its commitment concerning the remainder of the girls. However, the fact that some were rescued constitutes a significant accomplishment for the Syrian Jewish community. For as our sages proclaim, "He who saves a single life, it is as though he saved an entire world."

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# Minister Burg Speaks In Rubin Shule, Discussing Israeli Political Situation

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) substance out of the religious dreams of Jews in the Diaspora for two millenia, while the United States was founded on a non-religious level.

The discussion next shifted to the Begin-Likud landslide victory in last May's election, which replaced the basically Socialist Labor Party, Israel's major political force that had held power for the previous twenty-nine years. Dr. Burg noted that the religious parties found it easy to join the Likud coalition because these two groups have much in common with each other. The Democratic Movement for Change, a Yigal Yadin-led party which controls fifteen Knesset seats, last week decided to join the Likud coalition, giving Menachem Begin control of about eighty of the Knesset's one hundred twenty seats and destroying any previous opposition. While Prime Minister Begin wants a broad based government consisting of the representatives of all of Israel's parties, he now has a

sizeable majority with which to work.

After his short statements, Dr. Burg opened the floor to questions from the audience. The first one concerned Israel's denial of Meyer Lansky's request for a visa to go to Israel under the Law of Return. Dr. Burg said he refused the visa according to a Supreme Court decision which states that Jewish people with criminal records are excluded from the Law of Return.

A question was asked about Likud concessions to the religious parties. Dr. Burg corrected the questioner, by saying that now for the first time the Minister of Education, Zevulun Hammer, is a religious Jew. It is now harder to obtain a special Sabbath work permit; religious girls are exempt from compulsory military service without having to prove they are religious and most importantly, only conversions done by Orthodox Rabbis will be regarded as true conversions in compliance with the Law of Return.

The final question concerned the recent Bnei Brak incident in

which non-religious Jews protested the closing of a main thoroughfare on the Sabbath. Anti-religious factions in Israel tried to mount an anti-religious campaign in Israel by pointing to the Bnei Brak incident as an example of religious "old fashioned customs antiquating a modern western society." However, the Minister of Interior said that "the conflict was nothing more than a neighborhood squabble which can happen in any city. We cannot afford to have internal quarrels because we must be unified to solve our many external problems."

Rabbi Miller closed by introducing to the audience Rabbi Louis Bernstein, a faculty member and Chairman of National Mizrahi. Rabbi Miller urged the audience to keep the pressure on the White House by sending letters and telegrams to inform the Carter Administration of Jewish-American anxiety and anger as a result of the President's apparent leaning toward the Arab position regarding the P.L.O. and its land concession demands.

## YCSC

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) acted amid relentless pressure from factions within the school which felt that some of the material shown by HBO was unacceptable for viewing by Yeshiva students.

After lengthy discussion a committee was formed to check into HBO's programming and movie ratings and to look into the feasibility of the reinstatement of HBO in the TV Lounge.

Ira Herman, Secretary Treasurer of YCSC, lauded the success of the YCSC Auction, thanking the volunteers who gave of their time to make it a successful operation for Council. He noted that the funds collected will be forwarded to a worthy charity.

Ira Herman described the ineptitude of the bookstore, pointing out that many professors have complained about book orders submitted in May that have not yet been filled. He also called the bookstore "an affront to our sensibilities as students." A committee headed by Mr. Herman was then formed to suggest alternatives.

## New Israeli Economic Policy Includes Devaluation Of Pound

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) surcharge on purchase of dollars will be dropped. Upon the suggestion of several government officials, Erlich also decided to abolish the Value Added Tax on travel abroad for fear that Israelis would go to Cyprus or Athens to purchase plane tickets to the West, thereby avoiding a high percentage tax on long distance flights.

The announcement brought quick reactions and sharp criticism from some Israelis. People converged on stores, markets and auto showrooms to hoard products before the prices went up. The price per loaf of bread will be about 1.90 pounds, and a new car will run an average 146,500 pounds (\$9,700). Quite to the government's surprise there were many more people cashing in dollars (for the bounty of Lire they now yield) than purchasing the foreign notes during the first

few days of the new system.

The Histadrut, which represents over one million workers, did not take kindly to the new developments on the home scene. Immediately, there were wildcat strikes and job actions by many major companies and services. El Al struck for two days; the workers in the Port of Ashdod refused to work; there was a four hour strike in the Haifa Bay Industrial Zone. Yerucham Meshel, Secretary-General of the Histadrut called for Erlich's resignation, charging that the new policy benefits only the rich with large holdings of foreign currency. Meshel demanded that the workers be given compensation for the reduced buying power of the Israeli Lire. Hopefully, his meeting with the treasury minister will result in a compromise. Israel has survived many domestic crises and she should be able to survive this one, too.

### The President Speaks



## Let's Accentuate The Positive

By HARRY SKYDELL

After too many years of "benign neglect" of its undergraduate divisions, YU is now undergoing a major metamorphosis. The new administration, under Dr. Lamm, has already enacted many changes within the University that promise a "new deal" for Yeshiva and Stern college students. The recommendations of last year's Presidential Planning Commission have led to a complete reorganization of the University structure. New positions have been created with the aim of offering improved academic services to the students. For example, University deans will assign professors and courses on a University-wide basis. This means that all students will have access to the best resources of Yeshiva. Such changes have raised the expectations of both students and faculty that before long there will be a new and improved YU — both in image and in substance.

As Yeshiva enters this new phase of its development, however, many problems must be overcome. Enriching existing programs and adding new programs means additional expenditures. Costs of some services must be trimmed and the administration must assign priorities and allocate funds accordingly. Cutbacks must be made and such cutbacks always involve difficult decisions. The most serious and far-reaching move was the decision to close the Belfer Graduate School of Science, for it seriously disrupted the lives and careers of many distinguished faculty members and dedicated students. But dramatic declines in student enrollment left no choice, and the administration took the action, fully aware of the criticism that would follow. Although the timing of the phaseout and the manner in which it was carried out could have been handled better, it is now a reality, and YU students have every reason to expect that with the elimination of these costly programs, more attention will be given to reviving existing college programs that have been allowed to decline, and to generate new projects that are very much in demand.

After several discussions with the new administrators who seem to be very much in tune with the times and full of enthusiasm and optimism about Yeshiva's future, I came away with the feeling that

there will be many curriculum changes next year. There will be a more complete offering of courses in some departments and new courses in business and computer sciences will be instituted. Such plans indicate that the new appointees are truly responsive to the students' needs and desires. Dean Kurtzer has not only shown his willingness to listen to representatives of the student government, but has assured me that he will make an effort to get to know the students personally so that, for example, when he is asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student he will be able to speak from first-hand knowledge of the student's character and abilities.

It is now our turn to move forward along with YU — most importantly, to change our attitudes toward Yeshiva. As concerned students, we must take note of what is going on at our University at this time and to respond in a positive manner. Instead of making the usual negative remarks about our college, we have a responsibility to come to the aid of Yeshiva at this crucial stage of its development. The administration intends to make increased student enrollment a top priority, but they cannot handle this task alone. This is where we come in. Every student can and must lend a hand. We should try to do some active recruiting by seeking out and calling potential students, and at the very least, we can help by word of mouth in our daily encounters with those outside of YU. In Koheleth we find, *Tov Shem Mi'Shemen Tov*, a good name is better than precious oil. The responsibility is on our shoulders to help give our alma mater a good name; to spread the word about the changes that are taking place, to take pride in Yeshiva and to sing its praises to others. If we take pride in our college, if we view it in its best light in spite of its imperfections (and what school is perfect?), then we are simply making sure that we as YU students and future alumni will be able to take pride in ourselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest and most sincere wishes of *mazal tov* to Etz and Faye Brand on the occasion of their marriage. May you both enjoy a life of happiness and fulfilled dreams. (G.A.)

## Israeli Group Successful In Fighting Missionaries

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) by Yad L'Achim. A talmid of the Chofetz Chaim and Rav Chaim Brisker, Rabbi Debrashvilli, known affectionately as Rabbi Moshe Hakatan, is also a member of the Georgigan Immigrants Bet Din of Yad L'Achim, which opened twelve shuls in the development towns of Georgian Jews, and is responsible for educating the next generation of the Georgian Jewish Rabbinate.

The efforts to combat missionaries have earned applause from all sides of the political spectrum — from the Satmar Rebbe to Hashomer Hatzair. Their non-political approach has encouraged principals of irreligious schools

to invite Yad L'Achim to speak to their students. They also received much support when Israeli folk singer Uri Zohar announced on Israeli radio that he became a religious Jew, thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Avraham Ravits, a member of Yad L'Achim's board.

When Yeshivot La'am ended their two week stay in Kiryat Shmonah, the mayor of the town asked Yad L'Achim to send two students to teach his son for his Bar Mitzvah. This type of bipartisan yet non-political approach explains how Yad L'Achim can succeed against the highly organized efforts of the missionaries.

## Senate's Future Uncertain With Consolidation Plans



J. Fredman

Newly appointed senators expecting a year of significant legislation.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) These parts include the administration, the faculty, undergraduate student body, and the undergraduate alumni. Dr. Edward Levy proposed that the existing Senate should indicate a desire for "continuous consultation with the President's office" regarding the future of the Senate.

In other actions, Dean Kurtzer announced to the Senate that the Yeshiva College Faculty Assembly, which met on November 2, had rejected the Senate's request to reconsider its veto of the Senate resolution which authorizes Yiddish to fulfill the language requirement. The Senate had requested the faculty to reconsider the proposal, because contrary to normal procedure, students were not invited last year to express their views to the Faculty Assembly when the original rejection took place. The Yiddish proposal is now subject to a new Senate resolution.

The Senate passed a Sense of the Senate resolution which specified that YU graduates of June 1979 be required to write a thesis in order to graduate *summa cum laude*. The proposal contained no date of application when it was approved last March.

The first two Senate meetings of the year marked the first appearances of a number of new members. Vice President of Academic Affairs Blanche Blank and Dean Kurtzer are new adminis-

tration delegates to the Senate. Senators David Kahn, Jeffrey Kantowitz, Josh Lamm, and Michael Weisz are the new student members. Dr. Aaron Levine is the new Chairman and Robert Friedman, student and second year Senator, serves as Secretary of the Senate.



## RLG: A Legend Of Our Past

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 4) which at least was shrewdly shaped as a monument for the ages).

In seriousness, let me make my main points before the unfinished symphony finishes once again and the sunflower seeds sprout. 1) Yeshiva students were a frequent delight, especially after Law Boards and law recommendations were survived. 2) My advice for law boards is as follows: protein and liquid sweets before the exams; hamantaschen and hardboiled eggs during the exam (chocolate proved too smudgy, though it's fine for camouflaged fingerprints); exercise several weeks before the exams and establish a sound sleep pattern; enjoyment or serenity the night before; have a cheerful, non-nervous friend to wake you up the day of testing; a merchant's daughter if the previous advice fails (though, if a merchant's daughter wakes you up . . . so much for idle speculation). 3) My advice to Yeshiva — the same as for the law boards; but if that fails, do the following:

a) either leave Washington Heights or, as one excellent letter to COMMENTATOR suggested, attempt massive neighborhood development through community development (at which I work and greet all Yeshiva luftmenschen);

b) give half-time, decently paid work (not the proverbial 3 knishes and 1 Mazel Tov), guaranteed for at least 3 years, to excellent graduate students or young PhD's who care about teaching;

c) give a decent full-time sal-

ary to several young scholars who are also outstanding teachers (the normal Yeshiva salary I consider indecent, but I've given up the hope for a universal living wage at YU);  
d) hire a political scientist/economist knowledgeable in urban/legislative/policy matters and able to find summer legislative/policy research internships for YU students (though as competitive as good law jobs, government jobs deserve the best chance of interested Yeshiva students. Moreover, a civil service career might be less injurious

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than corporate law to Halachic conduct);

e) hire me one day a year to lead a history field trip as dizzying as the 1975 Halloween bus-ride to Hyde Park;

f) give a prize to the best synthesis of COMMENTATOR jeremiads and public relations hasananas. Sorry about the last 3 suggestions. My seriousness has worn off.

Those who wish to write good-natured, signed letters and/or those who remember me as their teacher and need a handcrafted recommendation (especially intellectual wrestlers and COMMENTATOR staff), write to Apt. 12, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. As for the Yeshiva faculty, may God reward you if Sheldon Socol does not.

Amen

RLG (alias Bobby Goldberg)

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# Wrestlers Optimistic

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) 190 lb. and heavyweight opponents, should tear up in his new weight class. A star high school weight lifter, Alan is looking forward to another super year of competition.

Mitch Merlis with four 1st place finishes in collegiate tournaments, compiled a 9-1 record last year, including a phenomenal 8 pins. Competing in the Maccabiah tournament, Mitch just barely lost in the final round to the wrestler who went on to win the gold medal. In one match last year against a championship Brooklyn College team, Mitch got the only victory YU managed to pick up. What more can be said about this senior, 3 year letterman, co-captain. By far

the most known sports figure at YU (sorry Robert Rosenbloom!) Mitch has given the wrestling team a certain aura. At this time, however, a crippling arm injury is keeping Mitch out indefinitely.

Rounding out the team is heavyweight Zev Golombek, who had an impressive rookie year last season. The last position is crucial as this class often decides the match, and "Big Zev" came through with 3 clutch victories last season. Waiting in the wings are newcomers, sophomore Robby Marcus and David Selig.

The Ellmen are looking forward to an excellent year, and hope that fan turnout will at least equal to what it has been in the past.

# YC Hockey Intramurals

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On Wednesday night the freshmen, still high from their opening night victory, came out hitting. Unfortunately for them, the seniors refused to take the punishment sitting down. They responded hit for hit and fist for fist. The referees were having trouble controlling the violence in the game. After a big brawl, the refs stopped the game and warned both teams to cool things down or face heavy penalties. The players continued their ferocity, and the refs responded by calling 5 game misconducts and 103 minutes in penalties — the most ever in Yeshiva hockey history. In between all the fighting, the seniors, led by Judah Koolyk's hat trick, bombed the freshman goalie for eight goals. The freshmen could only sneak one by senior goalie Heshy Bessin. The final score was 8-1.

# Outlook Promising For Macs As Powerful Veterans Return

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with a 21 point average. At 6'3" Rosy is the team's "swingman," helping to bring the ball up and then leading toward the basket. Witzky is the team's playmaker. Deceptively quick and agile, he brings the ball up and controls the tempo of the game. He has three years of experience to draw on for this crucial job.

Kuf, the 6'7" center, will be looked to for scoring and rebounding. As a freshman last year he averaged 16 points and had a team leading 16 rebounds per game.

Returning lettermen also include Lenny Schwartzbaum and John Kramer in the backcourt with Josh Sheinfeld in the forecourt. Their experience should provide the source for some crucial situations and is a strong asset to the team.

The promising first year players include backcourt men Shel-

don Small and Mark Hirschberg and forecourt men Seth Altholtz and Mitch Geizhals. Sheldon, intramural basketball MVP for the past two years, is a speedy ball-handler and an excellent passer. Mark was a member of the delegation of East Coast All-Stars which visited Yeshiva last May. An All-County guard back home in Atlanta, Mark is a tough defensive ballplayer. He and Sheldon will help supplement the Macs' backcourt. Seth at 6'3" combines great leaping ability with a soft touch, making him a potent inside scoring threat. His rebounding at both ends of the court may be the key to the Macs' fortunes. The other first year forward, Mitch, had two years of successful ball in the MYHSL. Mitch, a fine all-around ballplayer, is especially noted for his offensive skills.

Not to be forgotten is Frank Cumsky, another first year player, who averaged over 20 points a game during last year's intramurals. It appears that he has the skills to be a strong force underneath, but only time will tell.

It seems that the Macs have a solid team this year and are looking toward a good season. A strong influence on their play will be the turnout to games. Considering that last year there were more victories than spectators, this year could hardly be worse. However the team is expecting more support and that should place the team on the path towards a good season.

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## On the Sidelines

## A Helping Hand



By MARK TARAGIN

The score was tied. Five minutes remained as the white team took the ball from out of bounds. White ran a beautiful play and scored a basket; not a sound was heard. The black team then scored and a burst of applause echoed through the gym. The game was close, but amidst rowdy cheering, black slowly pulled ahead and eventually won by 12. And so the white team had lost yet another game at home, adding another to their dismal record. The game was close, but the score didn't really show how close it was.

The next day's news about the loss slowly spread through the school. Comments like "We got clobbered again" were heard. Ridicule was tossed in the face of the unhappy basketball players and the team was the joke of the day.

Does the above "story" sound familiar? Do you think it is right for the students who weren't even at the game to poke fun at the members of the team? I feel that the answers to these questions are obvious. Nevertheless anyone who was at Yeshiva last year knows that this type of irresponsible action occurs. I was no better. I too never went down to a game. I poked fun at the players when they came back from a game. Now I realize that my behavior was irresponsible.

How did I become aware of the stupidity of my actions? How did I learn of the damage I was doing by scoffing at the team? I learned from the best source of all — a basketball player. Last week I was inquiring into the state of affairs of the team and belittled their future. He asked me what right did I have to criticize. I had no answer. Who was I to belittle someone else's hard work; especially when I had done nothing to help. To rectify my mistake I will now do my best to go down to as many games as possible.

The importance of this column is to make you realize the damage you are doing by these actions. Do you realize how unfair it is to poke fun at a team you don't even support? What right do you have to laugh at a player who puts in hours of practice when you are doing nothing to help? Do you comprehend what injuries you are causing to a player by ridiculing everything he does? How can you expect a player to do his best when all he receives for his efforts is laughter and hoots of derision? The answers to these questions should be clear. I hope that since everyone now understands the situation, they will do their best to correct it. I know that everyone works hard and is pressed for time — so am I. But everyone can make it to a couple of games. If that occurs, attendance will jump from almost nothing to a winning crowd. This year's team has the potential to win. This potential will be realized if they have support from the sidelines, and in school. I hope they do.

The first basketball game is at home against Brooklyn College, on November 29 at 8:00 pm. I will be there. I hope as many of you as possible come and help our team win.

## Refs Call Record Amount Of Penalties As Hard-Hitting Hockey Season Starts

By ISAAC SOIBELMAN

The hockey season has begun with four hard-hitting, exciting games. On opening night the freshmen upset the sophs. The freshmen the sophs for the first two periods. Despite the somewhat men, the sophs held a 3-2 advantage going into the third period on goals by Steve Pasternak, Eli Bernstein, and Ira Tokayer. But the sophs fell apart in the third period as the freshmen exploded with goals, two by Reznickof, and one by Litwack. The

final score was 5-4.

Wednesday night the juniors and seniors came down in full strength. There were over 50 people in the gym before the game started. Both teams came out charged up, and you couldn't

take three steps without being hit by an opposing defender. Goals were traded in the first period by J. Mael and J. Koolyk, and all was quiet through the second period. In the third period the seniors struck first on Koolyk's second goal of the night, but the juniors bounced back with one of their own, scored by Saul Grife. The seniors struck again later with the power of Marv Schuss, but once again the juniors tied it on a goal by Michael Kline. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

The second week of hockey was a different story. Tuesday night saw the juniors pitted against the sophs. The sophs took an early 3-0 lead on shaky goaltending by Alan Berkin. The juniors responded in the second period with a goal by Michael Kline, but Steve Pasternak regained the 3 goal lead in less than a minute. Pasternak had two goals for the night as did Eli Bernstein. In the third period the soph defense fell apart. Sparked by great play by Saul Grife and Barry Mael, who each scored a pair of goals in the third period, the juniors exploded for five unanswered goals — the final score was juniors 6 and sophs 4.

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## Yeshiva College Tennis Team Is Revived And In Full Swing

By JEFFREY PHILIPS

The Yeshiva University varsity tennis team began the 1977-78 season with a meeting on October 20. Tryouts will shortly begin. The team has a full schedule of matches for the spring tennis season against metropolitan area colleges. Tennis, considered the up-and-coming sport on the athletic scene today, is not new on the Yeshiva campus. Many years ago, Yeshiva boasted a highly qualified team. Yet for many years, the all-too-famous apathy of the students in extracurricular activities kept tennis out of the sports schedule. Renewed interest, spurred on by two seniors, Philip Rosen and Judah Rhine, produced a positive reaction by the athletic department.

This year's team led by Captains Rosen and Rhine, boasts such talented individuals as Todd

Heller, Morey Levoviz, Sheldon Small, Sheldon Lindenfeld, Michael Weiss, Arthur Luxemburg, Joel Mael, Marc Schneier and Richie Rosengard.

The October 20 meeting was set to discuss the many problems confronting the "re-newed" team. A suitable practice site and the need for money to finance practice are the two most difficult areas. Coaching the team will be our world-famous athletic coach and man of a thousand sports, Arthur Tauber. We wish the team tremendous success and hope that, in the YU tradition, it will be an established leader in the collegiate tennis scene.

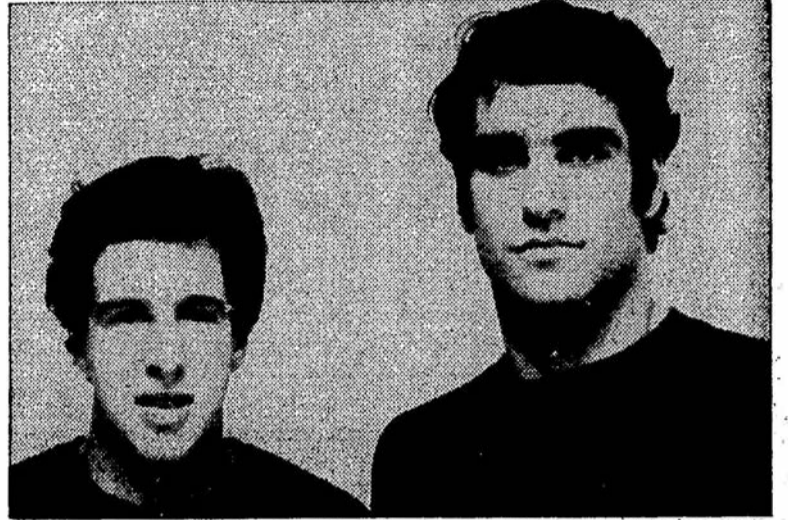
## Ellmen Expect Consistently Strong Performances From The Many Experienced Veteran Wrestlers

By O. SPLATT

While some school teams have trouble scrounging up an audience to watch them play, the Ellmen, Yeshiva's varsity wrestling team, have no such problem. Always performing before screaming crowds, the Ellmen rarely disappointed their faithful fans, compiling a 5-3-2 record last year. Once again, the Ellmen have a superb nucleus of veteran grapplers, led by captains Joel Schwitzer and Mitch Merlis. Unfortunately, graduation and transfers claimed several starters, but there are many fine wrestlers ready to replace them. Under the excellent supervision of Coach Neil Ellman, these young wrestlers won't be inexperienced novices for long, and should help the Ellmen achieve yet another winning season.

Leading off the matches at 118 pounds is Junior Israel Klein. Last year, Izzy's 6-4 record (3 pins) was one of the team's best, and he got the Ellmen rolling to many a winning match. Backing up Izzy is another returning letterman, Keith Strouse.

Wrestling in the tough 126 lb. class is star co-captain Joel Schwitzer. Coming off a tremendous 7-3 record (5 pins) which saw him cop third place in a collegiate tournament, Joel is gearing up for his fourth year of varsity wrestling. A sure win



Co-captains Schwitzer (l.) and Merlis (r.) looking "tough as nails." J. Freedman

almost all the time, Joel is one of the best pure wrestlers YU has seen in recent times.

Joel's experience, leadership and technical mastery will be a big help to the young club, and a super year is expected from Captain Schwitzer.

The Ellmen's inexperience will hopefully not hurt them in the next three weight classes. While

Henry Orlinsky, Fred Carol and Paul Freedman have seen limited varsity action, newcomers such as Mike Weiss don't really have any experience. Still, in practice they have shown great potential and desire, and they should turn out to be strong assets to the team. In addition, there is a possibility that veteran performer Danny Kaufman will rejoin the squad at the 150 lb. weight class. Danny had two big pins last year, and his experience is something the team cannot afford to do without.

A real dogfight is taking place at 158 lbs. with veteran Joel Mael facing stiff competition in the form of sophomore Sheldon Golombeck. Shelly, younger brother of heavyweight Zev, has looked real sharp in practice as has senior Mark Kirschenbaum. Joel Mael's strength and ability, though, can't be discounted, and it's a tossup as to who will eventually get the starting nod. Unfortunately, Joel hurt his eye badly during a recent practice, and it is still unknown whether he can continue wrestling.

Powerful Saul Grife of hockey fame is next at 167. An extremely tough competitor, Saul's 5-4 record last year doesn't really indicate how good he is. Competing in one of the most difficult divisions, Saul should put it all together this year and help lead the Ellmen to many triumphs.

The team's strongest man, junior Alan Bell, weighs in this year at a light 177. Alan, 5-5 with 3 pins last year against (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Maccabees Are Optimistic At Start Of New Season

By A. MANN

From all current indications it appears as if this year's basketball team, the Maccabees, will be radically different from that of last year. Whereas last year's injury laden team staggered through the season with an eight man roster, the current fifteen man roster boasts talent and depth at every position, a rarity on Yeshiva

teams.

This new source of ballplayers will aid the Macs on all fronts. It will result in a sure-handed floor game, a strong pressing defense and in a leaping forecourt.

This year Coach Halpert will be able to substitute freely, giving the starters a needed rest. His ability to use many players may evolve into a "platooning" system, replacing two or three players at a time instead of the usual one. The advantage of this system would be to get the most appropriate combination of players on the court for any given situation.

The team is centered around returning lettermen Mark "Witzzy" Hoenig, David "Kuf" Kufeld and Robert "Rosy" Rosenbloom.

Rosenbloom, an all-star last year, led the Macs in scoring (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

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