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## Protesters Decry Mall Local Residents Brave Weather to Press Concerns

by Ben English

Since almost the first day it was announced, opinion both inside and outside YU has been bitterly divided on the issue of a pedestrian mall. While many people feel that a reduction of traffic on Amsterdam Avenue is a welcome change to the hubbub of normal city life, there are those who believe that the costs of such a project, in both safety and convenience, outweigh any possible benefit. It was the latter faction who gave vent to their feelings on Sunday.

A group of up to fifty local residents gathered at the mall to stage a rather determined demonstration against its presence. Braving the winds and rain, the protesters peacefully marched outside Morgenstern dormitory, carrying signs in Spanish and English and occasionally chanting slogans calling for united opposition to YU and the city's perceived disregard for their concerns. These worries centered around increased dangers to schoolchildren in the area due to the diverted traffic flow on secondary streets near local schools, the loss of parking spaces along Amsterdam because of the mall, and the creation of an environment conducive to drug use and trafficking. Several other local residents gathered informally with students and representatives of the Administration to express support for the mall, talking to the local TV crews that arrived for the protest. This group concentrated on the improved security in the area as a result of the mall, commending the University for maintaining a well-lit, well-patrolled area for both locals and students. One COMMENTATOR staff member, commenting on the drug-related concerns of the protesters, states that he observed security guards preventing several local youths from engaging in the use of illicit drugs on the mall just last week. In addition, the University maintains that, in conjunction with the city, approximately 100 new parking spaces will soon be created in the vicinity of 190th Street and Amsterdam to compensate for the estimated loss of 50 spaces because of the mall. Both added lighting and a complimentary, evening shuttle will be provided for the community by the University. Proponents of the mall also point to the increased safety from both reckless drivers who formerly turned a nighttime crossing of Amsterdam into a scene worthy of an Indiana Jones film and, more importantly, help protect against the danger of another shooting incident such as those that plagued our campus and students in the past.

Nevertheless, opponents of



Photo by Mike Cohen

One of New York's finest looks on as area residents protest mall - Sunday.

## Cafeteria Changes

by Behnam Dayanim

Upon arriving at the cafeteria this past week, students were apt to note a variety of changes. Not merely the space-age beverage machines replacing the old fountains and the general facelift of the dining hall, but the reductions in hours and increases in prices as well. Once the mainstay of many JSS students who would eat breakfast between morning classes, the cafeteria no longer remains open past 10:30 AM. Mr. Howard Rozenberg, Associate Director of Food Services, states that the cafe has always been officially closed at that time, but that the doors had remained open and whatever food remained was served. He adds that the change was prompted by the need for more time to prepare for the 11:30 lunch. The time for lunch has been mandated, he said, by the high school's daily schedule. Another time reduction involves the cancellation of the two years-old Late Night Cafe. Mr. Rozenberg says that the late night service proved to be too great a drain on his

the mall vow to persist in their attempts to have it removed and plan to continue their protests for Sundays to come. Perhaps the most telling comment of all on the future of the pedestrian mall, however, becomes apparent on any other day of the week when student and resident alike can be seen sitting and relaxing on the once skid-marked pavement.

staff and lost money consistently as people would merely postpone eating dinner at the regular hour and come in for Late Night instead, thereby generating no additional revenue for the added expense. He added that the low number of those taking advantage of the service contributed to his decision. 75 to 80 people typically patronized Late Night daily.

This term also marks the first price increase in the cafeteria in three years. Mr. Rozenberg defends the increase as moderate and necessary due to cost increases that have accumulated over the past years in food and labor. He also points out that he has expanded food and beverage selections and upgraded the overall cleanliness of the dining hall and kitchen. However, he states that all cost data are confidential and accessible only to certain members of the Administration. When asked why such materials had to remain confidential and could not be at least partially released, Mr. Rozenberg stated that such scrutiny would inevitably be unfair and intrusive, due to the general public's ignorance of the intricacies of food service and the resulting lack of personal and professional privacy. Mr. Rozenberg insisted that Food Services be treated like any other branch of Administration, all of whose financial data are confidential. He added that he and Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director

of Personnel, alone deal with the figures and devise prices for the coming year. Neither the Dean of Students' office nor any representative of the student body are involved. Mr. Rozenberg concludes with the unequivocal affirmation that the cafeteria is operated on a non-profit, break-even basis, and in the past has lost money due to its wide variety of services. Comparing the cafeteria to local restaurants is unfair, he says, as their selection is much more limited and their kashrut and health standards may not be the same. When asked to evaluate the Y.U. Cafeteria with other local, kosher, college cafeterias, he said that, while such comparisons would indeed be fair, it would be difficult to accomplish due to most other systems' use of meal plans rather than cash payments. A meal plan, he asserts, would only limit menu variety and not significantly reduce prices for the student, though no definitive study has been attempted.

Dr. Efrem Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, wants it known that any student who finds it difficult to afford meals in the cafeteria should see him and private arrangements can be made. No one, he declares, shall go hungry for lack of adequate finances.

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Photo by Mike Cohen

## Committee Formed to Extirpate Organized Chaos

For years now, the University community has been scheduling conflicting events only to the detriment of the sponsors and the students who would like to participate in both events. Following last year's Chanukah Concert, which had seven other school events running concurrently with it despite having been scheduled in June, a group of students got together with then Student Council Presidents Jerry Barbalatt and Stacy Alevy to form a "more perfect union." These students began drafting a charter which was finally completed over the summer by Mark Zomick and Robbie Zeitz.

The committee's purpose, the charter states, is "to insure that YU undergraduate events do not conflict with one another and to resolve such conflicts should they arise."

The committee is made up of eight members, seven of whom receive voting privileges. The members are appointed by the Presidents of the six sponsor organizations: YCSC, SCWSC, SOY, JSSSC, IBCSC, and TAC. These organizations were chosen as sponsors because all funds for events can be traced back to one of these groups.

The committee now has jurisdiction over all undergraduate events. All events must receive UGCC approval prior to approval from the Dean of Students and Facilities Management. Although events run by the academic faculty, Administration, or staff of Yeshiva are not under the committee's jurisdiction, these groups have been respectfully requested to inform the UGCC as to which dates they would like reserved.

"Our main goal is to be a central point at which students can find out when the best time is to have an event," says Stacy Weiss, female chairperson of the Committee. Each year the committee will elect chairpeople to the committee from amongst its members, one student from

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## Editorials

# Orientation . . .

The new year seems off to a good start. Both new and returning students have been met with a completed Tenzer Gardens, an increased staff for student guidance and advisement, and a generally upbeat attitude reflected at all levels of the University. Kudos go to many Administration members and students for putting together a highly successful Orientation week. The Office of Housekeeping, led by Mr. Steve Berkowitz, in conjunction with the Office of Residence Halls, directed by Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, coordinated the smoothest dormitory opening in recent memory despite the difficulties posed by the pedestrian mall. Staff was on hand at all times to assist students in unloading their belongings and to help resolve any difficulties that may have arisen. Once again, Admissions, Dean of Students, and Dean of Yeshiva College offices presented a highly professional package complete with an elaborate dinner, barbecue, and even gym bags. And student-initiated programming, marked by the Beit Midrash session, Theatre party, and general upperclassman involvement, greatly enhanced the week.

# . . . And Disorientation

On the other hand, however, nothing is perfect. Unfortunately that particularly applies to the Office of the Registrar. While we understand that the Office had to work under cramped and harried conditions, and annually faces a most formidable task in trying to both absorb incoming students and rectify problems for returnees, avoidable snafus did arise. The most notable involved the lack of course schedules available for Freshman academic advisement during Orientation week. Schedules were so scarce that students were reduced to scrambling about, asking upperclassmen for any extra copies they might have. The Office of the Registrar, which traditionally distributes course schedules and registration materials to students at the end of the term, should have anticipated the demand during Orientation and had an adequate stock on hand for such an eventuality.

One other shortcoming lay in the unclear explanation by the YC Dean's office of the English exemption and math placement exams that were offered to new students. Many did not understand the purpose of the exams or realize exactly what times they were being given due to vague wording in the program schedule. The confusion necessitated a repeat session hastily arranged for later in the week. Two relatively minor annoyances in an otherwise exemplary Administrative performance.

## Prices Up Hours Down,

Among the many changes returning YC students have noticed are the significant differences in the cafeteria. Having been given a welcome overhaul, it now features two new beverage machines with soda and juices, replacing the time-consuming fountain, and a somewhat wider selection of foods and services. However, these pleasant alterations have been accompanied by several unpleasant ones. Cafeteria hours have been reduced, eliminating late night service and closing the doors entirely at 10:30 every morning, thereby preventing many JSS students from eating breakfast between classes. Other changes involve price increases for food and beverage items. While price hikes are never met with overwhelming enthusiasm, this first increase in three years seems not unreasonable on the surface. While we would like to see some information released concerning costs and expenses, we can only wait and see if these recent changes do result in sustained improved service, substantively wider menu selection, and a better meal.

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The COMMENTATOR Governing Board for 1987-88 has set several important goals that will enable us to better serve the Yeshiva University community. Chief among these is a desire to publish more frequently than in years past. A successful move of this nature would enable us to cover the Y.U. scene more effectively and comprehensively, increasing our responsiveness to current events on campus. Such an admittedly difficult expansion can only work with your help. We invite all responsible and interested students to serve on our writing staff throughout the year by contacting any member of our Governing Board. Writing for the COMMENTATOR, while demanding, can offer incomparable rewards.

Our second major goal is to expand our focus beyond the halls of academia to the outside world. Never let it be said that YC students are either sheltered or apathetic to the world around them. Both as Jews and as the next generation of leaders, we cannot afford to lose touch.

## Engagement

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## CONDOLENCES

The Commentator Executive Board and the entire student body wish to express their sorrow and sympathy to Dr. J. Gurock on the passing of his beloved father **Mr. J. Gurock z"l**.

To Coach Jeff Gurock,

Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved father.

The Y.U. Maccabees  
Basketball team

Coaches, Captains, and players

# YCSC President's Letter

Welcome back! Summer is over and it's back to school. Does that sound monotonous, disappointing, and boring to you? This year it should not because many changes have occurred at what was already a fine institution, Yeshiva University. Allow me to attempt an overview.

Our enrollment has expanded significantly as this year's freshman class is one of the largest ever. Also, to meet the students' continued need for an efficient, full service bookstore, the University has found new and eager owners who hope to fill that void. There is also a major addition to the campus itself. Tenzer Gardens was completed during the summer, enhancing the entire area around Belfer Hall and the Rubin dorm.

Additionally, many new faculty members have been hired in various capacities. In

particular, I would like to mention how helpful the new Athletic Director, Dr. Gil Shevlin, has been. Not only has he provided us with an athletic calendar to help alleviate scheduling conflicts, but he has taken the initiative of extending, at least on a trial basis, the gym hours until 1:00 AM every night.

This year we have the great fortune of witnessing the initiation of an entire school, the Sy Syms School of Business, which is under the careful direction and guidance of Dean Michael Schiff.

Finally, with the implementation of the Torah U'Madah lecture series and the continuous potpourri of exciting Student Council-run events you can be sure that this year will be anything but disappointing and boring. Keep your eyes open for all posted events. You may have already missed some!

## Responsa —

### Beware

To the Editor:

The days are getting shorter. Textbooks are changing hands. Syllabi are to be found everywhere. These are the familiar reminders that school has started once again. However, when one ventures into the library, questions arise whether this is really so.

The school year always starts in the same way: Readings are assigned for tests that still seem years away. Naturally, most students lack the desire to pick up a textbook after so long a vacation, but suddenly the parties clear and the tests are upon us. The same thought always enters one's head: If only I had started to read the chapters when they were assigned instead of cramming now. Of course, it is impossible to rectify the situation.

The solution to this problem is simple and obvious. The student should start to read the chapters when assigned and not push them off until an exam draws near. The material discussed in class will be understood better, with the additional bonus that any subject matter not absorbed may be clarified by the professor.

The YU student faces a long day and time is needed for relaxation and recreation. Yet one must still reserve time for schoolwork and the enhancement of knowledge.

Ari Levitan



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YC and one from Stern.

The committee has also accepted upon itself the responsibility of working with the Office of Facilities Management in order to secure the proper location for all on-campus events.

"In forming the committee and choosing its members we located people that we felt had the experience to run such a committee," said Jerry Barbalatt. Each senior member of the committee has had extensive experience in planning large events in and out of YU. Therefore they are people who will not only be able to approve dates and resolve conflicts, but give planning advice as well.

The founding members of the committee were Robbie Zeitz (YCSC), Stacy Weiss (SCWSC), Mark Zomick (IBCSC), Chaim Book (SOY), and Ian Schuman (JSSSC). Zeitz, Weiss, and Zomick will remain on the committee this year and will be joined by Mike Cohen of the Athletic Department and new appointees from SOY, JSSSC, and an additional appointee from Stern.

The committee hopes that it will be able to assist the students in scheduling events so that each event is attended by as many people as possible.

To reach the committee, call 960-5490.

## Censorship or Freedom

To the Editor:

Having worked for close to a year on the Yeshiva College ad hoc Committee on Academic Freedom and having lived with the issue since around 1963, I was happy to see you devote two full pages of your May 12 paper to the implications of academic freedom at YU. At the same time, I feel moved to counteract some misleading information and to underline some significant portions of our committee's position.

Mr. Ungar seems to think it is both possible and desirable for YU to serve as a completely risk-free environment which can altogether insulate students from "spiritual danger." That would be rather incredible proposition even if YU were 100% a yeshiva, abandoning the name and substance of a university. Of course, no observant student wants to step outside halachic strictures. Naturally, if a conflict does arise, religious conviction must triumph. Not all questions, however, whether halachic or non-halachic, lead unerringly to easy answers, and the most tortuous conflicts require the most thought, judgment, and wisdom.

Further, Mr. Ungar's grasp of the background seems

relaxed, to say the least. "Several teachers are trying to convince YU's administration to implement academic freedom as a school policy," he supposedly informs his readers, implicitly transforming our committee into an informal, spontaneously generated agglomeration of individual troublemakers. In fact, during an unusually emotional meeting in the spring of 1985, the Yeshiva College faculty constituted us as an official ad hoc committee. We met repeatedly for the following year and submitted our report and recommendations in May of 1986. During the following year, the faculty considered and revised our recommendations and on March 20, 1987, nearly unanimously passed a resolution urging that the President adopt and implement a five-point policy inspired by our recommendations. Admittedly, had every single one of the college's faculty members attended the relevant meetings, dissent would have been more evident, but support would still have been overwhelming.

Why? Not because "a few teachers" are riding a hobby horse. Not because some arcane minority of faculty members

has vented its disaffection. Support is overwhelming because our proposals represent the consensus viewpoint of the YU faculty, and indeed of American higher education generally. All in all, the faculty found itself in the position of feeling virtually forced to affirm publicly its attachment to academic motherhood and apple pie.

Mr. Jeff Paley's article is admirably true to the range of viewpoints and complexities of the issues both in our report and at YU as a whole. At the same time, I find it intriguing that from a long, taped interview during which I strongly advocated academic freedom and affirmed our committee's report, Mr. Paley chose to quote only my doubts and qualifications. Rabbi Blau tells me that Mr. Ungar performed analogous operations on his point of view. Like everyone else, reporters shape their interpretations according to their wants, needs, and presuppositions.

Needless to say, I was pleased to see Mr. Josh Fruchter's article, which is very much in the spirit of our committee's report. Yet even Mr. Fruchter

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## A Mall For All the People

To the Editor:

There are many people who like to criticize Yeshiva University for many things. Indeed, some of that criticism is deserved. However, YU should be commended for the building of the Pedestrian Mall, and all should consider it a success. Despite what a few local residents think, the Mall is really an enhancement to the area. It provides a much more pleasant atmosphere for students and local residents to walk and live. It creates an interaction between the local populations and the University population that heretofore has never been evinced. Finally, it greatly improves security and safety in the area. It was not long ago that high school and college students were caught in violent confrontations with local residents. It was not long ago that shots were fired at University students from passing cars. It was not long

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# Torah U'Mada: The Quest Continues

by Jonathan Katzauer

One of the more remarkable but less remarked upon developments of last year was the start of a project taken for granted and almost overlooked for more than half a century. The Torah U'Mada project arose from an established need for some classification as to what the college motto actually means. Even in the early days of the university there was no clear-cut image, for by 1945, the year of his enrollment, Dr. Lamm writes that "it was an already established tradition for students to complain about the lack of a precise definition of what Yeshiva University stands for. The absence of clear lines of demarcation, or at least a clearly articulated reason why such lines were unwise, has always been a source of irritation and uncertainty."

Therefore, a program was to be established that over the course of two years would try not only to define Torah U'Mada, but also to establish practical ways in which to live it. Rabbi J. Shachter, of the Jewish Center in Manhattan, is the director, and now in its

second year, Rabbi Schwartz replaces Dr. Rothenberg as educational coordinator.

The appointment of Rabbi Schwartz is considered by many observers to be an excellent choice, for this teacher in IBC, JSS and MYP is a scholar who is also popular with students and is felt to be an exemplar of Torah U'Mada. This is not to say that Torah U'Mada has only one angle of approach, for that would defeat the purpose of the exercise. Rather, as Rabbi Schwartz affirms, this project is merely to draw attention to the issues, clarify the points, and allow the individual to reach intellectual and personal understanding as to the approach B'nei Torah should use in the secular world.

Thus, last year's goal was to pick out the many threads of Hashkafa that form the basis of YU's philosophy, never an easy task. For some Torah U'Mada is a justification for all and sundry sorties into secularism, whilst for others it is seen as a baseless deviation from cloistered orthodoxy. Undaunted, the program set up a 'think tank' of YC and

SCW students to research and define Torah U'Mada.

Accompanying this was a plan for a series of lectures by Roshei Yeshiva to define their position on Torah U'Mada. The lectures will continue this year, opening with Dr. Lamm's discourse on "Torah U'Mada as a way to Shleimut" on September 16.

As the project enters its second year the attention will shift from a definition of Torah U'Mada to the practical applications of it. To this end, the lectures will be directed to solving some dilemmas facing many students. Opening, on October 1, Rabbi Yosef Blau will discuss "Hierarchies in career choices" to aid the problem of finding a profession avoiding compromise. On October 21, Rabbi Allen Schwartz will speak at Stern College on the question of a "limit existing to the sources one may use when studying Tanach".

Rabbi Mordechai Willig will query "are secular studies for everyone?" on November 5, and Rabbi Yehuda Parness will examine "freedom of inquiry"

on November 19. On December 3, Rabbi Benjamin Blech will speak on "Involvement in the community at Responses of Jewish law to social change."

The lectures will be held during club hour, except for the final one of the semester, on December 28, when Rabbi Michael Rosensweig will speak on the "Role of personal creativity in the individual's Avodas Hashem", at 8 P.M.

In the spring semester there will also be a symposium on the issue, featuring Rabbi J. Shachter, Rabbi M.D. Tendler, and Dr. Lyman. The main aim of the lectures and the symposium is to voice differing viewpoints on Torah U'Mada and give everyone the opportunity to hear opinions that otherwise would go no farther than the classroom.

W.H. Auden once wrote that a bureaucrat is "one who sees all colors in identical shades of grey." This program is attempting to take the bureaucracy out of Torah U'Mada by offering a spectrum of Roshei Yeshivas' interpretations of our credo.

## Lawful Success

by Josh Fruchter

Each year students and faculty alike eagerly await Dean Hecht's Pre-Law Advisory Report on the successes of YU's aspiring law school applicants. The class of '87 did not disappoint. As Dean Hecht stated in his report to Dr. Israel Miller, "Certainly during my eighteen years as university pre-law advisor we have not had at Yeshiva College as impressive a class both in terms of quantity and quality applying to law school as the class of 1987." Of the forty YC applicants each one was accepted into at least one American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school.

Even more impressive, however, is the acceptance rate at the nation's elite schools "where the competition remains as fiercely intense as ever." Drum roll please, as we roll out the numbers: Four students at Yale, six at Harvard, ten to Columbia and sixteen at NYU. The Yale, Harvard and NYU results are records for Yeshiva College. Equally exceptional are the LSAT scores, with two students receiving the highest possible grade and two others falling one point shy of a perfect score.

Dean Hecht is confident that such trends will continue as more and more YU students embrace a law career.

## Responsa

### Freedom

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fails to confront head on its problematic core: our proposed resolution of potential conflicts between yeshiva and university. The question we spent the most time wrestling with is clear: given the students, like faculty and administrators, are not infallible, what protects YU against all too obvious intellectual, emotional, and spiritual risks and dangers?

We took great pains not to minimize these risks and dangers, which are substantial enough to tempt some members of the university community into longing for censorship to let nearly everyone off the hook. Even so, we did not include a presidential veto in our recommendations. It was the faculty which recommended that the President exercise his legal right to veto an event in "the unusual case of a clear and present danger to the

university."

The committee placed into its own trust in four other factors, each of them connected in some central way with education itself. First, the responsible self-government of each member of the university community. Second, the process of consulting with other members of the community not to be told what to think or do but reach judicious decisions. Third, the inevitability of controversy at YU and at other universities, which gives

everyone access to various strongly held and strongly expressed viewpoints. And finally, the prerogative of conscientious objection should someone event or practice prove problematic on halachic or other religious grounds. None of these safeguards is a quick fix or a guarantee, but together they provide firm ground on which we can all engage in the complex interactions of academic freedom and moral responsibility which constitute our university.

### Mall for All

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ago that reckless drivers posed a threat to pedestrians who walked along Amsterdam Avenue. Today, the scene is completely changed. Students and residents coexist in a spirit of neighborliness that never before existed. Gone are the

speeding maniacs who streaked down Amsterdam Avenue without regard to the pedestrians walking the streets. Indeed, the mall has become a pleasant enterprise to a community that has had few pleasant aspects in the past. Yes, YU should be commended. All of us, students and local residents alike, should stand up and applaud.

Eric Zaiman

## THE TORAH U-MADA LECTURES

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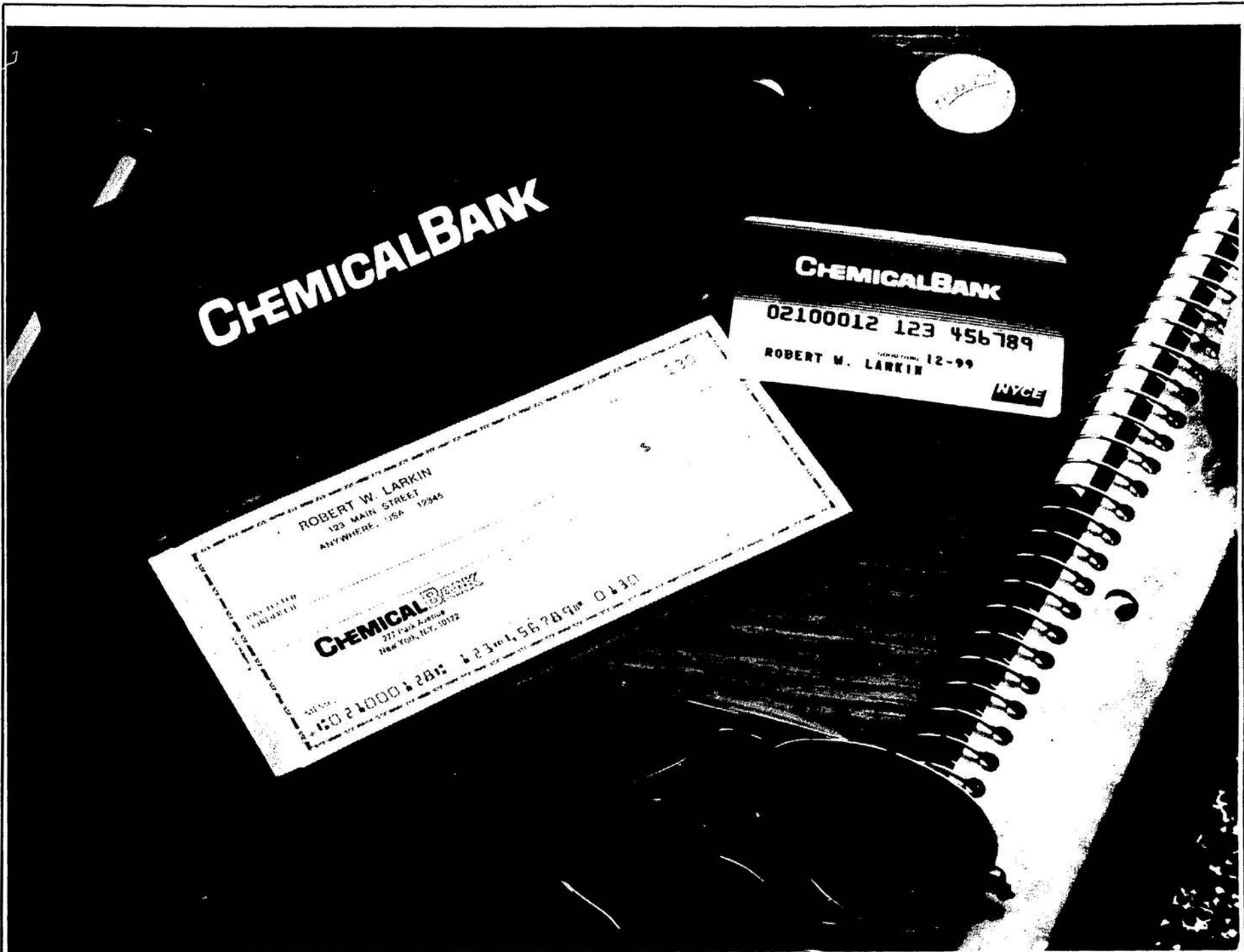
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# 1986-2086: CAMPUS CHANGES FOR THE SECOND HUNDRED YEARS

## Tenzer Succeeds While Schottenstein Remains Mired In Difficulties

by Jonathan Bandler

Students living on the south side of Rubin Hall last year were rudely awakened each morning towards the end of the spring semester by the incessant drilling and construction outside their windows. However, this summer the noises paid off with the completion of Tenzer Gardens, named for the Honorable Herbert Tenzer, Chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees.

Although some work is still being done on the gardens, the newly developed area between Rubin and Belfer Halls was utilized during orientation for the annual barbecue, hosted by the Office of the Dean. Although inclement weather kept most people inside, a large number braved the winds and sat around the fountains, benches, and trees that comprise most of the area. The main feature is however, a large Benefactors' wall made of Jerusalem stone, situated on the eastern side of the Gardens. The wall has been appropriately

nicknamed the KOTEL, though many people think that its sole purpose is to ward off the fierce winds that come off the river between the two buildings.

Rumor had it during orientation week that Tenzer Gardens wasn't really complete but rather an elaborate atrium was being built around it. When asked, however, if such a plan existed, or whether or not a large wall would be erected behind the Benefactors' wall to counter the wind problem, Dr. Sokol, Vice President of Development replied that no such wall was ever under consideration and that there were "no immediate plans for an atrium".

Tenzer Gardens is not the only thing that is making the area around Belfer Hall look impressive these days. The large scaffolding around the entrance to Belfer has finally been removed, eliminating the gloomy shadow that was at the base of Washington Heights' most distinguished building.

The satisfaction of those involved in the campus' new

look is undoubtedly not shared by those who are working on the Frank Schottenstein Student Activities Center. Originally, the Center was to be completed this past January.

However, when February came along and there were no signs of any renovations to the old Soloveitchik Yeshiva, Mr. Jacob Blazer, of the Office of Buildings and Grounds, said that the University was waiting for certain appraisals to come back from the architects so that they could determine how to proceed with things.

Now it seems that the problem with the building is that the majority of work that's been done on the building has involved the removal of asbestos. It is unclear when this problem was discovered or whether or not the situation has yet been rectified. It is quite certain, however, that it will be some time before the building is fully operational and the various student organizations can take full advantage of their new facility.



Photo by Mike Cohen  
Asst. to the Dean of YC Mr. Robert Katz.



Academic Advisor Rabbi Yehuda Fine.



Photo by Mike Cohen  
Asst. to the Dean of students Rabbi Marc Mandel.



Photo by Mike Cohen  
YU's own "KOTEL" in Tenzer Gardens will bear names of benefactors.

## Guidance Department Sports New Faces

by Jonathan Bandler

A number of new staff members have appeared on the YU scene this fall, all of whom are making themselves readily accessible to the needs of the Yeshiva College students. Two such newcomers can be found in the Office of the Dean and each has already proven that he can be a valuable asset to both the students and the administration.

Mr. Robert Katz, new Assistant to the Dean of Yeshiva College, and Rabbi Marc Mandel, Assistant to the Dean of Students, have, in just two

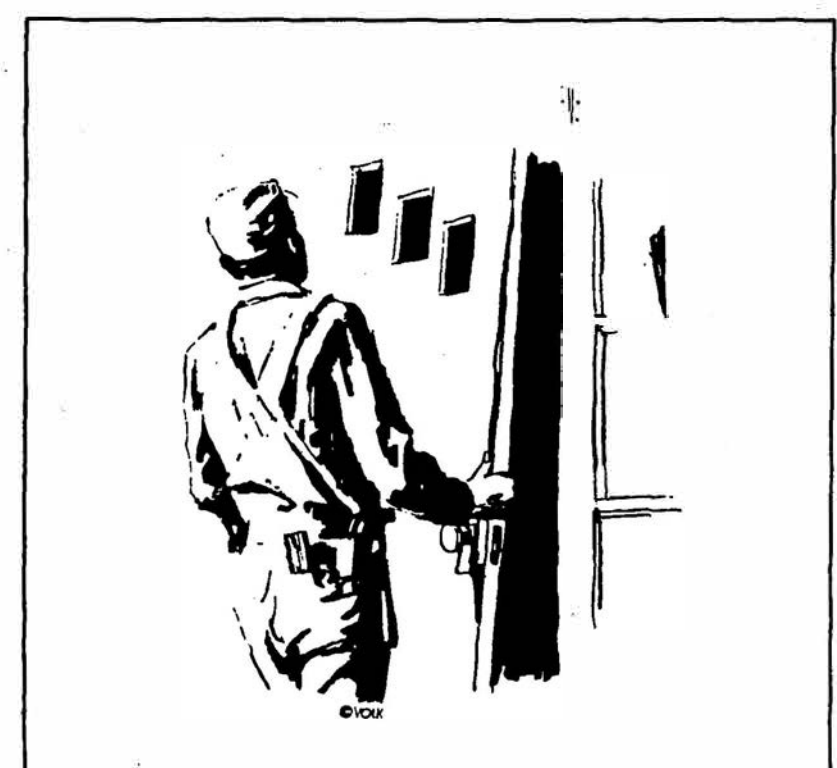
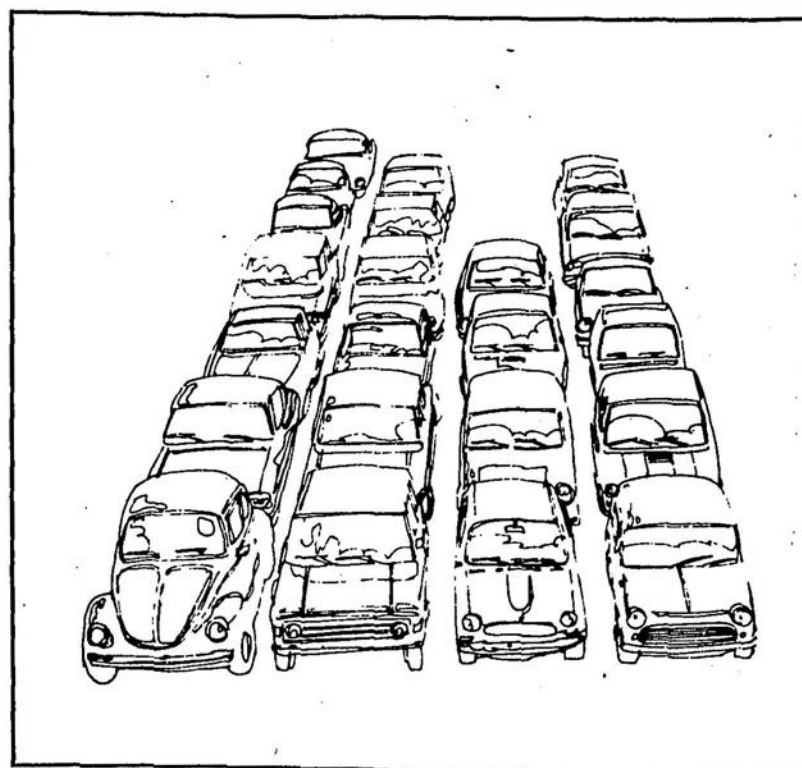
short weeks, received high praise from student leaders. Rabbi Mandel, who is completing his graduate work at Wurzeiller, is responsible for helping out with student activities. "He seems very personable and efficient," says YCSC President Michael Levine, who has dealt briefly with Mandel in the informal planning of some of this year's events. Nachum Barishansky, SOY President, was very enthusiastic about Mandel, who helped out considerably on the Beit Midrash Program during orientation. "He went far

beyond the call of duty for us," says Barishansky. "When the programs weren't correct he arranged to have them fixed, and he even stayed for the 7:30 event when he could've gone home much earlier."

Katz, a 1985 graduate of Yeshiva College, has already been tested by the many students who stream in and out of the Dean's office for advice during the first week of school. He offers very succinct advice, based on his own somewhat recent experiences at YU, regarding all sorts of academic options that

a student may have. He also was very helpful in the accumulation of text book requests from professors for the new bookstore.

The Guidance Department also welcomes two new members to its staff. Mr. David Himer has an MSW from Wurzeiller, and an MA in Counseling from Long Island University, and will be available for academic advice and counseling. Rabbi Yehuda Fine will also be available for counseling on a regular basis, primarily for JSS students.



## Bookstore Opens to Rave Reviews

by Josh Fruchter

For years Yeshiva students have complained about the absence of a well-organized and well-stocked bookstore on campus. This semester, students returned to a pleasant surprise. Collegiate Bookstore Associates, a college textbook retailer with twelve stores in New York state, has opened up a new bookstore on the corner of Amsterdam Ave. and 186th St.

The store represents a definite improvement on previous establishments. Index cards with course names and numbers, instructors names, and other relevant information, direct students to their required textbooks. Students who experience difficulty in locating a book are helped by a salesperson who has a complete list of required texts. Official YU course catalogs are placed conveniently on a counter in the store.

In addition to books, the store also stocks a large variety of school supplies, ranging from the obvious pens, paper, and folders, to disks, knapsacks, and umbrellas. Recognizing the high cost of textbooks, the store has offered to buy back used books for cash. Despite several grievances such as the

unavailability of certain texts, high prices, and long lines, the overall student response seems positive.

Yeshiva University approached CBA about opening a store at the end of last semester. Mr. Aryeh Furst, the main YU representative in the negotiations, indicated that the administration had become dissatisfied with Barnes and Noble, the previous operator. Having failed to turn a profit, Barnes and Noble attempted to cut costs by understaffing the store, keeping store hours to a minimum, and refraining from any sort of promotion or advertising. As Mr. Furst expressed it, "we felt like a lost stepchild, a mere extension of Columbia, an afterthought." CBA's reputation attracted YU's attention. Negotiations started in June, but an assortment of factors prevented the store from setting up until Wednesday, September 2nd. Mr. Furst explained the delay as being due to time spent drafting and reviewing proposals.

David Wisotsky, a buyer employed by CBA and presently involved with the YU branch, spoke freely about the time and work involved in

preparing the store in time for classes. Mr. Wisotsky, the store's manager John Padilla, and their staff, worked continuously from September 2 through September 6 setting up the shelves, unpacking merchandise, and fixing up the store's appearance.

Mr. Perry Barshak, a vice president of CBA, had previously sent out forms to all faculty requesting required texts. Despite Mr. Barshak's persistence in pushing for textbook lists, many professors were not prompt and handed their forms in late. This lack of participation created delays in obtaining books for several courses. Ultimately, however, all textbooks will be available in the store. Mr. Wisotsky mentioned two people, Mrs. Ceil Levinson and Mr. Robert Katz, as being extremely helpful in collecting lists and assuring things ran smoothly.

While the faculty chooses the textbooks, students are still invited to submit suggestions regarding merchandise and service. As Mr. Wisotsky explained, "we're the new show in town and eager to please the students." Students can also apply for part time work in the store.



Photo by Mike Cohen  
Bookstore Manager John Padilla assists students in new store.

## City Resolves Parking Snafu

by Jeff Kaye

Finding a place to park one's car around school is a perennial problem for students at Yeshiva College. Last year this situation was alleviated by the creation of Parking Lot J on Broadway and 186th Street. However, this past summer the administration learned that the lease on Lot J held by YU would not be renewed by New York City, which owns the property.

In an effort to accommodate the students' parking needs, the Personnel Department, under the directorship of Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, attempted to procure parking spaces in local garages. Subsequently, however, these garages were deemed unsuitable for student parking for financial and/or

other reasons.

As the commencement of classes drew near, it appeared as if the parking problem would remain unresolved. However, with the help of the City, the University has come up with a plan that will mitigate this crisis. According to this plan, 180 vertical parking spaces have been created on Amsterdam Ave. from 190th St. northward. This area will be patrolled by YU Security and a van will shuttle students to and from the main campus.

While these features make this plan seem like a boon to all those students with cars, problems may arise in the form of competition for parking spots from local residents who will be happy to use these free,

secured spots. However, until a better solution can be arrived at, this arrangement will have to suffice.

One person who was certainly happy to see the new parking option was YCSC Vice President, Yosef Mandelbaum, who is in charge of allotting parking spaces to Yeshiva students. Faced with scores of applications for both full time and night time parking, and the availability of only a few lots from which to allocate spots, Mandelbaum studied the applicants needs carefully and authorized parking to those who needed it most. Hopefully a long term solution will be reached soon and the next Vice President will have more with which to work.

## University Announces New Van Policy

Certain changes in the school's policy regarding social activities were implemented this past summer changes that will affect not only these activities, but the van service between Stern and Yeshiva College as well.

Many of the Roshei Yeshiva believe that the presence of groups of women on the uptown campus unnecessarily detracts from the Yeshiva atmosphere. This has led to the administration's decision to no longer allow purely social co-ed events to take place at Yeshiva College. However, engagement parties, lectures and other academic forums, and the traditional concerts and chagigot, are not

affected by this decision.

The Roshei Yeshiva have also expressed displeasure that many women travel uptown on the shuttle van for social purposes. Responding to this concern, the administration has restricted the women's use of the van to certain prescribed WYUR and Library shuttles. The new, modified plan was presented to and agreed upon by student leaders and Roshei Yeshiva alike.

Dr. Efreim Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, discussed the rationale behind such policy decisions. According to him, the Uptown campus is in a unique position in that "the environment of the Yeshiva

must be preserved while at the same time the demands of Yeshiva College must be met." If an event is to take place that merits the presence of women, then by all means it can be held uptown. However, according to Nulman, "if the event is not conducive to a Yeshiva atmosphere, then it won't take place."

Dr. Nulman refutes suggestions that the Stern women are being discriminated against. Rather, he feels, that "the new policy is not a chauvinistic statement but that there are differences between men and women" that are now being openly incorporated into University policy.

# Yeshiva University

## WYUR Hits 20

by Jeff Minsky, Music Director  
"It was twenty years ago today."  
— *The Beatles*

Twenty years ago the most successful and popular student activity began broadcasting from the fifth floor of RIETS (now MUSS) Hall. WYUR has since evolved into one of the most influential and important devices of communication between the students and the administration, as well as between YC and Stern.

This year promises to be an exciting and innovative one. We have one of the strongest boards in the twenty year history of the station. Without any further adieu, let me introduce the 1987-88 WYUR Governing Board:

This year's Station Manager is Robbie Zeitz, who hails from the Great White North (eh!) Montreal, Canada. In the past he has served WYUR as Chief Engineer, Music Director, and has held various other positions including DJ for three years.

Serving as Program Director for the second year in a row, from Teaneck, NJ, you know him, you love him, you can't live without him Mark Zomick. Mark has been one of the most popular Hebrew DJs on WYUR, and is Associate Producer of a highly respected Hebrew music show, "JM in the AM".

Taking over for Robbie as Chief Engineer is Michael Hoffman. Mike is from Pittsburgh and has been an invaluable member of our engineering staff for the past three years. He is largely responsible for the recent overhaul of the station which should provide an improved reception to our listeners.

Stacy Weiss is this year's Stern Coordinator. A native Chicagoan, Stacey is one of the hardest working members of our staff, and also serves the Stern Student Council as Senior Class Treasurer.

YC's Coordinator is Jeff Sarasoehn. Jeff, from South Carolina, is a true Southerner (the South will rise again), and is the youngest member to serve the board in recent memory.

Dallas, Texas is the home of our music director, Jeff Minsky. Jeff plans to increase our record library, and to introduce some new and innovative programming during his tenure.

Rounding out this year's board is Renee Rosenblatt, from Bergenfeld, New Jersey. As Executive Secretary and Traffic Manager, Renee hopes to dig us out of the piles of paper in which we always find ourselves.

Consistently, more than 15% of all YC and Stern students apply to WYUR for DJ positions. This makes us Yeshiva's most popular extra-curricular activity. For more info on any events, call at any time (before midnight) 960-5490.

## Honors Research Into

by Etiel Forman

Sigma Delta Rho (SDR), was founded last year under the leadership of Nachum Goldberg. Its young, dynamic honor society is designed to facilitate and showcase both student and faculty scientific research.

Last year, SDR undertook two major projects. First, a bi-weekly speaker series was launched, including Dr. Eli Seifter, a professor of biochemistry and surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Dr. Carl Feit, associate professor of biology at Yeshiva College. These lectures were attended by students of varied backgrounds, both members and non-members alike.

Our most important accomplishment was the publication of "Abstracts '87". This journal was a compilation of short summaries of research done by faculty members and students. This research was performed in several fields of

science - from cardiology to mathematics, in laboratories throughout the United States.

Another function SDR serves is job placement for summer positions in research. We have successfully placed YC and SCW students at both AECOM and Yeshiva College.

There are several goals which we hope to achieve this year. Two more issues of "Abstracts" will be published, the first featuring descriptions by the nine Roth Scholars — research scholarships awarded annually by Yeshiva College — of the research they conducted during the summer. Through "Abstracts" we hope to keep Yeshiva College students informed of the research which is going on around them. It is hoped, too, that membership will increase significantly as more Stern College students become interested. Under the capable leadership of Tamara Carmel, we hope to become one of the largest YC-SCW

## Young Democrats Seek Membership

by Behnam Dayanim  
and Jon Bandler

The Young Democrats of Yeshiva College enter this campaign season with a goal. That goal is to foster a sense of political activism in those YU students who genuinely care for the values for which the Democratic Party stands.

To achieve this end we hope to address issues of contemporary importance to us as Jews and Americans and to stimulate interchange amongst democratically inclined students on

campus. An immediate objective is to help defeat the nomination of Robert Bork to the United States Supreme Court. Confirmation by the Senate of such a reactionist judge could endanger basic civil liberties well into the rest of our lifetimes.

As other issues of importance arise we plan to distribute direct mailings calling upon Yeshiva students to get involved in helping solve problems which affect all of us.

As the '88 election year progresses we plan to work

closely with the state and national Democratic parties.

In such a potentially critical election year, never has it been more crucial to be an active member of the revived Young Democrats of Yeshiva College. A membership fee of \$5 is asked to offset printing and other costs. This can be paid to either Behnam Dayanim (M206) or Jon Bandler (M411), each of whom will be glad to answer any questions about the general role of the society and how to become an active Young Democrat.

## Political Planning

by Adam Chill

The Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society is a voluntary association of Yeshiva students dedicated to the enhanced understanding of how the political processes affect society in general and the daily life of the individual. In this role it supplements the political science curriculum, while at the same time impacts all students irrespective of their major or field of study.

The society has scheduled a series of relevant lectures and debates concerning contemporary themes of significant interest to students. The year's first event took place on Monday, September 14th, here at Yeshiva College. It featured a debate between Rabbi Saul Berman, of Lincoln Square Synagogue, and Rabbi Yehuda Schwartz, managing editor of the Jewish Press. The debate was entitled "Prophetic and Religious Perspectives of Yehuda and Shomron-the West Bank" and was moderated by Dr. David Luchins, special assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, the Consul General of the State of Israel, the Honorable Moshe Yegar, will address the society on matters concerning relations between the United States and Israel.

Other events sponsored by the society include an informal discussion series with prominent public officials and academicians. A Night Court/Bernstein's evening is being planned, as well as a Poli-Sci

Shabbaton at Stern College, tentatively scheduled for October 30-31.

As in previous years the society will send a delegation of students to both the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard National Model United Nations. The U. of P. Model U.N will be held in Philadelphia sometime in November. Applications will be available before vacation and signs will be posted with further information.

This year's society is offering a revival of the once-popular political science journal, renamed the Y.U. Clarion. A semi-annual publication, the Clarion will provide an outlet for Yeshiva students to express their views on a myriad of political topics. For more information contact Ilan Aldouby in Morg 319 (928-7130).

As is the case in all successful campus societies, it is crucial for members to maintain a close working relationship with their faculty advisor. In this role, Dr. Ruth Bevan has been a continuously integral part of the success that is the Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society, and we look forward to enhancing this relationship in the coming year.

For further information concerning membership and upcoming events, please contact any member of our governing board:

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# Society Scene

## Second Year English Honors Given New Life

combined societies.

The speaker series will continue, with speakers booked for the entire year. Speakers will include Dr. Edward R. Burns, director of blood banks and hematology at AECOM, and Dr. Yasher Hirshaut, supervisor of Oncology at the Sloan Kettering Medical Center.

In addition, plans are currently underway for a weekly or bi-weekly informative newsletter, the purpose of which will be to keep students informed of current scientific events, ongoing research, and upcoming society events.

The most important goal is to obtain a national charter, to which end negotiations are currently in progress with Sigma Xi, the national research honor society.

All students are encouraged to participate in SDR since no previous scientific research background is required. Officers are Marc Scheiner and Michael Oppenheim in M528, and Etiel Forman in M620 at 568-6756.

### Yeshiva Finds Happiness

Happiness Unlimited, often referred to as Makor Simcha, or "source of happiness", is a school and community service organization run by students of Yeshiva College. Now in its second year of operation, Happiness Unlimited has raised over \$1000 for charitable causes.

"We're simply out to make people happy," says Shammai Glicksman, a sophomore at Yeshiva and founder and president of the organization. "We realize that not everyone in the world is as lucky as we are, and not even everyone at this school is as lucky as we are. We just want to try to help them out a little. Just make them a little happier."

The organization raises funds for their projects by running various fundraisers (such as last year's very successful treasure hunt) and straight forward Tzedakah campaigns. Once the money is collected, it goes to many projects and causes, such as buying gifts for mentally retarded children in group homes.

"All the money that's raised goes to Tzedakah. Any administrative expenses come out of our budget," says Glicksman. "It's a good thing we're trying to do and we can use all the support we can get."

If you're interested in volunteering to help raise money, or if you'd like to make a donation, please contact Shammai Glicksman at 923-3194 (MUSS 363) or Allen Sragow at 927-5437 (R409).

About nine months ago, fifteen men gathered unobtrusively for a meeting in the library well. Many had never met before or were the most casual of acquaintances. Passersby looked on curiously as the group drew paperback copies of Dostoyevsky's "Notes from Underground" from pockets and knapsacks, but few realized the significance of what they were seeing—the rebirth of Yeshiva College's English Honor Society.

Perhaps the above is slightly melodramatic, but the English Honor Society is important to Yeshiva's intellectual life. The discussions and lectures

we sponsor give students a chance to experience literature outside the classroom and realize (or re-realize) that reading is fun and enlightening, and not just a necessary evil for passing two semesters of required courses. We also deal with topics and works not included in the curriculum, many chosen specifically for their appeal to non-lit people. Our meetings expose students to new speakers and give them the opportunity to interact informally with faculty members.

Our first meeting this year, scheduled for October 28th, is titled, "Translating the

Psalms: From King Lear to Art Scroll". Dr. Moshe Bernstein of YC and BRGS will focus on two short psalms as he presents different methods of translating Tehillim. Dr. Moshe Sokolow of Stern College will respond, with an open discussion following. Copies of the psalms and translations to be discussed will be available around campus well in advance of the meeting. Later in the semester we plan to discuss a work of the modern American theater.

Members of the English Honor Society receive early notification by mail of meetings and, to a large extent, decide

its agenda. To join, you simply have to sign our membership sheets. For more information, or to offer suggestions or assistance, please call me at 795-5541, or contact Stuart Bernath or Michael J. Yalkut in the dorms. In any case, we look forward to seeing you on October 28th.

Many thanks to Drs. Lee and Taubes for their help last year, and we welcome Dr. Haahr back as co-faculty advisor. Thanks also to Sol Schneider, last year's president, for restarting the society almost singlehandedly.

by Robert Klapper

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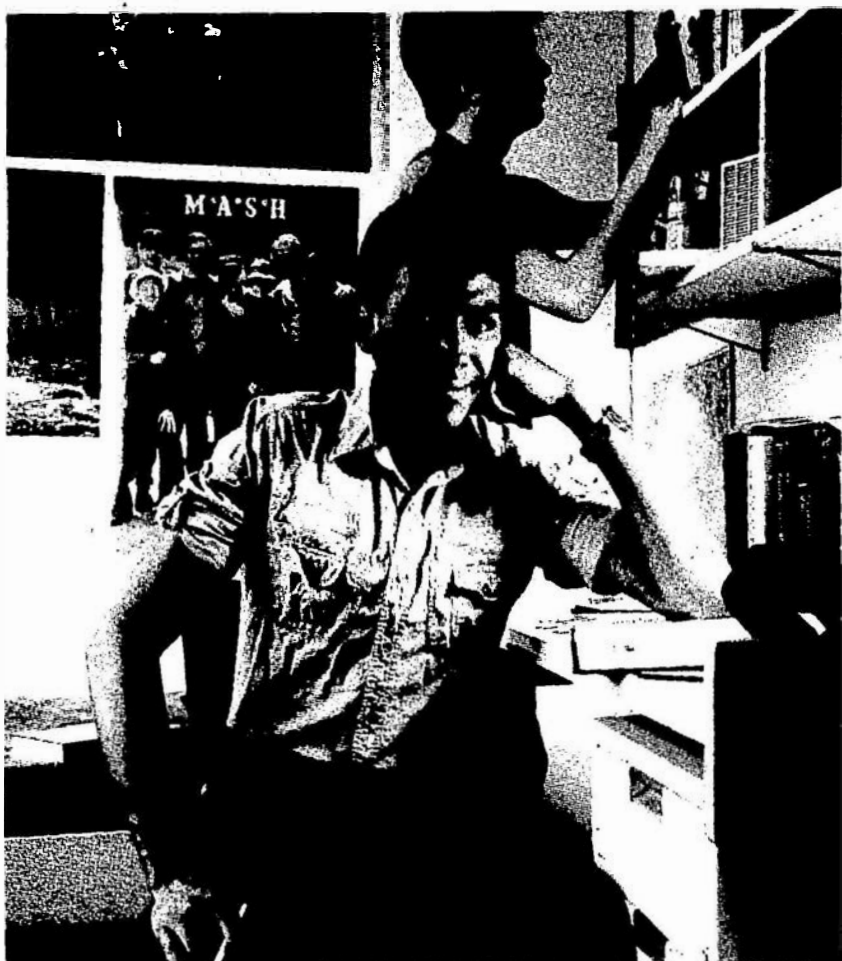
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# A Lighter Look

by Lawrence Stroll

I should have listened when they warned me, but what could I have done? It was going to be a great summer, I mean no school and all, only fun and relaxation. Sure I deserved it. I worked hard. Three of my most respected friends agreed: Me, Myself, and I. Montreal isn't Club Med but at least it's SEPTEMBER 20TH. That's right! If I'm to get into Med School, at least on the Continent and not bordering the Gulf of Mexico, I'd better take those MCATS. I felt it. This was going to be another Summer of '42 (I know I wasn't even born then and my parents didn't even know each other then. I wonder if my mother was born yet. Anyway, I've heard about the book and seen the movie and knew that by the end of the summer I would have a relationship which required a serious divorce. Don't be surprised but his name is Stanley. I mean I'm straight as an arrow, but Stanley H. Kaplan was supposed to have the best preparation for the board exams. I remember the pamphlet saying "spend 2 weeks in sunny Acapulco with 3 geisha girls straight from... Sorry, wrong pamphlet." I think it went like this: 90 nights, 30 days in an air-conditioned palace aside other competitive students. This was going to be better than trying to get my stuff into the storage room before I left the dorms.

Which reminds me— my original warning. They said no, I said Gung-Ho. Boxes upon boxes of "stuff." Webster's dictionary defines stuff as things and objects in general, and indeed this was just stuff. No material value, much like my closet at home. Stuff left over from the previous semester were in that storage room. Now I don't know about your brothers and sisters, but my brothers have got things in their room that would give Steven Spielberg insight for his next Indiana Jones adventure. Just looking at it gives me the Harrison Ford, 5 o'clock shadow look with the feel of James Bond 007 (007 is probably the IQ of all the people who left their stuff in there).

Let's talk about my looks

for a minute (I think this is what Freud meant by Super Ego). As long as there's no picture attached to this column, try picturing me as your favorite GQ cover person with more stress than Woody Allen.

Once bitten, twice shy! It wasn't worth trekking to another storage room, so I put all my chips on Red Number 2 (a.k.a. 2nd Floor storage room) because there's a 1 in 35 chance that you'll get out of it what you put in. At this point, a Las Vegas-type sensation came over me. I guess that's when you cross Wayne Newton with a York Peppermint Patty. Well needless to say, I decided to put some stuff in other storage rooms.

Eagerly I began to box up my stuff—another super feat in and of itself. My secret is as follows: On second thought, I'll leave it a secret. Why spoil the fun for the freshmen and freshmen. Which reminds me; for all those freshmen that I told that Central Park costs \$9 entrance fee on major holidays, I lied! It's really \$4.50, but you need a twofer ticket. Also, the Comedy Cellar doesn't give a reservation number, but don't take my word for it, keep on asking.

I decided to extend my semester by taking a job at NYU, but I'll tell you about that in another article. The reason I did this was so that I could get into medical school. Or at least that's what I wanted everyone to believe. I basically needed a good excuse to remain at YU until Friday, June 26th. I figured that if I remained in limbo with respect to the events taking place in the storage room, then I could concentrate all my efforts on effective storing.

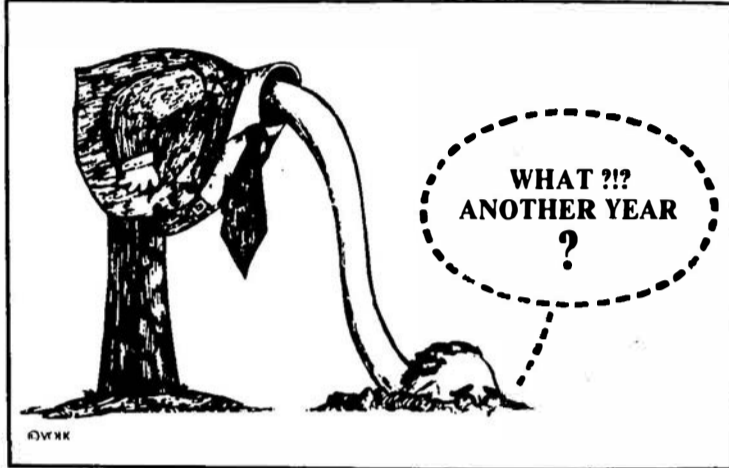
As always there are exceptions to the Rules. The exception here was that there were no rules governing the game of packing.

Basically the storage room was "no-man's land"—no man or woman was welcome. Unlike rules of the floor whereby the dorm counselor would intervene if a disorderly situation arose, rules of the storage room had no hierarchy of power. It simply followed Darwin's theory of Survival of the Fittest.

At this point, neither brains nor brawn would prevail. What dominated were those characteristics genetically inborn to all cockroaches. It seemed as though they were in charge. My dorm counselor would pre-occupy himself with Cantorial Services and Star Trek reruns. An interesting combination shared only by Ricardo Mon-

When I finally did get room in the storage room, it looked as though the Grateful Dead had played 6 sell-outs in there. How could people keep so much garbage saved up? A haze of dust started to envelop me and I quickly got out before Jerry Garcia offered to do another encore.

Ah, I could taste summer!



talban, who played Kahn in the Wrath of Kahn, and sings the Volare car commercials.

When Thursday, June 25th came along I greatly appreciated that I had enough room to store a shoe box. My stuff being the last to go in, I had to make room...the hard way.

The NYC smog was like that in the summertime. I vowed to take the first plane available out of New York. Make that the second, I have this thing about flying Delta.

2 Months Later...

I was as white as a ghost. Next to me Casper would feel

like Kunte Kinte. This was evidence that the summer was not socially productive. It might have been intellectually productive if the strain of packing and storing hadn't killed my brain cells.

Upon returning to the institution I had only to look forward to unloading the storage room. This would have been easy if only I wasn't the fifth person back. It turns out that persons 1 to 4 had removed their stuff at the expense of the rest of the floor. To make a long story short, I finally found my belongings. Thank G-d for search parties!!

As it turns out, my list of fatalities included 12 clothes pins, a bottle of Scope, and some baby powder. Some of the more common things found in a bridal gift package given by major newspapers. An analogy which I feel Stern girls can relate to. Excuse my arrogance, I have only to blame my ignorance.

Well, Party's over! It's Miller time, ie. Arthur Miller and Death of a Salesman. I was going to find out who sold me on the idea of putting my stuff in the storage room and kill him. On second thought, I think I'll put that idea off for awhile. That salesman just might be me. All's well that ends well. I may have lost some toiletries but at least I found a list of phone numbers, ranging from Allison to Zelda. Maybe it was a good thing that I never took heed to their warning. I hope I have more luck with the list than I did with the storage room.



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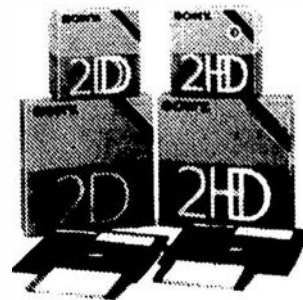
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## Athletic Orientation Enjoyable and Informative

by Jeffrey Lumerman

Basketball season is already underway at Yeshiva University but the opening tip) off was not taken by Ayal Hod. However, he did toss up the ball to begin the annual Orientation Week game between incoming freshmen and members of the Yeshiva College faculty and administration.

The game was played as part of the Athletic Orientation, held in the Max Stern Athletic Center on Friday morning, September 4th. At the orientation program Dr. Gil Shevlin, Director of Athletics, discussed with some 50 first-year students the importance of the athletic department and the benefits which it offers Yeshiva College students.

Following Dr. Shevlin, Mr. Curtis Antrum, Assistant Director of Athletics, discussed the weight training program, the layout of the MSAC, and the volleyball squad. Three upperclassmen then spoke about their respective roles within the athletic department and how students could get involved in the various squads. Jon Bandler discussed the basketball intramural program and the varsity tennis team. Zalman Levine gave a discourse on the fencing team and the importance of participating in intercollegiate athletics. Finally, Lior Hod gave his annual pitch

for the basketball team.

The game then followed the brief orientation and showcased some first year talent against the best the faculty and administration could throw at them. Basketball coaches Halpert and Gurock carried the bulk of the scoring load along with Curtis Antrum. Robert Katz (Assistant to the Dean), Ira Jaskol (Assistant Dean of SSSB), and Dr. Moshe Bernstein (Bible Professor) also played, and Dean Nulman performed admirably, though he seemed somewhat winded following twenty minutes of warm-ups.

The students were coached by Dr. Shevlin and seemed to be well in control, jumping out to an 8-0 lead behind six points from Dov Pinchot, of Silver Spring, Maryland. Three-pointers by the coaches, however, tied the score at 8 after one quarter. In the second period, the students outran their older opponents and a layup by Daniel Loscove, of Memphis, Tennessee, gave them a 22-16 half-time lead.

After falling behind 30-24 at the end of three quarters, the faculty came back to tie the game on two free throws by Antrum. However, Daniel Chefitz, of Boston, Massachusetts, scored eight points down the stretch and the students won 41-40.



Photo by Mark Zomick

Faculty and Administration applaud basketball coach Jon Halpert's 3-pointer in defeat to freshman 41-40.

(pictured l. to r: Asst. to the Dean Robert Katz, Rabbi Moshe Bernstein, Dr. Jeff Gurock, Asst. Athletic Director Curtis Antrum, Dean Efram Nulman, and Coach Dr. Jonathan Halpert.)

## Starting in Style

Two major social events have kicked off the new school year. The first, organized by the Student Orientation Committee, was the traditional Theatre party. Featuring Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound," it proved to be the biggest YC/SCW event of its kind ever, attracting approximately 320 people. Following the play, six days later on September 9, the YC/SCW Senior Class sponsored "Welcome Back" at Great American Health Bar. Filled to capacity, the midtown

restaurant offered a variety of complimentary foods to those who had paid the three dollars entrance fee. All enjoyed the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed and pleasant environment.

Mr. Bruce Cohen, YC Senior Class President, states that all proceeds from this event, and all events sponsored throughout the year by the Senior Class, are saved toward Senior Dinner at the end of the school year.



Photo by Mike Cohen

Peer Advisor Coordinator Alan Ronkin, helping Freshman Elliott "Red" Kramer with registration.

## Orientation Program Benefits Large Freshman Class

by Dov Pinchot

"You have at Yeshiva the very best in Torah and the very best in Madah)please take advantage of this unique opportunity." With these words, the President of Yeshiva University, Dr. Norman Lamm, welcomed this year's new students to YU at the annual kickoff dinner of orientation week. Among the other speakers was the Associate Dean of Students, Dr. Efram Nulman, who stressed the importance of failure for the college student. "Failure is indicative of a student's efforts to grow and expand, which is, after all, the goal of the college experience."

Orientation is held to ease new students into their new environment. This is no easy chore since many of them have to register for courses at the same time. To combat the pressures and apprehensions of the new student, YU planned some exciting and educational programs for orientation week.

On Wednesday night, a Beit Midrash Program was held for students of all levels of learning. A short shiur was given by Rav Willig on the evening's topic, Ahavat Yisroel. The evening provided an introduction to the warm learning atmosphere for which YU is recognized.

On Thursday night, more than 320 people from YC and Stern saw Neil Simon's hilarious new play, "Broadway Bound". New students got a small glimpse of the cultural richness of New York City and an opportunity to hone skills not developed on campus.

Friday morning gave the students a chance to use an impressive recent addition to the YU campus-the Max Stern Athletic Center. In a classic demonstration that wisdom does not come with age, the faculty challenged the students to a basketball game, and thus voluntarily subjected themselves to a level of pain few triathletes ever experience. To

everyone's surprise the game was decided in the closing seconds when Daniel Chefitz hit two free throws to give the students a 41-40 victory.

The entire week would not have been possible without the work of the peer advisors, upperclassmen who volunteered to help the new students by running orientation. These peer advisors went out of their way to help the new students better acquaint themselves with YU. Whereas at most universities orientation provides great social opportunity for peer advisors, being one at YU is a true act of altruism.

As Dr. Lamm said, YU provides a wonderfully unique opportunity for the motivated student. Thanks to a great effort by the University and some seasoned students, ably coordinated by Orientation Chairperson Behnam Dayanim, an enticing glimpse of many of these opportunities was provided in just a few short days.

## Peer Advisement For First Year Students

by Behnam Dayanim

The Peer Advisor program, under the direction of YC junior Alan Ronkin, resumed this year after a one-year hiatus to mixed success. While beset with difficulties, ranging from its late formulation and appointment of peer advisors to the impossibility of obtaining reliable lists of incoming students over the summer, the program nevertheless succeeded in availing new students of increased guidance from upperclassmen.

Part of the problem, suggests peer advisor Jon Bandler, could be solved by notifying new students of their peer advisor prior to Orientation. This would facilitate coordination between the two groups and continued contact throughout the

semester.

Peer Advisor Coordinator Alan Ronkin commends all of those students who abbreviated their summer vacations or jobs to come to school early

and offer their help. He adds that, having overcome all of the difficulties, they ultimately enhanced and made easier the Orientation process for their newest peers.



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