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## Student Services Department Opens

Nulman, Mayer Appointed

By Tzvi Hirshaut

Dr. Irving N. Levitz, dean of students; has initiated rapid progress in the new department of Student Services, hiring staff members, and procuring office space.

Two experienced administrators have joined the department to assist Dean Levitz in his efforts. Dr. Efreim Nulman, a former director of OHEL, has been appointed assistant to the dean for student services. Mr. Ben Mayer, a former director of Hillel at the University of Toronto and currently part-time professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, has been appointed director for student services. Nulman will play an integral role in psychological counseling, the development of a career guidance office, and the training and supervision of dorm counselors. Mr. Mayer will work with student leaders in developing specific projects.

The department plans to move its quarters to the office now occupied by Dean Rosenfeld in the deans' quadrangle of Furst Hall. Dean Rosenfeld will relocate in an adjacent room.

### Work Begun

The department serves as a liaison between students and administration. Says Dean Levitz,

"until now, students have had to run around for things about which they ought not worry. Now, there is one address for all student affairs." Dean Levitz and Mr. Mayer have already met with student leaders, and both assisted YCSC in the purchase of an electronic bulletin board, to be posted in the Morgens-tern lobby Monday morning, November 5.



Professor Ben Mayer, Assistant to Dean of Students

### Selection Committee Finished

Mayer's appointment marks the culmination of a selection process, begun in June, to recommend a replacement for Larry Wachsmen, former director of student activities. After conducting four interviews last spring, a selection committee remained unsatisfied and decided to adjourn until the fall, when more qualified individuals might become available. However,

unnotified of Levitz's impending appointment as dean and wary of beginning the semester without a director of student activities, the committee met once more in August and recommended the best of the bunch' to Senior Vice President Israel Miller. Only after submitting the recommendation was the committee notified of Levitz's appointment. Committee Chairman Daniel Lehmann explained that since the director of student affairs works under the Dean of Students, "we had to readjust, taking into consideration how he [Levitz] fit the position into the department."

After his appointment in August, Dean Levitz requested the committee search for a more qualified individual to direct student affairs. In response to a query that he was undermining the committee's decision, Dean Levitz replied that, "in late August when I got the job, I went to the committee and asked them to interview a few more people. I told them that if they wanted to keep the selection process open, I would bring down some people for the committee to look at. I was concerned not to undo the work of the committee, and I didn't."

The committee considered two people recommended by Levitz along with the four individuals previously interviewed and unanimously chose Mayer.

## Y.C. Senate Re-Examines Pre-Med Major

Special to Commentator

The Yeshiva College Senate recently discussed the possibility of restructuring or abolishing the Pre-Health Science major. The proposal, raised by Mr. Isaac Corre and other student senators, indicated that changes could be beneficial to both the students and the university. This past year, the Y.C. medical school acceptance rate dropped significantly, generating the feeling that now is the time for both students and faculty to evaluate the existing order.

Many reasons have been given as to why a re-evaluation of the major is necessary. First, the Pre-Health Science major is not cohesive. The major provides students with introductory level knowledge of biology, chemistry, organic chemistry and physics, without focusing on any one of them. Thus, if a student was to be denied admission to a medical school, his limited knowledge would jeopardize his chances for employment in a science field. Additionally, Yeshiva is one of the only colleges in the country that has a Pre-Health Science major. This, in itself, has prompted questions as to the major's legitimacy.

### Investigative Committee Organized

The senate has set up a committee to investigate these charges and recommend options to deal with the problem. The committee, including pre-meds Daniel Petashnik and Howard Friedman, has been instructed to research the possible effects of changing the major on Y.C. admissions and medical school acceptance rates. The senate will also consider student sentiment on the issue. Only after these points are resolved can the senate discuss what changes, if any, should be made, and how they should be implemented. Currently, the committee is early in its research, and conclusions will not be available for a few months. The senate has confirmed its willingness to listen to student comments on this subject. Ira Meisels, chairman of the senate, expressed his personal desire for student input, stating, "I certainly hope that the students will let us know how they feel about this matter. However, I also hope that they will do so in an open, forthright manner, not just with negative, anonymous notes."

## Accounting Department Thriving Under Schlessberg

By: Peretz Hochbaum

The Accounting Department of Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women have rapidly grown in the past four years. Responsible for this success is Dr. Norman Schlessberg, attorney, C.P.A., and chairman of the Accounting Department.

Under Dr. Schlessberg's guidance, the number of accounting students at Yeshiva has doubled. There are currently 90 students at Y.C. and at Stern enrolled in Accounting I. This semester, Y.C. is offering three accounting courses, four years ago, only one course was available.

The Accounting Department has attracted many transfer students as well as freshmen. Shlomo Gottesman, a senior accounting student, transferred to Yeshiva from Queens College, "because of the many fine things (he) heard about Dr. Schlessberg, the Accounting Society, teachers, and the excellent placement record for graduates."



Dr. Norman Schlessberg Chairman of Accounting Department

The Accounting Society under the tutelage of Dr. Schlessberg, has brought a sense of brotherhood to the accounting students. The society arranges for upperclassmen to tutor freshmen and for seniors to share their job interview knowledge with each other. This prepares the soon-to-be graduate for future interviews by potential employers.

According to Dr. Schlessberg, the primary function of the society is to "create a sense of loyalty in Yeshiva amongst its students." Dr. Schlessberg feels that within 10 or 15 years, today's students will be hiring Yeshiva graduates, and supporting its programs.

### Placement Program for Future

With Dr. Schlessberg near retirement some students are concerned that the accounting placement record may suffer. Dr. Schlessberg feels, however, that "we have a good product to sell—a quality student. That is why so many firms come to visit Yeshiva."

Dr. Schlessberg foresees that Y.C. graduates will continue to find positions in firms even after his retirement.

## Students Enthusiastic But Will They Vote ?

By: Jeff Kern

In a city where voter registration is below fifty percent and where the majority of people view politics with apathy, Yeshiva students offer a comforting contrast. According to a recent Commentator poll, seventy nine percent of the Yeshiva students eligible to vote are registered and eighty percent consider themselves knowledgeable about the important issues in the upcoming presidential election.

When asked which issues they considered of primary importance most students responded that relations with Israel and the economy were foremost on their list. Separation of Church and state and the threat of nuclear war were also found to be pressing issues.

The student poll revealed that sixty four percent of those questioned supported President Reagan. Although none of the students were asked to explain their voting preference, Mondale supporters were quick to cite what they felt were shortcomings in the President's policies towards Israel.



Jordy Comet (Y.C. Senior) presents mayor Edward Koch with official Y.U. mug at J.C.R.C. Voter Registration drive for student leaders.

A number of students explained that their intention to vote for Mondale stemmed from a dislike of the present administration rather than an enthusiasm for Mondale. Two percent of those polled said that they were dissatisfied with both Presidential candidates and would not vote.

Despite the interest and enthusiasm towards the election, many students will be unable to vote. The college has scheduled regular sessions for election day and according to sixty five percent of the students polled the classes will

present a major hinderance to their voting. Many students expected the University to cancel the afternoon classes. They explained that the free afternoon would allow those registered in the metropolitan area to attend shiur in the morning and return to their voting districts in the afternoon. The University feels, however, that students should apply for absentee ballots which would enable them to both vote and attend classes. Hopefully students will expend the minimal effort necessary to obtain an absentee ballot and exercise their privilege to vote.

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# Editorial

## Religion, Politics and President Reagan

It is quite unfortunate that the President of the United States has decided to violate American constitutional law, both on paper and in spirit. As Ronald Reagan continues his attempt to incorporate religion into politics he threatens religious freedom in this country. The president has consistently violated the spirit of the Constitution by dragging issues such as abortion and school prayer into the political spectrum. He has, in addition violated both the spirit and the letter of the law by making school prayer an issue in his re-election campaign.

If the "separation of church and state" is to remain an unviolated maxim, religious issues must be removed from the political scene. If the president wishes to insure the survival of the religious American ethos he must reconsider the political effects of his policy. Incorporating religion and politics can only harm First Amendment rights. It is about time that Ronald Reagan decide to preside within the spirit of the constitution from which he receives his jurisdiction.

## Major Misconceptions

The debate surfaces again. Is the pre-health major a viable major in our institution? There are those who claim that the pre-health major, as constituted today, is too amorphous to deserve the title of major. Students studying pre-health are said to nibble at many unrelated subjects. Additionally, they cannot point to any one area of true expertise. Those who question the validity of the Pre-Health major readily accept the Psychology, English, and Biology majors. They perceive these majors as having a greater internal cohesiveness than does the Pre-Health major. In response to these criticisms the University Senate has called for a subcommittee to assess the pre-health major.

Do these claims rightfully warrant a subcommittee investigation? Can one truly say that the Pre-Health major is less cohesive than any other major in the college? Do the courses Victorian poetry and modern novel share a greater affinity to each other than the study of electric potential in physics and neural reactions in biology? Yet no one would question that the former two courses belong to the English department. Clearly, the sciences required for the Pre-Health major constitute a cohesive area of endeavor.

The contention that Pre-Health students lack expertise in their major must be dealt with. Upon reflection, however, it is no issue at all. The goal of an undergraduate major is not to create expertise. Every department in our institution offers those courses that will entice the student to pursue a particular field and gain an eventual mastery of it. In that sense the pre-health major fulfills its obligation as well as any major in our university. The student who is naturally inclined towards the sciences has an excellent exposure to various scientific disciplines while taking the pre-health major. Like the English major, the student studying Pre-Health is exposed to a rich array of courses within his discipline.

Let us not seek solutions to problems that do not exist.

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Mazel Tov to Howie Apfel upon his engagement to Naomi Shiller.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire governing board wishes a *Refuah Shelaimah* to Rabbi Meir Edelstein.

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board sends condolences to Professor Emeritus David Fleisher on the death of his wife. *Hamakom yenaachem otcha b'toch sh'ar avelay Tzion v'Yerushalayim.*

# President Speaks



Although winter is approaching, the memories of *Sukkot* are still vivid in our minds. Few *Yom Tovim* leave us with the mixed feelings that *Sukkot* does: the aroma of freshly baked *challa* amidst the smell of rotting wood (or moldy canvas), mother's chicken soup garnished with the nuclear fall out of *schach*, and the slimy feeling of earth worms underfoot, highlight this *Yom Tov* like none other. Over *Sukkot* it becomes apparent just how important the concept of "home" is. Whether it be a home where our family lives or a home where we study, a comfortable vibrant environment is vital to our existence. This realization necessitates certain changes on our campus, many of which the Student Council is presently working on.

1. Gottesman Library—For many years, students have been complaining about the limited availability of our library. Due to the nature of our curriculum, most students are able to spend only 3 - 4 hours per week night in the library. Many conscientious students who would like to spend Sunday evenings in the library are frustrated to find that it closes at 8:45 P.M. The security department as well as library officials insists that an expansion of the hours to 1:30 A.M. week nights and 12:00 A.M. Sunday nights would not be a major difficulty. Yet year after year no action is taken.

I therefore urge you to voice your dissatisfaction by signing the petition which is circulating throughout the campus. In the past, we have found that the University is willing to hear our dissatisfaction and to meet our needs. We are confident that the administration will promptly deal with this issue.

2. Student Union Building—By definition, or at least by inference, a Student Union Building is a structure whose purpose is to house and meet the recreational needs of the students. Therefore, before the blueprints are finalized, we, the students, must be consulted. The University has assured us that Student Council will be directly involved in the planning of the building. Please share your ideas with us so that the Student Union Building will be equipped to meet all our needs.

3. Y.U. Mascot—Student Council is presently searching for an official Yeshiva University mascot. Please submit all entries (drawings, sculptures, etc.) to Morg. 223 by December 21. If we use your idea, you'll receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from the Yeshiva College Bookstore.

*Sukkot* vacation is over! By everyone's standards (even Chassidim) the year has started. Clubs have their budgets, classes have their activities planned, and the Y.C.S.C. calendar is filling up. There is more to Yeshiva College than "GRUBBING"—see what we offer, decide what you're in to, participate and enjoy.

## DON'T MISS

1. VICTORY 84 CELEBRATION, November 6th.
2. Yeshiva College EASTERN JAZZ FESTIVAL November 13th.
3. Y.C.D.S. presents: PINNOCHIO, December 15.
4. MORDECHAI BEN DAVID CONCERT, December 27th.

## Letters to the Editor

### Unreasonably Expensive

that "Kosher" is not an excuse for a doubling in the price. Make your profit elsewhere. Ivan Ciment

### Anonymous Slander

To the Editor

The Yeshiva College Senate is currently considering changes in the pre-health sciences major. Two proposals have been forwarded. One involves the addition of health science-related sociology courses to the major; the other calls for outright abolishment of the major. The issue is far from being resolved and, in fact, many have, as yet, not formed a specific opinion. We, therefore, welcome, nay yearn for, student debate on the topic.

However, rather than addressing the issues, a group of students calling themselves "concerned pre-meds" circulated a letter that im-

maturely took a cheap shot at us. Not one argument was presented in favor of the major; rather, aspersions were cast on our intentions. We were accused of being "power hungry". Far be it from me to doubt the good intentions of the drafters of this letter but one question remains: If these pre-meds are really "concerned", why could they not conduct a civilized debate instead of stooping to anonymous slander?

Ira Meisels  
Chairman, YC Senate

### No-Alternative Programming

Dear student body,  
I write this letter concerning the present state of our university radio station WYUR. I am a transfer student to Yeshiva College and I have both a great love of music and considerable experience working in col-

lege radio stations. I applied for a radio show on WYUR with the hopes of exposing the yeshiva community to forms of music they may have been unaccustomed to. When I told the station manager that I intended to play Reggae, Funk as well as New Wave and Progressive Rock, he refused to air my show. Apparently he was interested in continuing WYUR's program of playing only the top 40 pop rock hits. But is such a program appropriate for a college radio station? New York City already has many fine pop stations. College radio which is free of the financial pressures of a commercial institution can offer many different types of music of unknown or less popular artists.

This may sound like sour grapes to you but I'm curious to see how the student body feels about their radio station. I'm interested in hearing from you so please write, call or drop by to discuss the situation.

Thanks for listening with open minds.

Love and smiles,  
Louis Scott Meadvin

### Ashamed Alumnus

Dear Editor,

I am, for the first time, ashamed of my university newspaper. Dr. I. Agus had served the University for 31 years. To simply summarize all that he had accomplished in 20 lines strikes me as unjust. It would have been appropriate, perhaps, to have two articles: one summarizing Agus, the man, and the effect he had at Yeshiva, etc; the second evaluating Agus, the Jewish historian.

I am sorry that a person can give 31 years of his life to an institution, and be so summarily dismissed.

Sincerely,  
Ezra Labaton (YC '72)

### TO THE EDITOR

To state it simply, the Y.U. cafeteria is expensive. A decent dinner runs 5-6 dollars quite easily and prices for items are comparable to those on the street.

Y.U. receives subsidies just like any other college adopting non-discriminatory policies but food prices are almost double compared to those of other schools.

This is not a cosmic revelation, but one that is clearly noticed and shared by many of my colleagues.

It may be argued that portions here are larger than usual, perhaps too large. I suggest that the cafeteria offer the customer the option of ordering entrees in half portions so that one might pay for as much as he wants to eat.

Whatever the case, the fact is that Y.U. food is not reasonable, and



**OP-ED**

**Election '84—Israel That Is**

by Yoel Moskowitz

Israeli election results are representative of the diversity of the electorate. The results are an illustration of the changing attitude of the Israeli voter. Furthermore, a distinctive line is emerging between the political left and right, leaving a large gap in the center and a lot of room for change.

There were many losers and few winners in this election. The big winners were the small radical left and extreme right parties. The losers were the citizens of Israel. The new government of national unity is a "band-aid" government, at best a superficial dressing to temporarily patch the rift. The effectiveness of this arrangement is yet to be seen, which is why skeptics like myself will call this the "Government of National Absurdity."

Don't take my word for it, analyze the results:

**Labor (44 seats):** They will never learn. Ahead in the polls by 20 just days before the election, Labor should have creamed the Likud. However, after losing the two previous elections under the leadership of Shimon Peres, they failed to replace him. Peres is as popular in Israel as Jesse Jackson is in the U.S.. Yet, capitalizing on Likud's decline in the polls, Peres saw this as his last chance. He calmed the internal discord by bringing in former President Navon and former P.M. Yitzhak Rabin, offering them the second and third seats respectively. Navon had nothing to lose: were Labor to win, his popularity would be a determining factor. Their loss would be attributed to his secondary position in the party. I am convinced Labor's margin of victory would have been larger had Navon been leading the ticket.

**Likud (41 seats):** Likud got lucky. They were in dire straits; no Begin charisma, no money in the bank and no peace in Lebanon. The only thing they did have was 400% inflation, a dull P.M., and Shimon Peres running against them. They were helped by a predominantly right wing electorate but they still fell short. They did catch up enough

to gain a good bargaining position, the result of which will bring Yitzhak Shamir back to the P.M. office in two years time. I would look out for David Levy, a good man to lead Likud should Navon take over at Labor (that would guarantee a first ever Sephardic P.M.).

**Yahad (3 seats):** Ezer, a cheap opportunist, fooled many centrists hoping to appeal to voters who could not consciously vote for Likud or Labor. Weizman won three seats for his party in the Knesset. Instead of being the voice of the center, he merged with the first party that would guarantee him and his deputies safe seats, and a cabinet post in the next government. In this case it was Labor, and he might as well have run with them.

felon, and Rav Ovadia Yosef, the Sephardim overwhelmingly went with the former chief rabbi.

**Shas (4 seats):** An orthodox Sephardic party with a Rav as its mentor. They played their cards right.

**Morasha (2 seats):** Two seats that should have gone to the NRP. Haim Druckman, a leader in Gush Emunim, is the leader of this party. I would look for his return or merger with the NRP in the near future.

**Tehiya (5 seats):** A winner! They brought in former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan and Gush Emunim leader Rav Eliezer Waldman. They are definitely the leading voice for the far right Zionists in Israel. They knew just how to capitalize on the rightward turn of the electorate and

*An Indepth View of Israeli Elections*

**Ometz (1 seat):** Ometz is the successor to Moshe Dayan's Telem party. The leader, Yigal Hurwitz, ran on a ticket to improve the economy. As you may recall, he was the Finance Minister under Begin, who was forced into resignation after calling for heavy budget cuts.

**NRP (4 seats):** The biggest loser with the most to lose. The NRP (or the Mizrahi) has failed to turn with the rightward tide of Orthodox Jewry. They once held 12 seats in the Knesset; they are now far from being the leaders of the religious Zionist movement that they once were. I would look for big changes possibly a merger for the NRP in the future.

**Tami (1 seat):** Another loser. You may recall that Tami was the deciding vote in the call for early elections. Although they hoped to use this for their advantage, the plan backfired. Apparently, a religious Sephardic party is no longer a unique idea. Abuhatzera, the party leader, was up against a more popular Sephardic Rabbi, Raav Ovadia Yosef (the mentor of the Shas Party). Given the choice between Abuhatzera, a convicted

they will be a strong party for many years to come.

**Kach (1 seat):** Definitely a winner. "For whom?" you ask. For Kahana and nobody else! Techiya believes the same things he does; they are just a little more subtle. However, he has a broad following. Look forward to seeing him in the Knesset for many years to come, unless he is shot first.

**Agudah (2 seats):** I have nothing to say about Agudah.

**Communists (4 seats):** Some things just speak for themselves.

**CRM (3 seats):** Lead by Shulamit Aloni, they too are big winners, getting votes from leftists who are not pleased with the Labor party.

**Shinui (3 seats):** This party is led by Amnon Rubinstein. The sole distinction between Shinui and the Citizens' Rights Movement party is the leadership. One is louder than the other.

**PLP (2 seats):** This is a joint Arab - Israeli party. An ironic fact is that PLP and Kach were both banned from running by the Election Commission, a decision later overruled by the supreme court.

There you have it. The 11th Knesset.

**Yeshiva College Student Council 1984—85 Budgets**

The following is a list of budgets for YCSC societies and clubs for the 1984-'85 academic year.

Club	President	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Accounting Society	Judah Wernick	\$1,000	\$3,000
Biology Club	Sam Rosenthal	\$ 200	\$ 250
Chemistry Club		\$ 0	\$ 0
College Republicans	Simcha Weller	\$ 25	\$ 25
Commentator	Dave Schwarcz	\$6,000	\$6,000
Computer Science	Shalom Kallner	\$ 200	\$ 200
Dramatics	Isaac Zucker		\$3,800
Economic Society	David Papier	\$ 275	\$ 275
English Honor Society	Saul Rube	\$ 125	\$ 125
First Aid Club	Ronny Gross	\$ 250	\$ 250
Israel Affairs	Steven Cohen	\$ 75	\$ 75
Karate Club	Neal Mitnick	\$ 250	\$ 250
Math Club	Yan Wolfson	\$ 0	\$ 0
Micro Computer	Eric Safern	\$ 50	\$ 50
Physics	Adam San Solo	\$ 35	\$ 35
Political Science	Eliezer Hammer	\$ 300	\$ 300
Psychology	David Pinhas	\$ 50	\$ 50
Ski Club	Curtis Rindfleish	\$ 0	\$ 0
Speech Club	Ira Lifshutz	\$ 50	\$ 50
Strategy (& Tactics)	Zvi Lando	\$ 25	\$ 25
Young Democrats	Jordy Comet	\$ 75	\$ 75
W.Y.U.R.	Robert Katz		\$2,817
Wild Life	Neal Mitnick	\$ 150	\$ 150
Anti-Cult Club	Barry Bender	\$ 0	\$ 0
		\$26,892	

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**MASMID 1985**

Dear Senior,  
Putting together a yearbook is an expensive proposition. Total costs can run above \$20,000. We are, therefore counting on each one of you to bring in at least \$200.00 in ads by November 27. Without this money, we will not be able to meet our production schedule and Masmid will not be able to be published by senior dinner. We also hope that each one of you will volunteer time to help with Masmid fundraisers.

Senior pictures have already been taken. Anyone not yet photographed should contact David Noble (M220) so that an appointment can be arranged at the studio. Send your proofs back to the photographer at the latest by November 27 to ensure that all deadlines will be met. If a decision has been reached as to which photographs will be used, send proofs immediately.

The senior biography sheets that you have received must be handed in by Thursday November 8th. If you have not received one, they are available on the door of M220.

If anyone is interested in helping out, or simply has an idea or suggestion, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

David Noble  
Elliot Shulmen  
Editors-In-Chief

**Riets I Renamed: Morgue II**

By: Naftali Friedman

If there is one dormitory at Y.U. that should be called "the Morgue" it is the Riets Residence Hall. For those who have not yet experienced Riets, I suggest they do so quickly. Even as I transcribe these words, bricks are are sporadically falling from the building's exterior and there exists a distinct possibility that this great edifice might not make it to the end of the semester.

Reluctantly, my home away from home is one of the cubicles on the third floor of Riets. Sitting at my desk late one evening, poring over an exciting quasi-concave marginal utility curve, my eyes unsurprisingly drifted out the window. It was then that a great idea found its way into my head.

This brainstorm concerns an issue that may well be one of the major problems confronting Yeshiva College at this juncture in its history—the high admissions rate.

After reading the scoop in the Sept. 20th issue of the Observer entitled "Brookdale Hall: No Vacancies", my friends and I were deeply saddened by the state of affairs at

our sister school. Yet without hesitation, I warned my friends to save their tears—for the overcrowding problem is one that has plagued our own backyard as well.

*"The renovation of a bombed-out building on 187th St. would put an end to the housing problem"*

Even before the first day of classes, talk began of converting the police booths dotting the uptown campus into residential areas. At an emergency meeting in the dormitory office, I accidentally overheard one of the dorm *machers* tossing around the idea of utilizing the Morg lounge, with its plush upholstery and decorator color rugs, as a large residential suite capable of housing up to forty fun-loving students. They would have 24 hour-a-day ac-

cess to the T.V. and cable equipment, and first priority as far as channel choice is concerned.

It took me little time to realize the futility of these two potential solutions to the lack of space. First of all, converting the police booths would literally leave our valiant protectors out in the cold, and thus would totally destroy the security infrastructure. People would hesitate to walk outside except in large groups, and even then only to the security van which would shuttle students between Furst and Morg. Regarding the Morg lounge solution, the idea of the numerous engagement parties turning into slumber parties (with the possibility of pillow fights, etc.) was repulsive.

After pondering the housing problem, the only solution I could come up with was the covert persuasion by the admissions office of Pre-meds to transfer to Columbia and Queens. However, this would be virtually impossible. True—those in charge of the operation could spearhead their arguments by pointing to the front page of this year's first edition of The Comm-

tator, which reported a 16% decline in admission to medical school. But surely, after the future doctors would turn the page over and read about the 116% law school acceptance rate, they would simply redirect their career goals and remain at Yeshiva.

The acquisition and renovation of a bombed out building on 187th street would not only put an end to the menacing housing problem, but, looking towards the future, would attract more students to Yeshiva. The new dormitory would provide an added incentive to all prospective students, most of whom undoubtedly because it is America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices.

The prospect of living on 187th St. in either Riets-I (which hopefully then will be called Morg-II) or in the new building across 187th (which would be accordingly named Riets-II or Morg-III) would lure many students who, in search of a vibrant ethnic and cultural surrounding, might have enrolled at N.Y.U. in 'the village' or at the American University in Beirut.

# 50 Golden Years

**I**n celebration of our 50th anniversary we take pride in presenting five decades of Commentator history. Our first Golden 50th column is a short review of the ten stirring years (1936-1946) following the creation of The Commentator, years which exhibited numerous precedent-shattering changes and innovations affected by The Commentator. Mr. Moses Feuerstein, Editor-in-Chief of 1936 will also present a short history of the challenges and accomplishments of his administration. We hope that students can be inspired with a greater love and appreciation for the university by these "living pages." We feel that those who read this history will leave it with a feeling of new respect and endearment for their organ of expression—The Commentator

By: Moses I. Feuerstein  
Editor-in-Chief 1936

The Commentator was a product of the times. Jewishly, the era was the nadir in the long decline of orthodoxy for over one hundred years. The charisma was with the conservatives, the reform, the secular Jewish leadership as well as with secular Zionism. In the non-Jewish world, two overwhelming factors ruled the day. One was the depression.

The poverty, the frustration, the unemployment — all battled against the innate optimism, the faith and the dream of the legendary America. The second cloud, ominous and spreading, was the anti-semitic force in Europe. The fascist movements provided a power and a threat that seemed irresistible.

The academic community reflected the malaise of the period, Yeshiva included. The student body was in ferment as to how to confront the times — its challenges, both Jewish and secular. For those who aspired to the Torah life, where did their responsibilities lie? As for the social, political and economic problems, did Torah have a special insight?

Within Yeshiva, problems called out for solutions — scholarship students in dire straits, a curriculum

that urgently needed expansion and an administration that students felt should be more responsive. Were there answers? Who should speak for the students? We proposed and Student Council accepted our plans for a bi-weekly newspaper.

A newspaper is a team effort. We were privileged, for our board of editors, to have top talent, yet none with any newspaper training or experience. Reading The Columbia Spectator and undergraduate newspapers from City College and N.Y.U. in addition to The Spectator Booklet which introduced freshman cub reporters to the basics was all we had for background. The rest was on the job learning — news reporting, columns, editorials and income form ads. Mordechai Debnel was our managing editor and Bill Kaufman our leading columnist.

From the start, we decided to speak out, not only for a better college but for what we conceived as the integrity of the other schools whose students were a part of the college such as the Yeshiva—R.I.E.T.S., and the Teacher's Institute—now the Isaac Brewer School.

In the precarious financial condition of the institution as well as the tenuous academic standing as a fledgling school, we realized the student press could be a double

edged sword. How to accomplish good without harm? Our ability to answer that, we felt, would deeply affect the integrity of our position.

The personal columns, sports and news, investigative reporting, editorials for a better Yeshiva and a better world, the effort to articulate the dream and battle for it—this was the beginning, the first steps as The Commentator set out on its proverbial thousand mile trek.

How did we measure up? One criteria is to count issues won and lost. There was a larger objective, however. That was the enhancement of Yeshiva as the responsible and articulate leader of American orthodox Jewry. Commentator enabled student leaders to focus on issues concerning which they could have a position and thereby, test the soundness of their understanding and its relevance. Yeshiva and the community, hopefully, have been the beneficiaries.

The fiftieth anniversary is an opportunity to confirm that more than we gave to Yeshiva, Yeshiva gave to us.

## The First Ten Years

On March 1, 1935, The Commentator made its first appearance in Yeshiva College. The Governing Board consisted of names which are now famous in Orthodox Jewish circles. In its first years, The Commentator consistently attacked the anti-religious policy of the "Histadrut." However, it was mainly the inactivity of the Orthodoxy which The Commentator resented most. Orthodox rabbinical affiliations were continually reproached for their aloofness from zionistic affairs. Agudath Harabonim was specifically criticized for not participating in the World Jewish Congress. Because of their opposition to zionism, Agudath Harabonim was blamed directly for contributing to the up-

building of Palestine in an irreligious spirit.

In one of its earliest issues, The Commentator cried out successfully against a threat of censorship by the administration. The Commentator also began an intensive campaign to introduce Hebrew, Jewish Philosophy and Jewish History into the curriculum of the college. And for the first time, a suggested Faculty Students Relation Committee was established.

In 1936-37, the Governing Board was confronted with one of the most antagonistic programs ever presented by the faculty—the five year plan. The faculty's substitute plan which would have permitted cum laude students to graduate in four years was rejected as meaningless. A strong student stand resulted in the gradual deterioration of the plan, and in the raising of scholastic standards generally.

Between the years 1937-1939, with the help of The Commentator, the ill formed five-year plan was finally brought to a successful conclusion. Now, The Commentator was able to direct it's attention to the student welfare. Innovations, such as a new student lounge along with the expansion of the library came as a direct result from The Commentator taking charge in student affairs.

From 1939-40, as the guns of war rumbled in Europe, The Commentator gave expression editorially of its opinions on current national and international issues. Students were urged to buy "shekels" and support

the religious element. The Commentator also suggested that a course in the history of zionism be required for graduation.

The year of 1940-41 was an extremely emotional year for The Commentator, since the paper had the heart-rending task of proclaiming to the world the demise of Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel, of sainted memory, founder, rosh hayeshiva, and president of Yeshiva College. Shortly after this, the student body was again shocked by the passing of Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik, of sainted memory.

From 1941-43, The Commentator was faced with certain rulings which threatened the basic rights and liberties of the students. Rulings such as a curfew clamped upon the residents of the dormitory, as well as arbitrary restrictions placed upon all extra-curricular activities were strongly opposed by the student body. As a result, The Commentator, with full student approval and united support, was able to successfully combat these rulings.

The years of 1943-45 found The Commentator continually condemning and protesting the war in Europe. An understanding which received much credit was one issue in which The Commentator demanded positive action by the United Nations to help stop the German butchery of our brothers. This perhaps the finest "Commie" issue ever, pointed to the alertness and aliveness of the student body to the problems of our brethren.



## Speak Easy

by David Schwarcz

This column's objective is to expand upon the uniting theme presented in the issue, clarify editorial policy, and address any major criticism regarding the workings of this paper.

In the past, members of the administration, faculty and student leaders have sharply criticized The Commentator's news staff for their lack of in-depth investigative reporting and questionable journalistic practices. An example of this unwarranted criticism was the administrations strong censoring of the article entitled "16% Decline in Admission to Medical School". They contended that the title "16% Decline in Admissions to Medical School" (Commentator, Sept. 11, 1984) which appeared on the front page in a bold heading, was misleading and presented the pre-health sciences guidance office in an undignified manner. This allegation is legitimate cause for re-examining our editorial responsibilities.

As editors of The Commentator, we are obligated to properly inform the students of newsworthy events while at the same time, present our institution in a dignified manner. At times, as previously illustrated, these obligations conflict and we are forced to set a precedent. In the September 11, 1984 issue, I chose to highlight the decline in admissions to medical school on the front page because it was a newsworthy item and provided valuable information to prospective medical school applicants. Although the article cited a reasonable cause for the decline, members of the faculty and administration maintain that the bold title implied an ineffective guidance office as a contributing factor. They further suggested that the title was seemingly sensational in that it aroused an intense superficial interest and emotional reaction to the story.

The former allegation, however, is unfounded. The title, "16% Decline in Admissions to Medical School", served a twofold purpose: it accurately captured the main focus of the story and stimulated genuine reader interest. The article, centered around the 16% decline, offered 3 explanations for the decrease: a policy change by the guidance office, the late submission of letters of recommendation, and the students' unfamiliarity with the application process. Also included was a proposal to remedy the latter 2 problems. Omitting the 16% decline alters the focus of the story by failing to present the article's main purpose in the heading. Moreover, the placing of the bold title on the front page was not intended to elicit a negative response to the story. Rather, it was to highlight the importance of the article, thereby stimulating genuine reader interest. Placing the article in the middle portion of the newspaper would minimize its impact and attract fewer readers.

The bold heading was not intended, in any way, to present the pre-health sciences guidance department in an undignified manner. I do, however, apologize for the omission of a subtitle, which would have clarified any misleading implications. In the future, similar titles shall include explanatory subtitles to assure the accuracy of the article. Also, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to provide in-depth analysis of campus news. We will not simply rehash "old" news but interpret new issues.

Our newsreporters, however, cannot provide innovative and comprehensive newscoverage unless the administration, faculty and student leaders join forces and clearly present their position on the issues. As part-time news reporters, we are unable to interview every administrator, faculty member and student leader on the issues. I therefore propose that the University sponsor a news conference to help inform the students, faculty and press of newsworthy events. This will greatly assist our editors in covering very sensitive news issues and also, clarify any misleading implications. I am confident that the faculty and administration will consider this proposal a very valuable vehicle of communication and thus take immediate action.

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### Enriching Yeshiva's Undergraduate Education

The Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University has recently founded an Undergraduate Advisory Council to stimulate growth and development of the University's undergraduate programs. The council includes 38 selected members, 26 of whom are Y.U. alumni, chosen on the basis of their leadership in the Jewish community and participation in Yeshiva University events. According to Dr. Herbert Dobrinsky, Vice President for University Affairs and coordinator of the council, members were chosen who would, "add insight to the school," and help, "enrich the quality of the education received here at the University." The council will not only help develop current undergraduate programs, but will also be an asset in the placement of graduates in careers of their choice.

The Advisory Council is a sub-committee of the academic affairs committee of the Board of Trustees. Council members will be divided by preference into five committees, each of which will have liaisons to university administrators and student leaders. The committee on student life will deal with the quality of student life on the campuses. It will focus on extracurricular activities and other student activities in the school. The committee on academics will concern itself with the curriculae of the secular and Judaic Studies departments. The 3rd committee, that of Administrative Procedure, will deal with methods of recruitment, scholarships, and the funding of undergraduate programs. The Committee on Environment and Facilities will deal with the quality of life on the campuses, as it is affected by the facilities. Finally, the Placement Committee will explore ways to develop career counseling programs and methods to encourage hiring Yeshiva University graduates in their respective professions. Meetings will be on-campus visitations in which direct student contact will be emphasized. The committees will report directly to Dr. Dobrinsky, and to Dr. Egon Brenner, executive vice president and chairman of the academic affairs of the council. In addition, David Zysman, Vice President of Development, will act as supervisor of the council.

The council will be led by two co-chairmen, Peter Billig of Englewood, New Jersey, a Century Guardian of Y.U., and Mrs. Sandra Quinn, one of six Ehreneh sisters to attend Stern College. The council also includes several prominent members of the Jewish community, including Marcy Syms, President of Syms, Inc., and daughter of Sy Syms, a member of the University's Board of Trustees. Dr. Dobrinsky, though, stresses that members were not selected on the basis of their capabilities, but rather on their leadership and devotion to the Jewish community. Members were chosen from many occupations, including lawyers, doctors, businessmen—and a housewife.

Other members of the administration included in the advisory council are Dean Bacon, Dean Rosenfeld, Dr. Norman Lamm, president of the university, Rabbi Charlop, Dr. Irving Levitz, Dr. Israel Miller, Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, Dr. Sheldon Socol, and Rabbi Benjamin Yudin.

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## Bookstore Receives Mixed Reviews

By Benjamin Smeltz

Since opening its doors two months ago, the Student Council Bookstore has received mixed reviews.

The bookstore, under the direction of Jonathan Kranzler, has been greeted enthusiastically by both students and faculty. Eliezer Hammer, president of the Joseph Donner Political Science Society remarked that, "the bookstore is absolutely fantastic to have on campus. It adds to the overall campus atmosphere that Y.U. so desperately needs." Judah Harris a Y.C. junior felt that opening added, "management of an on-campus enterprise provides students a necessary hands on experience in the business world and its daily operations." Dr. Ruth Bevin, professor of political science at Yeshiva College, attributes the project's success to the bookstore staff. Although he was not at liberty to reveal specific financial informa-

tion, Kranzler stressed that business is thriving.

Despite its success, the bookstore has been met with skepticism. Dr. Hartley Spatt, adjunct associate



Jonathan Kranzler, Director of Y.C. Bookstore

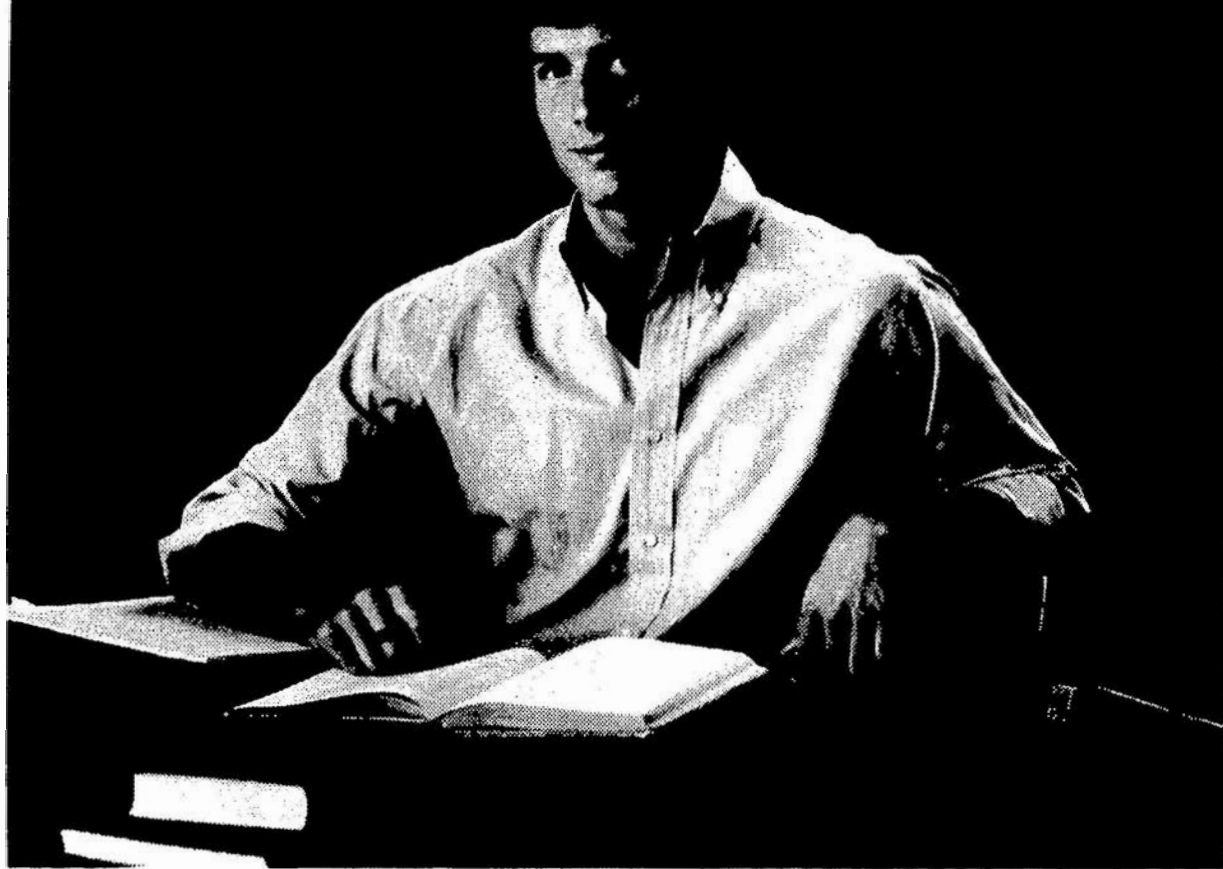
professor of English at Y.C., commented, "I whole-heartedly endorse the concept of a student bookstore run by and for the students. I only wish they could persuade the publishers to ship their books before they are no longer needed." Additionally, numerous students have

complained that the prices charged for certain texts are higher at Y.C. than at Barnes and Noble. Specifically, Calculus and Analytical Geometry, and Accounting, The Basis for Business Decisions, are less expensive downtown. Furthermore, not all faculty members ordered textbooks through the bookstore, forcing some students to look elsewhere for their materials. Faculty and students also complained that the bookstore does not carry books for S.C.W. When presented with the latter objection, Kranzler maintained that pursuing such a policy would not be financially worthwhile.

Kranzler has many plans for the bookstore in the near future. The store expects to sell a great variety of new products, including Monarch notes, and greeting cards, in addition to the textbooks, magazines, and clothing which are currently available.



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# WILL ISSUES DECIDE ELECTION '84

## Reagan's America: Is it Really What We Want?

By: Peter Marcus

I bet many of you are going to vote for Ronald Reagan. And why not? According to the latest polls, a majority of college age Americans are going to vote for Reagan. Some of these people polled even said they were planning to register under the Republican party. The reason for all this Reagan-Republican enthusiasm is very simple: Ronald Reagan. Most of us like the President. He somehow represents a grandfather image that we all identify with; a man that is strong, caring, and believes that our future is very bright.

There are two things I would like you to do before you go out and vote this November 6th. One, remember that when you vote for Ronald Reagan you are also voting for the Republican party; the party of Jesse Helms and Jerry Falwell (not exactly my idea of a grandfather image). And two, remember that when you look at Ronald Reagan the "nice guy", you must also take a look at Ronald Reagan "the politician". If you can do this you might see, as others have, what another Reagan presidency might mean to our country's future.

Here is the picture of America that the Republican party, Jesse Helms, Jerry Falwell, and Ronald Reagan would like to see: an America that you and I have to live in. It is an America where young school children pray in public schools. It is an America where politicians must affirm their faith in Jesus and be against anything that goes against the Moral Majority's narrowly confined definition of what is moral.

Picture an America where the wall that separates church and state no longer exists. Picture an America where Supreme Court Justices must pass religious moral tests written by Jerry Falwell; where private decisions, once protected by our constitution, are no longer made by the individual, but legislated by the state. Where a woman who is raped must ask permission from legislators or judges before she can have an abortion. And most disturbing, picture an America where minority groups, and that includes the Jewish community, will find themselves discriminated against because they are different. (You say it can't happen. Read about the new censorship laws being supported in many cities across the country; the Moral Majority's influence in the White House; and the racist tactics used by Senator Jesse Helms in his campaign against Governor Jim Hunt (the only thing Helms has not done is accuse Jim Hunt's mother of being Jewish).)

This election goes far beyond the issues that concern our economy: the massive deficit that must be dealt with; the unfair budget cuts that hurt the elderly and poor in our society; the unfair tax cuts that benefited the rich and allowed thousands of multi-million dollar corporations from paying any taxes. It goes beyond our crumbling relationship with the Soviet Union; the President's flippant remarks about nuclear war; the development of nuclear arms in space; and our role in Central America: assassinations, mining of ports and breaking international law.

What this election will decide is the direction of our society. Before you vote on November sixth, please ask yourself one question: what kind of America do I want for myself and my children? Then read the goals of the Republican and Democratic parties as put forth in their platforms.

For the future of our country and our role in it as Jewish Americans the only choice is Walter Mondale. We have always identified with the goals of the Democratic party. It is our responsibility to our kids to make sure that the Democratic party is kept strong. Remember, we are the next generations of Democrats. We must not be taken in with Ronald Reagan the "nice guy", but remember that Reagan is also Reagan "the politician" a politician whose brand of politics is very dangerous to us all.

## Four Years Carte Blanche?

By: David Schonbrun

The twenty-second Amendment to the Constitution creates more problems than it remedies. The Amendment, which limits a president to a maximum of two terms in office, protects Americans against a demagogue seizing the presidency for an extended period of time. At the same time, however, the limited presidential term reduces the president's accountability to the American public.

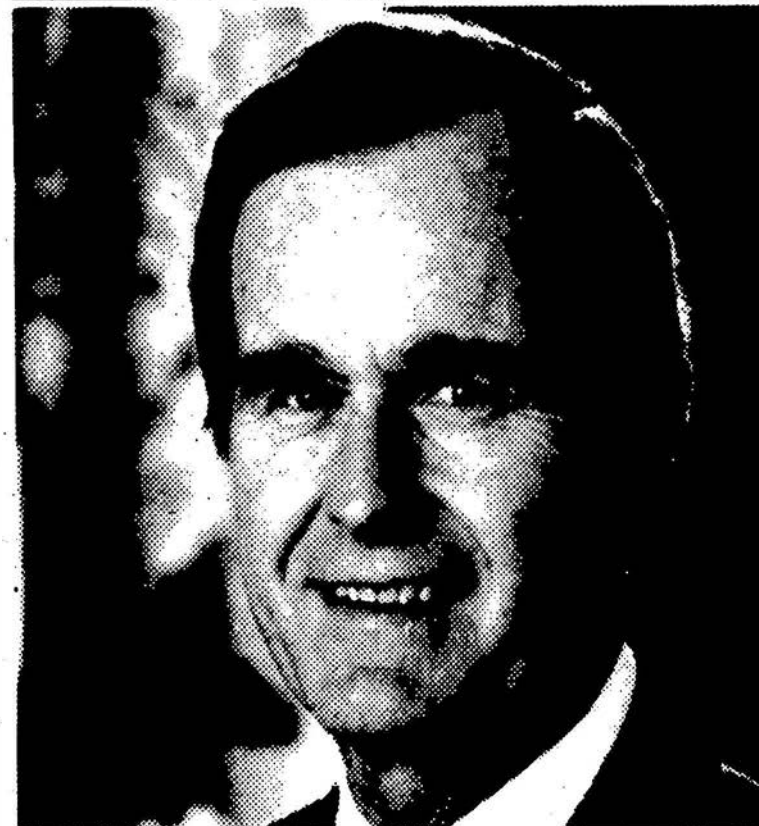
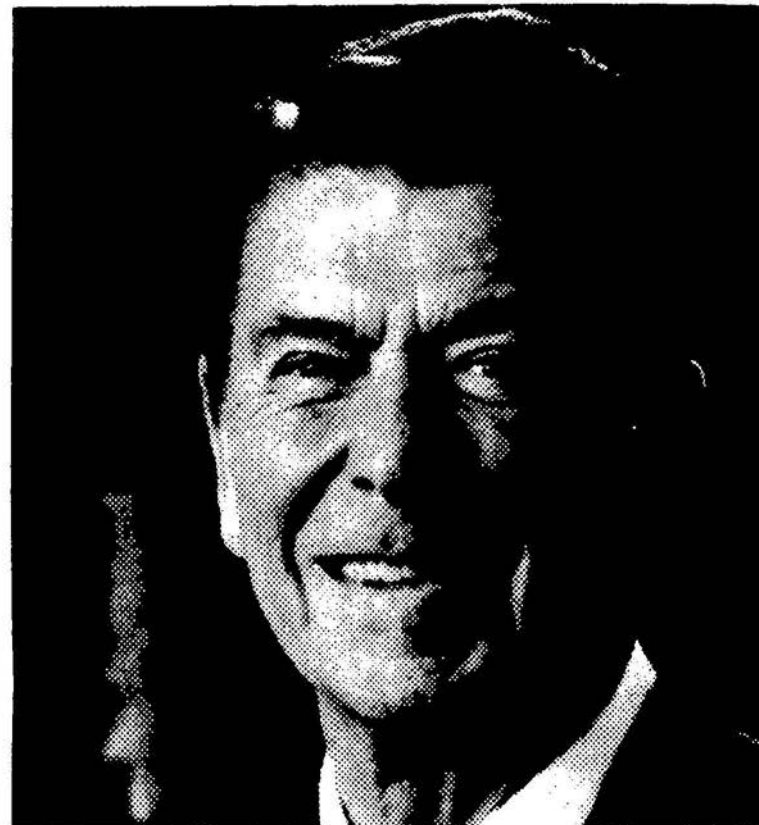
A second term president is well aware that he does not face re-election and therefore feels free to conduct his affairs with little concern for the wishes of his constituents. He is unaffected by political pressure and is restrained only by a House or Senate Impeachment Committee.

What does this mean for concerned American Jews? There is no need to enumerate the many ways American Jewish policies towards Israel and the effort exerted on behalf of Soviet Jewry depends on the policies and concerns of the president. When political pressures are no longer a criterion for presidential decisions, Jewish organizations are unable to effectively lobby on behalf of their interests.

The awesome power of a presidency held by a man who does not have to answer to his electorate is a scary reality. Let us not elect a second term president until we are sure that he is a trustworthy ally of our interests.

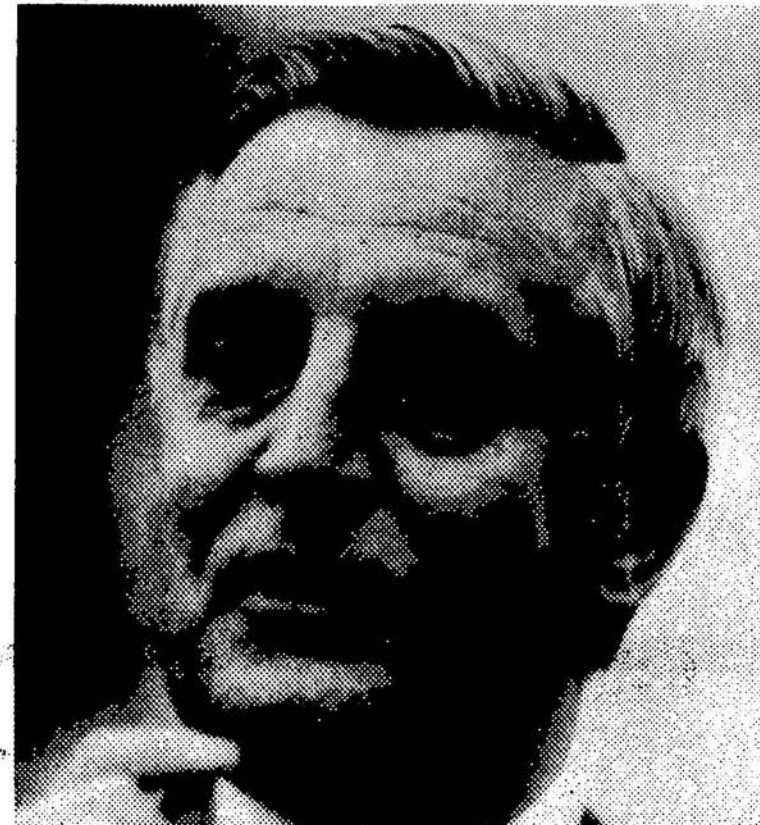
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Ronald Reagan



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## Religion & Politics

By: Rabbi Walter Wurzbeger

No matter what the outcome of this election, the injection of the religious issue into the campaign has forced us to re-examine the entire range of church state relationships in the light of newly emerging conditions.

Until recently it was commonly assumed that our pluralistic society calls for an unbreachable wall of separation between religion and politics. It was taken for granted that all matters relating to religious belief belonged exclusively in the private domain and should not be permitted to intrude into the formulation of public policy.

The insistence upon the total exclusion of religious concerns from the public sphere was possible during historic periods when society possessed a shared consensus concerning moral values, which were perceived to be universally valid and objectively binding. Since moral values were regarded as totally independent of creedal affirmations, it was relatively easy to maintain that the public domain should be totally insulated from the realm of religion. The situation, however, has completely changed. Belief in universal moral values has been eroded. We need but recall the controversies raging around abortion and sexual permissiveness to realize that we no longer speak of commonly accepted moral standards. Whether or not we agree with President Reagan's position that morality is inseparable from religion, there can be no doubt that religious beliefs affect the nature of our moral perceptions. It would be the height of absurdity to reject moral opinions simply because they were formed within the matrix of theological belief. Why should the moral opinion of secular humanists carry greater weight than that of religiously committed individuals? For that matter should spokespersons for religion be assigned second-class status in our democracy? While we should encourage the advocacy of moral opinions by denominational organizations we should oppose the introduc-

tion of religious observances under the auspices of the state. As a religious minority, we Jews are in trouble whenever the state goes beyond benevolent neutrality towards religion. We ought to be apprehensive of the prospects of a constitutional amendment permitting prayers in the public school. There is no such thing as a completely non-denominational prayer. What may be acceptable to a theist may offend the sensitivity of a deist. We have good cause for apprehension, because it is highly likely that many Jewish children will succumb to the pressure of reciting Christian denominational prayers. Some of us are rather unconcerned because we tend to think that this won't be a problem for committed Jewish families. After all, our children will be enrolled in Yeshivot which are likely to receive tuition credit and other subsidies in a more Christian America. But are we really prepared to develop such a sectarian approach that we are ready to abdicate responsibility for the vast number of Jewish children who will be exposed to Christian influences in the public schools in the wake of the triumph of the Moral Majority? It was never easy for Jews to live as a minority in avowedly Christian or Moslem states. But it was one thing to face up to the problems at a time when the bulk of Jews were religiously committed, another to do so at a time when we are confronted with the erosion of the sense of Jewish identity on the part of so many marginal Jews. With all our sympathies for those who wish to halt the inroads of secular humanism into the 'body politic' and to prevent the continued growth of a hedonistic ethos, we must be wary of the attempt to convert America into a Christian country. Even the prospects of tuition credits for Yeshivot should not blind us to the acute dangers posed to us as a religious minority by a constitutional amendment designed to demolish the wall of separation between church and state.

## Financial Assistance and the '84 Election

Eric Segal

As students immersed in academic life we sometimes experience difficulties maintaining an awareness of world and domestic events. With presidential elections nearing, however, we would be wise to scrutinize the candidates opinions on issues that affect our lives. While undergraduate tuitions skyrocket and the cost of graduate schools rises at an alarming rate the issue of financial assistance assumes an increased importance to every one of us.

Under the Carter-Mondale administration, all college students, regardless of income, were eligible for guaranteed student loans. During the next three years, students borrowed fifteen billion dollars—more than the total amount borrowed in the preceding thirteen years.

Under Reagans directive Congress made two major changes in

the guaranteed student loan program. Students from families earning annual incomes of thirty thousand dollars or more were subjected to a test of financial need. In addition, all students were required to pay a five per cent origination fee to the lender. These changes were, in part, responsible for a twenty-two per cent decrease in the volume of guaranteed student loans.

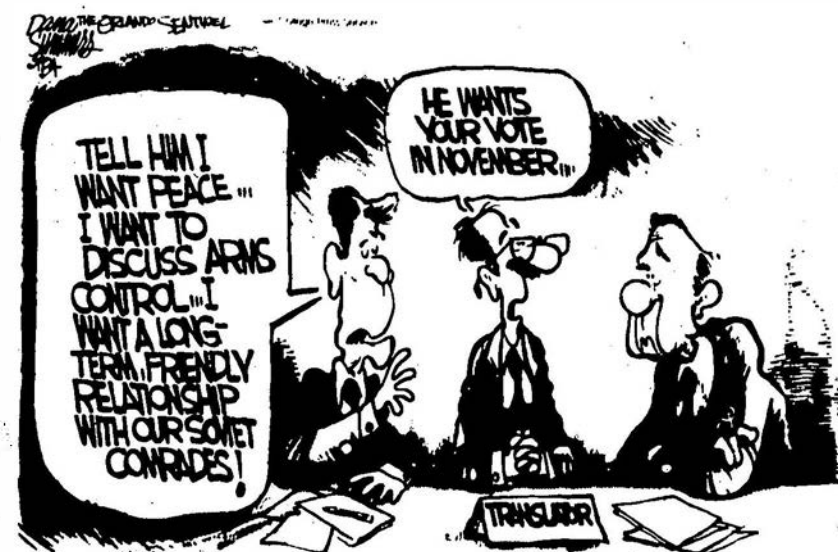
On the undergraduate level these changes have not directly affected Yeshiva students. According to Mr. Jack Nussbaum, Director of Student Finance, "On the undergraduate level, the (Reagan) administration has not cut any funding and/or programs that have affected the students of Yeshiva."

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monies, all of which have increased." The policy changes, however, have adversely affected graduate and professional students who utilize a major portion of guaranteed student loans.

Although previous Reagan policies left undergraduates unaffected members of the administration recently proposed cuts in undergraduate financial assistance programs. The proposal includes a one billion dollar reduction in financial grants, and a one hundred million dollar cut in the work study program. Administration officials hope that students will bear the greater economic burden with the help of the newly proposed tax-free education accounts.

Whether these proposals will pass is purely speculation. Realistically, monstrous deficits will pressure the new administration to slash student financial assistance. Such pressures will exist no matter who sits in the White House.





# News Flash

## Schottenstein gives donation for Soloveitchik building



With the one million dollar gift from the families of Jerome, Saul, and Alvin E. Schottenstein of Columbus, Ohio, the University has purchased the former building of the Yeshiva Soloveitchik. The building, which will be known as the Schottenstein Center, is expected to be ready for occupancy by September, 1985, following extensive interior renovations.

Mr. Jerome Schottenstein, who attended MTA and has been a member of the University's Board of Trustees since 1980, is a noted communal leader. A founder and chairman emeritus of the board of the Columbus Torah Academy, he is also a member of the President's Club of the United Jewish Appeal and the Prime Minister's Club of Israel Bonds.

## Levine & Schmidman appointed to A.S.C.

It has been announced that Mr. Josh Levine, Y.C. '85, and Mr. Joseph Schmidman, Y.C. '86, have been appointed to the Academic Standards Committee. Mr. Levine and Mr. Schmidman will serve as student representatives on the committee, which is headed by Dr. Michael Hecht, associate dean.

The Academic Standards Committee deals with student complaints concerning grades, and is authorized to waive requirements and evaluate transfer credits. The ASC has jurisdiction over requests for independent study, honors work, and early graduation. Additionally, the committee can ratify the substitution of courses for major and university requirements.

## Business program expands

In response to a recent surge of student interest, plans to expand business studies at Yeshiva College are being formulated.

In a recent interview, Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President and academic officer, said that he expects a section of Intermediate Accounting to be added next year. Additionally, another full time accounting teacher will augment the faculty next fall, becoming the department's fourth professor.

Also projected for the future is the addition of a computer-business major, in which courses taught by the computer science faculty will be open to both economics and computer science students.

A grant establishing the Sy Syms Chair of Marketing has significantly aided the expansion program by providing needed funds.

Expansion of the business studies program at YC depends on student demand. Dr. Brenner optimistically stated, "I expect student interest to remain strong, and therefore hope that we will continue to bolster business studies at Yeshiva."

## Questionnaire

In the fall of 1983, a questionnaire was distributed by Mr. Larry Wachsman, then the Director of Student Activities, on behalf of Dr. Egon Brenner, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The questionnaire was meant to give the administration a clearer picture of student needs, thereby facilitating a more efficient student service. The results were studied by the Office of Admissions, in an attempt to determine both the type of student that applies to Y.U., and further, the type of student that is most suited to attend Yeshiva.

Dr. Brenner was surprised to note that one of the foremost reasons for students' choosing Yeshiva is their desire to maintain their orthodox lifestyle while in college. The questionnaire reflected student satisfaction with their religious experience, as well as their Torah education. However, a minority of students were dissatisfied with the Torah education provided.

## Bagels at Grandma's

by David Wasserman

Since the beginning of the semester, Yeshiva College students have been delighted with a new addition at Grandma's Cookie Jar—bagels. According to Angelica Veas, who, along with her husband Pardelis owns and operates Grandma's, bagels were introduced in reaction to students' requests, and, in turn, have been selling nicely.

Grandma's offers a large choice of bagels, which Mrs. Veas buys fresh daily from H and H Bagels, located at Broadway and 80th Street. The choice includes onion, poppy seed, salt, cinnamon raisin, and plain bagels.

Located at 2543 Amsterdam Ave., Grandma's Cookie Jar has been serving YU's uptown campus since March, 1983.

## S.O.Y. Publication hits Y.U.

The Student Organization of Yeshiva overcame several obstacles before publishing the first edition of its new journal, *Bein Kotlei Hayeshiva*. Since such an undertaking had not been attempted previously, the administration was skeptical of the journal's success.

According to David Feder, president of S.O.Y., the journal had to "mix informality with formality and had to be simple, inexpensive, and easy to read, yet satisfying." Once informed of these qualifications, the administration and public relations office of the University offered little assistance, claiming that such a publication would not live up to the standards of Yeshiva University. Only after publication did the administration express approval of the journal. *Bein Kotlei Hayeshiva* was enthusiastically accepted at both Yeshiva College and Stern College. In only four hours, 300 copies were sold at Y.U., and an unexpected 100 were purchased at Stern. To make *Bein Kotlei Hayeshiva* accessible to students, the journals were sold at a no-profit cost. S.O.Y. plans to build on the success of the first edition by publishing a second journal in time for Pesach.

"We are afflicted by a pathological disorder called the 'El-AI Syndrome.' Its most dominant symptom is a whorly trend towards masochism and self-flagellation."

— Dr. Norman Lamm

## Yeshiva—a target of another shooting

A Y.U. building and a Yeshiva student were the targets of two criminal acts during the month of September.

The first incident, a shooting that occurred during the weekend of September 8, damaged a window in room 1405 of Science Hall. Within 24 hours of its discovery on September 10, members of the Yeshiva Task Force, a group of detectives formed to solve the series of sniper attacks at Y.U. last year, flooded the neighborhood. Apprehended within the week was a 17-year old former auxiliary police officer, Cristobal Vasquez, who claims he was just testing out his new .22 caliber Browning rifle.

The second incident which occurred on September 20 at 8:30 PM was directed at the YU basketball team following its Thursday night practice at George Washington High School. The students, escorted by a security guard, were walking to the van when a barrage of rocks showered upon them from the roof of an apartment house across the street on Audobon Ave. As the group was running for cover behind the van, a Canadian student, Mark Wiseman, was struck in the head. Wiseman was rushed to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where he received stitches and was later released. Charged in the incident was an 11 year old who was admonished about the dangers of throwing rocks and released into the custody of his parents.

According to Mr. Sam Hartstein, YU's Director of Public Relations, the police have determined that neither incident was anti-semitic and that neither was related to last year's series of shootings. Said Hartstein, "These incidents are just ordinary acts of neighborhood violence and aren't cause for alarm."

The Editor-in-Chief and the entire Governing Board, apologize for the misplaced photo assigned to Michael Joseph's name in the May 24, 1984 issue of *The Commentator*.

## Feldman to head NEH Seminar

Dr. Louis Feldman, professor of classical languages at YC, has been appointed director of a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar entitled "The Greek Encounter with Judaism in the Hellenistic period." During an eight-week period this summer, the group, including Dr. Feldman and 12 appointees, will attempt to "examine and evaluate cultural and religious contexts between Greeks and Jews in both Greece and Palestine."

Dr. Feldman is a well-known authority in this field, and has held this position previously, in the summers of 1980 and 1983.

## Kanarfogel relinquishes teaching duties at I.B.C.



The recent appointment of Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel as Vice-Chairman of the Jewish Studies department at Stern College has necessitated the relinquishing of his duties at IBC, where he has been a full time faculty member since 1981. Due to his departure, Rabbi Kanarfogel's Medieval Jewish History course was not made available to students this fall. Instead, Rabbi Shalom Carmy's course in Medieval Jewish History is being offered.

Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz, of YU's Jewish Studies Undergraduate Schools, hopes that Rabbi Kanarfogel will return in a part-time capacity at IBC in the future—perhaps even as early as next year.

## Students Re-assigned as Dorms are Filled to Capacity

Despite an increase of over 8% in the total enrollment at YU's

undergraduate schools for men, the Office of Residence Halls has been able to accommodate approximately 700 students that have applied for residence. Unlike last year, vacancies in the Rubin, RIETS, and Morgenstern residence halls are non-existent and tripling up of students in RIETS has become necessary. Yet, "we're not over-

crowded," says Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Director of residence halls, "just filled to capacity."

Several people, were unhappy with their initial room and roommate assignments. One popular complaint was that students who belonged in Morgenstern had been placed in Rubin. According to Rabbi Cheifetz, though, the long standing policy of annually alternating students between dormitories was followed, except when late registration necessitated changes in the practice. Then Rabbi Cheifetz asked, "What do you want us to do? Pull guys out of beds."

### Rooms Reassigned

The Office of Residence Hall experienced problems a week before school began, after room assignments had already been drawn up. Only then did the office discover that enrollment had increased, forcing a re-shuffling of assignments. In spite of the lack of communication between the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Residence Hall, the situation was reconciled. According to Rabbi Cheifetz, "everybody was eventually taken care of, due to the hard work of Shalom Berger, myself, and especially Mr. Neal Harris from the Office of Student Finance." "We're happy for the school that

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there are so many new students and much lower attrition", asserts Rabbi Cheifetz, "but we wish we were informed of it earlier, so we could prepare."

If this trend continues next year, the University plans to convert various rooms in RIETS into additional dormitory space.

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# Escape From the East

## The Defection of Yosif Nadzhakov

By: Ivan Ciment and Ian Shuman

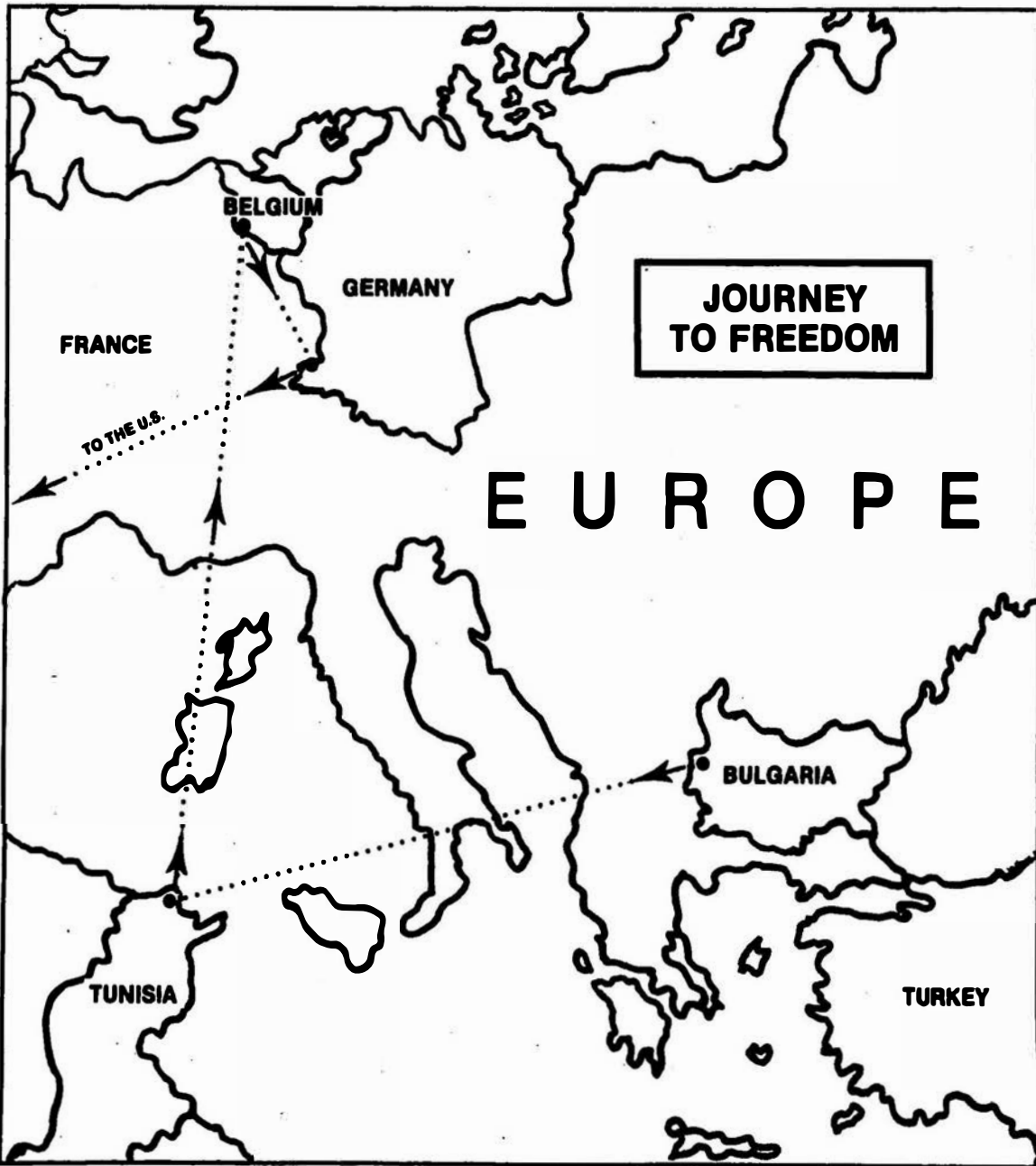
**Y**osif locked the door assured that his parents were asleep. Sensing the chill and gloom of the Tunisian winter, he checked his watch and noted the time, one o'clock. Yosif understood that he was at the point of no return—he might never see his family again. He wrestled with this conflict, yet with a simple jump out the window and a run down the block, Yosif Nadzhakov of Bulgaria effected his defection and undertook a 45 day journey to America. Today, 8 months later, he studies at YU.

Yosif admits that he lived very comfortably in Bulgaria. His parents both had high-ranking professions and wealth that put him into the best schools in the country which prepared him to be accepted into medical school. What the family couldn't buy was an exemption from the army, a terribly frightening experience.

"All the officers break you physically and mentally. You are denied sleep and every soldier must scrub the corridors with a handbrush, ice water, and soap. My hands were frostbitten every night. Once on guard duty I was so exhausted I fell asleep in snow. Minutes before the next shift came to relieve me I awoke. Had they found me asleep I would have been sentenced to jail for 6 months."

Another unavoidable liability was his name, Yosif. As early as 10, Yosif encountered anti-semitic abuses from his peers. "It was 1973, the Yom Kippur War and my classmates blamed me for Israel's retaliation and killing of innocent Arabs. They called me 'dirty Jew' and wanted to beat me up. I took a chair, climbed up on a table and defended myself. This time I was fortunate, yet in another incident I was strangled and beaten very badly."

If you asked Yosif what Yom Kippur was, he wouldn't have been able to answer correctly until his visit to the Bulgarian Synagogue a month before his army discharge. In response to his questions about Judaica he was invited to Yom Kippur services. It was that night that Yosif had this strange feeling and vowed to leave. He had learned from his friends the logistics involved and upon his discharge, he began to assemble the vital documents he would need to show to authorities once he arrived in a Western country. The only problem was, how



could he get to one?

Just then, his family was sent to Tunisia under the auspices of the Bulgarian government. His parents were to work there temporarily as part of an economic agreement between the two countries.

While life in Tunisia was even harsher than at home, having to put up with constant surveillance and a foreign country, Yosif did manage to make some American friends who offered to personally assist him in his plans. Among those who did not assist, nor even know of his intentions were his sisters and his father.

"My defection would have screwed up their careers—my father has lost his job although my sisters do

work and are married. Yes, it was selfishness; as a brother, they don't want me to escape. Had they revealed my plans, I would have been blacklisted with no hope of ever leaving the country. Tunisia was my only hope."

Not that Yosif is oblivious to his family's feelings. He was well aware of the ramifications and the personal trauma he would cause but notes, "It was hard on me too. On the plane to Brussels I couldn't accept the reality of it all. I felt extremely guilty about leaving my parents and was warned about their safety. I later found out that my parents were harassed and deported back to Bulgaria. Now my father



*"I was a lucky person"*  
Yosif Nadzhakov

has lost his job and doesn't speak to me when I call the family. The phones are tapped and their true feelings will never be expressed."

"However, given the same situation, I'd do it again. They're only a few years away from retirement and the threat would not be as strong."

Regardless of his parents' situation, Yosif was faced with a more immediate problem, his future. After his escape, he unsuccessfully tried to exit Tunisia to Malta but was stopped for he had no Tunisian residence permits to show. Faced with little alternative but to turn himself in, Yosif was hidden by some American friends for a week's time while the Embassy arranged his asylum. Within a week he was flown to Brussels and rendezvoused with a covert agent who transferred him to a security area in Munich where he spent a month under U.S. examination (i.e. fingerprints, cross-examination, and reasons for defection) and was finally granted a visa to America.

The same Americans who tried to put Yosif on a plane to Malta were his sponsors in the U.S. As he settled in Miami, the harsh realities of life were brought into focus.

"When I arrived in America, I remembered how my friends used to dream of opportunity and vast wealth at the mention of the USA. Being a realist, I knew what to expect and realized my life would be very difficult, especially without my parents."

Yosif worked as a security guard and encountered Judaism in Miami and quickly decided that he wanted to enroll in a New York Yeshiva. He wanted to live in a large Jewish community but didn't quite know how to find it. Fortunately, a Rabbi from Florida had alerted the college about Yosif and this smoothed the way for his acceptance to Y.U..

Presently, Yosif has dropped his intentions of a medical career and is pursuing political science. This field had always interested him, but his Jewishness stood in the way of advancement—Bulgaria is not about to station Jewish diplomats abroad.

While limitations are a thing of the past to Yosif, the fact remains that his parents are still bound by the shackles of Communism. His only intangible dream remains with their future. "Sure it matters—I can't do anything alone. I need a more powerful organization behind me to get my parents out."

"I was a lucky person."

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# ARTS

by David Rubinstein

If your twelve-year old sister drags you to see "Return of the Monster Gholash", a Japanese production with Swedish subtitles, you're not going to leave the theater, King Lear in hand, and mumble: "Gee, it wasn't like the play at all." You know what to expect. But what about something like *The Bostonians*, a film adaptation of a book by Henry James? Why go see a French Film like *Entre Nous* when you don't even know what the title means? Is *Metropolis* a documentary on the subway system? And just exactly who—or what—is *Purple Rain*? True, you may not be as naive as I am, but I went to the above movies with a good heart, more or less survived with one, and am now going to tell you if they are worth the risk of a five dollar price of admission.

*The Bostonians*, an example of self-destructive film-making, currently stripping would-be intellectuals of their money is at a theater near you. In *The Bostonians*, an attractive young woman, under her quack-father's hypnotic spell, becomes the spokesperson for the suffragette movement in late nineteenth-century Boston. Christopher Reeves plays the pursuing Southern paramour who took diction lessons at the Dixie branch of Berlitz. Vanessa Redgrave plays the idealistic older feminist who longs for the days when women were Amazons and men were something you read about in Homer. As you've probably guessed, there's conflict between Vanessa and Christopher for the love of this young woman, who is ostensibly devoted to the crusade for women's

rights. The point of the movie, I suppose, is that you don't have to be crammed into the same telephone booth with Superman to fall for the charms of Christopher Reeves. Eventually, the young woman leaves her mentor, Vanessa, and her career as woman's messiah, for a life with someone who can't even speak English properly.

This would be fine if Christopher just swept this girl off her petticoats, but he doesn't. The script-writer confuses conflict and dramatic tension with blood-garrotting tedium, and has this young woman running back and forth between Christopher and Vanessa like a Labrador retriever. "Give me ten minutes alone with her," Christopher demands.



Vanessa stands there with the Victorian equivalent of a stopwatch, waiting for the two lovers to return, and, of course, suffering greatly—no one can suffer with the intensity or stamina of Vanessa Redgrave. Generous filmgoer that I am, I gave up on *The Bostonians* after the fifth or so shot of Vanessa's taut neck, looking as forlorn as Miss Redgrave herself as she stared out the window, pining for her past, her protegee, and possibly for her masseuse. Advice to moviegoers: avoid anything with credits that read "and introducing Miss Redgrave's taut neck, as itself."

Great French films take actors and actresses who are wonderful to watch and put them in interesting and sympathetic situations; bad

French films take actors and actresses who are wonderful to watch, throw them into pointless or unsympathetic situations, and hope for the best. *Entre Nous* is the story of two young French women who meet in a women's prison before World War II. They are separated for a few years while each begins a family. When they meet again, their friendship develops to the point where they realize they must give up their family lives and start again, together, with their own boutique in a major French city, keeping everything "entre nous", "between us"—that is, between themselves.

Sounds like a great French film, doesn't it? What I should add to the above description is that these two women are the most hateful, trivial, self-centered, and vain creatures I have ever seen in a movie. They go shopping in town with their children and are returning home on a bus for fifteen minutes, before one mother turns to the other and asks nonchalantly, "Oh, where's Marie?" Marie, of course, is her daughter. They're not married to Casanova clones, granted, but they compensate for this by merrily rumbaing their way through several randomly gratuitous relationships with faceless men. You might accuse me of being old-fashioned, or hypercritical, and argue that the point of the movie is to show how uncaring these women are. But the movie closes with a voice telling us that this is a tribute to her parents. Can you figure it out? If I don't have the least bit of sympathy for these two women—in fact, detest them—what am I supposed to do? I know what you should do: keep the five dollars in your pocket.

*Purple Rain* stars the rock musician Prince as a rock musician—The Kid, fighting for the love of a woman, artistic fulfillment both for himself and his band, and reconciliation with his father—a failed musician with many of the destructive tendencies that The Kid finds he is developing. There is a lot of music, a lot of pain, and an ending that promises resolutions to at least some of The Kid's problems.

I'd like to say that I do consider myself somewhat in tune with the times. When the latest Roy Orbison hit comes on the radio, I snap my fingers and don dark glasses. Show me side-by-side pictures of Greg Allman and Ronald Reagan, nine times out of ten I can tell them apart. I even liked Lawrence Welk before he cut his hair and toured with Molly Hatchet.

After an hour of the contemporary *Purple Rain*, I resigned from Western Civilization. After another fifteen minutes, from the human race. *Purple Rain* is more than intellectually, morally, and spiritually obscene—it is all of those things.

There was one movie that I enjoyed enough to recommend—Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*, newly edited and with a rock score. Addicts of old movies know *Metropolis*, released in 1926, as a silent film classic, but perhaps there is something in it even for our movie-going generation.

The plot is simple and strangely ominous: an elite class of spoiled and pampered aristocrats govern *Metropolis*, the world of the future, by exploiting the labor of the common man and reducing him almost to an automaton. A young woman, a worker, preaches love for one's fellow man, and prays for a new age of understanding, hope, and peaceful cooperation between the classes. A young aristocrat falls in love with the woman, but, at the same time his father, the master of *Metropolis*, aware of the unrest in the city-state, calls upon his old rival, Ratwing, part scientist, part wizard, part madman, to create the perfect woman-machine, a thing that will take the young woman's

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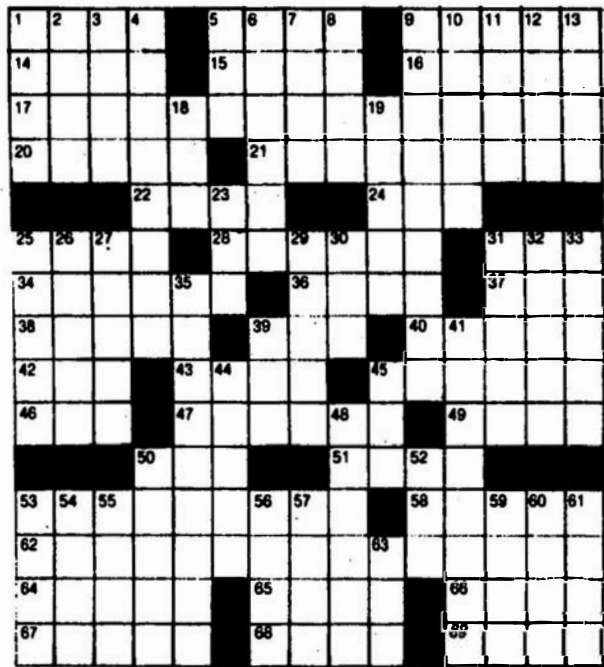
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place and fill the minds of the proletariat not with hopes, but with delusions. Ratwing captures the young woman and, from her creates the perfect female opiate. But the plan backfires, the machine has a mind of its own: "she" incites the workers to revolt against their leaders and the leaders to oppress their workers. From there you can write the rest yourself. In the closing scene is the young woman pleads with the Master of *Metropolis*' son (now her boyfriend, naturally) to join the hands of his father with that of a worker. The moral: without the heart, the head cannot lead the hand.

Later in his life, Lang denounced *Metropolis* as the work of an immature filmmaker. This may be true—you can take the message of *Metropolis* in many different ways, but two men who were in German theaters when *Metropolis* opened certainly didn't find Lang or his work immature. When the opportunity arose, both opened their hearts and hands to Lang and asked him if he'd like to work for them. Lang said he'd think about it, and left Germany the next day. I suppose directors prefer to choose their collaborators when they can, even if their prospective producers are Joseph Goebbels and Adolph Hitler.

*Metropolis* is fascinating. The silent acting style may make you snicker (the lyrics from the exceptionally forgettable rock score will) but the special effects, enhanced by the added color tones of the new editing, made certain scenes more effective and more frightening than anything else you could see today in a science fiction movie. Go see *Metropolis*—but only with two close friends, and sit between them. Otherwise, you'll never be sure just exactly who you're sitting next to.

## Connie Crossword



Constructed by Moshe Orlikan

- 8. Cripple
- 9. Exciting episode
- 10. Lock of hair
- 11. Prohibits
- 12. Chills & fever
- 13. Common puzzle river
- 18. Superlative suffix
- 19. Get up
- 23. Fleming
- 25. Top floor, sometimes
- 26. Unusual item
- 27. Boy Scouts unit
- 29. Acquire ammunition again
- 30. Printers measures
- 31. Lifeboat support
- 32. Prevent
- 33. Free-for-all
- 35. Certain rock formations
- 39. Not Rep.
- 41. Text correctors
- 44. Active
- 45. Honey maker
- 48. "\_\_\_\_\_ whether you win or lose..."
- 50. Partake a liquid
- 52. Gun a motor
- 53. Sharp sound
- 54. "\_\_\_\_\_ Smile Be Your Umbrella"
- 55. Long part of a nerve cell
- 56. Catch all abbr.
- 57. Big book
- 59. Involved with
- 60. Large brass instrument
- 61. Ooze

**ACROSS**

- 1. Man's name, (abbr.)
- 5. Glitch
- 9. Hold \_\_\_\_\_ (fend off)
- 14. Easy gait
- 15. Moon: Comb. form
- 16. Shleps
- 17. Dutch Street?
- 20. Looks furtively
- 21. One who earns approval
- 22. Birdsong
- 24. Certain door signs
- 25. Play opener
- 28. Not working
- 31. River structure
- 34. Hit the sack
- 36. Large bird of yore
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ Maria
- 38. Moves at an easy pace
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ Boot
- 40. They named a school after him.
- 42. 2 x 55
- 43. River in Germany
- 45. Cause to become bogged down.
- 46. Policeman (Coll.)
- 47. Name of this paper
- 49. Kitchen or major ending
- 50. Half of MCII
- 51. Sea bird
- 53. Reed instruments

**DOWN**

- 2. Redacts
- 62. Stern locale
- 64. What sinners should do
- 65. Kingdom descended from Lot
- 66. Bathing accessory
- 67. Pulls sharply
- 68. Permits
- 69. Type of fastener
- 1. Rebuff
- 2. Sweet place
- 3. Church part
- 4. Tennis score
- 5. Type of camera (Abbr.)
- 6. Kind of colony
- 7. Indian state

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Senior I.B.C.

Mr. Leonard, his oratory talents and charisma will make him the overwhelming choice of the American people.  
Jeffrey Ballaban  
Senior M.Y.P.



## Hockey Intramurals

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9:54 mark Jules Polonetsky took a pass from Hillel Hyman and put it in to tie the game at 1.

The Juniors kept the pressure on in the third period and scored at 3:54 when Jimmy Sitt took a centering pass from David Prince and poked it in for a 2-1 lead. But, with a minute left, the Sophomores pulled their goalie for an extra offense man and, with only 11 seconds remaining, the puck was loose in front of the Junior net; Kenny Rozenberg pounced on it and backhanded it under the sprawling goalie. After a scoreless overtime, the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

**Juniors 4, Freshmen 2**—In the initial period, the Freshmen capitalized on a defensive lapse by the Juniors when Mike Greenwald, all alone in front of the Junior's net, backhanded home a centering pass from the corner by Roni Goldberg. In the second period the Juniors tied the game. After being shut down by the superb goaltending of Steven Brody, the Junior's scoring machine, Hillel Hyman, took a pass from Jimmy Sitt and blistered it into the net to even the score at 1.

In the third period, the Juniors took the lead when Hartley Rose slipped the puck to Jimmy Sitt, who drilled home his second goal of the year. The Freshmen hung tough and knotted the score with two minutes left, as again the Juniors failed to clear the man out of the slot. This time Roni Goldberg took a pass from Michael Ashendorf and whipped it past the helpless goalie. The Juniors, proving to be the league's best team, applied unyielding pressure and scored with 15 seconds left; Steven Polinsky, assisted by Canadian thespian Maury Kellman and Peretz Hochbaum, netted the game winner. Maury Kellman added an empty-net goal at the buzzer.

**Sophomores 5, Freshmen 5**—The Freshmen took their first lead of the year in the second period when Mike Greenwald scored his second goal of the year, giving the Freshmen a 2-1 lead. The Sophomores then scored three unanswered goals; first Avrum Schreiber scored his second goal of the game, followed by a breakaway by Menachem 'No D' Dietcher, and capped off by a Sammy Kliger slapshot. The Freshmen fought back with a pair of goals early in the third period. The Sophomore sensation Kenny Rozenberg scored, seemingly giving the Sophomores the game. However, Mike Greenwald tied it with just two and a half minutes left on a neat pass from linemate Roni Goldberg.

**Juniors 5, Seniors 2**—The Juniors established their supremacy in the season's first showdown between these top two teams. The Junior's new goalie Elie Cohen started his first game, enabling the makeshift goalie Shalom Menora, to return to his normal defensive position.

The Juniors started out quickly, bombarding Senior goalie Neil Krakauer with shots. At the 5:10 mark Hillel Hyman slid a wrist shot past Krakauer for a 1-0 lead and made it 2-0 two minutes later on a rebound off a Shalom Menora shot. Hyman capped off a first-period hat trick by taking a pass from linemate David Prince and drilling it into the net. In the second period, the Seniors fought back and cut the lead to 3-1 on a Chopper Schreiber wrist shot. However, this night belonged to the Juniors; David Prince and Hartley Rose added goals to boost the Juniors' lead to 5-1 Michael Felsen scored in the final period to end it at 5-2.

**Juniors 3, Sophomores 2 (OT)**—The Juniors controlled the puck most of the game but had trouble putting it into the net.

## YU Maccabee Backcourt

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For Ronnie, however, it took some time to develop that special feeling. "Coming from a public high school," said Ronnie, "there wasn't much of a togetherness feeling there. We were individuals and not really concerned with the team effort. The first time I ever put on a Yeshiva uniform, with the little background that I had, really didn't mean much. But as I adjusted to the school and learned more about Yeshiva, each time I put on that uniform I felt better about it. I know that every other member of my team was also Jewish and that we were representing Yeshiva University and representing Jews."

Those of us privileged to see them play know of their quickness and fastbreak capabilities. The two agreed that Coach Halpert will now employ more of a fastbreak strategy. With the strong rebounding of Schreier, Hod et al, a fastbreak is more likely. "Both of us know what we can do on a break," stated Schwartz. "Joey knows that I like to pull up for a jumper and he'll go to the basket. Even though we do have set plays, when we have the chance we'll take advantage of it." Opposing coaches and players: you have been warned!

I asked these two guards if they ever feel the urge to "cut loose" and leave the others behind. Ronnie claimed that, since shooting is his forte, there can be no breaking loose and shooting, because there will always be shooting opportunities during a game. "You have to play within the confines of the game. But sure, there are times when I'd like to take the ball and do whatever I want," confided Ronnie. Joey, however, whose abilities can be adapted to play a streetyard type of ball, does feel the urge and will do it at times. "Like when we're losing really badly at the end of a game, then I'll go off on my own and not worry about the plays," he explained. "But when there's a chance of us winning, no matter when, I'll continue with the plays."

Obviously, we've got something special here. These two players, capable of magic on the court, are the best of friends off the court. They remind me of the young and talented NY Knick backcourt of a few years ago, Michael Ray Richardson and Ray Williams; two of the NBA's best guards and best of friends. Ronnie and Joey live together and hang out together; but will this off-court closeness help them or hinder them?

Ronnie said, "It can only help us on the court. Because we live together and do things together, it gives us the feeling that when we're on the court we know each other a lot better." Joey agreed: "We live off each other and we have the same feeling on the court that we can find each other. We know each other's capabilities and complement each other."

Do they talk basketball and discuss situations together off the court? "All the time," exclaimed Joey. "We dream about it. It's like living basketball maybe 23 hours of the day." "No," disagreed Ronnie, "not quite 23 hours of the day, but we do think a lot about fastbreaking and running the ball. Sometimes when we talk about it, it gets exciting." Exciting certainly does describe their play.

OK, Ronnie, not quite 23 hours of the day. Very often, that's for sure. As I got up to leave their apartment, Joey took a miniature basketball, put a move on Ronnie, and proceeded to dunk on an imaginary basket. Exciting, again.

That talented Knick backcourt took the Knicks to 50 victories and a playoff berth one year. 50 victories may be out of reach here, but a playoff berth is not. Here's looking ahead to a great and exciting season.



Nevertheless they prevailed in overtime. In the opening period the Sophomores jumped in front 2-0, as captain Avrum Schreiber beat goalie Elie Cohen twice. In the next period Hillel Hyman scored off a Steve Polinsky and David Kestenbaum assist combination. The Juniors tied the game at the start of the third period when David Prince picked up a loose puck in the slot and backhanded in a 20-footer. Each team had chances during the rest of the period but neither scored.

In the overtime, Kenny Rozenberg almost won the game but his wrist shot from the point was three inches wide. A minute later, Maury Kellman fired his game-winner from the point through a maze of players and past the screened goalie.

**Seniors 19, Freshmen 3**—The Seniors crushed the undermanned Freshmen, who were missing their goalie and other key players. The Seniors were led by All-Star Eli Weber (6 goals), Jay Weinbach (5 goals), and Chopper Schreiber (6 assists). The game's most signifi-

cant development was the discovery of the Gretzky-like offensive prowess of heretofore unheralded Larry Lehman.

### STANDINGS

	W	L	T	pts.
Juniors	3	0	1	7
Seniors	2	1	0	5
Sophomores	0	1	2	2
Freshmen	0	3	1	1

### YIBL Standings

1. Senior B	(3-1)
2. Senior A	(2-1)tie
2. Juniors	(2-1)tie
4. Sophomores	(1-2)
5. Freshmen	(0-3)

### Scoring Leaders

Player	G	PTS.	AVG.
1. E. Weber	3	57	19.0
2. G. Levine	3	48	16.0
3. Nagler	3	42	14.0
4. Lieman	3	34	11.3
Dietcher	3	34	11.3
5. Wildes	4	45	11.25

## Basketball Intramurals

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young Freshmen, who, in desperate need of leadership, were joined by varsity veteran Steven Frenkel. The Juniors went down low to Nagler and Kestenbaum time and time again, and only the ferocious rebounding of Ari Blaine (15 pts.) kept the Juniors to a surprisingly close 1-point halftime lead. Then, in the third quarter, the Freshmen mounted a rally behind Blaine's sliding jumpers and diving drives by Mark Littwin (10 pts.) and pulled ahead by 3. Poor shots by the Juniors, such as Kestenbaum's turn-around bricks from the foul line, aided the Freshmen cause. The upper-classmen came roaring back in the final quarter by shifting to a pertinacious man-to-man defense, which unnerved the Freshmen who never regained the lead, resorting to 20-foot layups by Steve Frenkel (12 pts.). Marvin Nagler (18 pts.) led the charge with 11 fourth quarter points (again), helping the Juniors to a 50-43 victory.

Pre-season predictions said that last year's hottest rivalry would be even hotter this year, with both Senior squads striving for supremacy. Both teams lost two starting guards, but Senior A added center Barry Gross and guards Avromie Fein and Shalom Menora while Senior B added forward Simmy Weber and guard Peretz Hochbaum. In their first showdown, Senior B, the 1983-84 YIBL champions defeated Senior A convincingly by reverting back to their familiar run-and-gun tactics. Behind the shooting of Mike Felsen (9 pts.), Eli Weber (11 pts.) and Morey Wildes (9 pts.), Senior B built a 25-16 halftime lead. Only their shoddy foul-shooting (3-for-14) kept them from leading more. Meanwhile, Senior A, led by newlywed Avromie Fein and lead-footed Shalom Menora, were unable to keep up. Senior B's smothering defense limited the Senior A guards to a total of 8 points, forcing big-men Gregg Levine (8 pts.) and Barry Gross (6 pts.) to play much of the game outside. Senior B put the game out of reach early in the second half behind the strong rebounding of David Schwarcz (10 pts.) and David Greenberg, whose dominating presence frustrated the Senior A front line and enabled him to pitch out to swift Peretz Hochbaum (10 pts.) for some nifty layups. The outcome: a resounding 56-30 Senior B victory.

In the next game, Senior B rolled onward, crushing the Freshmen 72-41, while surpassing their own YIBL record for points in a game (70). The Senior B squad opened a 14-point first-half lead behind the bruising drives of Michael Felsen (13 pts.) and the twisting layups of guards Eli Weber and Peretz Hochbaum. The absence of a Freshman big-man was painfully evident, as Greenberg controlled the boards and held the Freshmen forwards to 5 points through the first three quarters. The Senior fastbreak was spearheaded by Eli Weber (12 third-qr. pts.) and aided by Morey Wildes (10 pts.) and the versatile swingman Yoseph Shmidman (10 pts.). Bruce Taragin paced the Freshmen with 12 points, while Eli Weber lead all scorers with 27.

The Sophomores then brought the Senior B team to a halt, stunning them 39-38. Senior B, playing without their top scorer and two bruising rebounders, were unable to generate much offense and fell victim to a bigger Soph team. Although the Seniors moved to 7-point halftime lead behind Morey Wildes' (10 pts.) hot shooting and some effective fastbreaking by Peretz Hochbaum (13 pts.), they soon slowed considerably. The big Soph front line of Hirt, Englander

and Gottesman combined to neutralize "Dg", the Senior B center, in the third quarter, enabling Menachem Dietcher (14 pts.) to break for quick baskets. The fourth quarter was a see-saw battle until the Seniors intentionally fouled Gottesman with 20 seconds left and the score tied. After Gottesman hit two free-throws, the Seniors' Felsen missed a driving layup, and again Gottesman was fouled. This time he hit only the first, and the exuberant Sophs allowed Felsen to score undefended, giving them a one-point victory.

Next, the original senior team, Senior A, determined to demonstrate their capabilities, handed the Freshmen their third loss. The Seniors were crippled by the lack of an experienced point-guard who can control the tempo of the game. Sholom Menora proved to be a master of the "slow-break," in contributing to the overall Senior A chaos, which saw the offense slacken when they needed to run and rush when they needed to slow down. The result was a battle under the basket, in which the Seniors outmuscled the smaller Freshmen. Taking matters into their own hands, broad-shouldered Gregg Levine (20 pts.) overpowered underneath and the fiery forward Zev Skolnick (17 pts.) hit his turn-around jumpers, leaving Heshy Lieman (16 pts.) open to sink his deadly jumpers; this gave them an early lead which they never relinquished. The Freshmen tried valiantly to pull even, as Bruce Taragin (14 pts.) scored on running jumpers and Jackie Rebibo (14 pts.) barreled through the middle for lay-ins. Honorable mention goes to Freshman Ari Blaine for his fierce one-handed rebounding amidst much traffic. Through all the confusion, determination guided Senior A to this 68-50 win.

In their next game, it was brawn and foul shooting which guided Senior A in their next victory, as the Sophs and Seniors slugged it out down low in a grueling confrontation from which the big-men came away groaning. In the first half, while the Sophs were relying on Howie Schub (16 pts.) and Menachem Dietcher (12pts.), their smooth-shooting guards, to score from the outside, the Seniors were scoring inside and outside. Heshy Lieman (18 pts.) was busy burying shots from the slot and Gregg Levine (20 pts.) drove to the hoop repeatedly, drew fouls, and converted on the free-throws with near-perfect 16 for 17 shooting. With Lieman hitting clutch shots and forwards Skolnick (9 pts.) and Mehlman (8 pts.) making precise passes, the Seniors began to pull away in the fourth quarter. The failure of the Sophomores to establish an inside game became important late in the game as their guards effectiveness was reduced by the superior Senior A defense. Perhaps the game's most significant development, however, was the disciplined play of Senior A point guard Sholom Menora (5 pts.), who silenced his critics with his fine playmaking and passing, leading his team over the Sophs 60-47.

The Senior B squad, in a game that almost wasn't, returned to their winning ways and moved into first-place by squashing the Juniors 65-36. The game was close after the first quarter, with Senior B leading 13-12. Then, in the second quarter, after a Marvin Nagler (11 pts.) three-point play, Senior B held the Juniors scoreless over the next three minutes while they built up a sizeable lead. The shooting-and-fastbreaking backcourt trio of Eli Weber (19 pts.), Morey Wildes (16 pts.) and Peretz Hochbaum (12 pts.) displayed their ability in running a diversified attack. Schwarcz, Simmy Weber and "Dg" (who has become some kind of scoring threat) made this offense go with their strong rebounding.



## On the Sidelines



### Up front with the Mac Backcourt

by Morey Wildes

Once upon a time, such legendary names as Stuart Polliner, Sheldon Rokach, Irv Bader, and, more recently, David Kufeld and Harvey Scheff ruled the basketball courts at YU. The team was known as the Mighty Mites, though they weren't all that mighty. Now the team is known as the Maccabees and they still aren't that mighty.

Never noted for its great basketball program, Yeshiva, however, has recently taken the necessary steps to upgrade its program through the recruiting of successful Jewish high school players. Among those recruited who've attended YU, some have stayed and some have left. Solly Krevsky and Eddie Tamir are two who came to YU and have since left. Joey Eaves and Ronnie Schwartz, two who have become the anchors of the Mac backcourt, are still here.

I recently visited the two stars in their apartment on 186th street and asked how each had come to YU. Joey was recruited by YU through the high school tournament. "I came in my junior and senior years at Maimonides High School and played well. Coach Halpert talked to me then and told me to come to the school and visit, which I did. I don't know if you could call it recruiting, but they did talk to me more than anybody else did. Other schools talked to me but they weren't all that interested. YU said, 'You're Jewish so you'll fit in. They never said anything about my color.'"

With Ronnie it was a bit different. "I think they heard of me," he explained, "through a combination of a list of Jewish high school players and the athletic director from the Pittsburgh J.C.C., who came here and talked to Assistant Coach Jeff Gurock. I went to public high school in Pittsburgh and they sent me information about YU. I had been looking for a scholarship, and some Division II and Division III schools recruited me. But when I realized that those schools weren't known for their academics, I paid more attention to Yeshiva's recruiting. Coach Gurock flew into Pittsburgh and talked to me and my family and then I flew up for a visit."

In other words, says Ronnie, it wasn't only the basketball team that attracted them. "Most people think I'm here to play ball and not go to class. I want people to realize that academics comes first and if tomorrow they stopped the basketball program, I wouldn't leave the school."

Since Yeshiva, a Division III school is not allowed to offer money as a form of recruiting, clearly these athletes are missing out on the monetary aspect of college basketball, right? "No," declared Ronnie. "If I were as good as a Ewing or a Jordan, then I'd be missing out. I'm glad I'm not in a situation where the coach is offering me money under the table." Joey agreed: "A player of that stature is going to that college to improve on his game. They want to show what they have so that NBA coaches and scouts can see them and will say, 'This is the player we want.' I personally wouldn't like to take anything to play basketball, unless it was on a professional level."

Money or no money, here they are. And each time they don that YU Maccabee uniform, they represent all of us here at the school. "Coach Halpert told us at the first practice that when we put on the uniform, we're not playing for ourselves; we're not even playing just for the school; we're playing for Jews all over America and all over the world," Joey explained. "So when I go out there, I have this feeling that I'm playing for all Jews, not just for myself. I want to go out and show everyone what I can do and what Jews can do."

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Left, Joey Eaves, Right, Roni Schwartz

## Intramurals off to a Great Start

### Basketball: Senior B on Top; Hockey: Juniors in First Place

by Morey Wildes

On Wednesday, September 12 at about 8:20 PM, two intramural teams and two referees entered the smoldered remains of the girl's gym at George Washington High School to begin the 1984-85 Yeshiva Intramural Basketball League.

This first intramural contest was between the Juniors and the Sophomores. The Juniors are the same guard-oriented team from a year ago, only this time wiser and, hopefully, more mature, who will be stiff competition if their big men decide to show up. On the other hand, the Sophs, with only one holdover from last year's powerful Freshman squad, are a relatively inexperienced team, whose style of play is likened to that of last year's B.M.T. intramural teams.

The Juniors came out working the ball inside, building a small lead on the short jumpers of free agent signee David Kestenbaum (11 pts.) and the baseline moves of Jody Bardash. The hot outside shooting of L.A. import Lance Hirt (14 pts.) kept the Sophomores close during the first half. The Juniors maintained their slim lead until the fourth quarter when a Dietcher swish, a Hirt tap-in, and a Dietcher-

to-Schub fastbreak layup, all in rapid succession, put the Sophs ahead by 1. The Juniors called a time out to regroup and then pressed the Sophomores, leading to two key turnovers. Hirt, unfamiliar with the lines in the sooty GW gym, stepped out of bounds twice (and was charged with a technical foul the second time), both times leading to Junior baskets. Marvin Nagler (13 pts.) came alive in the fourth quarter with 11 points, 9 from the foul line, as the Juniors held on to win 43-38.

The second intramural game featured the Juniors facing the

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After four weeks of play, the Juniors are atop of the league. The season has already had some exciting games, making this a great season.

**Seniors 11, Freshmen 3**—The Freshmen, meeting each other for the first time, had their problems getting organized. The first period consisted of the Freshmen trying to find combinations and the Juniors trying to shake off the cobwebs from the summer.

In the second period, the Seniors got things going. After a penalty to Nachum "Dave Schultz" Bane, the Seniors scored on a power-play and added goals by Lee Lasher and Jon Thurm. In the closing period, the Seniors piled up goals as fast as All-Star defenseman Gary Miller and Shabsi Schreier could get the puck down ice.

**Juniors 2, Sophomores 2**—The Sophs scored early as Kenny Rozenberg broke in all alone and unleashed his lethal wrist shot past the Junior goalie on the glove side. In the second period, the Juniors were stopped time after time by the outstanding play of Schlepovitz, the Sophomore goalie. Finally at the

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## Tennis Macs Score Well in Tournament

by Jay Gottesman

The most victorious team in YU last year, the tennis Macs, opened the 1984-85 season with a strong performance in the Stevens Tech Invitational Tournament on Oct. 28. This annual tournament involved four teams in the IAC division: NJIT, Stevens Tech, Maritime and YU. Each team was represented by six players, three of whom played in the "A" tournament and three of whom played in the "B" tournament.

In the "A" tournament, top-seeded Larry Lehman advanced to the semifinals by winning his quarterfinal match 8-5, before losing a close match 7-6, 7-6, in his last match for YU. Beryl Thomas easily won his first round 8-3 and then played a strong serve-and-volley game in taking Stevens Tech's top seed to a tiebreaker, before succumbing in the pro-rated set 9-8. Gary Wruble, playing a powerful

baseline game, advanced to the quarterfinals after his handy 8-1 first-round victory, only to lose there 8-6 to an overpowering opponent.

In the "B" tournament, top-seeded Jay Gottesman also won his first match, a semi-final victory 6-4, 6-1, before losing a hard-fought final match 7-5, 6-0. The other seed, Curtis Rindileish, played well in an 8-5 loss to a top player from NJIT.

Hopefully, this is only the beginning of a highly successful season for the YU tennis Macs.

### CORRECTION

Credit is due to Larry Lehman and Yaakov Borow who pointed out an error in last issue's Sports Quiz. The original name of Ahmad Rashad was incorrectly written as Tommy Moore; it should have read Bobby Moore. My apologies to my faithful readers.

## Cross Country Team Off and Running

by Abe Peller

On Sunday September 16, Yeshiva began its second year of the varsity Cross Country team, under the leadership of Dr. Vincent Chiappetta. The Mazola Run, held at Central Park was used as a gauge for the new runners on the team.

The Macs' first meet was on Wednesday, October 3, at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, the team's home field. Yeshiva was defeated by New Jersey Institute of Technology 47-23. Simcha Hochman turned in an excellent performance setting a school record of 32:31 on the five-mile course through the rolling hills of Van Cortlandt Park. NJIT placed all eight of their runners in the top nine places, including the first four, who finished in a dead heat winning time of 31:25. Other top finishers for Yeshiva were Yaakov Vann (38:33), Steve Katz (39:02), David Margulies (39:25), and Abe Peller (39:51).

At the 'Columbus Day at the Races', also held at Van Cortlandt

Park, the five-man team of Yaakov Vann, Joel Finkelstein, Kenny Siegel, Yossi Rothman and Abe Peller placed second in a three-mile Metropolitan Athletics Congress meet. For their efforts, each member was awarded a medallion, a totebag and a T-shirt.

The next meet for the Macs will be the Independent Athletic Conference championship, a five-college intercollegiate meet held at Van Cortlandt Park. Yeshiva University is sponsoring the race with refreshments and a pre- and post-game ceremony.

Anyone interested in joining the team or just running for fun can come to practices Monday and Wednesday nights at 10:15, Thursday during Club Hour, and Friday at 12, in front of the Morgenstern Dormitory.

\*\*\*NEWSBREAK: On Wednesday, October 24, Simcha Hochman broke his recently-set record of the Van Cortlandt Park five-mile run, with a time of 32:23.

## Yeshiva Soccer:

John Jay - 3,

Yeshiva - 2 (OT)

by Russel Adler

Yeshiva's Soccer Macs opened their third season with the most impressive outing in the young team's history. Although the Macs finished on the losing side of the score, they outplayed John Jay throughout much of the match.

John Jay struck first with two goals off goalie Russel Adler during the first half. Yeshiva, however, never gave up; after applying constant pressure, the Macs scored on a perfectly placed free kick by one of their outstanding Columbians, David Freyle, with only six seconds left in the half. This goal gave the Macs some much-needed momentum as they entered the second half.

Yeshiva tried desperately throughout the second half to score the equalizer. Finally, with only a few minutes remaining in the game, Shalom Amselem scored on a scramble in front, sending the game into overtime. Then, with about seven minutes past in the first of two ten-minute overtime halves, an opposing offense put one in past a sprawling Neil Krakauer, giving John Jay the lead, and, the 3-2 victory.

There were many outstanding individual performances which contributed to the team's fine play. Offenseman Mark Litwin and defensemen David Greenberg and David Freyle played exceptionally, displaying hustle throughout the game. Neil Krakauer's five-star performance in goal, helped Yeshiva avoid overtime play.

Although these individual performances were commendable, it was even more significant that the team as a whole played well together. This cohesiveness is due to the leadership of the team's new coach, Mr. Jairo Ruiz; without his guidance, the fine showing might not have been possible. Mr. Ruiz is also the coach of G.W. High School's team, last year's city champions. Yeshiva's team may not end up as NCAA champions, but the performance against John Jay was definitely a step in the right direction.

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