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Israeli President Herzog and Chief Rabbis To Visit Yeshiva

By MORDECHAI I. TWERSKY

Nov. 2 — Israeli President Chaim Herzog and the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Chief Rabbis will visit Yeshiva University this month, the Commentator has learned exclusively.

According to Senior Vice President Dr. Israel Miller, the Israeli President will address the University on Monday morning, November 21st at 9:30 in the Lampion Auditorium at the Yeshiva's Main Center in Washington Heights.

Dr. Miller also disclosed that the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, HaRav Avraham Shapira and Sephardic Chief Rabbi, HaRav Mordechai Eliyahu, are scheduled to visit the Yeshiva on Tuesday morning, November 8, at the Main Center. Each Chief Rabbi will deliver a shiur (class), Dr. Miller said.

Long-Time YU Friend

President Herzog, elected to office by the Knesset (Parliament) last March 22, has visited the University several times while serving as Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations in the 1970's.

Herzog referred to Yeshiva University as "a landmark institution."

Born in Ireland 64 years ago, Mr. Herzog is the son of the late Rabbi Isaac Halevy Herzog, the first Ashkenazic chief rabbi of Israel who visited YU in the 1940's. His formal education included three years as a student at the Hebron Yeshiva.

Mr. Herzog's brother, the late Dr. Yaakov D. Herzog, received an honorary degree from the University in 1963, when he was Israel's ambassador to Canada. In 1970, he returned to the campus, this time as director-general of Israel's Prime Minister Office, to receive the Mordecai Ben David Award.

Mr. Herzog is also related to former Israeli Foreign Affairs Minister Abba Eban. Mr. Eban, President Herzog's brother-in-law, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from YU in 1957.

The visit by Mr. Herzog will mark the second time in as many years that an Israeli Head of State has visited Yeshiva University. Mr. Herzog's predecessor, the Hon.



Seated From left to right: President Chaim Herzog, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu.

In April, 1976, Mr. Herzog was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at ceremonies marking the opening of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In his remarks, Mr.

Yitzchak Navon, spoke at the Yeshiva last January 10.

First Visit Together

The visit by the Chief Rabbis, who will be arriving in the United (Continued on Page 7, Col. 3)

Commie Computerizes Its Operations

The Commentator, in order to reduce production costs and to centralize newspaper operations, has purchased a computer and has secured a conference room in the Student Union building.

According to Brian Shoken, Supervising Editor in charge of newspaper operations, a TRS-80 micro-computer has been obtained for the purposes of wordprocessing and typesetting. The software for the computer was written by Mr. Shoken. He was also instrumental in the acquisition of The Commentator newsroom.

According to Mr. Ben-Zion Smilchensky, Editor-in-Chief of the Commentator, "These radical steps have been taken in order to enhance and upgrade the overall efficiency and quality of the publication." He also indicated that the Commentator "is trying to solicit funds for additional equipment for the newspaper's production purposes."

Mr. Smilchensky wished to thank Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, Mrs. Vivian Owing, Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice President and Mr. Jay Blazer, Director of Buildings and Grounds for their support.



Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, delivering the historic eulogy last week in Lampion Auditorium for Rabbi Avraham Aaron Shatzkes and Rabbi Jerucham Gorelick. Some 1,100 students, Roshei Yeshiva and relatives attended the memorial, in tribute to two of the Yeshiva's greatest Roshei Yeshiva. Full coverage on page 4.

Main Center Renovation Plan Under Way; Gym Groundbreaking Set for this Month

By STEVEN FRIED

The eagerly awaited arrival of the Max Stern Athletic Center will move one step further toward implementation this month, as groundbreaking ceremonies will be held on November 14, at the University's Danciger Campus in Washington Heights.

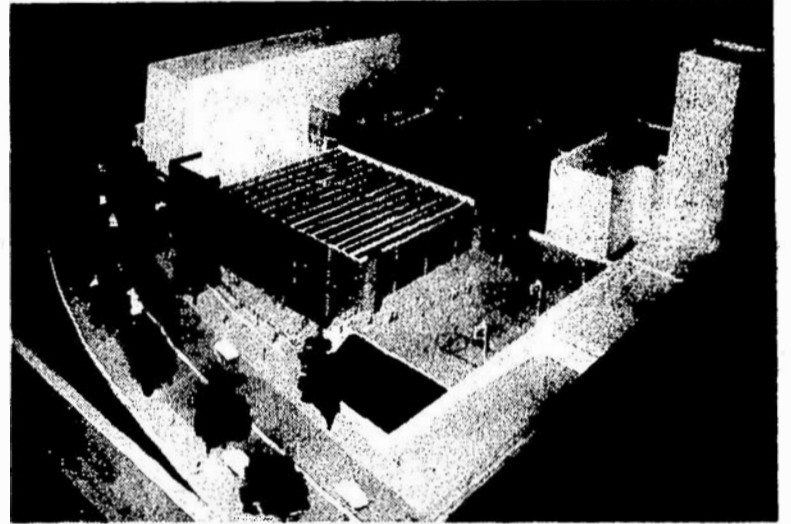
The center is being made possible through a one million dollar gift from Mr. Leonard Stern, a Yeshiva University Century Benefactor. Mr. Stern is the son of the late Max Stern, founder of the Stern College for Women and a major figure in the University's growth and development.

Dignitaries in Attendance

According to Mr. Sam Hartsstein, Director of Public Relations at the University, the ceremonies will be attended by the Stern family, including Mrs. Max Stern. Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm and Senior Vice President Dr. Israel Miller, are also expected to attend, as well as Manhattan Borough President Andrew Stein. The University administration and entire student body have been invited.

December Construction Date

Construction of the center, which will include a gymnasium, a running track, and specially-



Architect's Model of the Max Stern Athletic Center.

equipped rooms for wrestling, fencing, and other sports activities, is scheduled to begin this December, according to Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, Vice President for Business Affairs at the University. It is estimated, he said, that the center

will be completed within 15-16 months from the beginning of construction.

Only One Phase

The building of the Max Stern Athletic Center represents only one (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

Shooting Still Unsolved

Almost four months since the first shooting incident at Yeshiva University's Main Center last June 6, the now famous "Yeshiva Sniper" case still remains unsolved.

According to Sergeant John Carroll of the Yeshiva Task Force, a special investigative unit set up by the New York City Police Department, a "maximum effort" is being launched by the 30 specially-selected detectives on the task force.

Asked if police are working on any solid leads, Sgt. Carroll said that there are "some significant leads," but refused to comment on the substance of the leads. "There is not a stone that hasn't been overturned," he said. "The Police Department is dedicating many of its resources to solving the Yeshiva Case."

Since the shootings, the University has provided round-the-clock security, in addition to the 24 hour police presence. A \$250,000 reward (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Faculty to Vote On Curriculum Proposal

The Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee, after a year which included some 19 meetings, has delivered its report to the faculty regarding revisions of curriculum requirements, it was announced by Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean.

In an interview broadcast live on WYUR, the Yeshiva University student-run radio station, Dean Rosenfeld said that by the end of the fall semester, "a final vote will be taken and the whole process will be terminated."

Several Phases

The process which the Dean referred to has involved several phases. Some two weeks ago, the curriculum committee presented its final report at the last meeting. Copies of the report were submitted to four divisions representing Jewish studies, the Behavioral, Social, and Natural Sciences, Humanities and Mathematics. According to the Dean, the divisions "are expected to review the committee's report at the present time and will soon submit their comments to the curriculum committee." The committee, he said, will then "distill the division's recommendations and produce a final report which the faculty will then consider," he said.

Timetable

The Dean indicated that by next week, each of the division's recommendations will have been transferred to the curriculum committee. The final version of the report, he said, would then be presented to the faculty "by late November."

Not Enough Flexibility

"At Yeshiva College," he said,



Dean Norman Rosenfeld

"the burden of satisfying the requirements, together with the 32 credits that the majority of students now earn in Israel, has not provided our students with the flexibility that they want in exploring additional areas of interest."

The Dean said that the curriculum "has prevented stu- (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

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A Budding Spirit

Coming back to school is a time of mixed emotions. The student is, at the same time, both happy and afraid to start the new school year. This year, a third emotion was present — that of surprise. The oftentimes dreary Yeshiva College campus had been spruced up. There were benches and flowers outside and carpeting and a new registrar's office inside. We received clipboards and new catalogs to help us in course selection.

Critics may, of course, view these improvements as minor. We think otherwise; the quality of a university is measured by the level of student respect for that university. This respect is immeasurably enhanced by a nice campus and even more importantly by the feeling that an earnest attempt is being made to improve things. These minor improvements have conveyed a stronger message to the students than more dramatic moves could have.

We start this year with a sense of gratitude for improvements effected and with hope for improvements to come. After all, a flower is worth a thousand words.

A New Awakening

In light of the recent shooting incidents at Yeshiva, one can now stroll down Amsterdam Avenue and see numerous New York City policemen, Wells Fargo Security Guards and new security vehicles. It is extremely disturbing that the injuries of several Yeshiva students were necessary to open the eyes of the administration to the security problem at the Main Center. Indeed, throughout the years, the Yeshiva administration has constantly displayed a lack of sensitivity to the need for more security. The inadequate protection provided for students in the past had led to several unfortunate incidents on campus. Because of the shootings this summer, however, the administration finally moved quickly to upgrade security.

The recent appointment of Detective Stephen Saunders as Director of Security and Safety seems to have been a step in the right direction. He has carefully allocated large portions of his budget to the strengthening of security and has consistently been sensitive to student suggestion and opinion.

Certainly, the presence of the New York City Police Department on the Main Campus has contributed greatly to the prevailing sense of security shared by most Yeshiva students. While the student body thanks the NYPD, they will not patrol this area forever. It is our hope that the implementation of a newly bolstered security force this year is only the first step in a full revamping of Yeshiva security and that when the NYPD is gone, security will be adjusted appropriately.

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Tribute to a Leader

Menachem Begin's tenure as Prime Minister of Israel will leave an indelible mark on the lives of Jews around the world. Although his predecessors may be regarded as true leaders of the Jewish state, Menachem Begin, in his capacity as Prime Minister, was different.

He was a visionary who dedicated his life to Jewish survival. As a Holocaust survivor, Menachem Begin was determined to ensure that destruction would never again befall upon the Jewish people.

As a man never ashamed of his Jewish heritage, he was always proud to recall the words of our forefathers. Whether it was his recitation of Psalms at the signing of the Camp David peace talks, or his references to Ezekiel at sessions of the Knesset, his words always served as a source of pride to his people. It was this pride that made the Prime Minister so highly regarded by the Yeshiva University community and its likes. It reminded us that Israel is indeed a Jewish state, and its Prime Minister a leader of our people.

Perhaps Mr. Begin's character is best reflected in his words. In a letter to our President, he wrote: "For the sake of Zion I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest." (Isaiah 62).

With his resignation, the Jewish people have certainly surrendered a great leader. We all pray and hope that Mr. Begin's untiring efforts on behalf of his people and countrymen will earn him a continuing life of strength and good health. *Ahd meyah ve'esrim shanah.*

Off to a Great Start

Upon returning to campus this fall, the student body found that the Student Council had made great strides in both making dormitory life more comfortable and in increasing school spirit through new activities.

Deciding that student government has an obligation to the students, the 1983-'84 Student Council greeted us with a television projection system, a text book exchange, biweekly movies, Cafe' du Morgue, an art sale, a classical music concert, and a night at Chicago City Limits. More importantly, by organizing "Club and Society Night" the Council is encouraging students - especially freshmen - to take an active part in school life outside of the classroom.

Yeshiva's location and the long hours students face every day have not stopped the Student Council from diligently working towards making Y.U. a more pleasant place. Jeff Katz and his administration deserve thanks for making Y.U. a nicer place today and for the precedent they are setting for Yeshiva's future.

Letters To The Editor

Decline in Enrollment

To the Editor:

It was Socrates who said that the unexamined life is not worth living. Similarly, the unexamined curriculum is not worth having; and it is thus most appropriate that Yeshiva's curriculum is once again being scrutinized. This critique has taken on urgency because of the decline of the enrollment at the College and the increase in attrition. Who is at fault and what can be done?

To the best of my knowledge, no one has made a scientific study as to why students do not come to Yeshiva College. One study was made by an undergraduate a few years ago as to why students leave Yeshiva, but the results were

inconclusive. Having been active in assisting the Admissions Office over a period of many years and being much involved in the Orthodox Jewish community, I have found that the chief reasons for our problems with enrollment are not the requirements for graduation but rather the competition from City University, where tuition is much lower and where there are more courses, and from the Ivy League colleges, where the prestige is very great and where Orthodox students are no longer lonely because of the relatively large influx of such students in recent years. Other major reasons are that for some we are too religious and for others we are not religious enough. The fact that we have a double program is too much for some. Our location is another factor. Complaints are

heard, but they are more frequently heard with regard to the Jewish programs than with respect to the secular program.

Most proposals that have been made have attempted to diminish or remove requirements for graduation. In particular, among the requirements outside Jewish studies, the speech and foreign language requirements have been under attack. It is these that are now the hostages; and some may

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'Attendance Probation'

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in order to bring to the attention of the student body a deplorable proposal offered by the Student

Senate last semester. The proposal dictates that a student whose attendance falls below 66% in at least 5 credits is to be placed on "attendance probation"; and a student on attendance probation whose attendance falls below 66% in any course will lose a grade in that course.

There are several problems with this proposal. Firstly, the Student Senate acted merely on an unsubstantiated, dubious mood circulating the university that there is indeed an attendance problem. The fact is, at the time of the proposal, the Student Senate had not compiled a shred of evidence that confirms this fear.

Secondly, I fail to understand how the Student Senate feels that taking hard earned grades from fellow students is the most responsible approach to the alleged

problem. I think most would consider it extreme and unfair. Further, I think most would agree that it would be the Student Senate's obligation to treat proposals such as these with contempt, for they belittle and demean the students' image and self respect, treating them like children who can't be granted the freedom to decide for themselves how to conduct their own affairs.

By punishing the student, the Student Senate is assuming that the alleged poor attendance is to be blamed solely on the student. But is the student really to blame? Perhaps the student chooses not to attend classes because the teacher is dull or adds little to what's stated in the text. If so only a fool would attend — why waste time listening to that which can be read at one's leisure! Perhaps the

OP-ED

On Enhancing 'Spiritual Fulfillment'

Often, in lieu of enthusiastic observance, Jews make an energetic effort for some contemporary ideal with which to satisfy their souls. Jews are at the forefront of many human and civil rights struggles. Some of these causes are related to Jews merely because all the participants are concerned members of the human race. In certain cases, however, the cause is particularly appealing since it contains the element of a human rights struggle couched in an ostensibly Jewish context.

Universities are often the spawning grounds for social change. Many of the greatest social causes have their roots in newly liberalized minds of enlightened collegiates. Unfortunately, a deep seated altruistic love for humanity is not always the catalyst that produces seekers of social change. There are many possible causes for man's desire for social transformation. Sometimes the change results from a general disapproval of the "establishment," and on other occasions it stems from one's need for self esteem.

For those who find it necessary to build a self image publicly there are a plethora of chic causes just waiting to be embraced: Some are

By JEFFREY BALLABON
even pseudo - Jewish causes.

For the sincere Jewish activist however, there are also some worthwhile causes that are in need of volunteers. Many have chapters right here in Y.U. The jobs may be less glamorous and more tedious than the big secular causes but they can be so much more rewarding. Whether you are concerned with human rights, civil rights, political activism or the propagation of torah, there are groups for you. There is, unfortunately, no shortage of suppressed, starving or ignorant Jews in the world. As a group of vital, dynamic, relatively sophisticated and independent young men, Yeshiva College students are in an excellent position to extend a hand.

If Israel is at the top of your list, there are groups like the Israel Affairs Committee, Tagar or any one of a number of American Zionist Youth Foundation divisions that would welcome your membership. Meanwhile, Ethiopian Jews barely survive government brutality and abject poverty. Soviet Jews continue to languish spiritually. Stephen Ackerman, a Yeshiva sophomore, is seeking to

enlist some aid to help alleviate those terrible situations. Literally thousands and thousands of Jewish children are straying from the path of torah without even an inkling of their situation. The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is working at a feverish pace to bring some Torah and an understanding of Judaism to as many of these children as possible. Numerous Y.U. students are active in NCSY. Rabbi Matt Tropp and Kenny Fogel are two students who may be contacted.

It is patently clear that the effect these organizations have in terms of solving their respective problems is only one part of the story. There is a profound change in anyone who devotes personal time to public or community endeavors. The difficulties and disappointments exist, but the rewards and satisfactions are earned proportionately.

The ability to bind oneself to other Jews, to ignore the cynicism and deep rooted external difference, and to find the common denominators those are the abilities necessary to bring spiritual fulfillment and ultimately the redemption.

Are We Capable of Feeling Anymore?

During this decade of the computer, the dichotomy between feeling and thinking has reached such astronomical proportions that many view the two states of mind as antonyms of one another; the poet's stance diametrically opposed to the stance of the scientist and vice versa. Unfortunately, as scientists climb higher up the rungs of the ladder of success, and the masses are presented with more technologically exciting toys, the poet - the paradigm of feeling - must succumb to the tokens of neglect: cynicism, apathy, and sarcasm. People wish to hear not of the poet's "soul," but rather, of the neurosurgeon's "brain," not of the poet's "heart," but rather, of the scientist's "electromagnetic disturbances." There exists those who claim that the asphyxiation of the emotive human is merely

By JAY S. AUSLANDER

further evidence of the advancement of humankind - our logical, analytical categories dominating our feeling, intuitive qualities. With the death of religion and emergence of "radical freedom" comes a rejection of traditional ethical codes and so, in the eighties, Nietzsche's "superman" traverses the transition from the theoretical to the pragmatic. Yet, we must question "to what end?" "Middle of the road" is a state of being no longer meaningful as there is no longer any proper path to speak of. Thus, the expiration of dignity, pride, and all that separates the rational from the irrational. Rock stars such as Ozzie Osborne of "Black Sabbath" can sacrifice goats on stage or bite off a live pigeon's head and elicit reactions such as "like wow!" Such

is the computer's reign. Crowds can scream jump to a potential suicide victim and gloat or scream with glee as the "potential" takes their advice and becomes "victim." I, myself, bore witness to a typical, almost stereotypical scene of this sort in Greenwich Village when a car stopped at a red light and a collegiate nearby told those of us who tried to stop the attempt to "let him."

Why, we must ask, have we lost out capacity to feel? To sculpt as did Michaelangelo, write as did Wordsworth, or paint as did Goya? Why is "abstract" art the token of our society? Why can we no longer feel - not explain, but feel a landscape or portrait? Have we lost the capacity simply to "feel?" So it would appear. The sound of a small girl's giggle or the

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President Lamm Meets With Student Leaders

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY
October 27 - President Norman Lamm met with student leaders and editors this afternoon, and urged them to "take a more positive attitude toward the University and not be destructively self-critical."

In a meeting which lasted one hour in the Presidential suite, Dr. Lamm said, "There comes a point when self-criticism becomes destructive. We must boost morale."

When asked about the Yeshiva shootings, Dr. Lamm said he met

"live normally, study, play, and not let it affect their minds."

"We won't be scared out of the neighborhood or prevented from practicing our faith," he said. "If we will," he continued, "the sniper will have won his point."

Need for *Chinuch*

Speaking of long-range objectives of the University and its students, President Lamm called for "a greater feeling of communal responsibility." Dr. Lamm voiced displeasure with the small number of students entering the field of



last week with Police Commissioner Robert McGuire, and that "there is nothing to report." The President indicated, however, that "there are more police resources being used to solve this case than on any other case in the police department." He said that the police are doing "a magnificent job," and will continue their investigation until the case is solved. He said that the police officers at the campus have already been provided with winter gear.

Commenting on "student life" after the shooting, Dr. Lamm asked the students to "exercise caution," but insisted that they

Jewish education. "Even if students will be doctors, we will need Rabbis and principals who will take care of their children."

"We have the best *Roshel* Yeshiva at Yeshiva University," he said adamantly, "and the students should take advantage of them."

Student leaders in attendance included the President of the Yeshiva College Student Council, Editors of *Commentator*, *Hamevaser*, and *Masmid*; the Station Manager of *WYUR*, and student leaders representing each of the college's three Judaic Studies divisions.

Stern Scholars Hear Wiesel At 'Y'

By DANIEL FEIT

October 20 - The Max Stern scholars tonight attended a lecture by Elie Wiesel at the 92nd St. 'Y'. The lecture was the first event of the cultural enrichment component of the Max Stern Scholarship Program. Professor Wiesel spoke about the Jewish fascination with legend, dealing specifically with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel of Apta, a Chassidic master. Mr. Wiesel spoke about Rabbi Heschel's basic philosophy and his extensive influence in the Jewish community.

Preceding the lecture was a dinner for the Max Stern scholars at the Lou G. Siegel restaurant,

where they were addressed by Rabbi Shalom Carmy, an instructor of Jewish studies at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Carmy spoke about the various schools of thought concerning the Chassidic movement and the differing views regarding the movement. Dr. David Shatz, associate professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva University and mentor of the Stern scholars, also spoke at the dinner as did Associate Dean Michael Hecht, who distributed certificates to the scholars. Also in attendance were Dr. Joan Haahr, chairman of the English department at Yeshiva University, and Dr. Carole Silver, professor of English at the Stern College for Women.

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student cannot be expected to maintain a reasonable attendance level because he must already endure an unreasonably long school day. If so, then there is no practical solution to the problem,
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Commitments and Responsibility

To the Editor:
Before *Yom Kippur* we say *hatoras nedarim* because we are afraid that "heaven forbid" we will not honor our commitments. Certainly in the business world a handshake is the sacred word of a gentleman. Shouldn't we expect the same professional attitude from Yeshiva University?

Last April I had a rigorous and formal interview with Rabbi Cheifetz and a handshake agreement that I was hired as assistant dorm counselor on the 5th floor of Morg. Three weeks before school Rabbi Cheifetz informed me that I did not have a job anymore. The reason given was that the head dorm counselor had decided to stay in Israel for the year. I still do not understand how that translates into my losing a job. The result for me is the considerable unexpected expense and hassles of an apartment.

My anger was only slightly eased when I heard from many friends about their own hassles with room assignments. These problems should not surprise us when consider that probably the most

important element of Y.U. life, the dormitory environment is left completely to the whim and personal reference of the head dorm counselor who is really not much more than a college kid himself. Room assignments should be on the basis of seniority, need, personal capabilities etc. - not finding gracious favor in the eyes of the head dorm counselor or attending a specific yeshiva in Israel.

Steven Schwell
Y.C. Senior

Shooting

To the Editor:
The Yeshiva University branch of Tagar expresses its outrage over

the recent anti-Semitic shootings of Yeshiva University students. Tagar, the college campus organization of Betar Educational youth has been active on the Yeshiva University Campus since after its inception last February. Tagar is particularly concerned that the shootings were directed at Yeshiva students, thus showing that the motives were strictly anti-Semitic.

Tagar urges that cautionary measures be taken by Y.U.'s student body. It strongly suggests that Yeshiva students not leave the patrolled campus neighborhood alone, that all suspicious persons be reported to the police immediately, and when leaving the neighborhood, should a student suspect that he is being followed,

he should run to the first populated area in the vicinity.

Glenn Mones, Chairman of Tagar U.S.A. has called upon the director of Y.U. Tagar, Aaron Menche to formulate a student patrol should the need arise. Referring to the Anti-Semitic bombings and shootings in Paris last year Mr. Mones said, "our Leader Menachem Begin said, 'If the authorities are ineffective Jews should learn to defend themselves,' hopefully it won't come to that."

Tagar and its affiliate organizations offers full cooperation to the authorities and expresses sincere hope for and end to these atrocities.

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outh Organization, Inc.

Rabbi Lamm Delivers Eulogy Before Jammed Auditorium

October 27 — More than 1,100 Rabbis, students and relatives filled Lampport Auditorium this morning to pay tribute to Rabbi Avraham Aaron Shatzkes and Rabbi Yeruchum Gorelick, two of Yeshiva University's most revered Roshei Yeshiva who died earlier this year.

Rabbi Shatzkes, who served on the faculty of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) for 40 years, died last August 21. He was 74 years old.

Rabbi Gorelick, who also served on the RIETS faculty for 40 years, died September 10 after a long illness. He was 73 years old.

"This is a sad moment for the Yeshiva," said Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of RIETS. "It focuses the sad times of the last few months," he said.

Rabbi Soloveitchik Attends

The auditorium was jammed to capacity, as students had to stand in the rear of the auditorium and listen from the halls. Dozens of Rabbis attended the memorial, including Rabbi J.B. Soloveitchik.

Different Yet Similar

"The two great Roshei Yeshiva whom we mourn and immortalize today were in many ways directly opposed to each other in personality structure, in cast of mind, and in the form of their interpersonal relationships," said Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, President of



Rabbi Yeruchum Gorelick, Z'tl

Yeshiva University.

"Yet," he said, "these characterological antonyms were unified, not only in the friendship that they felt for each other and the *derech erez* (respect) that they felt for each other, but in their uncompromising commitment to Torah, *harbotzas haTorah*, and to our Yeshiva.

"Rabbi Shatzkes was a *Chassid Hameulah*" (a sainted man), Dr. Lamm said. "We admired him, we

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TWO ROSHEI YESHIVA WITH A COMMON BOND

By DANNY ROSENTHAL

Rabbi Yeruchim Gorelick zt"l and Rabbi Aaron Shatzkes zt"l were *rebbeim* perhaps unfamiliar to many present Yeshiva students. They were *roshei yeshiva* who came to Y.U. after escaping Nazi persecution and began teaching shiurim in the early 1940's. Yet, students often came in contact with their teachings and philosophies at Yeshiva. These two *rebbeim* were influential in determining the *hashkafot* of the Yeshiva, as well as the "direction" it took, since they joined the RIETS staff in 1943 and 1944 respectively. In fact, many of their *talmidim* went on to become *roshei yeshiva* at RIETS and those of Rabbi Gorelick alone, include among others, such current *rebbeim* as) Rabbi Bronspigel, Rabbi Parnes, Rabbi Shachter, Rabbi Reichman, Dean Rosenfeld, Rabbi Blau, and high school Rabbi Yager.

Upon arrival in America, Rav

Gorelick and Rav Shatzkes found a culture quite different than that of their native European countries.



Rabbi Aaron Shatzkes, Z'tl

Moreover, many European Jews who had immigrated to America with the hope of rebuilding their lives had turned to a secular and college education. Rabbi Gorelick

and Rabbi Shatzkes were "determined not to give in to American society," according to RIETS mashgiach Rabbi Blau. Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of MYP, commented that Rabbi Gorelick, in emphasizing the "yeshiva" aspect of Y.U. represented a "counter culture." Together with Rabbi Shatzkes, Rabbi Gorelick was among a group of *rebbeim* that fought to establish a torah institution with the atmosphere and *hashkafot* of a European yeshiva.

According to Rabbi Bronspigel, Rabbi Gorelick was also known as a "*ba'al hergesh*," one who had a deep concern and care for others and who understood the psychology of a *talmid*. His acts of chesed affected many *talmidim*, as he assisted his students in matters ranging from the study of *gemarah* to the monetary problems of a student in need.

As two individuals who fought for a common goal, Rabbi Gorelick and Rabbi Shatzkes played key roles in developing a "yeshiva" atmosphere at RIETS. Their ideologies pervade the walls of the Beit Medrash of this institution. In their passing this summer, Yeshiva lost two *gedolim*, whose ideologies and teachings promise to live on for many years.

Chief Rabbi of France Visits Y.U.

Rene Samuel Sirat, Chief Rabbi of France, said today (10/18/83) at Yeshiva University that anti-Semitism in France appears to have backfired, thanks to the solidarity that French Christians have demonstrated with their Jewish compatriots.

That solidarity, the Chief Rabbi said, has resulted in the increasing isolation of the anti-Semites, instead of the isolation of French Jews, which was the anti-Semites' aim.

On the first day of his ten-day visit to the United States and Canada, sponsored by the Maybaum Brothers Memorial Fund at Yeshiva University, the Chief Rabbi was the guest of honor at a reception hosted by Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University.

At that reception, Chief Rabbi Sirat was introduced to a group of University administrators, faculty members, students, and friends by Dr. Solomon Gaon, the director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute for Sephardic Studies. Dr. Gaon, former chief rabbi of the Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth and president of the Union of Sephardic Congregations in the U.S. and Canada, also holds the University's professorial chair in Sephardic studies.

During the reception, Chief Rabbi Sirat was presented with a two volume study of Sephardic laws and customs written by Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky, vice president for University affairs.

At a press conference before the reception, Chief Rabbi Sirat spoke of the 300,000 French people who marched to protest the attacks on the Rue Copernic Synagogue and on a kosher restaurant in Paris a few years ago.

"Before World War II such a demonstration would never have taken place," he said. "Although there still are tensions and Jews must take precautions, the government protection of synagogues during the recent High Holy Days was successful in averting acts of violence."

Chief Rabbi Sirat is the first Sephardi in nearly 200 years to hold the post of Chief Rabbi. Last month he attended Yom Kippur services at nine synagogues in Paris, where he sees a growing

unification between the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities.

He spoke of renewed commitment to Judaism in France, and said that attendance in Jewish day schools in France has doubled in the past few years, and now totals some 9,000 students. One of his goals is to double that figure, he said. He also spoke of the growing Bal T'shuva movement, particularly among Jewish intellectuals.

The Chief Rabbi is head of the department at the Sorbonne which includes Hebrew, yiddish, Ladino, and Judea-Arabic studies in language and literature.



Chief Rabbi Sirat (r) shown with Commentator editor Ben-Zion Smilchensky.

Chief Rabbi Sirat attributed the present situation in the Middle East to each group's fear of destruction. As Jews, Moslems, and Christians all worship the same deity, he said, "only through adherence to the Biblical command, 'Thou shalt love Thy neighbor as Thyself,' can a peaceful solution be found." He believes that peaceful coexistence will be achieved, he said.

He called for the initiation of a Jewish-Moslem dialogue on a theological basis, similar to that which now exists between Jews and Christians. He lauded the recent pronouncement by Roger Cardinal Etchegaray, archbishop of Marseilles, who declared that Christians must beg forgiveness for their persecution of the Jews, a pronouncement the Chief Rabbi called "unique in Jewish-Christian relations."

Chief Rabbi Sirat expressed his concern for Yosif Begun, who is now sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in the U.S.S.R. for having exercised the rights theoretically his under the Soviet constitution, to teach Hebrew and Judaism.

Torah U'madah Reader Distributed To Students

By JOEL PLEETER

At the beginning of the semester, a *Torah U'madah* Reader was distributed by Yeshiva University to the entire student body. The 125 page booklet featured a series of articles written by contemporary philosophers concerning the *Torah U'madah* issue. The reader was published as a guide for students interested in researching and understanding the philosophy of Yeshiva.

Rabbi Robert Hirt, Dean of the Max Stern Division of Communal Services, believes that there is a "need to articulate the position of the institution to the students." He added that the booklet will "enrich the students of *Torah U'madah* and the purposefulness of their education." Rabbi Hirt has received a positive response from both students and faculty and he hopes to publish additional Torah-related guides featuring articles from the faculty and students.

He also eulogized Raymond Aron, France's leading political thinker, who died in France yesterday, coincidentally on the first anniversary of the death of Pierre Mendes-France, former head of the French Jewish community.

"These three great moral figures, now united in death," he said, "all maintained their strong commitment to France and also to their Jewishness, though not a traditional religious Jewishness."

In conclusion, The Chief Rabbi cited the continuing and long standing friendship between the people of France and the people of the State of Israel.

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Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, as he delivered the eulogy for Rabbi Shatzkes and Rabbi Gorelick.

WHAT'S NEWS?

Students Greeted With Festive Welcome

By STEVE HOLTZMAN

Students arriving at Yeshiva University's Main Center last month were welcomed in what has been called by many the largest welcome in the school's history. With banners flying from the rooftops and flowers adorning the sidewalks, wide-eyed students filled Amsterdam Ave. The students were given free food, drinks and clipboards as they were surrounded by the new colorful atmosphere at Yeshiva. Yoni Schwartz, a sophomore at yeshiva, said, "Orientation was great; I didn't have to eat in the cafeteria all week."

According to administration officials, it is no accident that the new look on campus was ready in time for orientation week. The welcome-home festivities for the students had been planned since last May.

Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations, told the Commentator that this year's welcome was "just the first of many." He said that the school was committing more of its money and effort toward the students. He explained that the funding for orientation was given to the school in the form of anonymous donations.

Internship Opportunity

The Jewish Vista Corps offers undergraduates a unique opportunity to combine community service with career experience. Program participants work 6-8 hours per week in fields including social work, legal advocacy, media/arts, community organizing and social administration. A stipend of \$100 per semester is offered and college credit can be arranged.

Each year, the Jewish Vista Corps selects 50 interns from throughout the New York area. Students are placed in agencies compatible with their interests and learning needs. They also attend several seminars per semester taught by top experts in their field.

For more information about the program, contact Rena Magun or Deborah Sloss at the Jewish Association for College Youth at (212) 688-0808.

The Jewish Association for College Youth is a member agency of the Federation of Jewish philanthropies, which provides human services and Jewish education to 1.7 million New Yorkers annually with the support of the UJA-Federation Campaign.

New Micro-Computers Installed

By LANCE LAIFER

Yeshiva University library officials, demonstrating a commitment to education and technological advancement, recently installed three micro-computers on the second floor of the Mendel Gottesman Library in Washington Heights.

The Apple IIe computers, each of which are provided to the students free of charge, consist of 64K Ram (Random Access Memory), an 80 column card, two diskettes, a color display monitor and a Dot Matrix printer. Yeshiva College and Cornell University are the only two universities in the New York State area that offer such a service to their students free of charge.

term papers on the computer's video display terminal. "We recognize the need to serve students in varying and innovative ways," he said, "and one way is by encouraging students to acquire computer skills."

Students enrolled in computer courses at the University's undergraduate school already have access to extensive computer facilities. Those located in the library will be used by non-computer majors, Professor Baum said.

He also expounded on future computer services at YC saying that library officials soon expect to connect one of the Apple computers with an outside commercial



Students using new Apple computers in the library.

According to Professor Frederic S. Baum, Dean of University Libraries, the micro-computers offer students two considerable advantages. Students who need assistance with a lesson or assignment in the mathematical or physical sciences have access to special tutorial diskettes, designed to assist the student in studying the subject matter and analyzing problems relating to that lesson. In addition, students have access to two special word processing diskettes which enable students to type

data base. Such a hookup, said Professor Baum, would allow students to have access to huge resources, such as news and stock market information which would provide them with much bibliographic information in its abstract form.

According to library rules, micro-computers may be reserved for a maximum of two hours up to one week in advance. Unreserved microcomputers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for up to a two-hour period.

Rabbi Meir Kahane Addresses Students; Urges Them 'To Make Aliyah Immediately'

Calls Yeshiva Shooting A 'Warning'

By NACHUM BANE

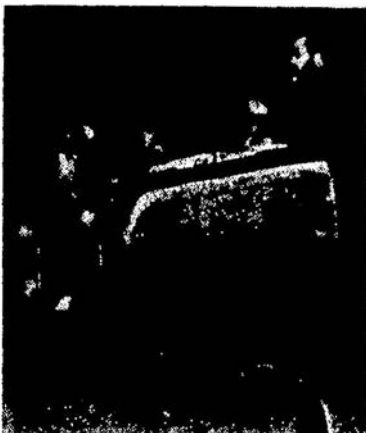
October 25 - Rabbi Meir Kahane, the controversial founder of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and leader of the Kach Party in Israel, spoke to some 100 students tonight at Yeshiva University, and urged them to "go to Israel before it's too late."

Speaking in the synagogue in Morgenstern Residence Hall, Rabbi Kahane discussed Aliyah (settlement in Israel).

Bullets are Warnings

Rabbi Kahane, who referred to the Yeshiva shootings only once in his address, said that "the bullets warn us of an end that is coming." When asked about earlier claims by JDL members that they would patrol the Yeshiva campus, Rabbi Kahane replied, "why bus JDL members in from Queens when, thank God, we have healthy YU boys who can protect themselves and can handle their own problems?"

He called the shooting incidents in Washington Heights and anti-Jewish actions in Hartford, Connecticut, "the beginnings of a new rise in Anti-Semitism in America."



Rabbi Meir Kahane speaks to students.

and pointed to the American Jews' unwillingness to accept such trends "as a similar reaction to that of

European Jews before the Holocaust."

Aliyah Immediately

Rabbi Kahane called for all Jews "to make Aliyah immediately," and stressed that the "good life in the diaspora is only a temporary one." He said that he hoped his words would "shake Jews out of their sleep and bring them all home at last." He also cited American Jewish assimilation and "the adoption of Hellenist attitudes" as major causes for Jews remaining in the Diaspora.

Thanks Dr. Miller

At the conclusion of the lecture, Rabbi Kahane thanked Dr. Israel Miller, S.V.P. of Y.U., for his "fairness" in allowing him to speak on the campus. He added that he would return to Y.U. as long as "there was a need to do so."

Dr. Bevan Urges Greater Jewish Role In Politics

By MOSHE FELDMAN

Dr. Ruth Bevan, chairman of the political science department of Yeshiva College, told the Commentator in an interview last week that "there are not enough Jews entering the field of politics and political science departments of universities around the country."

"The majority of students look toward conventional careers through which they can make money," Dr. Bevan said. "More Jews are needed in the political science profession so that they may carry through their needs and ideals and make their views heard."

Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Bevan, who has returned from a year's sabbatical leave, devoted much of her time to writing a major work entitled "Contemporary Political

Ideologies." Through a grant from the Earhart Foundation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dr. Bevan conducted intensive research for her book, and studied the common origins and problems within the ideological world. Dr. Bevan also stressed the need "to treat ideology in its full historical and theoretical perspective."

Among Dr. Bevan's other projects last year was the presentation of a paper on "Technology and Politics" at the International Political Science Meetings in Rio de Janeiro. Here in the United States, Dr. Bevan lectured at the Hebrew Institute and at the Kingsbridge Jewish Center on the topic, "The Vanishing American Jew."

Dr. Bevan's previous leaves from Yeshiva College have in-

cluded one to Stanford University during the year 1976-1977, and one to Vanderbilt University during the summer of 1981. At Stanford University she was a Hoover Institute Fellow. Her Vanderbilt University position was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"Glad to Be Back"

Dr. Bevan, a member of the Yeshiva University faculty since 1965, said of her return to the school that she is pleased to see a vigorous spirit among the University and student body.

"After a year of writing," she said, "it is an interesting and challenging change to hear the intellectual discourse of the students and to be subject to their scrutinizing questions. I'm glad to be back."

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A RUDE AWAKENING

By DAVID SCHWARCZ

The bang on the door jolted me out of bed. "Who is it?", "I grunted. "Just open the door, we got no time!" As I turned the knob, the door was thrust into my chest and threw me backwards. "Give us the goods!", "the visitors exclaimed. "Hey, take it easy. Maybe we can work something out!" "The more I tried to calm things down, the more hostile and demanding my visitors became. "Please," they slyly gestured, "we'll talk later, just fork it over!" Realizing that these guys meant business, I furtively slipped the goods into an envelope and handed them over.

The next morning I rolled out of bed in a depressed mood and forced myself to go to class. While strolling by the flower garden outside Furst Hall, a refreshing thought perked me up. "They must have been too busy last night. I'm sure they'll find time for me today."

Peeking through the window of the classroom door, I spotted my new buddies huddled in the back. I entered the classroom with renewed vigor and strategically took my seat next to them. The lecture hall was dark and clammy and the captive students appeared lifeless. To rescue myself from this boredom, I turned and whispered, "Hey, Jack!... Jack!... Jack!" At long length, Jack lifted his head up from his biology book and threw me a cold stare. "Where are you guys going for lunch?", "I casually inquired. Jack raised his chin smugly, glanced at me, and returned to his text.

Startled by his icy response, I began to fiddle with some papers to soothe my high level of anxiety. "Where have I gone wrong? Maybe I shouldn't have disturbed him in the middle of class. "The professor finally dismissed us and I rushed outside to catch the boys. Espying them from across the street, I signaled for them to wait. They headed toward the cafeteria in total disregard of my wishes. Defiant of this rejection, I confidently ran to the cafeteria and confronted my 'buddies.' "Hey guys, why didn't you wait up for me?" My three night callers looked up at me with mock innocence and crackled, "Take it easy. We were just in a big rush." Enveloped with rage, I retorted, "You guys sure found enough time to ask me for the goods!" "Don't be so uptight," they coldly remarked, "just mellow out!" Realizing that I was double-crossed, I sank my head low and "mellowed out."

Weeks went by and I did not receive any unexpected guests at night. I gradually receded into anonymity and that fateful incident became a distant memory. My desire to form new friendships was tainted by this experience and I became paranoid. Every intense expression that I observed in others carried me back to that dreadful first night of the semester. Would I remain cooped up forever? The expression, "Man is a social being," quoted in Philosophy 1, echoed in my mind. "Am I human? Are humans really social beings?"

The grueling pressures of finals

consumed me and turned into a blessing in disguise. The studying and worrying occupied most of my time and served as a sub-conscious ploy to regain my self-confidence. Sifting through term papers of previous years, I came across some more valuable goods. Unwilling to compromise my principles, I declined to use the goods as blackmail. I tossed the goods apathetically on my desk and left for the library.

On the morning before the Bio Lab final, a big envelope was affixed to my door with a note tucked inside. It read: "Thanks for the help. Come by my room immediately. It's an emergency!" On the way to their room, I steered myself with the determination to be tough and unyielding in my bargaining with them.

"Come in and join us," Jack pretentiously gestured. "We haven't seen you in such a long time. How's it going?" "Outraged by their overt display of hypocrisy, I countered fearlessly. "Two months ago, you guys totally ignored me and now you have the 'chutzpah' to consider yourselves my best friends?"

Jack got up from his bed, walked over to me, placed his arm and gently explained, "Well you know how things are during the semester — we all get caught up in our own thing." I condescendingly retorted, "Well, you see, Jack, I didn't realize you were so busy. Next time I'll know better."

Sensing that he pacified my rage, Jack confidently asked for the new goods. Pausing for a moment, I looked at Jack and said I would return shortly. Resigned to the workings of the system, I lamely returned to my room and fetched the goods...

...Later that semester, I banged on the door, jolting my soon-to-be "buddy" out of bed, and demanded the goods...

Spilky Listed In Satisfactory Condition

By MORDECHAI I. TWERSKY

Don Spilky, the 17-year old student who was injured in the September 17th shooting on the Cross-Bronx Expressway, is reported to be in "satisfactory condition" at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

Mr. Spilky, a senior at the Marsha Stem Talmudical Academy - Yeshiva University High School for Boys in Manhattan, told Commentator in an interview by telephone that all he wants to do is "just get out of bed." Spilky was shot in the leg, and has been in traction for the past five weeks. He is expected to have a brace put on his leg this week and he will receive crutches and begin physical therapy. He suffered a fractured femur.

A woman riding in another car on the Expressway, Lucille Rivera, was killed by the sniper fire. "I realize that the bullet could have penetrated my knee or even killed me," he said. "Thank G-d I wasn't killed."

It is not yet known when Spilky will be able to return to classes, but he indicated that he is being tutored daily English studies and in Judaic studies.

Mr. Spilky said that Rabbi George B. Finkelstein, assistant principal of MSTA-YUHS, "has been extremely supportive," and learns Gemorah (Talmud) with him every day.

Asked how he felt about the shooting incident, Mr. Spilky replied, "I guess there is not much I can do about it. I have accepted what has happened."

Shooting Still Unsolved

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has been offered by the University for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons involved in the shootings. In addition, a \$10,000 reward has been offered by the City of New York and \$3,000 by a group of Jewish organizations working with the American Jewish Committee.

According to Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, contributions to the reward fund can be made by sending checks to the Y.U. Reward Fund, 500 W. 185th St., New York, N.Y. 10033.

Persons with any information about the shooting should call a special phone hot-line number at (212) 598-0071.



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Law School Acceptance Rate at 92%

By STUART EHRLICH

Through the diligence and concentrated efforts of both faculty and students, the pre-law program at Yeshiva University is a success. Last year, 92% of the Yeshiva applicants to law school were accepted. The previous year, 100% of the Yeshiva students applying were accepted, a feat not equalled by many universities. These figures exemplify only one of the strides Yeshiva has taken in recent years. The fact that many graduates are now preparing for their careers in such prestigious universities as Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell and New York University substantiates the program's undeniable success.

The rigorous curriculum at Yeshiva, consisting of both Hebraic and secular studies, coupled with a highly competitive atmosphere, has contributed to the success of the program. According to Associate Dean, Michael Hecht, there is a definite correlation between the success of the law students and the unique program offered at Yeshiva. He indicates that Yeshiva students receive "unanticipated, but real benefits from the intensive Talmudic study at Yeshiva, which nurture the development of skills essential for

success on the LSAT and and in law school itself." He cites



Dr. Michael Hecht, Associate Dean and pre-law advisor.

specifically the development of organizational abilities, a sensitivity to text, and a conceptual analytic ability to preview text. These fundamentals are essential for a student's success in law school.

According to Dean Hecht, the higher LSAT scores at Yeshiva in comparison to lower SAT scores attest to the success of the Yeshiva law curriculum. This grade differential is a phenomenon rarely achieved at other schools.

If the past is any indication of the future, pre-law students at Yeshiva can look optimistically at the road ahead of them.

Attendance

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and the Student Senate is wasting its time. Perhaps since Y.U. has very few courses, sections and teachers and has more requirements compared to other universities, it is much more likely that a student in Y.U. will end up with courses or teachers he is not interested in, and this may contribute to the attendance problem.

Lastly, this whole debate begs the question — can attendance levels really be objectively established? Who is to say what is considered a good or bad attendance level? How did the Student Senate come up with 66%? Why not 65%? Obviously, numbers are meaningless.

I am not questioning the honorable motive of the Student Senate — that is, to guarantee the welfare of the student body. However, I am disappointed that the Student Senate behaved so rashly by acting on a problem which had no supporting evidence; that it chose to punish the student when the student's guilt is so far from certain. One would think that the Student Senate would give the student the benefit of the doubt. The Student Senate must realize that some problems don't have simple solutions. Finally, the Student Senate should wonder, as I do, if punishing the student really serves the student's interests.

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MYP Changes 'Successful,' Says RIETS Director

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY
The major changes that have been implemented this fall in regard to shiur level and structure in the Mazer Yeshiva Program (MYP) have proven to be "tremendously successful," according to Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Director of MYP and RIETS.

students," and was considered "an overriding success."

The three classes, which were given by three of the Yeshiva's most distinguished Rabbis, Rabbi J. Parnes, Rabbi A. Bronspigel



Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Director of RIETS

and Rabbi H. Reichman, dealt with topics regarding the laws of the High Holy Days.

"Despite the fact that there were no official English classes at that time," Rabbi Charlop said, "well over 100 students attended each class."

Rabbi Charlop added that because of the outstanding number of students who chose to remain at the Yeshiva for the classes, "the Yom Tov services were especially enlightening."

"Greater Flexibility"

In an interview with the Commentator, Rabbi Charlop said that the new shiur-level organization has given students "even more distribution and flexibility than we had hoped."

He explained that with the addition of another *talmud* class to the 4th year level, "much of the stress and overcrowding in these classes has been alleviated." By moving two third year *talmud* instructors, Rabbi J. Parnes and Rabbi H. Schachter, into the 4th year level, and by placing additional Rabbis in the third year slot, "both third and fourth year classes have been strengthened and are now more evenly distributed." "As a result of the changes," he said, "shiur selection has not been a problem for students."

Shiur Klalim a Success

In a related development, Rabbi Charlop has told the Commentator that the three shiur *klalim* (general classes), which were held between the High Holy Days of *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur*, "attracted an overflowing number of

The Kaplan Proposal: Is It Dead?

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

Citing security reasons, financial considerations, and the beginning of "an intolerable precedent," Mr. Stanley H. Kaplan, founder of the famed test preparation center, rejected a proposal to open one of his branches at the Yeshiva College campus.

Mr. Kaplan, however, in a meeting with Y.U. administration officials, raised two alternative proposals to help accommodate yeshiva students taking the MCAT, LSAT, and GMAT examinations.

October Exam

According to Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of MYP and chairman of the special committee of administration officials and Roshei Yeshiva studying various Kaplan proposals, the first suggestion would require students to take all physical science courses during their first two years of college study.

According to the plan, with Biology, Physics, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry having already been taken, students would be free to prepare for the MCATS during the summer preceding their junior year and then take the exam, in October.

Free Course

Rabbi Charlop added that Mr. Kaplan gave assurances that under the plan, he would make special arrangements with the University that those students who did not do well on the October MCAT

examination and feel that they must retake the exam would be allowed to repeat the entire Kaplan preparation course in the spring "without being charged another full fee."

Start at Intercession

The second proposal calls for the Stanley H. Kaplan Center to begin its spring course (for Yeshiva students only) in January rather than in February. Lectures would begin one month earlier and tapes would be made available so that

likely to be considered, Rabbi Charlop answered that the second proposal seemed "more realistic."

He indicated, that a meeting of the special Kaplan Committee is scheduled for "the very near future."

"Totally Opposed"

Mr. Kaplan, who, according to Rabbi Charlop is said to have been "totally opposed" to opening a branch uptown, cited several reasons for his opposition to the proposal.

He raised concerns that the tapes, which play a significant part of the preparation course, could not be properly safeguarded from theft or transcription. Additionally, taking into account security, administrative staff, and machinery requirements, Mr. Kaplan could not consider opening up a branch for less than 200 customers. According to Rabbi Charlop, there are at best, some 60 students who are pre-meds and and pre-dents at the college each year. Furthermore, according to Mr. Kaplan, the establishment of an uptown campus would constitute "an intolerable precedent for students at other schools who have long been lobbying for a center at their schools."

The original Kaplan proposal came as Yeshiva University officials have expressed concern that students are missing much of their classes, particularly in Judaic studies. The proposal was meant to help alleviate those concerns.



Mr. Stanley H. Kaplan

students could start preparing for the exam during intercession.

"Much of the pressure would be taken off of the students," Rabbi Charlop explained, "and students would be able to attend classes more regularly in the Spring semester than they have in the past."

When asked which of the two proposals he thought was most

82 YU; Excitement On The Air

by ROBERT KATZ

Let's get down to the Nitty-Gritty. In an effort to attract more listeners for its 16th year, WYUR has undergone some major personality changes.

First and foremost, WYUR has added 75% more Jewish/Israeli music over last year, meaning that a whopping 45% of their schedule will be devoted to Hebrew music. The belief there is that it's the station's duty to give the Yeshiva listener programming which is unaccessible anywhere else. No other AM Radio station in New York City will play even half the Hebrew music WYUR will provide.

The next step is to go back to the beginning of the article and replace "WYUR" with "82-YU." In an effort to better identify with the Yeshiva U. student, "82-YU" will be the new non-commercial name for the 82AM station.

And yes, the moment you've all been waiting for - contests and prizes! 82-YU will be giving away 10 free singles to 82 YU students, plus 82 dollars to two of its listeners throughout the fall

semester. And 82-YU won't bore you with poor music, either. After working out deals with CBS, Columbia and Capitol-EMI records, plus receiving 500 free records from WYNY-FM, you can be sure that the quality of music will improve.

Speaking of programming, the 82-YU board has tried to diversify as much as possible. Recognizing the fact the Sunday and Thursday evenings are not going to help anyone win the radio ratings, 82-YU will be on the air from 7 PM to 1 AM. From Mon - Wed our time will be 6 PM to 2:30 AM. Out of 37 1/2 hours of broadcasting per week, 18 will be devoted to Hebrew, 13 to Rock, 4 hours to Classical Music, 1 1/2 to "The Best of Broadway" Show and one hour to the Yeshiva College favorite, "Sports-Talk."

Every year you read in the Commentator about the progress of WYUR and what's going to be better that year than any other year. Well, this year is no different. Actually, it might be. Go ahead, give it a shot - WYUR, 82AM on your dial.

Herzog and Chief Rabbis

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States tomorrow, marks the first time that the Sephardic and Ashkanazi Chief Rabbis will be travelling together abroad.

Rabbi Shapira was appointed *Dayan* (judge) on the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court by the Chief Rabbi of Israel, HaRav Yitzchak Halevi Herzog, z"l, some 40 years ago.

In 1973, Rabbi Shapira was appointed to the Rabbinical Supreme Court in Jerusalem before becoming a member of the Chief Rabbinate Council. Until his appointment as Chief Rabbi in 1983, Rav Shapira had served as Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Mercaz Harav in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Eliyahu, ordained for *Dayanut* at the age of thirty, was the youngest *Dayan* to be appointed in his day. The Rishon LeTzion served as a *Dayan* in the Rabbinical Courts of Beersheba and Jerusalem before his appointment to the Rabbinical Supreme Court in Jerusalem in 1971. He served there until his appointment as Chief Rabbi in 1983. Rav Eliyahu also served as a "Posek" in the Kiryat Moshe Quarter of Jerusalem, serving both Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews.

Sephardic Students

At present, there are some 200 Sephardic students at Yeshiva University, spanning parts of Morocco, Brazil, Mexico and Iran. "We are very pleased that the Rishon LeTzion is coming to visit our Yeshiva," said Rabbi Mitchell Serels, director of Sephardic Community Activities and Associate Director of the Sephardic Studies program at Yeshiva University, "and it is our hope that this visit will further cement the bonds between our Yeshiva and the office of the Rishon LeTzion."



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

September 23, 1983

Dr. Norman Lamm
President
Yeshiva University
500 West 185th Street
New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Dr. Lamm:

The recent sniping incident on the Cross Bronx Expressway which has been linked by police experts with other incidents of violence on and near the Yeshiva Campus in Washington Heights and the Jewish Memorial Hospital - leaves all New Yorkers sickened and outraged.

This dastardly act, which seems to be the product of deranged anti-semitism, is despicable. As Mayor of the City of New York, I pledge that we will use every available resource in this City to bring the person or persons responsible for this action to justice. I call upon all New Yorkers, to help the police investigators in every way possible.

I want to assure the Yeshiva University community that the New York City Police Department will provide special protection and attention to that community until this case is resolved.

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Who Is Grandma?

By CHAIM GEJERMAN

They're up at dawn every morning, come rain or shine, breaking eggs, mixing batter, kneading dough, starting ovens... No it's not those guys from Dunkin' Donuts you see on T.V., it's Mr. Pandelis Veas and his wife Angelica, owners of Grandma's Cookie Jar. Although the storefront, at 2543 Amsterdam Avenue, is too clean to look like a grandmother's baking kitchen (flour covering everything, pieces of dough on the wall, chocolate chips spread over the table) any grandmother would be proud to bake cookies as delicious as Grandma's. Offering 8 flavors of cookies, brownies, and 9 flavors of ice cream, Grandma's has become a favorite snack spot of the Y.U. community. Yet Grandma's seemed to materialize from nowhere last year, and many nosherers are now wondering where these Cookie Monsters have come from.

The cookie business is relatively new to the Greek couple who own Grandma's. The idea came to them 3 years ago when Mr. Veas, who had been employed as a waiter, complimented his wife on her home made cookies and cakes, suggesting that they sell her baked goods to the public. After some inquiries, they opened Grandma's Cookie Jar on 86th street and Lexington Avenue; selling wholesale goods to gourmet delis.

They became famous city-wide for their goods, and were given a write-up in New Yorker magazine (September 1980) for their brownies.

Unhappy with their high rent and small store front space, Mr. and Mrs. Veas moved to Washington Heights last March, hoping to continue selling wholesale to uptown gourmet delis. Surprisingly, Mr. and Mrs.



Veas didn't consider Yeshiva High School or College students as potential customers until their neighbor, Dr. Samuel Schneider (Hebrew professor at Y.C. and a confessed cookie addict), suggested that they become Kosher. At his suggestion, they called the Orthodox Union which told them to contact the Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blau. Another neighbor of the owners, Rabbi Ashen koshered all the utensils for them and presently serves as the Mashgiach under the auspices of

S.O.Y. (who had to taste test 4 dozen cookies before allowing their official certification).

Although many a professor can be found munching happily on his favorite cookie (check for chocolate stains on your next test paper), the majority of Grandma's customers are high school and college students. The owners are quite impressed with Yeshiva University students. "They are very nice and exceptionally kind...If they're a few cents short they always bring their money in later." Grandma's is always willing to accept suggestions for improvement and has already implemented new ideas offered by some students. These new ideas include the opening of an ice cream counter and the introduction of the "plain" cookie on Monday, October 24. (Suggestions for free samples are still under consideration.)

Everyone seems to approve of Grandma's Cookie Jar. Yet while Grandma's is gaining a lot of approval, many students are gaining a lot of weight. The owners are trying to come up with a "low cal cookie" but there seems to be no replacement for the original cookie. One student summed it up saying (between mouthfuls of crumbs) "my grandmother makes a mean chicken soup but as far as cookies go, nothing beats Grandma's Cookie Jar."

Then And Now

The Commentator

Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College

Well Outlines Dem Answer Adlai Swamps Like In College Poll;

With the program to make the University more of a Jewish community, the University's Board of Trustees has approved a plan to make the University more of a Jewish community. The plan includes the creation of a Jewish Studies Center, the expansion of the University's Jewish community, and the creation of a Jewish Studies Center.

Paul G. Hoffman, Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development, has been awarded the National Jewish Post-Opinion Award for his leadership in the development of the Jewish community in the United States. Hoffman is a member of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University.

Democrats, Republicans Clash In S. C. Pro - Election Assembly

Democrats and Republicans clashed in a heated debate over the proposed election assembly in South Carolina. The assembly is intended to address the needs of the Jewish community in the state.

Rabbi Wohlberg New Rabbini Alumni Pres; Proposes Strengthening Yeshiva-Alumni Ties

Rabbi Wohlberg has been elected as the new President of the Rabbini Alumni Association. He has proposed several initiatives to strengthen the ties between the Yeshiva and its alumni.

The Rabbini Alumni Association is a group of rabbis who have graduated from Yeshiva University. They meet regularly to discuss issues related to the Jewish community and to provide support for one another.

Feelings...

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earnest, serious, quizzical face and eyes of a young boy no longer move us. Piling up leaves in autumn and jumping in, is no longer our younger sibling's interest - after all, why do that when the next door neighbors have Pac Man? So too, thanks to the telephone, has our ability to write and compose poetry diminished? After all, why be wordy when one can be concise? Why not say "I read that Launcelot kissed Guenevere" rather than Dante's "when we read how that smile, so thirsted for, was kissed by such a lover that he may never from me be separated more, all trembling kissed my mouth."

Certainly, technology is wonderful and necessary to our growth, but what we need to remind ourselves is that so is humanism and so are the humanities. We cannot allow ourselves to become robots - rocks to be kicked about by newfound technological skills. And should one ask "why not?" answer thus: would you want life to be so empty, so hard, and to be devoid of tears, to be devoid of laughter? To be empty of giggle or sob? Should this fail to convince, well, simply ask if life can exist without the aforementioned emotions? If it can, I'll eat my yarmulka.

Jay Auslander is a Junior in I.B.C. and Y.C.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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SHHH!! MAMA'S TALKING

By ESTHER MAZOR

This Commentator issue introduces a new forum, where Yeshiva University parents may express their views and perceptions of Y.U. which they have obtained from the experiences of their children.

Listening to my son and his friends, reminds me of my own experiences. Although mine go back twenty odd years it is as if I lived them again through my own children. Location, form of studies, institution, teachers have all been different but the essence is the same. It is quite possible that for this reason I wished for my sons to pursue their academic education at Y.U. Familiarity makes it easy to deal with, it is the extension of my own environment, therefore theirs too.

In the past three years, it was not always easy to deal with the dilemmas and obstacles my older son encountered at Y.U. I am sure these problems were not his alone. Living on the Y.U. campus he was not unique and many homes like mine were involved and entangled physically and emotionally with the same problems. I tend to brush it off, but wasn't it the same for me in a different era? A different time?

With my son, I spent many hours listening to stories of his Rabbis, professors, teachers calling them at best by their last name only, forgetting to add the titles. I recall getting all excited and "laughing my head off" when a funny anecdote was told and also getting annoyed at the reference to Stern College as "our Little Sisters" from downtown" or listening to "She is a typical Stern girl." But then I wondered what they - the Stern sister school - call a Y.U. student? And how about myself 25 years ago attending an all girl school - what did I call them? Is

history repeating itself or is it a case of familiarity?

Many will say that familiarity breeds disrespect and even contempt - I can't reject this notion, but familiarity is the foundation of brotherhood, friendship and overall togetherness.

I am not alone in my worries and concern for the safety of my sons. Mrs. "Plony" and Mrs. "Almony" are concerned too - And so is Dr. Lamm and Dr. Miller. Unsurprisingly Ed Koch is concerned too - and not solely because he is the mayor of N.Y.C. The declaration by the mayor that the last shooting events are anti-semitic in their origins brought to my mind some links of my familiarity.

My second son is now entering Yeshiva College. In the middle of the summer I received a letter from Dr. Miller welcoming my daughter to Stern College. The error was puzzling to me, I was amused by the thought that somewhere far away a mother will receive my son's welcome letter for her daughter to Y.U. I was delighted to receive a second letter, from Dr. Miller, two weeks later letting me know about the switching of the envelopes in the admission office. But the delight was mostly felt because of familiarity in speech. Dr. Miller wrote in his letter about the *Shaidim* and other mischievous creatures which plagued the administration at times. My older son is continuing his education in a large university in the City. I doubt whether a letter like this will ever be written by his dean to correct an error. The letters I received so far did not instill in me a thread of familiarity, the ball game is not being played in my own turf.

Education must be pursued for

the best concern of our children. The excitement of leaving Y.U. and entering this large university was enormous. I myself got entangled in the changing process. The anticipation of encountering a strange land, walking through a new experience, engulfed my son's life during the last summer months and so my own too.

He started school the day before *Rosh Hashana*. Classes continued during all of our holidays and *Yomim Tovim* with no concern toward any group of students. (I have no doubt that at least 30% of the student body in that university is Jewish.)

Attending some business in the financial office my son was notified that his file has been lost - dealing with him must cease until the file is found. As I sat in my kitchen I could not stop thinking about that beautiful September day when my son became a lost file.

We spoke for hours about being lost in the crowd, an unnoticed entity, unfamiliar body and a misplaced body. It felt like a dagger in my heart when he said I am almost a "nobody." He reminisced about his Y.U. years. The Rabbis and professors were suddenly addressed with titles and full names; Amsterdam Avenue was never portrayed as beautifully as in this small talk of ours. The cafeteria food is delicious, a real bargain and one can't get a better chocolate brownie as in Grandma's Cookie Jar. And yes all these guys from Y.U., they knew each other. No doubt my younger son at Y.U. and his sisters at Stern are somebodies.

Esther Mazor, a mother of two Yeshiva College students, was born and raised in Israel. She is presently an associate director at a nursing home in Staten Island.

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Groundbreaking

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phase of the all-encompassing university-wide renovation and beautification plan that is currently being launched. The University's Main Center in Washington Heights is the initial focus of an overall program, called "The Centennial Facilities Improvement Program."

Significant Changes

Students have noticed significant changes at the uptown campus. The addition of redwood benches and flower assortments throughout the school's campus has given the school a park-like setting. One student commented that the new campus look "provides a healthier academic atmosphere as well as a place to just sit and relax between classes."

Other improvements have included the modernization and rehabilitation of administration offices and the main lobby at Furst Hall, which houses Yeshiva College. Color-coordinated carpeting and freshly painted walls have given the building a "brighter and more attractive appearance," one student remarked. Additional plans call for the rehabilitation of the building's roof and elevator tower.

The College's dormitories too, have been slated for major improvements. The Morgenstern Residence Hall is already undergoing roof repair, and will soon be painted. The Rubin Residence Hall's washroom facilities will be rehabilitated and the building's hallways will be painted.

Library Additions

The University's Mendel Gottesman Library, also on the Main Campus, has had its exterior facade rehabilitated and has been water-proofed. In addition, the interior of the library was repainted and lighting fixtures have been installed. The Science Hall, which houses the University's

Wurzweiler School of Social Work and Ferkauf Graduate School, will soon accommodate more academic and faculty offices. Such a move, say university officials, is expected to insure better energy conservation. Furthermore, Science Hall has also been water-proofed and has had structural improvements. Exterior lighting, too, has been installed.

The Student Union Building, far from being neglected in the renovation plan, has received a sleek and decorative paint job which according to one student "sets it apart from the buildings around it." The interior of the building has taken on new dimensions and now contains a parking level on the ground floor as well as expanded space for student activities on the second floor. Presently, the Student Union building is home-base for WYUR - the official student radio station of Yeshiva College. The building also houses the YC Dramatic Society.

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 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 the 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 Dedicatory 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 dean's offices to make them more attractive to visitors.

The renovation project follows several years of 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 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."

Eulogy

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cherished him, and he was loyal to us-especially to our Yeshiva. His memory will always be a source of blessing to us."

Dr. Lamm characterized Rabbi Jeruchum Gorelick as a Rosh Yeshiva who at all times "appeared to be engaged in some kind of titanic inner struggle. He was a cauldron of activity, of movement, and perpetual motion. He was a man of striking-sometimes startling contradictions." Dr. Lamm called Rabbi Gorelick an "Ish Ha'emes," a man of unshakable integrity.

"Two great *Talmidei Chachamim* have departed from us and have left this Yeshiva impoverished and bereaved," Dr. Lamm said. "But they will not *only* not be forgotten, but they will continue to exercise their healthy influence on all of us."

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Behind Dorm Doors

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Yitz Solomon
YP Senior



"They're great to hide behind in case of a sniper attack."

Neil Adler
IBC Junior

"The flowers make great natural ash trays"

Jeff Ballabon
YP Junior



"They make great dorm room furniture"

Neal Mitnick
JSS Senior

"Bitter disillusion. I transferred to YU because of the appeal of the neighborhood. I say, bring on the foul-breathed winos!"

Ari Weitzner
IBC Senior



A Travelling Jewish Theatre

When the first great waves of Eastern European immigrants began arriving on American shores at the end of the last century, the ideal of the "melting pot" society was challenged by another vision of America, one which saw this country as transnational. But the history of this transcultural vision has been an unsteady one.

For second and third generation Americans, the problem has not been the preservation of values and customs from the Old World; these values and customs have been largely lost in the general acquiescence to Hollywood, McDonalds and Coca-Cola. As children of parents who went through World War II, as survivors of television culture, and as beneficiaries of the boom years between 1950 and 1970, this generation has become assimilated, homogenous America. Our problem, as a generation, has been to recognize that the breaking down of ethnic and cultural identities that has left us without a spiritual center; we are cultural exiles.

It was with a consciousness of such spiritual exile that a Travelling Jewish Theatre was established. The company is seeking to preserve more than Jewish cultural values; they are attempting to discover the process by which values themselves are created. They are not only trying to recreate Jewish culture, but to create culture itself in a country which has lost the ability to do so.

The subject matter of its plays is not history, not "the past as it actually happened," but stories, myths, legends, and fairy tales. There is else other forms of narrative. But granted the difficulties of between them, ATJT's emphasis on myth and legend clearly distinguishes it from theatre groups which seek to create ethnic

or racial identity by rewriting history.

Both types of narrative — the history and the myth — attempt to tell us who we are by explaining where we've been, and both may therefore be used as potent political tools. But the myth and the story, by drawing upon reservoirs of human consciousness below the level of waking life, define selfhood in a more universal, less temporally-bound, language than that used by historians who restrict themselves to observing changes in the locus of power.

A Travelling Jewish Theatre recreates the legends and tales of Jewish tradition by story-telling, by songs, by chanting, and through masks, and by extraordinarily impressive acting. These legends already exist in the realm of the fantastic; already they speak to the audience's collective, unconscious memory. But we do not experience them as we would experience them in a book.

Albert Greenberg, a member of ATJT, explained the group's method as an attempt to exploit the specific psychology of the theatre experience. When people walk into a theatre, he said, they "suspend their belief systems; they totally identify with an action happening on the stage." The company attempts to create a kind of dreamscape. "The things that are happening on stage do not move as we see reality moving. And yet the threads are there. We're not totally arbitrary in our choices, although sometime we only discover later why we did a certain thing. We try to stay conscious of our choices and to keep the threads together."

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Location is also a big plus for this restaurant. Only a few short blocks from Stern College, it is easily accessible by train, foot and car, and is an ideal place for a date.

All in all, I wholeheartedly recommend Hershey Dairy Restaurant as a wonderful place to take your family and friends for all occasions.

Hershey Dairy Restaurant is under the supervision of Chef K.

Decline In Enrollment

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feel that if they are removed the other disciplines will be safe. But if, after the excision, the enrollment does not increase dramatically there will be other hostages, for there is a domino theory operating in academia as in foreign affairs. We must not forget that there will always be other colleges that will water down their requirements even more than yeshiva. Moreover, Gresham's Law operates in academia as it does in economics: bad apples drive out good apples. As our curriculum is weakened, the better students will seek to go elsewhere, and the mediocre students will find other colleges that are still less demanding.

Is it not ironic that at a time when oral communication is more important than ever before, whether it is in interviews for admission to professional schools or in trying to influence our fellow Jews to follow in the path of the Torah (after all, we "sell ourselves" with our speech), we should be thinking of dropping the speech requirement? Is it not ironic that when the President's Commission has called for toughening college requirements, and when such institutions as Yale, Stanford, New York University, Connecticut College, Georgetown, Duke, Swarthmore, Lehigh, and Colgate have restored a foreign language requirement, we are thinking of dropping it? We may also note that the Great Lakes Colleges Association, which includes among its twelve member colleges such institutions as Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon, and Antioch, has announced that its member colleges will show preference in admissions to high school students who have demonstrated competence in a second language. Even the New York City Board of Education in 1985 it will add a year's study of language to its requirements for graduation.

The argument that with the elimination of the foreign language requirement, Yeshiva students will still have a foreign language requirement, namely in Hebrew, is not valid. President Belkin, Z"l (do we still remember him), always insisted that for us Hebrew must always be regarded as a native, not a foreign language. This is crucial to our philosophy. Moreover, we must also stress that an important benefit derived from the study of a foreign language and literature is the broadening of one's perspective beyond one's own cultural confines. This is especially necessary for us as Americans, who tend toward provincialism. The world has expanded, and a well-educated person must be able to reach beyond his immediate borders. Indeed, one reason for America's decline of prestige is, as the

President's Commission concluded, that our citizens tend to be too smug in refusing to learn other peoples' languages.

Historically, while not the greatest, certainly an important contribution of the Jew has been that of the literate man in a sea of illiteracy (e.g. the European Middle Ages) and of the polygot, translator and intermediary in a world of cultural isolation (e.g. Islamic Spain, modern Europe). How sad it would be to promulgate a descent of the Jewish tradition of internationalist learning down to the deplorable levels of American jingoistic isolation! True, the welcome creation of the Jewish State has eliminated some of the motivation for this historic role of perennial outsider. But it would be sadly ironic if the rise of the State of Israel were seen as a justification for the rise of an inward-looking Jew with no interest in coming to experience other cultures directly through a knowledge of their languages, for it is only through a knowledge of languages that one can truly experience other people's cultural point of view.

What will be the result of deleting the foreign language requirement? Students will now have more electives, but will they choose languages? Experience at institutions where the foreign language requirement has been removed shows that there is a marked decline in enrollment. Students, especially under the pressure of preparing for professional schools, very often elect courses that have a reputation for little work and high grades. Languages are generally regarded as requiring hard work and steady application (one must come to class very regularly). Language teachers traditionally believe, in the words of Hesiod, that for the achievement of excellence the prerequisite is sweat. It is only later (speak to our alumni) that they realize the value of what they were required to take. At the undergraduate college which I attended, Trinity College in Hartford, the removal of the requirement resulted in a full 50% decline in language enrollments. Such a decline would mean the elimination of several, if not most, of our courses in languages; and even if we are assured that courses will not be cancelled because of small enrollments, in a financial pinch there is no guarantee, as we recently witnessed, that such a policy would be maintained. Both the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (in 1969) and Phi Beta Kappa (in denying our application for a charter) criticized, among other factors, our inadequate offerings and staffings in foreign languages. In a school of only 800 students we may expect

the elimination one by one of the languages; and a college without languages is, for good reason, regarded as much weaker than one with languages. Yeshiva College has deservedly an excellent reputation among graduate and professional schools. Why? One major reason is that our standards have remained high. If our goal is excellence, we mustic.

What, then, can be done when our school has become, in effect, for most students a three-year college? In the first place, despite all their difficulties, our students have managed to fulfill requirements and to take a full major (and even, in a number of cases, a double major). For fields such as accounting, where there are unusually onerous requirements for the major, we should have a B.S. degree. In other cases of individual hardship, we have the machinery, in the form of a faculty committee on academic standards, of a forum to which the student may appeal and where he will receive sympathetic attention. As H.L. Mencken put it so well, "For every complex problem there is a simple solution. And it is always wrong." The complex problem of Yeshiva's enrollment will not be resolved by the cultural sacrilege of gerrymandering the requirements that we expect as well educated men. We Orthodox Jews, who honor tradition, must continue to require the highest standards of ourselves, not merely in the realm of Torah, but also in the realm of Mada—a curriculum that has proven its soundness in preparing our students for positions of leadership and eminence.

Lois H. Feldman
Professor of Classics

Curriculum

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dents from having the feeling that they are - to some extent - controlling their own education." "It is my view of requirements," the Dean continued, "that roughly one-third of the credits required for graduation should include required courses, one-third should include free electives, and one-third be devoted to the student's major." The Dean said of the curriculum proposal that he has "some expectation that it will be more nearly approximate than the current set of requirements, which eat up about half the credits at Yeshiva College." He refused to comment as to which proposals were being discussed by the committee.

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Manet Display Open To Public

By JOEL P. COHEN

The French painter Edouard Manet, the father of impressionism, is the subject of a major retrospective at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Like other seminal artists, the importance of Manet goes beyond the intrinsic quality of his painting. His work anticipated so much to come, as his treatment of the past, was captured particularly fresh. He borrowed brazenly from the old masters, as if his way of looking back, a blending of homage and sacrilege, was part of what it meant to be modern.

Among his key paintings to be seen are: a Bar at the Folies-Bergere', the Railroad, and Olympia.

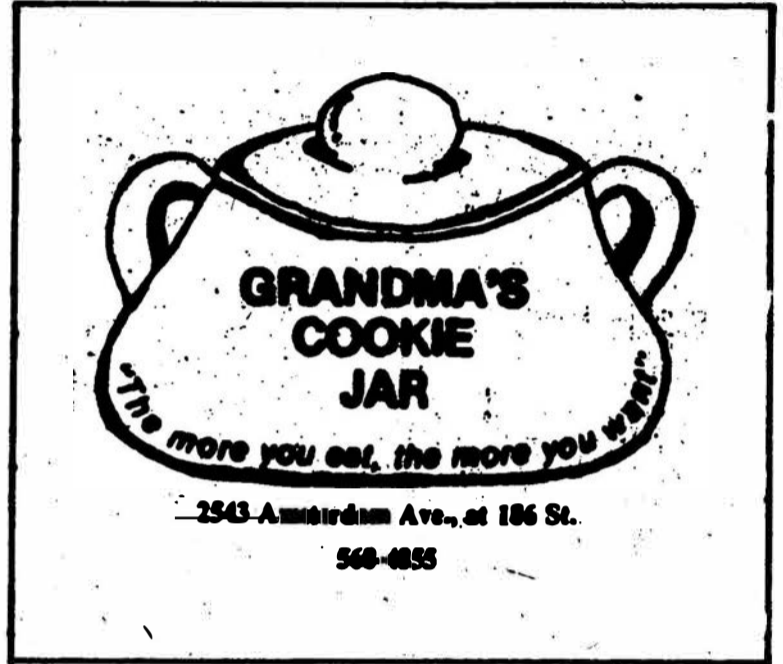
displayed, is a large showing of his plants and greeneries.

The Balcony, 1868-69, is a painting of one of his favorite women, Berthe Morisot. She is shown superbly strong and bright; the companion to her left has none of her sharp focus. Many Manet women have a wistfulness that may owe something to Watteau. In "The Plum", a young woman sits alone with her brandied plum and a cigarette. Her facial expression

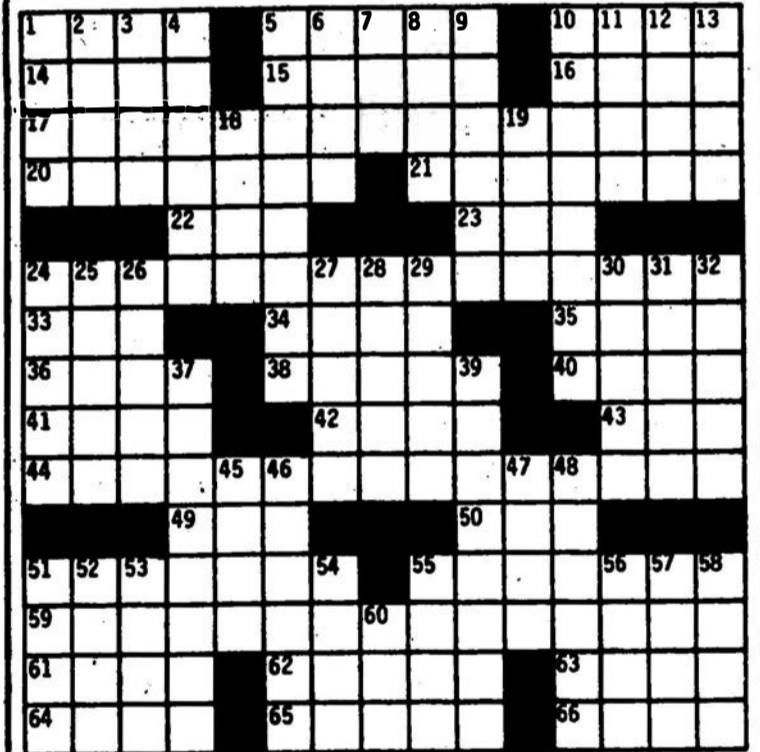
shows a depiction of frank realism towards the world. This like other paintings by Manet are quite free of social satire, and neglects the conventional compositions used by his predecessors like Delacroix and Jean-August-Dominique Ingres.

All in all, the Manet show is a triumph "a brilliant conjunction of scholarship and curatorial intelligence with the work of an exceptional artist."

It is what institutions like the Met are for.



collegiate crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Paleozoic, Mesozoic, etc.
- 5 Car accessory
- 10 Soviet news agency
- 14 Function
- 15 Parenthetical comment
- 16 Jai —
- 17 Principle of economics (3 wds.)
- 20 Provide evidence
- 21 With 60-Down, house pet
- 22 — volta (once, in music)
- 23 Suffix for diction or honor
- 24 Promissory note, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 33 Ms. Gardner
- 34 Sea eagles
- 35 French resort
- 36 Poet Teasdale
- 38 Novelist Philip and actress Lillian
- 40 Type of restaurant, for short
- 41 Seed covering
- 42 — school
- 43 Was a candidate
- 44 EDP personnel (2 wds.)

- 49 Map abbreviation
- 50 Company bigwig (abbr.)
- 51 Alleviate
- 55 Chemical catalyst
- 59 EDP equipment (2 wds.)
- 61 Subject of the movie, "Them"
- 62 South American animal
- 63 Home —
- 64 Nearly all
- 65 Like some breakfast foods
- 66 Mah-Jongg piece

DOWN

- 1 Formerly, formerly
- 2 Debauchee
- 3 European range
- 4 Deviated —
- 5 Traveler on foot
- 6 British phrase
- 7 Wrestling maneuver
- 8 Actor Byrnes, et al.
- 9 Phone again
- 10 1957 movie, " — the Bachelor"
- 11 Winglike parts
- 12 — souci
- 13 Beef quantity
- 18 The bottom —
- 19 O.K. Corral participant
- 24 Houses, in Hermosillo
- 25 Reproductive organ
- 26 1961 baseball MVP
- 27 Farmer's concern
- 28 Prefix for mural
- 29 Extremely pale
- 30 Seashore structures
- 31 Brilliance of success
- 32 Bridle attachment
- 37 Unselfish person
- 39 Astronaut
- 45 "L' —, c'est moi"
- 46 Prefix for maniac
- 47 China's "Great — forward"
- 48 Cultured milk
- 51 Economist Smith
- 52 — Japanese War
- 53 Billko and York (abbr.)
- 54 First name in jazz
- 55 Site of 1960 Olympics
- 56 Toilet case
- 57 Ms. Carter
- 58 Subject of Kilmer poem
- 60 See 21-Across

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AND MORE NEWS...

WHAT'S AFTER SAN JUAN?

by PHILLIP MACHLIN

The fate of the former site of San Juan car service is still undecided.

The property, which is now under the ownership of Yeshiva University, has been vacant for over a year, and the Yeshiva College Senate has asked the Student Council to "study proposals for the future use of the premises", according to Jeff Katz, YCSC president.

"We would have liked to open a bookstore at that location," he said, "but we have not been able to find interested customers." He added that some of the City's major stores, including Barnes and Noble and B. Dalton, were approached. However, he said, all attempts proved unsuccessful. President Katz also discounted rumors that the store space would be used to house a branch of the Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center. "Those reports are false," he said.

"As of now, YCSC has no practical way of using the vacant space," he added. All suggestions regarding the future use of the store, he said, should be directed to the Student Council.



Former site of San Juan on the corner of 186th St. and Amsterdam

New Faculty Promotions

By BRUCE MOSENKIS

Three members of the Yeshiva College faculty were promoted from the status of associate professor to that of full-time professor. The three include Dr. Anthony S. Beukas, Dr. Aaron Levine and Dr. Edward Levy.

Dr. Beukas, a professor of Speech and Drama, received his M.F.A. from Yale University and his P.H.D. at N.Y.U. Dr. Levine, an economics professor, received his M.A. and P.H.D. from N.Y.U. and Dr. Levy, who earned his M.F.A. at Yale and his Ed.D. at Columbia, is a professor of music.

Special Blood Drive Successful

By JAY BARBALATT

Oct 17 - A supplementary blood drive was held today in an American Red Cross bloodmobile parked outside the Morgenstern Dormitory. Yeshiva College traditionally sponsors a blood drive in December and May. However, because New York City is currently experiencing a shortage of blood, a supplementary blood drive was scheduled.

The goal of the blood drive was to collect forty pints of blood. Fortunately, this goal was surpassed and by the end of the campaign a total of 61 pints was received.

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Wruble Wins Tennis Tourney

By LARRY LEHMAN

The Independent Athletics Conference annual tennis tournament was held this year at Stevens Tech. Four schools attended the tournament and six players from each school participated. The colleges involved were Yeshiva, Stevens Tech, New York Maritime, and NJIT. The tournament was separated into both an "A" and "B" division. The top ranked three players from each team were placed in the "A" division while the 4, 5, and 6 seeds were placed in the "B" division.

In the "A" division Larry Lehman lost his quarterfinal match 7-6, 6-1, while captain Avrumi Markowitz, in the semifinals, succumbed to an exceptional opponent, the winner of the "A" division, 6-1, 6-1.

In the "B" division Eric Herschmann upset his first round opponent 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 with the perfection of his top spin lob and brilliant net play. He then advanced to the semifinals where he faced Gary Wruble, also from Yeshiva. Mr. Wruble's powerful serve and passing shots enabled him to defeat Mr. Herschmann 6-2, 6-2. In the other semifinal match Beryl Thomas defeated his opponent 7-6, 1-6, 6-4, after being down 4-0 in the third set. That placed Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wruble in the championship match, where Mr. Wruble narrowly triumphed 8-6. Gary Wruble a newcomer to this year's team was the first Yeshiva student to ever win the tournament.

Answers to Quiz

1: A: Comiskey Park, Chicago. On May 16, 1969, Epstein the Washington Senators' first baseman, hit home runs in the first and sixth innings off Sammy Ellis. In the seventh inning he hit his eighth home run of the season off Wilbur Wood. The White Sox defeated the Senators, 7-6. Epstein hit 30 home runs during this season. 2: A: Bill Lee of the Chicago Cubs. On July 11, 1939, in the fourth inning, the Detroit Tigers' first baseman singled and scored as the American League defeated the National League, at Yankee Stadium. 3-1. 3: A: Joe Ginsberg. On May 15, 1952, in the bottom of the ninth inning, Vic Wertz' two-out home run ended a scoreless tie. Trucks and the Detroit Tigers defeated the Washington Senars, 1-0. Bob Porterfield, who gave up four hits, was the losing pitcher. 4: A: Ed Lopat. On July 23, 1950, in the second inning, Rogovin, the Detroit Tigers' pitcher, hit a grand slam homer scoring Hoot Evers, Don Kolloway and Bob Swift. Rogovin left the game in the sixth inning. The Tigers came from behind, scoring two runs in the ninth inning, to defeat the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, 6-5. Rogovin won the American ERA title in 1951.



MAC'S MASCOT

Confident Ellmen Looking Strong

By STUIE SIMON

The large turnout at the first day of practice shows great promise for the Ellmen's future. This year's freshmen recruits will hopefully fill the gap left by last year's graduates, enabling the Yeshiva wrestlers to look forward to a more promising season.

This year's team will be led by captains David Genet (Senior) and Stuart Simon (Sophomore). With the assistance of veterans Moish Kranzler, Pesach Kremen, the

Lapp brothers, and Jack Nuszen the team hopes to enjoy a winning season. New recruits include Eric Cohen, Joel Pleeter, Steven Socolof, Caleb Freedman, David Noble, and Brian Sand who will augment the team's power in diverse weight classes.

Coaches Neil Ellmen, Nathan Schwitzer, and Robert Marcus are very excited about this year's team. With the aid of managers Barry Bender and Aaron Moishe Roth, the coaches are prepared to drive the team to its fullest potential.

Returning Taubermen Will Be Key To Coming Season

By KEITH D. RHINE

This year's Taubermen, coached by Stanislav Bardakh and assisted by Seymon Brover and Professor Arthur Tauber look forward to continuing their winning tradition against an array of formidable opponents.

Once again the Sabre team will lead the Taubermen. Returning top fencers from last year will be heavily depended upon once again this year. Seniors Danny Zanger, Stui Berger, Keith Rhine, and Junior Mendel Balk should allow the Sabre team to continue in its winning ways. Also helping the Sabre team will be Sophomore Bill

Berlin and Senior Laurent Wrzonski.

The Foil team will be lead by team captain David Mond and a whole corps of returning veterans, including Marc Bessler, Noah Katz, and Ralph Grosz.

The Epee team will have a difficult time trying to recover from the loss of last years captain and top Epee man, David Feit. Picking up the slack will be the Senior Alan Stadtmauer and Juniors Howie Friedman, Jeffrey Kern, and Yaakov Brafman. We hope the Epee team will continue to improve and help the Taubermen to another winning season.

Tennis Team Hoping For Winning Record

By AVRUMI MARKOWITZ

After last year's superlative performance (6-1), The Tennis Maccabees are faced with the ultimate question - can they go all the way? After suffering their only defeat last year in the championship match against undefeated Steven's Tech, the Maccabees believe that a divisional title is well within their grasp. Much of last year's team is back this year to take another crack at the title. Captains Avrumi Markowitz and Michael Taragin are back along

with starters Baruch (7-0) Weinstein and Larry Lehman. With the loss of last year's senior members, Neil Tilson and Eli Shulman, the team will be turning to Beryl Thomas and a new hopeful, Gary Wruble, to give depth and strength to the starting line-up. With their sights set on the future, a number of talented younger classmen have joined this year's squad. Under the guidance of Coach Ray Garfinkle these young hopefuls should be able to carry on the Maccabee's tradition of success.

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Hockey Intramurals; Great Start

By RONNIE GROSS

Monday night Oct. 24th, was the opener of the hockey intramural season. The strong offensive Junior team, with the addition of Paul Ratzker and goaltender Lance Leifer jumped out to a fast start. The Sophomores, who lost most of last year's team, were totally outplayed. The close of the first period found the Juniors ahead 4-0. In the second period the Juniors extended their lead to 7-1. The

victory for the Juniors with B-Z Smilchensky and Paul Ratzker each scoring a hat trick.

On Tuesday night the defending champion Seniors took on the Freshmen and were very surprised at the Freshmen's high quality of play. One notable factor was rookie goaltender Stue Mor-duchowitz (Duke) who repeatedly stole goals from the highly experienced Senior offensive line.



Hillel Hyman faces off against Ari Tuchman

lone Sophomore goal was scored by captain Hillel Hyman. The Sophomores could not organize their play and even the usually steady goalie, Ronnie Gross was shaky. The game ended in a 12-1

the Seniors were ahead by a score of 3-2 when Stue Weinberger put in the winning goal on a blast from the blue line. The Freshman came back strong but fell short, losing to the Seniors 4-3.

Two From Yeshiva Run In Marathon

By IAN LANDOW

New York—Sunday, October 23—Braving the rain and chilly weather, 17,000 people from all walks of life participated in the 13th annual New York City Marathon. The marathon is a 26.2 mile endurance test which weaves its way through the five boroughs of New York City. The winner was decided at the very end of the race when Rod Dixon of New Zealand sprinted past Geoff Smith of England, only a few hundred feet short of the finish line.

For most runners, the objective of the race is to complete the course. In fact, some of the participants in this year's marathon had severe physical disabilities. For example, one man completed the race this year despite the fact he has only one leg.

Yeshiva was represented by two young members of its fledgling

cross country track team, Howard Sonnenblick (3:56) and Michael Taragin (3:59), who both had interesting outlooks on the race. Mr. Sonnenblick noted that there is a certain camaraderie amongst the runners that helped give him the extra push needed to finish the marathon. Mr. Taragin felt that the marathon was an inexpensive way to see New York City but would not recommend it for everyone. Both agreed that the first half of the race was run on pure adrenalin while the second half of the race was more of a psychological battle than a physical one.

For those of you who are interested, there are less than 360 days left to train for the 1984 marathon. Get lots of sleep and carbohydrates and start running.

Bowling Team Will Spring Again

By ERIC HERSCHMANN

The Y.U. Keglers earned its first victory this week against a strong TCI team. Veterans Eric Herschmann, Benji Koplon, and Ellen Dulcan led Yeshiva by capturing five of the nine possible points. Ron Malek, also a veteran, is presently ranked sixth in the conference with a 4-2 record.

This year's hopefuls include Todd Soifer, Alan Teichman, Jonathan Chelst, and Noah Katz. Captains Eric Herschmann and Benji Koplon look forward to the upcoming season with great expectations.

With the loss of three of last year's starters, Scott Bornstein, Mona Allen, and Rena Weinberg, the team will be turning to this year's newcomers to fill the vacant spots. The Keglers will be competing against Baruch, Cooper Union, New York University, Pace, Queens, St. Francis, and TCI. We wish them luck!!

Soccer MACS Lose In Opener

By RUSSEL ADLER

Staten Island (5-1) rolled to their 5th consecutive victory and in the process left Yeshiva's soccer team with their most lopsided loss, 7-1, in the team's short three year history. Staten Island dominated throughout the match as they constantly applied pressure to Yeshiva's defense. They opened the scoring about fifteen minutes into the game when one of their offensemen struck down the left sideline. He then passed to one of his teammates, who was standing all alone in front of the goal, for the score, beating Yeshiva's goalie Russel Adler to the left side. The

home team scored twice more in the first half to open up a 3-0 halftime lead, a half which was so one-sided that Yeshiva failed to even manage a shot on goal. Staten Island continued the onslaught in the second half, when they tallied four more goals.

Although Yeshiva scored only one goal, they did it in a big way. With about fifteen minutes left in the game Captain Abraham Borenstein passed to Benny Fusman, who sent a nice crossing pass to this year's new Colombian Freshman sensation, David Freyle. Freyle went by three Staten Island defenders before rifling the ball past the goalie, into the left side of the net for a beautiful goal. The goal sparked up Yeshiva, giving

them momentum for the next few minutes, but it failed to produce another goal. Prosper Abitbol, a standout offense man from France, turned in a gutsy performance. After injuring himself in the first half in a rough collision, he came back to help the team in the second half.

The problems began for Yeshiva before the game even-started. Dr. Tauber decided that the team's player-coach Hamid Mizrachi, should not play since he is not a full-time student. Mr. Mizrachi, last year's Coaches Award recipient, was sorely missed on defense. In a world full of reports of dishonest university teams, at least Yeshiva still plays by the rules.

Can The MACS Win?

By SHABSI SCHREIER

The Maccabees will open the 1983-84 campaign in a couple of weeks with a completely different roster except for two returnees, Captain Shabsi Schreier and guard Ronnie Schwartz. Joining the Macs this year are Seniors Michael Taragin, YCSC President Jeff Katz, and Eric Herschmann. All are veteran intramural players and should see much time playing for the Macs.

Another player who might have an impact on this year's team is rookie center Jeff Harris. Jeff tore up the high school league and it will be a formidable challenge for the big man.

This year's team has an enormous amount of first year players who are out to earn a spot on the team. Forwards: Moshe Orlian, Elli Davidoff, Benji Schreier and guards: Elliot Mael and Steven Frenkel.

The Macs suffered a big loss this year when star guard Joey Eaves decided to take a year off to study in Israel. The team will now be turning to captain Schreier, who led the team in rebounding last season and gave YU an inside game. Ronnie "sure shot" Schwartz will also be relied upon to pick up the slack for Mr. Eaves.

We hope that this year's team can generate some excitement among the students and draw some crowds to the home games.

Good luck Macs!!

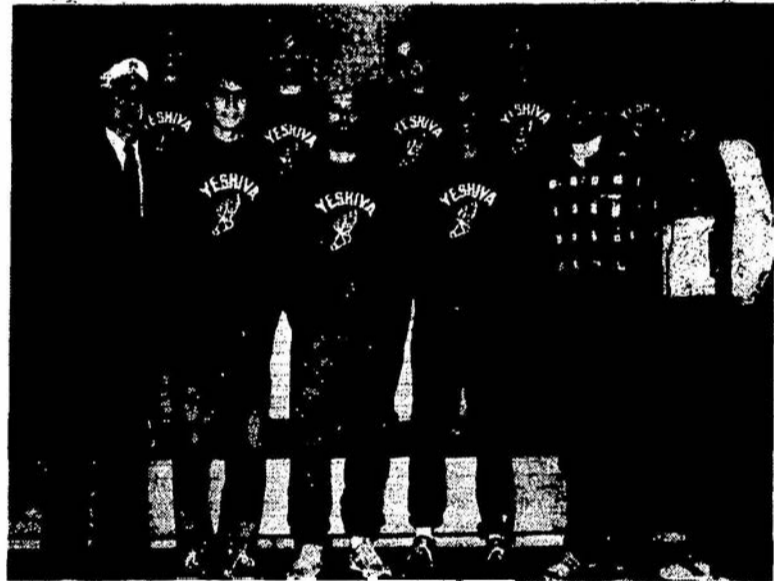
Cross Country Team Runs In First Meet

By HOWARD SONNENBLICK

On October 19th under sunny skies at the beautiful campus of Drew University, eight YC students made history by participating in YU's first cross country meet ever. The event was the annual IAC cross country championships which was hosted this year by Drew. For years YU has been a member of the Independent Athletics Conference but never before has it been able to compete in cross country events.

The team was led by Michael Taragin and Howie Sonnenblick who clocked in at 34:08 and 34:15 respectively. Congratulations to Steven Katz, Marc Stock, Eric Herschmann, Ian Landow, and Sammy Kliger who all ran a fine race. Special congratulations goes to Chaim Nordlicht who ran far better than anyone's expectations.

Professor Tauber is very enthusiastic about cross country coming to YU and for good



Y.U.'s cross country team sporting their new sweats.

This year, however, through the cooperation of Professor Arthur Tauber and under the leadership of two experienced coaches, Dr. Vince Chiappetta and Richard Rothschild, YU has its first cross country team.

Six schools competed in the IAC meet including Drew, NY Maritime, Stevens Tech, NJIT, Polytechnic and YU. Each school was represented by a team consisting of about ten members who all competed in one five mile race. Though YU placed 5th in the meet, each member finished the grueling course in very respectable

reason. The team's two coaches are very experienced runners themselves. Dr. Chiappetta, a biology lab instructor in YC, who now serves as secretary of the New York Road Runners Club has been one of the top runners in the NY area for years. Richard Rothschild, the assistant coach, has competed in the Macabiah games and is an outstanding runner himself.

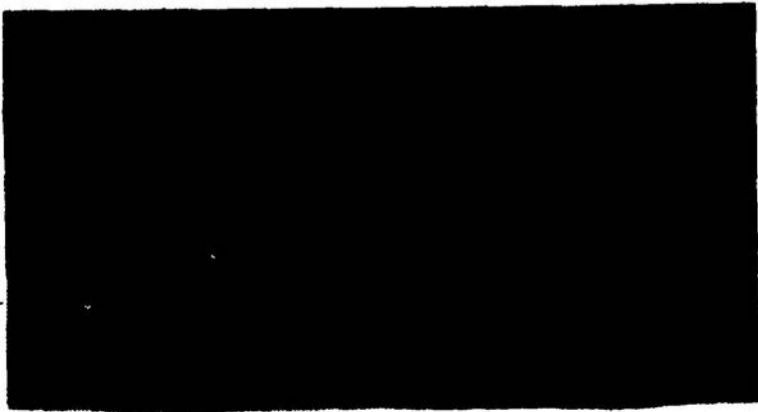
We all hope that this is the beginning of a bright future for cross country at Yeshiva. We wish this year's team the best of luck in their coming meets.

Jewish Sports Quiz

QUESTIONS:

- 1: Q: In 1969, Mike Epstein hit three home runs in one game. In what stadium did he achieve this feat? 2: Q: Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg had one hit in All Star Game competition. What pitcher yielded this hit? 3: Q: In 1952, who caught Virgil Trucks' first no-hitter? 4: Q: What pitcher yielded Saul Rogovin's first major league home run?

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Taubermen very high on coming season; see page 11 for details.

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