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Commencement Exercises to be Held at Radio City Music Hall

By DAVID SCHWARCZ

The Yeshiva University commencement exercises scheduled for Monday June 4, 1984 will be conducted in Radio City Music Hall instead of on Yeshiva College's Danciger campus due to the planned construction of the Max Stern Athletic Center on that site.

More Tickets Available

According to Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President, the graduates will benefit by this change because they will now be provided with a spacious auditorium (6,000 seats) which will make more tickets available for their guests. Moreover, Radio City boasts of a hall with fine acoustics and also provides readily accessible parking for all the guests. Rabbi Miller was also quick to indicate that we will forego the reception which traditionally follows the graduation ceremony because the facility does not provide for an adequate reception area. As well, June 4, is *Erev Shavuoth* and many people may not have sufficient time to come and attend an uptown ceremony. On a sentimental note, Rabbi Miller expressed regret that the students will not graduate from the comfortable surroundings of their home campus where they spent many memorable years.

No Guest Speaker

As of yet, this year's guest speaker at graduation has not been chosen. The Selection Committee has reviewed the list of recipients of honorary degrees and will shortly submit its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. When asked if the students should be included in the selection process, Rabbi Miller explained, "We have thought about it but it would lead to various complications." Rabbi Miller

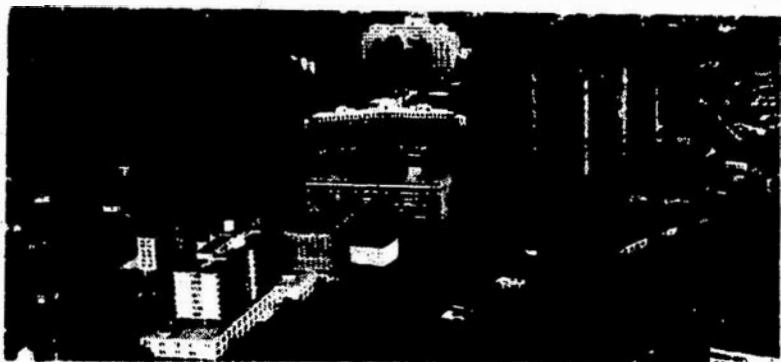
further explained that the administration would gladly accept any suggestions offered by the students, but to be fair to the graduate students who are also part of the graduation, undergraduates cannot be permitted to make the final selection. Furthermore, if the administration were to submit the names of possible candidates for the general student body (including the graduate students) to vote on, the honorary degree candidates who were rejected might be insulted. Currently, no official deadline for the naming of a guest speaker has been designated but Rabbi Miller indicated that invitations will be sent out approximately two months before graduation.

The Yeshiva Administration was opposed to closing off Amsterdam Avenue and conducting the graduation ceremonies on one hundred and eighty first street because of the unattractive "ambiance" of the neighborhood coupled with the usual disturbances from the surroundings. "Unlike N.Y.U.," Rabbi Miller suggested, "Yeshiva is not blessed with a Washington Square park to host an outdoor graduation."

Early Graduation

Radio City Music Hall was not the primary choice for this year's graduation. Originally, the Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center was the administration's top choice but unfortunately the hall was unavailable on June 4. The selection of Radio City Music Hall also posed a minor problem for the committee. Because of performance scheduling, the graduation ceremonies which are customarily held at ten a.m. will begin earlier at nine o'clock a.m. and must conclude promptly at twelve p.m.

Yeshiva and Stern Colleges Initiate Summer Research Program with AECOM



Students in the research program will find themselves working at the Einstein campus this summer.

By STEVEN FRIED

Yeshiva University has established a new summer research program for the undergraduate colleges in conjunction with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, it was announced by Dean Norman Rosenfeld, Yeshiva College, and by Dean Karen Bacon, Stern College for Women. In an interview with the *Commentator*, Dean Rosenfeld released details of the program, to begin this summer, which would award three credits and \$1000 to outstanding, qualified juniors and "exceptional" sophomores who are interested in bio-medical research.

Eligibility Requirements

According to the dean, eligibility

requirements include a high grade-point average, in addition to several faculty recommendations. Applicants will be screened by a selection committee consisting of Dr. Moses Tendler, chairman of the Biology department at Yeshiva College; Dr. Fred Goodman, chairman of the Biology department at the Stern College for Women; and Dr. Lea Blau, associate professor of Chemistry at Stern. According to the dean, the selection committee is due to meet this week to discuss the timetable for the program and review the admission requirements.

First Phase

The program will see its first active phase in the spring, when

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Sy Syms Chair in Marketing Established at University's Undergraduate Schools

Special to the *Commentator*

Jan. 5 — At a special luncheon this afternoon, Dr. Norman Lamm, President, announced the establishment of the Sy Syms Chair in Marketing and Merchandising at the undergraduate colleges of Yeshiva University.

Under the auspices of the Chair, endowed by Sy Syms, new courses in Business and related fields will be offered beginning next fall at Yeshiva College and the Stern College for Women. Mr. Syms, chairman of the board and chief operating officer of Syms Corporation, a national retail clothing firm, has offered to visit the campuses of both undergraduate divisions regularly, and will deliver lectures to marketing students.

The luncheon, held in the Presidential suite, was attended by Mr. Syms, University officials, and student leaders.

"New Direction"

The announcement comes as the University has begun to expand its undergraduate offerings in such academic areas as accounting, business, and computer science.

"The establishment of the Syms Chair represents a major movement in this new direction," Dr. Lamm said. "Today's students are interested in these new careers in business and technology, and we are doing what we can to make certain that our students are prepared for them."

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean of Yeshiva College, told the

Are Students Creating Fire Hazards?

By MORDECHAI TWERSKY and HOWARD T. KONIG

A *Commentator* investigation has confirmed fears that security provisions made by the University administration in case of fire are being foiled by the students here.

100 Rooms Tested

As part of the investigation, one hundred smoke detectors in one hundred rooms were tested. Results of the test, which was conducted by the *Commentator* staff, have revealed that twenty detectors were not operational because batteries were missing.

Additional results of the investigation included three rooms which had defective smoke detectors, and three rooms which were found to be missing the alarms.

No Batteries

Students who were questioned during the investigation explained that it is a common practice to take batteries out of the smoke detectors so that its alarm should not be activated while students are cooking. The use of electrical cooking appliances in the residence halls is prohibited.

The use of the appliances, a daily practice among dormitory students, has led to the frequent breaking of circuits.

Fusebox Incident

Last November, there was a small fire in the Morgenstern Residence Hall resulting from the unauthorized use of a fusebox on one of the building's floors. Although, in this particular case,

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Student leaders who met with Sy Syms following the announcement of the Chair include (from left to right) Ms. Rosalie Joseph, President, Accounting Society, SCW; Ms. Edyth Nussbaum, Accounting Major and President of SCDS; Mr. Ben-Zion Smilchensky, Editor, *Commentator*; Mr. Jeff Silber, President, Accounting Society, YC; Sy Syms; Mr. Jacob Pleeter, President, Economics Society, YC.

Commentator that under the auspices of the Chair, a new marketing track in the Economics department will be developed. In fact, a new course in the track, "Accounting Management," is being offered in the Spring 1984 semester, the dean said. Asked to give his assessment of the endowment, the dean replied: "The Sy Syms Chair will give Business majors the opportunity to explore areas which will be of direct significance to them as they begin their careers after graduation from Yeshiva College."

Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University, said the Chair "will be an anchor in the development of the applied Economics areas at the undergraduate colleges."

"Pioneer in Marketing"

"Sy Syms has always been a pioneer in marketing and merchandising," Dr. Lamm said, "succeeding in a business where many have failed. It is appropriate that his name and his knowledge should be linked with this pioneering education in marketing and merchandising at Yeshiva University."

Mr. Syms is a widely known figure in business, especially because he appears in television commercials for his clothing stores.

At the University's recent 59th Annual Hanukkah Dinner, Mr. Syms was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in recognition of his contributions to business and communal life.

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JB: A Dramatic Success

By STUART EHRLICH

The Yeshiva College Dramatics Society has consistently been one of the few extra-curricular activities which has drawn the attention and attendance of Yeshiva students. This year, as in the past, this fall's production of Archibald MacLeish's *J.B.* exudes a certain quality which has been a cornerstone of Y.C.D.S. productions and their architect Dr. Anthony S. Beukas.

J.B. is certainly a play well suited for the Y.U. populous. Its play within a play structure is a modern day tale of the biblical

story of Job. The story takes place in a circus where the clowns and vendors become the players in an intriguing drama of one man's harassment. The circus is a microcosm of life which allows people to shed their inhibitions and put on a new face full of laughter, smiles and hidden dreams and desires. In this setting there are no prejudices and everyone can stand on a par with his peers. The circus is for the little boy in all of us, had

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Rabbi Shlmon Romm, one of RIETS' most distinguished Roshel Yeshiva, delivering a shiur during the Yom Iyun (day of introspection) for rabbinical students earlier this semester. In a related event, students turned out in the hundreds to hear six Roshel Yeshiva give shiurim for Alumni. Topics for the classes covered various areas of halakha (Jewish law). In this photograph, Rabbi Romm is flanked by Rabbi Zevelun Charlop (second from right), Director of RIETS; Rabbi Herschel Schachter, Director of Rabbinic Services (right); Rabbi Mordecai Schnalman, Director, Educational services, is at far left.

Procrastinating Proposals

A good university is in constant introspection. Constant self-inspection and curriculum change should be an ongoing process.

Dr. Norman Lamm.

Last month, after heated debate, The Commentator governing board voted to postpone publishing an editorial embracing the proposed, new curriculum. The board assumed that by the next issue, the curriculum committee would have finally reached a decision; once again, as usual, that was not the case.

The committee was empowered to design a curriculum that would maintain the standards of Yeshiva while acknowledging the unique problem inherent in the double program system. By repeatedly postponing a final decision, the committee has hurt both the school and its student body.

Current yeshiva students do not know what courses they will need to graduate. Yeshiva students in Israel, who left for Israel thinking that they could graduate after six semesters at Y.U., do not know if they will have to spend an extra semester in college. Israel students planning to major in accounting are especially hurt by the current situation.

Finally, Yeshiva's freshman attrition rate is already quite high. Next year, if new freshmen learn that the requirements have not been changed, the situation will only be aggravated (assuming the committee has not reached a decision by next year).

The governing board can safely assume that Dr. Lamm as per his Commentator interview, agrees that the current issue must be resolved promptly. Dr. Lamm should make every effort to help expedite a decision. We hope the curriculum committee will act quickly, to the benefit of all concerned.

Mass Emigration

Throughout the past few months there has been much confusion regarding the increased attrition rate at Yeshiva College, as well as the inability to recruit incoming students from around the United States. One avenue presently being explored to attract students is directed towards the increasing number of students who attend yeshivos in Israel before embarking on their college careers.

The success of this method of recruitment being pursued by the Office of Admissions is being seriously undermined by the lack of communication existing between Yeshiva College administrators and their representatives in Israel. The students studying in Israel are told glorious stories of the "promised land" of Washington Heights. They are unfortunately misled into believing that their Israel credits will satisfy many of their Judaic Studies requirements at Yeshiva College. Upon entering Yeshiva University, however, they are suddenly overwhelmed when informed that the Yeshiva college recruiters in Israel have, as one of the faculty members stated, "lied" to the students and only a small segment of their requirements have been fulfilled. The registrar's office fails to recognize the rights of the Yeshiva College representatives to issue any agreement or promises. They maintain that it is the responsibility of the students to investigate the validity of such promises.

The lack of communication and subsequent lack of interest to rectify the situation has led to much student grief. Yeshiva College therefore suffers an enormous attrition rate and a decrease in the number of enrolling students who have learned of this inconsistency. We therefore urge the Office of the Registrar to work together with the Office of Admissions to correct this situation. We also maintain that the present relationship will continue to be increasingly unproductive when such a relationship, from its inception, is based on a lack of understanding and apathy towards its correction.

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From the Editor's Desk

Semester Report Card



By BEN-ZION SMILCHENSKY

Now that the first of January has passed and George Orwell's year has arrived, many of my colleagues have asked me to put some of my "anti-ignorant" thoughts on paper. Being wary, however, of insulting the intelligence of my readers I choose not to express my thoughts on these mysterious twelve months, rather, I will attempt to convey some of my less ignorant views on the most recent past.

I have always firmly believed that one must reflect upon and analyze the past before one leaps into the future. Without serious thought about our experiences of the "before," how can we realistically and responsibly anticipate what will occur in the "beyond."

I am not trying to turn this column into a literary "Twilight Zone." Rod Serling and I never shared the same creative style. I am simply stating my reasons for avoiding already trite subject matter.

We are now approaching the end of the fall semester. Those of you who have been reading - and hopefully enjoying - The Commentator these past few months are aware of all the news that has been written about our glorious college. For those of you, however, who have a short memory span or have no knowledge of this, the "official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva College," I will briefly discuss all that has come to pass this semester and give my personal evaluation. I will touch upon everything from the administration to The Commentator. I will describe what each group has achieved and grade each for their accomplishments.

YESHIVA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL -

Every April our college billboards are covered from top to bottom with posters, leaflets, and fliers by eager students wishing to be elected to a position on the elite student government. Every April we are promised everything from exciting events to soda in the water fountains. Jeff Katz, Danny Lehman, Yitz Solomon, and Morey Schwartz were truly following up on their campaign pledges at the start of this semester. In an editorial in our November 2nd issue we complimented the student council for "diligently working towards making YU a more pleasant place ... and setting a precedent for the future." They bought a television projection system and are showing movies twice-weekly, transformed a once desolate room into Cafe' du Morgue, held a classical music concert on Danciger campus, organized a three day art sale, formed a YC-Stern nightly shuttle service, and attracted over two hundred students to a night at The Chicago City Limits.

Since their bright beginning, however, the soda in the water fountains has suddenly gone a bit flat. Their performance as of late can be termed fair at best. Planned events are fewer and farther in between than in the past and many activities have gone unnoticed.

Several events, such as the fall concert, the Travelling Jewish Theatre, and the YC-Stern shabbaton, have not received student support and have failed. The blame, however, lies not totally with the students. Many of the failures were caused by lackluster advertising and promotional campaigns.

Cafe' du Morgue, a brilliant idea, has not been realized to its fullest potential. Much funding was necessary for redesigning its present location, but if its availability is limited, more or less, by the few hours a night that Morg Mart is open, perhaps the whole project was a waste of good money and valuable time.

The Student Directory was promised to be given out, earlier in the semester. I have just been informed that we will finally receive it by the time this issue is in print. One wonders if the directory has outlived its purpose.

What happened to the Cultural Affairs Committee? Aside from a museum excursion and purchasing tickets to a ballet its impetus has fallen off. Also missing are the promised lectures by professors from other universities, as well as, intercollegiate student events.

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The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a Mazel Tov to Elie Abadi (YC '83) on his engagement to Estie Eichler (SCW '84), and to Ari Kahn (YC '83) to Naomi Linder.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a Mazel Tov to Andy Schreiber (YC '83) on his marriage to Susie Gross.



Behind Lounge Doors

Finals are once again upon us but this time students face a serious problem. In the past, student lounges were available for late-night studying. This year, however, most of the lounges are either locked or totally unfit for use. In fact, the only really viable student lounge is used as a T.V. room. The student council should be expected to show sensitivity to all student needs, not only that of entertainment. We, therefore, urge that all lounges be properly fitted with chairs, tables, for the proper atmosphere of study.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a Mazel Tov to Associate Dean Rabbi Michael Hecht on the marriage of his daughter Judy (SCW '84) to Zev Berman (YC '82).

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wish a Mazel Tov to Philip Machlin on his recent election to U.S.A. Chairperson of the North America Jewish Student's Network.

OP-ED

Unregistered Frats

By YOEL MOSKOWITZ

Three possibilities face students upon enrollment in Yeshiva University. Though the choice is not official, it is there. Yeshiva has three frats, none official, none registered, but nevertheless three very active frats, nobody actually signs up into a specific frat, but given a week or two at Yeshiva, they easily fall into one. If you are unsure of what frat you are a member of, here is a guide.

Alpha Psi polyester

Prerequisite — members must have an assortment of polyester pants and plaid shirts. Must have an intense interest in Talmud, computers and/or science. Requirements must be either Pre-Rabbinics YP, Honor roll or attendance monitor IBC, or the intense BT class in JSS. Must be either computers, education or health science major in YC. Must have mini Shas set, Mishna Brurah and Rambam on shelf in dorm room. Activities — Dating girls from Stern who either spent a year at Sharfman's or Michlalah or are graduates of Bais Yaakov. Also must attend every engagement party in Morg lounge. Most important, members must protest against those students that get away with murder in this school. Extra attractions — Graduating

members of this frat, have a good chance at becoming a dorm counselor, part time proctor for finals at YU.

Phi Beta Med Law

Pre-requisites — Members must have an assortment of corduroy pants, flannel shirts, Lacoste sweaters, Nike sneakers, hand made *yarmulkas* (worn on top of head of course) and a Dib clip. Must have an intense interest in football, Stern girls, hockey, Queens girls, basketball and NYU girls, must have spent a year at BMT. Requirements — members must be enrolled in YP but never go, IBC and never go (yet do very well on finals), or JSS and show up one class 50% (thereby making the grades on your finals academic). Members must be either Pre-Med, Pre-law or accounting majors in YC. They must participate in basketball or hockey intramurals. Rooms must be decorated with posters of Cheryl Tiegs, Christie Brinkley and/or Joe Theisman. Activities — Dating Stern, Queens or NYU girls (most of whom had gone to Machon Gold, and whom you met while in Israel). Going to Bernsteins every Saturday night is a must. Of course intense cramming and grubbing before an orgo final is imperative. Dropping

classes the day after the final and having D's changed to A's is a most favorite sport. Extra attractions — Graduating with honors, acceptance to a major law, med or dent school, engagement to a nice girl from Woodmere before your first year of grad school. And of course a place for you on the alumni board in about ten or fifteen years when you are very wealthy.

Phi Psi Hawlan

Prerequisites — must have one pair of Levis, an assortment of concert t-shirts and cowboy boots or sneakers. Must have an intense interest in Led Zeplin, the Who and any girl who does not go to Stern. Requirements — Must be in JSS, yet not belong there or in IBC and not want to be there. Must major in psychology, sociology or History in YC. Must live on campus and be on your way to living off campus. Activities — Shopping in the village, buying concert tickets and other paraphernalia, avoiding Rabbi Chafetz's office, sleeping late, blowing out the stereo, and championing causes that you later do not care about. Extra Activities — none.

There are exceptions to the rule, but I doubt there are many. Which do you belong to?

A Very Short Story

By IRA MEISELS

It was early evening and the twilight crept in between the window shades. Joey and Kenny were, as was their wont during twilight, revealing their innermost secrets to each other.

"Don't you see," Joey was saying, "what it's like. I understand that most people are base, that they are jealous, petty destructive, and weak. Yes above all, weak. But I can't accept that for myself. No, I want to be strong I need to be strong. I need to be better than others and that's exactly why I suffer. Oh, at times, I convince myself that I am better than the rest and am not a weak person. But then I, once again, act basely and like a sledgehammer it hits me. The act itself is bad enough but what's more devastating is how the act taunts me. 'You think you're any different? Ha! You're as weak as any of them!' Do you hear, Kenny? That's what it says to me."

At this point, Joey took a deep breath. He had worked himself up to a frenzy and was trying to compose himself.

"Do you remember Raskolnikov from *Crime and Punishment*?" he continued. "He thought he was a Napoleon — someone better than others and to whom, therefore, different rules applied. He killed the old pawnbroker and he suffered. But do you know why he suffered? Not because of the murder, but because of his reaction to it. His reaction was that of any non-Napoleon. It was this that crushed him; he thought he was Napoleon but he was just an ordinary, wretched man."

"Don't you see, this is the situation I'm in. Ninety-nine percent of the people in this world is wretched and weak and only one percent is noble and strong. I yearn to be part of that one percent but know I'm part of the ninety-nine

percent.

He stopped and looked at Kenny who wore a look of sympathy.

"Listen old boy," began Kenny. "I understand what you are going through but I think there is no cause for it. In my opinion, your basic premise is all wrong. Ninety-nine percent of the world is wretched and one percent is noble? No, no, it is not like that at all."

"The truth is, Joey, that all people, yes one hundred percent, are, at the same time, wretched and noble, weak and strong. There are no full-time Napoleons out there. Every man at times soars to the greatest heights and at other times sinks to the lowest depths. This is the beauty, the greatness of man. Man must earn his existence at every moment; one moment he will be a great Napoleon, the next lower than a mouse. So you see..."

"Wait a second," burst from
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Y.U. to Send Delegation for Harvard U.N.

Special to the Commentator

Preparations are currently under way at Yeshiva College and the Stern College for Women for the upcoming Harvard Model United Nations February 21-27 at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston.

According to Mr. Mordechai Twersky, President of the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society of Yeshiva College, a special committee of YC and Stern students has been formed to select the Y.U. delegation.

The joint committee is under the leadership of Mr. Ephraim El-Zayat, a Yeshiva College alumnus, 1983, and Mr. Nathan Rabinovitch, a YC senior. Members on the ten-member committee include Daniel Lehman, YCSC V.P.; Karen Sigel, SCSC V.P.; Shari Greenberg, President, Joseph Dunner Political Science Society, SCW; Joel Cohen, Political Science Society V.P.; Lenny Bessler, YC senior; Philip Machlin, newly elected chairman of Network; Melanie Faber, Political Science Society V.P.

chemical weapons, brain drain, self determination of Tumor and its people, the problem of Namibia, the economy of the developing countries, the national debt, safety of aircraft, guarantees of non-nuclear countries, and the proliferation of nuclear arms.

According to Mr. El-Zayat, within limits of the six-day Harvard Model U.N. conference, an attempt will be made to recreate the conditions under which Member States make such decisions as they negotiate with each other about the substantive action that ought to be taken on a particular issue.

Changes

According to Mr. Twersky, a study of application procedures of past years for the HMUN was conducted by Mr. El-Zayat. As a result of his studies, he has incorporated additional and more stringent requirements for student eligibility for the program. This year, however, all students were invited to apply for a place on the



Mr. Ephraim El-Zayat, in 1983, shown with Ambassador Yehuda Blum of Israel (third from right); Dr. Israel Miller, Senior V.P. of Y.U. (second from left). Also shown are Philip Machlin (far right) and Mr. Meyer Muschel of the Israel Affairs Committee.

Mr. El-Zayat appears to be well qualified for his position. As the President of the Israel Affairs Committee of Yeshiva University in 1982-1983, Mr. El-Zayat earned "Committee of the Year" honors from the Student Council, a distinguished award presented at the conclusion of each school year. He has participated in many seminars and conferences, and won wide acclaim last year for his leadership and direction. Mr. Rabinovitch serves as secretary of the Political Science Society at Yeshiva College.

Topics

According to Mr. El-Zayat, the Y.U. delegation will represent the country of Turkey in the General Assembly of the Model United Nations. The Assembly consists of six committees which will discuss topics including biological and

delegation, in contrast to previous years, when seniors and/or political science majors were usually accepted. Each student applying to the delegation was required to submit an essay on a specific current political topic, and a personal essay.

The essays, in turn, were reviewed by a panel of three students from the selection committee. Each member reviewed the essays on an individual basis and thereafter submitted an evaluation to Mr. Rabinovitch and Mr. El-Zayat. The average of the three evaluations combined was calculated, and the applicants were interviewed by the two committee chairmen. Each essay was accompanied by the student's social security number. No names were attached to the essays.

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Letters To The Editor

Delayed Reaction

To the Editor:

As a resident of the Third Floor in Rubin, who was victimized by the theft of \$2,000 in computer equipment, I would like to discuss the problems involved in obtaining new locks in Rubin. My room was vulnerable since many other people had keys that worked in my lock. When I approached Rabbi Cheifetz, the head of the Y.C. dormitories, with my problem, he said that action will be taken. After two weeks had passed, the locks were still not changed, so I went back to Rabbi Cheifetz. He told me

that this matter is not under his jurisdiction, and sent me to Rabbi Miller. Vice-President of Student Affairs. He in turn, promised me that the locks would be changed even if the money must come out of his own pocket. It is now a month since I had spoken to Rabbi Miller, and the locks have not been changed. Must another theft occur before action will be taken?

Eli Krakauer
M.Y.P. Senior

No Appreciation

To the Editor:

This is in response to the Dec. 14, 1983 Op-Ed article "Secure

Thoughts of Y.U." Let me start by saying that I am a Yeshiva College senior in M.Y.P. and very happy to see uniformed police officers around the Y.U. campus.

The question "Why weren't they here before?" is silly. Is there a police officer assigned 24 hours a day at Columbia, N.Y.U., Lehman or any other college? I will save you the research, the answer is NO. Why should they have been here before the shootings started?

Secondly, according to Mr. Moskowitz, the only "police" presence here before the many "sniping incidents" were Traffic Violations Officers. The people in the brown uniforms he was referring to are the Traffic Enforce-

ment Agents. They are not police officers, nor do they carry guns. They are not a form of protection for Y.C. (and Y.U.H.S.) students.

Next on my hit list are the people complaining about the amount of summonses given out in the Y.U. area. You must be

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Goldhagen and Y.U.

To the Editor:

I was pleased to read the story covering the recent lecture delivered by Professor Erich Goldhagen.

May I call one item to your

attention: the article neglected to identify Professor Goldhagen as a Yeshiva faculty person. While Professor Goldhagen is on the faculty at Harvard University, we are also privileged to have him as a member of the faculty at Yeshiva College and BRGS. He holds the Eli and Diana Zborowski Professorial Chair in the Interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies, and will be teaching the course on the History of the Holocaust (History 1285.A) during the spring semester.

I would appreciate your advising your readers of this correction. Thank you.

Robert S. Hirt
Dean, Max Stern Division
of Communal Services

Isn't Blood Thicker Than Water?

BY JOSEPH MUSCHEL

Is the American Red Cross Society worthy of Jewish support? Over the past few years, many American Jews have expressed strong reservations over the propriety of supporting this organization based on its alleged anti-Israel bias. They cite the Red Cross' seemingly incongruous policy of refusing to "recognize" Israel's (counterpart) Magen David Adom society, while at the same time offering moral and technical support to over one hundred and fifty equivalent national societies. According to American Red Cross (ARC) and Magen David Adom (MDA) officials, however, Jewish allegations have resulted from misconceptions about the ARC and its being confused with the more encompassing International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Actually, this larger organization is the one responsible for "recognition" of national societies and the granting of membership in a cooperative federation of national societies, known as the League of Red Cross Societies (LRCS).

Understanding ARC and ICRC Association

The relationship between the ARC and the ICRC may be compared to the relationship between the American delegation in the United Nations to the more encompassing General Assembly. While each government represented at the U.N. is independent and free to formulate its own foreign policy, the assembly's resolutions are determined by many member delegations on a collective basis. Similarly, the ARC is but one recognized national society, among a mainstream of others, that is represented at International Con-

Summer Management Internships Available

New York City Summer Management Intern Program offers fifty college students from New York City the opportunity to work in city government for ten weeks each year and provides a stipend of 2,000 dollars to each participant. Summer Management interns serve as assistants to general counsels, assistant commissioners and project directors in city agencies. They work in such areas as program planning, implementation and evaluation, policy research and fiscal analysis.

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Students may be enrolled in out-of-town schools as well as schools in New York City. Former Summer Management interns and New York City Urban Fellows are

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ferences of the Red Cross, the legislative meetings of the ICRC. Moreover, representatives from the LRCS along with delegates from governments signatory to the Geneva conventions of 1949, also attend the International Conferences. Thus, the issue of MDA recognition is hardly one that can be decided solely by national societies, let alone the American Red Cross. When one considers the fact that the leader of the influential Moslem national societies (Red Crescent societies) is a brother to PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat, MDA's rejection from the ICRC becomes even more understandable.

The Issue of Recognition

Since 1948, the ICRC has refused to recognize Israel's MDA, citing the unacceptability of its Red Shield of David Emblem. Despite challenges that the ICRC has approved in the past, such emblems as: the Red Lion and sun of the Iranian national society and the Red Crescent of Moslem organizations, ICRC has remained steadfast in its position.

Quite contrastingly, however, the American Red Cross has established a good relationship with

the MDA. According to Rabbi Rubin Dobin, International Chairman of Operation Recognition, an organization working to achieve international acceptance of MDA, the American Red Cross and Israel's Magen David Adom share a close kinship including many mutual assistance programs. MDA officials note that the ARC has been a leader in its efforts to gain MDA international recognition. Perhaps most impressive, is the ARC's commitment to Magen David Adom, as evidenced by their Red Cross literature and paraphernalia. The American Red Cross limits its reference to League (LRCS) membership in its publications and emphasizes instead its direct association with other national societies, including the Magen David Adom of Israel. American Red Cross chapters are encouraged to use but a single emblem in their literature and in their displays — the Red Cross itself — and not to display the Crescent in their publications, banners or flags. In the event that a chapter wishes to use multiple flags or emblems, then all three emblems must be displayed. These are: The Cross, the Crescent and the Shield of David.



Commentator co-news editor Mordechai Twersky shown standing with Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens (second from left), U.S. Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick, and Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm (far right), at the University's 59th annual Chanukah Dinner at the Waldorf last month. Mr. Twersky, a 20 year old junior at Yeshiva College, is president of the Political Science Society and intends to pursue a career in journalism. Ambassador Kirkpatrick and Minister Arens were presented with honorary degrees from the University at a special convocation. According to University Administration officials, Mr. Twersky was instrumental in arranging for the exclusive interview with Mr. Arens and WCBS-TV anchor Jim Jensen (below), which aired that same evening in the tri-state area.



A Very Short Story

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3) Joey who could no longer contain himself. "This is ridiculous. The fact that I sometimes act like a base animal is what makes me a man?"

"Yes, that's exactly it."

"But then which am I? A great being or a base animal? What am I?"

"Why it's simple. When you act like a Napoleon, you are a Napoleon; but when you act like a

wretched animal that's exactly what you are — a wretched animal."

"I can't accept that!" screamed Joey. According to you, man is a mountain climber. He can work and sweat to climb higher and higher and, indeed, he may reach a peak but the next second he'll fall down to the very bottom. Of what use is all his effort if he'll fall down anyway?"

Upon hearing this, Kenny visibly shuddered.

Film on Media Bias Draws Large Crowd In Morgenstern Lounge

Mon., Dec. 26 — Close to 200 students filled Morgenstern Lounge this evening to see a video presentation entitled "NBC In Lebanon: A Study of Media Misrepresentation," sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee.

The hour-long documentary, produced by "Americans For A Safe Israel", and written by its director Mr. Peter Goldman, demonstrates that NBC Nightly News was guilty of advocacy journalism (biased one-sided reporting) in its coverage of the war in Lebanon. "NBC," claims AFSI, "misled and deceived the American public by denying to the public the objective news it has the right and the need to be shown. The consistent pattern of one-sidedness indicates that NBC held a point of view, shaped the news which did not fit its bias. The network ceased being an observer or an effective source of information, but became a protagonist for one side — the PLO."

Among the many shocking facts presented in the video were the following:

1. While NBC devoted more than 600 minutes to the war in Lebanon, less than 30 of those minutes were devoted to the Israeli point of view.

2. NBC reported that the number of homeless in southern Lebanon resulting from the Israeli invasion totalled 600,000. This figure was clearly inaccurate in light of the fact that the total population of southern Lebanon was less than that figure.

3. NBC referred to "Jordan's West Bank" on more than one occasion, despite the fact that the area is currently in dispute.

4. Throughout the war, John Chancellor, a commentator for NBC, described the Israeli invasion

in such terms as "horrifying", "brutal", "savage" and "inhuman". The Israeli government, according to Chancellor, was "imperialistic" and Bashir Gemayel, the Christian Phalangist sympathetic to Israel (later to be elected President of Lebanon) was described as a "young blood-thirsty Christian savage."

On one occasion, the report of a car bombing in West Beirut was juxtaposed to a report of an Israeli bombing, implying that Israel was responsible for both acts. This kind of reporting, according to AFSI, was yet another type of advocacy journalism employed by NBC.

The documentary acknowledges that the two other major networks, ABC and CBS "were only marginally better than NBC," and stressed the need for change on the part of all three networks.

Presently, Americans For A Safe Israel, according to its director, is trying to have the video shown in Congress, the Pentagon and the White House. In addition, the organization hopes to prevent NBC from renewing its license to broadcast news, based on an FCC regulation prohibiting biased reporting. As for the role students can play in the struggle against the media, Mr. Goldman urged students to write NBC, protesting its coverage of the war in Lebanon, and its continued anti-Israel reporting. Furthermore, he suggested that students write to the sponsors of the news, calling on them to withdraw their sponsorship. Lists of sponsors were available at the presentation and may be obtained from the AFSI office in New York.

NBC Nightly News
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Workmen In Student Union Building Accidentally Damage WYUR Facilities During Construction

By HOWARD T. KONIG

January 3 — While replacing a stairway in the Student Union Building, workmen of Koenig Iron Works accidentally created a hole into two walls of WYUR. Debris fell throughout the newsroom and into the music library, which contains 3,500 records. 15-20 records were broken or damaged and a mini-stereo system was scratched up, according to WYUR officials.

The stairs were being reconstructed due to an earlier unpublicized Commentator investigation into the safety of the Student Union Building. The staircase was, according to one Yeshiva employee, "hazardous for the past five years." Robert Katz, program director of WYUR, feels that WYUR should have been notified that work was being done. "We appreciate the fact that the administration has shown concern for our safety by having a back staircase installed,

but we feel the contractor should have been aware of the fact that the two adjacent walls encompassed WYUR. As one of the workmen said, the Yeshiva knew exactly what had to be done."

Station Manager Nachum Segal added: "We are fortunate that unlike other recent circumstances, this incident did not affect WYUR's broadcasting schedule."

An official of Buildings and Grounds, who hired out the contractor, stated that the accident was due to a misjudgment in the thickness of the walls. Usually, a wall consists of two mini walls and a cavity. The contractor bores through one wall so that the beam might rest on the block. Unfortunately, WYUR has only one wall. According to Buildings and Grounds, who will be repairing the wall, the stairway should be completed by the time this article is printed.

N.Y. Times Reporter Ari Goldman Speaks at Newspaper Shabbaton

New York Times reporter Ari Goldman was the guest speaker at the annual Commentator/Observer/Hamevaser Shabbaton December 23rd at Stern College, and stressed the importance of "good, sound writing."

Speaking before some students in Brookdale Hall at the Stern College for Women, Mr. Goldman, a Yeshiva College graduate, told members of the three campus publications to "carefully choose a profession and be happy with what you do." He also stressed the importance of responsible and accurate news reporting.

The Shabbaton, which brought together editors and staff members of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges' publications, provided students with the opportunity to meet and to share their experiences working on a college newspaper.

WHAT'S NEWS?

Curriculum Update

By ARI WEITZNER

A final vote on the new Yeshiva College curriculum is likely to be held soon, according to Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, dean. The curriculum committee is expected to present a number of options to the faculty with regard to the speech, language, and the new "Restricted Elective" requirement.

Ed. note: In the last issue of *Commentator*, the "Restricted Elective" was incorrectly described. It consists of one or more advanced courses in a division outside that of the student's major. Its purpose is to broaden the students' academic exposure.

New Courses for Spring Semester

Meaning and Evil

Yeshiva College will offer a new course next semester entitled "Meaning and Evil." The course, which will be taught by Rabbi Shalom Carmy, instructor of Bible, will present a multi-disciplinary perspective on the question of how human beings make sense of a world in which evil is a constant feature. Readings will include Rabbinic discussions of evil and suffering, medieval treatments of Providence and evil (e.g. Maimonides and Gersonides), history of ideas and literature (e.g. Samuel Johnson, Dostoevsky, Lovejoy), and contemporary philosophical and sociological perspectives.

Greek Civilization

Dr. Louis Feldman, chairman of the Classics department at Yeshiva College, will teach a course next semester entitled, "Greek Civilization."

This course embraces a survey of the political, economic, social, religious and cultural history of the Greeks from the Minoan and Mycenaean periods through the Hellenistic Age. The course will center on a consideration of controversial questions, among them is the following: 1) How praiseworthy was the Spartan way of life? 2) What were the factors that produced tyrannies in so many Greek states? 3) How can we account for the Greek victory over the Persians? 4) How much of a triumph — or travesty — was Athenian democracy? 5) Was the Athenian Empire really as unpopular as Thucydides claims? 6) Was the war between Athens and Sparta as inevitable as Thucydides declares it was? 7) In opposing Philip of Macedon was Demosthenes a sincere patriot or a self-seeking politician? 8) Was Alexander the Great a brutal conqueror or a visionary humanitarian? 9) How can we explain the vast economic, social, cultural (especially literary, scientific, artistic, and philosophic) and religious changes which occurred during the Hellenistic period? 10) Why did the Jews find the Hellenistic Age so much more congenial to themselves than the preceding epoch?

Arab World in Transition

Yeshiva College will offer a new course next semester entitled, "Problems in Politics: Arab World in Transition."

According to Dr. Ruth Bevan, chairman of the Political Science department, the course will deal with conflicts between traditional and modern values in the Arab world, including modernization, nationalism, and Islamic fundamentalism. Case studies of individual states will be made. The course will also treat political problems of the Arab world relating to Israel, U.S. foreign policy, and the P.L.O. after Lebanon. The course will be taught by Dr. Bernard Firestone, adjunct assistant professor of Political Science at Yeshiva College.

Register These Thoughts

By DANIEL FINK



Students, as well as faculty, have recently expressed their feelings to me regarding the content and intent of the editor's columns which have previously appeared in the *Commentator*. These criticisms were directed towards negative views on the administrative policies at Yeshiva College. Believing that an individual should leave oneself receptive to constructive criticisms and suggestions — and in keeping with the secular New Years resolutions which I have made to reinforce personal values (still too early to break) — I have decided to respond to these criticisms.

Although some people may feel that January is an inappropriate time to write a column expressing sentiments as regards the final experiences of a student at Yeshiva College. I feel that I am justified in having written about experiences as they have occurred. This allowed me to reduce the risk of omitting details concerning the events of such experiences an occurrence which may occur over a lengthy period of time. I would therefore like to express a feeling of gratitude to the Office of the Registrar for fulfilling my expectations of them in attempting to make the registration process as convenient and expeditious as possible.

The period of time between registering for my first course at Yeshiva College, to presently registering for my last semester, have been fraught with change. Students registering for courses are no longer required to stand in long lines for any great length of time, with registration seldomly taking longer than fifteen or twenty minutes. Students, remembering the "old days," are now heard expressing the relief and pleasure afforded them by the quickened process.

The main factor responsible for the hastened procedures is the competent organizational network of the Registrar's office. The people who comprise this network have succeeded in bringing their

department into the computer age. They have also redesignated the area of registration to the spacious Science Hall Commons which affords students the luxury of not being crammed together in constricted quarters. The Office of the Registrar has also increased their staff number thereby enabling more students to register in a shorter amount of time. The combination of these factors destined registration for spring semester to be the most successful and enjoyable registration in the history of Yeshiva College.

At this time, however, I must express my feeling of gratitude to the administration for not disappointing me. It seemed that registration might have proved to be too good to be true and I was doubtful as to whether the administration could indeed accomplish such a feat. I felt that the administration would somehow find a way to complicate matters and once more inconvenience the students during registration. The Registrar's Office has fulfilled that expectation, and I am grateful that they have not allowed me to be self deceived.

The official registration process had not commenced when already the students were inconvenienced. The "1983-1984 Academic Calendar for the Undergraduate Schools at the Washington Heights Center," which emanates from the Office of the Executive Vice-President, clearly stated "January 12-18, Thursday-Wednesday, Academic Registration for Spring." The administration (in their infinite wisdom) felt it necessary to reschedule registration to begin on January 4, 1984 the eve of the new registration period. The Registrar's Office cannot be faulted for this matter because, as students have many a time heard before, "There were unforeseen circumstances!"

The Office of the Registrar, however, was indeed kind enough to post notices regarding the

change in the registration period. They made certain that these notices were posted during the morning of January 3, 1984. The Registrar's Office must be thanked for informing the students thereby allowing them ample time to attend to various details involved in the registration process. Students were afforded approximately eight hours during which time they were required to wait on line receive, their registration packets, petition for directed study, and petition the various academic committees.

Students who foresaw such problems had scheduled appointments with Associate Dean Hecht, members of the Academic Standards Committee, and to discuss common problems such as conflicted course schedules for required courses. Seniors were especially anxious to determine which requirements they had to fulfill prior to matriculation in June had set aside the week of January 2nd to attend to these critical details. Then, suddenly and unexpectedly, they were notified - eight days prior to the officially scheduled registration period - that they must register within twenty four hours or be faced with the possibility of being closed out of their required courses due to late registration. To further complicate matters, petitions to the Academic Standards Committee regarding the waiver of courses and directed study were destined to be delayed in meeting their respective deadlines and thereby subjected to the possibility of being rejected for failure to meet their appropriate deadlines.

It is difficult, as so often is the case, for people unassociated with Yeshiva College and its bureaucracy to comprehend, how a well developed and organized system — the effort of extensive time and energies — could be foiled by the inconsiderate oversight of not informing the student body of a change in the registration schedule. For the students attending Yeshiva College, it is an unfortunate reality that it is all too true. I would therefore like to express my sincere appreciation to the Office of the Registrar for enabling the students to experience this reality - the confusion, and the hardships imposed on the students in being required to meet the necessary deadlines - resulting from the disrespect and uncaring the administration has once again, displayed towards the students. The Registrar's office must lastly be thanked for the fact that even under optimal conditions of organization, which would cause this registration period to be a near perfect process, they fulfilled the students expectations for a chaotic registration experience and justified the anxiety which the students have experienced towards registration throughout previous years.



YC senior Ian Ladow giving blood during this semester's Fall Blood Drive. According to organizers of the event, some 295 pints were donated by students, faculty and administrators of the University.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board of *The Commentator* would like to express their heartfelt condolences to:

Levi Cash on the loss of his father

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Remembering Moshe z"l

By JEFF BALLABON

On December 19, 1983, there was a fire in the dormitory of Yeshivas Chaim Berlin. Moshe Freidman, 21, was lying sick in his bed. Overcome by the smoke, he either stumbled, jumped, or was thrown out of his window by an explosion. He is remembered by many students at Yeshiva University who knew him in high school and in Eretz Yisroel.

Writing about Moshe Friedman's tragic passing is not like writing a news article. Maintaining third person impartiality is uncomfortably awkward. Indeed, I find it difficult to express my imprecise, unwieldy emotional responses in any coherent and defined fashion. Not that Moshe was my best friend. No, I barely saw him or spoke to him over the last two and a half years.

Yet consideration of his death (even now that word seems cruel) forces me into an uncomfortable cognizance of my own mortality.

College is the abnegation of the uncertainty of life. We all work for the future here. We plan and study ever thinking not of now but of years to come. We are "pre-law" or "pre-med" or some other "pre-professional." We believe that we subsist in a pre-life world of preparation and development. The death of a peer seems to refute this. Our lives must be in the present as well. Every day must be an accomplishment in itself; not merely one spent in a pursuit valueless without light cast backward from the future. We are alive right now.

Moshe was an avid photographer. His pictures of Israel are among the most beautiful I've ever seen. What strikes one immediately about them is that they are filled with faces. Although he did take pictures of buildings and landscapes, the clear majority is of people. He would take trips into Meah Shearim with his friends and carry along his camera. He took his pictures half hidden behind one of us so that he caught the

brightest, gleaming beauty of a smiling child. His pride and joy were the photos he'd taken of children on Purim in Meah Shearim. Each one is a masterpiece. You could not look at them without seeing the love that produced them.

To say that death isn't fair is cliché. We are all mature enough to be aware of our inability to judge. Belief in G-d renders unfairness impossible. Yet it seems important for our flawed comprehensions to rationalize tragedy in some manner. Moshe's death (and life) is worthy of some contemplation.

I knew Moshe in high school and learned with him in Yeshivat Sha'alvim in Israel. He was just like the rest of us. Just as every one of us was unique, Moshe was unlike the rest of us too.

Moshe first attended the Mirror Yeshiva's High School before going on to Manhattan Hebrew High School (M.H.H.S.). In Israel Moshe learned in Neve Yehoshua and later came to learn in Sha'alvim. He was characterized by his constant searching for the truth. Moshe was never satisfied to relax and be tugged along by inertia. He was in so many diverse places

because he needed to find the truth. He chose to seek it rather than wait for it to find him.

We all have a role in this world. In some way we have to fulfill an assigned task. Then when we have, in some way, culminated our lives, we leave this world.

Somehow, things get in our way to interrupt our search for our role in this world. We are content to drift with the current and only sporadically bolt upright and take note of where we are heading. Moshe took a more difficult and direct path. He was always introspective. Ever philosophical and thoughtful. Ever searching.

For the latter years of his life, Moshe learned Torah in a renowned yeshiva. Those of us in Y.U. who knew him in Israel, lost contact with him soon thereafter. We are certain of this, however. Moshe's maturing in Torah must have been the result of a serious undertaking. His growth in learning was certainly matched by his progress in Hashkafa and Mussar.

Perhaps that is why Moshe left us so early. Perhaps by virtue of his restless search, Moshe found his destination sooner than the rest of us... Baruch Dayan Emes.

Sy Syms Endows Chair

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In presenting the degree to Mr. Syms, Dr. Lamm said, "You have used your remarkable abilities as a communicator in building a flourishing enterprise... (and) you have continued to strengthen your ties to the community, ties established when you were growing up in Brooklyn, the son of Russian immigrants."

A leading philanthropist, Mr. Syms has supported many institutions such as Boys Town in Jerusalem and Jewish Hospital in Denver, CO. He is chairman for commerce and industry of the Greater New York Israel Bond Campaign.

He is also involved with the activities of the Police Athletic League and the Inner City Scholarship Fund. He serves as executive board member of the Better Business Bureau of New York City.

Mr. Syms has said of Yeshiva University, "I am impressed by the University, but I really support Yeshiva University for what it will be in 200 years."

In two centuries, Mr. Syms said, the University would be "even better than it is today. The University will keep the Jewish heritage strong."

Mr. Syms is a graduate of New York University. After graduation he worked as a radio announcer in Maryland and New York City before settling in New York City to enter in the clothing business.

he went into business for himself in 1959, opening his first store in lower Manhattan.

Today, there are 11 Syms stores in New York and New Jersey. In addition to those stores, Mr. Syms in 1980 also bought A. Sulka & Co., a clothing firm with shops in New York, London, Paris, and San Francisco.

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IBC Holds Breuer Conference

"Historical and Philosophical Reflections on the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Isaac Breuer" was the subject of an all-day conference at Yeshiva University's Isaac Breuer College of Hebrew Studies (IBC) on Monday, December 26. The program was sponsored in association with *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, and was held in Silver Hall, at the University's Main Center in Manhattan.

Dr. Isaac Breuer (1883-1946) was an intellectual leader in German Jewry, an attorney, and founder of the *Po'alei Agudat Israel* Orthodox political organization in Jerusalem, where he settled in 1936 after the Nazis came to power in his native Germany. The College was named after him last year in honor of a major contribution from New York financier and philanthropist Hermann Merkin, Breuer's son-in-law.

We were honored to present this event because there have been too few academic discussions of the religious nationalism and philosophy of *Po'alei Agudat Israel*, as well as the Hirschian approach," said Rabbi Jacob M. Rabinowitz, dean of IBC, who opened the conference.

He was followed by Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, and by Rabbi Shalom Carmy, associate editor of *Tradition*, who chaired the morning session.

At that session Dr. Lawrence Kaplan of McGill University spoke on "The Non-Zionist Religious Nationalism of Isaac Breuer" and Dr. Mordechai Eliav of Bar-Ilan University spoke on "approaches to Torah in Derech Eretz — Ideal and Reality." Dr. Eliav spoke in Hebrew.

Dr. Hillel Seidman, author and

journalist, was commentator at the opening session.

Dr. Gershon Appel of Yeshiva University chaired the afternoon session. He and Professor J. Ezra Merkin, a grandson of Dr. Isaac Breuer who teaches at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, spoke briefly at that session.

Dr. Rivka Horowitz of Ben Gurion University discussed "Breuer and Rosenzweig" and Dr. Walter Wurzbarger of Yeshiva University spoke on "Breuer and Kant." Dr. Charles Raffel, holder of the Erna Sondheimer Chair in Judaic studies at Yeshiva University, was commentator at the afternoon session.

Dr. Breuer was born in Papa, Hungary. He was brought to Frankfurt, Germany, as a child. There he studied at the yeshiva founded by his father, Rabbi Solomon Breuer. He subsequently studied law, philosophy, and history at various institutions and practiced law in Frankfurt.

He wrote several books. In his philosophical and political treatises, Dr. Breuer considered himself the heir to the work of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, his grandfather. He developed Hirschian thought in works such as *Messiaspuren* (1918) and *Judenproblem* (1920). He also wrote novels in German, including *Ein Kampf um Gott* (1920) and *Falk Nefts Heinkehr* (1923).

After settling in Palestine, Dr. Breuer began to write in Hebrew. His works in that language include *Moriyyah* (1944) and *Nahali'el* (1951). Selected articles by Dr. Breuer appeared in English translations posthumously in a volume entitled *People of the Torah* (1956).

No Appreciation

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ridiculous if you know that there is a police officer in your area and yet you drive or park illegally? All the more so if there are eight or ten police officers in your area. If you commit an infraction you are asking for it. "Don't do the crime, if you can't do the time."

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MSDCS, Va'ad, Sponsor Debate on Non-Orthodox Movements

By RAPHAEL Z. SCHWARTZ

On November 28, 1983, the Max Stern Division of Communal Services and the newly-formed Student Va'ad of SOY co-sponsored a major intellectual event at YC, a debate on the topic, "Should we cooperate with non-orthodox movements?" Participating were Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, Rabbi of the Young Israel of Brooklyn, a *Mumakh* from Mesivta Torah VoDaath, and Dr. Walter S. Wurzbarger, Rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila of Lawrence, adjunct Professor of Philosophy at YC, and the immediate past President of the Synagogue Council of America.

Rabbi Weinberger stated that, "the real issue is not our attitudes towards the individual Reform or Conservative Jew", but their leadership, "who deny *Torah min hashamayim* and aver that laws can be changed at will." Rabbi Weinberger, "speaking truly", intimated that Orthodox leaders who overlook those "horrendous violations" with an "abhorrent tolerance" and who adopt "a spirit of mutuality" are really seeking enhanced prestige and increased media attention by "not ruffling any feathers."

Rabbi Weinberger applauded the *Moetzes Gedolay HaTorah* (Council of Torah Sages) for their genuine "sense of responsibility to K'lal Yisrael" and their awareness "of the ramifications of their decisions for the totality of the Jewish people." It is for that reason, Weinberger suggested, that "no Roshei Yeshiva marched in Selma" and why Torah leaders have not issued pronouncements advocating civil rights, lest they be guilty of *Redifah* (murderous harassment) by adversely affecting Jewish livelihoods "in Selma, Alabama." Weinberger implied that true Torah leaders would not "merely pander to the media."

Rabbi Wurzbarger replied that often "a *gadol* (Torah giant) finds it difficult to speak out on issues not strictly Halachik." The Agudath Israel party in Israel, he said "stands without the mandate of *p'sak Halakha* in the political arena." Citing an article by Professor Marvin Schick, Wurzbarger further supported his position that Orthodox political patterns are not determined by "the religious merits of the issues" alone. Furthermore, he added, "pronouncements are unrelated to politics." "The *Moetzes Gedolay HaTorah*", Wurzbarger insisted, "cannot decide that Jews should only concern themselves with Jews and thereby ignore crucial issues affecting us all such as nuclear holocaust."

"Today," in contradistinction to the past, Wurzbarger better opportunities to capture the imagination of the American Jewish community, but no with slogans of "We don't trust you!" or "We are holier than thou!" When the entire Jewish community is awaiting our guidance, and receptive to Torah values, it would be the height of folly to deprive ourselves of spreading out and conquering the mainstream of Jewish life. It is not time for ghettoization. "*Ahavat Yisrael* extends," Rabbi Wurzbarger declaimed, to every Jew who can be reclaimed provided they display, "a readiness and willingness to enter into a dialogue."

Rabbi Wurzbarger offered the example of Rav Kook's appreciation "for all who function in the historic process. 'Communism,' he said, "made it necessary for us to face up to social issues." Christianity has also encouraged us to focus on "spirituality within

the Halachik process." Therefore, Rabbi Wurzbarger pleaded, if the Reform and Conservative movements "have answered some need we have ignored, let us find out where we are derelict in bringing people back to Torah." But, Wurzbarger cautioned, "if we enter into a dialogue let it not serve selfish or ulterior motives."

Rabbi Weinberger said that he could not countenance participation with Jewish leaders who are considered by tradition to be heretics and unworthy of spiritual immortality. "Don't be beguiled by slogans like '*af al pi sh'khatah Yisrael hu*' (despite their sins they remain Jews), Rabbi Weinberger exclaimed. "To apply the status of *Tinok Sh'nishbah* (an innocent babe held captive) to our entire generation would be "doch a shtuss." "The Torah," Weinberger said, "is as compassionate as



Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger

Rabbi Wurzbarger, but will I further the cause of Torah by going it alone or by joining hands? How many Reform rabbis have become Ba'alay T'shuva (penitents)? The biblical imperative, *Lo Toveh lo* (Thou shalt not hearken to him)" refers, he said, to *mesit u'mediah* (those who lead others astray). When, "Weinberger asked, "have the Orthodox ever used their veto power" in the Synagogue Council of America? Weinberger maintained that only "if we assert our own rights will we not become a second fiddle to them."

Rabbi Wurzbarger responded that the Synagogue Council of America was specifically designed to be "nothing but a coalition to advance common interests. Even the Agudah is part of a coalition" in Israel, Wurzbarger asserted.

Rabbi Wurzbarger also alluded to the view of Maimonides who distinguishes between *minim* (heretics) and those influenced by others. He cited the Response of Rabbi Avraham Yeshayahu Karelitz, the "Hazon Ish", who taught that in an age of skepticism no one is immune from doubt and that the category of *apikores*, "cannot apply under contemporary conditions." Rabbi Wurzbarger spoke movingly about "the searching individuals" who enter the rabbinate attempting to "reconnect with Jewish tradition, seeking not to deliberately reject it." Rabbi Wurzbarger attached no great danger to "attending a conference with Christians or meeting with other Jews, certain officials of the government to achieve objectives for the total Jewish community." But, Rabbi Wurzbarger questioned why Orthodox cooperation with the Jewish Agency or in the President's Conference of President of Major Jewish Organizations required "no greater reservations." He demonstrated that Alexander Schindler, President of the Union



Some Tips on Applying to Business School

By YITZCHAK SOLOMON

Many students at Yeshiva University are now applying to business schools and most probably have some unanswered questions regarding application procedures and admission requirements. In an attempt to help the students and to put their minds at ease, I recently interviewed an assistant director at the New York University Business School who is directly involved with student admissions and guidance.

Although Ms. Kathy F. Williams is fairly new at N.Y.U., she is familiar with Yeshiva University and its "good and strong reputation."

When told of Yeshiva's double program of both Judaic and secular studies, Ms. Williams was impressed but stressed a students need for work experience before applying to graduate school of business.

"Companies are not just looking for persons with an M.B.A. degree," Ms. Williams said, "but with graduates who have work experience." The three courses required for admission to the graduate school include Calculus, Computer Science and Business writing.

You are probably wondering what the board of admissions of a business school looks for when studying student records. First of all, there is no answer. Second, each student is a unique case. An admissions board of ten persons must sift through 6000-7000 student records. If there is any

disagreement or discrepancy regarding a specific students application, a certain day is set aside for "re-evaluation" of such records.

According to Ms. Williams, when looking through a student's file, she considers the "total package," which includes the GMAT score(s), grade point average (GPA), record of extra-curricular activities, essays, recommendation letters and job experience says Ms. Williams indicated that a student's essays are generally looked at more carefully to fill the void. "All of the variables are weighed," Ms. Williams stressed.

GPA — GMAT

According to Ms. Williams, a student's GPA and GMAT are counted equally. If a student's GPA is lower due to ones involvement in extra-curricular activities, the GPA will be given "special consideration," maintains Ms. Williams. It is recommended that a student who performed poorly on the GMAT should take the examination again, she said.

Essays

All essays should be goal oriented and must accurately describe a student's career objectives and interests. Essays should include the reasons that one is applying for an M.B.A. and how the degree will complement his or her career goals.

Recommendations

Ms. Williams likes to refer to them as "evaluations." The letters

should not include character references from "next door neighbors," Ms. Williams said, but should be written by a professor or employer who has worked closely with the student and who can properly assess his personality and character. According to Ms. Williams, the student's level of sincerity must come through in the recommendation.

Work Experience

Work experience should be related in some way to the student's career interest. According to Ms. Williams, "just filling the space on the application with any kind of work experience is of no help to the student," she said.

Strong Placement

The N.Y.U. Business school is highly regarded among top companies for its excellent graduates puts its students in a strong position when they apply to companies. N.Y.U.'s office of career development (OCD) which has a staff of professional counselors, assists students in reaching their potential in the job market.

Students with further questions regarding admissions procedures and application requirements should meet with the University business professors, guidance counselors, and write to the graduate schools to obtain as much information about its course offerings.

I would like to express my thanks to Ms. Williams for her cooperation.

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the short was not caused by the use of electrical appliances, students have often attempted to turn on the circuit switches by themselves without authorization.

Authorized Help

In a policy memorandum to the student body shortly after the incident in November, Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, said that "a fusebox in all of our dormitories will henceforth be locked." The statement said that students "must seek the floor counselor or the guard at the dormitory (who has keys to each fusebox) who will reset the circuit."

"... We again urgently call to your attention the danger involved," the statement continued. "Should we be forced with the frequent breaking of the circuits we will be forced to confiscate such appliances."

of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) and a past President of the President's Conference had been close to Menachem Begin and "made inroads on the Israeli scene utilizing his position to far greater effectiveness than "taboo" organizations.

"Can we cooperate with them?" asked Rabbi Wurzbarger. "To make them more Reform? No. To legitimize them? They don't ask for it and I wouldn't give it. What do we lose? What do we gain? In the minds of the majority of Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Orthodox Jews, they are also rabbis." "For many years", Wurzbarger noted, "the United States didn't recognize China, but China existed." Therefore, Rabbi Wurzbarger concluded, "if we must choose between loving and hating, let us rather take a risk on the side of loving."

Rabbi Kenneth Hain, Director of Pre-Rabbinic Services at Y.U. who initiated this forum commented that, "the Student Vaad has been formed to bring together Yeshiva students and rabbinic leaders to discuss concerns of the Jewish community today and tomorrow." He praised the committee members of the Vaad, Brian Aziz, Danny Epstein, Danny Katsman, Josh Einzig, Shlomo Huttler, Danny Greenwald, Steven Cohen and Murray Singerman and suggested that possible future topics for discussion might include: the personal life of a rabbi, outreach, the Centrist Orthodox approach to Israel, and the drift towards fundamentalism and triumphalism in the Orthodox community.

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By MORRIS GROB

My initial impression of Y.U. was gained many years ago through the eyes of Rabbi Herbert W. Tomzer, the Rabbi of the Young Israel of Ocean Parkway. His positive attitude and his highly laudatory remarks convinced me that this was an association I wanted for my children.

My daughters attended Central I.S. in Brooklyn, and my son who attended B.T.A. is presently a senior at Y.U. My children's experiences in Y.U. schools helped me to form my own impressions and I am grateful to your editor for permitting me to share them with you.

We live in a culture which goes to extreme lengths to alienate children from the lifestyle of their parents. Jewish children who attend public institutions tend to forget the Jewish values and attempt to assimilate into the prevailing social group. The fact that my children had the opportunity to attend school with other young men and young women who had similar backgrounds and who shared their religious values is probably the strongest asset of Yeshiva University. The acceptance of these values by their peers fortified the resolve that was developed in the home. The realization that they were not isolated in an alien land bolstered their courage to continue in the tradition of their parents.

My wife and I knew that no matter how much we tried to influence our children, they would always be a competing influence from friends they would make. It

has gladdened our hearts to see our children's friends and to realize that some of these friendships will last a lifetime.

Yeshiva has also provided some outstanding experiences for my son, Joseph. From the time he was very young he had the aspiration to become an actor. As he matured, he realized that acting on the stage and being orthodox are conflicting situations. Y.U., through its Dramatic Society, has given him the opportunity to satisfy his thespian aspiration without sacrificing his religious belief. In the Yeshiva society he was spared the need and the pain to choose between two areas he loved.

I have not mentioned the academic areas, religious and secular. Here, I take for granted that the students receive the very best training that can be offered. The size of the classes, the uniqueness of the student body, and the concern of the faculty has helped to create an atmosphere where students and faculty can and do develop a special relationship.

However, as a parent and as an educator, there are several suggestions that I would like to offer because I feel that they would be helpful to the students.

Many students enter college with specific career goals. But, I am certain that an equal number are uncertain, and confused as to their career choice. I would suggest the establishment of a required course in Career Awareness for all students during their freshman year. The course of study should include: an investigation of careers and professions, requirements for entering into these careers, allied careers for each profession, the economic and employment outlook and the earning potential. This would re-enforce the choices of some, and would possibly eliminate the confusion for others.

The College Catalogue is a vital tool for a student's successful adjustment to college. It should be organized so that a student can see

at a glance what is required of him in his major field. Unfortunately, the Y.U. Catalogue is confusing to students. Thought and effort should be given to re-organize it so that it can be of maximum benefit to the students.

Students in general have difficulty in adjusting to the college scene. The greater freedom, the varied choice of courses, all too often lead students in the opposite direction of where they originally intended to go. If this continues unchecked, then students may delay their graduation by six months or even a year. Y.U. students have greater pressures than students at other colleges and universities. In my opinion academic counseling should be instituted as one of assuring that all students are meeting their responsibilities and fulfilling their requirements. A mandatory meeting with an academic counselor at least once a semester should have the deserved result.

The Foreign language requirement at Y.U. seems to be unrealistic and unfair to the students. As Jews, we have prayed and have longed for the creation of the State of Israel, and have the State of Israel, and have hoped that Hebrew would be considered a language equal to all other languages. It is therefore a contradiction for Yeshiva University to deny its students the right to use Hebrew in fulfillment of the foreign language requirement. It would appear to create a difficulty where none should exist.

The aforementioned suggestions are offered not with the intent to criticize, but with the hope that their implementation might help future students in their quest for a successful learning experience at Y.U.

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Little Shrimp Make Big Bucks For Israel

by JAMES CHESKY

Jerusalem — Just ten years out of the streams and rivers of Hawaii and Taiwan, the giant freshwater prawn *Macrobrachium Rosenbergii*, is rapidly becoming a prime Israeli export. Ironically, the prawns are never consumed in Israel because Jewish dietary laws prohibit the eating of crustaceans. And so the non-kosher are being cultivated only for export.

And a lucrative export item they are. Tons of the giant shrimp are being harvested annually from commercial ponds of *kibbutzim* (communal farm settlements) and finding their way to fish mongers in France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Belgium and England, where they fetch up to \$11-15 a kilo (\$5-7 a pound).

Giant freshwater prawns have been cultivated in several tropical countries. But only in a few short years, Israeli scientists have developed a technology of growing shrimp profitably which took hundreds of years to accomplish with poultry, says Dr. Dan Cohen of Hebrew University's Department of Life Sciences. Dr. Cohen attributes the rapid Israeli success in the shrimp industry to "the high standard of university research, the proximity to European markets and the readiness of the Israeli farmer to implement research almost before the findings are out.

In comparison to cultivation of prawns in the Far East, the Israeli prawns grow faster and have a higher survival rate than any others raised as food. This is due to a system developed to allow the prawns, which need constant temperatures of 25 to 30 degrees centigrade (77-86 F) to survive the cold Israeli winters which average 5-12 degrees centigrade (41-53 F) at night.

An observation in nature showed that the freshwater prawn female carries its 30,000 fertilized eggs downstream to estuaries, where the larvae hatch and develop in brackish water and then move back to fresh water upstream.

To simulate nature, Dr. Cohen's team developed a system of growing prawns in tanks with bio-filters both to keep the water clean and to adapt it to the changing needs of the developing larvae.

In other countries, prawn cultivators constantly flush their tanks with water, causing shock to the larvae. Their survival rate is about 30 percent, in a 45 day larvae cycle, with a prawn population density of about 20 per liter. The Israeli system of filters, which does not shock the animals, yields 80 percent survival, a 25 day larvae cycle and a density of 60 per liter.

From hatcheries, the juvenile prawns are transported by trucks to nurseries in geo-thermal springs on the Golan Heights and in solar heated ponds. In early summer, they are sent to fish ponds all over the country.

The research also led to selective sophisticated harvesting techniques. Dr. Cohen learned that there are three types of male; the blue claw, which has reached its full size and uses all of its energy for fertilization of the female; the orange claw, which grows rapidly and the small males. "We learned that when the blue claws are harvested, the orange claws grow to be blue claws in one moult and the smaller males turn into fast growing orange claws," Dr. Cohen explains. "The selective harvest of the blue claws makes the smaller males grow into the final position faster, to get them to the market in just six months."

Since Israeli fish ponds are run very efficiently, they easily meet the needs of the domestic market, leading to pressure for export projects. Dr. Cohen maintains that prawns are the means for taking full advantage of the economic potential of fish ponds. "We have proved that prawns, which are bottom dwellers, need no extra feed. There is a rain of organic matter — excess feed and fecal matter — to the bottom of the ponds. This is the source of food for the prawns. Therefore prawn production costs the farmer only six cents for the juvenile animal (which weighs about half a gram) plus harvesting costs. For prawns weighing 45 grams each, we received 8-11 dollars a kilo (a yield of 20-30 prawns)." Israeli prawn exports last year were some 70 thousand pounds to Europe. Dr. Cohen expects production to double annually until it reaches a maximum of about three thousand tons a year. He is also building a complete production system for prawns, including all stages of production. Some are already operating in the Philippines and Jamaica. Others are in the beginning stages in Central America and Africa.

YCDS' JB: A Dramatic Success

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is only the stage to do it in real life. The plot revolves around JB's faith in G-d and the harsh calamities involved in losing his family, wealth and positions. The main question that JB beckons from its audience is: Will JB continue to accept all that happens to him as divine providence? Or will he begin to question G-d's actions, and as satan predicts, come to curse G-d rather than praise Him?

The trauma of his disaster is so immense that the audience is tempted to draw their own conclusions about their faith in G-d, had they been placed in a similar situation. The play raises many questions from its audience and certainly elicits some scintillating and stimulating discussion, conversation and interpretation.

The audience is indeed aided by the very fine performances of not only the main characters, but also by a seemingly endless crew of extras who provide the necessary backdrop for this successful dramatic rendition.

Hy Pomerance (JB), Eddie Shauder (Mr. Zuss) and Joseph Grob (Mr. Nickles), all veterans of the YCDS stage, do not allow the play to slip into melodramatic path. They maintain a proper level



Joseph Grob is the YCDS production of J.B.

of intensity throughout, while remaining true to the storyline and to the sensitivity that is required of the subject matter.

To single out any one character or individual in this production is impossible. The play may rest upon the caricatures of the leads, but the entire cast meshes into an ensemble

which allows JB to maintain the standards that students have come to expect from YCDS productions.

Three rounds of applause for JB and its wonderful cast members! Dr. Anthony S. Beukas' fine production of J.B. provokes much thought while entertaining those fortunate enough to see it.

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A Voyage Through Jewish History

By JOSH JACOBOVITS

Imagine transporting yourself 500 years into the past when the study of the Book of Books and its commentaries was considered to be the highest virtue to which a Jew could devote his life to. It was in this frame of mind that Prof. Orlian's Bible class entered the 4th floor of the Rare Book Room of the Mendel Gottesman Library.

Thanks to Mrs. Pearl Berger, Head Librarian of the Library, our class was able to get a most exciting book learning experience about the historical development of Hebrew printing, and especially the Hebrew Bible.

The books that our class saw are called INCUNABULA, Latin for cradle, i.e. the cradle period of the history of printing — which meant all printed books prior to 1500. It is estimated that between 1455-1500 alone, the Bible, printed in various languages, was printed in 130 editions. It is interesting to note, that proportionally speaking, Jews printed more books than non-Jews.

Mrs. Berger gave our class the opportunity to examine a copy of the very first printed Soncino Mikraot Gedolot — the Hebrew Bible edition of 1488. Imagine, just 4 years before our people were expelled from Spain! Who knows if any of those Jews took this very same Bible with him on that torturous trek across Europe, to find a land that would take him in.

This monumental publishing task by the Soncino Family innovated ideas to make the Bible as accurate as possible. For example, we saw that they didn't leave any empty spaces at the end of the line. This was done so that no one infringe upon the mesorah, to add or change a word or letter in the Torah. This method was common in manuscripts as well.

The class was also able to see a Senano Hebrew Bible printed in Naples, Italy, in 1493, as well as a similar edition printed in 1494 in Brescia.

This 1494 edition was used by Martin Luther in his translation of

the Bible into German. Also, our class was able to find the marks of the local Christian censor. One can imagine this monk sitting in his musty monastery, going through every verse and crossing out with a black marker verses insinuating any derogatory remarks on Christianity, by the commentators. The Radak, we saw, took the prize for the most 'strike-outs'.

The next Bible we examined was printed by the renowned Flemish printer, Daniel Bomberg. He was the first non-Jewish printer of Hebrew books, and the first to print the entire Talmud; he established his press in Venice, in 1516. In order to do this, Bomberg spared no expense to produce magnificent books which were edited with meticulous care. Since he was a Christian and had obtained a franchise from the Pope to print Hebrew books, he wasn't afraid to invest huge amounts of money in his various enterprises. The Jews, by contrast, were fearful of heavy investment lest their books be confiscated and destroyed and so often printed one book at a time.

This Mikraot Gedolot Bible is known today as the First Rabbinic Bible — i.e., one containing the commentaries by leading Rabbis such as Rashi, Ibn Ezra, Radak, and Ramban. It also contained Targums, Onkelos and Ben Uzziel. Furthermore, it also had vowel points and musical notes as well as the Mesorah commentaries.

The editor of this Bible was Felix Pratensis, an apostate Jew who became a monk. So, in order to attract Jews to buy his Bible, Bomberg produced a Second Rabbinic Bible, which was edited by a Tunisian Jew, Yaakov ben Hayim.

Ben Hayim spent 7 years in collecting, scrutinizing, and analyzing the mesorah, so as to bring out an exact version of the Holy Scriptures. All Hebrew Bibles in common almost to this day follow Yaakov ben Hayim edition.

It was also Ben Hayim who introduced to the Jewish tradition

from the Christian world the division of the Bible into chapters and the numbering of verses. Ben Hayim also introduced the division of Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and Ezra-Nehemiah into 2 books each, not like the Christian Vulgate Bible which made Samuel and Kings into 1 book.

Ben-Hayim writes his reason for numbering the chapters and verses by saying that "I have copied the number of chapters from them (the Christians), so that it may be possible to reply quickly to the questions which they ask us daily regarding our faith and our holy Torah, as they quote verses from the Law of Prophets or other books, referring to such-and-such a verse in such-and-such a chapter of this book or that."

Our class also examined the Buxdorf edition of the Bible printed in Bazel in 1619. We then further examined an Athias-Levsden 1661 Bible printed in Amsterdam and a Bible printed by Menasseh Ben Yisrael in 1635.

Also interesting to examine was the critical 1705 edition of the Bible by Van der Heeght which was eventually used as part of another project by the British and Foreign Bible Society. This Society hired M. Litteris to revise and correct as well as translate the Bible for missionary purposes. Despite this, it was one of the best done up until 1963 when Koren Publishers of Jerusalem did a re-arrangement of chapters under the direction of 3 leading Israeli Hebrew scholars. In this edition many improvements in nikud, vocalization, cantillation, masoretic notes and other textual details were incorporated.

After finishing our stay at the Rare Book Room, many of us couldn't get over the excitement of touching and examining these precious books. Their excellent binding and quality of paper can still be appreciated after all these years. Many thanks to Mrs. Pearl Berger and Prof. M. Orlian for letting the class experience and hold on to a piece of history.

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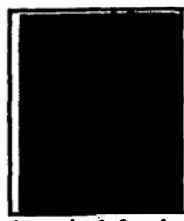
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Internship

Joint Program

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According to the dean, the program "will provide students the opportunity to enhance their academic background with serious research experience in the bio-medical sciences, and will supplement their training in the bio-medical sciences."

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Asked if the participation in such a program could assist a student in his chances of gaining entrance to medical school, the dean replied: "It would surely enhance a student's credentials for application to graduate and professional schools."

Applications In Spring

The dean indicated that additional information regarding the program and applications will be available at the beginning of the spring semester.

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Additional Information

Internships begin June 13th and end Aug 19th. Program participants are expected to be available in early June for job placement interviews and for a one day orientation.

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Israel's Idealistic Potential

By DAVID AKIVA AZRIEL LEVINSON

For many an American Yeshiva *Bechor* (student), coming to study in Israel for a year, the contemporary Israeli scene comes to him as a shock. He perhaps naively expects to see a unique land with an all holy and religious atmosphere — inhabited by a people who reflect that unique spirit. In short, he expects to find an ideal (or almost ideal) Jewish state, and to a large extent he is let down — disappointed. His high hopes fall far short of reality, resulting often in his disillusionment.

He sees a very large sector of this Israeli society which appears to be the antithesis of what he had expected to find in a Jewish state. They are the secular Israelis — *Chilonim*. He sees many who shun or are indifferent to religion. Their faith in God is at best equal to their faith in the *shekel*. Their ties to the *Bursa* (Israeli Stock Exchange) are stronger than their ties to the land. Their main goals and aspirations are materialistic and they hungrily crave and chase after anything American. The American Yeshiva boy observes how they run after American movies ("Fame" was the latest hit), "die" for American designer clothing and hunger for American music. He observes a society which owns the most video tape recorders per capita in the world, and so he begins to wonder and his disillusionment grows. While he himself is by no means completely "innocent" of these American "passions", he somehow expects to find a society different than the one he left back "home" in the states. Hoping this year to escape a little while from the claws of the American gentitized culture, he instead finds a society which attempts to imitate, copy and worship the culture and values of the society which he had just left behind him.

Why does such a grave problem exist in a large sector of the Israeli population? Why has a generation risen in Israel which lacks the kind of national pride and self sacrificing idealism which characterized their fathers and grandfathers — the founders of the state? Why in its stead do we find a people who worship materialism, "Americanism" and the corrupt values that go along with them?

The answer is quite complex and should be delegated to a separate sociological study obviously beyond the scope of this article. However, the American Yeshiva students who study here in Israel, as well as the whole young generation of American religious Zionist Jews, must come to grips with this problem. It is therefore vital to understand the key reasons for this deterioration in the Israeli society, for in it (understanding the causes) lies the key to repairing and revitalizing it.

The basic fault lies in the

fundamental ideology of the founding secular Zionists. The modern prophets of the state of Israel, though doing a great service to the Jewish people by building the land and helping to create the first Jewish state in close to 2000 years, nevertheless did not succeed in carrying over their ideals to the next generation. Their great vision which was based on the ideals of *Chazal*, *Messirat Neffesh* — self sacrifice for the common cause of building a Jewish homeland in *Eretz Yisrael*, lacked one vital, central criterion and that was the Torah. The fact that they sought to establish a Jewish state not built on the unique, eternal precepts of the Torah is what has led to the degeneration of the next generation. Out of the three fundamental inextricably bound ingredients which make up Judaism, *Eretz Yisrael*, *Am Yisrael* and *Torat Yisrael*, the latter was glaringly absent from their ideology. The disappointing results of this ideology have become obvious in recent years. Not only were the Torah values not transmitted to the next generation, but even the transmission of the positive ideals and morals found in secular Zionism has been largely unsuccessful. Gone is the spirit of *Chalutzut*. Greatly diminished is the young generation's connection to the land of Israel. Many stream to America — for if Israel is an *am kichol hagoyim* and the land is an *eretz kichol haaratzos*, then they might as well find a more prosperous land. Without the all encompassing perspective of the Torah, without the deep religious connection which exists in the soul of every Jew, we lose our uniqueness as a nation.

The second problem which contributes in a much more limited extent to the above discussed "worshipping" of American values is the unhealthy relationship which exists between Israel and the United States. It is a relationship not of independence, nor hardly interdependence, but one of dependence. Israel's unfavorable balance of trade, its tremendous reliance on a flow of American goods, cash and arms help to create and cultivate a society which looks up to America for everything. It helps create a society which replaces Jewish values with American gentile ones. The hopeless search for materialistic satisfaction as opposed to spiritual fulfillment is the direct offspring of such a relationship between Israel and the United States.

There is no easy immediate solution to this problem. To decrease American aid in any substantial amount would cause a great amount of damage to Israel. However, steps should be taken in the right direction. A gradual weaning away, less reliance on American aid and a stronger, more

assertive Israel with a more independent relationship with the United States, must be one of the goals to strive for in the not too distant future.

To stem the tide of deterioration in the Israeli secular society caused by the secular Zionist philosophy is also a most difficult task. Inevitably, the key to success lies in the proper *chmich* and outreach — *kiruv* programs for the youth of Israel. Tragically, there is a growing cult and missionary movement in Israel. The secular Israeli youth of today is often lost and searching for identity and we must make sure that the identity they find is a true Jewish one. Although the religious presence in Israel is growing (there has been a large growth in *yeshivot* and other religious institutions, many which are filled with *Baalei Teshuva*), much more must be done, for the task that lies ahead is immense. The only way in which we can influence the masses of secular Jews in Israel and speed the coming of the *Gedulah* is if we — the American Jews focus our attention on Israel and actively participate in its future. *Chazal* say that the power and potential of *Teshuva* is the greatest in the land of Israel, not in N.Y. nor N.J. The vast amount of American religious Jews would have a far more profound effect on the state of the Israeli society if they actively participated in its future by being there! All Jews are needed and wanted in Israel and the committed religious Jews of America are the ones in greatest demand.

Let not the American Yeshiva student in Israel or *Chutz La-aretz* become disillusioned. Let not this dark which looms over our holyland, conceal the stronger, more brilliant light of God's redemption which has begun to shine. For indeed, the miraculous events which we have witnessed in the past two generations, starting with the founding of the Jewish state in Israel, the first in close to 2000 years, leave us with no doubt that we have the privilege to be living now in the glorious era of *Atchalta D'geula*. Therefore, our response must not be one of disillusionment, nor retreat, rather one of rising to a challenge with unwavering resolve and faith. The time has come for us, the next generation of American Jews, to make our imprint on Israeli life, for we have it in our power to effect the destiny of the Jewish people!

This article is the opinion of David Levinson, a first year student at Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh. David wanted to let his feelings be known to fellow American Jews who might have been turned off by secular Israeli culture.

With best regards from Israel,
Steve Well



Semester

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In all fairness though, the task of a student council is difficult, time consuming, and at times, impossible. Simply, it is much hard work without any pay or recognition from the student body. Yeshiva College students who, unfortunately it seems are apathetic by nature, do not lighten their burden, rather, they are capable of stifling any student council exuberance. I can understand, therefore, the frustration felt presently by the student council and their apparent "burn-out." I do not, however, accept this as an excuse for their slow-down. The officers were well aware of the drudgery and frustration the job entailed when they eagerly pasted up their platforms in April. They should handle their accepted responsibility with the same zeal they sported during their campaigns, regardless, of the obstacles they now face.

YCSC SEMESTER GRADE:

B-

THE STUDENT BODY — It is exceedingly difficult to describe exactly what the role of a student body is in a college. For this column, however, I will define its role as setting the social climate of the college and providing for the educational and intellectual stimulation for the students outside of the classroom.

So for this semester, we have witnessed an upsurge in the activity of certain student clubs and committees. Deserving much praise are the Israeli Affairs Committee, which has sponsored several interesting and informative events, TAGAR, which seems to show boundless energy towards realizing their goals, and the First Aid Club, which is providing a most needed service to the university. In addition, the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society has produced, as usual, a professionally done play, WYUR has shuffled their format in an attempt to gain more listeners, and the "5th Column," a new YC publication is striving for literary excellence. The basketball and hockey intramurals are extremely competitive and the karate and fencing programs, like in the past, are very successful.

These are just a few of the many clubs and societies in Yeshiva College. The remaining majority, unfortunately, have been dormant so far this semester. Perhaps with the new year they will awaken from their restful sleep.

As President Norman Lamm stated in a recent *Commentator* interview, YC students seem to possess a quality of self-flagellation. We tend to be too harsh on ourselves and in the process deride our university. As editor of this newspaper, I receive innumerable complaints regarding a perceived low quality extra-curricular life at our college. In comparison to other universities, I am told, Yeshiva does

not offer a wide variety of cultural and intellectually stimulating events. The first group they blame for this problem is the student council. Although I came down hard on the student council earlier in this column, I want to point out that if these complaints hold weight, the students themselves are responsible as well. The student council has initiated various programs and events this semester, unfortunately, the student body constantly lacked interest. It is not the sole responsibility of YCSC to enrich the lives of the student body. The students themselves should be creative and show some enthusiasm in the development of ideas towards their own self-growth and maturation. With the assistance and guidance of the student council these ideas will materialize and not only upgrade the life of the student body, but of the university as a whole. Without student participation nothing will happen. As YCSC President Jeff Katz wrote in his column in *The Commentator's* May 25th issue, "It is the student body's destiny and proof of its capacity for courage and endurance that is the choice between leading a year of banality and passivity or revolting and creating." With the idea of this statement I agree.

THE STUDENT BODY SEMESTER GRADE: B


THE COMMENTATOR — Throughout this semester *The Commentator* has tried to offer its audience diversified and interesting reading material. We have, I feel, responsibly reported the news, as well as, provided insightful feature articles.

In contrast to past *Commentator* boards, we are avoiding sensationalism and various "colors" of journalism in an attempt to uphold the quality and reputation of *The Commentator* and to maintain the standards of an undergraduate newspaper. This semester we have secured a *Commentator* newsroom and have computerized our production facilities. This will allow us to save 25% of our costs, as well as, to avoid embarrassing typographical errors.

We, as well, have not been perfect either. Although we have many talented people on our governing board I do not feel that we are producing to our fullest potential. Some of our issues needed enhanced creativity, and physically, the paper at times, could have been laid-out better. We need to join and work together with added enthusiasm, so that we can continue to improve and offer our readers what they have come to expect and more importantly, what they deserve. Hard work blended with student participation and support, will enable us to achieve our goals.

THE COMMENTATOR SEMESTER GRADE: B

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I am pleased to list below the names of the Yeshiva College senior graduating students who have been nominated to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges for the academic year 1983-84.

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Dr. Israel Miller

Report Card

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THE ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY — Though these two groups have diverse responsibilities, many of their tasks do overlap. I will therefore discuss them together.

Due to the shootings during the summer months, the administration had quite a job ahead of them. By successfully bringing "New York's finest" to patrol our campus, and by boosting the university's security force, feelings of any imminent danger have apparently subsided. The new look given to Yeshiva College through the renovation project — including the distribution of free clipboard-folders to students and the installation of new microcomputers in the Pollack library — has permeated a positive morale through the student body. For the first time in a long while, we sensed a constructive effort on the part of the administration to enhance the everyday life at Y.C.

The implementation of the Max Stern Scholars Program, the newly donated chairs in Jewish History and Marketing, The Moshe Arens Scholarship Fund, as well as, the introduction of a new Arabic course and the appointment of new faculty, were actions to uplift the intellectual atmosphere.

As a symbol for future growth and expansion we observed the groundbreaking for the Max Stern Athletic Center. I only hope that we will be finally able to provide a quality basketball team to play in our new coming gym.

In addition, the prestige of Yeshiva University was augmented this semester by the visits of Israeli President Chaim Herzog and the Chief Rabbis of Israel and France.

Even more augmented — it was be announced — will be the summer tuition this year. Students can expect a cost of \$225-\$250 per credit this coming June. The law school acceptance rate was a solid 92%, with one student admitted to Harvard. The med-school acceptance rate was considerably lower this year. Whether the new pre-med advisor or the after-effects of the controversial dismissal of Rose Unger was the cause, is still under much student deliberation.

Major changes in MYP have helped revitalize a once partly sluggish program. IBC and JSS, I am told, have progressed normally.

The lack of a strong career guidance program has been questioned this semester since more and more students are putting off graduate school for a few years and instead are searching for full time employment. At a meeting with Rabbi Miller and other administrators several months ago, I was told of a proposal for a new guidance program specially designed for those students pursuing employment in the business or computer science fields. It was hoped that the program might start this semester or at the beginning of the spring term. As of today nothing has materialized. I have learned that certain technical problems are being smoothed out, but that they may take sometime. I am pleased that the university has finally recognized the need for an extensive guidance program and I just hope that the bureaucratic obstacles can be cleared shortly.

Lastly, I want to discuss the new curriculum proposal. In the past years, new curriculum proposals have been continuously voted down. There seems to be much optimism this year, however, that a new curriculum will finally be passed. Unfortunately, the final vote (scheduled last month) was

postponed until this month or February.

Recently, I have become dismayed after inquiring why new proposals are so difficult to pass. In the past a major concern of faculty members was the fear of losing one's job. Rumors have been circulating that these fears also exist today, even though Dean Rosenfeld was quoted as saying that "no faculty member will lose his or her job as a result of curriculum change." (Dec. 14th issue of Commentator).

Most disheartening was a conversation that I had with one prominent member of the faculty. I was told by this professor, that many faculty members do not want a curriculum passed, but they do not want it to be known that they voted against the proposal. They therefore, make amendments to the proposal which they realize will never be permitted to pass by other members of the faculty. This underhanded effort causes the rejection of new curriculum proposals, thereby securing that the current curriculum remain.

It is unfortunate that certain faculty members would rather see Yeshiva college stagnate instead of progressing scholastically. I would hope that mature responsibility will prevail during the coming vote. I think it would benefit us all.

THE ADMINISTRATION SEMESTER GRADE: A- THE FACULTY SEMESTER GRADE: B-/C

Dr. Herbert Taub Addresses YC, SCW Engineering and Computer Sci Students

By HOWARD T. KONIG

Dec. 26, 1983 — Dr. Herbert Taub, a professor of electronic engineering at city college spoke tonight in the Science Hall before a large audience of Yeshiva and Stern college students on the topic "The Brave New Digital World."

According to Dr. Taub, "we live in a digital revolution that is going to expand even further." The modern world is dependent on digital processing. Some of the many places that use digital processing according to Dr. Taub are: the federal government, telephone companies, banks, N.A.S.A., and even some bakeries. "I don't know how society could manage without digital processors and computers," Dr. Taub remarked.

The History of Digital Processing

The idea of digital processing has been around for approximately 150 to 200 years. The slow development of this science can mainly be attributed to the absence of miniaturization, which has recently been developed with the advent of transistors and integrated circuits. Digital systems can be considered to be made of logic operated switches, which are either "on" or "off." As technology developed integrated circuits have grown 100 to 1,000,000 transistors or components.

At first, the only available logic operated switches were vacuum tubes or relays. Due to the bulky size of the tubes and relays, not to mention the amount of power necessary to operate them, large

computer systems were impractical. "The situation was materially improved by the advent of the transistor in the 1950's. A transistor which is quite generally a one-to-one replacement for a



Dr. Herbert Taub

vacuum tube, consumes much less power (tens of milli-watts), and an encapsulated individual transistor has physical dimensions in the range of tenths of inches." Up to about 1965 only individual packaged semiconductor devices were commercially available, and engineers assembled gates and digital systems from these individual packages and from resistors. Semiconductor devices are fabricated by certain physical and chemical processes applied to and through the surface of a very pure wafer of silicon." Throughout this period, "there began a series of technological developments (continuing to this day and with no end in sight) leading to the (previously mentioned) integrated circuit, which is a type of semiconductor device.

In an integrated circuit many transistors and diodes are fabricated on, i.e., integrated into a single silicon wafer; integrated into the same structure are resistors and even the interconnections required to fabricate complete gate or many gates even an elaborate digital system

The Future of Digital Processing

"I wish I could estimate," Dr. Taub stated, "that the amount of power that is used to light up a 1 watt bulb is probably enough power all of the digital watches in the world." Presently silicon chips hold approximately 600,000 logic operated switches and use very little power. In the future, one can expect chips which can hold even more components or gates. Among the present restrictions is the yield during the growth and diffusion of the chips. The longer the silicon chips are, there is a great tendency to develop imperfections on their crystal. However, Dr. Taub indicated, this problem will be solved in the near future.

The event was made possible due to the good offices of Dr. Eg. Brenner, Executive Vice-President of Yeshiva University, who is a good personal friend and former student of Dr. Taub. Professor Leon Bartfeld, faculty advisor of the Engineering Society, was instrumental in the over-organization of the event. Brian Shoken and Brian Lando, Presidents of the Engineering Society and Benjamin Koplon, President CompuSci, coordinated the event.

YESHIVA INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE Fall Semester Statistics

Final Standings for Fall '83 Season

Team	W	L
Junior B	6	2
Junior A	5	3
Seniors	4	4
Freshmen	4	4
Sophomores	1	7

Team	G	FG	FTA	FTM	FT%	TP	AVG.	PF
Borgen	18	52	56	36	64	140	17.5	35(4 Ts)
Abrahams	8	45	58	30	52	120	15.0	17
Guedalia	7	35	34	16	47	86	12.3	22
Schultz	6	7	0	0	0	14	2.3	19
Geller	4	2	3	1	33.3	5	1.25	11
Azose	4	4	3	2	66.7	10	2.5	4
Lebowitz	4	2	4	2	50	6	1.5	10
Wizman	3	2	6	4	66.7	8	2.7	3
Yosher	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Blatt	1	3	2	1	50	7	7.0	3
Questel	1	0	2	1	50	1	1.0	0
Cohen	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.0	2
Kliger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	3
Team	8	153	168	93	55	399	50	132 (4T)

Team	G	FG	FTA	FTM	FT%	TP	AVG.	PF
Zauderer	6	6	5	4	80	16	2.7	8
M. Kaye	5	21	8	5	62.5	47	9.4	12
Hirt	5	9	13	3	23	21	4.2	13 (2T)
Weiser	5	7	10	3	30	17	3.4	16 (1T)
Strauss	5	3	7	6	86	12	2.4	12
Nagler	4	19	10	7	70	45	11.25	9
Lichtman	4	9	2	0	0	18	4.5	5
Kuritsky	3	16	12	10	83	42	14.0	6
Bardash	3	14	8	3	37.5	31	10.3	12
Isaacs	1	2	2	1	50	5	5.0	2
Laifer	1	2	0	0	0	4	4.0	3
Schluskel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1
Bluth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1
Team	6	108	77	42	54.5	258	43.0	101 (3T)

Team	G	FG	FTA	FTM	FT%	TP	AVG.	PF
Thomas	7	31	28	18	64	80	11.4	27
Mehlman	7	21	16	7	44	49	7.0	21
Skolnick	6	24	7	2	29	50	8.3	20
Lehman	6	14	14	8	57	36	6.0	12
Levine, G.	5	34	31	15	48	83	16.6	14
Doueck	5	21	33	21	64	63	12.6	12
Ben Haim	5	3	6	2	33	8	1.6	9
Franco	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	3
Hideri	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Team	7	148	135	73	54	369	46.0	118

	G	FG	FTA	FTM	FT%	TP	AVG	PF
Junior B	8	62	60	31	52	155	19.4	17
Weber	8	30	32	17	53	77	9.6	22
Schwartz	8	29	19	8	42	76	9.5	8
Lebkovitz	8	4	2	2	100	10	1.25	10
J. Levine	7	8	18	14	78	30	4.3	11
Wildes	5	12	20	10	50	34	5.7	19
Greenberg	5	5	6	2	33.3	12	2.4	10
Schmidman	5	6	7	2	29	14	2.8	14
Felson	4	1	3	2	67	4	1.0	8
Gottesman	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	4
Farber	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1
Waxman	1	0	2	0	0	0	0.0	5
Blum	8	157	169	88	52	412	51.5	129
Team								
Seniors	7	13	16	8	50	34	4.9	17
Landau	7	9	11	5	45	23	3.3	15
Schoenberg	6	33	23	10	43	76	12.7	10
Weinstein	6	25	15	4	26	54	9.0	24
Talansky	6	14	4	1	25	29	4.8	16
Kaufman	6	5	0	0	0	10	1.7	5
Sonnenblick	5	7	4	2	50	16	3.2	0
Ehrlich	5	3	6	3	50	9	1.8	7
Nordlicht	4	18	5	3	60	39	9.75	15(1T)
J. Schwartz	4	12	20	12	60	36	9.0	9
Selevan	4	4	7	5	71	13	3.25	11
Solomon	4	4	7	5	71	13	3.25	11
Team	7	143	111	53	47.7	39	48.4	129(1T)

Team Defense Avg. opponent stats against:

	G	FG	FTA	FTM	FT%	TP	F
Junior B	8	18.75	15.9	8.25	52	45.75	19
Juniors	7	18.3	18.7	9.8	52.6	46.4	15.3
Junior A	7	19	19	11	58	49.3	16.85
Sophs	6	20.2	20.8	11	52.8	52.7	15
Freshmen	8	22	18.25	9	49	53	16.75

Most pts. one team in a game-by Junior B, 70 vs. Freshmen
Most pts. one team in a game-by Sophomores, 33 vs. Junior B
Most pts. one team in one half-by Junior B, 48 vs. Freshmen
Least pts. one team in one half-by Freshmen, 11 vs. Seniors
Most pts. one team in one quarter-by Junior B, 29 vs. Freshmen
Least pts. one team in one quarter-by Sophomores, 3 vs. Freshmen

Team Stats

Alan Wildes, Commissioner
Mark Lefkovitz, Asst. Commissioner

Basketball Intramurals Playoff Preview; Four Strong Contenders

BY MARK LEFKOVITZ

The Yeshiva Intramural Basketball League concluded its regular season play last week with two teams (Freshmen and Seniors) tied for third place, thus creating a necessity for a tie breaking game to decide the third place team to be represented in the playoffs. According to the new rules implemented by Alan Wildes, Commissioner, the second and third place teams in the final standings square off in the first playoff game. The victor of this game wins the opportunity to face the first place team in the semester Championship Game. The respective winners of the first and second semester Championships will meet in the YIBL Championship Series to be held in May.

As the regular season ended last week, the solid Junior B squad clinched first place with a 6-2 record. Junior B, the first expansion team in league history, is paced by the Camp Morasha star point guard Eli Weber, the league scoring leader. Junior B's consistent winning ways, however, also stem from the contributions of Weber's teammates. With a frontcourt consisting of the powerful center David Greenberg, the stalwart swingman David Schwarcz and robust rebounders Josh Levine and Michael Felsen; the backcourt is rounded out by slot-man Mark Lefkovitz. Fine free throw shooting guard Morey Wildes, and multipurpose man Jo-Jo Schmidman have also contributed to the success story of this expansion team.

Finishing in second place at 5-3, Junior A are strong contenders for this year's championship. Few teams have matched the powerhouse backcourt connection of the former Flatbush star Jack Doueck and the sparkling all-around player, Beryl Thomas. The team's scoring leader is the star forward, Gregg Levine, another Flatbush Falcon standout, whose magnificent 26 point performance vs. the Freshmen in the last game of the season demonstrated his wide range of capabilities on the court. The remainder of the Junior A front line consists of Zev Skolnick, the fine power center and the versatile forward, Moshe Mehlman. With the superb swingman, Harry Lehman, and the steady guard, David Ben Haim, the Junior A squad has the depth necessary to win a league championship.

Certainly the most unpredictable team in the league, the Seniors (4-4) lost their first four games and then roared back to win their last four games in style. They are led by the smooth finesse swingman, Baruch Weinstein, whose fadeaway floaters have already become legendary. Weinstein is ably assisted down low by the dominating play of center Jeff Schwartz and the intensity of power-forward Alan Talansky. The

strong Senior backcourt consisting of tenacious guards such as Ushie Selevan and Ian Landow and steadfast players like Benji Schoenberg make this squad a force to be dealt with in the YIBL. With timely clutch play from guards Stuie Ehrlich, Gary Kaufman and Yitz Solomon and forwards Chaim Nordlicht and Howie Sonnenblick, the Seniors have the potential to trounce any team in the league.

The surprising Freshmen, 4-4, have become contenders due to the remarkable efforts of three players. Perhaps the most dominating center in the league, Barry Borgen finished second in scoring this semester while leading the league in blocked shots. Borgen, an M.T.A. veteran, evinced memories of Camp Raleigh days with his consistent inside scoring game. This year he teamed up with the lithe-leaping forward Jacob Guedalia to make a formidable Freshmen tandem down low. But the field commander and leader of the Freshmen squad is certainly the splendid guard, Billy Abrahams. His brilliant play and dazzling executions coupled with the success of the Borgen and Guedalia tandem have consistently led the Freshmen team to victory.

Unfortunately, in the second half of the season, opponents keyed on these three players, leading to several frustrating losses.

The Sophomores, the only team not to make the playoffs, turned in a dismal 1-7 performance this semester—even though several team members are former Yeshiva High School All Stars. Led by the excellent point guard Mike Kaye, the team boasts of famous stars such as Jeff Kuritzky, Marvin Nagler, Jodi Bardash and others. Hopefully, the team will regroup next semester so that games are not forfeited.

This year, under the able guidance of Mr. Wildes, the League has shown great improvement. The League Front Office takes pride in the high quality of refereeing provided this season; in comparison to the inadequate officiating of past years. In addition, the League has obtained an official league scorer, Shlomo Gottesman, to insure that games run smoothly. With the institution of these and other innovations to be unveiled next semester, the Commissioners look forward to the playoffs, the championship and the spring semester with great excitement.



Dean Norman Rosenfeld, YC; Dean Karen Bacon, SCW; and Mrs. Ethel Orlian of Stern Faculty seen giving the good ol' college smile for the Macs.

Ellmen Outwrestle City College

The Y.U. Ellmen defeated City College in what has been judged by all to be their best match of the '83-'84 season. After valiant attempts by Eli Lapp, Moishe Kranzler, Pesach Kremen, Ari Schwell, and Aaron Lapp to overcome their opponents while wrestling two weight classes above their own weight, the Y.U. Ellmen seemed to be in serious trouble. Caleb Freeman began to reverse the trend with his impressive pin in 1:19. David Genet continuing the momentum, displayed exceptional stamina and wrestling ability his man towards the end of the 3rd period in 5:40. With the score 29-24 in favor of City College all hopes rested with Jack Nuszen. Nuszen's opponent outweighed him by sixty pounds and was close to a foot taller than him. Nuszen, undaunted, pinned his opponent in 2:22, bringing the final score to 32-29 in favor of Yeshiva.

The victory was only the Ellmen's 2nd in their last seven matches; their first victory was against Brooklyn College. Eli Lapp, Pesach Kremen, Caleb

Freeman and David Genet won their matches. David Noble, Ari Schwell and Jack Nuszen made noble attempts to defeat their opponents but their efforts were thwarted. Moshe Kranzler wrestling at 158, had the only pin of the evening in 5:50. Aaron Lapp defeated his opponent in one of the most exciting matches of the evening. Control of the match, which lasted the allotted time, shifted many times before the final whistle. Lapp defeated his adversary by a score of 14-11.

Special mention should be given to Pesach Kremen and David Noble for representing Yeshiva University in the C.W. Post Invitational Independent Tournament.

Special mention should also be given to veteran Stuie Simon who will be on the Ellmen disabled list till the end of the fall semester due to a spinal injury. We look forward to more victories from all the Ellmen in their forthcoming matches.



YU Ellmen in action

N.Y. UNIVERSITY IS GRODY TO THE MACS

By ROBERT KATZ

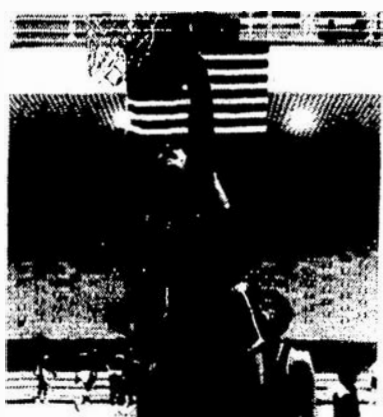
Dec. 19 — In front of a relatively small crowd, The New York University Violets defeated the Yeshiva University Maccabees tonight, 60-34, at the Coles Gym on the New York University Campus. With the game televised on MSG cable, fans and viewers must have been wondering what was going on as the Macs led throughout most of the first half — at one point by eight. With the score tied at 21, a time out was called and for some reason it was all downhill for Yeshiva as they were outscored 10 to 2 in the closing minutes of the half.

Johnny Halpert, coach of the Macs, offered this logical theory: "We just tired ourselves out. We came out in the second and had virtually nothing left. What concerned me was the 'fatigue factor'. They have a lot more depth than we do, and they practice more in a week than we do in a whole season. Our conditioning is by far inferior." The score at halftime was 31-23 Violets, and the "upset" was still lurking in the arena.

As far as second halves come and go, this should never have come and could not have gone quickly enough. The Macs were outscored 29-11, prompting coach Mike Muzio of NYU to state "It's just a pity the second half had to be on TV." The Macs averaged 7 passes before taking a shot while they were down late in the game, so any comeback effort never even got

off the ground. Was this a game where the Macs had nothing to lose? "Well," said Halpert, "if we could have stayed close at the end of the first half, maybe gone into halftime tied, the second half would have been different."

Worse comes to worse, the Macs



MAC player Jeff Katz shooting a layup during warmups. Behind him is teammate Jeff Harris.

definitely raised some eyebrows, if only during the first half.

Special NYU game notes: high scorers: Jeff Harris — 14 for the Macs, Greg Gonzalez — 12 for the Violets. Mac captain Chopper Schreier, a Cal Ramsey (MSG commentator) favorite, had an excellent game under the boards.

Three prominent New York sports media people were in attendance: Ramsey, channel 11 sportscaster Bob Goldscholl, and New York Mets' P.R. director Jay Horowitz.

Sophs Stun Juniors In Hockey; Hillel Hyman Scores In Overtime

By HILLEL HYMAN and RONNY GROSS

Tuesday night, Jan. 3, the sophomores revived their playoff hopes. The sophomores, who needed a win to stay in the running, played the first-place Junior team in a very exciting, hard-hitting game. The Juniors got off to a quick start to lead 4-0 with goals by Israeli and Thurm and great passing by team pt. leader Ari Tuchman. However, in the 2nd period the sophomores came back with strong defensive play and closed the gap to 5-2. During the third period the sophomores put heavy pressure on the Jun. goalie,

Aryeh Colton, and were rewarded with some goals. The game tying goal came on a nifty pass from Kenny Rozenberg to Hillel Hyman who blasted the puck past the Jun. goalie from 15 ft. out. The game then went into the regulation 5 min. overtime period. The Jun. had a few good opportunities to score but they were thwarted time and again by the soph goalie, Ronny Gross. With 2 min. left in the OT period, Hillel Hyman retrieved the ball behind the Jun. net and tucked it in on a wrap-around for the game winning goal and his 4th of the night. The final score was 6-5 sophs.

STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Juniors	5	3	10
Seniors	4	3	8
Sophomores	3	4	6
Freshmen	3	5	6

STATISTICS

	Goals	Assists	Points
Weinberger	14	9	23
Hyman	15	4	19
Tuchman	8	9	17
Abrahams	8	6	14

The Taubermen Standings through three matches:

Sabre
Danny Zanger, 7-1; Stuie Berger, 5-4; Keith Rhine, 2-1; Bill Berlin, 2-4; David Pinhas, 1-0. Sabre team totals, 17-10.

Foil

David Mond, 6-3; Marc Bessler, 6-3; Noah Katz, 4-2; Ralph Grosz, 0-3. Foil team totals, 16-11.

Epee

Jeff Kern, 4-4; Howie Friedman, 3-6; Steve Hotzman, 0-4; Yaacov Brafman, 5-1. Epee team totals, 12-15.

Taubermen record: 1-2.
Taubermen team totals through 3 matches: 45-36.

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