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## Students Lobby In Washington In Support Of Soviet Jewry

By MARC MANDEL

Feb. 23 — More than 700 college students representing various universities in the United States converged in Washington today to lobby on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Of the 700 students, more than 100 were from Yeshiva and Stern Colleges. Before the actual lobbying began there were several other activities the students attended to. One group went to the Bnai Brith Headquarters and listened to Alexander Shipoff a Soviet refusenik address the gathering. Mr. Shipoff stated that Jewish culture in Russia today is dead. "There are no more Jewish organizations, or Jewish departments in Russia today." In fact, Mr. Shipoff added, "The organization with the largest Jewish department in Russia today is the K.G.B." Mr. Shipoff stressed that there is a physical danger for Jews in Russia, and things are becoming progressively worse.

Other students went to hear Senator Gary Hart speak on behalf of Soviet Jewry. Senator Hart served as honorary chairperson of the event. Unfortunately a planned vigil at the Soviet Mission was



YC students in front of the Capitol

cancelled because of heavy rain. Congressional aides from the offices of Senator Moynihan and Senator D'Amato also spoke to the New York residents.

Later on, in the day each group went to their respective congressman in an attempt to interest him to act on behalf of Soviet Jewry. By the end of the day every single congressman of the United States had been approached in some way, and was told about the deteriorating situation for Soviet

Jews. Jewish emigration has been just about completely shut down. The K.G.B. has almost succeeded in destroying the unofficial Jewish self study movement. General anti-Semitism is growing more severe. The Soviet educational publishing house will release later this year 200,000 copies of "The Poison of Zionism" for school curriculum. In short as a group of Soviet Jewish activists put it last week to an American visitor "Uncle Joe (Stalin) is back."

## M\*A\*S\*H Bash Draws 450; Media Coverage Heightens Excitement

By MARK LEFKOVITZ

Feb. 28 — Over 450 Yeshiva and Stern College students assembled tonight in Belfer Commons to pay a final tribute to M\*A\*S\*H, the popular CBS television series concluding its 11th season. The event attracted live television and newspaper coverage and proved to be one of the most successful YU Student Council ventures in recent memory.

Preparation for the Bash began during the day when many signs publicizing the event were posted throughout the school. The Yeshiva University Publicity Department then contacted CBS News and arranged for live TV coverage on the nightly 11:00 newscast. Meanwhile, the large room in Science Hall was heavily decorated with streamers, posters and various exhibits based on the television series. These exhibits included the famous operating room, M\*A\*S\*H still, latrines, mess tent and recreation hall.

Creators of the Bash also set up a 6 Ft. diagonal TV screen to accommodate the large viewing audience. To heighten variety and arouse further interest in the Bash, the Junior Class offered a \$1.00 discount to all students who appeared in M\*A\*S\*H - costumes. This inspired many students to arrive dressed in hospital garb, army fatigues and terry robes.

### Look Alike Contest

M\*A\*S\*H Bash ceremonies officially began while the audience was filing in at 8:10 P.M. The evening's first event was the look-alike contest which featured impersonators of the M\*A\*S\*H characters: Col. Henry Blake, Hawkeye "Groucho Marx" Pierce, Father Mulcahy, and Igor. This was followed by the singing of the M\*A\*S\*H theme song, "Suicide is Painless," led by the "Mashman

Tabernacle Choir," an ensemble of 12 dedicated Yeshiva M\*A\*S\*H fans. Most of the 450 students joined in the singing of the chorus, filling the room with emotion and energy.

When the M\*A\*S\*H insignia finally appeared on the screen signalling the start of the 2½-hour special episode, a hush quickly fell over the excited crowd. For the next 2½ hours there were few noisy outbursts as the plot of the final episode unfolded. Audience interest was maintained during commercial breaks when members of each class were pitted against each other in the M\*A\*S\*H Trivia College Bowl. In this contest participants attempted to answer difficult trivia questions geared for the true M\*A\*S\*H aficionado.

### Live TV Coverage

The most exciting aspect of the Bash, however, came at the conclusion of the program. Alerted of the fact that Dennis Cunningham of Channel 2 news was to broadcast live from Belfer Commons at 11:20, Yeshiva College students and alumni alike ran and pushed to secure a good seat in view of the camera. At the appearance of Mr. Cunningham on the screen, the 450 — student crowd erupted with applause.

In addition to Mr. Cunningham and his crew, a photographer from the New York Times arrived to record the evening's excitement. His photographs and a small piece on the M\*A\*S\*H Bash appeared in the Times the following morning. Although many similar programs were staged by other organizations, due to the creativity, innovation and ingenuity of the Junior Class Officers, Jeff Schwartz, Jeff Katz and Yitz Solomon, the M\*A\*S\*H Bash was a S\*M\*A\*S\*H.

## Cuomo To Speak At Graduation; Will Receive Honorary Degree

March 7 — The Commentator learned today that the Honorable Mario Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, will give this year's commencement address at graduation exercises. Governor Cuomo will also receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 52nd annual commencement ceremonies to be held on June 9th on Danciger Campus. Other honorees have not yet been announced. The Commentator also learned that Senator Gary Hart (D-Colorado) will speak to the Cardozo School of Law graduation.



## Annual Y.C.S.C. Concert Draws Reduced Crowds

By NACHUM SEGAL

On March 3rd a unique event occurred at Y.U. Mordechai Ben David, the "King" of contemporary Hebrew and Chasidic music, performed before a Co-Ed audience at Nathan Lampert Auditorium.

### Reye Mehemna

The evening began with M.C. Yossi Van introducing Y.C.S.C. President Avi Schnieder. Mr. Van then introduced Reye Mehemna, who provided a taste of their instrumentals. Their drummer was enough to get the crowd enthusiastically jumping in their seats.

Mordechai Ben David, the main attraction of the event, entertained the crowd with his Shabbos songs and other hits from his latest album.

### Only 350 Attend

Different from the November concert was the fact that there

were no programs provided and that the crowd was surprisingly smaller, reportedly only 350 out of the 1200-seat capacity Lampert Auditorium. (Y.C.S.C. reportedly lost \$1,000 as a result of the event.)

A member of the ushering staff cited a seminar meeting, a Friday Bio test and other conflicting events (as well as the price of the tickets) as causes of the problem. There also was the feeling that the event was just simply not publicized enough.

## TUITION TO RISE: 10-15% Jump Is Anticipated For Next Year

By DAVID SCHWARCZ

March 10 — The Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University has tentatively approved a 10-15% tuition increase for the 1983-84 academic year. Aside from Yeshiva College, the tuition hike will also affect the University's other schools — the Wurzeiler School of Social Work, Cardozo School of Law, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Cantorial Training Institute and the Boys and Girls High Schools. Not included in the Board's decision is Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

### Area Survey

The Board's decision stemmed partly from a survey it conducted of tuitions of other universities in the New York area. It found that the \$5,050 cost of attending Y.U. was reasonable — especially in light of the Y.U. double program which requires a dual faculty. Other factors involved in the decision included new projections of government grants and philanthropic contributions. As well, long overdue repairs to the University's buildings, increases in staff salaries and spiralling maintenance and upkeep costs also

contributed to the proposed tuition rise.

The increase is not expected to greatly affect students in the lower income brackets because the University plans to increase scholarship benefits approximately 2.5%. Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President, said, "And because they can afford it, students in the higher income bracket will not be burdened by the increase." Furthermore, even with the new increase, added Dr. Miller, the tuition still does not cover the actual cost of attending Yeshiva.

### Fund Raising Lag

When asked whether the tuition could be maintained at its current level by stepping up the University's fund raising campaigns, Dr. Miller indicated that, "...due to the great demand put on our supporters during last year's urgent campaign to raise a much needed \$35 million, we are suffering a lag in our present fund raising drive."

Dr. Miller also indicated that although the Federal Government has curtailed its financial aid programs, it has also devised a more beneficial system for loan allotment. Students in lower income brackets will be afforded a greater opportunity to secure loans. However, students in higher brackets who attend private institutions will also receive loans if they qualify under newly devised guidelines which take into account all dependents attending schools.

Final decision on the exact sum of the tuition increase will be determined at the Board's next meeting on March 22.

## Gen. Davidi Speaks At YU

By TOD ROTHCHILD

March 9 — Lt. General Aharon Davidi, Director of the Israeli Government's volunteer program, addressed a group of 50 Y.C. students tonight in the Rubin Shul.

According to Gen. Davidi, the volunteer program has been extremely beneficial to both the State of Israel and to its participants. As a result of the program, Israeli reserves have been freed to join the war effort in Lebanon because the volunteers are on hand to take over their jobs back home. In addition, many Israelis had felt alienated because of the tremendous international propaganda was waged against the state during the Peace for Galilee campaign. By seeing Jews from around the world arrive to help the State, Israelis are being given the moral support they need during these troubled times.

Participants in the program have also gained a great deal. They were able to add new dimensions to their lives on both a personal and ideological level. Neal Dublinsky,

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# Outright Disregard

The Administration has finally conceded to the students in what has been one of the sorest spots in their relationship. This year, for the first time in many years, the YC and SCW valedictorians will be permitted to speak at commencement exercises. This step was a long overdue one in enhancing students' participation in a ceremony which is essentially in their honor.

Unfortunately, the announcement that New York State Governor Mario Cuomo will give the commencement address reflects an outright disregard for student opinion, for students did not participate at all in the selection process. The desire for input in this momentous decision should not be misconstrued as disapproval of Governor Cuomo or his policies. It stems rather from the entirely legitimate possibility that the students may, at this time or in future years, prefer a person with stronger ties to topics relevant to the Yeshiva students. Consideration should have been given to the 214 graduating seniors, and not just to the media coverage which the University may or may not attract as a result of the Governor's appearance.

Student involvement in the selection of the commencement speaker should be implicitly understood as our right, for it is *our* graduation. Isn't it?

# Inadequate Manpower

A recent *Commentator* editorial described the lengthy delays involved in the sending of transcripts to graduate schools. Insufficient staff in the Registrar's Office was considered a prime cause of this problem, and the hiring of additional personnel was recommended.

Disregarding this suggestion, the Registrar's Office opted instead to close its doors to students each day until 12 noon to give its staff enough time to complete their work without the 'bother' of students' requests. While this silly policy has been wisely rescinded, the essential problem remains unresolved.

Another major problem afflicting students as they apply to graduate schools is the inefficient involved in the production and distribution of transcripts and evaluations. One needs only to look at a typical Yeshiva College 'official' transcript and note its disgracefully unprofessional appearance. Coffee stains, messy crossed out grades, — and handwritten course entries are not uncommon. These problems, too,

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# I.D. Insecurty

As editorial topics were brought up at the Governing Board's last meeting, one of our members told the following story. Because this occurrence is so common these days, we thought it most appropriate to recount his tale just as he told it:

"I was late for my 3:00 class, which was to be held that day in the library. I walked through the library's front doors, where the 'security' guard stopped me for my I.D. I explained to her that I did not have it with me, that I was already late for class, and that I was obviously a Y.C. student. She refused to let me enter, claiming she had a job to do and that she 'was only following orders.' I argued further, but to no avail. Angered, the guard rose, prepared to physically stop me should I try to run past her into the elevator. She told me the only way I could get into the library was with an authorized note from the Registrar certifying that I was, in fact, a Yeshiva University student.

"I ran to the Registrar's Office, where a secretary explained to me, 'We don't give notes anymore. Besides, it will teach you not to forget your ID card.' I repeated that I was by now very late for class and that I had to enter the library. She replied calmly that the only way for me to get into the library was to pay \$3.00 for a new ID card. By now infuriated, I reminded her that I already owned one ID card, that I didn't need a new one, and that all I wanted to do was attend my lecture in the library.

"I was referred to a higher authority within the Office of the Registrar, who called the Director of University Librarys and confirmed that I am indeed a Y.U. student. Thus informed, the smirking guard finally permitted me to enter the library."

This comedy is repeated countless times each day. Yet, while any derelict off the street need only flash a driver's license and sign in to gain access to the library, the Y.U. student must have his ID - or else! Rigorous security has its place, but it is purposeless for the guards to harass students while visitors enter uncontested. In the future, if a Y.U. student forgets his ID card, he should be permitted to use alternative identification and sign in.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are now being accepted for the 1983-84 Governing Board of *The Commentator*. All current sophomores and juniors who wish to be considered should submit an application to M222 including name, room and phone number, position desired, and previous experience. Deadline is Thursday, March 24th.

can largely be attributed to the manpower shortage.

As the application season begins anew, and students require professional looking transcripts sent out promptly with the adequate staff that is so obviously needed.

# Letters To The Editor

## Pep Squad

To the Editor:  
Blaming no one in particular, I feel it is imperative to clear up all misunderstandings and misinformation printed in last month's *Commentator* regarding the "temporarily disbanded" S.C.W. Pep Squad.

Yes, it was agreed between Dean Bacon, Mona Allen, and myself that there existed an overall "negative response" to our efforts. However, that did not lead to a disbandment — *WE DID NOT DISBAND!!!* The actual result of the meeting was to continue functioning as a squad, simply without a dressed-out performance. We did not quit, give up, or hack out — plain and simple.

My intentions for starting the squad were to uplift the sagging school spirit obviously demonstrated by empty bleachers. We, the Pep Squad, finished what I set out to do. Our support continued throughout the '82-'83 basketball season, despite both relevant and irrelevant opposition. Furthermore and most important, were it not for the team members our efforts wouldn't have been worthwhile. They are a great bunch of guys and we were happy to have been behind them this year.

As a final note, I am sure that the loss of our Pep Squad will be greatly felt, although not yet realized.

Phillyss Samuels  
Captain-S.C.W. Pep Squad

## JSS Honors

To the Editor:  
I feel that an honors luncheon is inappropriate for J.S.S. J.S.S. is a school of *Torah*, and *Torah* should be measured in terms of involvement in learning and use of what we learn, not in terms of grades. Rambam states in *Hilchos Talmud Torah*: "Israel was crowned with three crowns. A crown of Torah, a crown of Priesthood, and a crown of Royalty." Rambam then states that the crown of Priesthood and the crown of Royalty were taken by the offsprings of Aaron and David, respectively. Then, Rambam says, "The crown of Torah, behold is resting and standing and prepared for all of Israel. ...All who want,

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## POOR MURDERER

Yeshiva College Dramatics Society is proud to announce that its Spring 1983 production will be Pavel Kohout's *Poor Murderer*. A unique psychological suspense set in an institute for the mentally ill, this play utilizes a play-within-a-play format to recreate events in the life and mind of a mentally unstable actor in order to discover whether or not he committed a crime. The play is filled with interwoven plots and sub-plots.

Sunday, March 20	2:30 PM	\$4.00
Sunday, March 20	8:00 PM	\$4.00
Monday, March 21	9:00 PM	\$4.00
Tuesday, March 22	9:00 PM	\$4.00
Wednesday, March 23	9:00 PM	\$4.00
Thursday, March 24	7:00 PM	\$5.00
Thursday, March 24	10:00 PM	\$5.00

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# OP-ED

## Impressions

By IRA MEISELS

Sitting in the library one evening, I allowed my mind to wander a bit. I thought back to recent articles and counter-articles in the Yeshiva University newspapers dealing with the quality of education in Y.U. and student apathy towards intellectual growth. I recalled a few articles denouncing YU as intellectually bankrupt and a few defending Y.U. Not content to rely on the opinions of others, I decided to investigate for myself. I devised a plan by which I would nonchalantly speak with a few Y.U. students and secretly form my own impressions.

On surveying my surroundings, I noticed a few people sitting in my immediate vicinity. I began my attack on a young man sitting alone in a corner. As I approached him, I noticed he had fallen asleep over his Organic Chemistry textbook. "Ah!" I thought, "he must have stayed up late every night this week studying. At least here is someone who takes a course seriously." I drew a bit nearer and he woke up. After apologizing for the disturbance, I began to chat with him. I ascertained that he had an Organic Chemistry test the next day and was a bit worried about it. During the course of the conversation, I remarked as to his weariness and how hard he must have been studying all week. "Actually," he replied, "I was up really late last night playing Pac-man. My roommate challenged me to two out of three. Now,

Ira Meisels is a Y.C. Junior in M.Y.P.

however, I have 200 pages to study for tomorrow."

A bit disappointed, I next walked over to a fellow poring over a Y.U. schedule of courses. He was flipping through the pages frantically. "This fine fellow is undoubtedly searching for stimulating courses," I remarked to myself. However, before I even had a chance to address him, he burst forth: "Do you think the dean will let me take 19 credits this semester? If I take 19 credits each semester, clep both English and Jewish History, get out of my liberal arts requirement, and take two years of Israel credits, I can be out of here in one year."

At this point, I was on my own last legs of hope. My eyes desperately searched the library for someone to encourage me. Much to my unexpected pleasure, I spotted a Stern girl reading "King Lear." I introduced myself and was greeted by a barrage of giggling. After a few minutes she regained her composure and I asked her what she thought of Shakespeare's handling of the character of Albany. "What?" she asked with a blank face. "Do you mean Shakespeare who wrote 'Lost Romance' a few years ago?" "What exactly are you doing with this book in front of your face?" I queried. "Oh that! Well, I just wanted to look busy. I really came here to try to meet some Y.U. guys."

Having been accused of muralizing too much in my prior articles, I will refrain from drawing any conclusions from my findings. This, I leave to the reader.

## Jews Experiencing A Religious Renaissance; Noted Author Describes Jewish Condition

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

March 9—Charles E. Silberman, the noted, award-winning author and sociologist, told an audience of some 80 persons at Stern College this afternoon that Judaism in the United States is "flourishing," and that it's currently "in the early stages of a renaissance of religious and cultural life."

Dr. Silberman, who delivered the Benjamin Gottesman Presidential Lecture on Jewish Thought, spoke to students, faculty and administrators on the topic, "No More Mountain Overhead: Judaism in an Open Society."

Best known for his three influential books, *Crisis in Black and White* (1964), *Crisis in the Classroom* (1970) and *Criminal Violence/Criminal Justice* (1978), Dr. Silberman is currently writing a new book about the changing nature of Jewish Life in the United States.

### Positive Jewish Attitude

"American Jews now live in a more free and open society than at any time in the history of the Diaspora," Dr. Silberman said.

"They perceive their position in society with a more positive attitude," he said.

Dr. Silberman explained at great length that the positions that Jews hold now in every level of society and the opportunities available to them have improved greatly over the last forty years.

"Gentiles did not hire Jews in the 1930's and 1940's," Dr. Silberman said. "Jews worked only for Jewish employers." He said that Jews often had to change their names and conceal their religious identity in order to gain employment and entrance to universities.

"Now," Dr. Silberman acknowledged, "although pockets of discrimination still remain, virtually everything is open to Jews," he said. "We have flourished and now have opportunities for upward mobility."

### Religion A "Personal Choice"

Dr. Silberman explained that today's new "opportunities" for Jews in society have enabled them to make a personal choice between living a religious or non-observant life.

By contrast, he said, being Jewish before modern times was not voluntary, as Jews were so civilized from birth by their families, communities and surrounding societies into maintaining traditional forms of behavior.

"There is not mountain overhead," Dr. Silberman said. He referred to the well-known rabbinic interpretation telling of how the Jews were threatened at Mount Sinai to accept G-d's Law or be buried under the mountain which G-d had lifted over the people's heads.

"Today all religion is a matter of personal choice," he said. "That choice will present great opportunities for the Jews, not tragic ones." He said that on every level of Jewish life there has an increased level of observance."

### New Inter-marriage Figures

Dr. Silberman went on to discuss the present state of intermarriage and assimilation in the United States.

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## Yeshiva Awarded Gold Medal By New York Blood Program

For donating more than 600 units of blood in 1982, the students and faculty of Yeshiva University were awarded a Gold Medal by The Greater New York Blood Program/American Red Cross.

The Award was presented at a reception at Rockefeller University hosted by William M. Ellinghaus, president of American Telephone and Telegraph and 1982 chairman of The Greater New York Blood Program donor recruitment campaign.

Robert Koppel from Hampstead, Quebec, Chairman of the Yeshiva University 1982-3 Blood Drive, accepted the award for the University. Mr. Koppel is a senior at Yeshiva College.

The Yeshiva University Blood Drive is organized by the students. "It traditionally takes place," Mr. Koppel said, "just before the Christmas/New Year's holidays, when blood supplies in the New York metropolitan area are often very low."

In presenting the Gold Award to Mr. Koppel, Ms. G.G. Michelson, senior vice president of R.H. Macy and Co., cited the University for its dependability in providing blood donations yearly during this period, as well as in the spring.

Over 370 pints were collected during the December 1982 drive at the University, and the balance of the more than 600 pints was gathered last spring.

### MARK'S REMARKS

## Do We Ever Say 'Thank You'?

By MARK TANNENBAUM



The world, of which we are a part, is far from being a perfect phenomenon. In it exist simultaneously love and hate, good and evil, and hunger and wealth. Too common are the times when we hear about perpetrations of mass murders and scenes of torture alongside acts of benevolence and generosity that were done to counteract or prevent the former actions. One would be "hard-pressed" to try to cite almost any action in our surroundings that is either totally good or totally bad. The fact is that an optimist can find good in the worst of situations and a pessimist can be very disappointed with the most opportune developments that occur. The perspective that an individual adopts usually determines whether he will be happy and satisfied, or sad while being saturated with discontent. We must keep this in mind at all times.

When was the last time we complained about the food we had for supper? When was the last time we wanted to curse out the world because we couldn't find a proper tie for an outfit? When was the last time we screamed at our parents for some mistake that they made? How many times didn't we take advantage of the opportunities available to develop relationships with our siblings and instead castigated and ignored them for insignificant blunders that they did?

Many of us, sitting down to eat having found on our plates a steak

without fries, have complained bitterly about the inadequate dish. Does the reality ever enter our minds that there are many people for whom the word 'steak' is one only to be encountered while reading supermarket advertisements?

Many times after I complain that I don't have this new jacket or that new tie to wear, I, subsequently, see an individual clothed in rags who is the most content individual one could wish to meet. While recently in Israel, I met a girl who had only one old, black, simple dress to wear for every Sabbath. I was absolutely astounded by the attitude that she had toward life and her personal situation. While mingling amongst girls who fortunately (never forget!) had very nice dresses, she did not utilize her energy to feel sorry for herself or to be jealous of the others, but was truly happy to have the opportunity to mingle with her friends. While I believe that one legitimately can be happy disappointed about not having nice clothes, one must be careful to put such thoughts into proper perspective. Next time that our parents refuse to buy us another suit for Passover, let us remember the other four outfits we have to wear.

Our lack of *Hakoras Hatov* (recognition of good) is most prevalent in regard to the relationships we have with our parents. Do we realize how fortunate we are? Do we have any idea as to how other children are

treated? Do we truly (really truly) appreciate the phenomenon of the "Jewish mother" — an individual who generally will give anything of herself in order for her child to be comfortable? How many of us appreciate how diligently our parents work, breaking their asses so that we can sit on ours? Do we who have two healthy parents recognize the fact that many boys and girls have one parent who is very sick or have only one parent? Why don't we open our eyes and see how other children are treated? Once on the train, I saw a two year old child being taught to speak by his mother and aunt. They kept on enunciating certain words very clearly and loudly so as to teach their child. They taught him two words which he quickly mastered. I leave to the reader's imagination the task of guessing these two unprintable expletives.

Another time while having the opportunity to walk through the beautiful "aluminum cap lined" streets of our neighborhood, I saw a drunk father walking with his "spaced-out" wife and their child. The parents (please excuse the usage of this word — I use it in the biological sense) were walking very quickly, having a deep conversation probably about the price of beer on the south side of Mars. Meanwhile, their beautiful 7 year old kept on falling behind them and had to keep running to keep up. He continuously tried to start conversation but to no avail.

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## The Politics Of Language

By SOL STEINMETZ

As one who deals professionally with language, I am perhaps more conscious than most people of the power of words to confuse, obfuscate, and distort. Such abuse of language is often associated with politics, but by subject is not the language of politics, with its abstractions and generalizations, its high-sounding clichés, and its fly-blown metaphors. My concern, rather, is with the politics of language: the conscious use of words to manipulate people in specific and calculated ways.

The politics of language includes but is not the same as propaganda. Propaganda need not involve language at all; it may consist of cultural dissemination or, where it does involve language, it may disseminate the truth as well as "disinformation" or "the big lie." A picture showing Arafat kissing a baby or shaking the Pope's hand is pure propaganda, worth more than thousands of words designed to make him look good and a far cry from the use of language for

political propaganda.

The politics of language is not necessarily global, national, or even local; it can exist and thrive in any small group, such as a family or a social club or between two individuals. Whenever and wherever language is used as a tool or weapon to manipulate others, whether by telling a painful truth or concealing a desirable one, language is politicized.

Two important elements in the politics of language are euphemisms and code words. These terms are nearly synonymous in that both refer to the use of a seemingly inoffensive word or expression to conceal an offensive meaning or message. But there are differences between the two terms. A euphemism can be superficially well-intentioned and often used by habit or unconsciously, as when one uses the phrase "senior citizen" instead of "old man or woman" either to avoid offending or to imitate others who use this phrase. A code word, on the other hand, is always used consciously and with a deceptive purpose in order to conceal a sinister meaning from one hearer (the outsider) while alerting another hearer (the insider) to his real meaning.

Of course the difference between the two terms is blurred in many cases: Hitler's "Final Solution"

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Sol Steinmetz, Editor of the Baruhart Dictionaries of New English and General Editor of The World Book Dictionary, graduated from Yeshiva College in 1952. He received his Semikha at RIETS in 1956. On occasion, he has been the guest writer for the New York Times Magazine's "On Language" column.

## From The President's Desk

By AVRAHAM SCHNEIDER

Though not an alligator by training, the positions I've defended, publicly and privately, in "The People against Yeshiva University" would test the expertise and experience of the best lawyers. Though not a single "case" has ever been concluded with a definitive ruling, and neither a judge nor a jury passed sentence, the incessant prosecution and unscrupulous slander of Yeshiva has taken its toll. Elected to office eleven months ago, I had anticipated filling the vacancy of President of the Yeshiva College Student Council. It is true that the name ascribed to the position has merit and that many functions are obviously enough associated with that capacity. However, equally synonymous with that title was another position, perhaps less officially recognized, but equally taxing and demanding. I've long ago come to grips with being a defender of the faith as regards my religious beliefs, but cannot say the same of being defender of Yeshiva University.

A most difficult and confounding aspect of my defense, is that I often wonder at what point I can draw a fuzzy line of demarcation between what I really believe and that which must be professed for the sake of our school and dignity of my office (i.e. my constituency). A hypocrisy you may be wondering? I too wonder, but the rationale, though not necessarily a justification, perseveres.

To explain this, I must first distinguish among those categories of individuals, whose critical words of disrepute darken our hallways and trouble our consciences. There are the external, as well as the internal prosecutors, each with a different story, gripe, criticism or barb. It is upon confronting issues and criticisms outside of our niche in Washington Heights that the need for a double standard of sorts arises. It is all too apparent that Y.U.'s image suffers a maligning injustice of unwarranted proposition as such. The most mitigating circumstances, and the slightest provocation frequently results in a fresh piece of unfavorable propaganda about Yeshiva.

The nature of the attacks are familiar to most of us, and the fact that their substance is fairly consistent outlines for us the need for caution as not to provide fuel for the already burning fire. It is because of this that I believe we must be scrupulous in publicly expressing disdain and being "overly" frank in our moments of disillusion with Y.U. The Y.U. student is unfortunately situated in

a very difficult social position. Instead of brimming with pride and boasting of his affiliation, he is almost hesitant to admit that he attends Y.U.; and if he does, it is in such a manner that only serves to reinforce the attitude prevalent throughout the Jewish collegiate world and much of the New York Jewish Community at large. Why are we so afraid? Why the cowardice? Should we not be proud and even exuberant in acknowledging our association with an institution which will one day be hailed for its uniqueness and vitality in the annals of the history of the Jewish Diaspora?

When asked to outline the strong points of Yeshiva, I immediately proceed to talk about its students, the greatest asset the school has to offer. It is incredible for me to conceive that Y.U. students have such a low self-opinion that they can allow the propagation of fallacious attacks on themselves. After all, a "school's" quality is merely an aggregate evaluation of its student population. I'm hardly disregarding the need for quality administrators, faculty and facilities, but if pressed to establish criteria, the students are undoubtedly the primary measuring stick of any college. Now we must ask ourselves, are we so awful? "I" am less intelligent, civilized, socialized, principled, ethical and successful than the average student at another college? Again, while definitive answers are not feasible, an educated estimation is very much within reach. The obvious answer is NO! Our students demonstrate success in every facet of worthwhile behavior comparable to that of any other school's students. Academically, practically every student who graduates has compiled a respectable record, will either attend a graduate school or land a job. Relatively few fail to meet any of those accomplishments, a rare display of consistent success in a world full of failure. The friendships and comradery of dorm life and student extracurricular participation is particularly heartwarming, memorable and unique, in the cold, sterile and impersonal world of today. Completing the social picture, the frequency of engagement parties and soaring phone bills of Yeshiva College students are testimony that our development into mature adults with a well-adjusted capacity for interpersonal relationships is hardly lacking. Finally, of course, our students emerge with one advantage which more than tips the balance. The fact that college,

a long forbidden fruit of the European — mentality Orthodox Jews, can actually contribute to a young man's commitment to pursuing a life involved in Torah, is most remarkable.

In a manner of speaking, Y.U. is analogous to the State of Israel of late. A country plagued by incessant harsh criticism and whose people must often wage internal battles to reaffirm their commitment in the face of overwhelming contempt and persecution. There's one remarkable and redeeming extrapolation one can make from Israel's situation, i.e. she is so harshly criticized because by her very intrinsic nature she is expected to be much better than everyone else, and when she falters and is only moderately superior. The world's balance tips under the double standardized weights of judgments. Similarly, I believe Y.U. is evaluated by those around and within this institution. Because of the unique and difficult standards we set for ourselves, often leaps and bounds beyond what is actually feasible, the failure to entirely fulfill our goals and stay within our guidelines is cause for criticism of relatively undue proportion.

We must recognize our situation for exactly this and see its ramifications individually and collectively within perspective. That which we try to do here is, given today's society and its associated pressures, a task of the most unenviable magnitude. Yet, we cannot allow the "absolute" distance by which we fall short of our ultimate goal to be the criterion for evaluating our success. Rather, we should take a step back, gather perspective, and gain awareness of how much has been accomplished. Granted, that life here is more difficult and taxing than for undergraduates anywhere else, but I don't think it could or should be any other way. When one attempts to accomplish more, a greater effort must be expended. Naturally, one must be steadfast in his convictions, but the rewards for this sacrifice I believe are more than worthwhile and the opportunity provided by Y.U. is outstandingly unique in this respect. Fellow students, I think we must view Y.U. and our individual roles within Y.U. as cooperative and unifying forces in one of the most courageous and worthwhile religious/academic challenges conceivable. Take pride in this idea and help it continue to grow into a more viable reality.

## Rabbi Saul Berman Addresses Y.U. Pre-Rabbinics Society

By JAY SULTAN

February 17th—The Pre-Rabbinics Society invited Rabbi Saul Berman, Chairman of Judaic Studies at Stern College, to address the question of "The Changing Role of Women in Synagogue Life."

Rabbi Berman dealt with the question by first analyzing the more general issue of women and the study of Torah. This controversial topic has its origins in the Mishna and, as Rabbi Berman pointed out, has been the object of debate and tension throughout the ages. Rabbi Berman cited as a modern example of the controversy the alarm of the Gedolei Hador concerning Rabbi Soloveitchik's Talmud shiur for women at Stern College.

## Dr. Lazar Advises Students On Financing Of Medical School

By STUART WEINBERGER

A few months ago, Dr. Stephen Lazar addressed the Pre-Health juniors and seniors on financial aid in Medical and Dental schools.

During his speech, Dr. Lazar stressed that students should keep frequent talks on the various financial aid programs, since interest rates and requirements are constantly changing. The Pre-Health advisor spoke of the Guaranteed Student Loan, where one can get up to \$5,000 at a 9% interest rate effective 6 months after graduation. Dr. Lazar also mentioned the Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) money the student applies for through the particular medical or dental school. With this program a student is allowed to borrow up to \$12,500 a year with a 13.37% compounded interest rate. This loan however, is only good for United States Citizens. Another alternative is the Auxiliary Loans to Assist Students (ALAS). With

this arrangement parents are allowed to borrow \$3,000 a year with an annual maximum loan of \$15,000. Parents can pay back the loan with an immediate effective 12% interest rate.

The advisor also noted that students can get money through work study and other school programs. Dr. Lazar stated that one of the most important things to realize is that the "tuition you see in the book is not always the tuition you pay."

The Pre-Health advisor suggested that students look at the various books available in his office. Those interested in a medical career should refer to: "Financial Aid For Medical Students," and "Medical School Admission Requirements 1983-84." Those entering the Dental profession are advised to read through *Admission Requirements for U.S. and Canadian Dental Schools*.

### GUIDANCE NOTES

Dov Hikind, the newly elected Assemblyman from the 48th Assembly District in Brooklyn is presently seeking volunteers to do research related work in his office. Students would be involved in a variety of activities, including the research and development of legislative issues of social and communal concern, political and social action services, and client advocacy services. They would be closely involved in various legislative and political processes, and the development and passage of bills.

Students can obtain appropriate college course credit in return for their volunteer work.

For further information, please feel free to call, write or visit the office at 5212 - 13th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219, (212) 853-9613.

## Who's Who

Forty-seven undergraduates at Yeshiva University have been included in the 1982-83 listing of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

The students from Yeshiva College are Elie Abadie of Techamachalco, Mexico; Gary Bellman and Eddie Izso of Montreal; Marc Berger, Seth Berman, and Alan J. Mayer of Queens, N.Y.; and Jeffrey S. Danowitz and Harry Shualy of Baltimore.

Others from Yeshiva College are Y. David Feit, Avraham Schneider, and Eliyahu Teitz of Elizabeth, N.J.; David Feldman of Philadelphia; and Moshe Greenberg, Michael Rosenbloom, David Vorchheimer, and Alan Wasserman of Bronx, N.Y.

Also from Yeshiva College are

Saul Guberman of West Allenhurst, N.J.; Elliot Herskowitz of Yonkers, N.Y.; Adam Karp of Teaneck, N.J.; Morey S. Klein of Fair Lawn, N.J.; Robert Koppel of Hampstead, Quebec; and Elliot Prince and Jeffrey Silverstein of Monsey, N.Y.

Also, Richard Reiss and Neil Tilson of Passaic, N.J.; Michael Rose of Indianapolis; Mark Rothman of Dewitt, N.Y.; Mark Tannenbaum of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Craig Thurm of Cedarhurst, N.Y.; and Jay Weinberger of Lawrence, N.Y.

The students from Stern College for Women are Mona Allen of Livingston, N.J.; Shari Dash of Holmdel, N.J.; Renee Edelman of Los Angeles; Aliza Epstein of Fairfield, C.T.; and Yocheved Grunberger of Queens, N.Y.

Others from Stern College for Women are Gail Pachino of Toronto; Sora Rivka Roth of Long Branch, N.J.; Simone Rudoler of Cherry Hill, N.J.; Tamar Seidemann of Bexley, Ohio; and Golda Smilchensky of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Also from Stern College for Women are Tina Senders of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Amy Sholiton of Cincinnati; Renee Stern of Beechwood, Ohio; Robin Tover of Tarzana, California; and Barbara Ungar of Randallstown, Maryland.

The students from Teachers Institute for Women are Sally R. Krzywanowski of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ann Rosenzweig of Queens, N.Y.

Those listed are among student leaders from more than 1,300 of the nation's institutions of higher learning whose academic standing, service to the community, leadership in extra curricular activities, and future potential have been deemed outstanding.

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## Jews Experiencing A Renaissance

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newly conducted study on the subject by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Dr. Silberman said that the report proves recent numbers published by *The Jerusalem Post* and the *Young Israel* (50% and 60%, respectively) to be "misleading" and "exaggerated."

While he said that the new intermarriage figures weren't "going through the roof," he assured the audience that "the bad news regarding intermarriage is not as bad as we have been led to believe."

He quoted from the Federation's report, saying that here in the metropolitan area, the intermarriage rate is 15.3%.

Among Jews between the ages of 55 to 64, he said, the figure is 2% while between the ages of 25 to 34 the rate increases to 10%. "This hardly suggests disaster," he said.

In Brooklyn, the rate of intermarriage is lowest, he explained, because of its high concentration of Orthodox Jews, while the numbers are highest in Manhattan and Suffolk county at 15% to 16% for the ages of 25 to 34.

In other parts of the United States, he said, the rate of intermarriage for those between the ages of 18 to 29 in Boston is 15%; in Cleveland, 24%; in Los Angeles, 39%; and in Denver at 57%.

Dr. Silberman added in reference to Denver that more than half of its Jews have moved there only in the past fifteen years, and that there are one quarter as many Jews in Denver as in Suffolk county and one tenth as many Jews as in Brooklyn.

### No Net Loss

Dr. Silberman said that if half the children born to intermarried couples were to be raised as Jews, "there would be no net reduction in the number of Jews no matter how high the intermarried rate would be."

He also added that there is a growing awareness of the Jewish faith among intermarried couples and their children, as 40% to 50% of the children born to such couples are raised "in some meaningful way - although not necessarily halachic."

"A significant number of non-Jewish partners are converting after the couple has married, and

they become even more observant than those born Jewish," he said. "And of those partners who don't convert," he added, many consider themselves as part of the Jewish community."

### Jewish Renaissance

Dr. Silberman, speaking of what he calls a "renaissance of Jewish cultural and religious life," explained that forty years ago Jews thought they had to "shed themselves of their culture and learn of the culture of the West."

He said that there is now "a revival of interest in Jewish history, Jewish literature, Jewish thought and art as a major part of the fabric of Western civilization and humanity."

He also spoke of the "vitality of Orthodox Judaism," and cited how the numbers of Hebrew schools and yeshivas have increased significantly.

In the United States he said, there were 39 Yeshiva day schools in 1944. Now there are some 300, he said. He added that there are more than 250 Jewish Programs in universities across the nation, and that Jewish history and literature is being studied more than Greek literature.

"There has been a major change in the quality of Jewish education," he said. "These programs result in the way in which Jew and Gentile view Judaism."

### Must "Build Bridges"

"We are a secure community as well as a vital one," he said. "Our energies should go into building bridges between different groups in the Jewish faith and between Jew and Gentile."

"We cannot construct walls around us to stay away from them," he said.

As for the ongoing intermarriage problem, Dr. Silberman said that "it won't go away," and that it must be recognized as a reality."

## Behind Dorm Doors

If Y.U. were to have its own Academy Awards, who would win one, and for what?

Dr. Leibovitch, for his portrayal of Mr. Chekhov in 'Star Trek'.

Darren Blackstein  
Senior, MYP



Mr. Sober, for Best Actor in 'Death Wish'.

Robert Santura  
Senior, JSS

Dr. Beukas, for Best Actor in 'Tootsie'.

Harry Shualy  
Senior, JSS

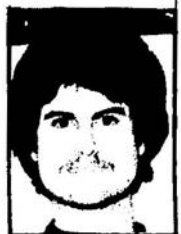


The guards, for 'Hardly Working.'

Jeff Stock  
Senior, MYP

Y.C. student body as the Blob — most of it just lies there and does nothing.

Michael Rose  
Senior, JSS



## THEN AND NOW

The following is a *Commentator* editorial from December 19, 1939.

### Machinery of Progress

As the semester rounds into its final stages the *Commentator* cannot fail being impressed by a novel spirit prevalent in the Yeshiva today. The sentiment in clean-cut terms is one of complacency and general satisfaction with the manner in which the college has been functioning.

Earlier this term the *Commentator* featured an editorial commending the Executive-Faculty Committee upon its reorganization of the fields of concentration. It was then our conviction that the revised curriculum would provide the main thread in a texture of new life and order in the institution. Today, there is not the faintest shadow of doubt that our prophecy has materialized.

The newly inaugurated curriculum, although still in its blossoming stage is being hailed by both students and faculty members as the most progressive and proficient step taken by the administration during the past twelve years. For, in the light of its numerous advantages, not only the student body but the institution at large is benefiting immensely. Through it, Yeshiva is slowly but surely taking up its due position among the more advanced bonafide academics of learning in the country.

In next week's issue of the *Commentator* there will be published a detailed account of the new curriculum plan as formulated by the Executive-Faculty Committee.

With the appearance of that more intergrated and systematized plan of concentration and majoring all apprehensions which have lingered in the minds of lower classmen will definitely vanish. Yet it has taken practically 12 years of trials and tribulations on the part of the administration to solve this seemingly facile problem. One student body after the other has subjected to divers "magic formula," without results. The reason for the failure of the nostrums can be laid directly at the door of the unwillingness to understand the real issues involved.

With the advent of the Executive-Faculty Committee the scene changed completely. When it first took office ten months ago, this body pledged itself to make the students its primary concern. Motivated by this principle, the committee immediately set about meting out straightforward decisions, recognizing spades and calling them.

The attitude manifested through its latest achievement—the revised curriculum—demonstrates conclusively the committee's devotion to the welfare of the institution, and to the ideals for which it stands. The reorganization of the fields of concentration displays an ability and effectiveness in getting at the pus-laden roots of our maladies at Yeshiva.

We feel, however, that the springs of improvement at Yeshiva have been tapped but not completely sapped. But we do think that only a continuation of the present policies of the Executive Committee will eventually give us the closest approximation to perfection that is possible at Yeshiva.

## Not Just Any Other Day

By B-Z SMILCHENSKY

Another ordinary week was coming to an end; it was 12:30 a.m. Friday morning, I had just finished chapter 4 of Bio, I smiled — I sighed. Another 2 chapters of Bio, 4 more chapters of International Eco, 2 chapters of Assembler, 1 chapter of Calculus and 25 pages of Stats 2 and I would have caught up. My sighs, however, quickly transformed to yawns, so I turned to the comfort of my pillow. My alarm clock jolted me from bed only 5 hours later, just as I curled to a comfortable position. I wondered why I dedicated my Fridays to Cheese 'N' Things on Ave. J, while the rest of my family and friends slept.

Needless to say, the store was mobbed, customers incessantly came through the door. It was the erev shabbos before Purim. I sliced more imported swiss, muenster, and baked farmer cheese — both regular & cholov yisroel — then I came to remember.

As I prepared for shabbos that afternoon, I thought and hoped that this shabbos night would be different. It was the same. The seudah, the zmirot, the family were fine — but unfortunately again — "Another 2 chapters of Bio, 4 more chapters of International Eco..."

However Purim was coming and shabbos would be different. Shab-

bos afternoon after shul and the seudah, a friend, my sister, and I sat together and learned mishnayot megila; our way of inviting in the chag.

That night in shul I was shocked by the multitude of people. I actually had to search for a seat. Not since Yom Kippur had I seen the shul so filled. There was a transcendental ambience in the building. Small children dressed as clowns, lions, kings, and queens. Groggers, horns, and whistles sounded with every calling of Haman. People I haven't seen in shul in months attended that night. It was inspiring.

Later that night, I was thrilled — thanks to S.O.Y. — to be in the Beit Midrash of Y.U. The Purim Chagigah was a success. The Ruach, the dancing, and unfortunately — in certain instances — the drinking was amazing. The Shpiel was also unbelievable — this year even the women were able to hear! For one night this year Washington Heights rocked with ruach rather than Hispanic music. Through the wizardry of Hashem we were — if you will — Dorothy's in a Land of Oz.

As a few friends, my sister, and I drove back home that night, we stopped off at Bernsteins for a bit of socialising and perhaps an egg roll. However 50 people waited on line at 2:30 a.m.; we couldn't even get through the door — oh that

Purim spirit again.

As I walked home from shul early the next morning, I already witnessed people walking from home to home, giving shalach manot. It was enlightening to see that even non-frum Jews were participating. Purim was a "freilich" day for all.

As I arrived in Williamsburgh that morning to visit my grandmother, I noticed her smile as she glanced through her 2nd story window watching the little chassidic children garbed in costumes playing on the sidewalk. I stopped and gazed across Lee Avenue — everywhere a smile, everywhere excitement, everywhere joy.

As I drove through Flatbush, police redirected traffic because of a Purim carnival on Ave I — rides, candy, song, and cheer.

The chag made Boro Park impossible. It was wall to wall people. Again I heard the horns, the music, the laughter, the cheer. The same was true in Canarsie, Georgetown, and even in Sheepshead Bay!

In every house I entered there were tables, chairs, and preparations for the Seudah. Friends awaited friends, parents awaited their young, and Bubbys and Zaydehs awaited their grandchildren as they arrived with

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# The Politics Of Language

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was both a code word and a euphemism; so was probably the term "pacification," about which George Orwell, in his classic essay "Politics and the English Language" wrote:

"Defenceless villages are bombarded from the air, the inhabitants are driven out into the countryside, the cattle machine-gunned, the huts set on fire with incendiary bullets: this is called *pacification*." (This was written in 1964, a full twenty years before the word "pacification" was employed in Vietnam: euphemisms die hard.) Code words (or what are often called "code words" pejoratively by those who feel that they are the intended targets) have become familiar to us in recent years. I shall name only a few: "law and order," "busing," "benign neglect," "affirmative action," "ethnic purity," "reserve discrimination," "illegal aliens." In this country these are emotionally loaded words, and that makes them more than euphemisms. "Megadeath" is a euphemism, and for advocates of nuclear disarmament or a nuclear freeze it is as gruesome a euphemism as "Final Solution," but it is not a code word. "Developing nation" (instead of "a poor, backward or underdeveloped country") and "Third World" are euphemisms that are on the verge of becoming code words.

A recent example of the political use of language is seen in the running feud between those who

are for legalized abortion on demand and those who are against it. Originally the opposing movements were called by the popular press "proabortionists" and "antiabortionists," which seemed to be rather objective names. At a certain point, however, the antiabortionist movement decided that the prefix "anti" gave it a negative image and so went on to coin the new positive name of "pro-life" or "right-to-life" movement. Meanwhile, the proabortion movement was undergoing political turmoil within its ranks, for many of its members were split on the abortion issue, some not necessarily being "pro" abortion under all circumstances. The solution was again achieved through language, by adopting the new name "pro-choice," which was not only positive-sounding but removed the bone of contention within the movement by emphasizing that abortion was a matter of individual choice. The irony of it all is that the word and idea at issue, abortion, was eliminated by both groups from their names to everyone's satisfaction.

How the politics of language can become a government's official policy is illustrated by South Africa's tireless ingenuity in inventing new euphemisms and code words to disguise its racism. In 1948 South African blacks were called "natives," in the 1950's they were renamed "Bantus," and in the 1970's "blacks," while the ten black zones were named successively "native reserves," "bantustans," and lately "homelands."

Hundreds of similar terms to cover every aspect of apartheid are discarded and invented each year in the language of that tragically divided country.

The politics of language includes such strategies as cajoling, pressuring, "jawboning," the use of sexist terms and opprobrious labels, and a great variety of subtle put-downs by individuals who seek to assert themselves or dominate others. The politicization of language also includes such insidious strategies as distorting the meanings of words and names, as by equating "Zionism" with "racism," describing Arafat as "moderate," and calling the PLO terrorists "fighters" and "guerrillas."

There are, in fact, no limits to the distortion and perversion to which words and meanings can be put. That is basically the reason why language by itself rarely achieves the communication and understanding for which it is presumably intended. As Orwell put it in his essay: "The great enemy of clear language is insincerity."

A few generations ago, the *Hafetz Hayyim*, of blessed memory, made the Jewish world aware of the paramount importance of "shemirat halashon." The only difference perhaps between then and now is that today people lie more in public and are more brutally "frank" or truthful in private. People in all walks of life would do themselves and the world a service if they were to cultivate a greater sensitivity to the political uses and abuses of language.

## Do We Ever Say 'Thank You'?

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They were as cognizant of his presence as they were of the price of poached eggs in Waukegan, Illinois in 1966.

Life is difficult. The greatest appreciation we, of course, should have is for G-d, whose grace and mercy allows us to be healthy and well. Yesterday, I was informed that my former roommate has a tumor lying near the pituitary gland in his brain. He will have to undergo extremely dangerous surgery and may G-d be with him. If it were easy, what would be the challenge? Life can be a great experience. We must make of it what we can. I humbly believe that the ideas expounded upon in this column are worthy of serious consideration by each and every one of us. Next time before we complain about anything and get

upset, we should sit down and learn that perhaps we are acting foolishly.

## Macs

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Maccabees who broke a number of records before graduating in 1978. He is the brother of Mike Rosenbloom, who was the captain of the Maccabees this season.

Other teams in the IAC are New Jersey Institute of Technology, the only other IAC team with three players on the "dream team;" Stevens Institute of Technology, with two players on the team; Drew University, with one player on the team; New York State Maritime College, with one player on the team; and New York Polytechnic Institute, with one player on the team.

## Letters To The Editor

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go and take." The crown of Torah in J.S.S. should be available to all *talmidim*, who wish to seriously learn, and not simply to those who get good grades.

Also, there are *talmidim* in J.S.S., who are taking a high level *shiur*, and take their learning very seriously and get "B's". These *talmidim* do not get on the honors list. Then, there are *talmidim*, who are taking a lower level *shiur*, and take their learning less seriously. Yet, since they do well on their exams, that puts them on the honors list.

Let us recognize where honor for *Torah* belongs, and for what basis. The honor for *Torah* belongs in *shamayim*, and it should be for involvement in learning and for putting the learning into use. If for some form of earthly honor is necessary, let our *Rosh Chodesh chagigas* simply be "in honor of all serious J.S.S. *talmidim*, and let each *talmid's* learning speak for his deserving of being on the "List". Let us reopen the *Keser Torah*, the crown of Torah to all of Israel!

David E. Goldin  
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## Davidi Speaks

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a Y.C. student who had participated in the volunteer program, spoke at tonight's meeting. Mr. Dublinsky was enthusiastic about the program and declared that "I felt I gained an incredible amount from this experience."

At the outset of the evening, Gen. Davidi stated that a real peace in the Middle East would "insure Israel's existence forever." This would enable the government to eliminate its defense expenditures which now comprise one third of Israel's total budget. The government could then use this revenue to solve Israel's varied economic problems. He emphasized, however, that Israel could still survive in its present status of constant preparation for war.

Gen. David explained the importance of keeping Judea and Samaria to insure the security of Israel. He pointed out that these territories are only 10 miles away from both Tel Aviv and the coast of Netanya. Furthermore, these West Bank territories surround 70% of Israel's industrial base. As a result, if these lands were to fall into Arab hands, "the temptation to attack Israel," said Gen. Davidi, "would consequently be tremendous." Gen. David stressed that these lands could only be handed over if there was a real change of attitude on the part of the Arabs.

Gen. Davidi has many credits besides his capacity as Lt. General and his post as head of the Israeli Government's volunteer program. He founded the Israeli Paratroopers; served in the War of Independence; and served in the Negev with General Ariel Sharon.

## Ellmen

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normal, pinned his opponent raising Yeshiva's lead to 21-12.

Yeshiva forfeited the 167 pound weight class because it lacked a wrestler in this division; the score was now 21-18 in favor of Yeshiva. At 177 pounds, David Genet was pinned by his West Point Prep opponent with just 19 seconds left in the second period. Jack Nuszen was pinned in the first period of his match. The heavyweight division wasn't any better for the Ellmen, as their heavy-weight was pinned by his opponent and the Ellmen lost the match 36-21.

In their match with Brooklyn College, the Ellmen were victorious. The victory consisted of decisions and pins.

## Any Other Day

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wine and hamentashen.

It was a grand day. Nothing bothered me, nothing mattered. I was totally absorbed by my surroundings, the beauty of this special day strengthened me. What mostly rejuvenated me was both the revelation and reassurance that it didn't require a crisis or a tragedy to restore some semblance of unity to a Jewish community — our community — a simcha, a simple and unique day like Purim could achieve the same goal.

That afternoon, as my family sat down for our seudah, we ate, we drank, we laughed, we spoke and enjoyed. All was well. In the midst of conversation I suddenly overheard my cousin telling my sister, "Midterms are coming, and I'm still 3 chapters behind in History, 2 chapters..."

"Not now!" I loudly interjected, "Today is Purim."

## Macs End Season With 69-62 Win Over Polytechnic Institute

Feb. 21 — The Yeshiva College Maccabees closed out their regular season with a 69-62 victory over Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. Yeshiva ended the season with a record of 6 up and 13 down.

Yeshiva started out quickly and opened up a 34-28 lead over their Brooklyn opponents. Joe Eaves' 9 points (11 pts.) led Yeshiva in the first half, while Davis' 8 points (15 pts.) kept Poly in the game. But Yeshiva came out flying in the second half, and began to increase their 6 point halftime lead. Led by a stellar second half performance by "Chopper" Schrier, 14 points (22 pts.) and numerous rebounds, the Macs proved to be too tough

for their Brooklyn adversaries. Chopper Schrier led a balanced Yeshiva attack which saw four players in double figures (Eaves, Schwartz, and Klein).

Feb. 19 — In a closely contested game, the Macs were defeated by Mt. St. Vincent by a score of 62-56. The game was close throughout, as evidenced by the 34-27 halftime score. Limon's 16 first half points (20 pts.) paced the visitors. Yeshiva's backcourt duo of Eaves and Schwartz combined for 35 points to lead Yeshiva, but the inability of the rest of the team to become involved in the offense, once again plagued Yeshiva.

## Juniors vs. Freshmen

The first-half champion Juniors met the last place Freshman team and no upset occurred. From the opening tap, the Juniors, led by Baruch Weinstein (16 pts.) and Ushie Selevan (10 pts.) appeared to be able to score at will.

A strong rebounding game led by the Junior big men Jeff Schwartz, Eric Herschmann, and Nachum "Stretch" Segal, consistently held the inexperienced Freshman squad to only one shot each time down court. The

Freshman were limited to scoring with the outside "prayers" thrown up by Andre Isaacson (16 pts.) and Barak Safer (9 pts.).

The Freshman couldn't stop the fast break led by Gary Kaufman and Yak Friedman. The Freshman attempted a fourth quarter comeback but were thwarted by the defensive prowess of Ian Landow and Stuie Ehrlich. The Juniors maintained the lead the entire game with the final score being 59-31.

## All-Star Team

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Moshe Green, and goalie Yak Friedman. The second place sophomores placed two forwards Andy Schrieber and Bernie Bronner and two defensemen - point leader B-Z Smilchensky and Ari Tuchman. The seniors placed three people including defensemen Jeff Rappaport. The freshmen placed two people including forward Hillel Hyman who led his team with 13 pts. and goalie Ronny "Chico" Gross.

**Commissioners Notes—** The season's play has substantially improved with close games all year

long. A new no-fight rule was instituted and sportsmanship was at its highest. The Freshmen showed promise in becoming a dominant force in the league. The sophs are strong on offense, but still lack a top player in the crucial position of netminding. The Juniors are as good as last year but that may not be good enough to take the championship again. The pressure is on them for no team has won in succession for the past 5 years. The seniors, have looked as good in the last few games as they did two years ago when they won the championship.

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## BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS

### Seniors vs. Juniors

The two upperclass powerhouses met for the first time in second semester intramurals. At the outset it seemed to be the seniors all the way. They jumped out to a quick 21-14 first half lead. Eli Schulman led the seniors by scoring 10 of his 16 points in the second quarter.

The Juniors, coached by Red Nordlicht, came out at the start of the second half with an elaborate defense devised to stop Schulman. But 8 quick points by Elliot Prince forced the Juniors to go into a man.

The Juniors made a strong

second half comeback led by Michael Taragin with 16 second-half points (21 pts.) and managed to take the lead with just 2 minutes left to the game. But the Seniors led by Adam Maslow with 18 fourth quarter points (23 pts) stormed back to tie the game with just 40 seconds left. The Seniors held the ball for one last shot and went to their big man who with just one second left on the clock made the shot and was fouled on the play. He made the foul shot to ice the game for the Seniors. The final score was 54-51.

### Freshmen vs. Seniors

The next game pitted the 1 — 2 freshmen against the 1 — 2 seniors. The upperclassmen were hoping to avenge their earlier loss to the freshmen.

The first quarter saw the freshmen led by Andre Isaacson's 8 points (20 points) jump out to a 12 — 5 lead. In the second quarter, the seniors were able to contain the sophomores fast break and cut the sophomores lead to 24 — 20 at the half.

The second half was marked by many lead changes and ties, but the seniors tenacious 3 — 2 defense shut off the freshmen's hot outside shooting and helped the seniors avenge their earlier loss. At

the end of the third session the seniors led by a score of 32 — 30. The fourth quarter saw the seniors led by Adam Maslow's 9 points (27 points) Elliot Prince's 4 points (10 pts.) and clutch foul shooting by Aaron Selevan and Benji Schoenberg go on to win by a score of 50 — 42.

The seniors raised their record to 2 — 2, while the freshmen fell to 1 — 3.

In other intramural action, the sophomores defeated the freshmen 70 — 55. The sophomores were led by Zev Skolnick's 24 points; Andre Isaacson, once again, led the freshmen with 20 points, while Bavak Safer chipped in 18 points.

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## 3 Macs Selected to IAC All Decade 'Dream Team'

A Fourth Named to Honorable Mention Status

Yeshiva University students usually are more noted for academic achievements than athletic accomplishments. But three stars of the University's basketball team, the Maccabees, developed such reputations on the court that they recently were named to the Independent Athletic Conference's all-decade "dream team." A fourth Maccabee received honorable mention status on the team.

The "dream team" was chosen by a committee of past and present IAC basketball coaches who selected players from the first nine years of the conference's existence, 1973-82.

Joey Eaves, now a sophomore at the University, was named as a "dream team" guard. The committee of coaches noted that Eaves has set a conference record for assists — 44 in seven games — and has averaged 12 points a game. They called the 5'9" native of Hartford, Ct., "one of the reasons Yeshiva played in its first play-off game." They added that Eaves

"can lead break, penetrate, pass off, and shoot from the outside."

Harvey Sheff, who played with the Maccabees from 1979 to 1982, is one of the "dream team" forwards. He led the conference in scoring during his senior year. Sheff, a 6'4" native of Lawrence, N.Y., also holds the University's all-time scoring record. He scored 1,500 points during his years with the Maccabees. The selection committee called him a "great off-ball offensive player."

Dave Kufeld, a 6'8" center from Great Neck, N.Y., also was named to the team. Kufeld, who played with the Maccabees from 1977 to 1980, became the only IAC player to be drafted by a National Basketball Association team when he went to the Portland Trail Blazers' rookie camp. He led the NCAA's Division III in rebounding in 1978-79 and 1979-80. The committee called him "very strong with a nice touch."

Honorable mention status went to Robert Rosenbloom of Riverdale, N.Y., a center with the

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## Ellmen Finish Season 2-3; Lack Of Wrestlers A Problem

The Yeshiva College Ellmen split their final two matches of the season and thus finished their season with a record of 2 wins and 3 losses.

In the first of the two matches, West Point Prep defeated the Ellmen in a closely contested match. The match typified the Ellmen's entire season, as once again, the Ellmen did not possess a wrestler in each of the designated

sustaining an eye injury in the second period, was pinned at the end of this period; Yeshiva now trailed 12-0.

But the third match proved to be different co-Captain Wayne Brecher pinned his opponent at 1:52 of the first period, bringing the score to 12-6 in favor of West Point Prep. Yeshiva continued its winning ways as its other co-Captain, Moshe Kranzler outpoin-



Ellmen Split Season Finale

weight classes. This problem had cost the Ellmen on more than one occasion this wrestling season.

In the opening match, the 118 pound weight class, Aaron Moshe Roth was pinned by his opponent in the second period, thereby leaving Yeshiva down by a score of 6-0. The next match didn't prove to be any better for the Ellmen. As Joe Rahaby, after

ted his opponent 6-1. Yeshiva now trailed by only 3 points, 12-9.

The next match in the 150 pound weight class, Stue Simon recorded the quickest pin of the season, 1 minute in the first round, giving Yeshiva its first lead of the match. Pesach Kremen, wrestling in a weight class three above his

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## Taubermen Fight Valiantly In Second Half Of Season



Tauberman finish season with 4-5 record.

With the onset of the spring semester, the second half of the fencing season began. As the Tauberman looked at their remaining matches, they found themselves facing 5 tough opponents in a span of 2½ weeks. This tight schedule mixed with constant practice left the Tauberman with tired swords.

As the second half of the season began, Yeshiva had a record of 2-2. The first match of the spring season was against Drew College, at Drew on February 14th. The match belonged to Drew from the outset. The only light of the match was the Sabre squad, who despite the loss of two starters, pulled off a 6-3 victory.

The next match on February 17th, came against Maritime Institute. The match was close from the outset. At the end of the first round Yeshiva found itself trailing by a score of 5-4. The same was true in the second round, as Y.U. was once again out-fenced by a score of 5-4, leaving Y.U. entering the third round down by a score of 10-8. As the gong sounded, Y.U., charged up, led by a 3-0 Sabre Sweep went up 11-10. Maritime bounced back and tied the score at 13-13. With one bout remaining, Marc Breslaw defeated his opponent, giving Y.U. the match and much needed victory. Special mention goes to fencers David Mond and Seth Gersten who both posted 3-0 bout records for the match.

Next, the fencers from Brooklyn came to cross blades with the Taubermen. Again, this time with Brooklyn, Y.U. trailed 5-4 at the

close of the first session. In the second round, Y.U. came back and tied the score at 9-9. In the third round, the Yeshiva fencers closed up ranks and took the final round 5-4 and the match 14-13. Special mention again goes to David Mond for another 3-0 performance.

Y.U. was now going into its last 2 matches on the right side of a 4-3 record. Unfortunately, the last 2 matches proved to be the Taubermen's downfall. At Stephens Institute and at home against Hunter College, the Yeshiva fencers were defeated by their opponents and closed their season at 4-5.

After the last match, the team met and selected David Mond as the captain for next year's team. The team, also, said good-bye to graduating seniors Captain David Feit (13-13), Seth Gersten (18-7), and Larry Zarot (2-1).

The past season was again a solid one for the Sabre squad. In all the victories posted this season, each was led by a strong

performance from the Sabre squad; the squad posted a 50-31 record. With returnees Zanger, Berger, Balk, Rhine, Schreiber, and Berlin, next season's squad promises to be as strong as ever.

The Foil squad, which went 28-53 this year, hopes to be much improved next season. Led by Captain David Mond and the entire squad which is returning, the veterans hope to have a winning record next season.

The Epee squad (30-51) also promises to be stronger next year. This season they touted an entire rookie line up. With a year's seasoning behind them, the squad should be a match for any opponent. Although Captain Feit will be missed, returnee Breslaw will assume a leadership role. Joining Breslaw on next year's squad are fencers Friedman, Kern and Cantor.

Although the season may have been a losing one (4-5), the team itself through both spirit and cohesiveness proved to be a winner.

## Macs All-Star Team Announced; First-Placed Juniors Take Five Spots

By RONNY GROSS & EDDIE IZSO

The seniors are back!! In the first game of a two out of three semifinal playoff series, the seniors overpowered a strong sophomore team, 9-5. With the recent return of the SOS-Rinehart line, which combined for five goals and five assists, and strong goaltending by Larry Lehman, the seniors kept the sophs off balance most of the game. The sophs led by B.Z., Ace, and Tuchman took off to a fast 3-1 lead in the first period. The sophomores were confident of winning due to the senior's defensive loss of All-Star Eddie Izso, who broke his arm two weeks earlier in a game against the defending champion Juniors. However the explosive senior offense more than made up for the defensive lapses. The second period saw the seniors come back

to tie the game at four apiece. The period contained some of the hardest hitting of the season. Even freshman referee Ronny Gross got clobbered off the rebound of an Andy Schrieber check. In the third period the seniors ran away with the game with two goals in the first minute and a half. The sophs are eagerly awaiting game two to even up the series.

Their hopes lie on newfound sensation Canadian goalie Kenny Fischer, who recently starred in the annual Can-Am Classic. He recieved his chance to play due to the injury of rookie sensation, goalie Ronny "Chico" Gross. The Can-Am game was one of the closest-scoring, wide-open games of the year, ending in a 4-3 Candian overtime win. Tied at 3-3 at the end of regulation time, the

Canadians felt lucky having scored the tying goal with only eleven seconds remaining in the game. In the overtime period, the Americans came out flying with enormous pressure on the Canadian defense. Only the constant, miraculous saves by Kenny "Dryden" Fisher kept the Canadians in the game. After 15 min. of overtime play, Jay "Red" Kellman of Toronto cut across on a breakaway and slipped the puck between goalie Yak Friedman's legs.

In accordance with tradition, the All-star team was announced at the end of regular season play. The first-place Juniors placed five members on the team; Defensemen Co-Captain Chopper Schrier, forwards - Stue Weinberger, Ushie Selevan and goal - scoring leader

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### FINAL STANDINGS

	FTM	FTA	FT%	FG	TP	GP	PPG	PF/G	PF
Eaves	78	108	.722	117	312	19	16.42	2.52	48
Schwartz	15	30	.500	93	201	19	10.57	2.63	50
Krevsky	34	53	.641	66	166	12	13.83	2.25	27
Tamir	15	27	.555	39	93	12	7.75	3.58	43
Klein	52	70	.742	55	162	19	8.52	3.10	59
Schreier	23	34	.676	46	115	18	6.38	2.05	37
Menora	6	10	.600	7	20	10	2.00	1.00	10
Tilson	5	6	.000	19	43	18	2.38	1.27	23
Appel	0	0	.000	1	2	2	1.00	1.00	2
Franco	0	0	.000	1	2	2	1.00	1.00	2
Thomas	1	5	.200	1	3	5	0.60	2.60	3
Levine	2	4	.500	0	2	2	1.00	1.50	3
Team	242	372	.650	468	1178	19	62.00	19.47	370
Opponents	263	416	.632	551	1365	19	71.84	19.05	362

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