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## Menorah Sets Rubin Dorm Room Ablaze

**By DANIEL ROSENTHAL** 

On Friday evening, December 17, a fire broke out on the second floor of the Rubin Dormitory. The fire alarm was pulled at about 4:50 P.M. the building was evacuated, and no one was hurt. The fire began when a chanukah menorah was placed too close to a plastic window. The window quickly melted and dripped outside the building, as the dormitory room filled with smoke. Although the fire department was alerted almost immediately, the firefighters arrived approximatly 20 minutes after the incident began. Within those 20 minutes the school guards, who were changing shifts at the time, came to the scene to help. By the time the fire department arrived, two of the school guards, Smeld Herring, Rayomond Rodriguez and Painter Pedro Gonzales were already renderring themselves of assistance on the second floor. As Mr. Steve Saunders security assistant at Yeshiva explained, "We had very fast action: Smeld went up and did his job .... not knowing what he'd find." According to Smeld Herring, the room was filled with smoke when he opened the door.



Rubin Hall damaged by fire

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He had to retreive a fire extinguisher from the basement of Rubin Hall, before attempting to re-enter the dormitory room. The fire was put out shortly after the fire fighters arrived.

When asked if he thought that fire extinguishers should be placed in either side of the Rubin dormitory halls, Smeld said "that although one's first reaction would be that we have to, the students have consistently tampered with the extinguishers in the

**\$8 Million In Pledges Received** At Annual YU Hanukkah Dinner By JEFF STOCK

Gifts and pledges totalling some \$8 million — highlighted by a new \$1 million gift from Leonard N. Stern, chairman of the board of Hartz Mountain Corporation were announced last night (Dec. 12) at Yeshiva University's 58th annual Hanukkah Dinner.

The Waldorf-Astoria Dinner. attended by more than 1,000 persons, honored Mrs. Max Stern, widow of Max Stern, noted philanthropist, founder of Hartz Mountain, and long-time vicechairman and member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Stanley E. Stern, present vicechairman of the University's Board of Trustees, president and chief executive officer of Inland Credit. Corporation, and brother to Leonard N. Stern, served as chairman for the Dinner.

The \$1 million pledge from Leonard N. Stern will go toward turning a 50-year-old dream into reality for the University. The funds will be used to build an athletic center on the University Main Center campus in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. The building will include a modern, regulation-sized gymnasium, something the University never has had.

The projected Max Stern Athletic Center will be the first major construction on the University's Washington Heights campus since 1970. By planning this Center, "the University reaffirms its commitment to Washington Heights and to the development of the campus and the neighborhood that surrounds it," Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, said.

At the Dinner, Dr. Lamm announced other projects to honor the memory of Max Stern. including the following:

- \$3.75 million from the Max Stern Foundation will fund the largest single scholarship program ever established at the University, the Max Stern Scholars Program. The Board of Trustees of the

Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of the University, has renamed the Seminary's community service arm the Max Stern Division of Communal Services. Many gifts of \$100,000 or more were made to the University to endow the Division of Communal Services and other projects. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

Morgenstern Dormitory." "Are we hurting ourselves?" asked Mr. Saunders when consulted about the tamperings. Indeed if such an incident had occured in Morg Dorm, it is possible that the fire extinguishers there would have been of no use. Mr. Saunders stated that such a predicament could happen to anyone, but he would like to see students be more careful.

In reaction to the fire, one of the dormers in the room in which the fire broke out, exclaimed that "it was somewhat of a shock, but thank G-d no one was hurt." Although the two inhabitants of the room (who asked to remain anonymous) suffered personal losses. damage to school property was not extensive.

### **Calendar Proposals For Next Year** Are Under Discussion By Senate By MARK MAZER

Dec. 23 - The Y.C. Student-Faculty Senate today discussed 2 calendar proposals for the 1983-84 academic year. The first plan entails an early start — on October 9, 1983, and an early commencement on June 4. The second, late start plan, proposes that the college begin classes on September 9, after Succoth. This means that the academic schedule must be extended until mid-June, with graduation held on June 14th. Besides the difference in the proposed graduation date, the early calendar affords the students and faculty an extra three days of intersession.

Vice President Egon Brenner, commenting on this issue at the meeting of the Deans, stated that all but one of the members present were in favor of the late calendar. The reason, he explained, was because there were only five days of classes before the Succoth break, and that students would not interrupt their summer vacations for so few class days. It would, therefore, be best to wait until October to begin school, con-cluded Dr. Brenner. University Registrar Pinhas Friedenberg, in agreement with Dr. Brenner's comments, was quick to point out that the early schedule would pose a serious inconvenience for out-oftown students, who wish to spend Rosh Hashanah with their families

at home. He also pointed out that the Stern College Senate and the S.C.W.S.C. were both in favor of the late calendar. Student Senator Norman Saffra conveyed the opinion of Y.C.S.C. and E.M.C.S.C., stating that they were both in favor of the early calendar.

The students' main complaint with the late plan is the proposed June 14th graduation. This late date, it is feared, would interfere with summer job opportunities and summer school plans. The early calendar is thought by the students to be a more acceptable solution.

It was proposed that the early plan be appended to include more school days before the Succoth break. Vice President Miller pointed out that orientation need not extend for four days. Registration is the main activity during freshmen orientation, and he suggested that two days is sufficient time to register all new students (especially if Y.U. continues its on-line registration program). If orientation were to begin on August 29 and end on the 30th, regular classes could then begin as early as August 31st adding up to four more days of classes to the schedule. Dr. Miller, however, did note that traditionally, Y.U. does not begin classes before Labor Day, due to both the inconvenience and the unwillingness of the students to begin classes so early.

# Possibility Of Strike By Local 1199 Looms As Sides Cannot Agree On Wage Hike

December 21—Local 1199 of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, rejected the tonight latest contract offer by a vote of 99 to 77. Further negotiations have been postponed until Jan. 1. If a resolution of the differences is not shortly procured, a strike by all secretarial, clerical, and service workers of Yeshiva University may come about.

Negotiations between the Yeshiva University Administration and local 1199 have reached an impasse. Aside from the financial differences in the negotiations, it seems that the entire situation has been hampered by a lack of common information. The new proposed contract calls for a 15% increase in wages over the next 2 years. The point of contention is how the increment will be phased in. The University's offer calls for a 3 and three quarter percent increase semi-annually

over the next two years, The Union is demanding an annual 7 and a half percent increase which would mean an additional one hundred dollars per worker.

In speaking with Dr. Socol, Vice



Regarding the 100 dollar difference in wages earned, Dr. Socol commented, "The union would of course like to have an annual single phase increase instead of the semi-annual increase we are proposing. The union is requesting a pact identical to what city hospital workers received in June. The city was able to pay for a onephase pay-hike through reviews obtained through increases in medical insurance. The one hundred dollars would add an expense to Y.U. that would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and this could only be raised through tuition increases and service cutbacks."

### 1983 Recruitment Drive Well Under Way; Admissions Holds Annual Open House Program

No sooner did the 1982 school year start than the admissions office began its 1983 recruitment effort. Its annual open houses drew record crowds, with students from public and private high schools attending from as far away as Boston, Washington, D.C., and upstate New York.

Yeshiva College held its open house for high school students Nov. 14. Some 230 students and their families, one of the largest contingents ever, heard YU faculty and administrators discuss the purpose of the College and the unique education and oppor-

tunities available here. Judy Paikin, Acting Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President, offered words of welcome. Dr. Norman S. Rosenfeld, Dean, spoke about the value of liberal arts and sciences. The Jewish studies component was explained by Rabbi Benjamin Yudin, Acting Director, James Striar School of General Jewish Studies; Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies; and Rabbi Yosef Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani, and Rabbi Chaim Bronstein, Assistant to the Director,

Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies.

Stern College for Women held a similar program Nov. 21. Some 240 people, 100 more than last year, attended. Judy Paikin and Dr. Egon Brenner, executive vice president, offered greetings. Dr. Karen Bacon, dean, spoke eloquently about trends in education. Rabbi Saul Berman, chairman of the Jewish studies department, talked about the aspect of a YU education. At both open houses prospective students were able to talk with faculty and students (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)



Union delegate Susan Kacewitz

President for Financial Affairs, and with Susan Kacewitz of Student Finances (Union delegate), it seems that aside from bargaining table differences there was a prevalent lack of information. Dr. Socol said that the Washington Heights Campus had voted in favor of ratification while Mrs. Kacewitz maintained that the ratification uptown had been rejected by a wide margin.

Mrs. Kacewitz felt that the union was entitled to a single phase increase because the administration and middle management received one. She also added that the tuition would be raised anyway.

Finally Dr. Socol stated that neither side wants a strike but that the administration is prepared for one and had made plans to take effect. Mrs. Kacewitz also felt a strike is unnecessary, and undesired. But she stressed that the union felt strongly enough to go on strike.

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# Pens Down

Every year, graduating seniors at Yeshiva College are required to take and pass UP examinations in their major fields of study, and every year a substantial number of students perform miserably on these exams. Many are unable to pass and must take departmental examinations to receive their degrees.

The purpose of the UP exams is nebulous at best. They are clearly not intended to measure the knowledge acquired in YC courses because the subject matter tested, is. often not the material emphasized at Yeshiva. Furthermore, such tests would be unnecessary since a student's passing grades testify to his knowlege. It is also apparent that the purpose of the UP's is not to rate the performature of the University's department in relation to others across the country, since many programs that have faired poorly on these exams have never been upgraded.

It is truly a waste of time to make students take needless examinations and agonize over pointless scores. Instead, the University should allow the student's grades in his major to speak for him, and should eliminate the UP examination requirement.

Unfortunately, nothing has changed since this editorial was published in the April 23, 1980 issue of The Commentator. As the deadline for registration for this year's GRE nears, the essential problems detailed above remain unresolved.

The University requires a graduation exam because the State requests some type of independent evaluation of the student's major. Fair enough. But the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE's) that we take continue to be more or less unrelated to the curriculum of the typical YC students' major. In departments such as Political Science and History, YC professors admirably attempt not only to teach

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The Commentator wishes the entire student body good luck on final examinations, and a pleasant intersession.

facts, but also to impart a general approach to the material — a style which may or may not be adopted by the test makers. Even in more clearly defined majors such as Biology, entire sections of the Bio GRE — such as plant biology or ecology — are not taught at all at YC.

Thus it is to no one's surprise that, as a rule,

YC seniors perform poorly on the GRE's. The administration apparently realizes that these inferior scores are attributable to the inapplicability of the tests, for they have chosen the 33rd percentile as the "passing grade." Achieving this score in no way implies proficiency in the material or quality of the undergraduate program.

If the purpose of the GRE is to evaluate the quality of the students' major, why a passing grade at all? Indeed the GRE testmakers themselves advise that the GRE should only be used as a requirement for the conferral of a degree, "Provided that failure to exceed a cutoff score is not used to prevent conferral when other evidence, such as grades earned in courses, is available."

This year, however, an additional inconvenience has been introduced to make the situation even more exasperating. In previous years, students took the UP Exams; the test cost \$4, and the University paid for it. Last spring, the UP Program went out of business. Two weeks before the test registration deadline (which is tomorrow), signs were posted advising the students take the GRE's instead. The GRE, however costs \$27, a cost which the University expects to be borne by the students.

As of today, the typical YC senior pays \$27 to take a test which is completely inappropriate, and which he is likely to fail. All in all, the whole GRE situation is wasteful, fruitless and annoying; in a word, it's unfair.

## **A Definite Plus**

At Yeshiva University's annual Chanukah dinner, Leonard Stern donated \$1 million to build a gymnasium. The direct benefit of Mr. Stern's generosity — a vast improvement in the quality of student life — will be manifest as soon as the gym is completed. Indirect benefits should begin to arrive shortly afterward: a heightened attractiveness of Y.U. to prospective students should lead to an increase in enrollment.

The University had made a necessary step in revitalizing the uptown campus. We hope that this is a stepping-stone to further development and improvement of Yeshiva College.

# **Letters To The Editor**

### Won't Go Away

#### To The Editor:

There seems to be an attitude that ignorance will make something go away. The case in point is my previous letter expressing concern for the fire

solve the safety problem. This isn't a solution, but a disaster as far as learning is concerned. The proposal of using Klein Hall instead is ludicrous. Thursday nights there wouldn't be enough room, there are no reference seforim there and the room is in a pigstye condition with remnants of its hashgachah from mezzuzot, which people assumed were without question, sent shock waves through out the Jewish community. As we read in dismay we also must look at our yeshiva's fulfillment of this mitzvah.

We are told that as talmidim and the musmachim of Y.U. we

situation in Furst Hall. Now, I do not remember the question, but if our own musmachim use our buildings as examples for mezzuzot requirements, think of the effect on the students who pass through the hallways. "That is how it was at the Yeshiva."

I feel it is important that each

basic requirements of mezzuzot to their shiur to sensitize the students. In addition, I feel the Yeshiva must appoint a special mashgiach for mezzuzot to go through the instituation and make immediate tikumin and check those mezzuzot that are in place.

Mark S. Weiner

exists in Riets Hall between 2-5 a.m. Ignore my letter and the problem will go away.

Well, surprise, the problem won't go away. The resdients of Riets are still entitled to total access, total exit, and total safety on a 24 hour basis.

Walking into an open air corridor is not an adequate fire exit. New boilers are not a guarantee against explosion or fire. A second exit out of the area is a must.

In addition, why do Riets residents have to walk along an unpoliced area (187th St.) for exit? Why are all the Security exits concerned with Rubin and Morg? The solution of locking up Riets is ludicrous. Many students in the Bais Medrosh must leave at 2 a.m. when they may stay later were they to have a safe and well lighted area. I was given a solution by a member of the staff that the Bais Medrosh be closed at 2 am to

some clothing drive all over the floor (a fire hazard).use of Klein Hall would still present an exit problem as well if the corridor is blocked to exit at 187th St.

Equal all night guard service in front of Reits or by the 186th Street Shul door would solve the problem, or a panic bar door on 186th and Amsterdam, allowing for a fire exit and key exit. (Keys for Riets residents would be provided for late night Bais Medrosh users) would be helpful. The exit problem of Riets can

no longer be ignored. **Committee Accem Fire Exits** Pesach Kremen

Mezzuzot

#### To The Editor:

A recent Commentator editorial made some statling revelations about major problems with mezzuzot in our community. The fact that the Chief Rabbinate removed

must set an example to the community. what the administration must also bear in mind is that the Yeshiva itself, as an institution, must also serve as an example.

Last year in the Post Semichah Program, we had the opportunity to learn the various problems with mezzuzot and their placement. Since then I have become sensitive to various situations and realized that the Yeshiva has been very negligent in this important mitzvah.

There are numerous places in various buildings that do not have mezzuzot in their proper places. The bank of doors in Furst Hall, the door from Tannenbaum to Riets Hall, and the door from Morg basement to the stairs, are just a few of the situations and questions that I have noticed.

I recently was discussing a mezzuzah question with a musmach of Y.U. and he gave an example to his point from a

rebbi take the time to explain the

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#### **GUIDANCE NOTES**

1) The United Jewish Appeal is awarding eight all expense paid round trips to Israel in August 1983 with a \$500 stipend to the winners of its University Essay Contest. Deadline: April 12, 1983. Contest theme: Jewish Experience as a Source of Survival Strategies." For detailinger Dr. Connolly (Furst 413) or write: UJA, 1290 Avenue of Americas, N.Y., N.Y. 10104.

2) Herbert Lehman Graduate Fellowships in social science, public and international affairs. Seniors only, must attend grad school in New York. \$19,000 for four years. See Guidance Center, F413.

3) The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) announces its Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program. Ten fellows will be selected to participate in the program during the summer of 1983. Each fellow will work at a radio station, television station, newspaper or magazine for 10 weeks during the summer. For more information, contact Ms. Jill P. Weinberg, Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program Coordinator, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, or see Dr. Connolly, F413.



# **The Clinical Psychologist:** Common Myths vs. Reality By MANNY STERNLICHT

If you were to ask an undergraduate student what his or her perceptions of a clinical psychologist are, chances are that a glamorous, exciting picture of the professsion would emerge. As one student put it, "The clinical psychologist (represents) the highest level in the field of psychology." Another stated that after the "clinical psychologist receives his Ph.D., (he) is set for life." It is understandable that this aura exists, for the image of the clinical psychologist as portrayed by television, movies, and literature is that of a comfortably well-off, intelligent, and supportive figure who can (almost transform inmiraculously) dividuals mired in despair. Like the dashing knight in armor, he rescues the person in psychological distress. In the motion picture Ordinary People, the psychologist, attired in a dumpy, woolen sweater (which represents his down-toearth qualities), has deep insights which enable him to rescue his patients from their misery.

Ah, if only these myths were the reality! But there is an immense Dr. Manny Sternlicht is a member of the YC Psychology Department

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philosophical inference between "is" and "ought to be." How many people do you know that are "set for life" (aside from the chronic backward mental hospital patient and the convict serving five consecutive 99-year prison terms)? However, there may be at least one myth that's real - I do possess several old, dumpy, smelly cigars!

The myth of effecting magical transformations and cures may be a form of wish-fullfillment on the part of those who believe that earthly miracles do occur. What actually transpires, as a consequence of plodding, painstaking work, is that a degree of illumination (intellual to emotional insight) takes place which enables the patient to function more effectively and efficiently. Success is unfortunately not guaranteed, and results are not quickly achieved, and sometimes are not achieved at all.

For the most part, though, troubled individuals can better cope with their problems as a result of psychotherapy.

The uncertain outcomes of this difficult procedure are not the only misconception students hold. What

### The Shadow Box: An Exhilarating Production

#### By MIKE ROSENBLOOM

When the house lights went on, the discussions began immediately, even before the audience moved from their seats to the aisles. Bandied about were salient aspects of the play, and major messsages of issues that were undoubtedly the subject of fierce debate. Disagreement notwithstanding, YCDS's most recent production, "The Shadow Box," written by Michael Christopher, and directed by Dr. Anthony Beukas, is a thought provoking, intelligent treatment of terminal illness and life before death. It is also YCDS's best production in recent years.

At the outset, we are on the grounds of a hospital in California, where terminal patients are permitted to pass their remaining time in specially provided cottages, with family and friends. Joe (Eddie Schauder), Brian (Craig Thurm), and Mr. Thomas (Simeon Weber) are all dying and painfully aware of it. Since his wife does not come on the trip, Joe will spend a precious two weeks with his sons, Michael (Hy Pomerance) and Steve (Aaron Polak). Joe's sudden appreciation of the joys of life and his compulsive reminiscing are apparent, but there is a disquieting element to his sons handling of the situation. Michael is, perhaps symbolically, afraid to enter "the cottage" and accept his father's condition. We also discover, through Michael, that the younger sensitive Steven, is oblivious to anything amiss with his dad, explaining his guitar playing, singing and otherwise peaceful demeanor. Joe is almost happily resigned to his fate, but needs to be accepted by his family.

Brian, in stark contrast to Joe, decides that he has little time left and that he had better experience life to its fullest before it slips from his grasp - a tightly clenched fist. He doesn't miss a sunrise or time when everyone at Yeshiva sunset, writes novels and volumes



Craig Thurm (left) and Jeff Rappaport, in "The Shadow Box"

#### The Shadow Box

Steve	Aaron Polak
Michael	Hy Pomerance
Cottage Two Brian	Craig Thurm
Mark	Stuart Ehrlich
Bill	Jeff Rappaport
Cottage Three	
Adam	Howard Metz
Mr. Thomas	Simeon Weber

of poetry which he gleefully proclaims to be the worst he's ever read or written, and meets Mark (Stuie Ehrlich), a male hustler with whom he talks. Mark has been taking care of Brian, when a visit by Bill (Jeff Rappaport), a loud vulgar, old school chum of Brian's with a penchant for drinking, who is now a loud, vulgar lawyer with a drinking problem, shows he's doing it for the wrong reasons. Bill really loves Brian, and indeed, some of the play's best moments are when these two appear together.

The most pathetic case of the three, however, is that of Mr. Thomas, an elderly European Jew confined to a wheelchair, whose perpetual pain and senility effectively elicits the audience's pity. He is cared for by his son Adam (Howie Metz), who conveys correspondences to his father from

his beloved daughter Clare. On the surface, Mr. Thomas would welcome death, yet he clings to his invisible daughter as a reason for existence.

The stage is divided into three distinct boxes, each inhabited by a patient and his group, who never leave their area, except to be questioned at center stage by an interviewer (Charlie Abrams) whom we never see. Each patient, it is suggested, must deal with death on his own individual terms. and the only common traits are those innermost fears and expectations elicited by the interviewing questions. The drama literally jumps from one box to the other, (aided by superb lighting,) and one is never bored despite the fact that a minimal amount of physical action transpires during the play. One is left with the impression, however, that the patients, for the most part, are emotionally static, and that their friends and relatives do the most growing and maturing.

As with most YCDS productions, the acting is generally superior, and for this Dr. Beukas deserves much credit, but there are some standout performers, too. Craig Thurm gives Brian the necessary hyperactive intensity, and very nearly runs away with the entire show. The play is its most (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

## Student Discusses Symptoms of Scholastic Deficiency

Recently there has arisen much discussion about the new all-time low to which Yeshiva College has fallen. The tired argumenter lamenting the absence of an intellectual atmosphere and the lack of advanced courses in many areas and qualified full-time professors to teach them. To a great extent these deficiencies are exactly as stated. Yet I think these discussions will lead us nowhere. Not because those involved in these old-new discussions are insincere but because they are discussing the symptoms of the disease. They are missing the underlying reason why things have gone sour and continue to do so.,

The disease is declining enrollment. It is affecting universities across the country. Let us face reality. Even at the better universities in the country, idealism and love of knowledge is not the order of the day. Pre-professionalism is rampant all across the country, for the obvious economic reasons. Still the bigger schools have managed to keep their liberal arts ideas

arts education. The problem at Yeshiva College is that with declining enrollments there has been a corresponding decline in the number of students interested in a liberal arts education. I don't think anyone can honestly speak of a College was just interested in becoming a well-rounded individual.

Now, we have arrived at a point of departure. We can only begin the process of finding answers if we all understand what disease has stricken us. This process of finding answers begins with a requirement of the administration. They need an extremely large amount of foresight. The next step is to take a long hard look at this college. They must be forced to see what is missing here. They must be forced to see why students are unhappy, with many leaving or seriously considering it. The old method of concentrating on our positive side for answers has been proven a failure by a simple lack of any noticeable growth here. However, one look at our negative side will reveal our most outstanding and apalling problem. That is the stifling atmosphere of our surroundings. Here, one really has no (Continued on Page 6, Col. 1)

## Yeshiva College English Honor Society **Sponsors Its First Event: The Kafkafest**

#### **By ISAAC CORRÉ** and RALPH SUTLON

On December 9th, the newly reformed YC chapter of the National English Honor Society sponsored it's first event Kafkafest. The chapter, which was chartered in the early sixties had been dormant until this year, when it was reorganized with the help of renewed student interest. The Society's Kafka roundtable discussion focused on short stories by the brilliant Czech born author. Students were encouraged to read three of Kafka's greatest short stories: "metamorphosis," "A Hunger Artist," and "A Report to Academy." They would then be able to participate fully in the discussion.

ded by over thiry people including two Stern College students. While the discussion was led by Dr. Joan Haahr, Dr. Connolly, Professor Taubes, Dr. Weidhorn and Rabbi Carmy, everyone was able to participate meaningfully towards an understanding of Kafka's work.

Part of the discussion centered on the tragic life of the author and the influence it had on his development as a writer. Kafka was unable to maintain stable realationships with his father and the women in his life. He attempted to marry twice but

Dr. Haahr termed the Kafkafest "an absolute success." She added that "it had been broken up only because the building (Furst) was closing." Alan Mayer, President of the Society spoke of the goals of the Society which he said was "to promote the study of the liberal arts, particularly literature." We're trying to make Y.U. more than just a place where people sit in classes and only do the work that is required of them.'

The English Honor Society is now preparing for its next

intact. Their larger numbers have allowed for a continued proportion of students interested in a liberal

**By NOAH SLOMOWITZ** 

The roundtable talk was atten-

broke off the engagemnts both times. In 1924 he died of tuberculosis.

The enthusiam of the participants for this first effort by the Society seems to be unqualified.

roundtable discussion which will concentrate on the works of Thomas Mann. This event, like all Society functions, is open to English majors and minors as well as to the rest of the student body.

# Legality of Nuclear Arms Topic Of New Course At CSL

A course analyzing legal questions surrounding the production and use of nuclear weapons will be offiered this fall at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (CSL). It will be the first such course offered by any law school in the nation, CSL Dean Monroe E. Price has announced.

The course, titled "Nuclear Weapons Policy and International Law," will begin Sept. 16. It will be taught by Prof. Elliott Meyrowitz, • adjunct assistant professor at CSL

According to Prof. Meyrowitz, the course will analyze the nature of the international system and changes in that system that have come about as a result of the emergence of nuclear weapons.

Prof. Meyrowitz said the course also will deal with the scientific effects and consequences of the use of nuclear weapons and the strategic doctrines that deal with

nuclear weapons. Finally, the course will try to establish a framework to analyze questions about the legality or illegality of nuclear weapons, under international law.

"If nuclear weapons are illegal," Prof. Meyrowitz said, "that raises another question to be studied: How do you control this kind of weapon?"

Both sides in the nuclear arms (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

### **COME AND HEAR:**

#### His Excellency YITZCHAK NAVON President of the State of Israel

Monday, January 10, 1983, 9:30 A.M. Lamport Auditorium

Free tickets must be obtained in advance from Mr. Wachsman, F413

Mrs. P: "a widow with no

children or family in the United States, sits anxiously in her

apartment hoping the telephone will

ring, even for a wrong number,

hungering for human contact. Reliv-

ing her memories of life in Russia

and Israel makes the present

apartment and longs for a sense of

community. To heighten his sense of

Jewish identity we have discussed

current events and recently wrote

letters to congressmen on the plight

of Soviet Jewry. The responses made

him feel vibrant and involved . a

whole person, despite his daily

Mr. A: "has a long history of

serious illnesses. In recent weeks he

has a made a remarkable recovery

and promised G-d that if he

recovered, he would wear Tefillin

every morning. He has a limited

Judaic background so I tran-

sliterated the blessings for him. He

was grateful to fulfill his promise to

G-d, and this experience infused his

Since 1900, due largely to the

improvement of health and living

conditions, 25 years have been

added to the average American

life. There are some 35 million

persons in our country over the

age of 60, and according to Mimi

Koren, Director of Public Infor-

mation at the Jewish Association

for Services to the Aged (JASA),

there are close to one million

citzens in New York City over age

65. This segment of the population

is destined to grow in number and

proportion, engaging the concern

of governmental and community

Dean of WSSW, and now Dean at

the University of Carolina's School

of Social Work reminds us all that,

"The process of aging is universal-

irreversible, universally in-

Dr. Morton I. Teicher, founding

agencies.

life with new meaning.

difficulties in functioning.

Mr. J: "is confined to his

hearable for her."

# **THEN AND NOW**

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In the January 6th, 1937 issue of The Commentator, this article appeared on the Madah U'Torah approach to test pressures. With midterms behind us and final examination schedules posted it is amusing to note how little student attitudes have evolved in our 45 years.

#### SUPPLIANT STUDENTS CRAM AND PRAY **AS PERIODIC STUDYING SEASON ARRIVES**

#### **By Arnold Miller**

"O! Omnipotent Prof., we have sinned against thee! O! Omnipotent Prof., consider that we are but of the common herd - the hoi polli!

O! Omnipotent Prof., remember the painful callouses we have acquired in the service of thy lectures (whisper from the "rear," 'Remember where we have acquired them')!

O! Omnipotent Prof., wreak vengeance on these, the sycophants, and do not forget in the hour of the mercy those who have traversed fire and water (and Deming's Inorganic Chem.) for the sake of thy holy name!

O! Omnipotent Prof., write us in the book of those that have passed thy course!"

An anguished wailing and a beating of breasts that would have sublimated the frigid heart of an iceberg accompanies this pathetic outburst. The trembling intonations pass through the corridors, fill every corner, and arise like a heavy pall from every fissure and cranny of our venerable institution. The extreme mourning, as if possessed of contagious powers, transmits itself to all the neighboring elements. The very walls drip tears of commiseration, the floors groan in the throes of agony, and utter despair permeates the panting atmosphere. (Witness the streaks on the dirt of the walls, the creaking floorboards, etc., as evidence of my utter lack of exaggeration.) Some such phantasmagoria, according to our prophets, will precede the Day of Judgement, but to the constant sinners of Yeshiva College these "Days of Judgement" occur too frequently and regularly to be a novelty.

For days the students wander about the tearful halls in utter despair, the mark of the condemned on every brow. How to do repentence is the question trembling on every lip. At night the lamps glow fitfully as sleepless sinners ponder overy heavy texts in the faint hope of accounting for the preceding months of "Batlonus."

But nothing can stop the inexorable march of time. The fateful days approach. The sinners prepare for the worst. Grimly they go to their fate, like heroes ready to die for they know not what.

A last desperate effort is made; the students throw themselves upon the mercy of the Omnipotent Professors, reciting the "Veedooi" endless times. But who can fathom the impenetrable depth of a professor's heart?

And as they go into the slaughter room, the martyrs to the cause of education, realizing this, fling out one last desperate appeal:

"O! Omnipotent Father, turn away the eyes of our proctors!"

## YU Offers Programs For The Elderly

#### By RAPHAEL Z. SCHWARTZ

table. Flowing ineluctably from this given fact of life is the need for the collective consideration of support services."

The frail elderly are more likely than younger people to suffer from multiple, chronic, often permanent disabling conditions and pyschological stress. Their sense of isolation and alienation is increased because, as Dr. Celia B. Weisman, Director of the Yeshiva University Gerontological Institute (YUGI) explains, "In a youth oriented culture which places high value on success, activity, and work, older persons are often regarded as second class citzens. Furthermore, feelings of uselessness and dependence are fostered among the old."

However, despite the myths and negative stereotypes harbored by our society, the elderly are by no means a homogenous group. They are as diverse as people in other periods of life. Their range of experience includes health and sickness, poverty and affluence, active involvements and apathetic withdrawal, maturity and immaturity, reflective and implusive behavior. Only their perspective of time is shortened as they face the inevitability of death at closer range. But, based on a concept helped formulated by Henri Bergson, "Le temps humain" we know that time can be both objective and subjective. Time value is not dependent on the amount of time available and subjective time is made possible by the human capacity for memory. Through reminiscence and lifereview we receive self-validation and feel increased self-worth, but only if someone is there to share our achievements and needs.

Demographic changes over the past few decades in our inner-city communities have left pockets of older Jews living on fixed, limited incomes in deteriorating

neighborhoods whose ethnic composition today is mainly black and hispanic. "In the process of flux and change," says Dr. Weisman, "the least mobile and most vulnerable are the elderly who remian while the institutions they have taken for granted diminish." Many of these elderly are unable or unwilling to relocate. They are often homebound, shut-in and lonely.

In our Jewish community of Washington Heights-Inwood, four social service agencies have coordinated their efforts to serve the elderly population: JASA, sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropics; Self-Help, an agency committed to serving immigrants and survivors of the Holocaust, Meals on Wheels, which provides Kosher lunches for the frail and infirm, and Yeshiva University.

The social service agencies are involved in providing and maintaining the primary needs of their clients: medical treatment, psychological and general counseling, light housekeeping and transportation. Yeshiva University however, is also vitally concerned with the needs of the elderly Jewish population. This interest is manifest both academically and practically; academically through WSSW and YUGI, and practically through training programs and services made available by RIETS throughtits Division of Communal Services.

Rabbi Robert S. Hirt, Dean, DCS, has inaugurated many programs over the years to serve inter-generational needs. Feeling deeply that, "The choice between. caring for aging persons in the community or institutions is an artificial one." Hirt said, "DCS has supported the Brookdale Program which provides experience to Semikha students ministering

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Sephardic High School, and SAR

Academy. One of the highlights of

their trip, though, was their

participation in Yeshiva Universi-

ty's Yeshiva High School Seminar

for Juniors and Seniors. The

seminar was held in Maplecrest,

New York from the 28th of

October to the 1st of November.

There the students were able to

meet their American Jewish peers

in an informal setting and talk

with them at length. Although

### **Student Activity Fee to Rise**

#### **By JAY BARBALATT**

Dec. 7 — A \$10 increase in the student activity fee was approved at tonight's Y.C.S.C. meeting. Council members reported that they had consulted with Dr. Miller, who responded that he would approve the increase on two conditions:

1. That the YC Student Council discuss the raise and endorse it. 2. That the other Student Council presidents from SOY, EMC, and JSS, know about the raise and authorize it.

At the meeting the student council voted 11 to 1 to accept the increase. YCSC President Avi Schneider stressed that a majority of the new revenue recieved from the rise of the fee would go into newly developed student activities such as the renovation of the Morg. Game Room Lounge.

After much debate at the meeting, it was determined, however, that Student Council does have the power to raise the fee and it was stressed that the rise in the fee has only been authorized for the Spring 1983 semester.

Friendship League Sponsors Trip To U.S.

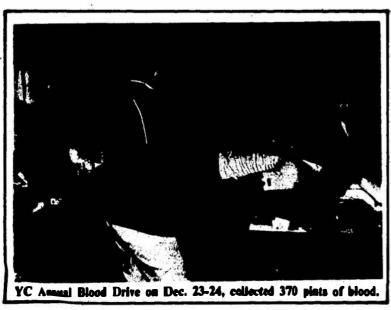
The American-Israel Friendship League recently sponsored a nationwide trip to the U.S.A. for a select ninety high school juniors. The trip began on the 26th of October and lasted to the 21st of November. Its goals were to inform American youth about various aspects of life in Israel and, more importantly, to elucidate the motivations behind many of Israel's more controversial issues and decisions. These

allow the Christian Phalangists into the Palestinian refugee camps.

The students were separated into small groups to enable them to visit high school classrooms throughout the country. One of these groups, composed of fourteen religious students, was placed under the auspices of the Department of Youth Services at Yeshiva University. Mr. Roy Angstreich, head of the department, and Mr. Irwin Lenefsky (a student at Yeshiva University) coordinated the group's schedule. This included visits to MTA, Central YCQ, Haftar, Yeshiva of Flatbush,

evitable, and universally unpreven-

decisions included Begin's rejection of the Reagan peace plan, Israel's invasion of Lebanon, their continued presence there, and most importantly, Israel's decision to



many of the Israelis initially felt uncomfortable, by the end of the seminar a great deal of communication had taken place. In one such instance, Yosef Fried, a junior at MTA, held a two-hour conversation with Gidon Even-Ari. The effects were significant. "My interest in making aliyah was strengthened," he said. "I was very impressed with Gidon's nonmaterialistic outlook and with his desire to strengthen the state of Israel any way he could."

The Israeli teenagers generally felt they were able to accomplish their objectives on the trip. Sarah Vaknin, one of the Israelis, said she was able to give Americans a much clearer picture of Israel's motivations in the Lebanese war. She went on to say that even religious Jews in America needed such lectures, as they too fell prey to the generally anti-Israeli media in America.



# Hammer Addresses YU Administration; **Evolution Of Zionism A Major Theme**

Nov. 16 — The Honorable Zevulun Hammer, the Minister of Education of The State of Israel, addressed the administration of Yeshiva University today. After an introduction by Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, Mr. Hammer spoke about the educational situation in Israel. Among the points he discussed were the conflicts of

#### change with Egypt.

The topic of the meeting, however, quickly changed to politics. When asked about his views on the settlement policy in light of the war in Lebanon, Mr. Hammer stated his point of view at length. He claimed that there were three stages through which religious Zionism has passed. In

involved mostly in establishing itself as a presence in the midst of the secular community.

The second stage started with the conclusion of the Six Day War, the religious Zionists involved themselves with the building of settlements in Judea and Samaria. This has continued to the present.

Mr. Hammer then called for a beginning of the third stage. "It is not enough for us to build the settlements in Israel. We have to work at many other goals which we must achieve in order to build a Jewish Israel . . . I think that we' have to change our emphasis. At the moment we emphasize only the land. This isn't enough. We have to speak also about people because there are many religious issues that we must deal with."

When asked about Israel's political approach, Mr. Hammer termed it "naive." He asserted that too much emphasis is placed on the settlements. Instead, he said, the same sophistication and imagination that is applied to its military operations, should be applied to gaining agreements with Israel's neighbors, similar to its already existing agreement with Egypt.



left to right: President Norman Lamm, Israeli Minister of Education Zevales Hammer, and Vice President Israel Miller.

in the educational system, and the the creation of the State, the need for a greater cultural ex- religious Zionist movement was

Ashkenazi and Sephardic cultures the beginning, during the time of

# Annual Hanukkah Dinner

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The gifts were inspired by Ludwig Jesselson, chairman of the University's Century Campaign; Ludwig Bravmann, Dinner Special Gifts Chairman; and Herbert Tenzer, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

A'hother' announcement at the Dinner was the major benefaction of Hermann Merkin, president of Merkin and Company, Inc., a member of the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees, board member of both the University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and co-chairman of its \$100 million Century Campaign.

In recognition of Mr. Merkin's contribution, the University will rename its Teachers Institute for Men as the Isaac Breuer Colleger of Hebraic Studies in honor of Mr. Merkin's late father-in-law, Isaac Breuer, an intellectual leader of German Jewry, an attorney, and a founder of the Po'alei Agudat Israel (Orthodox Political Organization).

This dinner was significant in that it marked the first time students were actively involved in this very crucial and sensitive fund raising effort. After several months of negotiations with the Student Councils of Yeshiva College and Stern College the Development Office under the auspices of Dr. H.

Dobrinsky conceded to initiate a program of student participation in the Dinner. After Chanukah candle lighting, students presented a very well received dramatic reading with the accompaniment of the Stern College Choir, led by Laya Harbater. The presentation written and produced by Yeshiva College students, highlighted student recognition of the Stern family's benefaction in a moving and personal manner. The presence of more than twenty student leaders from Yeshiva College and Stern College, guests of the University, was a welcomed sight for the more than one thousand dinner attenders.

At the Dinner, Dr. Lamm, Mr. Tenzer, and Jack D. Weiler, University trustee and chairman emeritus of the Board of Overseers of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, made presentations to Mrs. Stern.

Two Torah scrolls and a portrait of her late husband were presented to Mrs. Stern.

Mrs. Stern, the daughter of the late Chief Rabbi of Tel. Aviv, Moses Avigdor Amiel, was introduced by Mrs. Samuel Belkin, vice chairman of the Hanukkah Dinner.

Dr. Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University, was the guest speaker of the Dinner.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board of The Commentator extend heartfelt condolences to Paul Rothbart on the loss of his mother. May the Almighty comfort him and his family among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. HaMakom Yenachem Etchem B'Toch Sha'ar Aveilei Tzion V'Yerushalayim.

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to the institutionalized elderly,

while also arranging Seminar-

styled retreats for independent,

retired adults." The most recent

DCS accomplishment in this area

has been the Circuit Rider Rabbi

The Circuit Rider Rabbi Program was initiated in Septem-

ber, 1980 under the sponsorship of

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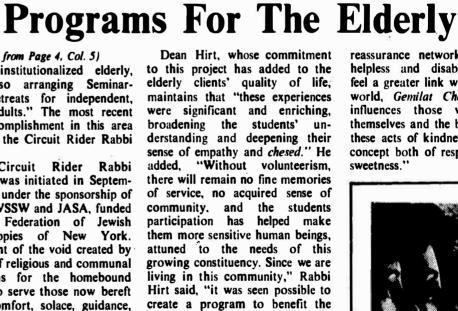
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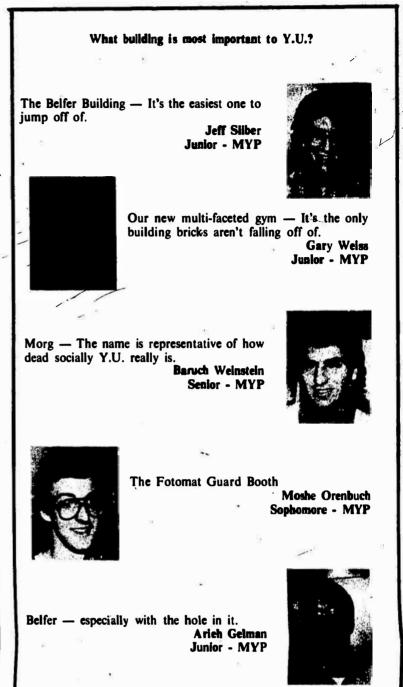
Program.



reassurance network to 'aid our helpless and disabled neighbors feel a greater link with the outside world, Gemilat Chesed mutually influences those who give of themselves and the beneficiaries of these acts of kindness. A revut is a concept both of responsibility and sweetness."



# **Behind Dorm Doors**





Students celebrate at S.O.Y. Chanukah Chagigah on December 15th,

The Commentator extends its sincerest condolences to Mrs. Henrietta Feeney on the loss of her husband, and Mr. Jay Blazer on the loss of his father. HaMakom Yenachem Etchem B'Toch Shaar Aveili Tzion V'Yerushalayim.

of the comfort, solace, guidance, insight and understanding a rabbi can offer, rabbinic interns were offered an opportunity to be exposed to the elderly to assist them in the celebration of holidays, to provide religious instruction, advice, counsel and comfort. Student participants recorded their encounters, whether on a one-to-one basis, or after offering weekly lectures at local Senior Citizen Centers, in daily and weekly logs.

The Circuit Rider Rabbi Project is being supervised by Roy Angstreich, Director of Youth Services, DCS, "to provide a reinforcing network of social services and the broadest possible view for students to best carry out their functions."

While the funding for this project has run out, student volunteers are still involved, some receiving Supplementary Rabbinics credit, others donating their time for the mitzvah value alone.

homebound population without creating undue hardships or inconvenience to the students. We are seeking more volunteers to service greater numbers of clients and to add to our students' growth."

Dr. Weisman feels part of her function as Director of YUGI is "to hopefully break down the negative stereotypes and to make students more humane, more caring and better informed, to help a stigmitized, neglected element of our society.'

She would like to see the intoduction of more courses in all disciplines both on the undergraduate and graduate levels so that "our future professionals and leaders will help remold society by being more sensitive to their future clients' human needs.'

Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice-President, encouraged Yeshiva College students to join in these efforts. "Our Students," he said, "could initiate a telephone



I plan on living a long and healthy life, so I get regular cancer checkups. Call or write your local unit of the American Cancer Society for a free pamphlet on their new cancer checkup guidelines Because it you're like me, you want to live long enough to do it all. 7. American Cancer Society

### **The Shadow Box: An Exhilarating Production**

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) interesting when he is on stage, due to both his character's superior development in the script itself. and to Mr. Thurm's positively electrifying stage presence. He wriggles, writhes, seethes, screams and laughs so convincingly, it's frightening, yet moving. As the stereotypical Mr. Thomas, Simeon Weber works wonders with a difficult European accent, and manages to convey a large store of emotions, with hardly ever leaving his wheelchair. Hy Pomerance stands out and lends credibility to the anguished Michael, and Jeff Rappaport is so believably drunk and foulmouthed, one can only imagine how much time was spent rehearsing the part. Eddie Schauder's Joe is likable enough, and Stuie Ehrlich's performance as Mark was excellent in the second act, after a subpar first act. Howie Metz's Adam was sufficiently melancholy and resigned, if not powerful, while Aaron Polak was innocent enough as the naive Steve.

The performance that was reviewed had some small-scale script changes, whose effect is difficult to gauge without seeing the other performances. It is sufficient to state, that "The Shadow Box" is good theater, with a plethora of messages, some of which are "right" or "wrong." The viewer merely has to take his pick.

### Symptoms Of Scholastic Deficiency

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room to breathe. Our frustrations need an outlet. Otherwise these frustrations combine with our tensions and pressures that surround us creating a sort of monster. We get the callous, hard and uncaring individual. He only has room for himself. He must succeed at any cost, just to be able to get out and breathe as quickly as possible.

In my opinion there are just two ways to solve this problem, thereby beginning the process of curing our disease. The two answers are by no means mutually exclusive. The first answer is to build a real student center. I will not bother with details now, because its contents are both obvious and debatable. This is the minimum this administration must do to prove to the students here and those that plan on coming here in the future, that this university will be a credible one. The second answer would entail a more determined

administration. It is a long-range commitment to the future of this university. Ultimately the undergraduate schools will survive or fail depending upon the implementation of a plan that would automatically double the enrollment at Yeshiva College. Would the administration that wants a credible university now and in the future please step forward.

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## Legality of Nuclear Weapons

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debate will be discussed in full, Prof. Meyrowitz said.

"We will also discuss future trends and directions in the international system," Prof. Meyrowitz added. "Not just law, per se, but also questions of policy and of justice."

Dean Price said the course reflects his belief that "it is important to take issues of great national concern that have legal ramifications and provide analysis for those issues in a law school setting."

"We hope this course can add constructively to the debate and discussion that is occurring throughout the country," Price added.

Prof. Meyrowitz previously taught international relations courses at the University of Maryland in Japan and at the University of Pennsylvania. He is now working on his dissertation on "The History of the Laws of War" to fulfill requirements for a Ph.D. in history at the University of Pennsylvania.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he majored in political science. He received his Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Pennsylvania and his Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

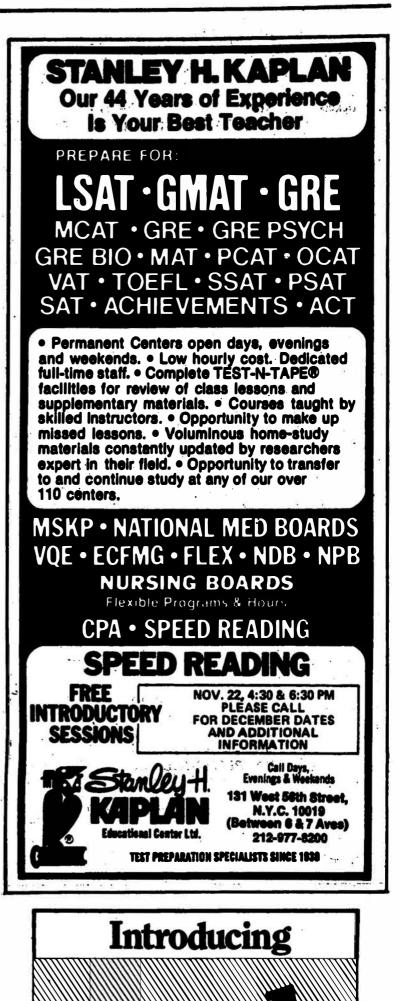
Prof. Meyrowitz has published several articles on the laws of war, including an article on "Nuclear Weapons and International Law," which he co-authored with Prof. Richard Falk of Princeton University Law School.

Prof. Meyrowitz served in the army from 1964 to 1967. He served for one year as a paratrooper in Vietnam.

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> (Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) about specific majors and programs. Special sessions were also held. The most popular were specific career-oriented workshops like computer sciences and pre-law studies, and "Choosing a Career," and exploration of motives, methods, and choices, led by Dr.Morton Berger, dean of FGS. Among the participants were Leonard Brandwein, director of YU Research Institute; Prof. Sidney Feld, accounting; Prof. Laurel Hatvary, English; Dr. Michael Hecht, YC associate dean and pre-law advisor; Dr.Jerome Pinter, accounting; Prof. Aizik Leibovitch, computer sciences; Rabbi Mordechai Reich, assistant director, Brookdale Residence Hall; Dr. Betty Rosoff, biology; and Larry Wachsman, director, student activities.



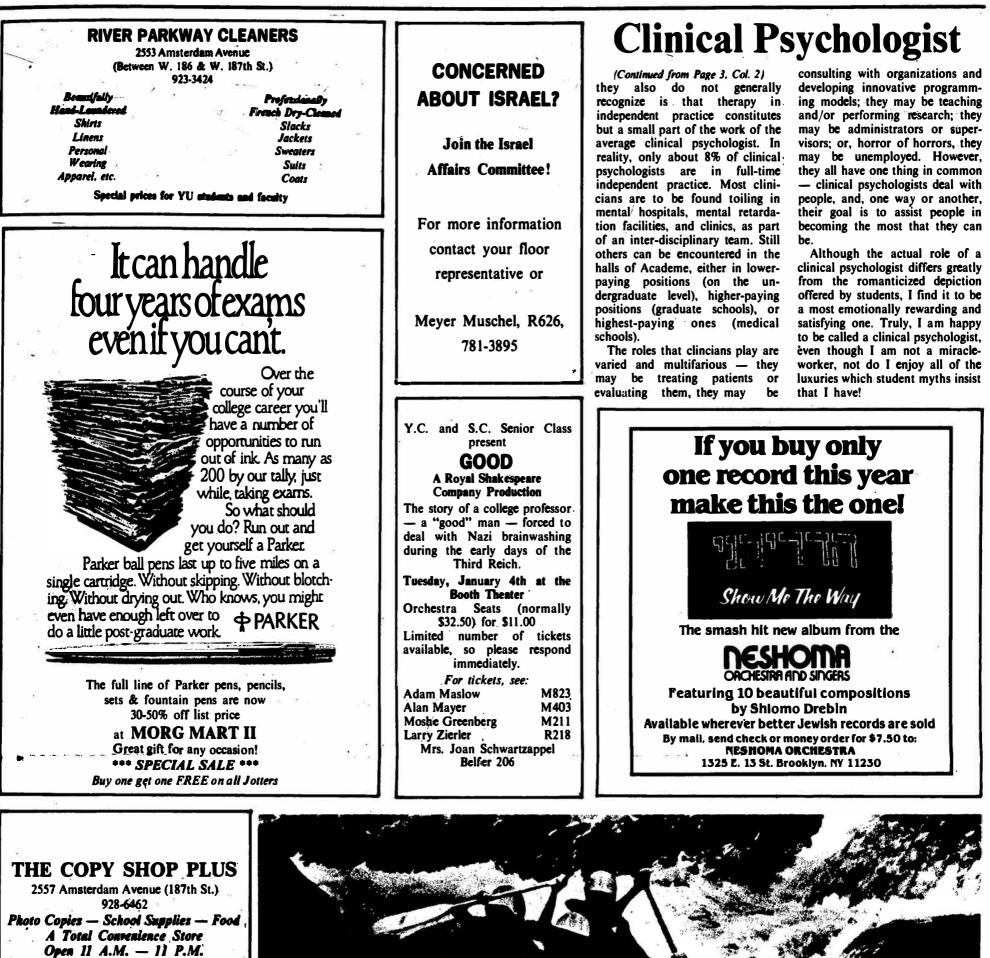
Lunch, a panel discussion on undergraduate life, and guided tours rounded out the days. Myron B. Chaitovsky, assistant director of the admissions office, coordinated the open house programs.

Admissions officers are also traveling in the east, midwest, and south, meeting with yeshiva, day school, and public school students in Albany, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Dayton, Miami, Pittsburgh, and other cities.



Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1982





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Isn't it wonderful when a dream turns into a reality (See the first issue of this year's Commentator). Well, thanks to the generosity of Leonard Stern, the dream of administrators, admissions officers, athletic staffs, and students will become a reality. Construction of the Max Stern Athletic Center will commence in the not too distant future.

This structure is much more than just an on campus facility to house practice for the basketball, wrestling, and fencing teams, albeit this would be an adequate reason for the erection of the athletic center. The gym will serve as a place where students, after spending long days in classrooms and hours in the library, will be able to play ball late at night in order to wind down - greatly enhancing the quality of student life.

It will serve as a home court for the rejuvenated Yeshiva College Macabecs, affording the opportunity for students whose time wouldn't permit, the trek to GWHS or attendance for both halves to "pop in" and lend their support for a part of the game. Attendance at Tauberman and Ellmen matches would also increase, as people would no longer have to watch the matches in the dungeon in Tannenbaum Hall.

But being that our newly found gym was once only a dream (which has since become a reality) allow me to dream on. As the gym improves the quality of student life at Yeshiva, high school juniors and seniors, upon hearing how wonderful life at Y.U. is, will flock to Yeshiva and enrollment will increase drastically. Due to this increased enrollment, the need will arise for a more diversified and larger course selection, thus providing greater flexibility in scheduling (is the Senate listening) and an increase in the number of professors (history).

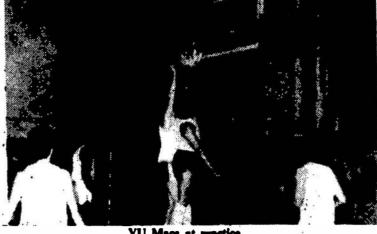
But even if the increased enrollment remains in dreamland, great student participation at athletic events promises to foster student unity and may even cure the problem of generations (at YC) - student apathy.

As the dream continues, this newly discovered student unity, mobilized by student leaders and a revived Senate, develop a curriculum palatable to the three branches of government (Administration, Faculty, and Students). (This system insures check and imbalances.) Then participation in extracurricular activities will reach new heights. Student publications will achieve new standards of excellence. Students, instead of belittling their university, will take pride in the college, because they'll become a part of it.

As I awaken, the realization that all of the above is just a dream comes into focus. But dreams do become reality as evidenced by the new gym soon to be constructed on Danciger Campus. And if none of the above becomes a reality — one thing that will result from the construction of the gym is that there'll never be another sports column about the need for a gym.

To all Islander fans who say I have nothing nice to write about the Islanders in my column, here goes. Brian Trottier is the second best player in the NHL; Bossy is the second best goal scorer in the league.

# Macs Drop Four In A Row; Season Record Falls To 4-6



YU Macs at prectice

Dec. 23 — For the third consecutive time this season, the Macs were trounced by a CUNY opponent, John Jay, by a score of 91-47. The Yeshiva hoopsters were never in the game; they trailed their opponents 43-15 at the half.

Yeshiva was led by Eaves and Klein with 10 points apiece. Wilson led a balanced John Jay attack with 17 point.

Dec. 21 — The Lehman Lancers, members of the CUNY division, routed Yeshiva by a scroe of 77-53. Despite the large margin of defeat, the Macs showed some positive signs in tonight's game. After trailing 36-16 at halftime, the

nents to a near standstill in the second half. Coach Johnny Halpert stated after the game that, "We're getting good shots, the kind of shots we need in order to win, but they're just not falling. I'm satisfied with the offense, and I'm confident that our shooters will pick up."

The Macs were once again led by Eaves with 22 and Krevsky with 16; Nelson paced Lehman with 13 points. The SCW pep squad was at the game to lend their support.

Dec. 18 — The Yeshiva College Macabees were defeated by their bigger Staten Island opponents by Macs played their bigger oppo-. a score of 83-42. The game was a rout from the outset as Yeshiva fell behind 41-20 at intermission.

The Macs were led by Joe Eaves with 22 points. Chase paced a balanced Staten Island attack with 16; 5 Staten Island players were in double figures.

Dec. 8 — The Macabees suffered their second straight Independent Athletic Conference loss to NJIT; they were beaten by a score of 91-62. The Macs are now 0-2 in conference play.

The Macs were in the game in the first half trailing by a score of 36-28 at halftime. But at the start of the second half, the New Jersey team began to pull away and build. a 29 point lead.

The Mac attack was led by Eaves with 21 and Schwartz with 14; NJIT's Gallagher led all scores with 24.

Although the Macs have dropped four in a row, fans must realize that the caliber of the Macs opponents has been of superior quality. For example, Staten Island was atop the Division III for a majority of last season. Don't despair, the Macs will be back.

The team will play its next games in the Hunter College Tournament; and will resume conference play at Polytech next week.

## **Juniors Defeat Sophs In Intramurals**

The junior team, coached by Chaim Nordlicht, upset the heavily favored sophomore team in the intramural championship by a score of 48-41. Due to Jeff Katz's rebounding prowess and Ian Landow's quick movement down the court, the juniors were able to control the tempo of the game.

The juniors came out at the start of the game all ready to play and opened up with a strong first quarter and a lead of 12-3. In the second quarter, the heavily favored sophomores were determined to close the gap. Their best efforts brought them back to within 4 pts. with a halftime score of 21-17, the juniors still maintaining the lead.

In the third quarter the juniors led by a few key outside shots by Michael Taragin (10 pts.), along with some very tough defense were able to extend their 4 point halftime lead to 9 pts., ending the quarter up by a score of 34-25.

In the fourth quarter the sophomores, led by Craig Leving (11 pts.), and Zev Skolnick (10 pts.) pounding the boards, and Beryl Thomas (7 pts) in the backcourt treid to catch up but the juniors, led by Baruch Weinstein held on to (12 pts.) their lead, and went on to capture the first semester championship. This victory insures the juniors a spot in the championship game which will be played at the end of next semester.

ing round of the playoffs with a dismal 2-4 record, upset the powerful senior squad by a score of 58-44. The more experienced seniors opened up to an early 8-7 first gaurter leud, That gaarter found both teams playing extremely tight defense. However, the second quarter found the juniors pulling away led by the ferocious rebounding of Jeff Katz (13 pts.) and found the juniors ahead at the half by a score of 23-15. The juniors continued to pull away in the third quarter led by Baruch Weinstein's six crucial points in that quarter. The juniors ended the third quarter stretching their lead to 11 pts. In the fourth quarter the juniors continued to dominate, led by the accurate shooting of Ushi Jelevan (20 pts.) This game afforded the Junior team a spot in the championship game against the heavily favored sophomores.

# Tauberman Defeat Pace; 2-2 At Mid-Season

#### By SETH GERSTEN

Dec. 8 — The Y.U. fencing team came face to face with fencers from Pace University.

The first round bouts, led by double victories from both the Sabre and Epee squads, forged Y.U. ahead to a slim 5-4 lead. Early indications, as foretold by the closeness of the first round bouts, foreshadowed a tough match to come.

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These victories were easily supplied by Foil and Epec to bring Y.U. to a 15-12 victory.

Manager David Pinchas was quoted as saying, "This was a total team victory." In every round one of the squads came through with outstanding performances to lead to victory. Sabre had strong performances in all three rounds beating their opponents by 7-2. In the first, Epee shown thru with 2 wins of their own, just as Foil did the same in the final round. It was uly a trisquad victor

top at the end of the first round by a score of 5-4. In the. second round, despite a strong performance by the Sabre squad, Y.U. found itself down by 10-8 with almost no glimmer of hope for victory.

The final round found fires lit underneath the Tauberman. Sabre posted two quick victories from Zanger and Berger. Katz and Mond from Foil, and Feit from Epec, all posted last round wins to bring Y.U. to a 13-13 tie with one bout remaining. In the final bout appeared to great comeback victory, snatched from their grasp. Outstanding performances were given by the always strong Sabre squad who all went 2-1, but Captain David Feit in Epec was swept by his 3 opponents. Y.U.'s record, after the first half of the season, is 2-2. The Sabre Squad's record is a most impressive 27-9. Vast improvements can be seen in the Foil and Epee squads, whose skills as the season progresses are constantly improving. On Feb. 13 the second half of the season commences. The men from Y.U. are ready and waiting.

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#### **HOCKEY INTRAMURALS**

S	CORL	NG LEADERS:	
1)	Alan	Kestenbaum, Jr.	

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2) Doni Israeli, Soph.	
3) Wienberger, Jr.	27

- 4) J. Schrieber, Jr.
- 5 pts. 5 pts.

7 pts.

6 pts.

The Juniors, entering the open-

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battle had changed direction to Pace. With strong performances in Epee and Foil, Pace took the 2nd round 5-4. This placed the two opposing teams in a 9-9 tie going into the final round.

The pressure of leading Y.U. to victory fell once again upon the shoulders of the Sabre squad. In the final round the Sabremen were able to fulfill their role. An opening win by Sabreman Seth Gersten spanked the squad to sweep their opponents. This placed Y.U. in the advantageous position of leading 12-9 with only two more victories needed for the match.

A few of the standouts of this match were Sabreman Seth Gersten, whose 3-0 record of this match brought his personal season record to 7-1. Sabremen Danny Zanger and Stuart Berger; Foilmen Josh Turner and Mark Bressler and in Epee, David Feit, all posted 2-1 records.

On December 13, Y.U. faced its next crucial test. The Weapon Wielders from Pratt came to cross blades with the Taubermen. This would prove to be the toughest match so far this season. Despite double victories by the Sabre and Epec squads, Pratt came up on the

5) Schrier, Jr. 6) Sullivan, Jr. 7) Liss, Sr.	5 pts. 5 pts. 5 pts.	
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STANDINGS:	Wins	Losses	Pts'	INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL
Seniors	2	0	4	Sophomores — 5-1
Juniors	2	0	4	Seniors — 4-2
Sophomores	0	2	0	Freshmen — 2-3
Freshmen	0	2	0	Juniors — 1-4