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Yeshiva College Enrollment Declines; Curriculum Committee Submits Final Report; Number of Israel Students Increases Full Faculty Vote Due This Month

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY

The number of students enrolled at Yeshiva College in New York this fall is significantly lower than at this time last year, the *Commentator* has learned, and the decrease has given rise for concern among Y.U. administration officials.

According to comparative enrollment figures which were disclosed to the *Commentator*, there are some 80 fewer Yeshiva College students enrolled at the New York campus than there were in the fall of 1982.

Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University, said in a recent interview that the decline may be attributed "for a cluster of reasons."

More Students in Israel
"Almost half of the decline in New



DR. EGON BRENNER

York is explained through an increase in the Y.U. — Israel Program," Dr. Brenner said. "Although the increase temporarily depresses New York enrollment at Yeshiva College," he added, "it does not warrant concern on our part." It is estimated that there are some 290 students from the Stern College for Women and Yeshiva College currently studying in Israel.

"Further," Dr. Brenner acknowledged, "there is a somewhat larger number of students graduating after four years and not needing a fifth year. This also is not a source of concern." According to the Executive Vice President, however, the University

this year did report a net loss in admissions of about 25 students.

According to Dr. Brenner, this net loss in admissions has been coupled with a slightly larger attrition rate, which is determined by students' performance in the College (not fulfilling probation requirements), and "programmatic preferences" (curriculum and double program requirements).

Not Concerned

Ms. Judy Paikin, director of Undergraduate Admissions at Yeshiva University, said she is "not concerned" with the lower enrollment figures, but added that a more intensive recruitment campaign will bring the enrollment numbers up again.

Asked how the Admissions division intended to strengthen its recruitment operations, Ms. Paikin said that there is now a staff of 3 full-time Y.U. administrators working in Israel. "The students studying in Israel represent a major source of potential students at Yeshiva and Stern College," Ms. Paikin said. "We have had very positive results because of the program."

Ms. Paikin added that in order to seek more students, the University has been forced to identify "new and stronger markets." According to Ms. Paikin, University faculty and administrators are soon expected to visit Israel and cities across the United States in the coming months to conduct workshops and recruit prospective students. In addition, she said, the Admissions office will be working closely with University Alumni and current students in the hope of securing more students.

By DAVID SCHWARCZ and NEAL DUBLINSKY

The *Commentator* has recently learned the particulars of a proposed curriculum revision, which was presented to the Yeshiva College faculty at a meeting on December 11, 1983. Although previous attempts in 1977, 1980, and 1981 to revise the curriculum had failed, the current effort is likely to result in a proposal which will win faculty approval, according to informed sources. The new curriculum may take effect as early as September, 1984.

"Wider Variety"

The most notable changes in the current proposal will affect the study of foreign languages, speech, and Hebrew studies. Pursuant to the current plan, a student at Yeshiva College would be able to ease his required course load from the previous 61-67 credits to one of 50-55 credits.

When reached for comment, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean of Yeshiva College, endorsed the curriculum revision, and maintained that it would give the student "a wider variety of courses and will encourage more education in depth." The renaming of the Social Science requirement to "Western Thought and Institutions," as well as the establishment of the "Restricted Electives" requirement appears to exemplify this concern for broadening the scope of academic pursuit.

Under the new proposal, the English Composition and Health Education requirements will be retained. However, the 6 credit English Literature — Humanities requirement would also be met by taking Foreign Literature, including at most one semester of Hebrew Literature. In place of the dual Art-Music requirement, a more intensified 2 credit course in either Art History or Music Appreciation will be offered.

Presently, the Social Sciences requirement is satisfied by any two semesters chosen from Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, History and Philosophy



DR. NORMAN ROSENFELD
Dean, Yeshiva College

(though History and Philosophy are actually divisions of the Humanities). Hence, the requirement has been renamed, "Western Thought and Institutions," and students will have to choose a coherent two semester sequence from those disciplines.

The non-Science major would now be offered the option of a one semester course in quantitative skills, such as statistics, computer science or mathematics to be taken with the second term of the existing Inter-science sequence. This change recognizes the importance of such quantitative skills in a liberal education, and is in line with current national trends.

The new proposal would theoretically allow for the total

absence of Foreign Languages and of speech in a student's course of study. Yet, there still remain 5-6 courses of "Restricted Electives" in a field outside of a student's major which must include a course above the introductory level. A Foreign Language and/or a 2 credit speech course may be combined to satisfy this requirement.

The credit reduction in the Judaic Studies Division will manifest itself in the elimination of the Hebrew Literature requirement and in the scaling down of the Bible requirement from 10 credits to 8 credits. Students who participated in a Yeshiva College — Israel Program may be exempted upon examination from 2 credits worth of Bible, excluding Biblical Exegesis.

No Jobs Lost

Despite the paring down of requirements, Dean Rosenfeld dispelled faculty fears, stating that "no faculty member will lose his or her job as a result of curriculum change." The dean added that the current policy of offering courses with small enrollment "will be continued."

The dean further indicated that the status of current students with regard to this proposal is "undecided at this time," but will be resolved after the curriculum change has been adopted. Last Sunday's meeting was the first of several, and the attending faculty concluded to postpone the mail-in vote to a future date.

Arens, Ms. Kirkpatrick Honored at Y.U. Dinner; \$10 Million Raised for Century Campaign

Special to The Commentator

Dec. 11 — Relations between the governments of Israel and the United States are better today than they have been for the last few years, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens said tonight at Yeshiva University's 59th annual Hanukkah Dinner.

Paradoxically, the civil war in Lebanon has brought Israel and the U.S. closer together, Mr. Arens said, because "the activity in the Middle East has brought about a better idea in Washington of what we are up against and who we are up against in the Middle East."

Some \$10 million in gifts and pledges were announced at the Dinner by the Hon. Herbert Tenzer, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees. The \$10 million will be counted toward the goal set for the University's Century Campaign, a drive established to raise \$100 million before the University's Centennial in 1986.

At a special Convocation preceding the Dinner, Mr. Arens and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were among five noted personalities who

received honorary degrees from the University. The Dinner honored Mrs. Erica Jesselson, philanthropist and Benefactor of the University Museum. Mrs. Jesselson received the University's prestigious Distinguished Service Award. She is the first woman to receive that award in the history of the University.

Dr. Norman Lamm, president of the University, conferred the degrees upon: Mr. Arens; Mrs. Kirkpatrick; David J. Azrieli of

Montreal, architect, developer, and philanthropist; Philip Belz of Memphis, TN, business leader, philanthropist, and member of the University's Board of Trustees, and Sy Syms, chairman of the board of the Syms Corporation and communal and business leader.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick spoke at the Convocation. Stanley E. Stern, president and chief executive officer of Inland Credit Corporation and vice-chairman of the University's

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Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens (l.), shown with Dr. Norman Lamm, President, Yeshiva University, and U.S. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick at the special convocation at the Waldorf Astoria this Sunday.

Commentator Interviews President Norman Lamm

By MARK LEFKOVITZ

Below is the second in a two-part series of the transcript of a long-awaited exclusive *Commentator* interview with Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, conducted by Mark Lefkowitz, Associate Editor, on Nov. 17, 1983.

M.L.: There has been much talk about a plan to close off Amsterdam Ave. and 185th St. and thus make a closed off Yeshiva University campus. What are the factors involved in such a plan? What is the feasibility of the plan? What is the current status of the plan?

Dr. Lamm: Well, it's been a dream of mine for a long time. I would love to do it. The factors involved include 1) How does it affect the flow of traffic throughout the entire city? 2) What are the rights of access of landlords and tenants on the streets in question? 3) What will the community and the community board think about it?

We can't do anything by 'force majeure' we can't just go ahead and do it on our own. Therefore, it remains a problem, but a problem

that has not been laid to rest. We are constantly exploring how we can do the maximum towards creating a campus atmosphere.

M.L.: Would you say the plan is feasible right now?

Dr. Lamm: Right now the plan is not unfeasible, but I would not want to give anyone a signal to expect it in the near future. I will tell you this, and I'm speaking bureaucratically, it is under very active consideration.

M.L.: What were the original plans, expectations and objectives of the founders of the Mazer Yeshiva Program? Do you think the program is living up to its expectations?

Dr. Lamm: I don't think there is any part of Yeshiva or the Yeshiva in totality that is living up to its expectations. Were we doing so then our expectations would have been very poor indeed. A man's reach should always exceed his grasp. I should hope that our goals are high enough that our performance will always fall short of them.

Having said that, I think that MYP has made excellent progress

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A Significant Step

Unfortunately, some lessons cannot be taught easily or without pain and anguish. It has taken the lives of two hundred and seventy marines for the U.S. administration to finally realize that its mideast policy is an indecisive means for promoting the U.S. sphere of influence in the Mideast/Persian Gulf area.

To further complicate the U.S. Mideast position, Saudi Arabia, the country that the administration saw as a leader in the desire for stability and peace, has proven to be nothing of the kind. Saudi Arabia has continually supported both the Syrian Government and the PLO by financing their respective military budgets. Yet, since 1981, when the administration sold the AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia, the President has viewed Saudi Arabia as a dependable ally whose interests are parallel to those of the U.S.

Through Saudi Arabian support of Syria, the Soviet Union has been afforded the opportunity to reestablish itself in the Mideast, obviously contrary to U.S. anticipations. It has taken far too long for the Administration to realize that the Middle East's only center of democracy and stability has been, and continues to be, Israel. The U.S. administration cannot possibly hope to maintain its sphere of influence in the Mideast region if it continues to rely on Arab countries that cannot be trusted as "dependable allies" and true seekers of democracy.

While obviously long overdue in its recognition of Israel's importance, the Reagan Administration should nevertheless be commended for finally recognizing Israel's vital role in U.S. foreign policy. The Government has finally recognized that its relationship with Israel is definitely reciprocal in nature. Thus, while the cooperation agreement signed with Israel last week was late in coming, it was a significant step in the right direction.

The U.S. must now reorient its Mideast policy. Using the new agreement with Israel as a foundation, the U.S. can take a more assertive role in Mideast affairs. And now that oil is not the weapon it once was, the White House need not bow down to the Saudis as it has done since 1974. In fact, the U.S. might do well by convincing the Saudis that while Israel's existence is a reality, Saudi monarchy may be

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vulnerable to internal strike caused by the same radical Shiite Muslims responsible for the deaths of two hundred and seventy marines.

Over the last 10 years, the White House has made major errors in defining exactly how it could maintain its sphere of influence in the Middle East. The Reagan Administration, having acknowledged its mistakes, is presently trying to correct them. We believe the administration is taking a significant step in the right direction that will not only benefit Israel and the United States, but in the long run, the entire Middle East, as well.

A Mutual Obligation

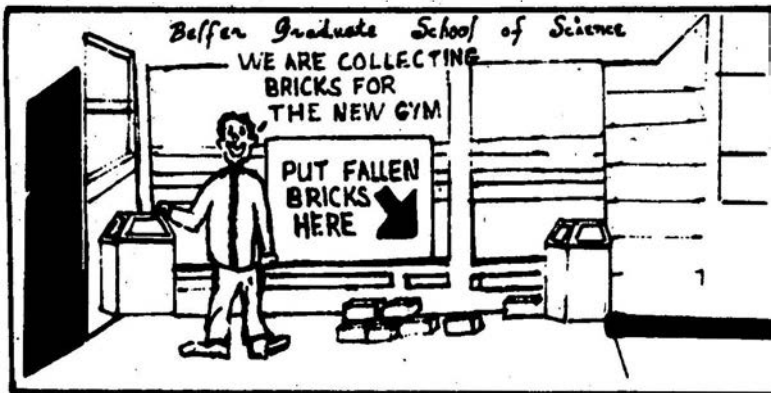
The recent Palestinian Liberation Organization bombing of a civilian bus in Jerusalem underscores the fact that although the P.L.O. has recently become a fragmented organization it is, nevertheless, a dangerous one. In order to ensure that these atrocities will cease, the P.L.O. must be severely dealt with both in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Although not officially recognized by the United States government, the P.L.O. still maintains a strong presence in this country. It disseminates its propaganda through the media; through pro-P.L.O. rallies; and through P.L.O. speakers. Until now an organized Yeshiva University protests has been non-existent. As "The oldest university under Jewish auspices in the United States," Yeshiva University has the obligation to serve as the vanguard of a strong Jewish protest against this band of terrorists.

We urge administration, faculty, and students to coordinate an organized campaign of protest to demonstrate our resolve in battling P.L.O. influence.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a hearty *Mazel Tov* to Rabbi and Mrs. Hershel Schachter on the birth of a daughter. Rabbi Schachter holds the Nathan and Vivian Fink Chair of Talmudic Studies and is *Rosh Kollel* at RIETS.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a *Mazel Tov* to Yaacov Isaacs on his engagement to Rayme Hirt and to Arthur Eckstein on his engagement to Suzie Majors.



Letters To The Editor

Dormitory Responsibility

To The Editor:

As those who spent a year in Israel probably remember, news from the states comes tenuously at best and often in the form of half garbled rumors sent by someone's girlfriend three months before the mail strike. Based on such information, I understand that the residence hall staff stands accused (by way of a letter in this column) of malice aforethought in the hiring — or lack of hiring — of dorm counselors this year. Since I am the cause of this misunderstanding I feel obligated to respond.

General policy of the YU Residence Halls has been to try to accommodate dorm counselors regarding certain requests. A dorm counselor might ask that a limited number of specific students be placed on his floor; a head counselor generally arranges for an assistant unpaid by Yeshiva University to help him cover his floor. Although the dorm office

tries to make such accommodations for the convenience of the dorm counselor, it does not guarantee them. Thus, my obligation to, for example, an assistant counselor, is the sole responsibility of the head dorm counselor and not the dorm office.

This year I was hired to be co-head counselor of Morg dorm. Having spent the summer in Israel, I became reluctant to leave. Rabbi Cheifetz was particularly understanding regarding my decision to spend the year here in yeshiva, and was very helpful in arranging that my responsibilities and obligations in Y.U. were taken care of. Obviously some loose ends were left. My obligations to individuals in the dormitory were mine — not the dormitory's. Although the dorm office could have chosen to assume my responsibilities, it was under no obligation to do so. If it was felt by those responsible that it was not in the dorm's best interest to assume them, it was probably obligated not to do so.

In short any misunderstanding or inconveniences caused by my decision to renege on my agree-

ment with the Yeshiva University Residence Hall are my own personal responsibility, and in no way should be blamed on the Residence Hall office or staff.

Shalom Berger
Y.C. '81

A Need for Teachers

To The Editor:

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Sincerely,
John P. McAndrew, President
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JSS Chagigah?

To the Editor:

Why was the JSS Chanukah Chagigah cancelled? Was it because the administration believed that only certain students would attend? Isn't JSS, however, the Hebraic studies division for *Baalei T'shuva*? Don't these students need Jewish experiences such as chagigot to enhance their Jewish background?

Howard T. Konig
JSS Sophomore

Scientific Russian

To The Editor:

To set the record straight, I would like to point out that I am neither interested in, nor do I ever use any Russian expletives simply because I would not be understood. And we wouldn't want that — would we!

As far as English expletives are concerned, that might be another story...

A. Leibovitch

OP-ED

The U.N.: Irony Forum

By MEYER MUSCHEL

Approximately five months ago, a letter written to the editor of a Jewish weekly captured my attention. In her brief correspondence, the New York resident had written to express her outrage and shock in regard to that which she had witnessed on a visit of hers to the United Nations, specifically, the rejection of the state of Israel, on the world level.

At first glance, the letter was quite disturbing. "Foolish Woman," I thought, "where have you been living?! Did it really take you this long to discover that the Jewish state is a social outcast among the nations of the world?!" It was easy to find fault with the writer and her letter. Having recently visited the U.N., however, I am perhaps able to appreciate the motives that led that particular woman to write her letter of outrage.

Along with other students from yeshiva, and various colleges, I had gone to the United Nations that morning to show solidarity with the Jewish state, as the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, was to address the General Assembly.

While Mr. Herzog was scheduled to speak at ten-thirty, I arrived rather early, and had to wait along with other early guests, before being permitted to enter the

gates of the U.N. As we stood on the curb, delegates and other United Nations officials, clad in jackets and ties, the symbols of distinction entered the gates to begin their day of work. Did these diplomats actually perceive themselves as civilized people; as people of dignity? One wondered! Suddenly, the sign above the gate caught my eye. "All visitors are requested to dress in appropriate attire." "Appropriate" was a good choice of words. It afforded each individual the privilege of deciding for himself what construed "appropriate" attire for such a visit.

As we were finally permitted to enter the gates, many guests chose to view the exhibits located in the lobby of the main building. It was the first time since my return from Israel over a year ago, that I was overly conscious of the yarmulke perched on my head. How ironic it was, I thought, that this feeling of isolation was sensed in the lobby of the "United Nations".

As the scheduled time for President Herzog's speech approached, other students arrived and together we headed for the gallery of the General Assembly to await his arrival. The floor of the assembly buzzed as delegates entered the chambers and we sensed tensions rising in the gallery

as well. I tried to find the seat of the P.L.O. observer and was appalled to set my eyes on a beautifully upholstered chair set aside for the "representative" of the murderers of Jewish children. One could just imagine a plaque affixed to the back of the chair, engraved with the words: "Paid for by the countries of the world in recognition of Yasir Arafat's contribution to humanity."

The floor of the assembly became more and more active, and as the clock struck eleven, the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Jorge Illueca of Panama, called for order. Speaking in Spanish, he announced the address of the Israeli president, as those of us in the gallery clutched our earpieces making certain we caught the translation of every word spoken. When he completed his introductory remarks, Mr. Illueca recognized the representative of Iraq who proceeded to address the assembly in an articulate and resounding English. The booming voice of the Iraq delegate has stayed with me until today, and I can still hear the animosity in his voice, and sense the shockwaves that passed through the gallery as he spoke. "Mr. President, regarding this matter of nonsense

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The Linus Factor

By JAY S. AUSLANDER

It is almost impossible to grow up in twentieth-century North America and not come in contact with Charles M. Schultz's "Peanuts" gang. I recall with warmth and fondness when as a child I experienced the cozy feeling of crawling into bed on a Friday night with the latest Peanuts volume which I had borrowed from the library to read avidly for the third time that month. Now, almost a decade later — ugh! — I still look forward to the Peanuts gang, in the Sunday "Journal News". Of course, the feelings that well up inside me now are of a different nature than those I had as a child, but they are at times no less intense. Linus Van Pelt, whom I consider the quintessential character of the peanuts crew, constantly provides me, Joe College, with down-home

common-sense advice — often emotional, often rational, and always much appreciated.

But why am I writing all this in a college newspaper? If you have not already asked yourself this question, you should have. The answer, really, is quite simple. Often times, members of the college community suffer extreme bouts of pragmatism — all our thoughts aim towards our careers, all our questions center on questionable exam dates, and all our discussions center on our professional futures. We aim high, hoping that the individuals who truly warrant the highest positions in society — namely, ourselves — receive their allotment. And everything else — family, responsibility, religion — floats by our eyes unnoticed settling on the floor of our rooms to be dusted into

some obscure corner for the next several years.

Intuitively, we all realize that nothing is wrong with success — what we often forget is that this is only true if "all other factors are equal". When we begin to forget family, friends, surroundings and thought — well, then something is wrong. And here is where the Peanuts gang returns. Linus Van Pelt — that is, his comments — is really the little boy or girl within each of us who pulls us back to earth — to the realization that the common, ordinary, "wishy-washy" situations in life can often yield far more rewarding results than anything in the "rat race" can. That a career is but one aspect of an individual — if anything the temporal aspect — and that it is not, or should not, enslave us in its

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Secure Thoughts of Y.U.

By: YOEL MOSKOWITZ

Sergeant Shust of the 34th precinct is a familiar sight by now to Yeshiva students. He runs the night shift that patrols the Yeshiva neighborhood. His arrival on the scene came after 4 shooting incidents that shook the Yeshiva community. The popular question around the university is, why weren't they here before? After all, we are a University. We are part of the community. Don't you think that a couple of visible patrolmen could have deterred a sniper? I take this question one step further, what kind of relationship does Y.U. have with local Authorities?

Washington Heights is considered a bad neighborhood. The fact is that the majority of the neighborhood is Hispanic, mostly new arrivals from their respective

countries. Most of them in the low income bracket. It is no secret that lower income neighborhoods have higher crime rates. Over the last 6-7 years, for example, Y.U. stepped up its security because of the many cases of muggings, harassment and Antisemitism in and around the Y.U. campus. Y.U., a white spot on a dark shaded area, had to supply its own security with little or no help from the local authorities. What happened here? Why wasn't Y.U. getting at least token protection? The only police to be seen, were the ever present Traffic violations officers.

The students, faculty and administration are confined to a small radius, in this neighborhood. It is simply unfair. Unfair, because we are the only academic institu-

tion in this neighborhood. Unfair, because we are supplying positively to the economy of this neighborhood. Unfair, because we supply jobs to people in this neighborhood. And unfair, mostly, because we are one of the factors that keeps this neighborhood somewhat balanced. We of all people, can be sensitive to the needs and feelings of the residents of this community. In many ways they can be paroled to immigrant Jews of the lower East Side, that arrived during the war years. That sensitivity can lead to a strong relationship between Yeshiva University and the local Authorities.

I propose the formulation of a committee, consisting of Ad-

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Max Stern Scholarship: An Innovative Program

By ELIAKIM KOENIGSBERG

After a long period of anticipation and preparation, the Max Stern Scholars Program, which was funded by a large donation from Mr. Leonard Stern, a longtime benefactor of Yeshiva University, has begun. As scholars, specially selected students from across the country will be exposed to a unique academic and cultural experience at Yeshiva University.

The unique scholastic feature of this year's program is the

theme of the program will be "Science and Human Values". The students will attend special seminars on ethical and legal questions generated by modern technology, including problems in health care and nuclear power, and advances in psychotherapeutic techniques.

In future years, the scholars will work on themes relating to other areas — the Arts and Art Criticism, Historical Understanding, the Jewish Confronta-



MAX STERN Scholars; standing (l-r) Mark Polster, Tzvi Hirshbaut, Simcha Hochman, Daniel Felt, Benjamin Jungreis, Gidon Rothstein, Jordan Mann, Eliahu Nelwood.

Seated (l-r) Eli Clarke, Dr. Michael Hecht — Associate Dean, Dr. Egon Brenner — Executive Vice-President, Dr. David Shatz — Mentor Max Stern Scholars, Solomon Schneider.

Freshman Honors Seminar in English Literature. "The seminar is an intensive literature-writing course divided into four parts: poetry, drama, short story and novel." Dr. Joan Haahr, chairman of the English Department at Yeshiva College and instructor of the seminar, stated in an interview with *The Commentator*. "The first semester is designed to help the students understand the language of different genres. The second semester will cover historical interpretation of literature," she said. Dr. Haahr stressed that "the focus of the course is on the discussion instead of simply on lectures," furthermore, "Because students have a fairly good background in literature, discussions can be on a high level."

The cultural aspect of the Scholars Program is being coordinated by Dr. David Shatz, Associate Professor of Philosophy and mentor of the scholars. "Each semester's activities will focus on a specific theme," Dr. Shatz said in a recent statement. In that way, the students will be given, in each term, meaningful and sustained exposure to some important facet of cultural and intellectual life." This term, he said, the scholars are pursuing the theme of "Varieties of Literary Experience" and the program includes a lecture by Elie Wiesel, which the students have already attended, a poetry reading, a play, a film, and a tour of Yeshiva University's rare Judaica collection, each of which is proceeded or followed by discussion. "I am working closely with Dr. Haahr and Dr. Silver, who are teaching the Freshman Seminar, in order to schedule activities that will tie in with the course and that may be as meaningful as possible," Dr. Shatz added. In the spring, the

tion with Modernity, Law and Society and Morality and the Marketplace. "The programs will strive for balance," Dr. Shatz clarified. "Some activities will be of primarily Jewish content, others will be secular and others will explicitly integrate both: some will involve our own faculty and resources; others, distinguished scholars from other institutions."

Though future courses for the scholars are still in the initial planning stages, the administration hopes to offer special social science and natural science courses to the scholars in the next two years, as well as in their senior year. To culminate the program, the scholars will either be offered a special course in Judaic Studies or a course which combines many different areas.

Said Dr. Michael Hecht, Associate Dean of Yeshiva College and chairman of the program's selection committee, "the purpose of the Scholars Program is twofold. We hope to attract first-rate students who could be accepted into any institution in the country and we hope that the presence of these outstanding students will have a spillover effect to the intellectual life of the University. These students who feel interested in learning truly reflect the Torah Umada principle that Yeshiva University stands for."

Over eight semesters, Stern Scholars will have been exposed to a wide variety of stimulating cultural and intellectual experiences. "I hope," Dr. Shatz concluded, "that the enrichment program will produce students who are well rounded, informed and sensitive to intellectual issues of general and Jewish concern."

To All Students:

It is to the advantage of all students to periodically list their activities on STUDENT ACTIVITY sheets, which can be obtained either in the Registrar's Office (F-105) or in Dr. Miller's office (T-106). They are helpful in preparing letters of recommendation and in distributing honors at graduation.

We strongly urge you to do so.

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Belfer Commons

In Defense of Students

By DANIEL FINK

The political events of the past few weeks are causing turmoil throughout the world. The American Government is plagued with problems of foreign policy and civil rights. The people of Europe are protesting against their governments regarding financial hardships and nuclear arms deployment. The brutal atrocities involving the murders of over two hundred and fifty marines and the devastating explosion of a bomb in an Israeli bus is causing much stress and anxiety in the Middle East. These events are causing the world to become volatile and present it with the dangers of becoming explosive and sustaining long term and uncontrollable repercussions.

At this time the students at Yeshiva are criticized for being apathetic. Students are often asked "How can you remain quiet and still, when the world is so tumultuous? Why don't you protest? Why don't you organize yourselves and demonstrate for a certain cause?" It is to these questions which I am presently addressing this column.

The questions posed are indeed valid and I will not try to defend the student position by providing an exhaustive list of possible excuses with which individual students may respond. I only request that I be allowed to relate a response from a single student's perspective.

December has finally arrived and although surrounded by a politically unstable world, the students at Yeshiva are quiet and complacent. The students walk around the campus with a relaxed disposition, acting as if they did not have a care in the world, for it is during this time that students are granted a short hiatus from the scholastic pressures which they encounter during a semester.

The hiatus separates the two most trying periods of the semester. The students have just completed a two week period during which time they sat for their mid-term examinations. These examinations were administered by both the secular and Judaic studies department of the university. The students had spent weeks studying for these exams during which time their eating and

sleeping schedules had been altered. They were placed under a tremendous amount of pressure, and it is understandable that upon the termination of mid-term examinations the students had spent some of their time relaxing and conducting their schoolwork in a less tense manner.

This restful period, however, preceives the most trying and taxing portion of the semester. They must prepare themselves to confront physical and psychological stresses which are present during the latter half of the semester. The students must prepare themselves for the battle of registration. Students must expect to deal with the most commonly experienced, — and most dreaded event — of courses whose apportioned times conflict. They must determine the best way to reconcile the conflicts or to rearrange their schedules to accomodate other requirements which must be fulfilled.

This registration process is tedious and annoying for the majority of the students. But for the graduating senior who hopes, that he will graduate in June the task is far more trying. The few requirements for which the senior must register (which invariably occurs) becomes an almost impossible task. For the senior in this predicament registration is only the beginning of his problem. He must now prepare to make countless trips between the registrar's office and the Office of the Dean to determine the various possibilities in dealing with the situation until a decision will finally be reached.

When the registration process is completed the students must immediately prepare themselves for the final examination period. Once again the students are subjected to long hours of studying in preparation for both Judaic, and secular final examinations. Once again the routine schedules by which the students spend their days becomes disrupted in preparing for the exams. These exams tend to be more difficult than the mid-term examinations because final exams have the tendency to be cumulative of the entire subject matter presented in the course of an entire semester.

Thus the hiatus which the students experience during the month of December, the attitude of relaxation and reduction of the stress imposed on them by their studies comes, as a most welcome time in the semester. It is a time when the students are able to collect and prepare themselves physically and emotionally for the trials and tribulations of the impending difficult half of the semester.

I do not mean to imply that the students should not become involved in expressing themselves in regard to political events which occur during this hiatus. On the contrary students must protest when a political event violates their belief or poses serious threats to Jewish existence. I only feel that people who heavily criticize students for not taking a major role in organizing or coordinating the protests will be more compassionate and try to understand what pressures the students are undergoing and how important this hiatus is for the students to allow them to relax and relieve the physical and psychological strains of the academic pressures which they must sustain.

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An IBC Chanukah

By EDWARD FINKELSTEIN
Dec. 7 — IBC students gathered today at Belfer Commons to celebrate the festival of Chanukah at a Chagigah organized by the IBC student council. Festivities began early with a *minyan* at 8:15 A.M. which was followed by breakfast, dancing and *Divre Torah*.

Rabbi Bernstein raised the existing high morale with his rendition of traditional Chanukah tunes on the harmonica. Rabbi Orlian reminisced about Chanukah past and the 'good old days' at Y.U. Rabbi Rabinowitz then gave a speech on Chanukah's place in Jewish history which ended with a rousing call on the IBC students to realize their responsibility to the American Jewish Community. Rabbi Gulevsky also spoke on a Chanukah theme.

The event was viewed as a success by all who attended.

WHAT'S NEWS?

Soviet Emigration Tightened

In the month of November, only 56 Soviet Jews were permitted to emigrate. According to the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, this is the lowest number in nearly 20 years. Since emigration peaked in 1979, the number of Soviet Jews granted exit visas has dropped from over 4,000 a month to an average of 100 a month in 1983. This month's emigration figure represents a decline of 99% from November 1979.

Herb Kronish, GNYCSJ Chairman, responded to the news, saying: "This shocking number reminds us that it is not only the 19 Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience who are held captive in the Soviet Union, but more than two million Soviet Jews who are being denied their freedom."

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry is the central coordinating agency for a coalition of 85 organizations and community groups in New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Rockland, and Bergen Counties, working for the freedom of Soviet Jews.

French Jews Combat Anti-Semitism

Paris, France, Dec. 1 — An educational project against prejudice and racism in Europe has been developed by the Anti-Defamation League European Foundation (ADLEF) and the European Coordination Bureau of International Youth Organizations (ECB).

The project, which will use ADL printed and audio-visual materials, was announced by Shimon Samuels, director of ADLEF, at a colloquium in Brussels, Belgium, involving representatives of religious, racial, and ethnic groups from 13 European countries. In addition to ECB, participating organizations in the colloquium included the Council of Europe and UNESCO.

According to Mr. Samuels, the ADL-ECB project will disseminate and display a variety of the League's materials — slides, films, records and multimedia presentations — throughout European communities at educational sessions set up by ECB's 22 constituent international youth groups which embrace such vocational, political and religious organizations as the European Trade Union Federation, Scouts, International Union of Socialist Youth and the YMCA.

The project, Mr. Samuels said, will culminate in 1985 with the United Nations International Youth Year.

ADLEF, headquartered in Paris, was founded in 1982 to combat anti-Semitism and all other forms of religious and racial prejudice in Western Europe.

Internship Opportunities

1) The Jewish Vista Corps has internships available in the following areas:

Social Work, Legal Advocacy, Media/arts, Public Administration. Yeshiva College students have previously participated. See Dean Hecht or Mrs. Goodstein, Guidance Furst 413 (ext. 480).

2) The Jewish Student Press Service (15 E. 26th St.) has internships available for writers and graphic artists. Application forms are available in Guidance. See Dean Hecht or Mrs. Goodstein Furst Hall, F413 (ext. 480).

3) Brookhaven National Laboratory Conducts a summer student program for Juniors and Seniors with extensive research in most areas of the natural sciences.

\$165 per week stipend available. See Dean Hecht or Mrs. Goodstein, Guidance.

4) Cardozo Law School needs volunteers jurors for its trial advocacy program on Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16. For further information contact Diana Weinstein (212) 790-0392 or Dean Hecht.

5) New York State awards Lehman Graduate Fellowships in Social Services, Public Affairs and International affairs. Up to \$19,000 total award for students who have not entered graduate school and will have received baccalaureate degree by September 1984. Deadline: March 9, 1984. Contact Dean Hecht or Mrs. Goodstein, Guidance.

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A Homecoming for Spilky



This month's Rosh Chodesh celebration at the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy — Yeshiva University High School for Boys was highlighted by the long awaited return of Don Spilky, the 17 year old student who was injured in the September 17th shooting on the Cross-Bronx Expressway. Mr. Spilky, a senior, was accompanied to the party by his parents, and were greeted by hundreds of students in song and dance. Dr. Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, welcomed back Mr. Spilky, and is shown here joining in the festivities.

Chanukah Dinner

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Board of Trustees, served as Convocation chairman.

Warnings of Anti-Semitism

In her Convocation address, Mrs. Kirkpatrick warned that anti-Semitism is still supported by governments in the world.

"I have now spent three years at the United Nations," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said, "and I am not unfamiliar with the campaign against Israel among non-aligned nations. This campaign takes the guise of anti-Zionism, but certainly includes anti-Semitism. Anti-Zionism has become a euphemism for anti-Semitism in what is called up in Turtle Bay 'the community of nations.'"

The anti-Israel campaign in the United Nations, the Ambassador added, "is but a piece of the campaign that takes place outside the U.N."

She noted that more than 100 nations in the non-aligned group have drafted resolutions calling for the "liberation of the Palestinian people and their homeland." Those non-aligned nations also have called for a boycott of Israel in diplomatic, economic, military, and cultural fields, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said.

Both the U.S. and Israel have many problems in the United Nations, the Ambassador said, but in both nations, "our greatest strength is our freedom."

She also said that the friendship between Israel and the United States — recently affirmed by U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz — was "surely a cause for celebration."

New York "Second Home"

In his speech at the Dinner, Mr. Arens noted that he once lived in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, not far from the Main Center of Yeshiva University.

"It was from there that I made aliya to Israel in 1948," he said. "New York City has remained to

this day my second home."

Of his first home in Israel, Mr. Arens said, "We like to pride ourselves on Israel's achievements. We want to believe that Israel is secure and therefore we sometimes belittle the difficulties facing us."

He noted that Israel's borders were surrounded by "totalitarian states — most hostile to us, many at war with us."

"We are surrounded by societies with long traditions of fanaticism, brutality, and intolerance," he said. "We are prepared and strong and able to defend ourselves. In these travails Israel needs support — moral, political, economic — and we are receiving such support from the American Jewish community on a scale without precedent."

Mr. Arens said that, more than anything else, Israel needs people, and he urged American Jews to move to Israel.

'Earning The Right' to Mashiach

By ELAN ADLER

Apparently I was not the first person to ask the Rav what it means to anticipate the Mashiach, evidenced by the ease and preparedness of his response. "When the Talmud asks, 'Did you await salvation?' the Rav said, 'the Heavenly messengers are asking, 'Did you suffer with Dignity?'"

As with most of the words and phrases of this fluent and consummate speaker, these were said with charm and caused extensive imagery. I tried to rephrase the question in my own mind. Did you suffer with dignity — when your world was collapsing before your very eyes, did you trust that help will come? When you were the target of the worst family and personal plagues that life can dish out, was your response one of Ani Maamin, or rather, one of rejection of the Judge together with His judgement. In short, did you give up or look up?

Two faces came to mind. I frankly don't know the name of either, nor could I mention any features of their physique. Only their silhouette remains, as a shadow that will not pass but rather insistently stays and enjoys a life of its own way beyond its allotted time. Each face, even in its haze, is distinct.

The first is one of a thirteen year old salze in Bnei Brak. On an off-Shabbat during a four week tour of Israel two summers ago, I went to spend Shabbat with my grandmother on Rechov Rabi Akivah in Bnei Brak. The basement of the apartment building housed a minyan of at least 150 strong. As we began singing Lecha Dodi, one shrilly but melodious

voice rose above the rest. His bar-mitzvah voice remained strong throughout, with a particularly loud kvetch at "Boee Kala, Boee Kala." He must have been thinking of something very happy; I was standing no where near him, yet his voice clearly overpowered the others. Blue shorts, white shirt, sandals — a proud young Israeli welcoming the Shabbat HaMalka home after her week-long travail in exile. And then, it came time for the Kaddish of the Orphans, and there was one voice, alone, saying the praises of G-d even while feeling the anguish of loss. So young and so frum, he said the Kaddish. "Did you suffer with dignity?" the heavenly clerk will bellow. The heavenly court will respond before the little boy can answer, and their thunderous applause for this "metzapeh liyeshua" will be drowned out only by the ovation of his proud father for whom the Kaddish was recited. The heavenly judges eagerly make way for those who look up and not give up.

The other face is one seen in Far Rockaway at a well-known synagogue of a certain color, though it is no longer that color Shabbat morning, the Chazzan is ready to begin repeating the Musaf Amidah, and many remain standing. All rise as the Kedushah is recited, and nearly all are seated at its conclusion. As the repetition continues, more and more sit down, revealing one individual in the Kahal that becomes more and more conspicuous as time goes by. He is still davening! Who is this man, anyway? Is he out for an award for longest davening? Is he repeating Kol Nidre to himself? Is

he even praying or just mumbling and showing off? Why was he taking so long?

I was becoming bothered by this display of showiness, and asked someone next to me to identify that ostentatious Jew. "That," he said, "is a doctor." Big deal; doctors don't have a monopoly on G-d's time, and this shukling and moving like a storm made me sick. "He is a director of research at Memorial Sloane Kettering Center." All right, we all need help from G-d, but does this doctor need so much more help than others that he is still swaying while we sing the Aleynu? "Look in his hand." On top of the siddur was a piece of paper, containing 25 names. "What is it?" I asked. The paper had the names of his patients from the Center. Each patient on the list was terminally ill. Each had gone to him Friday morning, and asked him to include them in his prayers. Each is a life, he figured, and each deserved his own prayer to the Rofeh Cholim. And so, even while his patients were suffering with dignity, he took an extra twenty minutes to dignify their suffering. And as long as these patients were willing to face their chaotic demise with G-d on their lips, as long as they were willing to look up instead of give up, he would stand and recite prayers for them. For hours, if he had to. He couldn't abandon them, no matter what he looked like during Musaf.

These people have, amongst select others, taught me a lesson about life and living. These people have earned the right, indeed the privilege to sing "We want Mashiach now." They deserve it.

Holocaust Lecture

By BRUCE MOSENKIS

Dec. 6 — The Y.C.S.C. annual Holocaust lecture was given by Dr. Erich Goldhagen, professor of history at Harvard University. The topic of the lecture was "A Historical Background on Jewish Armed resistance in the Holocaust."

The lecture consisted of two parts. The first gave a history of the Jewish attitude towards war and violence. Goldhagen stated that the Jews were at first the most fierce and competent warriors. And from the time of David to the Jewish zealots, at the time of the Romans, the world feared the Jews. He continued, that only during the diaspora did the Jews gain their cowardly image. After a few cute Yiddish sayings exemplifying this image, Goldhagen explained that this meek Jew was not the one that walked into the gas chambers. He continued that the Jews, at the end of the 19th century, stopped being proud of never fighting and became shameful of their timid image. This shame brought about a metamorphosis that changed the Jewish people into the courageous nation that they had once been. He stated that the courage that the world admires in Israel's pilots today, was already present in the Jewish people at the time of the holocaust.

In the second half of the lecture, technical reasons for why the Jews couldn't have revolted were given. He ended off by emphasising, the question to be asked is not why didn't the Jews fight back but, how, even after this metamorphosis, could they have fought as well as they did.

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Interview with President Lamm

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this semester and I hear far less complaints than in the past. In general, this could be the finest opening of a year that we've had so far at Yeshiva University.

M.L.: Do you ever plan to make Danciger Campus a feasible playing field by installing grass and removing bricks to thus provide a desperately needed outdoor playground?

Dr. Lamm: It depends really on the architect. We haven't reached that point yet but it is certainly something that we're going to consider. I'd do it for aesthetic reasons — I'd like to see more green, but the architect is fully aware of that and I know he will lead us in the right direction.

M.L.: Why hasn't the University moved to secure a parking facility for Yeshiva College students? Also, why do faculty members pay for parking facilities?

Dr. Lamm: Where? Not Everything is available.

M.L.: I was informed by Dr. Socol last year that the University tried to arrange a deal with a parking facility on 181st St. and it fell through.

Dr. Lamm: So you see we are trying. So students can be upset but I can't create the world 'abintzo' I can't recreate the entire universe. Yes, it's an important problem. Faculty has to pay for parking because that's what schools do, especially schools that are strapped for funds. Most people who go to work elsewhere pay, I don't see any problem here.

M.L.: What is the current status of the area vacated by Wurzel and Ferkauf Graduate schools at Brookdale Hall, 55 5th Ave.?

Dr. Lamm: It is under very active consideration either for sale or rent. We are currently being advised by a committee of the biggest and most important real estate and developing people in the city.

M.L.: Is there any reason why after more than a year the status of the area is still uncertain?

Dr. Lamm: Yes, because the terms of the potential buyers were not satisfactory for us and not satisfactory for the law school that remains there. Besides, we have been advised by the people in the committee that we'd be better off biding our time and I trust them more than people who are less expert.

M.L.: Realistically, when will construction on the Max Stern Athletic Center actually begin?

Dr. Lamm: It probably will take about 15 months after the beginning of construction and the beginning of construction on the other hand will largely depend upon the weather.

M.L.: Is there a reason for that?

Dr. Lamm: Well sure, because when it snows you can't dig a foundation. You must understand that these are problems of contractors not problems of a University. As far as the administration is concerned, we're ready to start tomorrow morning.

M.L.: So has the contractor established a date?

Dr. Lamm: I suppose we'll know in about 3-4 weeks exactly what the date will be for construction.

M.L.: Do you think construction will start this year?

Dr. Lamm: If it doesn't start this calendar year it will start very shortly thereafter, but it may yet start this calendar year.

M.L.: If construction for the Max Stern Athletic Center begins, where will graduation be held? Also, what is the possibility of having a 185th St. graduation.

Dr. Lamm: I think we've already made plans for a graduation downtown at a theatre.

M.L.: Which theatre?

Dr. Lamm: I think Radio City Music Hall; check it with Dr. Miller.

M.L.: Don't you think the students should have input on who is invited to speak at graduation?

Dr. Lamm: We constantly act as if the graduation was the same graduation which I had when I got my Bachelor's Degree. It's not so. This is a University graduation it's not just a college graduation.

M.L.: So let all the graduates from all the schools meet, let them appoint officials who will then consult and decide on a speaker who all the respective schools will agree to.

Dr. Lamm: Perhaps. I'll take it into consideration although I must tell you it's not the highest item on my agenda.

M.L.: Of all the schools at Yeshiva University which one do you feel is the most important? Which school takes first precedence in your eyes?

Dr. Lamm: Above all else, we are a school of Torah and a school especially of Torah and Madah and therefore, if you're looking for the core of the University, where the principal emphasis must lie, it is in the undergraduate schools which combine Torah and Madah. That is the core and then you go out in concentric circles outward. Therefore, schools like RIETS, YP, IBC, JSS, Yeshiva College, Stern College... these are at the very center of our concern.

M.L.: In light of the fact that most of the buildings on the Main Campus have needed reconstruction in recent years, for example, Science Hall, Pollack Library, Furst Hall, Morgenstern Dormitory, and the dome of Tannenbaum Hall, is there something wrong with Yeshiva's contractor or construction company?

Dr. Lamm: You know, the problem with Yeshiva students is that they live in their own private little universe and sometimes do not realize that there's a big world out there and that we're not unique.

The question of deferred maintenance is a headache for every single university president in this country. Our problems with regard to construction, our financial problems which cause deferred maintenance are part and parcel of the malaise of every university in this country, and I'm sorry to inform yeshiva students of their lack of uniqueness in this respect.

M.L.: In view of recent student complaints about the academic advisement program — in particular those relating to pre-health guidance — are there any changes in store for us in the future?

Dr. Lamm: You know we suffer from a degree of panic and hysteria and pre-meds are probably the most hysterical of them all. If they don't get the first interview at a school they see tragedy and disaster just around the corner. It's not so. Let me tell you something, your best chances are if you're the last person interviewed and certainly your worst chances are if you're the first one interviewed. If only our students would be a little less alarmist, a little bit more self-confident, I think they would be much happier. No, I don't see where there's been any derelection of duty whatsoever.

M.L.: Do you feel that you miss the academic involvement you had before 1976, when you became President of Yeshiva University?

Dr. Lamm: I most certainly do. When I came into the Presidency I was in the middle of writing three books. Unfortunately, I have not progressed too much but I have published some articles,

meanwhile, and I am proceeding right now to translate into English my *Torah Lishma* and updating it. I am involved in the very slow and painful process of finishing the book on the Religious Philosophy of Hasidism, in English, and I'm publishing several Halachic articles as well. But I very, very clearly miss the atmosphere of the classroom and for me it is personally an act of sacrifice to be an enabler of others to teach when I can't do it myself. I don't know how, but high on my agenda is some way of getting back into the classroom, at least for some time.

M.L.: How do you evaluate our study programs in Israel?

Dr. Lamm: We have about 300 students a year that go to Israel. It's a major cost for us; nevertheless, it's a remarkably good investment because students return far more inspired than they would be otherwise.

Of course, some institutions are better than others. I would prefer that the Yeshivot which especially our men students attend were a bit more serious about courses other than Talmud because I feel that's an area where the schools must be more helpful. I'm not referring to BMT which does do a creditable job; unfortunately, the others try but not hard enough. If I were to give a by and large assessment, though, I would say that I'm very pleased with the Israeli experience.

M.L.: Do you feel that you are personally in touch with Yeshiva or Stern College students and aware of their needs?

Dr. Lamm: In a situation of this sort I would very much want to be in more contact with students as you know, my door's open to students, not only to student representatives but to students, but they have to go through the process of seeing others first; that's why we hired them. Otherwise, I would have to do the entire job myself and that would be impossible. I suppose every president at every university faces the same problem, but I think I probably have more contact with students than most presidents do.

Last year, I appointed for the first time a Director of Student Activities... I am present usually at Dramatic Society offerings when it is possible for me to do so... I meet with the student leadership... I

New Course Offered At Y.C.

By MICHAEL FELSEN

A new course has been instituted for the first time at the undergraduate level at Y.U. The course is Arabic, which traditionally had been available to graduate students at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Due to the increased enrollment of Sephardic students at Y.U. and a greater interest in Israel and Israeli affairs, the demand for Arabic has increased in the past several years. The students have found, however, that the Arabic course offered at Bernard Revel G.S. had been quite difficult. Auspiciously, the professor of Arabic at B.R.G.S. has taken his sabbatical this year while the Maybaum Foundation has concurrently been advocating the institution of Arabic at the undergraduate level. The Maybaum Foundation, which grants scholarships to many of the Sephardic students attending Y.U., would like to see a burgeon of Sephardic rabbis capable of serving the Sephardic Community world-wide. In order to fulfill this demand, an undergraduate course in Arabic is necessary.

Besides being another means by which a student may fulfill his language requirement, the Arabic course also has social ramifications. Arabic will most certainly be helpful to those students interested in making aliyah. As well, these studying Israeli political, social and domestic issues would benefit from the new course. Students also cited that they wanted to read the many Judaic works, such as all of Maimonides' works (except for the Mishna Torah) and the works of

Rav Saadia Gaon, in their original context. One Sephardic student pointed out that classical Arabic is the uniting factor for all the different Arabic dialects. "By learning classical Arabic", he said, he will now be able "to read a Lebanese newspaper; listen to Arabic political speeches; and understand broadcasts on Syrian radio. Other students, chose to take Arabic, because it was something different and 'exotic'."

Professor Toledans, the new Arabic instructor, is undoubtedly qualified and has been well received by all of the students interviewed. Born in Meknes, Morocco he received his Ph.D. in Arabic, Hebrew and Islamic from Columbia University in 1965. He has also received smicha from Yeshivat Chachme Lublin in Detroit. Dr. Toledans has taught previously at the University of Pennsylvania, U. of Minnesota, City College of N.Y., Hofstra U. (present) and Columbia U. (summer).

Arabic first year as well as Arabic 2nd year, will be offered at the undergraduate level next year. In accordance with the new policy adopted last year, there will be no minimum number of registered students for the course to be given.

To those students who have complained about the language laboratory facilities and the lack of access to tapes, the Dean has indicated that he will see to it there will be tapes available in the library and that he has approved all funds necessary to refurbish the language lab.

qualified to judge whether for the good or the bad.

M.L.: Thank you for a most interesting interview.

Dr. Lamm: You're very welcome, Mark.

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The Y.U. track team, fondly known as the Smurfs, captured second place in the Metropolitan Athletic Conference (MAC) Junior Cross-Country Championships.

Five members from Yeshiva's cross-country team entered the competition. The meet was held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Meadowlands Racetrack in front of 15,000 fans. Runners from all over the country came to the MAC tournament for a variety of reasons. Many of the runners hoped to qualify for the 1984 olympic games.

Under bright and sunny skies, Yeshiva runners prepared for their race. The course was 5 miles in length, including a variety of obstacles, ranging from 20 ft. ramps to 3 ft. hurdles made of hay. Dr. Vince Chiappeta, the team's coach and secretary of the road runner's club, has helped them throughout the year. His many pointers greatly aided the team's success this year.

Steve Katz finished first for Yeshiva by outrunning Ian Dallow of the Central Park Track Team. After running 4½ grueling miles, Katz passed Dallow at the last hurdle and raced on to victory.

Captain Howie Sonnenblick finished second for Yeshiva by outracing Mike Bauer also of the Central Park Track Team. With 50 yards of straight away remaining, Sonnenblick sprinted past Bauer to insure the team's victory.

Special congratulations go to Ian Landow, Eric Herschmann, and Mark Stock for completing a brilliant race.

Yeshiva College Students Lobby In Washington

By ELIEZAR HAMMER

Nov. 14 — A group from Queens College and Yeshiva University traveled to Washington today for a lobby trip in conjunction with the Israeli Political Action Committee. It was headed by Evan Young of Queens College, and Steven Cohen and David Warman of Y.U. The group met with Congressmen, aides and senators from all over the United States ranging from New York to Oregon. The issues that were discussed included the Jordanian Task Force, (set up secretly in 1977), oil reserve buildups in the U.S., (as a buffer against any O.P.E.C. oil embargo), Secretary of Defense, Caspar Weinberger's secret arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the importance of Israel's presence in the middle east.

The first person to greet the group was New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato's aid who reaffirmed the senator's known support for Israel. Surprisingly, his focal point was that young people should provide aid to Jews in the Soviet Union. Afterwards, the students were split into groups of four or five and later met with more members of congress.

Most of the congressmen from New York were sympathetic toward Israel and its goals. They expressed that Congress was only now beginning to view Israel as America's only true friend in the Middle East. An aide to Senator Charles Percy (from Illinois), however gave no direct answers when confronted with past and present issues in which Mr. Percy had voted against Israel. He constantly went off on tangents and evaded issues. The students present also noticed that doubts were raised in the aide's mind by confronting him directly.

The majority, of students, felt that much was accomplished and that the trip had large impact. One example was when Senator Bob Packwood's aide (senator from

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Come back again. Maybe next issue something will excite me.

Gary Weiss
IBC Senior

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that the president of the so called state of Israel will address the assembly" he began, and he continued to verbally attack the Jewish state in a manner which struck an emotional chord in those of us seated in the gallery. It was as if we had not anticipated that such words would be spoken from the 'distinguished delegate' standing on the floor of the assembly, and yet those words had been spoken.

There we were, seated above a world body, in which any delegate had a license to stand up and villify the Jewish state — to express his revulsion for the Jewish people, as the world's other representatives sat quietly and peacefully, listening to the words of their colleague. The Iraqi had spoke freely, and without interruption.

In response to the protest of the Iraqi government, President Illueca explained that Israel was a country recognized by the United Nations, and despite objection, the address by the Israeli president would proceed as planned. Before Israeli President Chaim Herzog had a chance to enter the chambers, however, approximately thirty-five delegates, (more than half of those

present), rose from their seats and left the room — without shame, without an ounce of guilt, proclaiming their rejection of the right of the Jewish people to a state of their own.

As Mr. Herzog entered moments later, an emotionally changed gallery greeted the Israeli president with a standing ovation, a salute which many of us wished, could continue for hours. With the completion of the President's speech and our departure from the world body, many thoughts came to mind.

I could not help but realize the tremendous difference there was between reading about events that take place out the U.N., and actually watching those events transpire. It made me wonder whether we actually appreciate the degree of hatred, countries of the world exhibit towards the Jewish Nation, and sense how frightening a phenomenon it is. There was one thing, however, of which I was certain. The woman who wrote that letter to the Jewish weekly was no fool.

Meyer Muschel, a senior at YC is president of the Israel Affairs Committee.

Secure Thoughts of Y.U.

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ministration faculty and student representations, to meet with local Authorities and have a dialogue on the needs of Yeshiva University. To be discussed would be:

- 1- The changing of the schedule for Alternate Side of the street parking. (Let's see if we can get the Sanitation Dept. to change their schedule for US. We're worth it! Besides, we keep this place cleaner then any other spot in the neighborhood). Students, especially from Wurtzwiler, should spend more time in class, not on the road.
- 2- Keeping up the police protection, even after the shooting incidents die down. After all, you can always see policemen at Columbia and City college. Why not here?
- 3- Closing the streets for special occasions. i.e. graduation, the visit of the Israeli President and other dignitaries.
- 4- Appointing students and

faculty representatives to community committees and associations.

- 5- Keeping an open dialogue between local authorities and Yeshiva University.

In turn Y.U. should:

- 1- offer the use of its facilities for community functions.
- 2- offer family counseling programs via Wurtzwiler, in conjunction with local, state and federal agencies.
- 3- commit itself to local unions for labor and other jobs.
- 4- commit itself to local business for the purchases of such basic things as, office supplies, hardware, landscaping, school supplies, etc.

If such a dialogue took place the worst that would happen would be negative answers to all our proposals. Yet, if just one proposal goes through, we will have gained. Think about it.

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The Linus Factor

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snare. One must seriously question which is more rewarding, an upper East Side apartment or a house with a white picket fence — or indeed, if reward can be evaluated materialistically? Who is happier — he or she that pours over legal documents twenty hours a day on Wall Street or the one who works an eight or twelve hour day and can then come home with enough energy to enjoy a spouse and/or children. Of course, these are all generalizations, but as in most generalizations, they contain an element of truth upon which they are usually based.

Professions are wonderful and certainly ought to be looked forward to, but they should not become the focal points in our lives. Would it not be better to go home from work — as little Linus Van Pelt goes home from school — and pay attention to our surroundings — to the little squabbles, disappointments or triumphs — and enjoy them in the deeper sense of the word "enjoy"? Perhaps we all need to listen to that little boy or girl within ourselves — that little person we call "conscience" — and let his or her voice be a factor in our lives. The Linus factor.

Jay Auslander is a Junior in Y.C. and IBC.

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Junior A Team In First Place In Basketball Intramurals

By MARK LEFKOVITZ

As the second half of the Yeshiva Intramural Basketball League began this week, three teams found themselves tied for first place. The surprising Freshmen, led by the dominating center, Barry Borgen; Junior A, led by the awesome backcourt connection of Beryl Thomas and Jack Doueck; and Junior B, led by fine teamwork and the high scoring of the point guard, Eli Weber. This three way tie for first place set the stage for some tightly fought contests.

In the Junior A-Senior game, Junior A were plagued by a streak of ice-cold shooting, and thus were unable to establish any type of potent offensive threat. Meanwhile, the winless last-place Seniors finally displayed some quality basketball both offensively and defensively. They pulled ahead in the first half due to the inside scoring of center Jeff Schwartz (17 pts.) and the fadeaway floaters of Baruch Weinstein (13 pts.). The Junior A scoring of forwards Gregg Levine (12 pts.) and Moshe Mehlman (12 pts.) was unable to outdo the Seniors who emerged victorious 50-41.

The Freshmen then flaunted their superiority over the Sophomores by cruising to a 56-43 victory. The inside game of Barry Borgen (24 pts.) and Jacob Guedalia (12 pts.) proved to be too much for the Sophomore squad to handle. For the Sophomores the outside shots of Jeff Kuritsky (12 pts.) and Moshe Lichtman (10 pts.) and the baseline moves of Jody Bardash (11 pts.) kept the game within reach.

In the next game the Seniors continued their winning ways, evoking memories of last year's championship team. They quickly jumped out to an early lead which they never relinquished, romping over the Freshmen 57-40. The Seniors were paced by Baruch Weinstein (21 pts.) who proved true to his pre-game predictions as his polished offensive production propelled his team to a palatable victory. The Freshmen, led by the fine guard Billy Abrahams (23

pts.), could not compete with the newly reborn Senior squad who won their second straight game thus staying in contention for a playoff spot.

In the ensuing closely fought Junior A - Junior B game, the Junior B squad won their fourth game in a row, 48-41, and assumed sole possession of first place. Junior B scoring was led by the spinning drives of the point guard Eli Weber (23 pts.) and the swingman David Schwarcz (12 pts.), who went glass several times to seal the victory. Once again, Junior A were led by the skilled backcourt play of Jack Doueck (17 pts.) and Beryl Thomas (14 pts.). The game was marred by repeated outbursts from players, and according to Alan Wildes, Commissioner, further outbursts will not be tolerated in the future.



The MACS will play New York University this coming week at Madison Square Garden

Intramural Basketball Standings as of Dec.11		
Team	W	L
Junior B	4	1
Freshmen	4	2
Junior A	3	3
Seniors	2	4
Sophomores	1	4

Taubermen Open Season With Losses To Alumni and Vassar; But Comeback To Defeat St. Peters

By KEITH O. RHINE

The 1983-84 edition of the Taubermen started their season this past week with three matches. In the first match against a veteran alumni team, the Taubermen fought hard but lost in a close match 14-13. The team was led by the Foil squad which defeated the alumni 7-2. The Foil team achieved its victory through strong efforts by Captain David Mond (3-0), Marc Bessler (2 wins), and Noah Katz (2-0). A very strong Sabre team fenced for the alumni and this year's team barely escaped with a 5-4 win. They were led by Stuart Berger (3-0), and Danny Zanger (2 wins) to maintain their

winning tradition. This year's young Epee team had a tough time, losing to the alumni 8-1.

The Taubermen would like to thank all the alumni who came down to participate in this year's alumni match. (The first regular season match was against a tough Vassar team. The Taubermen fought hard but in the end lost 16-11 in a very close match. Once again the Sabre team had a strong showing, winning 6-3 behind the fencing of Danny Zanger (3-0), Bill Berlin (2-0), and Stue Berger (1 win). In this match the Foil team (3-6) joined the Epee team (2-7) in

The game had just ended and Chico Resch, the veteran goalie of the New Jersey Devils came stomping down the walkway into the lockerroom. "It's like we've just won the Stanley Cup," cheered Resch. The reason for the celebration? The Devils had just beaten a strong Chicago Black Hawk team 5-3 for their second win of the season in fourteen tries.

You see there's not much to jump, shout and knock yourself out about at the Meadowlands. "It seems nothing goes easy for this team. The fans deserve better. But the organization really appreciates the support they've given us" says

Soccer Macs Defeated By Hunter

By RUSSELL ADLER

It took two years, three games and about 35 minutes but Yeshiva finally scored a goal in the first half. It took another 35 minutes, though, for Yeshiva to lose their fourth straight, 5-1, to Hunter at Downing Stadium. Nevertheless, there were numerous bright spots in what was probably Yeshiva's best outing of the season. At halftime, the teams were knotted at one, the first time this season the MACS weren't trailing at the midpoint. After Hunter scored first, Yeshiva came right back when Hamid Mizrachi rifled in a shot from 25 yards away on a free kick to tie the score. Although Yeshiva played a fine first half, they still would have found themselves on the tail end of the score at the half, if not for the sparkling performance of Eli Krakauer in goal. Krakauer faced many tough shots throughout the match, but more often than not, he was equal to the challenge.

The team tired in the second half, and therefore allowed Hunter to score four unanswered goals. Joey Abishur, a freshman from Iran turned in a fine performance at midfield and and the team, as a whole, played well. It's just a shame that a game is more than 45 minutes long.

a disappointing outing. There were some bright spots, however, in an otherwise dismal match for the Foil and Epee teams, respectively. The Foil team was led by Marc Bessler (2 wins) and Captain David Mond (1 win). Meanwhile, the only bright spot for the Epee team was Yaacov Brafman, with the only two wins for the squad.

In the next match Yeshiva totally outclassed St. Peters 21-6. This time the Epee team swept their nine bouts led by Jeff Kern (3-0), Howie Friedman (3-0), and Yaacov Brafman (3-0), with another strong performance. The Sabre team soundly defeated a good St. Peters squad 6-3. The seniors Danny Zanger (2-0), myself (2-0), and Stue Berger (1 win), with the aid of a newcomer David Pinhas, who won the first bout of his career, enabled the Sabre team to keep up its winning ways. The Foil team had a tough time but pulled out a 6-3 victory. They were led by Captain David Mond, Marc Bessler, and Noah Katz who each had two wins.

New Jersey Devils: Looking Forward To Bright Future

By ROBERT KATZ with JEFF BODOFF

Coach Billy Macmillan. Macmillan hit the nail right on the head. Despite the sometimes dreadful display of missed shots, missed passes and missed assignments, the fans really appreciate their Devils, and New Jersey, being the class operation that they are try their darndest to appease the fans.

The history of this hockey team is a very bleak one. Born as the Kansas City Scouts in 1975, the franchise moved after just a few years to 'become the infamous Colorado Rockies. Fan support was so poor out west that the Rockies packed their bags for Jersey in 1982 — so you can understand how this little boy so desperately wants to be welcomed into his new city. Despite their nineteen wins, sixty-three losses and fourteen ties since coming to the Garden State, the Devils feel they have found a home. Chico says: "After those years in Colorado, you have no idea how good it feels to be playing in front of fans who you know are always pulling for you through thick and thin." Although the Devils draw a respectable 9-10,000 per game, it's a low figure compared to the other local hockey teams — the Islanders and the Rangers. The obvious reason for the turnout is the Devils' poor play. Coach MacMillan, whose younger brother Bobby plays for the Devils, claims that "We've got to play with more emotion than other teams, and we need that second and third effort we've been lacking due to tentativeness." The Devils are a very tentative team to say the least. There are times when they seem afraid to touch the rubber disc — and that's all part of their growing pains — one of many growing pains. MacMillan, continuing his point on the Devils' tentativeness noted that whenever the Devils are losing, "You can almost feel a psychological drop on our bench. As hard as you try you do lose your composure, especially on a team like this." Chico added to the growing pains — "I attended the Nets-Sixers basketball game the

other night, and spoke with the Doctor, Julius Erving, after the game. He told me something that helped him, and that's not to be too tight for a game. You can't play too tight or too loose, and we've been much too tight." And finally, Resch contributes one more: "You've got to learn that there's something about coming to play the actual games which is different than talent you've got on paper or how you perform in practices."

We've now established that the Devils have missed assignments, shots and passes, are tentative, lose their composure, are too tight and have a lot to learn about getting ready for a game. Sounds like a team in a bind, now doesn't it? Well, they are. In a league where 16 of 21 teams make the playoffs at year's end, the Devils failed last year, and prophecy will fail this year, as well. They'd be lucky to draw 3,000 a game in Colorado the way they're playing, so they do owe alot to the metro hockey fans. What the Devils lack in hockey, they make up in good will, for whatever that's worth. The Meadowlands Arena is a remarkably clean and well kept facility. Ticket prices are reasonable and any seat gives you and an exceptional view of the ice. Promotional nights are plentiful, and the arena staff is downright nice. The Meadowlands arena gives you that home feeling — so the viewing conditions and atmosphere for the game are prefect, if only....

If only the Devils were better. They hustle, they try, yet thats not what counts in the standings. As coach Billy MacMillan said — "The fans deserve better" — well, the Devils themselves deserve better.

Growing pains can give anyone a Devil of a time, especially these guys.

Editor's Note: This article was written on November 6th, prior to the dismissal of Coach Tom Macmillan. Tom Mc'vie is presently the new coach of the Devils.

Macs Basketball Schedule

Mon.	Dec. 19	NYU	Away	8:00 p.m.
Thu.	Dec. 21	John Jay	Home	8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Dec. 27	Hunter Tournament	Away	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 28		"	8:00 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 4	Polytechnic	Away	8:00 p.m.
Mon	Feb. 6	St. Josephs	Away	8:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 8	NJIT	Home	8:00 p.m.
+Sat.	Feb. 11	Vassar	Home	8:30 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 13	NY Maritime	Home	8:00p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 15	Mt. St. Vincent	Away	8:00p.m.
Mon.	Feb 20	Stevens Tech	Away	8:30 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 22	Polytechnic	Home	8:00 p.m.

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Mon.	Feb. 13	Drew	Home	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	Feb. 20	Maritime	Away	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 22	Stevens Tech	Home	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 29	Brooklyn	Away	7:30 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 5	Hunter	Away	7:30 p.m.