

## Uptown Kaplan Branch Under Consideration

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

Yeshiva University officials, concerned that students preparing for graduate entrance examinations are missing much of their classes, particularly in Judaic Studies, are considering a proposal to open a branch of the Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center at the Main Center in Washington Heights, the *Commentator* has learned.

The proposal, one of the several that are being discussed by a committee of Administration officials and *Roshei Yeshiva*, would attempt to put students back into classrooms again, while enabling them to prepare adequately for the MCAT, LSAT, and GMAT examinations.

### Eliminates Transportation Problem

According to Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of the Mazer Yeshiva Program and chairman of the committee, implementation of such a proposal would also "eliminate the transportation problem students have been confronted with en route to Kaplan's," which is located in Midtown.

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"The excessive preparation for the college boards is all-consuming," Rabbi Charlop said, "and it has taken away a great deal of time from the students' Judaic Studies."

Rabbi Charlop added that each of the three Judaic Studies divisions at the college have been affected by this problem. He indicated though, that the Mazer Yeshiva Program—which consists of over 60% of the student body—"has been most severely hurt."

### Special Class

Another proposal being considered by the committee is to establish a special Judaic Studies class for students in their junior year preparing for the graduate entrance exams. Under this proposal, students would attend the class at times specially designated.

While several of the committee members have indicated in interviews with the *Commentator* that the Kaplan proposal may have its "positive aspects," many expressed the need to consider the plan with "cautious optimism."

### Conditions

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean of Yeshiva College, maintained that



Mr. Stanley H. Kaplan  
He may have a reason to smile.

he would support the proposal on the condition that it "would not interfere with the programs of Yeshiva College and the Judaic Studies Divisions."

The dean insisted that although the proposal would be helpful in solving the transportation problem, he would not support "any modification of the existing college programs."

### "Coming to Grips"

According to Dr. Michael Hecht, associate dean of Yeshiva College and director of the student guidance center, the Kaplan proposal "is an attempt to come to grips with the existing problem by accommodating the needs of the students and enabling them to fulfill their obligations."

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## YCSC...Constitutional?

By MARK LEFKOVITZ

Recently, questions have been raised concerning the propriety and legality of certain Yeshiva College Student Council actions.

Earlier this year, a new Y.C.S.C. constitution was drafted by the Student Council in order to update the previous Constitution.

According to Avi Schneider, President of Y.C.S.C., "the old constitution was not accurate and many things in it were not applicable..." "We wanted to make it more of a living document."

The process in which the Constitution was drawn up, however, has given rise to much criticism. According to sources close to *Commentator* when the Student Council formulated the new draft, they used the old Constitution as a background while they rewrote a new Constitution. Changes were not recorded as amendments. Instead, the Council wrote up a draft based on the old Constitution and inserted the changes directly into the new text without any record of change.

Some students believe that in deference to the existing document, the changing of a constitution must be effected through the adaption of amendments. Moreover, they feel that the introduction of changes into the new draft without any record is questionable. Mr. Schneider, on the other hand, points out that most people did not even know that there was a Constitution until last April. "The Constitution was a dead document until it surfaced last April and now a big deal is being made of it." He maintains that the revision of the Constitution was done in a respectful manner.

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## YU To Launch Campus Renovation Project

By a Special Commentator Correspondent

Yeshiva University's Main Center in Washington Heights will be the initial focus of a major program to improve its facilities and outward appearance, the *Commentator* has learned.

The Centennial Renovation and Rehabilitation Project, which will include university-wide improvements of buildings and facilities, will make the campuses "a more functional and more attractive place to work and to study," said one administration official.

According to Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, Vice President for Business Affairs of Yeshiva University, work has already begun on two of the Main Center's buildings, including the Mendel Gottesman Library and Science Hall. He also indicated that test borings are presently being conducted in preparation for the construction of the Max Stern Athletic Center this fall.

### Plans for the Main Center

Further plans for renovation at the Main Center include Rubin Hall, which would receive a major facelift, the addition of a furnished "visitor's suite," and a fresh coat of paint. Lounges and common areas would be refurbished, and bath and shower areas would be rehabilitated. Some of the same improvements, including the refurbishing of lounges and the repainting of walls, are also proposed for Morgenstern Hall.

Under the plan, the renovation of Science Hall would include the installation of exterior lighting, the creation of additional faculty offices, and other improvements to ensure better energy conservation. Work at Furst Hall would include the refurbishing of the lobby and lounges, the rehabilitation of the building's elevator tower, and the relocation of various offices.



The Yeshiva University Campus will receive a major face lift.

Improvements are also planned at Tannenbaum and RIETS Hall, home to The Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy-YU High School for Boys and YU's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, as well as the first building erected by the institution in Washington Heights. Renovation there would involve the redesigning of space to provide additional room for several departments, including the Cantorial Training Institute and to those connected with the High School

and with RIETS. The plan also calls for creation of student lounge facilities, the installation of a new roof, the repainting of the entire building, and rehabilitation of the structure's water and steam supply system.

Y.U. officials are also looking at the feasibility of improvements at the Student Union Building, which would allow for rooftop parking, the relocation of student offices, and enhanced surroundings for the student theatre.

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## Dean of AECOM Resigns

May 9—Dr. Ephraim Friedman, who has served as Vice President for Medical Affairs at Yeshiva University and as dean of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) since 1974, has tendered his resignation, effective September 1, Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University announced today.

Dr. Friedman, who is also professor of Ophthalmology at AECOM, will become president and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, where he served as a resident from 1959 to 1961. In his letter of resignation to President Lamm, Dr. Friedman attributed his decision to "a desire on my part to return to the discipline for which I have been trained and to the institution at which I received my training."

### Committee Search

According to sources in the YU Administration, a University-wide search committee is being formed, which will soon undertake "a nationwide, if not worldwide search" for Dr. Friedman's



Dr. Ephraim Friedman

replacement. The committee will consist of representatives of the University's constituencies and Einstein's constituencies, including board members, administrators, senate and faculty members and other groupings.

### "Will Be Missed"

In making the announcement, President Lamm stated that, "while we can appreciate Dr. Friedman's desire to return to his first love, the practice of medicine, we will miss his wise counsel and his warmth here at Yeshiva University."

An acting dean is expected to be named within the next 30 days.

## New Governing Board Chosen; Smilchensky Elected Editor

By JEFF SCHWARTZ

April 27 — At 10:30, the *Commentator's* governing board began its deliberation for the selection of a new governing board and Editor-in-Chief. Approximately two hours later, it was announced that Ben-Zion Smilchensky, former News and Feature Editor would serve as Editor-in-Chief for the 1983-1984 academic year.

Ben-Zion, a resident of Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn, graduated with honors from the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. He studied at BMT in Jerusalem for one year and is presently in Y.P. and an Economics major and computer minor heading for Business School.

When asked about his plans for next year Mr. Smilchensky replied, "We intend to further heighten the already high standards of the *Commentator*, with the added emphasis on quality investigative reporting and feature articles. We also anticipate an

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Ben-Zion Smilchensky

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## Congratulations 'Israel Affairs'

Since its inception in the early months of the fall semester, the Israel Affairs Committee of Yeshiva University has consistently provided students with numerous speakers and distinguished statesmen who shared their views regarding the complex situation in the Middle East.

Only one month ago, the Committee sponsored a symposium entitled, "Peace in the Middle East—A Three Dimensional Perspective," and invited, among others, the Egyptian Ambassador to the United Nations to partake in this forum.

By deciding to include the Egyptian Ambassador, the Committee showed great initiative, and took a bold step in attempting to further student awareness of the different viewpoints embedded among Middle East nations.

This particular event, as was the case with many of the Committee's functions, was conducted in a mature and cordial atmosphere. The often blunt exchanges between the Egyptian Ambassador and the students during the question-answer session were both provocative and insightful, and were carried out in a most respectful and intellectual manner. As a result of proper planning and competent organization, each event was carried out smoothly, if not flawlessly.

Congratulations are due to the Committee president and board for coordinating these events and for bringing these distinguished statesmen and their diversified viewpoints to our campus.

The performance of the year-old committee proves that persons who share different views from those accepted at Yeshiva University can indeed be welcomed properly here and can contribute to the intellectual enrichment of the student body.

Perhaps other already established societies at Yeshiva should take example from the Committee's impressive accomplishments, in regard to substance, quality and initiative.

## Mazel Tov

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board wish a Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Gurock on the birth of their son.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board salute Lt. Colonel Robert Marmóstein for his boundless efforts and devotion towards Yeshiva University in his 14 years of service. We wish him all the best upon his retirement and much success in his future endeavors.

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## Bring Kaplan's Uptown

Commuting downtown is an integral part of almost every Yeshiva College Junior's life. Whether it be for the MCATS or the LSATS, many Yeshiva students study at Kaplan's Educational center on a bi-weekly, often daily basis. This creates a serious problem with regard to student attendance in Judaic studies courses. During this period, the typical Kaplan's-goer spends much of his morning either en-route or in Kaplan's.

The University appointed a committee to deal with this problem. The committee consists of administration, *Roshei Yeshiva*, and faculty members. Two proposals have been offered to alleviate the situation. The first, which we find to be unacceptable, is the institution of special shiurim to be given at times convenient for the students attending Kaplan's. It should be self-evident that such a program would only fragment the student body while according Jewish studies a subservient role.

The second proposal involves the opening of a Kaplan's branch on the Yeshiva College campus. The opening of this branch would save the students much time and money spent in commuting to and from Kaplan's. The proposal would also enable the students to frequently utilize the Kaplan facilities at different times during the day and for shorter periods of time. This would make it easier for students to attend their Judaic studies courses. It is for these reasons that we strongly support the latter proposal.

## Comings And Goings

It is with wholehearted optimism that we take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected members of all four student councils, the four newly appointed student senators, and the new governing boards of the other school publications. We truly hope that they will live up to the great expectations of the student body by striving creatively and diligently toward fulfillment of their new responsibilities.

With graduation rapidly approaching, we would also like to wish our best to all those who will be leaving Yeshiva at the end of the school year. May the future see fulfillment of their brightest hopes and bring success to their endeavors. Hopefully they will recall only the fondest of memories of their stay at Yeshiva.

Lastly, we wish the student body, administration, faculty, and the entire Yeshiva community a very restful and pleasant summer and a *Ketiva Va'chatima Tovah*.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board extend heartfelt condolences to Larry Wachsmann on the tragic passing of his father, Joseph B. Wachsmann. *HaMakom Yenachem Etchem B'Toch Sha'ar Aveilay Tzron V'Yerushalayim*.



## Letters To The Editor

### Salary Increase

To The Editor:

This letter concerns a subject that not only administrators but also students are disinclined to approach sympathetically. Nevertheless, I am impelled once again to introduce the pressing question of faculty salaries and the grandiose but hollow promises that have been offered to the faculty in lieu of money. The President himself has publicly described the inadequacy of the salary scales of the faculties of the undergraduate colleges, pledging a vaunted "quantum leap," but that, too, now seems to have been no more than an expedient rhetorical device. The plain truth is that

paying the faculty a living wage is not as important consideration to the administration.

There is money available for partitioning offices in the Science Building; money for a glossy, self-congratulatory annual report lauding the achievement of the University in meeting its debt, a report so visibly expensive to produce that it stands as an emblem of fiscal solvency and stability. There is talk of videotaping activities throughout the University as part of a lavish public relations campaign, and it would seem that the Admissions Office has a budget so large that they cannot spend it. But there is no money for the faculty under any circumstances, even though low faculty salaries and consequent battered faculty morale were

among the reasons the University was denied a chapter by Phi Beta Kappa, whose visiting team was, at the same time, struck by the remarkable loyalty shown by the faculty to this institution. The

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### Disinterested

To The Editor:

I, as a student of Yeshiva College and as a Zionist Activist, would like to address the disease that plagues our student body — Apathy. As it is known most events held here in Yeshiva are found to have a minimum participation of the student body. One might justify this fact by saying that not everyone is interested in the economics society's forum on

religious accountants. However, events pertaining to Zionism, Religion, and Jewish affairs are events that effect us all and should be attended by everyone.

Tuesday May 10th, at 10:30 P.M. in the Rubin Shul an event was sponsored by TAGAR, the on-campus Zionist movement. This was the first major event held by the Y.U. chapter. It featured as its guest speaker Mitch Chupik, the National director of Bether Zionist youth. The topic of discussion was the role of the Yeshiva Students in Israeli politics today. Though the *Medrash* says "Kol Hatcholot Kashot", "all beginnings are difficult," TAGAR was dealt an embarrassing blow. Out of a student body of over 800, attendance was a shocking 25. Most surprising was the "no shows" on

the part of the outgoing and incoming student council.

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### Secular Music

To The Editor:

Picture the following scene: Joe Q. Yeshiva, one of the more religious students at Yeshiva University, has a tough *halachic* question to ask. As Joe has a lot of connections within the religious community, he's able to secure an appointment with Rav Moshe Feinstein to discuss the matter.

The time comes for his appointment and Joe is led into Rabbi Feinstein's room. He walks in and finds Rabbi Feinstein listening to a radio. But what's that song he's

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# OP-ED

## A Poignant View

By Yoel Moskowitz

The following incident is fictitious as are the characters portrayed in it. Any similarities to real names are purely coincidental. This story was written to make a point and to hurt no one.

Feeling lost as a freshman and pondering what to do about my schedule, I decided to consult with scorpion. "Your scorpness," I said with a freshman's awe, "I'd like to buzz out, with your permission of course sir." "Sorry," said scorpion with a grin as puffed wildly on his bong. "You are too advanced for that - I think you would like Whitey." "But Whitey's too difficult sir, I'd like to take Buzzy." "No," was the sharp reply. "Willy then sir." "No, he snapped once again.

I was getting upset, everybody else Buzzy's out why can't I?

"Because you're easy," said my friend, "You have to stand tough, tell him what you want, don't request it, he's really soft as cream."

"Sir I am taking Buzzy or Willy," I demanded, "It's my schedule and I've a right to choose." "Try Whitey for two weeks, if you don't like him I'll switch you out."

"O.K. fair enough," I replied.

Shouldn't have done that," said my friend. "Why?" "Because his hands go into cuffs in two weeks." "What?" I asked. "You'll see," came the drawn reply.

Well, my two weeks were up and I had to get out, Whitey was brilliant but he was prone to fits of Schizophrenia while teaching; besides, he speaks too fast.

"Well sir my two weeks are up, Whitey's not for me and I'd like to Buzzy out." "Sorry, I can't help you." "Why not sir?" "Well son, do you see my hands?" "Yes sir, They're on the arm rests of your chair." "Well come here and lift up the sleeves of my Jacket."

I did as I was told, only to find scorpion's hands were handcuffed to his chair.

"When do the cuffs come off sir," I asked. "Next semester." "But sir.... I began to argue, only to be interrupted by the scorpion who said, "you'll have to learn to accept this, it's going to happen to you alot in the future."

I began to cry and say dumb things like, "I'll even take Pretzel, just let me switch, please!" Suddenly, the cuffs were off, and before I knew it I was registered in Pretzel's class".

"All the better, it will be like private tutoring." "But sir, I'll have to go to class....." "Splendid, splendid," he said, you've made a wise choice, your father will be proud of you."

"Please sir, anything but pretzel," I cried. "That's it son, its been decided, now off to class."

Needless to say, I did as I was told still trying to absorb the events of the past couple of weeks. "Ha Ha," said my friend, "you've really done it now." "I guess it can't be that bad," I retorted, "Do you know why he has only one student in his class?" "No, I answered honestly, I still didn't learn the ropes yet."

"It's because he hasn't passed anyone since 1968," my friend informed me.

"And how'd he get that one student?" I asked. "You're not the only gullible one in the school," was the answer.

That made me feel a bit better at least I was not alone. But soon I learned the real reason for Pretzel's stiffness, some joker once wrote an article in the Commentator, ridiculing his class, that upset him and now he's no longer Mr. Nice Guy. The pieces suddenly began to fall into place: Instructions were beginning to become serious, and the escape routes were becoming narrower - it was left to us the students to prove that we can do it. Apparently there is a lot to learn here at.....



Egyptian Ambassador Amre M. Moussa

April 25—Close to 200 students filled Belfer Commons at Yeshiva University tonight to hear the Egyptian Ambassador to the United Nations call for "a lasting peace in the Middle East," and "a comprehensive settlement between Israel, Egypt, and its neighbors."

"No Easy Solutions"

Ambassador Amre M. Moussa, flanked by an Egyptian, an American, and an Israeli flag at his sides, said that "while the issues aren't simple and the solution isn't easy, not all parties have done their best to resolve the problems in the Middle East."

"Egypt and Israel are ancient peoples," he continued, "but we are both engaged in making history now; we are making peace."

3-D perspective

The Evening's program, sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee of Yeshiva University, was the first installment of a three-part forum entitled, "Peace in the Middle East-A Three Dimensional Perspective."

Mr. Carl Gershman, representing the U.S. delegation to the United Nations, and Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, were also participants in the series.

Ambassador Moussa was introduced by Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, who said that "we, of Jewish tradition, stand with dignity in search for peace, and recognize that much of what we do is dependent upon what our neighbors do."

Ambassador Moussa later "begged to differ" with Dr. Miller's statement, maintaining that any positive action to be taken in the Middle East "is dependent on all parties," he said, "not just on Israel's"

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## Israel Affairs Committee Sponsors Three Dimensional Series

By PHILIP MACHLIN

April 27 — Mr. Carl Gershman, senior counselor to the U.S. Ambassador Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, addressed a large audience of students from Stern College and Yeshiva College tonight. The event was the second in a series of 3 lectures entitled, "Peace in the Middle East— A Three Dimensional Perspective," presented by the Israel Affairs Committee.

The evening began with opening remarks from Ephraim D. Zayat, President of the Israel Affairs Committee. He was then followed by Dr. Israel Miller and Meyer Muschel, executive director of the Israel Affairs committee, who thanked Ambassador Kirkpatrick and her staff for their support of Israel.



Senior Counselor Carl Gershman

Mr. Gershman, a graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, opened the lecture with an appraisal of the current situation in the United Nations. "The U.N. is perceived as basically anti-democratic, supported and dominated by an anti-democratic majority" Gershman purported. He added that the voting process in the General Assembly is controlled by the black third world voting bloc, the Soviet bloc and non-aligned nations — all of whom are anti-U.S. and anti-Israel.

"Israel," Gershman indicated, "is the only state which the U.N. has called 'not peace-loving' while South Africa, which is often criticized, has never been called this." Gershman further suggested that this is the first step in delegitimizing Israel, paving the way for its expulsion and eventual elimination from the U.N.

During the ensuing question and answer period, Gershman was asked about the benefits Israel had

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Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum

By NEAL DUBLINSKY

May 4- A normally taxing order of business turned into a gratifying experience tonight for the honorable Yehudah Z. Blum, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, as he addressed an appreciative audience of Yeshiva College students assembled in Room 501 of Furst Hall. The speech was the finale of a three-part lecture series sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee in the hope of broadening student awareness of the range of issues concerning Israel.

By way of introduction, Rabbi Israel Miller, Vice-President of Student Affairs, cited a recent editorial appearing in the Wall Street Journal which described the UN's failure to restore peace in Lebanon, as well as that body's general underhandedness. He then extolled Ambassador Blum's unfaltering stance throughout his five year tenure as the Israeli representative to the U.N.

Casually attired in a light gray suit, Blum established an immediate rapport with his audience by dint of an occasional humorous reference and through his straightforward delivery. He speaks an impeccable English betraying traces of his native Czechoslovakian accent as well as an occasional British pronunciation. An internationally recognized legal scholar, Blum delivered a message smacked of solid fact presentation and concise argumentation. The ambassador suffered the horrors of Bergen-Belsen, perhaps accounting for his resoluteness.

Blum opened the lecture by detailing the inordinate amount of attention accorded the Arab-Israeli conflict at the U.N., even at the expense of more pressing issues. 49 out of the 88 Security Council meetings held last year dealt with

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## An Awakening Experience

By EDWARD FINKELSTEIN

A few weeks ago I had a free afternoon. I tried to read a book but my mind wasn't on it. I had some schoolwork that could've been done but I really wasn't in the mood to study.

"What can I do?" I thought to myself. I got out of my desk chair and walked over to the window. While looking at the "G.W." bridge I was hit wit ha strange idea. "I know" I said to myself "I'll go take a walk around the neighborhood," with my mind seemingly made up, I quickly grabbed my jacket and headed downstairs. I would not be honest if I didn't tell you that I was a bit apprehensive. All those stories about swim teams getting robbed or "dangerous natives" began to run through my head.

But my sense of adventure proved too strong for my second thoughts. As I crossed over to the "other" side of Audobon Ave I

marveled at how much easier it is to walk when you're not walking with a week's worth of dirty laundry.

After crossing the street I encountered three little girls playing with a jump rope. Moving on I saw young women strolling with baby carriages and white haired elders sitting on folding chairs or stoops trading gossip. I passed by candy shops, groceries, clothes stores and a couple of bars.

Busboys were taking garbage out from the back of a restaurant and young denimeclad couples walked arm in arm. I even found a kosher butcher shop on 181st Street.

The afternoon passed quickly. Before I knew it the sun was disappearing behind the high risers in Jersey. So I headed back to the dorm, and thus the trip had ended. "You know," I thought "the streets are littered but the sanitation department collects everywhere."

Now when I look out of the window and see the "G.W. Bridge, I also notice the many apartments in between.

## Professor Louis Henkin Addresses Poli Sci Society On Human Rights

May 23 — Prof. Louis Henkin, Distinguished University Professor at Columbia, spoke to some 85 students, administration and faculty members tonight at Yeshiva University's Political Science Society Reception.

Professor Henkin, a Yeshiva College alumnus, was the keynote speaker of the evening, and spoke on the topic "Human Rights and American Foreign Policy."

Mr. Mordechai Twersky, who was inaugurated as next year's society president of Yeshiva College, inducted Professor Henkin as an honorary life member of the Society, and called him "a man who truly exemplifies the concept of Torah and Chessed — in the Henkin tradition."

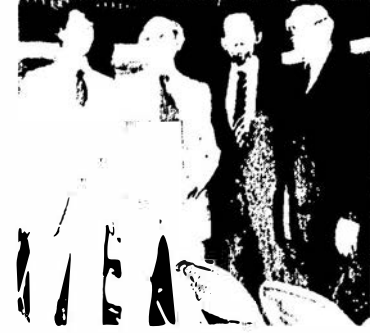
Professor Henkin's father was the renowned Torah Scholar,

tzaddik and posek, HaRav Yosef Eliyahu Henkin, Zt'l.

Professor Henkin was commended him "for his most outstanding achievements."

Yeshiva University leaders in attendance included Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University; Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President; Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President.

Other Y.U. officials at the affair were Dean Norman Rosenfeld of Yeshiva College; Dr. Michael Hecht Associate Dean; Dean Karen Bacon, Stern College for Women; Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, dean of Undergraduate Jewish Studies, Y.U., in addition to the entire faculty of the Political Science Department.



Prof. Louis Henkin (second from left), is shown standing with Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, and Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President (far right).

At left is Mr. Mordechai Twersky, President of the Political Science Society, who presented Professor Henkin with a life membership plaque.

## MYP Undergoes Changes

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

The Mazer Yeshiva Program of Yeshiva University (MYP) will undergo major changes next fall in regard to Shiur level and structure, Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of the program, told the *Commentator* in an exclusive interview.

Under the new changes, which were disclosed by Rabbi Charlop after a series of deliberations with Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, the first year shiurim (Talmud classes) will be given by Rabbi H. Reichman, Rabbi M. Willig, and Rabbi S. Drillman;

The second year shiur will be taught by Rabbi N. Alpert;

Third year shiurim will be given by Rabbi A. Bronspigel, Rabbi J. Ginsberg, and Rabbi Z. Shussheim;

Fourth year classes will be taught by Rabbi J. Parnes, Rabbi H. Shachter, and Rabbi G. Yankelewitz.

Rabbi Aaron Kahn, the assistant for many years to Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik, and who has taught the twice weekly *chulin* shiur, will be added to the regular roster of Roshei Yeshiva and will teach a fourth year shiur.

Rabbi P. Paretzky and Rabbi S. Romm will now be teaching regular RIETS shiurim. In addition, Rabbi Moses Tendler will be freed from most of his college responsibilities so that he can devote himself more fully to his shiur.

### Greater Flexibility

According to Rabbi Charlop, the new structuring of the shiurim "will at once give MYP and RIETS students greater flexibility and choice in terms of shiur selection and sequence." He added that the Mazer Yeshiva Program will be "greatly strengthened" as a result.

Rabbi Charlop indicated that the fourth year classes will be designated as "RIETS-MYP shiurim," thereby enabling students to receive semicha residence credit. The classes will also follow the MYP schedule and Masechet.



Rabbi Zevulun Charlop  
Director, MYP And RIETS

## IBC Additions

Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, dean of Undergraduate Studies at Yeshiva University and dean of the Isaac Breuer College, has announced the following changes at IBC for the coming semester:

An additional shiur will be formed in place of Rabbi Simcha Krauss, who will be leaving at the conclusion of the term.

Dr. Mordechai Pechter, a tenured senior lecturer on sabbatical from Hebrew University in Israel, will teach at IBC and at Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS). Dr. Pechter, who received his Ph.D. from Hebrew University, will teach "Introduction to Kaballah" in the fall, and "The Philosophy of Rav Kook" the following semester.

Dean Rabinowitz also indicated that Dr. Leo Landman, dean of BRGS, will teach a course at IBC this fall entitled, "the second Temple Period," and in the spring he will teach "The History of Anti-Semitism."

## JSS 1983 — '84

May 12—Rabbi Benjamin Yudin, director of the James Striar School for Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University, told *Commentator* today that JSS students may expect the attendance rules to be "strictly enforced" this fall.

Rabbi Yudin also indicated that the existing schedule at JSS will be maintained for next fall, and that he was "extremely encouraged" by the success of the monthly Rosh Chodesh gatherings held this year. He said that he intends to continue the monthly *Chagigot* for the coming year.

## Accounting Program At YU: A Flourishing Major

By JEFF KERN

Prior to 1979, an accounting major at Yeshiva College was non-existent. Yeshiva offered only elementary and intermediate accounting courses, and students interested in the subject were forced to seek their education elsewhere.

But in 1979, with the appointment of Dr. Norman Schlessberg to head the accounting department, students soon found themselves choosing from a wider range of courses. Within two years, five advanced accounting courses were added to the Yeshiva College curriculum, and finally, in June of 1981, Yeshiva University graduated its first group of accounting majors. "Accounting today is the way law was thirty years ago," Dr. Schlessberg

pronounced, his face glowing with enthusiasm and energy as he spoke. "It is the profession to be in."

But the accounting program at Yeshiva does not only pride itself on its intensive sixty credit major. It boasts an impressive accounting society as well. The society, under the auspices of Dr. Schlessberg and seniors Daniel Krombach and Jake Bernstein, has, throughout the year, offered the student body a realistic view of accounting both through speakers as well as through actual experience.

According to students, the enormous strides taken by the department over the recent years are directly attributable to the department head. The students point to Dr. Schlessberg with pride and affection, and regard him highly. As one student said: "He's an invaluable asset to Yeshiva University." In fact, Dr. Schlessberg was recently honored by this year's graduating class, as it elected him Senior Professor — a title awarded at graduation to the year's most outstanding mentor.

One student summed up the situation quite well when Dr. Schlessberg greeted him at a recent accounting society event. "Daron, you look the way a prosperous accountant should look," Dr. Schlessberg called out. "Well sure I do," came the reply. "You trained me."

Over the past year, the society has invited speakers to describe the various facets of the accounting profession as they arise in a daily situation. Most recently, on May 10, an alumni symposium was held in which six Yeshiva College alumni returned to their alma mater to describe for the undergraduates their everyday experiences as "religious accountants." In addition, the accounting society participated in a volunteer program where students helped fill out tax forms for poor people in the area. This volunteer service, while helping the less fortunate neighbors, provided the students with a first-hand experience of just one of the accounting profession's many aspects.

Yet another manner through which employment — seeking is facilitated, is the annual accounting dinner, scheduled this year for May 26, at La Difference. According to Dr. Schlessberg, the dinner was first held in 1981 for, primarily, two reasons. Many accounting firms were unaware that an accounting major had been initiated at Yeshiva, and dinner invitations were one way of informing them about the growing program. Moreover, as Dr. Schlessberg, who also teaches at Stern, put it: "It was a great way for the companies to meet the boys and girls." Last year, student attendance at the dinner grew from the '81 count of sixty, to a total of one hundred and twenty students, while the number of firms represented at the dinner climbed from six to fourteen. Current estimates predict an even greater turnout for the approaching dinner, with over one hundred and fifty students expected and members of nineteen companies anticipated.



Dr. Norman Schlessberg,  
Chairman, Accounting Department

The true success of the growing department, however, is reflected in the percentage of accounting graduates that have received jobs since they left Yeshiva College; with Dr. Schlessberg's arrival at Yeshiva two years ago, not a single accounting graduate has remained unemployed. This statistic is no accident. Each year the accounting department invites recruiters to conduct on-campus interviews with every student on an individual basis. In addition the students' resumes are printed and mailed to firms that do not participate in the campus recruitment.

## Rabbi Icek Noah Borenstein zt'l A Torah Scholar Passes Away At 74

By DANIEL ROSENTHAL and MORDECHAI TWERSKY

Close to 800 Roshei Yeshiva and talmidim filled Yeshiva University's Lamm Auditorium on April 19, for funeral services for Rabbi Icek Noah Borenstein zt'l, a Rosh Yeshiva on the faculty of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) for nearly 40 years. He was 74 years old.

Rabbi Borenstein was considered to be one of the most brilliant Torah scholars of his generation, and was eulogized by Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of RIETS as a "a talmid chacham, a gentleman, and fervent supporter of the yeshiva."

Other distinguished Roshei Yeshiva who spoke at the funeral service included Rabbi Dovid Lifshitz, a Rosh Yeshiva from Yeshiva University; Rabbi Shmuel Birnbaum, Rosh Yeshiva of Mir; and Rabbi Binyomin Zeilberger, Rosh Yeshiva of Beis Hatalmud.

Considered to be one of the very outstanding talmidim of the Mir Yeshiva, Rabbi Borenstein later learned with the Brisker Rav, Rabbi Velvel Soloveitchik zt'l, in Brisk.

Rabbi Charlop said in his address that when he visited Israel as a teenager, Rabbi Velvel, zt'l,

told him that Rabbi Borenstein was "one of the five best talmidei chachamim in all of Lithuania, and Lithuania, Poland."



Rabbi Icek Noah Borenstein, Zt'l

Rabbi Charlop also told a story about Rabbi Borenstein, who had participated in a contest where he learned 500 Blatt (pages) of Gemorah, Rashi, and Tosafot. He received a prize of 500 American Dollars for his accomplishment.

Rabbi Shmuel Borenstein, a Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University High School, spoke movingly of his father, saying that "in addition to being an outstanding talmid chacham, my father zt'l was an excellent husband and father. I am

proud of the fact that I was *zocheh* (privileged) to be his son."

Rabbi Borenstein also mentioned that the 500 Blatt which his father had memorized for the contest included the tractates of Baba Kamma, Baba Metzya, Baba Bathra, and all of Ketubus.

"Rabbi Borenstein zt'l often expressed great pride with the measure of *lumdus* he found here at the Yeshiva," Rabbi Charlop said. "He found it equal to anything he knew."

The funeral was attended by the Rav — Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik, and by Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, as well as by all of the Roshei Yeshiva of the University.

Rabbi Borenstein was born in Poland in 1909, and was one of more than 400 students, faculty members and Rabbis from Mir Yeshiva who escaped Nazi persecution at the beginning of World War II by making a long journey across Lithuania, through Russia and Siberia to Kovne, to Japan and finally to Shanghai, China.

Rabbi Borenstein left Shanghai in 1940 and went to Canada where he helped to establish a yeshiva in Montreal before coming to the United States in 1941. He served

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## Middle States' Visit Called Successful By YU Official



Dr. Egon Brenner,  
Executive Vice President

By PHILLIP LEDEREICH and MORDECHAI TWERSKY

A two-member team representing the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools conducted an evaluation of the study abroad programs in Israel this month. The team, which included in its academic review all of the Israeli programs under Yeshiva University auspices, was accompanied by Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Y.U.

### Visitors "Impressed"

"I believe the visit went well," Dr. Brenner told the *Commentator* in a recent interview. "The two visitors saw a cross-section of what our students do, and looked at their achievements," he said. "I believe that they were favorably impressed with the serious nature with which our students pursue their learning and studies."

The team also met with faculty, discussed curricula, and looked at examinations.

The Middle States representatives were Dr. Margaret Matson, Professor Emeritus of Social Welfare at Penn. State University, who toured the women's yeshivot, and Dr. Samuel Lachs, Professor of the History of Religion at Bryn Mawr, who toured the men's yeshivot.

According to Dr. Brenner, both representatives will soon render their reports to the Commission of Higher Education (the collegiate component of the Middle States

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## New Appointments

Yeshiva University officials have appointed three new faculty members for the 1983-1984 academic year, Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University has announced.

Dr. William Lamborn Lee, presently an instructor at Harvard, has been appointed Assistant Professor of English at Yeshiva College, and will teach sections in English Composition and Literature.

Dr. Lee, who received his B.A. from Oxford University in 1971 and his Ph.D. from Yale in 1980, will also teach an additional course this fall entitled, "Literary Criticism."

Dr. David Shatz, a Yeshiva College alumnus Summa Cum Laude in 1969, and a graduate of the Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), an affiliate of Yeshiva University, has been appointed Associate Professor of Philosophy.

An Assistant Professor of Philosophy and the History of Ideas at Brandeis in 1981, Dr. Shatz received an M.S. degree in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva University's Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1972, and his M.A. in Philosophy from New York University that same year. He earned his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1977.

In addition to teaching two courses at the Stern College for Women and a course at Yeshiva College this fall, Dr. Shatz will serve as "mentor" of the Max Stern scholars for their cultural enrichment.

Ms. Kathleen Ann Nolan has been appointed Laboratory Instructor of Biology. Ms. Nolan, a Biology lab technician at Yeshiva College from 1979-1981, will teach and assume responsibility for the laboratory component of the "Elementary Biology" courses.

Ms. Nolan earned her B.S. degree from Northeastern University in 1979, and will receive the M.A. degree in Biology from the City College of New York this coming June.

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean of Yeshiva College, indicated that Administration officials are in the process of deciding among several candidates who will teach Elementary Biology next fall.

Dr. Moses Tendler, Professor of Biology at Yeshiva College, has decided not to teach "Elementary Biology" next year, and will concentrate his efforts as a Talmud instructor at RIETS.

## Just Thought We'd Mention

The Governing Board of Commentator has decided to drop its libel lawsuit against *The Observer*, the official student publication of the Stern College for Women.

In an open letter to the editor of *The Observer*, dated April 25, the board of Commentator said that it "regrets any embarrassment this incident may have caused..." and hopes "that this incident will be forgotten and the animosity between the two papers will be dispelled, so that both undergraduate publications may continue serving the student body as a forum for exchange of ideas."

The letter also indicated that had the *Observer* "consulted with the Governing Board for a response before publishing their editorial and been more precise in the formulation of their charges, the entire misunderstanding might have been avoided."

## Looking Back And Reminiscing

Yeshiva, what a place. Look around, and you'll find that all is as you might have expected it to be around this time of year. The Belfer bulge is active again with bricks falling left and right. The Curriculum Committee has still not decided what to decide about. And of course, with graduation almost upon us, the Y.U. gardening squad will again attempt to transplant the Botanical Gardens to Danciger "Campus."

This time of year also provides readers with the opportunity to read those classical "good-bye" columns that senior's misuse to thank everyone including their pet hamster. If this is the case, I'll probably disappoint you since I don't have a hamster.

To understand Yeshiva is equivalent to having mastered the "Rubiks Cube" before the explanatory book was published. The "Rubiks Cube" demands extreme concentration during the turning and twisting process. Few manage to pinpoint the exact spot each square was in when it still remained in its original package. Through the contortions and struggle to solve it, one will inevitably master the intriguing puzzle and reach the desired conclusion.

Yeshiva, believe it or not is much the same. Many have attempted to twist and contort the "synthesis" approach of *Torah U'Mada* and have grappled with the

problem much the way a child (or a grown-up more likely) has lost sleep while attempting to figure out the "Rubiks Cube." Those who have struggled to find an appropriate meaning for *Torah U'Mada* may not have reached a conclusion, or may have searched for guidance, yet undoubtedly gained by their thought — provoking search for an answer.

Y.U. is a challenge. It tests the student, the individual. So much so, that it probably surpasses anything that one might have encountered to this point. The student must somehow incorporate two distinct persuasions; Torah and secular knowledge, and must always keep in mind the underlying importance of Judaism in all his studies.

To those students, who to this point have not grappled with this inherent reality; the challenge awaits them. There is no doubt that each and every student must seize the moment and arrive at an understanding how those two persuasions will effect him, and to what degree they will influence his everyday life the moment he leaves the university.

One must also recognize the wealth of knowledge here at Yeshiva. Students who are lethargic will simply miss the opportunity to challenge, to question, and to think. Please don't misunderstand me; everyone has undoubtedly gained and learned at

## Call It Fine Wines

By CHAIM NORDLICHT

There are many grave problems facing the orthodox Jewish Community today. Among them are a high rate of assimilation and intermarriage, high rate of divorce and a general declining Yeshiva enrollment. Among all these major problems some of the smaller ones seem to get lost in the shuffle.

One of the more prominent of these 'Lesser problems' is the lack of fine kosher Cuisine in general, and kosher wine in particular. Admittedly, strides are being made in the area of fine kosher food. We cannot expect to ever be able to dine on the real gourmet delicacies. After all, frogs legs and escargot, no matter how well prepared, will never be kosher.

However, there is no religious reason why there should be so few good kosher wines. There may be a number of causes for the widespread state of ignorance in the orthodox community about quality wines. First there is obviously some connection between the sugar industry and the kosher wine companies. It is this unholy alliance that has convinced

us that we like wines sugared to the point that one can leave a fingerprint on it. It is important to realize that we really don't like these wines. We have merely been conditioned to accept them.

Perhaps we are simply unable to make fine wine. Could it be the Jewish feet cannot stomp as good wine as non-Jewish feet? Or are we simply missing the Mesorah for making good wines?

In recent years there have been efforts made to upgrade the general quality of the wine we drink. Carmel wines has been making great strides as some of their better imports are proving to have a better than average quality. However their wines may still be a bit immature and the climate less than perfect.

More puzzling is the lack of any great kosher wines among those now imported from Europe. We have no Chateau Mouton no Chateau Lafite - Rothschild. The lack of a truly fine expensive kosher wine is a grave handicap for one who wishes to enter today's upper class society.

Happily, here at Y.U. major

strides are being made to redress the problem. Chateau Morg, a division of Rach distilleries incorporated has recently come out with a fine '82 vintage Alacante', Zinfandel, and Muscat wines. [For those novice oenophile they are a red, rose', and white wines respectively]. The quality of the red is quite good, with a flowery bouquet and a light acidity that promises an early maturity. The rose' is a fine, youthful, fruity wine that should be drunk immediately. Unfortunately the white leaves something to be desired.

According to the company spokesman, the wines were made using the old Italian tradition where each grape is stomped individually.

The company's major problem is quantity. So far they have not found enough quality grapes of the proper tacking to produce a really high yield. However, with continued high quality, they should be able to challenge the kosher wine giants within a few years.

Let us hope that they retain their fine quality and achieve their well desired and destined success.

## Summer Tuition Hike

By HOWARD T. KONIG

The tuition rate for summer courses at Y.U. under the new tuition guidelines enacted by the Y.U. Board of Trustees, is being raised. According to Mr. Neil Harris of the Office of Student Finances, this rise is proportionate to the recent yearly tuition hike. The price per credit breaks down to exactly the same as the price per credit during the normal school year. As for why the price per credit has gone up, an earlier Commentator article reported that the tuition rise "stems largely from higher costs of repairs and maintenance" and from "higher staff salaries."

## Compromising Values

By JOHNATHAN SCHMELTZ

May 10 — Nearly a 100 students from Yeshiva College & Stern College attended a discussion conducted by six former Y.U. graduates where they related their personal experiences as orthodox Jews in Public Accounting. The panel advised the new accounting majors to openly mention their

religious background in order to avoid any major complications in dealing with their employees. Other pertinent information concerning various aspects of accounting were discussed but the major issue of compromising religious values was the highlight of the discussion.

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## In Preview...

By BEN-ZION SMILCHENSKY

Skimming through the articles and columns of this my first issue of *Commentator* was initially enlightening. Numerous pieces by graduating seniors stated their personal views and perceptions of Yeshiva during their past four years, their hopes and desires for the future of Yeshiva, and their suggestions and recommendations for future graduates. If I were to read these articles objectively and had been unaware of Yeshiva, I would surmise that Yeshiva University is a grand institution, bubbling with enthusiasm, united in spirit, and a citadel of scholastic achievement of *Torah U'Madah*. I would envision Amsterdam Avenue sprawling with future intellectuals, and imagine the *Beit Midrash* occupied around the clock with tomorrow's *G'dolai Ha-Dor*. As I read on, I would perceive the Main Center as flourishing in Washington Heights, attracting and enticing thousands of awaiting students to its doors, and pitying those who do not understand the intrinsic rewards that Yeshiva University has to offer. It is they who, unfortunately, blindly avoid the learning, the intellectualism, the comradeship, the fervor, etc.....

As I glance at the next few columns, my joyous enlightenment transforms into dismay. I am suddenly perplexed and disillusioned. It seems that what I read before is deceiving — the aforementioned, absolutely non-existent. As I skim a few "Letters to the Editor", it seems my college is not so grand after all. The lack of course offerings seem to inhibit a full education. There appears to be too much Torah and not enough *Madah*. The next letter complains of an excess of *Madah* and a scarcity of Torah. The students have no body — complaints of apathy, and an inactive Student Council. A once flourishing Main Center is suddenly "centerless", gasping for its last breath. I read on. The Library is too small, the campus — ever so large — is falling apart piece by piece, feuding newspapers, rising tuition. . . .

Seemingly, a paradox exists. Fortunately or unfortunately, both, to an extent, are true. To deny either of them would be a severe misconception.

Yeshiva does have its share of problems. Improvements are necessary, yet still not unachievable nor unreachable. To look upon Yeshiva as a faltering establishment beyond hope is not doing this fine institution any justice. Although the walls of Yeshiva are 100 years old, the interior is brand new. We are a young college with the energy, persistence, and determination to grow, to persevere, and to send forth from its halls graduates with the credentials and the perspectives that Yeshiva University was

originally created to instill.

To complain and bellyache until we are blue in the face, does not benefit us nor the University. To strive and push ahead are our preferred alternatives. The choice is ours. I reiterate, we can fall apart piece by piece or we can — we must — become a truly grand institution that will grow and expand. To produce tomorrow's lawyers and doctors cannot suffice. We can be the fountainhead that will provide tomorrow's *B'Nai Torah*, tomorrow's Jewish leaders, and tomorrow's Jewish intellectuals. We must all take pride and joy in Yeshiva, to create an atmosphere where we can all stand tall, so that future editors of *Commentator*, when reviewing their first issue, won't have to write about making a choice.

Where do we begin? We have already begun!

In Jeff Katz, Danny Lehman, Yitz Solomon, and Morey Schwartz, we have a new Student Council leadership who will provide our students with a vital body.

Hopefully, in the new "Commie" Governing Board we have an effective medium through which to voice and encourage future development.

The Administration had engaged new professors and is planning curriculum changes in the coming year, to widen the scope of education.

As can already be seen, the University has initiated the renovation of the campus and soon construction of our new gymnasium will begin.

Above all the admission of 200 vibrant freshmen this fall with energy and eagerness can only profit our student ranks.

From this point we can sit and watch as spectators, or we can stand up and join the ball game. It takes two teams to play a game. We have the talents to win, the rules are being laid down, and a fresh season will soon begin. I am looking to go undefeated.

In conclusion, the task that lies ahead of us is not an easy one, yet it is attainable. Let us all come together and go forward as one. The process has begun. The face of Yeshiva is altering externally and the nature of Yeshiva is changing internally.

It is our obligation to enhance, its personality.

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I would like to thank David Vorscheimer, Ari Silbermintz, Robert Rimberg, and Mark Tannenbaum, who made my transition to Editor-in-Chief smoother.

To the entire student body and administration. Have a great summer and *A Ketivah V'Chatimah Tovah*.

## New Student Council Elected; Katz Elected President

By ISAAC ZUCKER

April 29—After a full week of campaigning by fourteen candidates for various offices, the students of Yeshiva College went to the polls today and voted for a new student council. When the ballots were tallied Jeff Katz, Daniel Lehman, Morey Schwartz and Yitzie Solomon were respectively elected President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of Yeshiva College Student Council.

Jeff Katz, a graduate of public high school in Los Angeles, California, also learned for a year and half at Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim in Israel. Prior to attending Y.U., he studied at UCLA for one year. He is currently a YP student in Rabbi Bronspegel's shiur and is majoring in English. The majority of Jeff's campaigning platform stressed his impressive record as President of the junior class. This year, the Junior class sponsored more activities than any other class. As President of YCSC, Jeff aspires to extend these activities to the entire student body.

Danny Lehman, the new Vice President, is also a graduate of public high school and spent one year in Israel studying at Brovender's. Danny a Philosophy major has had much experience in student activities including WYUR and *Hamevaser*. As well, he has served on the curriculum commit-

tee. Danny ran for office because he felt that the students need mature, sophisticated students who can serve as representatives to the faculty. Another theme stressed during his campaign was YCSC's need for new and innovative ideas. One idea is to make student life more active by having a seven day week filled with activities. Danny has planned many other activities for next year including a Jewish Festival of the Arts which will include Poetry, Music and Drama.

Morey Schwartz is a resident of Schenectady, N.Y. where he graduated from Niskayuna High School. Following high school, Morey spent a year learning at BMT in Israel. Currently a Y.P. sophomore in Rabbi Bronspegel's shiur, Morey is majoring in Psychology. He plans to enroll in the smicha program while studying for his degree in Psychology.

As treasurer, Yitz plans to publish the YCSC budget every two months. He hopes to help all the clubs and societies raise funds on their own and is willing to discuss methods of raising these funds. According to Yitz, if the clubs and societies make an effort to generate revenue, the council will match them dollar for dollar in addition to the standard YCSC allocation.

If no fund raising effort is made, however, the society will receive a cutback funding.

## In Prospect...

By JEFF KATZ

"Ah but a man's reach should exceed his grasp or what's a heaven for?" — Robert Browning.

The pessimist smiles as he looks down at the children at play. The optimist hopes as he looks forward to a year of opportunity. The former labels the ideas of the 1983-1984 Student Council as grandiose schemes. The latter identifies them as meritorious aspirations.

As I lay sleeping, dreams color my mind — dreams of what can be at Yeshiva College. Can you imagine seeing next year a more vibrant campus? We have been taking advantage of the resources made available to us by New York City and neglecting our campus. More activities within our five block territory can change the outlook of many students on campus life. Movies once a week, renovation of the greens so they are safe, lectures from diversified backgrounds speaking on assorted topics, an increased number of cultural events such as theater workshops and concerts — all are to be done on campus. Plans are in the making this very moment for the establishment of a coop/cafe.

Intercollegiate events? We have a lot to offer to and gain from students at other colleges. Monthly shabbatons at various colleges will afford us the opportunity to bring Shabbos to Jews on other campuses and to exchange ideas with other students. To reciprocate, the biannual Y.U. shabbaton will extend invitations to other colleges.

Seven-day week? Don't worry: I'm not writing about classes but rather events. Many of our students are from out of town and Y.U. is their home seven days a week. why should we put them on

hold from Thursday night to Sunday night?

A tie between Yeshiva college and Y.U. graduate schools? We are one of the only colleges across the country that maintains a close tie with a high school. For obvious reasons we have had a limited relationship with our graduate schools: philosophical differences and physical separation. A union would reward us in two areas. Firstly, our graduate schools house many of our scholars in its faculties and many of our books in its libraries. Secondly, the graduate schools are respectable institutions and major sources of pride. Each reward becomes more accessible with strong bonds.

A more developed role for Y.U. in the Jewish community? Many of us dolefully attempt to compare Y.U. to Harvard and Columbia. But any such comparison is ludicrous. The truth is that Y.U. does not attempt to be a Harvard or a Columbia. We are unique and our uniqueness ought to be exploited. Part of this unparalleled quality entails serving as the center for modern Jewish orthodoxy — specifically in terms of scholarship, tradition, and culture. One idea to promote this role is to sponsor a Jewish Festival of the Arts. This would be more than just a Jewish concert but rather an extravaganza presenting Jewish drama, music, art, and literature.

There are many more ideas to be subsumed under each of the categories but unless you get involved they will remain brain waves reaching its end on the shores of the new year. We are capable of changing this institution. It is the student body's

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## WYUR Looks Forward To New Season

By ROBERT KATZ

When the 1983 Fall Semester starts on October sixth, Yeshiva students can look for a new and creative image projected by their radio station.

In an effort to better identify with Y.U. and its students, WYUR is changing its name to '82-Y.U.' for all unofficial purposes. To further accentuate the identity factor, 82-Y.U. hopes to have a program schedule comprised of 50-60% Hebrew and Israeli Music, as opposed to this year's 30%. In addition, 82-Y.U. intends to present such diversified

programming as two classical music shows, a jazz program, and the long running "Best of Broadway" and "Sport-Talk" shows.

Perhaps the most valuable piece of new equipment next year will be a remote unit which will enable '82-Y.U. to broadcast live such events as The Rav's Shiur, honorary guest speeches and Y.U. sports.

Remember to circle Oct. 6 on your calendar as WYUR, oops '82-Y.U., will return for its 16th year as the official radio station of Yeshiva University.

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## Masmid '83 Nearing Completion

By MARK MAZER

If you want to know what has been happening with the yearbook the past year, just stop by MORG 604 and look at the thousands of photographs on the Editor-in-Chief's desk. Masmid '83 has at its helm Yumi Borgen. Mr. Borgen has put in many days and sleepless nights with the Governing Board, to insure that the graduating class of 1983 has the best Masmid in the last 52 years.

Mr. Borgen has been assisted by Nathan Fruchter who can be found at 2 A.M. knocking on dormitory doors soliciting ads. He has already collected 3,000 dollars, and he is promising 2,000 dollars more before the end of the school year.

Masmid '83 is fortunate to be staffed with talented photographers. Richard Reiss and Kevin Hayes have continuously taken pictures for the last 7 months. Presently 40,000 pictures have been developed. Richard Reiss has photographed for *Sports Illustrated Magazine*.

Other men behind the scenes include:

Bernie Marmorstein as art editor, Ephraim Goldberg as literature editor, Jeff Danowitz as typing editor, Raz Haramati, Red Rimberg, David Shapiro, Yaakov Friedman, and Michael Odinsky.

Mr. Borgen stated, "Ads are slowly coming in, 50 percent of the seniors have not fulfilled their responsibility to their class. They have not brought in their 80 dollars worth of ads. If a senior has trouble meeting the amount, he should come see me to work something out. Every senior should enjoy his yearbook."

The yearbook will be 288 pages. Through the use of literature and photography, Masmid hopes to capture 4 years of memories. The yearbook should be out by the end of October.

Congratulations to the newly elected Editor-in-Chiefs of Masmid '84 Gary Kaufman and Joe Greenblatt. All the best for a successful year.

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## ...In Retrospect

By AVI SCHNEIDER

Having labored, laughed sweated and cried through four years of a unique lifestyle, incomparable with that of students at any other university, Yeshiva College graduates are an unusual and special breed. We begin here as hapless fledglings with mixed feelings and realistic trepidations. During our journey through academia, we grow and develop at rates and directions of geometric proportion. It's a period of rapid and frequently rapid transformations. We adapt, accommodate, triumph and travail, but how in the end does one know if he has succeeded? What criteria determine success?

In a general sense, that which one endeavors to accomplish through University study covers a range as broad as is the world we live in. However, the finite limitations of man and practical aspects of life restrict this widespread panorama to more select fields. The individual is what determines these limitations and creates the guidelines to which he must subscribe his time and energies. The Catch-22 of the college experience is that it generally takes about four years to ideally recognize and define one's goals and, consequently, we are simultaneously building and expanding upon a foundation at the very time it is still being laid. This task is compounded when it is governed by two sets of blue prints, each attractive in its own right and, yet, frustrating and confusing when superimposed upon one another.

I'm obviously referring to Torah Umada, a confounding through incredibly beautiful entity when properly grasped. We, as students of Yeshiva College, are subject to

a dualism that would baffle the best of minds. None-the-less, we come here because it rings of truth and invites a challenge of greater magnitude than that of any other college. If our goals and visions are constructs cemented in this overlying precept of Torah Umada, it must be assumed that no matter how individual our lives, the unifying factor implicit to Yeshiva College remains. As such, I believe that the evaluation of your success and that represented by the diploma must be perceived in this context.

Serving as your president has been among the most remarkable, memorable and trying experiences of my life. Personally, I have gained enormously from the intense experience and privilege of interacting with hundreds of my constituents and I cannot help but feel a sense of kinship and responsibility for you all.

The difficulties of traversing the path from freshman orientation to graduation are many. We've all encountered periods of incredible exhaustion, frustration and hopelessness. How then does one positively reflect on these years? Perspective and priorities are two words and concepts that help. We all have the opportunity to pursue higher Torah and secular educations, unhindered by governmental and societal prejudice and restrictions. This is a reality that would have shocked many of our grandparents and great-grandparents in their youth. If our only problem is that we have too much opportunity, how justified are we in our complaints? As to priorities, during these years when our physical energy is at a maximum and our investments of

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## ...In Review

By DAVID VORCHHEIMER

A few months ago, I participated in a lobby trip to Washington on behalf of Soviet Jewry. As I slumped into my seat for the bus ride home, tired after a grueling day on the Hill, I reflected for a few moments on my accomplishments that day.

On the one hand, I had spoken to Senator Paul Tsongas (D-MA), a human rights expert who could, with equal facility, quote statistics about Soviet Jewish emigration, or the repression and slaughter of Croats in Timur. In other instances, I spoke to a half dozen aides to Congressmen from the deep South, who seemed to hear what we were saying, but not to listen. From my conversations with other students, it seems that many others had similar experiences of talking to legislators who were either quite proficient in the problem of Soviet Jewry, or did not care to be. I thought that perhaps as a result of our efforts one Congressman might take some positive action, or at least be more receptive to next year's contingent. If this would not occur, then at least I had kept the issue alive on the Hill, and I knew in my heart that, at least on this occasion, I had done what I could. If nothing else, I had a great time.

For some reason, those particular thoughts flashed through my mind as I sat down to write this "In Retrospect" Column.

Approximately a year ago, I decided to run for Editor-in-Chief, idealistic enough to believe that things could be changed and naive enough to believe that I could change them. In the twelve hectic months that followed, I have seen both the best, and unfortunately all too often, the worst that Y.U. can be.

I have seen administrators threaten to fire faculty members who talked to *The Commentator* and spoke the truth, while others tried to prevent students from going 'on record' in print. I have heard administrators admonish us to be more aware in our editorial stance of the power that the paper wields outside the Y.U. community, and then as a manner of routine, simply refuse to see *Commentator* reporters — not out of any resentment or bias, but simply because they couldn't be bothered. As one secretary so eloquently told one of my reporters this year, "Do you really expect Dr. So-and-So to tell a potential million dollar benefactor that he must interrupt their conversation just because he must make an appointment with the newspaper?" I have seen administrators categorically deny facts that are indisputably true, and faculty members deny making statements that are preserved in memos that they themselves wrote and signed. I was awakened one

morning and was told that hundreds of copies of *The Commentator* were being thrown into the garbage dump behind Morg in an act of suppression of free press that is to be expected in El Salvador. And now, I am told that in the Fall, the Y.C.S.C. leadership was prepared to yield to 'close down the paper.'

I suppose that these incidents, and others that slip my mind at this time, are typical of everyday occurrences in the life of a professional journalist. Somehow though, one expects (or at least I did) that Y.U. would be different.

I suspect that it is the acuteness of the disappointment I felt that make these incidents so outstanding in my mind. To be fair, (whoever said *The Commentator* is hypercritical) though, as disillusioning as these realizations were, they are largely in the minority. So as to set the historical record straight, as well as oblige an overwhelming sense of gratitude that I must acknowledge those who helped shape my stay at Y.U.

I first met Dr. Norman Rosenfeld on my first day of classes in Y.U. when he burst into an overcrowded Calculus class as the 'mystery' Staff Professor. In the two years that he regularly gave me a ride home, and in the next two years of my association with *The Commentator*, I found him to be a man of remarkable candor, sincerity and integrity. For the sake of the school, I only hope that the clarity of his vision for Y.U. and the genuine dedication that he brings to work with him each morning are not eroded by the complacency and stagnation which seems to pervade the institution. I was introduced to Dr. Hecht only after my appointment as Editor-in-Chief, and I will always regret that I never got to know him earlier. As with Dean Rosenfeld, his door is always open to students, and his unique grasp of the Yeshiva ideal coupled with his commitment to the school make him one of the Y.U.'s most valuable assets. Though his work is largely unnoticed by the student body, Mr. Friedenberg presses relentlessly for improvements at the University, in contradiction to the reputation that the Registrar's Office has acquired for being callous and indifferent to the students. I would also like to thank Larry Wachsmann for his understanding advice, and the staff in Public Relations for their help, and especially Roy Campbell, for countless bits of information and for his guidance.

At Y.U. I have been privileged to study under professors who possess and who shared what Sir William Osler described as "that deep love of a subject, that desire to teach and extend it, without

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## Israel and Lebanon In Search Of A New Relationship

The agreement reached between Israel and Lebanon, after more than four months of difficult negotiations in which the United States played a pivotal role, reflects four essential elements on which Israel and Lebanon see eye to eye:

- Termination of the state of war between Lebanon and Israel;
- Respect for each other's sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and right to live in peace, within secure and recognized borders;
- Withdrawal from Lebanese territory — as a natural corollary of the previous proposition — of all external forces (P.L.O. terrorists, Syrian and Israeli); and

D) Agreement that Lebanon must not again become a base for hostile activity against Israel — and that measures will be undertaken to prevent such a development.

These were the principles accepted by Israel, Lebanon and the United States from the very beginning of the negotiations. Pressures, mainly from Syria and Saudi Arabia, made it difficult to reach an agreement based on these principles.

A number of further steps will have to be taken, within the months to come, to "fill out" the agreement and to make possible its full implementation.

Thus, propositions (A) and (B) above require a gradual normaliza-

tion of mutual relations — including the peaceful and unhampered movement of goods, products and persons, communications, etc. Some of these things will need to be formalized in bilateral agreements.

Proposition (C) — withdrawal of forces, requires, first of all, the withdrawal of P.L.O. terrorist and Syrian forces that precipitated the near-collapse of Lebanon during the last decade-and-a-half and created the conditions that made Israel's Operation Peace for Galilee, in the summer of 1982 inevitable. It requires the withdrawal of all P.L.O. elements and the simultaneous withdrawal of

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## A Long Way From Home

By JOSEPH MUSCHEL

Sahba Azarhiyan, a busy Iranian student at Yeshiva College has little time for interviews. He attends his morning J.S.S. shiurim regularly and devotes his time in the afternoons to a physics major and other college studies. Evenings would be an ideal time to meet with Sahba but then, too, he is rarely available. Often, till twelve midnight, he can be found learning in the *Bais Medrash* — a place he has become familiar with since his arrival at Yeshiva one year ago. Indeed, one might conclude that Sahba grew up in a vibrant Jewish atmosphere. Actually Sahba spent his formative years in Iran searching and struggling to discover a heritage that has since become a part of him.

Born in the city of Shiraz, Sahba, the elder of two brothers, did not have the privilege of attending the city's local religious day school. For thirteen years, he received his elementary and junior high school education in the halls of private secular schools, needless to say, with little Jewish contact. His friend's Arab classmates, often did not know he was Jewish. "I was afraid to tell them," Sahba explains. "I was afraid they would look down upon me." Under the guidance of a private tutor, Sahba began learning *Hebrew, Tfillah*, and eventually *Hanachai Tfillin*, in preparation for his *Bar Mitzvah*. "My *Bar Mitzvah* was a small ceremony," he remarks. "We made a little *Kiddush* in shul and that was it."

Although Shiraz is a recognized Rabbi, ordained in Israel with a small religious following, most of the city's ten thousand Jews are ignorant in their understanding of Judaism. "Many of the Jews," Sahba explains, "really want to be *Shomer Mitzvos*, but there are many basic Halachot they do not know."

The major turning point in Sahba's life came after his first year in senior high school. During that summer, he and his family went to Israel to visit his father's family who had settled there after the '48 war. "I felt more religious there," he explains. "I was impressed by my uncles and cousins who wore *Kipot* and *Tallitot*. From that time on I started keeping kosher."

But that summer had more than just a trip to Israel in store for Sahba and his family. It marked

the initial stages of the Iranian revolution and the first step in the eventual overthrow of the Shah. "At first I supported Khomeini," Sahba says with a trace of smile. "I thought and still think that the Shah was a corrupt king. He cared more about himself than he did about the rest of the country." Sahba went on to describe the present situation of Iranian Jews as "perhaps a bit worse" than it was under the Shah's leadership. "With Islam as a focal point of the revolution, anyone who is not a member of Islam is now a conspicuous religious minority," he explained. He added: "I think it was this emphasis on Islam that was a major factor in my decision to start attending *Shul* on *Shabbat*."

Finally, at the age of seventeen, Sahba was granted what he terms "a *blessing mishomayim*" — an exit visa to the United States. Actually, Sahba had not originally planned on immigrating to America. He and his mother had travelled to Spain with the intention of continuing on to Portugal, where they had ultimately hoped to secure for Sahba an exit visa to England. Schools were closed in Iran and Sahba was looking to learn in an English Yeshiva before continuing with his secular education. "I chose England of all places because it is close to Iran and I could talk to my parents often — maybe even fly home on occasion," Sahba remarks. Once in Spain, however, he and his mother soon learned of an opportunity to emigrate to the U.S. "My mother encouraged me to come to America," Sahba explains. "She had a brother living in Pittsburgh and felt I would adjust easier to my new surroundings if I lived with family."

In the United States, thanks to the efforts of an uncle in Pittsburgh and a Pennsylvania Rabbi, Sahba soon found himself

studying in Pennsylvania's Hillel Academy and staying at the home of a local hospitable doctor. He attended Hillel Academy for one year and it was there that he first learned of Yeshiva University.

"I am happy at J.S.S.," Sahba says, "I think it has helped me as well as others to become *Shomer Mitzvos*."

Of course, he also spoke of hardships that he and fellow Iranians face at Yeshiva. "There is the constant fear of what tuition will be in the coming year," Sahba remarks. "Some people I speak to don't even know what the tuition is and I am constantly worrying about it. He added: The Iranian government limits the amount of money that parents may send to children studying abroad. "In my circumstance," he continued, "because I left Iran at a certain time, the government has forbidden my parents to send me any money."

Iranians at Yeshiva College also lack the moral support that is often provided by one's family. "The support of a family is very important to a student," Sahba noted. "With my parents in Iran, I have none I can lean on for support. My life is more difficult."

According to Sahba, the social interaction between Iranian and Americans at Yeshiva is also limited. "I think it is a fault of both groups," he explains. "Each group sticks to itself and makes little effort to befriend the other." Hence, he noted, that many Iranians who have no family in America spend most of their *Shabbatot* in Yeshiva.

Sahba, however looks forward to the future with anticipation. "My parents cannot leave Iran now but I hope they will be able to visit me one day. I hope my brother, now fifteen, will be able to leave Iran. Iran is not the place for him. It is not place for Jews."

## New Catalogues Available In Fall

All undergraduate students attending Yeshiva University this coming fall will receive newly designed and revised course catalogues, it was announced by Professor Morris Silverman, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Chairman of the University Committee on Catalogues.

### "Radically Different"

According to Prof. Silverman, the new catalogues will be "radically different" from any other undergraduate catalogue in the history of Yeshiva University.

The catalogues will list undergraduate courses in alphabetical order and according to discipline, in order to eliminate a "great deal of duplications," Dr. Silverman said.

For example, all Bible courses given in each of the University's undergraduate schools, will be listed in one section.

In addition, the catalogues will have many pictures and illustrations pertaining to each of the undergraduate schools.

The catalogues, which will be 7 inches by 10 inches (in order to meet new postal service regulations), will list the courses according to a new standard numbering system. Dr. Silverman explained that by adopting a course numbering system which is used by many colleges and universities across the nation, it will be easier for both students and administration officials to refer to the course without causing confusion.

Dr. Silverman also indicated that the type-size of the catalogues will be larger than in the previous edition.

The students will receive a copy of the new catalogue free of charge, but, according to recommendations currently being considered by the committee, students may be required to pay a fee if they desire a second copy.

## English Clep Examinations Eliminated

The English Department of Yeshiva College, after reviewing all Clep Examinations in English composition and English literature has decided not to utilize the exams as of September, 1983, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean of Yeshiva College announced.

According to Dean Rosenfeld, a review of the exams indicated that "they were not an adequate substitution for the English courses," and that the questions on the Clep examinations "weren't cycled enough."

The English Department will now administer its own examinations for the purposes of exemption.

Although the faculty adopted a policy several years ago not to award credit for departmental examinations Dr. Rosenfeld indicated that "he will pursue the matter with the department," and will make "his own recommendations."

Asked how the departmental exams would differ from the Cleps, the dean said that the internal exams "would be much harder."

## New Governing Board

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increase in student involvement, interest, and awareness. The *Commentator* will be a dynamic force in the coming year."

After the election, Mr. Smilchensky submitted for approval his choices for the new governing board.

Mark Lefkowitz, outgoing News Editor was chosen for the second position on the board, as Associate Editor. Richie Friedman, outgoing production Editor was selected for the Managing Editor position.

The new board members who did not serve on last year's board include:

Ira Meisels as Executive Editor, Mordechai Twersky and David Schwartz as News Editors, Joseph Muschel as Feature Editor, Brian Shoken as Copy Editor, Michael Taragin as Sports Editor, Barry Bender as Contributing Editor, Sheldon Pickholz as Coordinating Editor, and Danny Fink and Chaim Nordict as Senior Editors.

The new board members stressed their hope that the *Commentator's* popularity would increase and that students would take a more active role in newspaper affairs.

In the celebration following his election, Smilchensky jubilantly toasted "Look out Y.U., here we come."

## Looking Back

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students have defended their throwing water bombs out the 8th floor window at friends, suggesting that at least they knew who they were hitting!

My personal thanks go to my Rebbe and teacher for imparting their wisdom upon me. In addition, it would be unfair not to thank those friends who felt compelled to wait until the wee hours of the morning to impart their wisdom upon me. Through the water fights, parties, playoff games and the like, roommates and friends became a part of me. My free time was often spent helping friends, yet in so doing I was able to gain from them and become a better person for it. It is to these friends that I say thank you, because you undoubtedly made this unique experience all the more worthwhile.

## Then And Now

### A Parting Word

The following is an editorial from the May 3, 1943 issue of The *Commentator*.

This being our last editorial, we feel that this is the appropriate time and place to discuss a few pertinent matters, undiscussed until now, before we take leave of "Commentator."

As students of Yeshiva College it is of course incumbent upon each and every one of us to busy ourselves with all issues and questions arising within these walls, constantly seeking ways and means of bettering our school. "Commentator" has been trying to bring this home to its readers all along.

But, as young Jewish orthodox students, as the logical leaders of the Jewish community of tomorrow, we must go yet further. We cannot limit our thoughts and activities to only the four cubits of Yeshiva. There is a world on the outside, a world in which we are not only to live, but also, to a certain extent, to lead.

Are we preparing ourselves adequately, mentally and psychologically, for our tasks? Are we fully aware and cognizant of the problem of the Jew? Do we understand that the situation of the Jew here in America is steadily growing worse, and that in spite of our war for democracy and freedom the forces of anti-semitism have gained an alarming number of new adherents?

We fear that the Yeshiva student is developing a sort of isolationism, shutting himself away from stark reality. We view with alarm the apathy displayed by many students towards questions which vitally affect them and their people. That such an attitude is prevalent among many of our people is a sad fact; for it to manifest itself among Yeshiva students is criminal.

What to do then? We must see ourselves and our people from a different perspective — as a people which is becoming a victim of the world's ruthlessness and its own smugness. The future appears very grim, in spite of what we'd like to believe. If we do not wake up to the situation, if we do not realize our duty, we shall have contributed to the tragedy of a people.

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# Career Program Underway

The Yeshiva University Alumni Career Consultant Program was developed by Dr. Paul Connolly and myself and is designed to strengthen and expand the career guidance and placement services available to Yeshiva University undergraduates.

Through this program, alumni of Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women are invited to share their professional expertise and career information with our students.

The assistance of the career consultants will take the form of the following career related services:

1. Personal guidance to help students make better informed career decisions.
2. "A Day on the Job" — providing the students with the opportunity to observe the alum-

nus at work and to benefit from his or her knowledge of the profession and the job market.

3. A short-term internship of one to three weeks, during intercession or summer vacation, which allows the student to learn about a possible career, test one's skills outside an academic environment and gain experience that can be used in a resume.

4. Internships for Credit Through Independent Study — during the school year or, more likely, during the summer. Students also may be paid for their work. These internships will help students to explore career options, define their career goals, and gain insight into the job market.

Alumni are also asked to provide information on summer and permanent jobs.

Our Career Consultant Program

By RABBI JOSHUA CHEIFETZ

is described in a brochure which was mailed recently to Yeshiva University alumni in the Metropolitan New York area. Thus far, we have received over 170 responses which are being organized into files in the Guidance Center Office (F413).

In the past, YU alumni have demonstrated their interest and dedication through their participation in career seminars in such fields as advertising, law, business and writing. We are enthusiastic about the successful implementation of this program as well.

I take pride in the fact that no alumnus or alumna has ever turned down a request to participate in career programs. I look forward to continuing involvement in the special relationship which exists between YU students and alumni.

## In Retrospect

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time bear such great influence on the rest of our lives, can we even consider the alternate possibility of wasting away this time? Aren't academic achievement and a solidly laid foundation in Jewish practice surely worth this price? Is there really any other way to attain that which we aspire to?

I do not attempt to gloss over the obvious flaws and deficiencies of Yeshiva. Our institution is a product of human ideas and toil, and therefore, is quite understandably less than perfect. However, for he who so desires, there is much to gain and overlooking these positive qualities is just as improper and counterproductive as overlooking the faults. It is only by paying attention that the student and the college may aspire to gain. Recognition of the better qualities allows the student to capitalize and concomitantly enhance that facet

with his participation. Similarly, cognizance of the lesser qualities highlights the need for change and reminds him to invest his energies as to best rectify the existing situation.

I've seen my role as Student Council President as being responsible to a task far more difficult than that which most may imagine. Constant attention to the positive and negative in Yeshiva has manifested itself in various respects. The intangible issue of students' states of mind have been of primary concern. This is hardly to mitigate the more concrete and recognizable matters of concern, but it seems logical that those will attempt spontaneously to ensue, providing the students share a common appropriate attitude. A major motivating force for myself has always been "the guys." Surely, I have high regard for the theoretical construct of Yeshiva, as well as my individual and our collective role in the perpetuation of world Jewry, but on an immediate level, the responsibility, loyalty and friendship one feels for his peers in shiur, class, lab, a society and on his floor in the

dormitory is a more constant force.

No job is ever complete and no person ever truly achieves all that which he aspires to. My goals and dreams for the school have, similarly, not all been reached. Yet, I do feel a certain satisfaction for that which has been accomplished. We've seen a rebirth of concern and activity imbue most facts of campus life. This revitalization, the product of hundreds of thankless manhours by nameless persons has provided the means for next year's student council to nurture this newly sprouted flower of achievement and direction.

Traditionally, this column reviews all that we've done in the course of the year, but I still believe the intangibles are more significant, as they are what remain after all is said and done. That which we leave to positively affect the future is our greatest gift to you. To those who've selflessly helped us to create this lasting endowment to Yeshiva I offer sincere and appreciative thanks. No matter what it may seem, your commitment to Yeshiva has been a worthwhile one, and in this merit I hope that you find the truth and inner contentment that comes with the realization of your dreams.

## Mandatory Attendance

By IRA MEISELS

Joe Schwartz was a 35 year old businessman who never finished college. One day, after much thought and deliberation, he decided to go back to school. Being an observant Jew with a desire to continue learning Torah, Joe instinctively turned to Yeshiva University. On explaining his decision to his wife, he cited the broadening of horizons and the acquisition of knowledge in a mature, intellectual atmosphere as factors.

Joe is now in his sophomore year. He walks into English class on Monday and hands the teacher a note. It reads: "Please excuse my husband for missing class on Friday. He was not feeling well. Sincerely yours,

"Joe Schwartz's Wife"

The preceding scenario, although obviously a ludicrous one, could have become a reality. The Yeshiva College Senate, over the last few weeks, debated the question of mandatory attendance. A number of proposals were advanced and one, in my opinion the best, was passed. However, in the course of the discussion, one senator proposed requiring 100 percent attendance. In arguing his position he stated that students who would bring doctors' notes and the like would, of course, be excused for their absences.

Another senator very aptly termed Y.C., under that type of proposal, as an "army camp". Possibly, an even more appropriate term would be "high school".

The very notion of one's bringing notes from one's parents or physician to excuse an absence is a throwback to high school. In high school, where a student is still relatively immature, 100 percent mandatory attendance is desirable. However, the whole ideal of the university is the student's pursuit of knowledge on his own volition. No college student, whether 35 year old Joe or 20 year old Moshe, should be treated as if he were in high school.

"Ah!", you will say, "that is all nice in theory but the fact is that many Y.C. students do not avail themselves of the benefits of lectures on their own volition. Therefore, we have no choice but to force them to attend." In response, I must say that I agree that there does exist a serious problem and that a solution must be found. We have two choices: we can either transform Y.C. into a high school or keep it a university with a university's ideals, while perhaps studying the causes of poor attendance in the quest for a solution.

I, for one, am happy that the Senate opted for the latter.

## Behind Dorm Doors

Which speaker would you like to hear at graduation and why?

Herman Wouk. It would be nice to get a famous person familiar with Y.U.  
Avrami Rubinstein  
MYP  
Junior



Ariel Sharon. He would be one who could give a nice, well needed pep-talk to us Y.U. people.

Berrel Simper  
MYP  
Sophomore

Marcel Marceau " — — — — —"  
Molsh Kranzler  
MYP  
Senior



Marcus Jastrow. He is the most widely read at Y.U.

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## "Project Elef" Will Enable 1000 Families To Visit Israel

In light of recent skepticism of Israel, even, and in some respects, especially, within the American Jewish Community, it is indeed a promising sign that thousands of Jews will go to Israel at one time, under the auspices of one organization. The Jewish Agency is

now sponsoring a program, which, if successful, would enable 1,000 Jewish families from around the world to visit Israel for one month this summer. "Project Elef" is currently backed by a multitude of American Jewish Organizations, from the Reform movement to

Orthodox groups. The Americans will be "adopted" by Israeli families, allowing them to experience Israeli life and give them the opportunity to study educational, career and other alternatives in Israel. "Project Elef" is geared to provide experiences, giving those interested in Aliyah an insight into Israeli life, and familiarizing others with their homeland. Participating in "Project Elef" will be Yeshiva University's Rabbi Hershel Schachter.

Rabbi Schachter will be giving Shiurim in Yeshivat Kiryat Arba, sight of the Yarchei Kallah program, from after Tish'a B'av until the middle of August. "I will be giving Shiurim pertaining to the laws of Eretz Israel", said Rabbi Schachter, but confessed that if there was an increased demand for classes on other topics, he would be obliged to discuss them. While teaching, Rabbi Schachter would either stay in Kiryat Arba or commute from Jerusalem. He will take advantage of the extended summer vacation by remaining in Israel from the end of June until Sukkot.



Y.C. Student giving one of 283 pints collected during the Yeshiva Spring Blood Drive. Story on page 14

## Memories Of The Past Vision Of The Future

By RAM ROTH

It seemed like ages since she had been captured May 9, 1943, in the Warsaw Ghetto. The uprising had been a desperate attempt at self preservation and she was proud to have participated in it. She had been one of many children who had smuggled necessities into the ghetto as the inhabitants had prepared an uprising. Only after her protective grandfather hid her only pair of shoes was she forced to end the missions that had constantly endangered her life.

But the uprising was just on event of the past. Tonight in the camp of Maidanek she faced what seemed like an eternity. She and a few hundred other Jewish girls had been packed into a 'chamber' where they were to receive showers that would supposedly rid them of the dirt they had accumulated in the recent days of labor. Having been slaves in the camp for some time, she and her fellow prisoners knew that the room they occupied was not really used for showers. Suddenly an officer appeared. He said that a mistake had been made. He explained that the wrong group of girls had been delivered to the showers and that those girls present would have to wait until morning before they could return to the main camp. No one slept that night. All eyes fixed upon the vents and waited for the moment when gaseous fumes would emerge.

Morning arrived and the Germans issued the prisoners clothing. As she and the others were marched back to the main camp, their eyes met those of an oncoming group of girls — a group condemned to die. Each group passed single file in opposite directions, her group to life and the other to death.

Just a few weeks ago, on April 11-14, 1983, I had the privilege of accompanying this woman to the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Washington D.C. My mother will never forget the horrors of the holocaust. More important, however, she, like other survivors, attended the gathering to insure that the events of the holocaust will remain indelibly imprinted on the pages of history. That is why she urged me, a member of the 'second generation' to join her at the assembly. That is why seventeen thousand people, survivors and their children, poured into Washington for the largest of such gatherings since the World War Two era.

As we entered the survivor's convention center, my mother saw a young girl gently leading her elder mother through the halls. My

mother began to cry. When she regained her composure, she explained that she had thought of the ease with which this woman might have been killed and her link to future generations terminated. She wiped her tears and told me that if she had not survived my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephew would have never been born.

As time passed in this historical gathering, I conversed with more survivors and listened to various speakers. I soon began to appreciate the courage displayed by these survivors as they confronted death. For years, the thought that Jews had gone like 'sheep to their slaughter' troubled me. In the past, I had seen pictures of my mother's family at a wedding in the Warsaw ghetto. Out of twenty-one people in the picture, only my mother and a cousin had survived. "How could Jews have remained so passive in the face of death?" I, remember asking myself. My mother, in an attempt to answer my question, once told me that none had ever thought that humanity could sink to the low level it did in Nazi Germany. She described how my grandfather, even at the entrance to Maidanek, refused to believe that death was near. He insisted that my mother was stupid for crying, as they were only being relocated. But somehow my mother's answer had never satisfied me. Yet, as I watched the survivors at the gathering, I saw a certain determination in their eyes — a determination that made me aware that the prisoners had resisted. They had fought a daily battle against slavery, disease, starvation and dehumanization.

I remembered the feelings my mother often described she had felt in Auschwitz, and I realized that every prisoner had fought two wars; one war against Nazi Germany, the other against death itself. My mother had often related how she had been tempted to throw herself against the electric wire fence. Life was miserable and death was a welcome have for her. Yet she survived.

As I left the gathering, I thought about the thousands of survivors I had seen over a period of just three days. What will happen when this generation dies out? Will their feelings and emotions die out as well? Will their concerns that future generations remember the holocaust survive the passage of time? I departed from the gathering inspired with a sense of mission that I, along with other children of survivors, must carry.

We, too, are survivors and we owe it to those who did not survive to convey the message of the holocaust to future generations.

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### -In Prospect

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destiny and proof of its capacity for courage and endurance, that it is the choice between leading a year of banality and passivity or revolting and creating. This is not only its right, but its obligation, too. Like the phoenix, we can rise from the ashes of past generations' failures and bear this right and perform this obligation.

There is an anecdote about Tolstoy who said in the middle of a discussion, "All right, I'll start tomorrow — if you will too." The comment was witty, and had a profound truth to all those pessimists. But not to those optimists who believe in man. To them it is only despairing repudiation of men who have witnessed futilities of past student bodies. We do not need to dedicate ourselves to be Joans of Arc toward an end which we will not see because failure will burn. All it requires is a little devotion from every student. Put your hands in and help wake these dreams to reality. The fulfillment of this fool's paradise demands more than just the cooperation of a few suitably sitting officers behind closed doors. It calls for you. Get involved!

## AND MORE NEWS...

### New Attendance Policy Established

May 4—The Yeshiva College Senate today voted to pass a proposal dealing with "class attendance and unlimited cuts."

The new proposal calls for all instructors to keep attendance records for the coming semester, which will be analyzed by the office of the Dean at the conclusion of each semester.

After reviewing the attendance records, the dean would then report his finding to the Senate and to the Yeshiva College faculty.

Under the new proposal, if a student is shown to have been excessively absent from a course, he will be "among those consulted in assessing the reasons for the poor attendance."

The proposal, which was passed unanimously, will go into effect this coming fall.

### Health Minor To Be Revived

May 10—The Public Health Minor at Yeshiva College will be "revived" next fall, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean, announced today.

According to Dr. Rosenfeld, although the courses required for the minor have not been offered in past years, four of the five courses are scheduled to be taught next year. Professors Lindenthal and Lennard will be teaching the minor, which offers such courses as "Epidemiology," "Public Health," and "Community and Social Psychiatry."

Dean Rosenfeld indicated that the revival of the minor "offers exciting options for pre-health students who are required to take a health minor." He also added that the public health minor "offers a potential career option for students interested in the health field, but who do not intend to apply to medical or dental school," he said.



New York State Governor Mario Cuomo will deliver the keynote address and will receive an honorary degree at Yeshiva University's 52nd Annual Commencement exercises, to be held Thursday morning, June 9, at 10:AM at the Main Center.

Other honorary degree recipients include (from top, left to right), Yehuda Ben-Meir, Deputy for Foreign Affairs and member of the Knesset of Israel; Jonathan B. Blagham, former Congressman from New York's 23rd District who served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 15 years; Professor Lucy Davidowicz, author of "The War Against Jews, 1933-1945, and former professor of holocaust studies at YU; (bottom, left to right), Rabbi Alvin Marcus, spiritual leader of Congregation Ahavas Achim B'nai Jacob and David in West Orange, N.J.; Maurice Saval, retired insurance executive from Boston and benefactor of the University, whose gift to the University resulted in the naming of RIETS Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik Center of Rabbinic Studies at the recent Semikhah; and Berta V. Scharer, professor emerita of anatomy and neuroscience at AECOM. At right is Dr. Norman Lamm, President, Yeshiva University.

The Mordechai Ben David for service to World Jewry will be given to Elaine Winik, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

## Letters To The Editor

### Not Enough?

To the Editor:

As this year is drawing to a close, my Rebbe said to us that the school years are too short to accomplish what we should. To make things even worse, we only have *shiur* four days per week. It is unfair. If MYP can have *shiur* on Sundays and in June (after final exams), why can't JSS and IBC? I cannot see any reason why not.

I feel that JSS and IBC should start giving *shiur* on Sundays and after final exams in June. In addition, there should be time set aside for JSS and IBC *talmidim* to have learning *sefer* in the *Bets Medrash*. Especially for *Baalei Teshuva*, who come to JSS without

any Yeshiva background, this is the only way to compensate for a loss of twelve years of yeshiva education in under four years.

In any case, with this proposal, *talmidim* would be able to come out of Yeshiva University after four years with a strong background in Torah, as well as getting into Med/Dent/Law school or accounting or whatever other profession.

David E. Goldin  
JSS, YC 1984

### Last Recall

To The Editor:

During the two years I have spent at Yeshiva I consider myself lucky to have met a kind, helpful,

small portion of administrators, teachers, Rabbis and friends. In Mrs. Vivian Owegang, I have discovered a woman whom upon seconds notice, was willing and able to intercede on my behalf, in any problem that arose. I can truthfully state that she was selfless and I shall always hold special feelings for her. To another dear friend, Rabbi Jack Reiner the ideals of caring, love and sincerity were truly marks of his everyday living. Dr. Levine expressed for myself a dedicated and competent individual, always willing to share of his great knowledge. In the short semester that I have known the *Chacham Gaon* I have found an individual who is always willing and able to help. My regrets stem from the fact that I had not met him any sooner.

The relationship which I had with my roommate during my first year at Yeshiva College was no ordinary one. It was one in which I discovered the qualities of an individual whom I could actually refer to as "my best friend." David Singer will be getting married November 23 and he deserves all the best with his new roommate.

I want to thank Elliot Hersch for the time we spent together as *Chevrutah*. Learning was always something special during our night *sefer*. I wish all the best to Yumi Borgen who is getting married June 20. The work he did for the *Masgid* was always capable and succeeded in joining us in friendship.

I want to thank my true friends David Shapiro, Allan Kestenbaum, Mark Berger, Allan Berger, David

Papier, Howie Dublin, Stuart Berger, Marc Breslaw, Harold Tepler, Lenny Bessler, Gary Weiss and my present roommate Allan for being just that. True friends! I also want to give special recognition to the "coolest guy I have ever met," Joey Weinreich. The slickest guys of the school also deserve some recognition — Bernie and Greg. And not to forget Howie, the funniest of them all.

Jacob Pleeter is in a class by himself. Aside from being a leader in the Economic Society, he is a sincere friend whose kindness and generosity I could always count on. His home has always been warm, friendly and open.

If I, as a foreign student were requested to direct one statement, or criticism to the Yeshiva College (Continued on Page 12, Col. 4)



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## In Review

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which all instruction becomes cold and lifeless." Foremost among them is my *Rebbe* and my teacher, Dr. Tendler, who embodies all that Y.U. is supposed to be about. Not one to pay lip service to the *Torah U'Mada* slogan, he lives it and shares it selflessly, with his students in his Shiurim, in his Biology classes and his late night lectures on medical ethics. I also owe a debt to my other *Rabbeim*, Rav Bronspigel and Rav Schachter, but especially to Rav Ginsburg, whose devotion to his students enabled him not only to know each and every one of us by name, but also to become fully involved in every aspect of our growth and education. Among the College Faculty, I must first thank Dr. Moshe Bernstein, my teacher both in and out of class. If the entire YC Faculty were committed as he is, then Y.U. would be a much better institution. In his short stay here, Dr. Potvin, whose thoughtful and challenging approach to his courses, and easy going demeanor made every class enjoyable has distinguished himself as one of the finest instructors to join the faculty in recent years. There are only about a dozen YC students who know Dr. Bernard Ackerman, who led a weekly evening seminar on the life of Sir William Osler. In his own way, he embodied the Osler that he introduced us to — by coming up to Y.U. each Monday night after a full day of work to teach (without pay by Y.U.) simply to share his feelings about the genius and spirit that was Osler. I would also like to thank Dr. Schneider, Dr. Haahr and Rabbi Carmy for letting me get to know them, not only as teachers, but as people.

In a column earlier this year, I said that students were Y.U.'s most valuable resource, and now six months later, I am only more convinced. The friends that I have made here are, without doubt, the most worthwhile addition that I will take with me as I leave Y.U. Andy, Elliot, the Yaakovs, Moshe, Mike and Barry — it's been a lot of fun. To Larry and Dovid, my roommates, thanks for your help, endless trips to the printer, and in general for putting up with the chaos that was our room this year (telephones and all). And to Jeff, whose simple humanity, sensitivity and decency have kept us friends since the fourth grade.

And finally, to my family — my parents, my brother Jonathan and my grandmother — for allowing me to grow, experiment and develop in my own way, and just for being there.

To B-Z and the Governing Board of 1983-84, I am eager and yet reluctant to relinquish the exhilaration and frustration that together comprise *The Commentator*. During a discussion of *Don Quixote*, during a class on the day following the elevation of the new Board, the Professor said, "To be an idealist in this world, you have to be a little crazy." B-Z, I remember only too well how you must feel at this time, and though you won't believe me now, there is some truth in that remark. It is a lesson which I am only now beginning to learn.

Before I sat down to write my farewell column, I compared the last few Editors-in-Chief's first and last columns. In nearly all of them, the tone abruptly shifts from optimism to bitter resigned disappointment. To avoid falling prey to this contagious and apparently inevitable disillusionment (which seems to stem from shattered idealism) keep in mind another comment by Osler, "... we have ideals, which mean much, and they are realizable, which means more." No matter what happens next year, never forget the elation, hope and optimism you felt the night you were elected, and you'll be just fine.

Nearly a month after the Soviet Jewry lobby trip I mentioned earlier, and long after I had all but forgotten about it, I received a letter from Congressman Guy Vander Jagt saying that he had co-signed a letter to President Reagan on the Soviet Jewish problem. Thus, (aside from the individual experiences provided to the participants), the trip did succeed in accomplishing its goal.

It seems only yesterday that I watched my first sunrise over Danciger Campus as the finishing touches to *The Commentator* layout were applied. Yet it is only now, after release from the seemingly endless treadmill of deadlines for the paper, that I have the time and the perspective to begin evaluating this past year. In recent weeks, I have been asked repeatedly if I had the chance, would I become Editor-in-Chief again. It is a question I honestly can not answer yet.

## It Was The Best Of Times

By JEFF STOCK

While recently staring idly out of a classroom window I noticed maintenancemen assembling the graduation platform. This construction on Danciger Campus caused me to reflect on the past four years. I vividly remember walking into my first college class (Biology!) and listening to Rabbi Tendler describe in detail the life cycle of *Clostridium botulinum*. I walked out of the room with my head spinning wondering if I had come to the "right" university.

For four years I listened to and participated in discussions about all the problems that Yeshiva had. Almost every issue of *The Commentator* had a column, letter, or editorial critical of the university. All of this negative talk did not bring about any positive changes. Many students became "Arm Chair Philosophers", each with his own solution to Yeshiva's problems. These same students never attended a senate meeting, student council meeting or even know who their student representatives were. It seemed that their only extra-curricular activity was complaining. On the other hand there were students who realized Y.U. was not perfect, but were willing to work within its framework to bring about change. These students channeled their energies into projects that made college life more fulfilling. Obviously this type of student leaves Y.U. knowing that he effected worthwhile changes that will

benefit incoming students, while the "Arm Chair Philosophers" leave Y.U. disillusioned.

When I made my decision to attend Y.U. it was not based on the school's graduate school placement record but rather to participate in Dr. Revel's great *Torah U'Madah* experiment. Like all Y.U. lab experiments, this one worked — sort of. At the start of my years at Yeshiva there seemed to be something missing. The recession had taken its toll on student's goals. They needed to work 24 hours a day to ensure that their almighty G.P.A.'s remained high. The number of extra-curricular activities seemed almost nil. Recently a major turnaround has taken place. Students are coming out of their dorm rooms and participating in Israel Affairs Committee activities, lecture series and trips to the U.S. Civil Court in New York. Department heads and societies are no longer afraid to invite important speakers to Yeshiva only to have a handful of students show up.

One of the changes that is still in motion is reflected in the courses offered at Y.C. If one were to look at a catalogue from four years ago, most of the courses offered could also be found at other universities. The school failed to bring its unique philosophy into the classroom. Recently this has been corrected. This semester I audited a new course called Biological Aspects of Bioethics. Rabbi Ten-

der created this course to awaken future *frum* physicians to the ethical problems they will face every day on the wards. Just last Monday Rabbi Tendler delivered a lecture on being *SHOMER SHABOS* in medical school. It is for these activities and courses that I chose Yeshiva. I can only hope that the class of 1987 will leave with even more than I did.

Regardless of all the slogans and philosophies that Yeshiva fails to live up to, it was the fascinating faculty and students that I met at Yeshiva that made my stay worthwhile. There are many people who have made my tenure here a pleasant one and I would like to thank them. Rabbi Tendler, who taught me how one can live of synthesis without getting lost. Rabbi Louis Bernstein, whose years of teaching experience make me realize how little I know and whose individual attention gave me the desire to know more. In a class that met once a week (with over 30 students) he knew everyone by their first name and kept track of everyone's progress. Dr. Schneider, the lessons I have learned in your class are all important. It is a shame that one must become a senior and as a result get seniorities. Dr. Potvin, the lessons I learned in your biology courses will not soon be forgotten. The tremendous amount of time you spent teaching me in the classroom and laboratory were among the best of my college career.

This school's most precious asset is its student body. I cherish the warmth and camaraderie I have found here. Vorch, Larry, Dovid, Schribes, Elliot, I can't say anything that will not be self-incriminating. It has been an incredible year and I wish all of you only the best. Michael, we finally made it. Mark, enjoy the Bronx but keep your eyes and ears open. Finally, I would like to wish the new Copy staff a fruitful and productive year.

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Above: Mike Rosenbloom the selected valedictorian of Yeshiva College

Mike attended M.T.A. high school and continued his religious studies by spending a year at Beit Medrash L'Torah in Jerusalem. At Yeshiva College Mike completed a major in English Literature and is currently completing a Bible Major at Isaac Breuer College.

In his four years at Yeshiva, Mike accumulated a very impressive academic and extra-curricular record.

In the coming year, Mike plans to attend Harvard Law School and he will supplement his studies by working as a Law Clerk in a major Law firm.

Reflecting on his 4 years at Yeshiva, Mike stated that, "Attending a small University afforded me the opportunity to participate in a wide-range of exciting extra-curricular activities. This experience will be the cornerstone of my college career."

## Kaplans

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Agreement "In Principle"

Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, dean of Undergraduate Jewish Studies at Yeshiva University and dean of the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies, indicated that although he is inclined toward

favoring the proposal "in principle," there are a number of points that must be discussed before such a proposal may be ratified.

The committee is expected to meet with Mr. Stanley H. Kaplan, founder of the test preparation center, in the coming weeks.

## YU Employee Caught In Felony

By ALAN RUBINSTEIN

May 12 — Two men were arrested tonight as they attempted to steal refrigerators, televisions, and other appliances from the Morgenstern Dormitory storage cellar. Security guards were first called to the scene when a Yeshiva College Junior, Ari, Greenspan, looked out of his sixth floor window and spotted the alleged perpetrators carrying refrigerators in the Morg parking lot. He quickly called two fellow students, Ron Katz and Moishe Kranzler, who, followed by two security guards, raced to the scene of the crime. Upon reaching the locked lot entrance, the students and guards confronted two men. As one man dropped the refrigerator he was carrying to produce a Yeshiva University employee identification card, his fleeing partner escaped in a mysterious dark colored sedan. The Y.U. employee claimed to be "taking the refrigerator to fix overnight," but security guard Felix Davis refused to be duped by the suspect's ploy.

He apprehended the suspect while a growing group of students gathered around a nearby van which was apparently intended for the transport of the stolen

merchandise. The students discovered an additional stolen refrigerator in the van, but the driver, a third suspect, denied any knowledge of foul play. Two police officers soon arrived on the scene and proceeded to arrest the two suspects for possession of stolen property.

Lt. Steve Saunders of Yeshiva University Security (and next year's Director of Security and Safety) remarked that "Security guard Felix Davis should get special mention for his fine job." When Mr. Kranzler was asked to comment on his heroic behavior in apprehending the two suspects, he replied, "I thought I recognized them from shiur." Police officer Murray Cohen praised the conduct of the students and guards of Yeshiva University and said that the suspects will be arraigned in court on Friday morning, May 13.

This incident marks the second time in two months that Yeshiva employees were arrested for possession of stolen items. Last month, a former member of the Y.U. Library staff was arrested on charges of grand larceny, second degree. In a related incident, that suspect allegedly stole \$250,000 in rare books from the Y.U. Library.

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# The Brooklyn Bridge

By SHELDON PICKHOLZ

May 24, 1883 marks the 100th anniversary of one of New York's most identifiable landmarks: The Brooklyn Bridge. 1600 feet across its main span, requiring 14 years to complete, and doubling the length of any previously built bridge, the Brooklyn Bridge represents a triumph in civil engineering, art, and man's dynamic ability to surpass his previous achievements. The Brooklyn Bridge stands as a landmark in Bridge construction. The bridge was the first to use steel cable instead of the heavier and weather iron that now had been the standard. Innovation through the use of steel cable is directly responsible for the ability to build the world's longest bridges that exceed the Brooklyn Bridge by 3000 feet. Of equal importance is the bridge's representation as a paragon of art in the form of civil structure. Its visionary designer, John Roebling, predicted: Its most conspicuous features, the towers ... will be entitled to

be national monuments. In 1964 the Brooklyn Bridge was designated a national landmark. When crossing the bridge one confronts the massive gothic arches cutout of the granite towers supporting the cables. Although steadfast and powerful, they do not seem intimidating. Conversely, they invite one to enter under them to the main span. The central segment of the span has been likened to a great cathedral. However, worship is pointed to store, steel, and sky. The walls are the web of suspenders and diagonal stays rising to the towers and cables to support the roadway. Windows, created by their intersection, play with light creating a million shadows. The ceiling is simply the blue of the sky atop the towers. The Brooklyn Bridge represents a victory in the struggle against mediocrity. Standing 100 years, it is still perfect with no inherent design flaws. It's cables built with a six-fold safety factor that now

support cars as effortlessly as they did horse drawn carriages. However, as a source of inspiration the bridge must be kept in proper perspective. In an age where we regard poor performance as common place we look at the exemplary not only with respect but with a sense of awe as well. By lowering standards and raising levels of tolerance we have lifted the extraordinary to the mythical. Accomplishments may be viewed in two ways. Man can rest on his laurels and be satisfied with superlatives of the past. Or he can continuously perservale to raise perfection to a higher level, not to surpass but only to elevate. On May 24 1883 New York Congressman Abrams Hewitt said: No one shall see it and not feel prouder to be a man. The Brooklyn Bridge surely deserves the host of honors bestowed upon it. However, it must not be used as a crutch to legitimize second rater performances. Instead, it must be used as a ladder to reach greater heights.

## Salary Increase

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 3) Evaluation Team of the Middle States Association was also impressed by the degree of faculty concern for the University and in their Interim Report recommend "that the salary question be examined, in depth and in careful manner, as the financial problems of the University are resolved." What do we as faculty do for you, the student body? Consider the case of the SCW English Department, which I chair. This example is by no means unique since many disciplines in the University are understaffed, and all faculty members perform comparable functions. Our department has two full-time members, whereas it once had five and six. Between us, over the years, we have prepared and taught some forty-five individual courses, including English, American, European, and Classical literature. We revise our course offerings yearly to meet the changing needs of our students, as well as to provide that breadth and flexibility which the new SCW General Education Core Requirement affords. We counsel and advise students in almost every area and write innumerable letters of recommendation. (There is no secretarial assistance available, although most of us, in other institutions, were provided with such help when we were mere Graduate Assistants.) Along with our colleagues, we serve on diverse School, Divisional, and University committees. Among our particular committee responsibilities, we chair the SCW Academic Standards and Curriculum Committees. Let me tell you from personal experience exactly what this means. It took three years of meetings to produce the new Stern General Education Core. Almost all of the meetings of the third and only fruitful year were held at night after every Committee member had put in a full day's work. These hours were our gift to you, and they were a generous gift when you consider that the faculty members of this Committee receive salaries that are frequently less and often not very much more than sanitation workers in the City of New York. Indeed, some salaries are so low that you, as new graduates, would disdain them even for your first, entry-level positions. It has long been obvious that the administration holds the faculty in contempt because of our deep

commitment to you, and perhaps we are mad to do what we do. But if we should regain our sanity, what would it mean to you, our students: few new courses: examinations that are easier to grade but do not challenge your analytical, critical, or verbal powers: fewer papers — I know that some of you would applaud this, but you would only be cheating yourselves; less counseling; less guidance; less general participation in school activities; limited service on those committees which serve your interests. Ultseek supplementary employment to provide even a modest standard of living for themselves and their families. I am only sorry that in the end the loss will be yours.

Laurel Treacher Hatvary  
SCW, Dept. of English

## Disinterested

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) TAGAR was originally established to fight the growing infiltration of Arab propaganda and Anti-Israel lies on American University campuses. Since the Hostile Arab population in Y.U. is Nil, TAGAR's purpose is served by uniting the voices of Yeshiva Students in speaking out to protest anti-Israel actions. This purpose is not achievable until we fight the enemy which is within us now, apathy. The fact that there was no representation by the student council, who's fresh campaign promises to abolish apathy remains ripe in our minds, shows our battle has not even begun. The charge has been filed. The plea goes out to you to fight apathy and Arabs. The verdict is in your hands.

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## Israel and Lebanon

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 5) Syrian forces from Lebanese soil — together with the Israel Defense Forces now stationed in Southern Lebanon. Proposition (D) — security measures — will require carefully worked-out follow-up measures and arrangements, to ensure that the security region set up in Southern Lebanon under the terms of the agreement will indeed perform the function it is intended to perform. The Israeli-Lebanese negotiations were impeded and complicated all along, by domestic Lebanese difficulties and mainly by pressure exerted on Lebanon by Syria, Saudi Arabia, and by the attempt to conclude an agreement which corresponds with "The Arab Consensus" which says no peace, no recognition, and no negotiation with Israel. This Arab pressure on Lebanon gave unnecessary opportunities to the Soviet Union to try to prevent positive conclusion of the negotiation.

### Israel's Concessions

Israel, fully aware of Lebanon's sensitivities in this regard, went out of its way to make concessions designed to smooth the way to an agreement. Thus, when the Lebanese delegation pleaded its Arab affiliation to justify its opposition to Israel's proposal that the present talks culminate in the signing of a peace treaty, Israel agreed to forego this most natural and reasonable of proposals and to content itself, for the time being, with a pragmatic arrangement of "good neighborly relations." Needless to say, concessions could neither be offered nor made on issues that, Israel felt, touched vital security concerns. In the final analysis, Israel found it possible to make the concessions it did, because they paved the way for an agreement that does contain the four essential propositions mentioned in the first paragraph of this paper — as well as a number of additional clauses that lend a measure of substance and meaning to these basic propositions. It is to be hoped that this agreement will serve as the foundation of a growing understanding between Israel and Lebanon, leading ultimately to the extension of the peace process, begun at Camp David, to all of Israel's neighbors. The preceding was received from the Consulate General of Israel in N.Y.

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## Yehuda Blum

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) Israel. In contrast, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has not been dealt with since January, 1980. The tinderboxes of Poland and Kampuchea have received similar lack of attention. This unilateral hostility directed against Israel is reflected even in U.N. terminology. Blum dismissed the reference to the "Middle East Crisis" as a misnomer since it is applied only to the Arab-Israeli conflict, ignoring, in effect, the 31 other major tensions fermenting in that region. Prominent among the latter is the Iran-Iraq war which has yielded a tremendous impact on the world economy. The ambassador isolated Arab frustration as the root cause of their antagonism towards Israel. Arab leaders, awash in petrodollars, sought to make a scapegoat [out of] Israel in order to divert the hostility of their impoverished subjects. These demagogues profit by the Palestinian plight and have ever refused to absorb the refugees, even back in 1948 when the latter only constituted several thousand souls. The arab intransigence towards recognizing Israel's essential right to exist also stems from a heightened sense of Pan-Arabism, which is repulsed and threatened by a Jewish presence in their self-proclaimed "Arab East." Ambassador Blum debunked the myth of the "homeless Palestinian nation," exposing the clamor for Palestinian statehood as a subtle attempt by the Arab League to liquidate Israel. The aftermath of the Six-Day War saw the first Arab reference to the stateless Palestinians and the U.N. picked up on this notion in 1969. Blum attributes the pre-1967 absence of any such claim to the tacit recognition of Jordan as the Palestinian Arab State. In fact, Jordan constitutes 77% of the original British mandate and Palestinians make up the majority of her citizenry, as well as her economic and professional backbone. King Hussein remains the single Non-Palestinian entity in Jordan. The "sacred" Resolution

242 merely calls for "a just solution of the refugee problem," deliberately omitting any mention of creating a new Palestinian state—there simply was no need for one. Obscuring this fact, the Arab leadership invoked the cry of "self-determination," which always strikes a responsive chord at the UN, as a means of isolating Israel from other member nations. Blum cited the status of Germans affected by the redefined boundaries of Germany and Poland after World War II in order to prove that residence outside of one's national boundaries is not tantamount to deprivation of self-determination. Blum justified Israel's instant rejection of the recent Reagan peace plan, as well as the alleged Fez "peace" plan, on the grounds that such proposals are not consistent with the provisions of the Camp David accords. The accords call for and guarantee direct negotiations between Israel, Egypt, the United States, and elected Palestinian representatives concerning the status of controversial territories. thus, Israel, mindful of her own legitimate rights, rejects any peace overture which dictates pre-determined concessions. A breakdown of the Fez proposal shows a list of Arab demands from Israel with a single oblique confirmation of the rights of all states in the region to live in peace. Blum quoted well-placed Arab leaders who expressly denied that Israel was included therein, since she is not considered a legitimate state. Blum closed by reiterating Israel's fervent desire to live in peace with all her neighbors and invited them to sit down and negotiate peace. In the ensuing question-and-answer period, Blum received a standing ovation when he confirmed the legality and the importance of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. He also related the standing Israeli policy of shunning any personal contact with ambassadors from the hostile Arab countries. The ambassador categorically denied that he suffered any frustration from his job since frustration implies previous expectations. Instead, he perceives his ambassador role as one in which he at least sets the record straight and in which he continually asserts the sovereignty of Israel as a nation equally seated among the nations of the world.

## Foreign Students

(Continued from Page 10, Col. 5) student body, it would be the following. For the first time in my life I have been forced to spend a Purim Seudah alone. In a school of 900 individuals I was left to share the Yom-Tov with Myself. To most of the students here, the dormitory is a way to get away from home for 3 nights a week. For a foreign student or even an out of townner the dormitory represents home. I notice the ease with which students who will be

touring Europe for the summer tell me "I'll stay at your house." Don't they realize that I haven't been in a home the last fifty-two weeks? Credit should be given where credit is due. My two years in Y.U. have been educational, fun, and generally "a blast" (with the exception of the run around That I had from office to office). To the students of Y.U. I just ask them to remember their options. They can allow a foreign student to remain foreign, or they can welcome him into their own homes. Nathan Fruchter Y.C. 83



## Middle States

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Association), which will then advise Yeshiva University of its findings.

### On-going Evaluation

The visit to the Israeli institutions is part of an on-going evaluation program by the Middle States Association of study programs abroad.

The Association, which accredits colleges and universities in the Middle States region, evaluated programs in England and France in 1981, and decided to continue with additional program assessments for this academic year.

### 16 Guidelines

According to a policy memorandum written by Dr. Robert Kirkwood, executive director of the Association, sponsors of the study abroad programs, along with the respective foreign institutions of study, are evaluated in the light of 16 guidelines which the Association uses during the evaluating process.

Included among the criteria is that study abroad programs should include "clearly defined criteria

and policies for judging performance and assigning credit in accordance with prevailing standards and practices at the home institution; where several institutions are involved with a single overseas institution or in a consortium, a common basis for determining grade equivalence is essential." Another criterion includes the stipulation "that students will ordinarily not receive credit for foreign study undertaken without prior planning or approval on the students' home campuses."

The Yeshiva University-Joint Israel program, at its inception five years ago, included only two Israeli institutions, Machon Gold and Beit Medrash L'Torah (BMT). In the fall of 1981, the program was expanded to include 15 Israeli institutions. Currently, there are some 245 students from Yeshiva and Stern College participating in the joint programs.

Dr. Brenner indicated that he will report to the University's Israel Committee, which is composed of faculty and administration officials, the "very positive views" that he gained from his visit.

## Carl Gershman

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received from the peace treaty with Egypt. In his reply, Gershman stressed the importance of eliminating Egypt as a confrontation State on Israel's border. "Camp David changed the balance of forces in the region and now establishes a procedure for dealing with other conflicts in the region." Gershman maintained that the signing of the Camp David Treaty created a peace-loving image of Israel.

Gershman concluded the lecture by underscoring the importance of a viable and firm relationship between the United States and Israel.

Before I begin, though let me first say that I love listening to these stations. The music sounds great and really serves to lift my spirits. Moreover, while I'm listening to any given song, even the most suggestive, I fail to see how it influences me in the least. But, it does influence me. Because the cumulative effect of hearing these suggestive songs one after another has got to influence a person, even if it is only gradually.

The influence of this music on a *ben torah* is harmful in three ways. Firstly, constantly hearing about the beauty of love makes one far more desperate for a relationship with a girl. This, in turn, makes it much harder to reject a girl who is really not for you.

Secondly, it makes it a lot harder to be *shomer negiah* when you're always hearing songs about the pleasures of hugging, kissing and making love. Some people think that *negiah* is easy to keep, and therefore aren't worried about it. What these people don't realize is that once they're put in a situation where they have a chance to break the laws of *negiah* it's a thousand times harder to keep them. And don't think that frum people can avoid all such situations, because they simply cannot.

The third reason is that it shapes one's general view of women. More explicitly, hearing songs of physical relationships with women makes one look at girls more at sex objects than they would otherwise. Like the first reason, this also makes it harder to avoid choosing cute girls with horrible personalities.

Anyway, with all of the religious music out nowadays, I don't think it should be all that difficult for a person to avoid this kind of secular music totally.

David Goldberg - Y.U. Alumnus

## Moussa

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### Can't misuse force

"We are two ancient peoples with long histories and long memories," Dr. Miller continued, "and any kind of misuse of force which is ours could bring tragedy."

Ambassador Moussa said that although the present "peace" between Israel and Egypt is not "a comprehensive one," it is "a step toward a comprehensive settlement that shouldn't be undone." He warned that without such a settlement, "chaos will result."

### No More Bloodshed

"War should never erupt again," he said firmly, and was interrupted by applause. "No more Israeli or Egyptian blood should be spilled," he said.

"We must do our utmost to prevent misunderstandings, but we have the right to differ," he said, referring to the Israeli action into Lebanon, and Israel's policy on the West Bank and Gaza.

"Because we may differ," he continued, "this does not mean that the goal of peace should be sacrificed." The Ambassador urged both parties to build on the peace that "Anwar Sadat had started," and to "hold on to the spirit" of the accords.

### Carrying Out Accords

Dr. Miller, added that he looks forward to the Camp David Accords being carried out "in all its parts." He invited the Ambassador to visit the University again in the future.

The President of the Yeshiva College Student Council, Mr. Avraham T. Schneider, speaking to the students as part of the program, said that "we must recognize that the moves taken by Israel were necessary."

### "Must Address Issues"

"Egypt and Israel must address the issues and make efforts to normalize relations," he said. We need Egypt as a dependable ally in the Middle East."

A lengthy question and answer

## Renovation

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### Renovation of Other Centers

At the Midtown Center, plans call for the consolidation and expansion of the Stern College Library, the redesign of the College's library, and the evaluation of space to make sure all of the College's needs are being met. The Brookdale Residence Hall would be repainted, and its common areas would be refurbished.

At the Brookdale Center, the rehabilitation of the building's elevators head the list of priorities. Plans also call for development of vacant space now available for purchase or rental, and the redesigning of space to meet the needs of Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

A number of special projects are also on the University's list of major repairs, including the installation of a Dedicator Wall for the institution's major contributors, such as Benefactors, Guardians, and Master Builders; and the refurbishing of such public places as the admissions, registrars, and deans' offices to make them more attractive to visitors.

### Construction of Athletic Center

The project includes construction of the Max Stern Athletic Center, named for a major figure in the University's growth and development. The complex would

period followed the Ambassador's remarks.

Mr. Phil Machlin, chairman of the committee, presided over the program.

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of Commentator:  
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## Wrestling

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pinned Lenny Madowitz in the other semi-final match, in the finals Mark Jacobwitz defeated Eli Wizman 21-12.

The 150 weight class proved most interesting. Roy Graber advanced in the preliminaries as Mendel Balk withdrew after being hurt during his loss to Michael Taragin via Pin. Roy then wrestled

Michael defeating him via fall in 4:50.

Chaim Wasserman won the 158 weight class. He defeated Brafman in the preliminaries 9-6. He then won by default over Darren Blackstein who was unable to continue because of injury. In the finals, Chaim defeated Mike Mehler for the trophy.

The 167 weight class saw David Silver pin Kaufman in the semi-finals in 1:45. In the other semi-finals Jay Taragin defeated Josh Lurie 9-6. David Silver took the weight class defeating Jay in the finals with a pin in 4:05.

Jules Polonefsky won at 177. Joel Pleeter was the winner in the 190 weight class.

The heavyweight competition saw Jay Weinberger pin Eddie Schauder in 4:50 in the semi-finals. Richard Mandelbaum pinned Adam Maslow in the other semi-final bout, with a pin time of 1:35. The heavyweight champion was Jay Weinberger who pinned Richard Mandelbaum in 4:35.

## Tennis - A Prosperous Year

It was a great year for the Y.U. tennis team as they ended their season with a 6-1 record. Their one loss, however, came at a very inopportune time as they bowed to Steven's Tech in the finals of the I.A.C. Division championship. This hard fought tournament was highlighted by a slew of exceptionally high quality matches.

Neil Tilson's consistent ground strokes and volleys proved inadequate as he fell prey to the adroit net game, powerful serve and volley game of Steven's #1 seed. At #2 Avrumie Markowitz pulled an exciting upset with an assortment of strong ground strokes, net plays, as he defeated his opponent 7-6, 6-2. At #3 Larry Lehman ended up on the short end of the tie-breaker as Steven's took a 2-1 lead in the match. At #4, an under-the-weather Elli Shulman made a valiant attempt

but was unable to pull out another victory for Yeshiva. At #5, Michael Taragin played percentage tennis forcing his opponent to beat the odds. The Steven's player was able to do so with an amazing array of cross court and up the line passing shots as the Steven's lead climbed to 4-1. At #6, Baruch Weinstein gave another strong performance as he easily defeated his opponent. His lefty hook serve and consistent ground strokes gave him a 6-3, 6-3 win, Yeshiva now trailed 2 matches to 4.

In the doubles matches Yeshiva was only able to capture one of the three matches but it was too late as Steven's moved to a 6-3 victory over Yeshiva.

At this time the tennis team would like to wish the best of luck to Neil Tilson and Elli Shulman, two of its finest players who are graduating this June.

include the University's first regulation-size gymnasium, an indoor track, exercise rooms, and facilities for YU's fencing and wrestling teams.

The renovation project follows several years in which the University could afford to do little but the most basic repair work, a situation that exacerbated problems that required immediate attention. In addition, facilities built two or three decades ago now have to accommodate a growing community of students, scholars, and staff, with needs and expectations far different from those in the 1950's. The Campus Repair Project is meant to address those concerns.

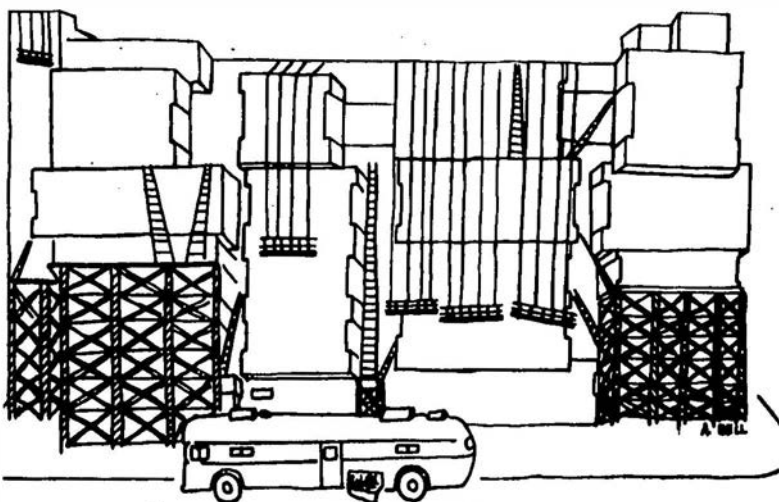
### Project Satisfies New Ordinance

Besides improving the University's appearance, the project would also satisfy provisions of a new

city ordinance, Local Law 10. That ordinance requires the periodic inspection of any building over six floors in height and the correction of potentially unsafe conditions, such as loose bricks or mortar. While remedial work has already begun at three of the University's buildings, a major renovation project would ensure that none of the same problems would appear 20 or even 30 years from now.

Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, said of the renovation project that "we hope to provide our students with a more comfortable environment in which to study, offering them the proper ecology of education."

Dr. Lamm added that the renovation would also create "a more conducive atmosphere for research and training, the twin concerns of our faculty."



"WE SPRUNG A MAJOR LEAK,  
SHOULD HAVE IT FIXED IN A FEW DAYS"

## YC Tennis Team Frustrates Opponents

By LARRY LEHMAN

Yeshiva defeated John Jay, N.Y. Maritime, and Brooklyn to extend its record to 6-0. The team defeated John Jay 8-1.

In the first match co-captain Avrumi Markowitz defeated his opponent 7-5, 6-2 by displaying an assortment of passing shots. Next, Larry Lehman pulled off a squeaker 7-6, 7-6. Then Baruch Weinstein with the perfection of his serve and volley game won 7-6, 6-4. In the next three single's matches, the Yeshiva players just proved to be too much for their John Jay opponents. Co-Captain Michael Taragin won decisively 6-0, 6-1 while Jay Gottesman and Beryl Thomas both shut out their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

In a tough grueling doubles match Avrumi Markowitz and Baruch Weinstein lost by the score of 8-6.

Michael Taragin and Jeff Golden then went on to overcome a slow start to defeat their opponents 9-7 with excellently executed passing shots by Taragin and consistent ground strokes by Golden.

Eric Herschmann and Neil Adler easily won their match 8-1

with Herschmann displaying perfectly placed net shots and Adler hitting many overhead winners.

Yeshiva downed N.Y. Maritime by a score of 6-3. Neil Tilson allowed his opponent only two games in the entire match. With his excellent ground strokes and consistency he easily gave Yeshiva a 1-0 lead. Eli Shulman's determination allowed him to overcome a one set deficit to win his match 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Baruch Weinstein used an assortment of fine passing shots as well as a serve and volley game to win his match 6-4, 7-6. Michael Taragin played a determined and skillful match but succumbed to the relentless and forceful ground strokes of his worthy opponent. Avrumi Markowitz had little trouble overcoming his opponent. Thanks to fine serving he won 6-4, 6-3. Beryl Thomas disposed of his opponent with great ease 6-3, 6-0. Thomas then teamed up with Jay Gottesman to win their doubles match. Neil Adler also made his debut playing a fine doubles match.

The Yeshiva team had a very difficult time defeating Brooklyn

College. Filling Brooklyn's number 1 seed was the 16th ranked player on the east coast. Playing number 1 for Yeshiva, Neil Tilson showed why he is a cut above the rest but his bid for the match was thwarted by an amazing array of passing shots, volleys, and overheads. Avrumi Markowitz bowed to a tough veteran; who used his speed and consistency to outlast his opponent. Eli Shulman again got off to a slow start yet was able to win his match in three sets. Larry Lehman was less lucky as he was unable to hold on to an early lead and was defeated in three long hard fought sets. Michael Taragin had little trouble defeating his opponent 6-0, 6-4. Meanwhile, Baruch Weinstein's 6-3, 6-1 victory set the score at three matches a piece. Eli Shulman and Beryl Thomas then teamed up at doubles and were awesome in defeating their opponents 6-1, 6-0. That win tied the match at 4-4 with only one match to go. Taragin and Weinstein teamed up for their doubles match. After losing the first set 6-3 they came back to win the next two 6-0, 6-0. This clinched the match and gave Yeshiva a 5-4 win over Brooklyn.

## Spring Blood Drive Draws Many Donors

By KEVIN HAYES and  
JEFF DANOWICZ.

Once again Yeshiva College hosted a successful spring blood drive receiving 283 pints of blood. Under the leadership of Donor Chairmen Kevin Hayes and Alan Berger Yeshiva has maintained its outstanding reputation with the Greater New York Blood Program.

Last semester, under the leadership of Robert Koppel, Yeshiva collected 375 pints of blood. It was Yeshiva's first two

day blood drive. The spring blood drive committee suggested that Yeshiva run two day blood drives in the future. This would alleviate the long wait and attract more donors, as was proven in the fall drive. However, the committee stated that the administration requested having a one day drive this semester.

Although only 283 pints of blood were collected, thirty nine potential donors were rejected for various reasons.

In addition, the committee, raffled off 3 free passes to the Great Adventure amusement park. These passes were donated by the Yeshiva college student council.

The blood drive committee extends a thank you to all those who donated from Yeshiva College, the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and MTA, and hopes that Yeshiva College will continue to have successful drives in the future. Remember ... Give Blood—Save Lives!!

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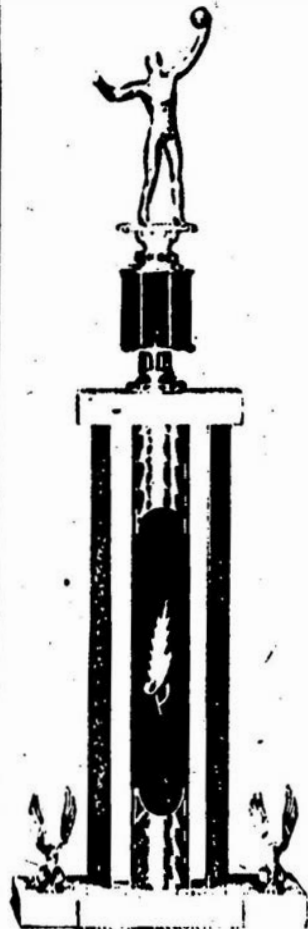
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## Cross-Country Team Running For The Gold

When returning to school in Oct. one may notice a group of students dressed in Yeshiva uniforms and colorful running sneakers. They comprise the newly formed cross-country team.

Led by Captain Howie Sonnenblick and co-Captain Ian Landow the Yeshiva cross-country team promises to add a new dimension to our athletic department.

Professor Arthur Tauber, director of athletics is very enthusiastic about cross-country coming to Yeshiva. He has already convinced several schools to hold meets on Sunday rather than on Saturday in order to accomodate Yeshiva students. Prof. Tauber pointed out that he has always wanted a cross-country team but there simply wasn't enough interest on the part of the students.

Included on the team are three NYC Marathoners and one or two

marathon hopefuls, consequently, it was decided that those runners would run as a team and represent Yeshiva in this fall's NYC Marathon.

According to Captain Howie Sonnenblick the team is very excited and can hardly wait for the competition to begin. For those who aren't familiar with the sport, cross-country involves running a specified distance (usually 5 miles) through woods, grass, hills, and the like. The entire team runs in the same race and points are awarded to the first ten finishers of the race.

Mr. Sonnenblick was also happy to announce that as its first event, the cross-country team has been invited by the Greater NY Conference on Soviet Jewry to lead the annual Solidarity Sunday March (May 22nd) by running in front of the march torches in hand.

## Orthodox, Conservative And Reform Jews Work Together To Promote Aliyah

The leadership of the organized Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Synagogue movements have agreed to work together in a unified appeal for Americans to make Aliyah, marking the first time Aliyah has been the focus of such a national effort.

According to Moshe Shechter, director of the Israel Aliyah Center of North America, a steering committee — yet to be announced — will coordinate efforts toward the designation of a single Shabbat in October as Aliyat Shabbat. During which in synagogues across the country, Rabbis will deliver sermons urging Americans to consider the benefits of making Israel their home.

It is expected, Shechter said, that additional activities will be organized on both the national and synagogue levels to tie in this momentous occasion with Israel-oriented activities. He said the Israel Aliyah Center was preparing

a working plan for establishing localized activities which would be make available through the national offices of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements.

"The time-honored debate of whether Jews need Israel more than Israel needs Jews," Shechter said, "has faded into the background in the realization that the needs of both are inseparable and one in the same. The Jews of America face assimilation as the major threat to their existence as Jews, which is as real a threat as the demographic problems which face the State of Israel. The only genuine solution to both problems is more Jews living in Israel."

"The lay and Rabbinical leadership of the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform movements are in the vanguard of this historic promotion of Aliyah among their memberships," the Israel Aliyah Center director emphasized.

## YCSC ... Constitutional?

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past year's Secretary-Treasurer. last year, Jay Weinberger was elected Sec.-Treas. by the student body. When he resigned in October for personal reasons, Gary Bellman was temporarily appointed to the position. He has stayed on as Sec.-Treas. the entire year and, according to several Council members, he has done "a great job". According to the Constitution, however, if the Sec.-Treas. resigns, a replacement is temporarily appointed until an election can be scheduled for a new Sec.-Treas. Mr. Schneider remarked that although he has "no way to reconcile the situation," he thought the fine progress of Y.C.S.C. this year would be hampered by a new election; thus he did not schedule one. When questioned about the legality of his daring move, Mr. Schneider admitted that "it was unconstitutional" but also cited the fine job done by the 'temporary replacement'.

As well, during the process of rewriting the Constitution, several new items were introduced. According to the new Constitution, the newly elected Student Council shall assume power on graduation day. In the old Constitution though, the new Council took over earlier in the semester. Some students believe that the late 'take-over' date is detrimental to

Y.C.S.C. They maintain that when the new Council takes over, the outgoing council will not be present to acclimate and familiarize the novices with their new responsibilities. Mr. Schneider noted that graduation day is a more definite time for transfer of power.

The new Constitution also makes provisions for a later election date (May instead of April) to accomodate those who attend Kalan's sessions for M.C.A.T.'s, D.A.T.'s L.S.A.T.'s etc. An additional innovation is the right of the Executive Council to spend \$500.00 in a single payment without approval of Student Council. Mr. Schneider indicated that this change is incorporated into all university student council constitutions and cited the need for it at Y.C.S.C.

When questioned about this Y.C.S.C. scenario, Aaron Menche, outgoing Sophomore Class President, exclaimed that "you can't expect Student Council to always cater to the desires of students when students don't participate in or attend open Student Council meetings. The average attendance at these open meetings this year was less than 25 out of a student body of 800. 15 of those 25 people were Student Council members."

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More than 30,000 people including the Y.U. Chabad Club gathered near Lubavitch World Headquarters in New York for the Lag B'Omer children's parade, carnival and fair. The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, addressed the crowd and was heard live around the world. Upper right, the Rebbe on the reviewing stand on the steps of Lubavitch Center. Upper left, one of many colorful floats portraying Jewish themes. This one depicts the unity of the Jewish people through their representative letters in the Sefer Torah. Below, a section of the huge crowd. Lubavitch-sponsored hundreds of similar parades all over the world involving hundreds of thousands of children and adults.

## Freshmen Beat JR's In O.T., Capture Playoff Berth

The Freshmen team defeated the first place Juniors in overtime to capture its first playoff berth in recent years. They have defeated all three upperclassmen and achieved a 3-3 record.

The Juniors jumped out to a quick 20-14 first quarter lead led by Gary Kaufman (19 pts.) and Michael Taragin (18 pts.). The Juniors were able to preserve their lead thanks to the strong rebounding by Eric Herschmann (14 pts.) and Yak Friedman. The first half ended with the Juniors ahead 35-26.

It appeared that this game was going to have the same result as the three previous games, with the Juniors dominating throughout.

In the second half the Freshmen went to their money player Andre

Isaacson (24 pts.), who led the league in scoring this year with an average of 20 pts. per game. Stuie Weinstock played a strong second half and enabled the Freshmen to cut the Junior lead to 52-42 at the end of the third quarter after being down by as much as 16.

The Freshmen team started the fourth quarter with a quick 6 pts. to cut the Juniors lead to 4. The Juniors were then forced to call time out and try to regroup. After the time out, Michael Taragin drove the length of the court and scored to increase the Junior lead to 6. But once again the Freshmen struck back and ran off a 16-10 fourth quarter spurt ending regulation time with the score 60 all.

Then the three minute overtime period began. Barak Saffer scored

the first 2 pts. in the overtime with a beautiful baseline jumper. The Juniors tried to push the ball up the court, but Steven Kuritzky stole the ball and fed it to Andre Isaacson for 2 more points to ice the game for the Freshmen. The game ended with the Freshmen defeating the Juniors 70-67.

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## Sophs Beat Juniors In Intramurals

By DAVID SCHWARCZ  
"Dweck tenaciously veers around Katz and smoothly puts the ball home! A quiet hush hovers over both benches and a despondent junior team trots down court." This was the night a determined sophomore squad outplayed the elite junior team and achieved the coveted title of second semester intramural basketball champions.

At the outset of the game, Juniors Michael Taragin (12 pts.) and Jeff Katz (8 pts.) established their presence by controlling the defensive boards and executing an opportunistic offensive game plan. Zev Skolnick (17 pts.), the stalwart sophomore center, forged through a formidable junior front line and scored the first six sophomore points. This offensive surge was complemented by an aggressive defense and forced the Juniors to alter their original game plan. In a desperate attempt to regain composure, Ushie Selevan (13 pts.), the

heralded junior point guard, penetrated the sophomore defense and opened up the passing lanes for Baruch Weinstein (11 pts.) and Jeff Katz.

The unrelenting sophomore defense halted the juniors offensive onslaught and finished the half with a 29-24 edge.

The Juniors, in a surprise defensive move, opened the 3rd quarter in a man-to-man defense. Jackie Dweck (14 pts.), Harry Lehman (6 pts.) and Mark Lefkovitz (8 pts.) flashed their lightning speed and quickly combined for 12 points extinguishing any hope for a Junior comeback. The Sophs chewed up most of the 4th quarter clock by running their deliberate offense, forcing the junior's to foul. David Schwarcz (12 pts.) and Jack Dweck (14 pts.) sunk their foul shots securing a 61-50 lead and the Championship C-O-N-G-R-A-D-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S!

## Mets Woes

By ROBERT KATZ  
What's wrong with the Mets? Have you got 2 hours?  
I'll tell you what's wrong with the Mets in one word: Management. You're probably saying — "but hey, don't the players stink?" Granted, they're not all stars, but the feeling here is that they can certainly play 500 ball if handled properly.

The first culprit is manager George Bamberger. Bambi's a nice guy, dedicated, and a veteran baseball man. He may be capable of managing a team like the Brewers (which he did for 3 years) who can handle themselves, but the Mets are an immature team who need to develop an identity — something they are sorely lacking. When asked to point to one positive aspect of the year so far, (at press time the Mets were 9-18) Bambi said with a smile, "Well, we've got (rookie phenom) Darryl Strawberry up here now." Wrong, George. What does that statement do for a team with the likes of Foster, Kingman, and Seaver? Can a 21 year old kid with no major league experience be the answer to anyone's problem? Hardly. Instead of looking toward The Future, how about 1983? What about all the seasoned vets you've got on your team — why not build an identity around them? He could you do it around the rookies, but only in 1984 when they're really ready. So again — what about 1983?

Further into the discussion. When Bambi was asked to point to the one negative aspect this year, he smiled sheepishly and said: "Geez, we're just not scoring enough runs." Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the understatement of the year. Any hard-nosed manager would give the team 20 lashes each, in the clubhouse, but Bambi just sits and waits. And waits. And nothing happens. And that's where the front office stepper, doesn't step in.

May I ask why General Manager Frank Cashen hasn't traded for a bona-fide major league catcher when his 4 time all-star John Stearn is out for half a year? Bambi claims that "he's been trying and looking for so long, believe me." Well if that's true, that just proves the GM's ineptness. Last year, Rick Cerone of the Yankees was injured. In desperate need of a catcher, George Steinbrenner went out and in 2 days got another #1 catcher,

## Juniors Take Championship For Second Consecutive Year

For the second straight year the Juniors (last year's Sophomores) have taken the Hockey Intramural Championship at Y.U. Furthermore, for the second consecutive year they won the regular season title, received a bye in Round 1, and swept the championship in three straight. This year's opponent was the strong Sophomore team coming off a decisive trouncing of the Seniors in Round 1.

At the onset of Game 1, the Juniors took it right to the stunned Sophs, but were denied time and

time again by Soph goalie Kenny Fisher. However, fine corner work and pressure by Ushie Selevan finally managed to get one past for 1-0 lead. The Sophs picked up their attack but were thwarted by All-Star goalie Yak Friedman. Early in the second period, with the score still 1-0, M.V.P. All-Star defenseman, Shabsi "Chopper" Schreier intercepted an errant pass and drilled a low wrist shot home for a 2-0 lead. Later on in the period, the Sophs leader B-Z Smilchensky cut the lead in half by

blasting one home on a good pass from Doni Israeli. Late in the second period, Chopper Schreier put the game away with a beautiful rebound shot on a blast by Moshe Green. The third period went quickly with the Juniors flaunting their top defense in the league. Final Score: Juniors-3, Sophs-1.

As the second game approached the Sophs promised revenge. But as the game started the Juniors quickly took a 1-0 lead on a shot by Dave Fontek on a beautiful centering pass. The Sophs fought back hard, yet a little later a shot by Bernie Bronner was called no-goal. While the Sophs mistakenly rejoiced Moshe Green took the puck the distance and scored for a 2-0 game. Bronner would not be denied, and he snuck in off the faceoff to cut the score to 2-1. But again just as the Sophs thought they could play with the Juniors, Chopper Schreier netted two consecutive goals. The first was a shorthanded one on four goal and the second came on a blast from the blue line. The final score in Game 2 was Juniors-9, the Sophs-1, with Moshe Green and Stuei Weinberger netting hat tricks.

The third game was much like the second one. The strong defense of Chopper, Green, Keith Rhine, and Ari Silbermintz totally shut off the once potent Sophomore offense. The final score in Game 3 was 6-2. Again it was Chopper Schreier who opened the scoring to set the tone for the evening.

On the whole, the key to the series was the great goal-tending by Yak Friedman (4 goals in 3 games) with much help from the solid Junior defense. Honorable mention goes to the tenacious Junior "diggers": Ushie Selevan, Stuei Weinberger, Ian Landow, Mark Lefkovits, David Fontek, and Ari Silbermintz. Another key factor was the fine Junior defensive play which shut off season pt. leader B-Z Smilchensky (1 goal, 3 games) and All-Star Ari Tuchman (1 goal, 3 games). Chopper Schreier was voted M.V.P. and was the leading scorer in the playoffs with 5 goals and 4 assists. These playoffs concluded a very successful intramural season, and the rivalries formed will undoubtedly continue well into next year.

### Final Scoring - Hockey Intramurals

	Goals	Assists	Points	Penalty-min.
B-Z Smilchensky (Soph)	10	14	24	18
Moshe Green (Jun)	14	8	22	2
Shabsi Schreier (Jun)	8	14	22	4
Ushie Selevan (Jun)	6	10	16	2
Ari Tuchman (Soph)	13	3	16	2
Andy Schreiber (Soph)	7	8	15	0

### Final Standings - Hockey Intramurals

	W	L	T
Juniors	6	1	1
Sophs	4	3	1
Seniors	3	5	0
Freshmen	2	6	0



A special Commentator commendation to Moishe Kranzler who compiled a 4-1 season wrestling record. Moishe was not pinned this season; His only loss (on points) was to Steve

Kovnirsky of Brooklyn Polytech, a 2 time Yeshiva tournament champion. Moishe was captain of the wrestling team for the past season. Congratulations.

Butch Wynegar of the Minnesota Twins. Give Steinbrenner credit — if he wants it, he gets it. Compared to Steinbrenner, Cashen is a little lamb.

Some more queries about management.

About the big Darryl Strawberry debate. We will never know whether Darryl should have been brought up at the beginning of the season or now. Contrary to all speculation, Strawberry didn't mind going down to the minors. "If that's what they want then that's what I'll do. I could probably use a little while more in the minors." Once you do bring him up, you expect him to be ready. So why not play him every day? Bamberger sits Strawberry against left-handers. Why? He'll never learn like that. Throw him into the water and let him sink and go 0 for 20 before resurfacing. Once he soes resurface, he'll tear up the league. b-Owner Nelson Doubleday and President Fred Wilpin took over the team in 1980 and as all owners do, promised changes. Some changes — I present the Mets yearly record from 1977- 1982:

1977 — W64 L98  
1979 — W66 L96  
1979 — W63 L99  
1980 — W67 L95  
1981 — W41 L62 (strike)  
1983 — W65 L97

Some changes, huh?

The Mets have some good ballplayers. They should be a .500 club this year, but they won't. You can blame that on their hierarchy.

The Mets are like an adolescent. They need a self concept before going in to adulthood, or else there will be problems. Adulthood is 1984. Adolescence is 1983. Get with it management — point your teenager in the right direction.

## Wrestling

### Team Excels

#### Wrestling Intramurals - Grappling for Glory

By PESACH LEIB KREMEN

The wrestling intramural tournament of 1983 continued to demonstrate the wide popularity of the Y.U. wrestling program. Wrestlers from all divisions of Y.U.'s main campus participated. Contrary to some other intramurals, any wrestler who ever participated in any match for Y.U. at any weight class or wrestling style was excluded from the competition.

At 118 pounds, Ari Klein was the winner. At 126, Barry Schanzer defeated Kenny Segal 7-5 in a close match.

The 134 weight class proved to be the M.V.P. weight class. This weight class was run as a round robin class because of the presence of 3 wrestlers. Mark Bessler convincingly defeated Moshe Goldberg 14-8. He also defeated Ralph Gross by a pin in a time of 2:20. His execution of a half nelson in both of his matches to earn near fall points and a pin earned him the MUP award.

At 142, Mark Jacobowitz pinned Marvin Leventer in 2:35 in the semi-final match. Eli Wizman

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### Sophs Dominate Intramural Play

#### Sports Dinner

#### Awards

#### Norman Palefski:

Basketball: Michael Rosenbloom

Fencing: Adam Karp

#### Bernard Sarachek:

Shabsi "Chopper" Schreier

#### Commentator:

Basketball: Joey Eaves

Bowling: William Borenstein

Fencing: Seth Gersten

Tennis: Michael Taragin

Wrestling: Wayne Brecher

#### Coaches:

Basketball: Joey Eaves

Bowling: Scott Borenstein

MVP: Mona Allen, Dina Weinberg

Fencing: Sabre: Seth Gersten

Fall: David Mond

Epee: David Feild

Rifery: Jeff Koesterich

Soccer: Abraham Borenstein

Tennis: Avrumi Markowitz

Wrestling: Wayne Brecher

#### Tennis Statistics (single's matches)

Jay Gottsman - 1-0

Larry Lehman - 4-2

Avrumi Markowitz - 5-2

EW Shulman - 5-1

Michael Taragin - 5-2

Daryl Thomas - 2-0

Nell Tamm - 4-2

Baruch Weinstein - 7-0

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