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## Clubs Hold Forums

### Stein Talks About Crime

By LARRY ZIERLER and EDDIE IZSO

March 11 — Manhattan Borough President Andrew Stein today addressed the student body of Yeshiva College. The most prominent issue he discussed was the problem of security in Washington Heights.

#### Fighting Crime

In an effort to combat the rising crime rate in the Yeshiva neighborhood, Mr. Stein proposed the formation of a joint committee composed of college administrators and students along with the precinct captain to monitor the situation. Mr. Stein showed faith in the city's current plans to revitalize Washington Heights. He also made reference to interest shown by certain members of Yeshiva's Board of Trustees in the redevelopment of the Heights.

When he turned to other topics, Mr. Stein expressed his dismay over the absence of a U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. His findings on a recent trip to Israel reaffirmed his confidence in Israeli policy regarding Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria.

The event was sponsored by the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society, Yeshiva College Student Council, and Yeshiva College Young Democrats.

### Many Speak On Medicine

By ALAN BERGER

The New York Zeta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the YU branch of the national Pre-Med Honor Society began its 1981-82 season with the customary welcome session for freshmen and other new students who plan on majoring in Pre-Health Sciences. Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, the Pre-Med advisor, and the officers of the society addressed those who attended. In the past several months, the society has presented guest speakers representing many of the Health Sciences.

Dr. Irma Weiss, Director of Admissions of NYU School of Dentistry spoke on December 3. On December 24, Charles Barax, a YC graduate (class of 1980) and currently a student of the Sackler School of Medicine/Tel-Aviv University, spoke to the society about the program that his school offers for New York residents. Mr. Michael Schaefer, Dean of Admissions of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, addressed the society on January 7. His speech offered YC students a unique opportunity to learn about osteopathy, a health science profession that Yeshiva students are unfamiliar with.

The society began its spring (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Dr. H. Grinstein Passes Away; Students And Faculty Mourn Loss

By RONALD Z. SCHWARTZ

Scores of Yeshiva alumni and administrators attended funeral services held Thursday, March 11, 1982 for Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, 82, Professor Emeritus of American Jewish History. Professor Grinstein served Yeshiva for 40 years until his retirement in 1976, as

Director of its Teachers Institute for Men (now EMC), as the University archivist, and as Chief Marshall at Commencement exercises. Dr. Grinstein died at Mt. Sinai Hospital March 10th after a long bout with leukemia.

#### Director of EMC

Dr. Grinstein stepped down as Director of EMC in 1968. Through 1970 he continued to serve as professor of American Jewish history at Yeshiva College and until 1976 at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, when he retired.

Born in Dallas, Texas in 1899, he received his early education there and in Petach Tiqvah, Israel. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph. D. degrees from Columbia University and an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree from Y.U. in 1969. His affiliation with Yeshiva dates back to 1917 when as a student in RIETS, he became part-time secretary to Dr. Bernard Revel, Yeshiva's first president.

As an author and historian, his best known works were *The Rise of the Jewish Community of New York: 1654-1860* published by the Jewish Publication Society of America and *A Short History*

*of the Jews in the United States* published by Soncino Press in 1980.

#### Professional Pioneer

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Dr. Grinstein's successor in the field of American Jewish History at



Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein — YUPR

Y.U. commented upon his passing that, "Hyman Grinstein was one of the great, professional pioneers in this field, whose works have stood the test of time."

At the funeral service, Rabbi

Jacob J. Schachter, rabbi of The Jewish Center where Dr. Grinstein had been an active member, led the recitation of Psalms. Dr. Leo Jung, rabbi emeritus, bemoaned the community's loss of his "utterly modest and righteous, most distinguished, lovable friend."

Dr. Mitchel Orlian, Professor of Bible at EMC, spoke in the name of Dr. Grinstein's former students by recounting a number of personal incidents. As Dr. Grinstein's assistant, he witnessed the sensitive kindnesses Professor Grinstein performed. Dr. Grinstein, Orlian said, intervened with Dr. Belkin to obtain scholarship grants for his students, lent out his own personal monies never expecting repayment, and purposefully scheduled appointments with needy students in the Cafeteria to pay for their meals. Dr. Grinstein, he noted, was also, "a fan of the YU basketball teams who felt that though sports, Yiddishkeit can be enhanced in the spirit of other universities such as Notre Dame."

#### Uncompromising Devotion

Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, who had been at different times both Dr. Grin- (Continued on Page 7, Col. 4)

## Projections For Student Enrollment Significantly Less Than Anticipated

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

The current number of students enrolled at Yeshiva College is significantly less than what was projected by University officials in 1979 according to Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, Vice President for Business Affairs. In general, however, other YU schools have successfully met the University's expectations, as outlined in the long range financial plan of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.



Dr. Sheldon Socol, Vice-President for Business Affairs.

In 1979 University officials hired the renowned accounting and management consulting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. to determine the academic programming and student enroll-

ment in every YU school in relation to the fiscal picture of the institution. The long-range plan, first drawn in 1979 to last through 1983, and which is currently under revision to last through 1986, analyzed in fiscal terms what it would take to assure the University a balanced budget.

Dr. Socol explained that the other Yeshiva University Schools



Mr. Sam Harstein, Director of Public Relations.

which have kept up with, and have even exceeded their goals outlined in the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell plan are assisting those

YU branches which did not fare too well.

Although statistics point to an increase in the number of incoming freshmen at YC over the past several years, the total 1982 enrollment figure of 804 students is 86 less than the 890 figure projected in 1979. Administration officials, in trying to explain why YC has not met the figure of 890 students, have attributed several factors to the overall lapse in student enrollment.

According to Mr. Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations at Yeshiva University, the economic situation as well as "Reaganomics" have proven to be a major factor in the decline in student enrollment. "Due to the severe nation-wide economic situation," maintained Mr. Hartstein, "Yeshiva University's luxury of living in the ivory tower has evaporated."

#### Saving Their Money

Mr. Hartstein explained that families, rather than send their sons to Yeshiva, may choose to save a bulk of their expenses for the high tuition of the graduate and professional school. "The economical situation and financial priorities of the family undoubtedly determine how they will deal with their children's schooling," said Mr. Hartstein. He added that approximately 35 percent of YC students can actually pay the full tuition. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

## NAJP Helps Jewish Poor In Metropolitan New York

Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Lazeh

— All of Israel is responsible for one another. This is the theme of an organization called the National Association for Jewish Poor. The organization is an advocate group whose goal is to bring to light the plight of the Jewish poor and do away with the misconception that all Jewish people are wealthy. There are more than four hundred thousand poor Jews living in the New York Metropolitan area. This means that one in seven Jews in this city live below the poverty level.

#### NAJP

The National Association for the Jewish Poor was founded in October 1979, by Gary Moskowitz and a group of YU students. Prior to its establishment, Mr. Moskowitz tried and failed to

enlist the help of large Jewish organizations. When the goliath agencies refused his requests, Mr. Moskowitz took the matter into his own hands. He applied for a charity number and formed the NAJP. The group received its first impetus when Mr. Moskowitz and ten volunteers walked ten miles on a Shabbat morning in mid-winter, from the warm comforts of home to the South Bronx, and the Intervale Jewish Center, where a small minyan was davening, in a shul without heat.

From then on, the NAJP conducted weekly visits to Intervale Jewish Center. They have expanded their programs to another Bronx shul and to a shul in East Harlem. Every Sunday, volunteers help complete min- (Continued on Page 6, Col. 5)

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# YU and the Budget

President Reagan's budget cuts, if enacted, will greatly affect the lives of all students. In today's economy, these changes will make it impossible for many students to attend private undergraduate and graduate schools.

It is essential that Yeshiva students join with their counterparts across the country in protesting these inequities. Writing letters to Congressmen in an attempt to sway the government against Reaganomics is one measure that can be taken. The university too should exert its power and influence on this matter.

The Yeshiva administration must also begin informing the students of the options left for financing their education. If universities are going to survive these times, they must either prevent the abolishment of federal aid and loans or find alternative plans for a student to pursue his education.

# Galling Oversight

It has been customary for this university to involve its students in the appointment of key administrators. Unfortunately the administration has totally disregarded this principle in the appointment of a Director of Student Activities. This oversight is particularly galling in the light of the position involved.

The duties of the Director of Student Activities include meeting regularly with students, supervising activities, and in general making decisions affecting student life on campus. Thus, students clearly deserved to have their say in the selection of the man for the job. Two crucial appointees of the past, President Lamm and Dean Rosenfeld, had student input. So why were we overlooked now?

# Letters To The Editor

## Defending GW

To The Editor:

In response to your February 24, 1982 article, "Mugging Incidents Hit Washington Hts. Campus":

George Washington High School and Yeshiva University have been supported and serviced by the Washington Heights community for more than fifty years. In return, these schools have produced prestigious alumni who now assist their alma maters and the community.

The faculty and administration of George Washington High School take pride in offering diverse and sound academic and athletic programs to 3,000 community students during the day. We are pleased to share our physical plant, and especially our athletic facilities (which include large gymnasiums, two swimming pools, an astro turf field and an all-weather track), with the community in the evenings and weekends.

To presume that the problem of crime is endemic to a five-block radius around George Washington High School is to be myopic in viewing our community and the ill of society at large. Relocating Yeshiva University's physical education program to another edifice is an attempt to retreat and wait for the problem to reach you at another site.

"If our community has a prob-

lem — if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem."

Sincerely,  
Marlene Lazar  
Assistant Principal  
Health and Physical Education  
George Washington High School

## Student Apathy

To The Editor:

I would like to express my dismay and embarrassment regarding the poor student attendance at the Andrew Stein lecture. A mere twenty or more persons attended the lecture given by the Manhattan Borough President, including only one faculty member. Before the lecture had started, and as Andrew Stein was waiting to begin his remarks, the president of the political science society could be seen pleading desperately with students to attend the session.

Words cannot describe the embarrassment many of us felt at such a poor student showing. Fortunately, the room in which the Borough President was to speak was switched, at the last moment, from F501 to F535 to help "accommodate" the small crowd. Finally, after Mr. Stein had asked, "Can I start?," the lecture began.

What was it, however, that prompted such a poor student showing? Was it that Andrew Stein, Manhattan Borough Presi-

dent, was not an "important" enough figure? Could he not tell us more than Harrison Goldin did about the future of Washington Heights and of ways to deal with the current crime situation in our area? Apparently, many students thought not.

"I just didn't care," said one student when asked why he did not attend. "You mean he actually showed up?," remarked another.

This event, if I'm not mistaken, was to be an opportunity for the entire student body to not only hear from an influential and important politician, but it was also an opportunity for students to ask Mr. Stein about the current crime situation as well as to discuss measures to be taken to help alleviate the worsening crime situation in Washington Heights.

Although Mr. Stein did acknowledge that he will try to arrange for students and faculty to meet with police officials regarding a more active police presence in the area, one now wonders if the Borough President came away with the impression that YC students really do not care about the worsening crime situation. After all, he did give his address in a room filled with more empty chairs than with students.

One, too, may be curious as to what the Japanese Ambassador must be thinking of YU and its students after having learned  
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# Grade Delays

Fall semester's grades are finally in, almost four weeks into the new semester. This delay has inconvenienced those seniors who needed to send the grades to graduate schools, and has annoyed all students anxious to receive their marks. Several factors contributed to this delay, the most crucial being the tardiness of twelve professors who submitted their grades after the deadline imposed by the Academic Standards Committee. The ASC has informed us that the following faculty members were involved: Professors Stanley Bardahk, David Bernstein, Ruth Bevan, Laurel Keating, Katherine Keenan, Sidney Langer, Aizik Liebovitch, Jacob Lindenthal, Hyman Mariampolski, Robert Myers, Norman Schlessberg, and Saul Wischnitzer. These delays are inexcusable, and measures should be taken by the ASC to prevent a recurrence.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board would like to wish Dr. David Mirsky, Professor of English, a speedy recovery. We would also like to welcome back Dr. Seymour Lainoff from his recent illness.

Anyone interested in obtaining a Governing Board position on the Commentator for the coming year please submit your application to Joey Sturm in M222. Applications should include position requested, class standing, and qualifications.

# D'Amato Meets Students Concerning Financial Aid

U.S. Senator Alfonso M. D'Amato told over 2,000 New York State college students assembled on the steps of the nation's Capitol that he will fight any reduction in funding for student aid programs.

## Further Cuts

Sen. D'Amato predicted that "further cuts in student aid would have a devastating impact on higher education and would severely impact New York State students and colleges. If the proposed budget figures were to be adopted," the Senator explained, "New York State would lose \$200 million in Pell Grants and campus-based funding (SEOG, CWS, NDSL) over the period 1981-1983."

"The proposed changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan program would severely limit the ability of both undergraduates and graduate students to pursue a higher education," Mr. D'Amato said. "Eliminating graduate students from the program would translate into a loss of over 85,000 loans for New York State residents."

New York State receives 17%

of all Guaranteed Student Loans and a major portion of other forms of federal aid to higher education.

## Counterproductive

"Further cuts in student loan programs would be counterproductive," the Senator declared as he promised to continue his efforts in opposition to further student aid cuts. "There are other ways to cut federal spending. We must not jeopardize this Nation's future by restricting educational opportunity for the leaders of tomorrow."

During last year's budget battles, Senator D'Amato fought successfully to increase funds for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program and opposed efforts to double the origination fee for the Guaranteed Student Loan program.

The New York students were in Washington on March 1st for a nationwide lobbying day to urge lawmakers to oppose further cuts in student aid programs. Senator D'Amato made his remarks in an address to over 5,000 students attending a rally on the west side of the Capitol Building culminating their day-long efforts.

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# Wake The President?

By DAVID KOBER

It is 7:00 A.M. on June 14, 1982, a bright summer day. A flock of seagulls wings its way north towards the United States. The flock of birds is picked up by the ultrasensitive radar equipment of our North American Air Defense Command. The highly advanced computers identify the seagulls immediately — as twenty-three small, but extremely powerful Soviet SS-20 nuclear missiles. Before the diagnosis can be rechecked by technicians, a retaliatory strike is automatically initiated. Every available American ICBM is targeted for and launched toward Moscow.

Word of the mishap reaches General David Jones — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — in minutes. Jones immediately telephones Secretary of State Haig, who is at home in bed.

HAIG: (slightly groggy) "General Haig here . . . er, I mean, Haig here, go ahead."

JONES: "Alexander, it's General Jones. We've got a serious problem."

HAIG: "Aw, don't tell me, El Salvador again, right? What happened, some government troops massacred a few hundred more civilians? I told those guys to lay off until after the elections."

JONES: Mr. Secretary, I'm afraid it's much more important than El Salvador . . ."

HAIG: "Bigger than Salvador? Hey, they didn't find out that those aerial pictures we took of Nicaraguan military installations were really from our files of the Korean War, did they?"

JONES: "No, no, Mr. Secretary. There's . . . there's been a computer malfunction up at NORAD headquarters. All our missiles have been launched without provocation. They're heading for Russia."

HAIG: "They are! You're kidding? Ahem, I mean, they are, there's no doubt?"

JONES: "No sir. There's no possibility of error, and there's no way to destruct the missiles once they're in flight."

HAIG: "All right, I know exactly what to do. Have you got a pen?"

JONES: "Excuse me, but, shouldn't the President be informed?"

HAIG: "Oh . . . yeah, I guess so. I'll get back to you. Remember, we're still on for racquetball Thursday. Give my regards to Pam. Right, bye."

Secretary Haig makes the four minute drive to the White House after alerting all defense-related Cabinet members. He enters the President's sitting room at 7:12 and is intercepted by Nancy Reagan.

NANCY: "And just where do you think you're going at this hour?"

HAIG: "I have to see the President on a matter of national urgency."

NANCY: "You don't seem to understand. Ronnie was up until close to 11:00 last night because of some silly briefing on the economy. If he doesn't get his  
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## Commentator Interview

The following is an exclusive interview with David K. Shipler, the Jerusalem bureau chief of the New York Times. Mr. Shipler is responsible for almost all reporting of Israeli affairs which appear in the Times. The interview was conducted by Sholom Fried of the Commentator in the Times' Jerusalem bureau on December 22, 1981. It was transcribed and edited by Mr. Larry Greenman. The first part of the interview was published in the February 24 issue.

Comm: Given the numerous places of turmoil throughout the world why does the world and The New York Times give so much emphasis toward this region and specifically what happens in Israel?

Mr. Shipler: Well, it's a question that I've tried to find an answer to since I've been here because it's really excessive. I don't think it's just The New York Times, I know how many correspondents U.P.I and A.P. have and how many camera crews A.B.C., N.B.C., and C.B.S. have running around this country, it's a huge press core for a tiny country. It's an American obsession with Israel. . . . The Middle East is a tinderbox. It could get us into a world war and therefore whatever happens is of vital interest and importance. Moscow also plays a tremendous amount of attention to the Middle East. In addition, in the United States there is a very large constituency placed geographically in the major cities that are very interested in what happens here. They keep the editors interested.

. . . Israel is an open society. Therefore a reporter can find out what's going on here and penetrate into the inner workings of the government and society must more easily than you can in Baghdad, for instance.

Comm.: Is it true that you are the only Israeli correspondent for

The Times?

Mr. Shipler: Yes, we also have a stringer in Tel Aviv. But normally the policy is not to give bylines to stringers unless the story shows unusual enterprise.

Comm.: Who decides the policy on what areas to focus on in Israel, you or New York?

Mr. Shipler: Well, I think it's done basically on the basis of what's happening. My general schedule and attention is really dictated to me by events more than by New York.

Comm.: Do you have any reflection on the way living in Israel, Israel, and its people have affected you here?

Mr. Shipler: It's deepened my understanding of the different ways a people react when under stress. I've seen people in the South Bronx under stress, and I've seen people in Saigon and Phnom Penh under stress. I've seen dissidents in Moscow. But this is a very different situation and the reaction and responses to it are very different on the part of Israelis. I guess it has made me even more humble than I was before about my own personal qualities because I really don't know what it's like to live in this kind of situation.

This also occurred to me in Moscow, what if I had been a young Soviet kid growing up and seeing hypocrisy and dishonesty, would I have had the guts to stand up against it? I don't know.

. . . And I guess I don't know either how I'd behave if I was a young Israeli going into the army, loving my country and fearing for it all the time. How vigorously would I defend democracy? How sensitive would I be to what people said about me from abroad? These are all questions — it's the essence of experience.

Comm.: Do you have any real identification with the people?

Mr. Shipler: I guess not. I

don't know whether it's because I'm not Jewish or that I don't share the ideology or because I see so much injustice in the society in terms of the attitude towards Arabs — not that our society is so just. I do, on the other hand, feel an understanding and sympathy for what happens here.

Comm.: During our conversation, you've sounded very understanding of the Israeli position.



— S. Fried

Mr. David K. Shipler

Many, however, are of the opinion that your articles in The Times have been biased against Israel.

Mr. Shipler: I think that if you were to talk to some Israeli officials, you'd probably get a different assessment. I don't think they find it biased. I think that it's an interesting sociological phenomenon that partisans who live in Israel have a much different view of coverage than partisans who live outside of Israel, live amidst all these problems that I write about. By the time I write about them, they have already read about them in much greater detail.

The Israeli press seems model-

ed after the European press of writing their own opinions into their stories. I don't have that luxury — I don't want it. They're very strong and very outspoken.

For every story I've ever covered, the partisans, the people who have a point of view of interest, have always complained. When I covered John Lindsay when he was mayor of New York, he and his people were very upset. Anyone who tries to be balanced in a highly emotional situation where the people clearly are on one side is not going to satisfy the people of that side.

. . . No fair journalist is going to satisfy people who are very dedicated to a cause. I think that there is another factor involved in the Israeli phenomenon which is that a lot of American Jews I find are really quite unaware of what is happening in Israel.

. . . I have a story coming out about the conflict between the Israelis and the Bedouins in the Negev. There's some pretty nasty stuff being done to the Bedouin. This has been covered extensively in the Israeli press. Now I'm sure that Israelis who read the press know all about it. But in New York not many people are aware of it. When they read the story they are going to say: "There goes Shipler again, his anti-Israel bias." That's silly; If I'm covering a society, I have to write about its problems and I think that a lot of the sensitivity in the states as I interpret it revolves around this kind of issue. The negative developments in Israel are being hung out to show the world, and they don't want Israel to look bad.

The same arguments used to be made by the Soviets. "Why do you write about these Jewish dissidents all the time? They don't represent anybody. Why don't you write about all the good loyal Soviet citizens who don't want to leave this country? Why do you

inflate and magnify this tiny fraction?" So I say to them: "Stop arresting them, let them go, then there won't be anything to write about. If you arrest someone do you expect me not to tell my readers that's happened?"

I would say the same thing to the American readers. If settlers break into Arabs' homes in Hebron, you expect me to keep that a secret? Is that why you buy the New York Times, so that you are not told what is going on? It's happening, it's real. It doesn't mean I get any pleasure out of writing about it but it's happening!

. . . There have been a few complaints made to me by people who are quite reasonable. One of them I think is legitimate. It's the complaint that there is very little sense of history in the newspaper coverage. You write about Israel taking the West Bank in the '67 war, the reader isn't told what happened, and who attacked whom. I've tried in a situation piece to give enough of the history to give an idea of what happened. Unfortunately, if you've only got eight hundred words to tell what happened today you feel your main obligation is to tell what happened today because it is a newspaper, and if you can get away with one line of history you're lucky. If you try to do more than that, what do you throw out about what happened today?

What I've tried to do is try to design little quick shorthand phrases to give some indication of what happened. For example, I've tried to write about the West Bank which was captured by Israel in 1967 from the "attacking" Jordanian Army — just to give the perspective that Israel didn't wake up one morning and decide, "Gee that looks like a nice hill over there, let's take it." This is an attempt to give at least a glimpse of the history.

Op-Ed

## Messianism Or Realism?

By MOSHE PACK

The growing controversy, both in the United States and Israel, over the scheduled Israeli withdrawal from the rest of Sinai, highlighted by the sudden forced evacuation of Hatzar Adar and the ensuing stormy Knesset debate, has raised a number of important questions concerning the ideology and practice of Gush Emunim and the Stop the Withdrawal Movement, as well as their opposition to the Camp David Accords and subsequent peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. In an article in the February 24 issue of The Commentator one writer expressed his concern over the most recent events in Israel and proceeded to attack the views of Gush Emunim as being of a messianic, rather than realistic nature, extremist politically and questionable halachically.

There seems to be a general notion within certain religious circles that "da'as Torah" either dictates that control over Eretz Yisrael cannot be relinquished under any circumstances, or, at the other extreme, can be used, if necessary, as a bargaining chip in peace negotiations. Consequently, Gush Emunim is looked upon as being narrow minded on one hand, and blind to other valid halachic stances on the other. Such an evaluation is totally inaccurate and unfair.

We shall immediately put aside the position that there is no mitzvah of *Yishuv HaAretz* today (hence, there is no halachic obligation whatsoever to retain control over any part of Eretz Yisrael today), as the near unanimity of the *Rishonim* and *Acharonim* holds that, indeed, this mitzvah does apply even today (see *Pitchei Teshuvah on Even HaEzer* 75:6), especially since the world body voted to officially recognize the State of Israel, thereby constituting official "rishayon malchut" (see *Avnei Nezer on Yoram Deah* 455). The overwhelming majority of the *gedolim* do hold that there is a mitzvah of *Yishuv HaAretz* today which, according to the Ramban, contains a two part im-

perative: to settle the land so that it will neither be left desolate nor in the hands of gentiles. The former would apparently apply to the evacuation of Sinai and the latter to the implementation of a full autonomy in Yehudah and Shomron. Many *gedolim*, Rav Moshe Feinstein and the Rav included, hold that for the sake of *Pikuach Nefesh*, or perhaps even for the sake of genuine peace, we may relinquish control over parts of *Eretz Yisrael*. Finally, another position among our *gedolim* holds that the guidelines for *Pikuach Nefesh* are somewhat different when dealing with *Yishuv Eretz Yisrael*, as the very commandment to conquer the land by force involves putting one's life in peril.

Even if one holds that, in a theoretical plane, it is permissible to relinquish control over *Eretz Yisrael* for *Pikuach Nefesh* or even for the sake of peace, alone, he must still analyze the current reality, with all its complexities, and determine if, in fact, we are dealing with the attainment of true peace, and exactly where the real *Pikuach Nefesh* lies. Concerning *Pikuach Nefesh* the military, although intentionally suppressed by upper echelons of the government, has repeatedly expressed its opinion that the pullback from Sinai, including its naval facilities, air bases, and strategic depth, poses a serious military and strategic danger to the State of Israel, while the Prime Minister and majority of the Knesset are apparently willing to take that risk for political considerations which, in their opinion, necessitates the completion of the withdrawal. When the Chief of Staff feels that the real *Pikuach Nefesh* lies in the implementation of the treaty and the Prime Minister feels that the greater danger lies in the abrogation of the treaty, whose opinion does halacha follow? This is one of the crucial questions which remains unclear. Likewise, when one says that for genuine peace we may relinquish our sovereignty over *Eretz Yisrael* is it

not our obligation to ascertain if, indeed, we are dealing with genuine peace?

Throughout its opposition to the Camp David Accords and the subsequent peace treaty Gush Emunim has not closed its eyes to reality, as some indiscriminately claim, but has addressed itself to the issues at hand. The proposed peace offering has been attacked as a smokescreen engineered by Sadat, the withdrawal from the Sinai and its naval facilities and airbases as a military risk, the abandonment of the settlements of Sinai as an unnecessary concession and a blow to a century of the actualization of the Zionist dream, and the autonomy plan as an imminent danger to the Jewish settlements in Yehudah and Shomron, as well as the first step towards the creation of an independent PLO state. It is totally absurd for one to believe that a movement, made up of many non-religious Jews (even in leadership roles) and represented, in part, by the Ha'Tchiya Party of which two out of three MK's are not religious, bases its entire political philosophy and platform on messianism. Many people ignorantly equate the views of Gush Emunim with those of Rabbi Meir Kahane on the issues of the withdrawal from Sinai, dealing with the Arabs living in Yehudah and Shomron, and the laws of messianic casualty. Those who are informed know that Gush Emunim respectfully disagrees with Rabbi Kahane and Kach on most issues and have refused to support his attempt to win a Knesset seat.

The Camp David Accords call for a normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt and for the establishment of economic and cultural ties between the two countries. Egypt, for the most part, has failed to cooperate in good faith in these areas. The Camp David Accords call for the demilitarization of the Sinai. This leaves one to wonder why Egypt has built several tun-

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## Sports Interview

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) little while ago — when their coach, Paul Westhead, was fired. It was said that Westhead lost his job because he couldn't get along with Magic Johnson.

ALBERT: I do believe that Magic Johnson played a role in the firing of Paul Westhead. And I think it was wrong for him to be involved. But Laker owner Jerry Buss says the decision has nothing to do with Magic, so I guess we'll never really know for sure.

COMM: Let's talk about the hardship rule governing college basketball players. We've seen some spectacular underclassmen jump right into the NBA and be successful, and yet we've seen many promising careers ruined as well.

ALBERT: That's true; there are really so few who are capable of coming out of college early. But the problem is — how can you tell a kid who stands to make a million dollars not to leave school — especially if he needs the money? The one college athlete who is undoubtedly ready for the pros today is Virginia's Ralph Sampson. He could move in right now and score 25 points per game.

COMM: Let's change sports now and talk about the Rangers. How much impact has Coach Herb Brooks had on the team?

ALBERT: In my opinion, Herb Brooks has done the best coaching job in North America with the New York Rangers. He has been successful despite the fact that the club has limited material and a lot of injuries. He has effectively changed the concept of hockey — the little guy like Mark Pavelich, Robbie Ftorek, or Mike Rogers is valued on the Rangers. I feel that when Hedberg and Nilsson come back, the Rangers will be solid contenders for the Stanley Cup.

COMM: Everyone complains about violence in hockey. Is there any effective way to stop it?

ALBERT: There's no question that if the NHL wanted to stop all the fighting, they could do it overnight. But they don't want to. Management wants the ques-

tion of violence to remain with the fans when they go to see the games.

COMM: Turning to boxing, which you cover for NBC, can world champion Larry Holmes defend his title successfully against Gerry Cooney?

ALBERT: I have an Albert Prediction for you. I'm saying it right out in the open. I like Cooney by a TKO in round 6.

COMM: What about the fact that most of Cooney's recent opponents are close to collecting Social Security checks?

ALBERT: I realize that Cooney hasn't proved himself against any legitimate contender, and I also respect Larry Holmes as a fighter, but I'm standing by my prediction.

COMM: Switching to football, the Giants are clearly in a tight position now as far as naming a number one quarterback for next season. Does the team go back to Phil Simms, or continue with Scott Brunner at the helm?

ALBERT: If I were Ray Perkins, I would go back to Simms. Physically he's a more talented ballplayer than Brunner.

COMM: As coach, would you give Brunner the chance to beat Simms out in training camp?

ALBERT: Oh, yes. Perkins has got to test them both and see how they look. Then he has to make his decision. And he's got to make the choice soon. Walt Michaels waited too long in making his choice between Richard Todd and Matt Robinson.

COMM: As a last question — How hard is it to be totally frank on the air? For example, how does the management of Madison Square Garden react when you comment after a game that the Knicks are playing bad basketball. You are, in effect, telling fans that it isn't worth it to go and see the games. That takes money out of your employer's pocket.

ALBERT: I am happy to say that I have never been subjected to any pressure by management. I couldn't possibly do a broadcast unless I was honest. If the Knicks are playing horrendous ball, I'll say so.

Op-Ed

## Israeli Withdrawal

By LARRY DOMNITCH

April 25 is approaching, and with it the expected Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. It seems like yesterday when the crowds, elated and drunken with happiness, madly rushed through the streets of Jerusalem to catch a glimpse of the late Anwar el-Sadat, upon his surprise visit. Today, Sadat is no longer with us, neither do we find the jubilation that once obsessed the Jews of Israel. For April 25 is drawing near, and the bleak reality is confronting those who truly wished for peace. The reality, that the Egyptian desire for peace will not be satisfied until President Hosni Mubarak can visit an Arab Jerusalem under Arab control. The reality, that the main issue at hand today for Mubarak is the establishment of a PLO state on the "West Bank." The reality, that El-Arish, now under Egyptian sovereignty, has become host to a PLO headquarters, and that under the Suez

Canal massive tunnels have been built to effectively transport tanks into the Sinai.

Welcome to Camp David, and see for yourselves the gestures offered by Egypt in return for Israeli territorial concessions! What Egyptian tourists or scientists have made their way to Israel, and what Israeli businessmen have been permitted to conduct any business in Cairo? Does Egypt permit any meaningful exchange between the two nations at all?

Such a lack of cooperation certainly speaks louder than any words, but have you ever wondered why the displays of unabated contempt for Israel still permeates the government-controlled Egyptian media? Months prior to the return of the Sinai, political cartoons still depict Hitler presenting swastika-shaped medals to Begin, and the Egyptian state radio still dwells on the crimes of Israel, calling for her

obliteration. Such examples of Egyptian tendencies towards hostility accompanied her blatant violations of the accords, only confirm previous suspicions about Camp David.

Peace? With a nation whose Prime Minister, Deputy Minister and assorted politicians speak of a total reunification with the Arab world following the completion of Camp David? Peace? With a nation that trains PLO sea-men? Peace? With a Mubarak who cannot conceivably show both loyalty to his Arab brothers and to his newly-acquired Jewish friends. Specifically, should a state of war break out between another Arab nation and Israel? One need not use a magnifying glass but just two eyes to detect its gross defects.

Today, opposition to the accords is to be found widespread throughout Israel, with its nucleus in the city of Yamit, located

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## Presence Of Malice

By MARC BERGER

In a recent unsigned front-page article appearing in *Hamevaser* (March 10, 1982), a futile attempt was made to evaluate the recent curriculum changes of the Erna Michael College of Hebrew Studies. This article contained very few objective criticisms of the reorganization. In addition, a majority of the statements, claims and conclusions were blatantly false and in error, as a result of the author's bias, misguidance or misinterpretation of fact.

Since this article was unsigned, one can infer one of the following: 1) The evaluation reflects the true opinions and beliefs of the Governing Board of *Hamevaser*; 2) The article was not based on any concrete facts, and, thus, was without merit. The author, therefore, wanted to save himself shame, ridicule and scorn by not identifying himself with the piece; 3) The author himself was not qualified to evaluate the changes and wanted to maintain whatever modicum of integrity he might have by remaining anonymous. Considering the odd and secretive counter-response of *Hamevaser* Board members to the negative response to this article by most students, I would venture to say that the Board realizes its mistake and its members are silently testifying that the evaluation had little value. In my rebuttal to their article, I will give them the benefit of doubt and refer to the responsible party in the singular, although I believe that more than one person is responsible (guilty).

In this article, the author tried to find fault with almost every aspect of EMC. He managed to malign every Talmud instructor, most members of the Bible faculty and even the language of instruction, which good or bad, is unique among the Jewish Studies programs for men at Yeshiva. I am not sure what the author's true intentions were. However, I would tend to think that the author was either trying to make a single point or two, or he was trying to make sensational statements, as is common among yellow journalists. If he was trying to make a

single opinion known, he definitely went about it in an errant manner.

The most distressing aspect of the article is the inability of the author to properly appraise the Talmud instruction of EMC. For the most part, his evaluations appear to be based solely on rumor, and they are definitely not based on thorough research and experience. A professor of Bible and History at YU often points out that if one wants quality answers, one must ask someone who is qualified to respond. An ill person will seek a physician for a cure; a defendant will hire a competent attorney; a Jew will consult a *Rav* on religious matters. The author tried to address the question of "seriousness" in the various *shiurim*. Those of us not involved in the production of *Hamevaser* do not know who wrote this article. Therefore, one can question the qualifications of the author. Has the author ever spent even one hour in each of the *shiurim* that he evaluated? *Au contraire*. I would wager that the culprit has either taken the Talmud courses of one or two particular instructors, or, worse, has never been an EMC student. The author tries to portray the Talmud Department as very weak, in quality. To add insult to injury, the perpetrator attributes his own personal unqualified opinions to "student sentiment."

He further accuses students of certain instructors he doesn't approve of as "taking it easy." What this mental midget fails to comprehend is the wide array of *Darhei Limud* that EMC offers. There is no doubt that each member of the EMC Talmud faculty is highly learned. However, each instructor has his own particular or unique pedagogic style.

Each style obviously appeals to quite a few students since there are students who consistently re-enroll, semester after semester, in the same Talmud courses. The author also failed to realize that most students can not possibly match his presumed prowess for Talmudic study. Does the author believe that his ability should serve as a mini-

mum standard, and that all those who don't meet his requirements don't qualify for study in EMC?

The author refers to one instructor as "being exceedingly critical in evaluating student performance." This touches upon fact. However, isn't it odd that this instructor's Talmud course has the highest enrollment of the four EMC advanced Talmud courses this semester? Obviously, strict evaluations are not a deterrent. The author presented his own opinion based on his own misinterpretation of fact.

The author claims that only two EMC Talmud courses are "above the Yeshiva high school level." One must wonder if the author ever enrolled in the courses he has evaluated. It is highly probable that he has not. Therefore, as I stated above, he is in no way qualified to judge all of the instructors and the courses that they teach.

More than two *shiurim* "are above the high school level." The level of learning does not vary. However, instructors have different grading policies. The "critical" teacher bases grades solely on exam results, while others include classwork, an integral part of Talmudic learning.

The author states that EMC Talmud *shiurim* are "not for the most part regarded to be serious college courses." I ask you, what is a "serious" college course? The author obviously believes that grades vary inversely with seriousness. Thus, a course in which many students excel must be a joke. I beg to differ. In my opinion, the serious college course should stimulate the mind and not be an insult to intelligence.

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## Student Enrollment Less Than Anticipated

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Another factor involved in the unfulfilled predictions is the set of options available to students upon their return from study in Israel.

In addition to the 223 freshmen now attending Yeshiva College, 129 students are currently studying in Israel - 96 of which are considered YC freshmen.

Students who have been granted credit for their year stay in Israel, generally need to attend Yeshiva for only three years. Although there are a significant number of students attending Yeshiva upon their return from Israel, others opt to go on aliyah, remain in Israel for an extended period of time or choose to attend a college other than YU, where they may graduate sooner. One faculty member notes that a student having spent two years in Israel can graduate from other schools in a year and a half.

Other factors include the "perception" on the part of prospective students that Yeshiva College does not offer what they are looking for, and an attrition rate which has not been successfully reduced in recent years.

According to Mr. Pinhas Friedenber, Registrar, "enrollment in higher education in general has declined and will continue to do so in the next decade." YU has been no different. In 1968, there were 1169 students in YC; this year there are 804. "If we will maintain a flat enrollment in the next few years, it will be an accomplishment," he says.

### Intensification of Recruitment

Because of these factors, University officials, in an effort to maintain financial stability and in an effort to overcome the loss in student enrollment, have intensified and expanded their recruitment efforts in known areas as well as in new locations including London and New Mexico. Recruitment efforts in Israel have been stepped up as well. Presently, there are some 300 international students from 47 countries attending various Yeshiva University Schools.

Yeshiva, in order to deal with the financial repercussions of the low enrollment, has intensified its fund-raising activity as well, while managing to curtail expenses at the same time.

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## Tarnished Image?

By MICHAEL GRABOW

The other week as I was leisurely thumbing through the pages of *Newsweek*, I noticed an article which was particularly distressing. The article dealt with Israeli troops who entered the Sinai Jewish settlement of Hatzar Adar. The soldiers were given expressed orders to remove sixty squatters who were reportedly hindering the process of withdrawal of Israeli settlers from the Sinai. Accompanied with very vivid photographs, the article continued by describing how the troops proceeded to break into the trailers and houses in order to carry away these adamant squatters. A chill immediately went up my spine as I read this account of how one Jew was treating his fellow Jew, as reported by an internationally acclaimed magazine. What I had read I thought was bad enough, but as I perused further I came upon a section of the article which put me into shock. Some of the squatters who had been removed from their settlement, Hatzar Adar, called the Israeli soldiers "Nazis" and even went as far as to wear the yellow star of David.

Although this may just seem as an internal Israeli problem and hover bad publicity upon Israel, the incident hits home with an

even deeper message. There are today adult men, and women, and students as myself who are the children of Holocaust survivors. We are the unique children who have grown up and become accustomed to the unmentionable, unthinkable, and unbelievable stories of the atrocities which the Nazis committed against Jews. We are the children who have awakened in the middle of the night when our parents have had nightmares, unfortunately reliving the Holocaust in their sleep. We are also the children who have an obligation to carry on the horrible message of the Holocaust to our own children for coming generations.


You may now ask, should we become so emotional when all that happened at Hatzar Adar involved Israeli troops removing settlers from the town? My answer to that question is yes, we have to worry because we are suffering from a terrible image problem. Unfortunately, Jews such as the squatters who called the Israeli soldiers, "Nazis," failed to see the image of the past. To equate their own Jewish brothers with the word "Nazi" is nothing less than blasphemy of G-d's name. To wear the yellow star of David as their Jewish mothers and fathers did forty years ago on their way to the crematoria is

nothing less than heresy. My air is not to agree or disagree with Prime Minister Begin's policy regarding the withdrawal from the Sinai. That is a separate issue. My concern is with the image of the concentration camp Jew who proudly wore that yellow star of David as he came face to face with death. That image with the yellow star as its symbol bestows a message upon us which must never be forgotten.

Sure, there have been disagreements and strife among Jews throughout the centuries, and who am I to tell you of how Israel has struggled to survive. But, besides our religion, we Jews have developed a certain unique sensitivity and concern for the well being of one another, whether it be for Russian Jews, Falashas, Israelis, etc. However, when our perspectives become so misdirected that we equate a fellow Jew with a "Nazi," I shudder to think of the ramifications among our own people as well as from the outside.

Since this issue of the paper comes out close to the holiday of Pesach, we must also remember that the observance of Yom Hashoah is not too far away. We must set our thoughts in the proper perspective and remember where we have come from as well as know where we are headed.

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Op-Ed

## Messianism Or Realism?

By MOSHE PACK

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nels under the Suez Canal to accommodate tanks. Certainly Israel has the right to ask for full Egyptian compliance with the accords and subsequent peace treaty, and delay or suspend its withdrawal of the Sinai until the issue of Egyptian violations is inspected, investigated, and cleared up. The pure at heart who are convinced that Egypt will remain at bay in the event of a Syrian-Israeli confrontation apparently don't remember the wrangling over Article VI section V of the peace treaty, the cornerstone without which the treaty is totally worthless: "Subject to Article 103 of the United Nations Charter, in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the parties under the present treaty and any of their other obligations, the obligations under this treaty will be binding and implemented." To this day Egypt insists that she will align herself with her Arab brothers in the event of an Israeli aggression. Naturally, in the Middle East the nature of things is that all confrontations are the result of Israeli aggression.

Aside from all this, international law recognizes the right of a party to a treaty to back out of its commitments if conditions have substantially changed since the signing of such a pact. Following the Yom Kippur War Israel withdrew from the Mitla and Gidi Passes in return for a United States Commitment to supply her with F-15's. In 1978 the Carter Administration declared that conditions had changed and proceeded to link the sale of F-15's to Israel to a similar sale to Saudi Arabia. However, both the Congress and Israel were promised that the Saudis would never be supplied with Sidewinder missiles and additional fuel tanks and bomb racks so as to prevent the Saudis from using these planes for offensive purposes. In 1981 the Reagan Administration broke this commitment to Israel and agreed to supply the Saudis with these missiles, the fuel tanks and bomb racks, along with the sophisticated AWACS. Why? Because conditions in the Middle East had changed again, and it was in the interest of the United States to bolster Saudi defenses. The Government of Israel has no less of a right to post a similar claim. With the assassination of President Sadat, Mubarak's insistence on the creation of an independent Palestinian State, the supply of AWACS to Saudi Arabia along with the rearming of its F-15's so as to give them offensive capabilities, and the acceptance of the Saudi Peace Plan by the European NATO powers with signs of United States interest in this plan, Israel's security situation must be reassessed. Conditions have changed for the worse from the vantage point of Israel, and Professor Yuval Neeman, head of the Ha-Tehiya Party, for one, maintains that the Government of Israel can press this claim within the bounds of international law.

One should note that the vast majority of Gush Emunim supporters who live in the numerous *Yishuvim* are not unstable youths, as insinuated in the article in question, prone to hasty actions and rash decisions, but, rather, responsible working peo-

ple who have families. Their decision to live as they do is one of sacrifice, not convenience. Those who streamed to Yamit have chosen to make that sacrifice out of conscience, not out of levity. It is those of Peace Now who are looking for solutions of immediacy, and choose to close their ears and eyes to that reality which is unpleasant to bear. Peace is not something that can be ordered for instant delivery, and it doesn't come with the signing of a piece of paper. Peace requires mutual patience, cooperation and understanding, a rare commodity today in the Middle East. It is precisely those of Gush Emunim who have the patience to wait for a genuine peace, even if it is easier to claim that it has already arrived on our doorstep.

In conclusion, G-d alone, knows where the truth lies. We don't have *Nevi'im* among us and we have no choice but to act in accordance with whatever *derech* we feel is the correct one, while praying to G-d that we should act for the best. Regardless of whether we support the Camp David Accords and the Sinai withdrawal or not, we must realize the implications of having part of Eretz Yisrael ripped away from us and feel the pain of this amputation. The Beit Yosef clearly states that *Churban Eretz Yisrael* is characterized not by physical destruction but by gentile rule and sovereignty over her. In this vein one leading Rav commented that, regardless of one's political views, the implementation of a full autonomy in Yehudah and Shomron would immediately obligate us to rent our clothes in mourning over witnessing the destruction of these areas. For those who built Hatzar Adar literally with their own hands, only to witness its removal from the face of the map, we pray to G-d to give them strength again and allow them to merit the rebuilding of *Eretz Yisrael* in its entirety, never to be destroyed again. As we pray for the future we must also praise G-d for the present, as painful as it may be: "*Hashem Natan Va'Shem Lakach, Yehi Shem Hashem Mevorach.*" May the Almighty console us among the mourners of Tziyon and Yerusha ayim.

## Presence Of Malice

By MARC BERGER

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With the previous point in mind, let us proceed to the author's other serious allegation. He states, "The serious (Notice how he uses that term loosely, again—MJB) EMC student who wishes to study Bible on an advanced undergraduate level is at a complete loss. With a few notable exceptions, Bible is taught basically on a pre-Collegiate level, according to student polls." There are four basic flaws with this statement. First, he assumes that he represents the "serious" EMC students. That would imply that the rest of us (the majority) are not serious, doing the least that we can to get by. Once again, he has presented his own biased opinions, and not general consensus. Second, he claims that Bible students are unable to find courses. The fact is that there are five advanced Bible courses offered this semester, some of which were not offered in the past few years. How does he have the audacity to state that which is blatantly false, assume it to be the truth, and expect everyone to believe the same? Third, he claims that EMC must teach Bible "on a

high intellectual plane" in order to serve its students. Again, he presents his opinions as fact and as representative of student sentiment. In a recent poll of EMC students, it was determined that a vast majority of students were satisfied with the quality of Bible courses. In addition, the instructors of Bible are of superb quality. The author does not realize that they must be. If Yeshiva is to maintain its place as a leader in Jewish Studies it has to have an excellent faculty of Jewish studies. Who can question the intellectual quality of their courses and the quality of their instruction? Last (but not least), the author claims that his findings are based on "student polls." However, in a recent official EMC poll, ninety-four percent of those polled said that no such poll was ever conducted. The few who claimed that a poll was conducted by *Hamevaser* lied.

The staff of *Hamevaser* has, once again, proven to the Yeshiva community that it is deeply committed to yellow journalism. It will sensationalize, exaggerate, distort or invent "facts" in order to stimulate readership and/or interest in their paper.

This is not only irresponsible and a discredit to YU, but it is potentially dangerous, as well. I strongly believe that those responsible for the article must apologize to everyone that they have maliciously maligned, if they are mature enough to realize their errors.

## Jewish Poor Receives Aid

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*yanim* and serve meals to the indigent of the areas that they serve. These programs have been dubbed *Chai* programs because they add life to these poor elderly Jews. The group was not satisfied reaching only those that happened to come to the shuls and find out about the programs. Members took to the streets of these neighborhoods, searching tenements for Jewish residents. They found that there were, on the average, twenty-five Jews living per block. Members help pick up those who can not make it to the shuls on their own.

Op-Ed

## Israeli Withdrawal

By LARRY DOMINITCH

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in the northern region of the Sinai. It is the settlers of Yamit who treasure every grain of soil that rightfully belongs to the Jewish people, and it is they who see the necessity of preserving the secure borders to avoid any further bloodshed. It is the residents of Yamit who clearly understand Sadat's words before the Knesset in 1977 as he labeled the post-1967 borders as "occupied Arab territory" that must be returned to its rightful owners. They see Sadat's words echoing forth from the mouth of a Mubarak who upon his recent visit to Washington stood before the press and demanded justice for the Palestinians, as he inadvertently neglected to make any mention of Camp David. This is Camp David as it begins to take

effect.

Through the efforts of the Movement to Halt the Withdrawal, the residents of Yamit have captured the attention of the world, in their attempt to halt this retreat. Yet, more than an attempt to retain the remaining Sinai sector of *Eretz Yisrael*, the settlers seek to end a hazardous Begin policy of compliance with U.S. demands for further territorial retreat vis-a-vis Arab oil pressure.

When dealing with a treaty such as Camp David, the question of a binding international agreement has absolutely no relevance. The Jewish state is not bound to an agreement that may indeed endanger Jewish lives. As Israel feels the burden of Egyptian "betrayal," she is more obligated in fact, to terminate and thus vio-

late such a fraudulent treaty.

A show of support for the settlers by U.S. Jewry is imperative. It is a tragedy that so many major Jewish organizations have yielded to vocally criticizing U.S. pressure to conclude Camp David. The time is long overdue for concerned Jewish Americans (the grass roots) to take a firm stand and demonstrate in support of the Sinai settlers, and more importantly, show support for the decision of the Begin government should it decide to halt the withdrawal process and end this national catastrophe. Today the fight is for the Sinai, tomorrow, it will be for other regions of *Eretz Yisrael*, as the Arab machine gears itself in hot pursuit of "recovering its holy territory." The Sinai is anything but the last step.

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# Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 3) that his March 16th lecture had been cancelled.

The president of the Joseph Dunner Political Society and his fellow officers have tried hard to provide YC students (and faculty) with numerous opportunities to broaden their educational horizons and their understanding of the world today. However, students have in essence told their peers that they are simply "not interested." Should then, the officers of the society continue to pursue important speakers to address the school after they have been handed a resounding vote of "no confidence" from the students?

Yet, the officers of the society continue to invite several more speakers to address the students. Perhaps we students should think twice, before yet another cancellation takes place, about the "disease" of apathy which we possess and indeed project. Perhaps we should consider what our lack of interest in our school tells us and other people about ourselves and our university.

Why not show people like Andrew Stein and ambassadors from other countries that we care about the world around us?

Let us begin to support our school officers who are trying so hard to schedule such extra curricular activities — which are for our own educational enhancement. Only then, if we make a good showing at such events, will the speakers come away with the feeling that YC students really care about the world around them.

Mordechai Twersky, YC '85

## Student Apathy

To The Editor:

As one who has some experience in organizational matters both in and outside of YU, I think it important to point out to the student body in general and its student leadership in particular, something that hopefully is not a harbinger of things to come.

On Club Hour of February 25, four speakers were scheduled, all of whom deserved their own time slot. The four were Ken Taylor, the former Canadian Ambassador

to Iran, now Canadian Consulate-General in New York, the man responsible for the rescue of six American hostages, sponsored by Club Canada; Rabbi Tendler, on Evolution and Judaism sponsored by the Biology Club; Rabbi Bleich on Surrogate Mothers and Test Tube Babies sponsored by the Pre-Med Society; and Rabbi Zev Lev, founder of the Jerusalem Institute of Technology, on Halacha and the Modern Technological State sponsored by SOY.

The point of my letter is clear. In addition to our dual program, the YU experience should instill in all of us a sense of communal responsibility. The recent efforts by our own Division of Communal Service is a welcome addition to the potential for leadership training open to us. However, without the proper coordination and communication between our student leaders here on campus, a point not to be belittled yet a relatively simple task when confronted with other local, national, and international Jewish concerns, leadership training is for naught.

Hopefully the scheduling problem of February 25 will serve as a reminder for the future.

Sincerely,  
Richard Horowitz  
Yeshiva College '80  
Semicha II

## Hocky Violence

To The Editor:

Hockey is a very violent sport. I went to the Yeshiva-Columbia hockey game and I expected it to be rough. I did not expect to leave in tears. I could not believe my eyes. I have never seen more violent players in my life and they all were from Yeshiva. Many times during the game, a Yeshiva player ran into or hit the Columbia goalie. Y.U. players would constantly hit their opponents. I expect that if a Columbia player hits a Y.U. player that the Y.U. player would hit back, but it seemed that the Y.U. players were starting up most of the time. No matter what excuses the Y.U. players can give it still remains that they represent the Jews and they weren't acting like Jews. Afterwards, my friends on Columbia, who were Jewish said,

"Why are they hitting us, half of us are Jewish also?" They also said that Y.U. was the best team in the league, but also the dirtiest. This is why I cried. Jews (especially from Jews) are supposed to be a breed apart, a civil, cultured group, not the dirtiest team in the league.

And sportsmanship! There was none on the Y.U. team. The referee was terrible. It was quite obvious that he was totally incompetent. Every time a call went against Y.U., the Y.U. goalie would throw down his mask and gloves and charge the referee. Every time Y.U. players would charge out and argue. I yelled down, "you are Jews, you are wearing kippot, remember who you represent. One time a Y.U. guy actually physically attacked the referee. It was an amazing sight, here are Y.U. guys bickering with the ref, one of them attacks him and knocks him to the ground and the Columbia guys are standing around waiting for play to resume. I said to my friend, "These are Jews? These are G-ds chosen people?" I cried and understood how G-d must have felt when he wanted to kill the Jews and start over with Moshe.

After the game, my non-Jewish friends said they were very disillusioned. They asked me if it wasn't against our religion to play so dirty and act so immaturely. They admitted the referee was terrible, but that they would not bother to argue every call, (it's only a game) and could not believe that someone would hit a ref. If somebody would do that in an intramural sport here, he would be banned from the sport. Then one of them said, "They sure didn't act like G-ds chosen people." According to my knowledge of Halacha, that is a *chillul Hashem*. Please be aware that when you are out in public, wearing a kippa, you represent all the Jews. Kindly act with the dignity and civility of G-ds chosen people.

Jeffrey Lautman  
Senior Columbia College

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# Wake The President?

By DAVID KOBER

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) eight hours he's just a bear to be around."

HAIG: "I'm sorry, Mrs. Reagan, but I really must wake the President."

Haig brushes past the First Lady and opens the bedroom door. As he approaches the bed, he can hear that the President is muttering in his sleep.

REAGAN: "Sheer demagoguery . . . demagoguery . . . bipartisan compromising weaklings . . . cut the deficit . . . help the poor . . . bah, humbug. . ."

At this time, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and National Security Advisor William Clark enter the bedroom.

HAIG: "Mr. President, Mr. President, wake up sir. There's an emergency."

REAGAN: "Huh, what, Alexander? What do you mean an emergency?"

HAIG: "Sir, there's been a computer malfunction, and all our nuclear missiles have been fired toward Moscow. They'll impact in five minutes."

REAGAN: "You're telling me all our missiles are gone? Good Lord, I just spent all that money to reinforce our silos. What will the voters say?"

HAIG: "I hate to press the point sir, but you only have four and a half minutes to call Moscow and warn them of the accident."

WEINBERGER: "Listen, why call Moscow? I'll bet we could get all our problems to disappear if we just sold some more arms to the Arab nations. I've got some mobile missiles for Jordan that would knock your socks off."

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) stein's student, rabbi, and friend, stressed Dr. Grinstein's "uncompromising devotion to all he knew" in his eulogy. He described Professor Grinstein as possessing, "the mind of a scholar, the heart of a poet, and the trust of a child."

Citing the rabbinic statement, "Ain haTorah mitkayemet elah l'mi sh'mamit azmo aleha (Torah endures only with those who sacrifice for it)," Dr. Lamm said this is derived from the verse, "Zot haTorah, adam ki yamut b'ohel. (This is the law of a man who dies in a tent)." Dr. Grinstein's commitment to Torah and scholarship, he said, "were represented in the ambience of values in our ohel (institution)."

A Man Of Great Dignity  
Dr. Lamm fondly remembered

REAGAN: "Cap, we'll sell them, I promise. But decency demands that I make this call."

HAIG: "I think that's a wise decision, Mr. President. Clark, get Brezhnev on the red phone."

CLARK: "Get who? Give me a break, Alexander, you know I'm new to foreign affairs. Of course, I'll be glad to represent us if Russia takes us to the World Court over this."

HAIG: "All right, all right, I'll do it. Here you are, Mr. President."

REAGAN: "Hello, Leonid. This is Ron . . . Ronald Reagan . . . President Ronald Reagan of the United States. Yes, I know you usually speak to Alexander, but this is really big. Listen, how's the weather out there? I mean, how does the sky look? Is it darkening about now? It isn't? Um, I'll call you back later. (hangs up) Okay, what's going on here, it's twenty seconds past impact and Moscow is still there. If this is your idea of a cute way to start the day . . ."

General David Jones runs into the bedroom, out of breath.

JONES: I . . . just . . . got word. Our missiles malfunctioned when they were in the air. They landed near the South Pole instead of Moscow. So everything's all right."

REAGAN: "What do you mean everything's all right? This is the most disgraceful thing I've ever seen. Cap, be in my office at twelve-thirty so we can increase your defense budget. The next time we accidentally fire missiles at Moscow, we'd better be damn sure that they hit. Now clear out, all of you. Nancy, wake me at 9."

# Dr. Grinstein Passes Away, A Man Of Great Dignity

Dr. Grinstein as possessing "a vivid, fantastic imagination and a mystic, poetic strain," but also as, "a man of great dignity and integrity who never spoke Lashon Hara and had great sensitivity for the feelings of his colleagues. His one fault was perhaps," Dr. Lamm suggested, "that he over-indulged his students, a fault all of his students bless him for."

Dr. Lamm reminded the assemblage that Hyman B. Grinstein's middle name, Burgamolnyi, in Russian means, "eved Hashem (a servant of G-d) and that he was a true ma'amin," a sincere and truly religious spirit.

Although Dr. Grinstein never married, Dr. Lamm concluded that in addition to the two nephews who survive him, "we are all his family. This was his home. We will all mourn him. May his memory be for a blessing."

# Helpful Hints For Boards

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) semester with an "advice and helpful hints" session for Pre-Meds and Pre-Dents who will be taking MCATs and DATs at the end of April. Seniors Irwin Weiss and Gilbert Kepecs were the panelists, each offering his own opinions and advice about the tests.

Medical Ethics

The Eighth Annual Mrs. Ray Wischnitzer Memorial Lecture in Jewish Medical Ethics was held on February 25. Dr. J. David Bleich, *Roah Yeshiva* at YU and Professor of Law at Cardozo School of Law spoke on the topic, "Test Tube Babies and Surrogate Mothers."

As the school year enters its last quarter, the Pre-Med Society has scheduled two more guest speakers and several events for society members. On April 1, Captain Phillip J. Kuoni of the United States Army will speak about Medical School Scholarship opportunities offered by the armed forces. Dr. Frederick L.

Tunick, who chairs the Admissions Committee at SUNY-Downstate Medical School, is scheduled to speak on April 29.

New members of the society will be installed at ceremonies to be held on May 6. One week later, on May 13, the Pre-Med Society will hold three elections. The Pre-Med and the Pre-Dent of the Year will be chosen, and new officers will be elected. The final society event of the year will be held on May 20. Juniors who are about to begin the application process to Medical and Dental schools will have the opportunity to learn more about what they are about to experience.

Alpha Epsilon Delta holds a national convention every two years. At this year's convention, Yeshiva College will be represented by President David Siegel and Vice-President Henry Anhalt.

"We hope that student support and interest in our activities will continue for the rest of the term," said Mr. Siegel.

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## Maccabees Clinch First IAC Playoff Berth; Crush New York Polytechnic To Gain Playoffs

By ROBERT SCHONDORF

The Maccabees clinched their first IAC playoff berth with a resounding victory over N. Y. Polytech. Sol Krevsky set the tone of the game when he took a pass off the opening tap and converted it into two points. He finished with a season high of 22 points. Joe Eaves, Yeshiva's freshman sensation, contributed 15 points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Hank Reinhart, playing his finest game of the year, added 9 points and 9 rebounds. The three of them led Yeshiva to an historic 59-52 victory.

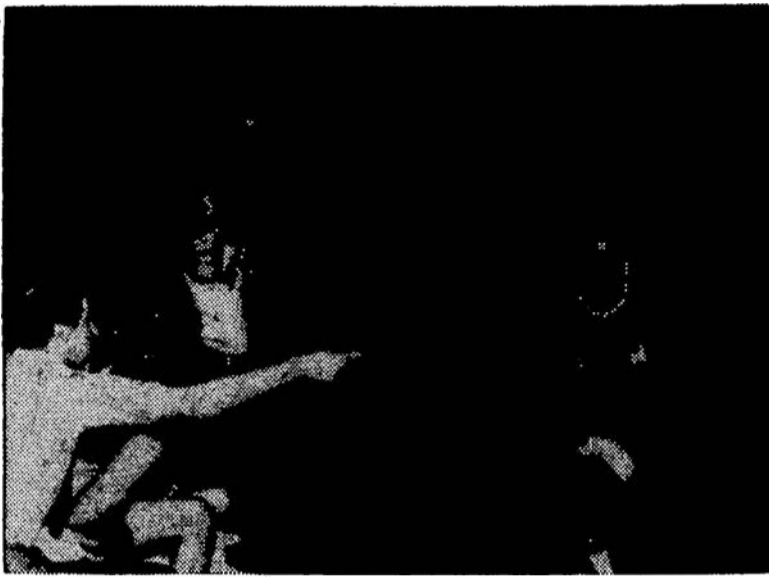
### Vassar Crushed

The Macs continued their winning ways by crushing Vassar in a sloppily played game 50-37. The victory came despite poor shooting and a variety of stupid turnovers. The Macs were paced by Krevsky, who had 21 points, and Eaves with 13.

The playoff game with Maritime contained more of the euphoria and excitement of their previous matchup. The Maritime Privateers had no trouble containing the Macs exclusive backcourt offense. Without Harvey Sheff in the lineup, the Macs could only look on hopelessly as Maritime coasted to a 68-53 victory. The Macs were led predictably by Krevsky, with 21 points, and Eaves, who also added 19 points and 7 assists.

### Freshman Sensation

This was the Yeshiva Maccabees best season in many years. Joe Eaves and Sol Krevsky, Yeshiva's freshman sensations, added much needed speed and firepower from the outside. The presence of Harvey Sheff underneath the basket, with his uncanny scoring ability was enough to keep opposing defenses honest. The three of them along with contributions from the rest of the team enabled Yeshiva to



Joey Eaves on the inbound pass.

— B. Jacobowitz

achieve a 10-13 record, a vast improvement over last year's dismal 3-20 season.

Excitement was provided this year by Harvey Sheff's 1380th point, breaking Stu Poloner's scoring record; the five game Mac winning streak; the one point overtime loss to Maritime; and of course their playoff appearance. This season also saw three players with 280 points or more, possibly a school record. The team was the subject of every major and not-so-major Jewish newspaper in the country. This was in addition to writeups in the Daily News, the Post, and the New York Times. The team was also featured by WABC and WNBC, including a personal appearance by the voice of the

Knicks and the Rangers, Marv Albert. ABC network news also did a piece on the team. The subject of all this publicity was freshman Joe Eaves, who continued where he left off at Maimonides by scoring 371 points and adding 149 assists, more than double anyone else on the team.

The future looks even more promising. The possible addition of a 6'7" center from Buffalo would ensure a strong Maccabee presence underneath. The backcourt of Krevsky and Eaves can only get better with a year of experience under their belts. In addition, the Macs still have Mike Rosenbloom and Alan Sapadin, who should come into their own next year. Shabsi Schreir showed signs of brilliance and will receive more playing time next year. Neil Tilson, however, unhappy with his present role on the team, will probably not return. Nevertheless, next year will be even more exciting and Yeshiva could very conceivably see a better than .500 record.

## Wrestling Team

The Yeshiva University wrestling team ended its season with two tough losses. The first came at the hands of N.Y. Maritime, the second against West Point Prep. Although they were outmatched by the West Point Prep squad, Yeshiva put up a good fight. The loss closed out Yeshiva's season with a winning 6-5 record.

The upcoming season looks most promising for the Ellmen. Many of this year's rookies have gained the necessary experience to win. Their return coupled with the Ellmen veterans make sure next year's team will be an improved one.

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## Sports Interview

Marv Albert — sportscaster for NBC's Channel 4 news — came to Yeshiva University on Tuesday, March 16, to do an in-depth sports feature on Maccabee basketball sensation Joe Eaves.

Mr. Albert is also the radio voice for both the Knicks and the Rangers, and a football and boxing announcer for the NBC television network.

Managing Editor David Kober caught up with Marv Albert, and secured this interview:

**COMM:** It's obvious that you have many different commitments. Do you ever have trouble fulfilling them all?

**ALBERT:** Well, this is the wackiest time of year for me, since the Knicks and the Rangers are both in full swing. I have had a few close calls as far as making it to where I was supposed to be, but I've never blown anything. Fortunately, everyone concerned has been cooperative. For example, Madison Square Garden allows me to work for the NBC network, and so forth.

**COMM:** Speaking of Madison Square Garden, as the play-by-play man for the Knicks, what do you see as the team's biggest problem?

**ALBERT:** Quite simply the fact that there is no chemistry on the court. The players just don't work together as a team. Obviously the make-up of the club is not right.

**COMM:** Can Coach Red Holtzman be blamed for that?

**ALBERT:** Well, the problem is partly the coach's fault and partly the players' fault. Red Holtzman can only do so much. It would be unfair to blame him for everything; and yet I look for sweeping changes in the Knick club next year — highlighted by the installation of a new coach.

**COMM:** Which do you believe

— NBC  
Mr. Marv Albert  
are the top three clubs in the NBA?

**ALBERT:** Without a doubt the Boston Celtics are number one right now. Even if their shooters aren't hitting, they find a way to win. The Celtics exemplify the concept of team basketball, and not only that, but they have the ability to come through when it counts — under pressure. In the Western Conference I like the Seattle SuperSonics — another well balanced squad — and who can count out Los Angeles and Kareem?

**COMM:** Los Angeles made a big splash in the headlines a  
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## Yeshiva Defeats Pratt In First Tennis Match

March 18 — After seven months of grueling practices the Yeshiva University Tennis Team finally opened its season tonight. Although Yeshiva had defeated Pratt in the past two years, the matches were always tense, hard fought battles, the outcome often decided by the last match. This year, despite missing two of their top six singles players, Yeshiva dominated the match from beginning to end. The tennis Macs took 5 of 5 singles, 2 of 3 doubles, and won the match 7-2.

### 3 Offensive Weapons

Due to the absence of key members of the team, Alan Willner got the nod at the number one seed. Although Willner played well, he was defeated by a powerful opponent, Eric Johns. In the number two spot Eli Shulman displayed a wide range of offensive weapons; he defeated Bob Eckstein in a thriller, 7-6, 7-6. Avrumy Markowitz, a returnee from last year, took 2 of 3 for a victory; Chucky Levine defeated Mark Wilson in one of the quickest matches of the evening, 6-1, 6-3; Richie Schlusel dropped the first set, but came back to win the next two, with some fine all-around play; Moishe Bodek played the number six singles match, and totally destroyed his opponent with his solid backcourt and a superb touch at net.

Yeshiva also exhibited its superiority in the doubles matches.

Although the combo of Shulman-Markowitz lost, both other pairs won. Gary Rosenbaum, free of the breathing problems that bothered him last year, threw away his racquet cover and played a superb match. He teamed up with Baruch Weinstein who showed that he will be a force in YU tennis for years to come. The two together were unbeatable as they overpowered their opponents in a prorated set 8-7. They both displayed some clutch play as they pulled through in the tiebreaker 5-0.

The other doubles team was Mark Breslaw and Alan Willner. They quickly disposed of their opponents, displaying superb teamwork and precision-like strokes.

As part of the post match celebration, the team dined at Bernstein's. Upon hearing of the victory, Mr. Bernstein offered the team free dinner; however, this was refused.

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