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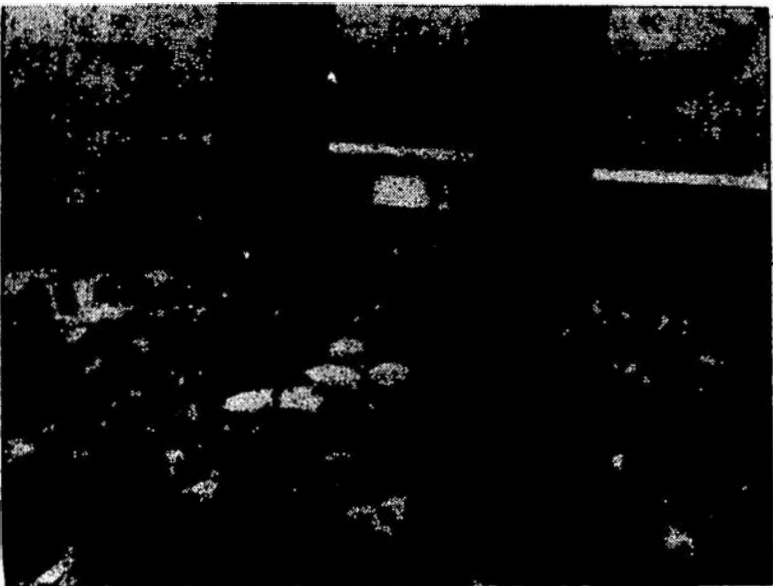
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Students assemble to honor Dr. D. Mirsky.

## Exciting Elections For New Student Council

By MICHAEL MANN

MARCH 30 — At the end of one of the most exciting election days in recent YU history, Avi Schneider, Ben Kershenbaum, and Jay Weinberger emerged as members of YCSC's executive council for the coming year.

More people voted in this year's executive council elections than ever before. However, only 75 per cent of the eligible voters turned out, which is down from last year's 81 per cent.

**President Schneider**

President Elect Avi Schneider who is currently the Junior class president is looking forward to working with the new board. Mr. Schneider stated, "I intend to implement a new and dynamic range of student council functions and vitality. The students have expressed their confidence in my leadership and please God I won't let them down."

YCSC's vice-president elect, Ben Kershenbaum, intends to

work to get the students more involved in order to "put YU on the map." Mr. Kershenbaum wants more and more interesting student council meetings to increase student attendance.

Jay Weinberger, in his future capacity as secretary-treasurer, hopes to "instill in the student body the spirit that is conducive to student involvement." Mr. Weinberger plans to investigate the various student council functions, including Morg Mart and the game rooms in order to raise funds and to allocate them properly.

Voting was conducted on a preferential system. At the end of each round of tallying, the

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## Tragic Deaths Sadden Yeshiva

*Dr. Mirsky, Prof. Of English, Honored Rabbi And Scholar*

*Rabbi Besdin, JSS Director*

By RAPHAEL Z. SCHWARTZ

MARCH 31 — Funeral services were held today for Dr. David Mirsky, Professor of English, who passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 30, 1982 at the age of 60, from a heart ailment.

A member of the YU faculty since 1948, Professor Mirsky received his BA cum laude from Yeshiva College in 1942 and was ordained at RIETS in 1945. He pursued his graduate studies in English and Hebrew literature at Columbia, NYU, and most recently at the Oxford Center for post-graduate studies in England as a scholar-in-residence. He received an honorary doctorate from St. Joseph's College, Maine, in 1977. Dr. Mirsky served as Dean of Admissions from 1963-68 and then was appointed Dean of Stern College for Women. In 1975, he was appointed acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Professor Mirsky was also one of the founders of the YU Dramatics Society and an early supporter of sports activities.

Dr. Israel Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs, commented upon his passing that Dr. Mirsky's involvement with YU, "represented a continuity going back to our early beginnings as a college and a university. Dr. Mirsky's father, Dr. Samuel K. Mirsky, was one of the original faculty members at Yeshiva College and RIETS and an internationally acclaimed scholar. All of us feel personally bereft and the institution has suffered irreparable loss."

Dr. Gilbert Klaperman, author of *The Story of Yeshiva University* added that, "David Mirsky achieved a remarkable synthesis and epitomized the values of Torah U'Mada. He was an anchor man on the faculty and a good friend of all who knew him."

**Eminent Scholar**

Professor David Mirsky wrote many articles in English and Hebrew for American and Israeli publications. An eminent authority on American, British, and Hebrew literature, his contributions to the field included a study of "The Beginnings of Hebrew in the United States," "The Jewish Tradition in American Literature," "English Literature in Hebrew Translation," and Holocaust literature.

Professor Mirsky was also innovative in developing an educational television series in the 1960's for ABC on American writers of the 19th and 20th Centuries, and in 1965 began a series for NBC called, "American Literature — the Voice of Minorities." In 1963, he began "College Clinic" on radio station WHN New York and in 1975, the weekly series, "Focus on Education" in which all aspects of education were discussed and evaluated.

Professor Mirsky was a recognized authority in the field of education and served as an Evaluator for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, as Secretary of the Council of Higher Educational Institutions of New York,

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APRIL 11 — Funeral services were held today for Rabbi Morris J. Besdin of 8246 Lefferts Blvd., Kew Gardens, director of the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University for 25 years and pioneer in the educational direction of the Baal Teshuvah (Jewish returnee) movement.

Prior to his Yeshiva University directorship, Rabbi Besdin served for 22 years as a pulpit rabbi, as spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikai Hadas in Scranton, Pa., of Beth Hamidrash Hagadol in Washington Heights, New York and of K'hal Adas Yeshurun in Kew Gardens, Queens, N.Y., where the funeral services were held, and as a U.S. Army chaplain for three years.

A master teacher and renowned educator, Rabbi Besdin's rare combination of warm personal involvement and high academic standards shaped the development of the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University, making it a prototype for others in this country and in Israel. Soft-spoken in manner, his popularity was unparalleled among students, alumni, and colleagues throughout the University.

Born in Poland in 1913, Rabbi Besdin came to this country in 1921. He was an alumnus of Yeshiva College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1936, and of the University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, where he re-

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## Yeshiva's Political Science Societies Helps Heighten Student Awareness

By DAVID H. SCHAPIRO

Do you remember going with your parents to the voting booth on the first Tuesday of every November? "Mommy, are you a Democrat or a Republican," we asked. These terms were used without much understanding or knowledge of party distinction.

The political thought of American citizens is developed through high school, and the college experience helps to foster the political affiliation of each student. Yeshiva offers a range of societies and clubs to help students develop their nationalistic feelings.

**Poli-Sci Society**

The largest of these societies is the Joseph Dunner Political Science Society, named in memory of a former Yeshiva professor. Boasting 70 members, the society is led by Eddie Eizo and Larry Zieler. The major intention of the Dunner Society, as Mr. Eizo points out, "is to present an array of speakers with the hope of motivating students to be aware of their political surroundings."

The society, this year, has sponsored trips to Washington, D.C., and the Harvard Model U.N., as well as two shabatonim. The topic of this year's Washington trip was "Arms Transfer"

and the tour was not closed out to any non political science majors.

To help heighten awareness on campus, the society also sponsors series of speakers. Mayor Edward Koch, who for unfortunate reasons was unable to attend, as well as Andrew Stein, Manhattan Borough President were present.

Mr. Zeiler was quick to point out that there was a lack of student interest in Stein's lecture. In fact, "twenty students had to be dragged in. We can only plan our programs and advertise them, but we can not force anyone to come."

The society raises its funds through hoagie sales as well as a nominal \$5.00 membership fee. The presidium pointed out that running on a \$4,000 budget "makes it rather difficult to present many of its potential programs." The possibility of an endowment fund would serve to

allow the society to function on a higher and more professional level.

The society is, in fact, the most visible club to the average student. Its title is clearly seen through Yeshiva's hallways. They are, however, not only concerned with our political status as Americans generally, but as Jews specifically. Mr. Zieler points out, "we try to heighten our political consciousness as Jews."

Other political science related societies and clubs are the Young Democrats, Yeshiva Republicans and the Foreign Student Club.

**Yeshiva Republicans**

The Yeshiva Republicans, headed by Mike Rose, runs in the shadow of their performance last year. "There was a strong anti-Carter force in the school," Mr. Rose points out, "instead of being anti something, be pro something. The time was right and the Republican club was launched."

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Dr. David Mirsky



Rabbi Morris Besdin

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ERA In Y.U.

The Commentator

Women are inferior to men. They should receive lower salaries for any task they perform. They should have to work harder in order to retain their positions. And most importantly they should not complain.

These are some of the inferences that can be drawn from YU's unfair policies concerning Stern's dorm counselors. Discrimination on the basis of sex has prompted the Stern counselors to file a complaint against Yeshiva with the State Division of Human Rights. The counselors cite gross differences in salary, responsibilities, working conditions, and working hours. A counselor job list that comprehensively compares the duties of dorm counselors on both campuses establishes clearly the extent of the inequities. The uptown counselor ends up with a final annual salary that is \$900 more, and for less work, than his counterparts at Stern.

We strongly support the actions taken by the Stern College dorm counselors. True, the YU family should attempt to resolve its problems internally. But in this case, aid from the outside was sought only after an air of inflexibility and stubbornness was encountered from within. Past commitments to introduce reforms in the current system were broken. The counselors wanted justice, and they wanted it now!!!

What has been the administration's reaction? A two-fold one. Dr. Israel Miller, Vice-President for Student Affairs, refuses to negotiate unless the complaint is withdrawn. This is an absurdity, for if the counselors were to concede to this demand, they would lose any leverage they have on the administration.

Secondly, the administration has determined that beginning with Fall 1982, Stern alumnae may no longer be dorm counselors, and that undergraduates will take their place. Although Dr. Miller denies any correlation between this decision and the counselors' action, many dorm counselors view the introduction of this policy as a retaliatory measure taken against them.

We question the wisdom of this new policy. Are juniors and seniors suited to be dorm counselors for peers, let alone students that are older than them? Are they as responsible as alumnae, who have proven themselves capable of dealing effectively with emergency situations? Isn't it ridiculous to expect a sophomore student to adhere to the discipline of a junior dorm counselor?

Just as a person who reacts sharply to justified criticism betrays something about

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his character, so too an institution. Even an institution like YU can admit being wrong. Rather than exhibiting immaturity by acting insulted and by refusing to negotiate except on its own terms, the YU administration should immediately sit down and talk with the Stern counselors, and give them what they deserve.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board with deep sadness note the passing of Stern College student Lisa Wachtenheim. May her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Yeshiva Mourns

Words cannot express the loss that Yeshiva and the Jewish community have experienced within the last few weeks. While students and staff had the opportunity to express their feelings upon the loss of David Mirsky, the sudden passing of Rabbi Besdin during the Passover vacation did not allow us to accord him the same respects.

The loss of Rabbi Besdin will be felt forever by all those who knew him. His influence will be felt forever by the entire community. It is rarely seen that one man has affected so many lives. By taking men with little or no Jewish backgrounds and making them educated and committed Jews, he has certainly earned his place in the world to come.

Rabbi Besdin, JSS Director

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ceived Semikhah (ordination) in 1936. Rabbi Besdin joined Yeshiva University as a lecturer in Talmud in 1946 and later also was an instructor in Bible. He was named director of the School of General Jewish Studies in 1958, a school founded in 1956 and renamed in 1966 in memory of industrialist James Striar of Bangor, Me.

Rabbi Besdin revitalized the school, which is now celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding and, at the same time, pioneered in the educational direction of the *Baal Teshuvah* movement. In the Sixties and Seventies, this movement generated a widespread revival of interest among Jewish youth in the sources, traditions, and practices of Judaism, and sought to counteract the ongoing process of assimilation threatening the survival of Judaism. The common denominator among *Baal Teshuvah* youth is a strong desire to deepen the roots of their Jewish identity. The James Striar School of General Jewish Studies provided these students — some of whom, though born Jewish, came to Jewish studies as to a new and unfamiliar faith, and some of whom were graduates of yeshiva day schools but had not learned the fundamentals of Talmudic study — with an opportunity to learn Bible and Talmud texts and commentaries, a process that required learning two ancient languages and two distinct scripts.

Rabbi Besdin, himself, taught all freshmen in the school, and maintained close relationships with them throughout their student years. He demanded excellence from the instructors and formidable discipline from students, who must make up more than a dozen years of Jewish education and practice in several college terms while they are also pursuing their liberal arts education at Yeshiva College. He believed it essential for all students to acquire as soon as possible the ability to study classical sources of Torah learning. The emphasis in all courses at the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies is on textual proficiency, on what Rabbi Besdin called learning "it, not about it," which he compared to learning to play the piano rather than "music appreciation." Graduates of the school serve in leadership positions in religious, communal, and educational organizations throughout the country.

Under Rabbi Besdin's direction, the school recently entered its Silver Jubilee year, with over 800 students studying Hebrew language and literature, Bible, prayer, Jewish law, Talmud and other subjects, many adopting a new way of life as well as learning about Jewish traditions and teachings.

Rabbi Besdin was one of the founders and also served as chairman of the boards of education of Yeshiva Rabbi Moses Soloveichik, New York, N.Y., and Yeshiva Dov Revel, Queens, N.Y. He wrote articles that were published in a wide range of scholarly journals and was a member of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Rabbi Besdin is survived by his wife Bertha and their four children.

Letters To The Editor

EMC Curriculum

To The Editor:

I note that EMC and its curricula have been the subject of comment and analysis in two of our respected student newspapers, *Commentator* and *Hamevasser*. While it is not only legitimate but desirable that students comment thoughtfully on courses of study, I am distressed that an intemperate debate has seemingly arisen between honest, committed and well-meaning students, with the issuance of regrettable statements reflecting more heat than light.

May I suggest that, if the debate is to continue, participants respect each other's integrity and motives, helping all of us to reach constructive decisions.

It might also be advisable to

Shipler Reaction

To The Editor:

I feel compelled to protest your affording David K. Shipler, NY Times Israel correspondent, an interview.

The man is consistently and virulently anti-Israel to the point of being anti-Semitic. Why

Masmid '82

To The Editor:

Just a few words to let you know how MASMID 1982 has been progressing. Firstly I am pleased to announce that we are on schedule both financially and material wise. The yearbook, G-d willing, will come out towards the end of October 1982.

As of March 29, the cover, the color endsheets, and 86 pages (including 20 color pages) have been submitted to the publisher. This figure represents close to 40 per cent of the total number of pages planned for MASMID 1982 and includes the dedication, the theme, student life at YU, and the entire faculty and administration.

The pages needed to complete

should he get a chance to defend himself in your pages.

Shipler has never had one good word to say about Zionism, the Jewish state, its leaders, its army or its people.

Day after day his biased one-sided diatribes rail against the evil Israelis and praise the moderate Palestinians and the PLO cause. Never does he present the Jewish side of the question. Nor does Shipler limit his hate-filled words to Judea and Samaria. He finds the Israelis consistently at fault in the Golan, the Galil, Jerusalem and the Negev — all of Israel.

If one is to believe Shipler's "news" reporting, the Israelis are cruel oppressive occupiers who beat innocent children, blow up houses of innocent people, cause the death of babies, uproot

peoples and destroy Arab culture — real Nazi types.

Never is a word mentioned about Jewish rights to settle Eretz Yisrael, legitimate Israeli concerns for the security of its civilian population, the history of the region, the legacy of the Holocaust in which 6,000,000 Jewish men, women and children were annihilated or any other Jewish concern or side of the issues. Never is the PLO's avowed (and attempted) aim of the destruction of the Jewish state as its goal mentioned by Shipler.

Mr. Shipler would feel at home in the USSR, Syria, Iraq, or any other modern anti-Semitic state and should be dispatched to one of them. He does not belong in Israel.

Sincerely,  
Samuel A. Kosofsky, YC '72

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# Dr. Mirsky Professor Of English

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## Eulogies Given

At the funeral service held at the Young Israel of the West Side, Wednesday, Rabbi Emanuel Gettinger, Rabbi of the synagogue where Dr. Mirsky had been an active member, noted that traditionally, "eulogies are normally forbidden during the Hebrew month of Nisan when we celebrate our holiday of Redemption and the consecration of the first House of G-d in the wilderness of Sinai. But, the sages made the exception, 'ain Moed bifnai Haham.' ('There is no holiday when there is a calamitous loss of a wise man for the entire people of Israel.')

Rabbi Gettinger applied to Rabbi Mirsky the verse, "And David was enlightened in all of his ways."

Dr. Mirsky, Gettinger said, "wore many hats, was famously successful as an accomplished scholar in many fields, yet he always looked for the Jew in himself and was a man of G-d in the fullest sense. His speech," Rabbi Gettinger added, "revealed the humility of the man and the greatness of his soul. His uniqueness leaves a void and a vacuum which will remain until such a time when the Lord will devour death eternally."

Dr. Meir Havazelet, Professor of Bible and Rabbi Mirsky's brother-in-law, read Psalm 15 which was an apt description of Prof. Mirsky's exemplary character.

Rabbi Gershon Appel, also Rabbi Mirsky's brother-in-law, suggested in his eulogy that "the lights which burned perpetually in the Tabernacle symbolized faith and Torah and were inextinguishable, just as Professor Mirsky cast rays of influence which kindled the light of faith and Torah in all who knew him."

On a personal note, Rabbi Appel added that he had "been at Professor Mirsky's bedside a day or so before he died. They analyzed and discussed which methodology is the best for learning Torah. Dr. Mirsky concluded that he favored the values of the Talmud favored in traditional Yeshiva circles. 'For a moment, that surprised me,' Rabbi Appel said, 'but David Mirsky had a sense of balance and harmony. He could harmonize the liberal, progressive views which were his, with tradition. This balance characterized his whole outlook on life. How much alike he was to his father,' Rabbi Appel noted. 'He encompassed two worlds, the secular and academic world and the world of Jewish learning. He was devoted his whole life to Yeshiva University and was revered by his students. His soul will burn

on brightly as a perpetual light."

## Sons Mourn

Moshe Zvi Mirsky, a son, spoke briefly quoting a Hebrew poem Dr. David Mirsky had written in memory of his own father and added his own words: "My father, my father. What can I say? You are the gentlest man I ever knew, or will ever know. The only thing I can ever hope to do is to follow in your footsteps."

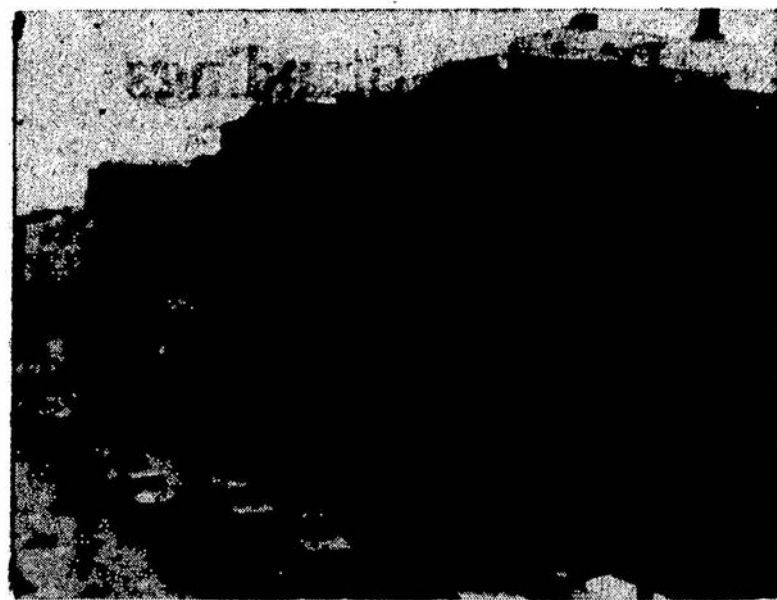
Yehudah Mirsky, a senior at YC, eulogized his father, quoting the following poem:

"The death of a man is like the fall of a mighty nation that had valiant armies, captains and prophets and walled fortresses and ships across the seas. But now, it will not relieve any besieged city, it will not enter into any alliance because its cities are empty, its population dispersed, its land once bringing harvest is overgrown with thistles. Its mission forgotten, its language lost, the dialect of a village high on inaccessible mountains."

His father's death, Yehudah Mirsky said, "was like the death of a mighty nation. My father lived and breathed the spirit of the Jewish people. He was a captain and a prophet who wedded thought and deed. He entered into alliances in his total involvement with the Jewish community. His language was lost, in his attempt to capture life in the translucence of language. His language was born of profound seriousness, but my father also possessed a gentle wit and a subtle but joyous sense of humor. My father's range of knowledge," he added, "was staggering but never overbearing. His genius lay in realizing an essential human ingredient, grasping the humanity in all of us. He was," said Yehudah Mirsky, "an oasis of love, gentility, sensitivity, intense commitment and finely honed intelligence in a harsh world."

Dr. Seymour Lachman, Dean of the City University of New York, spoke as a colleague of Dr. Mirsky's from their association in an organization of almost 18,000 academics, the American Association for Peace in the Middle East in which Dr. Mirsky served as Nat'l Chairman. Dr. Lachman praised Dr. Mirsky's skill as a mediator and conciliator. Quoting Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.'s famous maxim, "A man must involve himself in the actions and passions of his time or be judged not to have lived." Dr. Mirsky, he said "lived a noble life, committed to peace."

Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, announced in



Funeral procession for Dr. Mirsky passes Yeshiva University.

his eulogy that Yeshiva University has been "bereaved of an illustrious son who brought her honor and joy. Of all four types of sons described in the Haggadah, David Mirsky," Dr. Lamm noted, "exemplified the Ben Haham, the wise son. He was a *talmid haham* (a learned Rabbi), an authentic intellectual and a diligent scholar who was multifaceted, and above all a genuine human being. He was a *haham* with vision whose good counsel was appreciated by many. But," Dr. Lamm reminded the assemblage, "wisdom is not only intellectual — but a moral category as well, and David Mirsky was a *Haham lev*, as vigorous as his mind was, so was his heart warm. He complemented his acuity of intellect with elemental human decency. In his presence," Dr. Lamm added, "one could participate in the innate tranquility of his mind."

"The wise son asks in the Haggadah," Dr. Lamm explained, "What are the testimonies and unfathomable laws?" and Dr. Mirsky's scholarship," he said, "was not confined to only the rational or the mystical. He was multi-dimensional."

Sadly, however, "the answer given the wise son is, after partaking of the Paschal lamb there must be no dessert." Life, Dr. Lamm explained is usually divided into three parts. In youth, he said, we prepare for the *Seder* of life, in the middle years we participate, creating, leading, molding, and building and in these years, Dr. Mirsky shone. But in old age, when we try to enjoy dessert from the banquet of life, David Mirsky unfortun-

ately observed that last *Mishna*, and was denied sharing those desserts with his family. But, Dr. Lamm concluded, "better to have lived like a *haham* without desserts, than to have indulged in petty desserts without ever having been a *haham*."

The funeral service was concluded by Dr. Moshe Sokolow who led the prayer for the departed. The funeral cortege stopped at the Main Center on the way to the El Al Terminal at JFK Airport where Prof. Mirsky was escorted to Israel where he had been born to one of the first pioneering families. There he was laid to rest beside his parents.

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## New Executive Council

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### Number of Votes

In the three-way race for president, Avi Schneider won with 308 votes on the second ballot over Eddie Izzo with 234. Mr. Schneider received 220 first place votes, Mr. Izzo 183, and Alan Mayer 150 with a total voter turnout of 587, including write-ins and abstentions.

Ben Kershenbaum emerged victorious in his bid for vice-president with 304 votes in the fourth

ballot over Harry Shually with 212. Michael Rose, Todd Weiss, and Eli Krakauer received 116, 76, and 27 first place votes respectively.

YCSC's next secretary-treasurer will be Jay Weinberger who received 300 votes as Alan Kestenbaum received 234 votes.

For the second consecutive year, the candidates presented their platforms at a forum held in Rubin Shul on March 24. Several candidates stressed security as the main issue. Mr. Schneider is the chairman of the Security Committee and was instrumental in the fight to have the guard booth and flood lights installed.

## Letters To The Editor

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) the total include a 53 page Senior Section which will be completed by April 25, a 30 page activity section which will include all clubs, publications, and councils that register with MASMID 1982. The reason that we require that you register is simply to have somewhat of an idea of how many clubs we are working with so as to layout and plan the material accordingly. We will also be having an 18 page Sports Section which will include eight color pages and a 50 page Ad Section which will feature full length ghosted pictures of the senior under his ad.

Hopefully, the ads will start to come in so that we can indeed have a 50 page ad section. Although we are ahead of last year's pace financially, we are featuring more color pages, two different endsheets, certain special effects and extras. Naturally, the price is going to be increased. So far we have been able to raise \$7,500. We need another \$6,500 for publication. There is no reason why only 35 per cent of the Senior Class has brought in their quotas of ads. I do not mean to sound threatening, nor do I enjoy belaboring this point — but any senior who does not bring in his \$80.00 in ads will

not receive a yearbook. Deadline for all ads is May 15.

On one final note I am proud to announce that the MASMID 1982 photography staff spearheaded by David Dubin has been successful in taking candid shots of 130 of the 160 graduating seniors. This is truly a remarkable and in all probability an unprecedented achievement. To those 30 or odd seniors who have yet to be photographed, a list has been compiled and your picture(s) will be taken in the very near future.

Moshe Rosner, YC '82  
Editor-in-Chief Masmid '82

## Poli-Sci Societies

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"Students in YU are apathetic, they do not care. We are not interested in whether you are a Republican or Democrat, what's essential is political thought. Do not bank on what your parents believe, think for yourself."

Unfortunately, "the time isn't right," Reagan is not admired. Mr. Rose believes that he needs the right moment for his Republicans to be active.

### Young Democrats

The Young Democrats, a new and aspiring club, promises much greatness in its representation of democratic ideals. President Richard Soskin and Vice President Leonard Bessler conceived the idea while working for an upstate Democratic election.

They have led three registration drives and hope to recruit many more students to vote. Campaigning at voting booths in Washington Heights was another of their programs. Their ideals are high and they too plan to make students more politically

aware.

The newest club is the Foreign Students club, controlled by Nathan Fruchter. Mr. Fruchter points out that "foreign students find it hard to adapt to college life in the United States." Club International, as it will soon be called, hopes to ease the adjustment period.

The society sponsored its first dinner at Stern College, and it proved to be a great success. "Foreign students have become a positive addition to the college. They give up a lot by being away from home and subject to expensive education." The club has many plans for the future, including trips and other dinners, and they hope to be very successful.

As students, our greatness lies in our ability to think. Political thought can prove to be part and parcel of our responsibilities as Americans. With the help of Yeshiva's clubs and societies, these reflections can be rewarding during the coming years.

Division Standings

FINAL BASKETBALL STANDINGS NEW JERSEY DIVISION CONFERENCE										
CONFERENCE					ALL GAMES					
	W	L	%	PF	PA	W	L	%	PF	PA
N. J. I. T.*	8	1	.888	656	551	23	5	.821	1949	1657
Drew*	6	2	.750	508	489	10	14	.416	1498	1496
Stevens	1	6	.142	432	482	4	19	.173	1383	1454

NEW YORK DIVISION										
N.Y. M'time*	5	4	.555	571	545	12	11	.521	1446	1479
Yeshiva*	4	4	.500	501	484	9	13	.409	1359	1406
N.Y. Poly	0	7	.000	309	486	4	18	.181	1048	1354

CONFERENCE RESULTS — PLAYOFFS										
N. J. I. T. 79 — Drew 73 (OT)										
N. Y. Maritime 68 — Yeshiva 53										
N. J. I. T. 88 — N. Y. Maritime 72										
* (CHAMPIONSHIP) *										

I. A. C. WRESTLING — 3rd YEAR FINAL STANDINGS										
Conference Record					Overall Record					
	Won	Lost	%		Won	Lost	%			
N. Y. Maritime*	2	1	.666		6	9	.400			
Yeshiva	2	1	.666		7**	5	.538			
Stevens	2	1	.666		3	8	.272			
N. Y. Poly	0	3	.000		0	8	.000			
N. J. I. T.	DID NOT COMPLETE SEASON									

\* Awarded Conference Championship on total meet points and relative points in each meet.  
\*\* Includes two default wins.

I. A. C. FENCING — 2nd YEAR FINAL STANDINGS										
Conference Record					Overall Record					
	Won	Lost	%		Won	Lost	%			
Drew***	2	1	.666		5	4	.555			
N. J. I. T.	2	1	.666		7	6	.538			
Stevens	2	1	.666		7	5	.538			
Yeshiva	0	3	.000		3	5	.375			

Seniors Move To League Championships After Dramatic Victory Against Juniors

By T. LANGER

In one of the most dramatic nights in recent Yeshiva Hockey history, the Seniors eliminated the Juniors, 2 games to 1, to advance to the championship series against the Sophomores.

The best of three semifinal series opened with an 11-6 Junior victory. The game was tight until the Juniors pulled away in the third period with five unanswered goals to wrap up the first game.

The second game looked to be more of the same as two Mark Sossnowitz goals staked the Juniors to a 2-1 lead midway through the first period. But at that point the Seniors, who had no substitutes for the game, came alive. The sharp passing and marksmanship of the Richie Schluskel - Andy Schreiber lines combined with the seemingly impenetrable wall put up by the Doni Israeli - Jay Forman defense resulted in five consecutive Senior scores and an eventual 7-3 lead early in the third period. That stretch, along with the game misconduct given to Sossnowitz, were the turning points of the game. The Juniors cut the four goal lead in half on two gorgeous scores by Hank Heinkhart but it wasn't enough. Schluskel's six goals, Israeli's three goals and Schreiber's eight



Yeshiva Intramural Hockey in action.

points led the way to a 12-7 Senior win.

Mini-Game

The stage was now set for the mini-game, a ten minute period which would decide whose season would end. The Seniors drew first blood on a twenty foot blast by Schreiber. For the next eight minutes the Juniors put on tremendous pressure to try to even the score but Steve Agress, the Senior goaltender was equal to the task. Time after time Agress

threw out a glove, stick or leg at the last second to cancel the puck's appointment with the back of the net. With time running down the exhausted Seniors scrambled to keep their one goal lead while the Juniors blasted away.

Finally a game-ending whistle sounded and the defending champion Juniors had bowed 1-0. The Seniors will now face the first place Sophomores in the best of five championship series.

CELEBRATION REVIEWED

Can you imagine a lavish Broadway-style musical in Yeshiva's student Union Building? I couldn't — until I saw "Celebration," the spring performance of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society.

Dr. Beukas' legions not only have the nerve to put on a bawdy, complex musical, but they made it a success to boot. What the ensemble lacks in raw talent, it makes up for in delightful exuberance. The movements are not always graceful, and the high notes are not always reached, but the overall effect is constantly exhilarating.

"Celebration" is pure visual entertainment, and so the plot is not of paramount importance. What there is of it centers around a naive young boy (Jeff Danber) who is faced with a very difficult decision. He can keep his innocence and youth, or trade it for success and wealth in the "real world." This boy is



YCDS players perform "Celebration."

guided along in his new adventure by an unscrupulous character named Potemkin (Daniel Lehrmann), a combination of Fagin and Iago who does not try

to hide the fact that in every battle — he sides with the winner. Potemkin introduces the boy to Mr. Rich (Eddie Schauder) — a man who has an abundance of everything. Food, riches, clothes, and unfortunately — years. Mr. Rich symbolizes decay and age. The boy is youthful innocence and naivete. Mr. Rich has no doubt that he wants what the young boy has. But does the young boy want what Mr. Rich has — at the expense of his "soul"? The boy is confronted by the personifications of his twin desires — an angel, and a devil. In song and charade, each attempts to sway the boy's mind.

The play is streaked with humor — some of which is unprintable, but some of which is worth repeating. At one point, the boy asks Potemkin for his business card, and is handed a slip that reads — "Help me, I'm blind." Mr. Rich also has an enjoyable line; he tells the audience how the plot is progressing, and then says: "I have to go lie

down . . . exposition makes me weary." And at one point, when Potemkin administers a pain-killing injection to Mr. Rich, the latter exclaims — "Ouch . . . what do you think I am, a jazz musician?!"

As I mentioned, the senses are truly dazzled by "Celebration." The scenery is spectacular — complete with a live band, countless balloons, and an ever-present disco ball hanging from the ceiling. And although the choreography is simple in nature, it is consistently professional in character. How the technical crew prepared the Student Union Theater in two months is beyond me. And how Yeshiva students learned dance routines in that same space of time, is nothing short of miraculous.

As for the cast, the contrast between Lance Eberle's Angel and Alan Silverman's Devil is superb; and I would have loved to hear more of Mr. Eberle's tenor. Though Silverman steals the show as the red-suited Devil, Eddie Schauder also shines as the scheming Mr. Rich. Daniel

CELEBRATION

Directed by Dr. Anthony S. Beukas. Assistant Director Adam Charonoff. Words by Tom Jones. Music by Harvey Schmidt.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE  
(in alphabetical order)

Jeff Danzer \_\_\_\_\_ Orphan  
Lance Eberle \_\_\_\_\_ Angel  
Daniel Lehrmann \_\_\_\_\_ Potemkin  
Edward Schauder \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Rich  
Alan Silverman \_\_\_\_\_ Devil Angel

REVELERS  
(in alphabetical order)

Charles Abrams \_\_\_\_\_ Arthur Lowy  
Alan Cohl \_\_\_\_\_ David Paul  
Joseph Grob \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Sanders  
Mark Hirsch \_\_\_\_\_ Bradley Scher  
Doni Israeli \_\_\_\_\_ Allan Schonkoph  
Mark Lidagoster \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Siegel  
Joey Lipner \_\_\_\_\_

Act One takes place in the city.  
Act Two takes place in the garden.  
It is new year's eve.

Lehrmann looks every inch the unscrupulous Potemkin, and Jeff Danzer is appropriately young and fresh in the starring role.

If you want a deep dramatic experience, "Celebration" is not for you. But if you want a lot of fun and an eyeful of "special" effects, you'll enjoy YCDS this semester. I know I did.

— David Kober

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