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The Miami Boys Choir (1) and Lenny Solomon (2) performing in YU's sold-out Chanukah Concert on Dec. 1.

## JSS and IBC Seek One Dean

by Bruce Schanzer

The James Striar School of Jewish Studies (JSS) and the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC) are likely to undergo significant structural change. That is the consensus among student and faculty leaders, and administrators of the two divisions.

It is generally agreed that both JSS and IBC will remain as separate programs, but they will be administered by one central authority. Dr. Leo Landman, Dean of Jewish Studies, explains that Yeshiva is always exploring avenues of improvement and many students already take some Jewish studies courses outside of their division. This union of administrative responsibility will merely "standardize and streamline the procedure."

When asked about the existence of a time frame for the transition, Dr. Landman emphasized the difficulty in locating a teacher of a high enough caliber to instruct at YU, and far more importantly, the necessity of finding an administrator sufficiently competent to fill the proposed role.

IBC Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, who announced his retirement from administrative duties last year but has remained while the new arrangement is being discussed, feels that the unification of the two schools' offices will have a positive impact, but he warns of the danger of destroying each division's individual identity. According to the Dean, if the University finds an excellent administrator then this proposal will become viable, but if the combination of the two schools merely blots out each program's special character it will be tragic.

The presidents of both schools, David Berg (IBC) and David Goldberg (JSS), feel that the change will be beneficial as long as the two programs remain somewhat separate.

Dr. Landman expresses his goal in restructuring the divisions as embodying the idea that "the student is the customer, [and] we have to serve him properly."

## WYUR Delayed Yet Again

by Larry Hartstein

WYUR's new transmitter, originally scheduled for delivery in mid-November, will not arrive until at least mid-December, according to Station Manager Jeff Sarasohn. The delay has forced the station to abandon all its special programming plans, such as Maccabees' games, live remotes, and celebrity interviews, until next semester.

This latest episode in WYUR's ill-fated year was not

the result of mechanical or equipment failure. The station's check to Radio Systems in Edgemont, Pennsylvania apparently got lost in the mail, and no one from WYUR discovered this fact until a phone call made to the electronics company two days before the transmitter was due to arrive. Approximately two and one-half weeks passed by, and no attempt at confirmation took place. WYUR has since sent out another down payment of \$1000 to Radio

Systems. "It was sent registered mail this time," said Sarasohn. "I learned [from] my mistakes. It's my fault."

"This is something which is human error," said Program Director Shmu Katz. "They should have called us. We should have called them to make sure this thing was taken care of." Katz also realizes the difficulty the station may have in developing a listenership next semester. "It's going to be an extremely uphill battle to get people to listen next semester. They're used to not having us around. We have absolutely no student awareness."

Yet perhaps the unexpected delay is not a completely bad thing. "We lost two weeks of what would have probably ended up being boring interviews with boring people," said Katz.

## Security Chief Resigns

by Allen Eisenberg

Kenneth Gallo, Associate Director of Safety and Security at Yeshiva University, has left to take a position as security chief with the N.Y.C. General Services Administration. As his successor is to be named in the beginning of December, Mr. Sandy Dolitz and Mr. Charles Thornburg are sharing the administrative duties in the interim.

Mr. Gallo's resignation has come in the wake of the stabbing of YC sophomore Doni Greenblatt. When asked if the incident had anything to do with Mr. Gallo's decision, Mr. Jeff Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services Administration and Personnel, explained: "Ken made a decision to accept the offer with the City a week before the incident. When it came about, we both thought a news flash that the head of security was leaving would be taken the wrong way. Ken actually stayed a week longer than he planned as a result of the stabbing." Mr. Rosengarten has also made it clear that Mr. Gallo was in no way responsible for allowing the stabbing to occur. "After the incident, Mr. Rosengarten explained, "there was a lot of second guessing and evaluations were made as to whether things could have been done differently or better. The answer is no."

## CBS' Wallace Responds

In the November 8 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Dr. Israel Miller detailed his experiences while interviewed on the CBS program "60 Minutes" and mentioned several aspects of the episode, which dealt with the American Israel Policy Action Committee, that he considered to be distortions.

In the interest of fairness and in accord with editorial policy, THE COMMENTATOR sent a copy of the issue to CBS and offered the network the opportunity to respond. On November 17, Mike Wallace, the journalist who interviewed Dr. Miller and presented the segment, called the Editor-in-Chief, Behnam Dayanim, to discuss Dr. Miller's charges. Additionally, his assistant, Trent Gillies, mailed THE COMMENTATOR a copy of a letter defending the episode that was written by the executive producer of "60 Minutes," Mr.

Don Hewitt, to an irate viewer who had contacted the program. That letter appears in this issue.

During the phone conversation, Mr. Wallace defended the thrust of his segment and characterized some of Dr. Miller's accusations as incorrect. Mr. Wallace stated that he did not intend to "attack" AIPAC in any way, but emphasized that he felt that its actions should be made known to the general public.

The accusations in the episode centered on AIPAC's alleged activity on behalf of candidates for the United States Senate. AIPAC's stated policy prohibits it from any effort to solicit funds or endorse candidates for public office.

Mr. Wallace quoted Thomas Dine, executive director of AIPAC, as saying that "Jews from coast to coast" united to fight the reelection campaign of

Rhode Island Senator John Chafee. Senator Chafee, who did win reelection, was opposed by many pro-Israel lobbies in favor of his Democratic opponent, Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht.

He also cited a Washington Post article that featured a memo from Elizabeth Schroyer, then the deputy political director of AIPAC, in which she urges increased effort to obtain donations for five Senate candidates.

Mr. Wallace explained that neither he nor "60 Minutes" selected Dr. Miller as spokesperson for AIPAC, saying that Dr. Miller was recommended to the lobby as a wise choice by Henry Kissinger through the prominent conservative attorney, Leonard Garment. Dr. Miller currently serves as a vice president of AIPAC.

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# EDITORIALS

## Too Little, Too Late

December has begun, and students' attention has turned to finals and...the new Guide to the Perplexed. Once again, the student directory was not made available to the students for the better part of the semester. While the editors do offer several valid explanations, the simple fact remains that students cannot tolerate a Guide of such tardiness and shoddy quality.

Some of the problem seems to lie with a printer who takes four weeks to produce a directory submitted in early November and then can't even get it right. Additionally, the difficulties posed by the early Yomim Tovim and the editors' own unfamiliarity with the intricacies of the computer process undoubtedly contributed to the delay. Finally, the lack of a written contract seems poor business practice and should be discontinued.

THE COMMENTATOR would like to offer a few suggestions to prevent a recurrence of this year's fiasco. First, the incoming YCSC and SCWSC Presidents should appoint new editors immediately upon their elections. These editors should all have extensive experience with the previous year's Guide and should seek the advice of the prior editors. Perhaps an assistant editor, a junior, from each school should be appointed with the understanding that he/she will succeed to the head positions for the following year. Of course, a reliable printer and typesetter should be located directly, without the currently employed middleman, who can be monitored throughout the process by the editors and held to a written contract mandating date of release. Most importantly, it should be realized that all material to be included in the Guide can be finalized within the first week of school, with the single exception of students' phone numbers. This simple precaution would contribute greatly to the production of an earlier Guide. As any editor should realize, deadlines brook no delay.

Organizing the Guide is a difficult and "thankless" task, in the words of YC editor Ephraim Sobol. THE COMMENTATOR does not believe it to be an impossible one, given sufficient time and staff. Yet, should students continually prove incapable of executing this task, the administration should consider actively inserting itself into the process. This important service cannot be mishandled.

## Bridging The Great Divide

Last week's home basketball opener attracted the traditional capacity crowd. Yet one important segment of our YU undergraduate community was neglected. The Athletic Department's unwillingness to provide transportation for SCW students, as it occasionally has in the past, betrays a lack of understanding of the true potential of YU sports in unifying our entire university. Athletic Director Gil Shevlin's statement that there was "no interest expressed at Stern" was belied by the significant number of SCW fans who did attend.

The administration bears the responsibility in all areas of bridging the physical gap between campuses by creating a bridge of common enthusiasm and involvement. Dr. Shevlin's suggestion that the women "will find their own way up" represents an abandonment of that obligation. This inexcusable omission should be promptly rectified for all future major sporting events.

## Students Need To Know

On October 17, Associate Director of Safety and Security Kenneth Gallo notified the University of his resignation. Yet YU student leaders were left in the dark regarding the move until a Chanukah Concert organizer inadvertently fell upon the information just before Thanksgiving vacation.

While it may be true that Mr. Gallo's resignation was not formally accepted immediately, no attempt to inform student leaders about this important personnel change took place. YU's policy of announcing such changes only upon the appointment of a replacement seems inadequate when dealing with areas vitally important to student needs. In a year when the administration has displayed an openness not seen in the recent past, this episode serves as a troubling reminder of those days of unnecessary secrecy.

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## ATTENTION: ALL YESHIVA COLLEGE SENIORS

To be eligible for graduation, each student must pass a comprehensive examination in his major subject. Students with more than one major must satisfy this requirement in each major.

This year we will be using a new test developed by the GRE Board and ETS to evaluate achievement in major subject areas. This test, known as the Major Achievement Test (MFAT), will be administered on Thursday, March 2, 1989 from 2:45 to 5:00 in F501 as will departmental examinations.

Students wishing to take the GRE Subject Examination may do so. GRE Information Bulletins are available in F413. Fill out the Registration Form using code 13699-6 to request Yeshiva College as your testing center. Include in your mailing the statement of religious observance available in the Office of the Registrar and observe the specified deadlines.

To find out if you need to take the MFAT and to obtain the necessary forms, come to the Office of the Dean in Furst Hall.

THE COMMENTATOR extends its wishes for a speedy recovery to YU coaching legend Red Sarachek.

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## From the Editor's Desk

by Behnam Dayanim

Perhaps the biggest step forward along the path of educational advancement is that taken from high school to college. For many, college life poses the first opportunity to live away from home in a relatively unsupervised environment, thereby swiftly maturing the average individual. Away from the constant guidance and confinement of the home, the student must make his own decisions and set his own priorities. And that is how it should be.

Unfortunately, Yeshiva administrators, in several areas of academic policy, display well-intentioned, protective instincts that may be commendable in a parent but are misguided and counterproductive in serious educators. The policy which I address in this column mandates compulsory attendance in classes.

An old issue, it nevertheless remains an important one in that required attendance underscores the paternalistic mentality of many at Yeshiva and frequently fails to achieve its desired effect.

Each of the five undergraduate division's somewhat differing policies share the same underlying attitude that coercion is a necessary, and indeed optimal, method of ensuring the integrity of the academic process. Administrators and faculty alike argue that without these requirements many would not attend.

Well, so what? If professors and rebbeim cannot make their classes interesting enough for students to want to come, they should at least be able to structure the course so that a frequently absent student would find it difficult to pass, much less do well, in that course. To force attendance as some kind of prerequisite for a good grade strikes me as tacit admission on the part of the professor of his inability to offer a challenging, enjoyable class. Of course, not every course will be interesting to every person on every day, but every course can be sufficiently complex and interesting to appeal to the bulk of the students most of the time. Any student who attempts to 'just get by' through borrowing someone else's notes a few nights before the exam, having never attended class, should find it exceedingly difficult to pass.

An even more significant complication arises in the Jewish studies departments. To ascribe insufficient motivation on the part of the students to the study of Torah reflects serious problems either with the student body, the quality of the Jewish studies faculty, or the structure of the various divisions. Needless to say, this, if true, is intolerable in a school such as

ours, and, if false, speaks much about the attitude of the administration towards its students.

One further drawback to the current policy arises in its potential to harm the students who need it least, while not affecting those for whom it is intended. As everyone at YU should realize, the amount of time spent in class during a typical day here vastly exceeds that of other colleges. This in turn severely limits the number of hours available to pursue extracurricular activities, an important if necessarily subsidiary part of the university experience. Unless the student who is actively involved in such activities happens to have sympathetic professors and rebbeim, he could easily find himself in serious trouble should he exceed the maximum number of cuts a course allows. On the other hand, those students who skip classes for other reasons, whether laziness or lack of interest, traditionally are those who seem most able to talk their way out of trouble and invariably escape with a decent grade. One must also remember, as elitist as it may sound, that what to the latter type of student may be a perfectly acceptable mark, may seem unacceptable to the more highly motivated individual who finds himself drawn to extracurricular activities.

Two exceptions come to mind to which these criticisms may not apply: performance-oriented courses and freshmen. Those classes intrinsically requiring frequent in-class exercises, such as Speech or Acting, necessitate some type of mandatory attendance, though even those classes could be conducted with the understanding that if one misses the assignment, he fails the assignment (at the discretion of the particular instructor). With regard to freshmen, a legitimate argument can be made advocating this type of regulation, as first-year students are unfamiliar and perhaps unprepared to deal with all of the responsibilities within a college environment. However, even these distinctions remain dubious and should be applied as sparingly and judiciously as possible.

To legislate attendance betrays a lack of confidence in the ability of the faculty and, most importantly, the maturity and quality of the student body. For a school that ostensibly prides itself on both those counts, any policy of forced attendance seems inherently untenable and should be abandoned. The mechanisms exist to redress such grievances in the Student Senate and councils. It remains for these student leaders and dedicated administrators and faculty members to do so.

# Respona In Defense of Truth

[ED. The below is a copy of a letter written by "60 Minutes" Executive Producer Don Hewitt to an irate viewer, Mr. Howard Roher of Mineola, NY, concerning the episode that discussed alleged improprieties on the part of the American Israel Policy Action Committee (AIPAC). CBS sent it to THE COMMENTATOR for publication in response to a column appearing in our Nov. 8 issue by Dr. Israel Miller in which he discussed the segment. For more information on CBS' response and the content of a phone conversation between "60 Minutes" anchorman Mike Wallace and THE COMMENTATOR, please see the article in this issue.]

Dear Mr. Roher:

After accusing me of promoting "smoldering feelings of anti-semitism," you ask: "Mr. Hewitt, why did you hurt us?"

Permit me to ask: Mr. Roher: Where do you think one of the places was that Americans got to know Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan, Ezer Weizman, Chaim Herzog and Teddy Kolleck? 60 MINUTES.

Where do you think Americans learned about the Israeli Air Force being the envy of every other air force in the world and the Israeli Army being so humane as to make a film about their own conduct in Lebanon? 60 MINUTES.

Who was it who introduced America to Golda Meir, to Moshe Dayan (twice) to Ezer Weizman and who was it who held Kurt Waldheim's feet to the fire on 60 MINUTES and enlisted Israeli Ambassador Benjamin Netanyahu's help in shaping a story about the terrorist Abu Nidal? Mike Wallace.

Who was it who painted such a glowing picture of Teddy Kolleck that he wanted to use it as his campaign film and who was it who the Israelis permitted an inside look at their air force, their army and their weapons industry? Morley Safer.

## Student or Kangaroo Court?

To the Editor:

The existence of a student court on a college campus should be a source of pride to the entire student body. The notion that any problems involving conflicts between students be handled by their peers epitomizes the democratic ideal. The fact that YC with our relatively small population has such a court while many larger universities do not is quite impressive. But is it?

After experiencing the methods and decisions of our own court we find that a re-evaluation of the entire system is in order. Examining the Court's methods and need for existence are the purpose of this letter.

The seriousness of the Court is being questioned because of its actions before, during, and after the trial. Before the trial certain Justices were heard discussing

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Who will soon be telling Americans about Natan Schary's new life in Israel? Diane Sawyer.

Who was it who did the profile of Israeli President Chaim Herzog that Israelis were so pleased with? Harry Reasoner.

Your question: "Mr. Hewitt why did you hurt us?" is one that has been asked of me, in one form or another, many times. It was asked of me by the other side (yes, there is another side) after the 60 MINUTES stories on Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan, Ezer Weizman, Teddy Kolleck, Chaim Herzog, the Israeli Air Force, the Israeli Army, Kurt Waldheim and Abu Nidal.

I didn't know how to answer it then and I don't know how to answer it now, except to say I'm sorry any time we hurt anyone. But journalists who report the world as it is...not the world as some of us would like it to be...sometimes hurt someone. However, in the long run, reporters who poke into every nook and cranny (as reporters do in Israel) are the best friends any people can have.

As much as we may wish it otherwise, the world does not speak to us in a monotone. It speaks to us in many different languages (Hebrew, English, Arabic, Basque, Urdu, Spanish, Farsi) and, admittedly, some of those voices on occasion become more strident and cacophonous than we care to listen to. While other people can hold their hands over their ears and shut out the sounds they don't like, journalists can't. We have to listen to everybody. And good thing, too. Who knows whose turn it may be next to have to raise his voice to be heard? Whoever it is, you can bet that journalists like the ones on 60 MINUTES will be listening.

Sincerely,  
Don Hewitt  
Executive Producer  
60 MINUTES

## Dreams in the Morg

To the Editor:

The Morgenstern Lounge is quite possibly the most pathetic sight in Yeshiva University. It consists of a group of torn and beaten up couches, some chairs and tables, a bare floor, and some vending machines. When one compares it to a lounge in, say, Oxford University (which is not unlike comparing a go-cart to a Rolls Royce), one can't help but feel that our lounge is completely inadequate. The Oxford lounges have wooden paneling, plush carpets, fireplaces, cabinet bars, dart boards, luxurious sofas, and works of art hanging on the walls.

But our pathetic lounge is not the problem; it's simply a symptom of the much greater problem facing YU—the total apathy of the students, not only toward their school, but in terms of life in general.

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# 60 Minutes of Lies

[ED. This is a copy of a letter sent to CBS and to Dr. Israel Miller concerning the October 23 "60 Minutes" episode dealing with AIPAC. It has been made available to THE COMMENTATOR courtesy of Dr. Miller.]

Mike Wallace's segment on AIPAC qualifies for the Goebbel's Award For Mind Manipulation. It perpetuates the myth promoted by the fraudulent "Protocols of Zion" that Jews occupy the seat of power and subjugate others. If this were remotely true, the Roman conquest of ancient Israel, the Inquisition or the Holocaust never would have happened.

Questionable statements by George Ball and Charles Percy were never challenged...only those of Rabbi Israel Miller. It has been said of Hitler's rise to power, "before there was a shooting war, there was a war of words AND TRUTH WAS THE FIRST CASUALTY." Manuel Komroff, author of "Coronet," probably would regard the news media as the current title holder of unbridled power.

Thomas Jefferson swore eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

The Ten Commandments impose ethical restraints on freedom which civilized societies accept. Isn't it time that the media accept professional restraints on abuse of freedom?

For lack of journalistic professionalism, "60 Minutes" has lost this viewer's loyalty...and I intend to let its sponsors know they have lost mine, too.

Theresa Lato  
Bronx, NY

## Concert Ticket Controversy

To the Editor:

As a member of the YCSC/SCWSC Chanukah Concert Committee, I feel compelled to respond to the harsh words of criticism that have been levied against our committee concerning the alleged discrimination against Yeshiva College and Stern College students with regard to the dispersment of tickets for this year's event. The student outcry over the final-week unavailability of tickets for the concert is insulting to the industrious committee members and an embarrassment to the student community.

The primary complaint among YC and SCW students was that the concert sold out before they were given sufficient notice regarding the rapidity of the advance ticket sales. Students on both campuses also voiced their displeasure that no tickets were set aside for the student bodies whose governing councils were sponsoring the event. An additional complaint

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## Forum On Auto Safety

by Alex Wittenberg

On November 21, a program introducing students to current police/community anti-auto theft tactics was held in the Morgenstern Hall lounge. The program, sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council, the Dean of Students, and the Department of Security, was run by Police Officer Barbara McCammon of the 34th Precinct, and was attended by twenty students.

The main purpose of the program was to acquaint students with, and register them for, the NYPD's Operation Combat Auto Theft (CAT). Operation CAT is a program meant to deter any auto theft, help police find stolen vehicles, and recover abandoned ones. The citywide operation, is run out of each precinct by the local crime prevention officer, who also manages all records of registered cars. Officer McCammon serves that position in the 34th Precinct, the local station-house in Washington Heights.

According to Officer McCammon, Operation CAT is a voluntary program which interested drivers register to join. After filling out the proper forms, each registrant receives two decals to be placed on the rear-door windows. Each decal has a serial number on it that is traceable to the precinct's information pool. The presence of the decal authorizes the police to stop a car between one and five o'clock in the morning. These hours, according to Officer McCammon, are the "peak hours" for auto theft. If a driver cannot prove ownership, he is arrested. Officer McCammon added that a person who borrows a registered car would need the car's registration to prove that he has the right to use the car.

Officer McCammon stated that Operation CAT replaced an unsuccessful registration program. So far, CAT is a proven success. When the program was tested last year in Queens, 12,000 autos were registered. Of those cars, only eleven were stolen, and nine of those eleven were recovered, according to Officer McCammon. She acknowledged that CAT is not perfect,

and does nothing to deter break-ins, which many students in attendance cited as the major problem around Yeshiva.

Nevertheless, most students did not hesitate to register for Operation CAT, especially in light of the continuing rash of auto thefts in New York. In October, 180 cars were stolen in the 34th Precinct.

In response to questions about break-ins, Officer McCammon also spoke about Operation Identification, a program established to help recover stolen merchandise. In this program, a person engraves his Social Security number on personal property. The number is then registered with the precinct. A similar engraving process can be done on cars, but only by the police at the precinct.

Any students interested in Operations Identification should contact Officer McCammon at the 34th Precinct between 2:30 and 4:30 P.M. The precinct is located on Broadway at 183rd Street, and she can be reached at 927-0827. Students interested in Operation CAT can also contact her. However, Officer McCammon adds that if five or more students notify Mr.

Oulitz in the Department of Security of their interest in Operation CAT, she will conduct another program on campus.

## YU Attends Penn Model UN

by David Aidelson

On the weekend of November 16-20, Yeshiva and Stern Colleges' Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society sent a joint delegation to the University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations. Representing Australia, each delegate was assigned to one of the U.N.'s standing committees. Topics of particular interest during this session included the Palestinian question, South Africa, and nuclear disarmament.

Although most delegates did not participate actively on Shabbat, Yeshiva's impact was clearly felt as two of its resolutions were adopted by the General Assembly. Yeshiva College delegates included Saul Kaszovitz, Avi Morell, Arnon Kemelman, Bruce Schanzer, Jonathan Fuchs, and David Aidelson. Stern College was admirably

## Notice

**Mandatory Pre-Health Sciences Meeting**

**Date: Thursday Dec. 15, 1988**

**Time: Club Hour**

**Location: BH 821**

All students who plan to apply to admission to any health sciences professional program during the next year must attend.

Necessary information and forms will be available.

represented by Shira Rudinsky, Adina Newman, Naomi Leiser, and Joan Weiner.

At Model United Nations sessions, students from universities from all over the country participate in committees and meetings designed to recreate the atmosphere of the actual U.N. through the role-playing of different countries.

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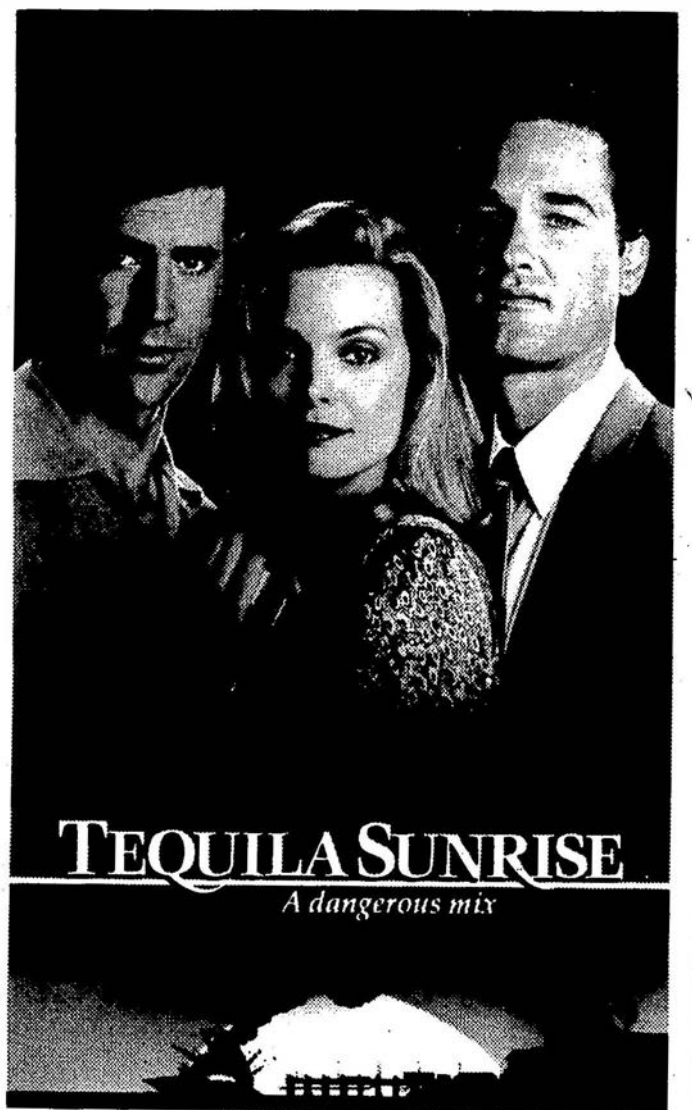
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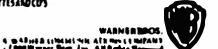
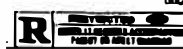
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# Carol Pollard Addresses Students

by Josh Fruchter

On Monday, November 28 at 8:00 P.M., Carol Pollard, sister of jailed Israeli agent Jonathan Pollard, addressed a capacity crowd in Rubin Shul. For about an hour, Ms. Pollard detailed the treatment of Mr. Pollard and his wife, Anne, by the federal agencies controlling the case.

Ms. Pollard also attempted to dispel what she termed "misconceptions" about the nature of Mr. Pollard's crime, constantly reiterating her point that her brother was never convicted of treason or with endangering United States security.

Upon concluding her speech, Ms. Pollard opened the floor to the audience. Several students questioned the propriety of justifying any sort of espionage, even for Israel, and others expressed doubt about the wisdom of Jonathan's actions.

Mr. Philip Landa, an active member of the "Justice for the Pollards" organization, stepped in at several points to address some of the tougher questions.

A majority of the crowd, however, supported Mr. Pollard's actions and expressed wonder and outrage at the perceived severity of his sentence.

The J.P. Dunner Political Science Society, under the leadership of David Aidelson and Jennifer Notis, sponsored the lecture. [ED. Mr. Fruchter has written an opinion supporting Mr. Pollard and his actions that appears elsewhere in this issue.]



Guest Lecturer Carol Pollard makes a point to two Stern College students.

## SPOTLIGHT: SSSB

by Steven Major

Year after year, college seniors confront the fierce and highly selective job market. For many, the job interviewing process is a tough and rocky road. At Yeshiva University, amid the competitive job hunt, the Sy Syms School of Business is working with its students toward a definitive goal of success: the coveted job offer.

Dr. Michael Schiff, Dean of SSSB, and Professor Ira L. Jaskoll, Assistant Dean of SSSB, have orchestrated an extensive program agenda in order to help YU students combat today's unpredictable job market.

Programs such as the Job Fair and the business forums, "Careers in Finance, Banking, and Real Estate," and "A Career in Commodity Trading," are major features of the Sy Syms School of Business.

Dean Jaskoll indicates that the main purpose of such forums, as well as the many other planned programs, is to "inform the students of what is out there." He adds, "our goal is to educate our students before they enter the job market."

The business program called "Careers in Finance, Banking, and Real Estate," explained these three distinct fields. Furthermore, it imparted to the job-seeking student an idea of what employers are looking for. Each of the six members of the panel gave a candid, personal view on the pros and cons of his respective field.

Dean Jaskoll reveals that an

important facet of a successful business lies in a diversified panel of people; that is, "a mix of YC alumni, as well as outsiders." He maintains that alumni are a crucial factor in the SSSB business programs because "they [alumni] are the professionals who know the students and can relate to what they are going through."

Indeed, it is often the YC alumnus who shows a remarkable interest in assisting the YC student in his pursuit of job opportunities. Mr. Joel Mael, for example, YC '79, Managing Director of the Corporate Finance Department at Drexel Burnham Inc., shows a strong support for his alma mater through his actions. Mr. Mael will personally participate in the on-campus mock interviews for YC/SSSB students. Mr. Mael has a unique breadth of unmatched experience which will surely be advantageous to the YU students who are anticipating job interview situations.

The panelists at the business forum attempted to instill confidence in the YC/SSSB students. Mr. Robert Fuchs, YC '87, an analyst at Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc., related to the students the complimentary feelings of a Drexel recruiter: "Yeshiva College students are on a Wharton level, maybe a notch below—but do not forget that those Wharton guys have prepared for their interviews for four years."

Dean Jaskoll asserts, "We are competing with the best, but we're surely at the top."

On Tuesday, November 22, Mr. Ungar, Mr. Rosenthal, and Josh Fruchter taped an impromptu discussion on the difficulties of stopping the flow of drugs into America and the feasibility of legalization. The tape will be sent to Northwestern University as part of a National Debate Contest.

The second live debate occurred on Tuesday, November 29 at Pace University on the subject of U.S. sanctions against South Africa in protest of apartheid. Once again the team displayed skill in arguing their position. Although there was no official judging, the audience clearly preferred YU.

**S.S.S.J. Rally in front of U.N.-Dec. 7. Bus leaves from Y.U. at 8:30 a.m.**

## More Responsa Cafe Not Improved

To The Editor:

Recently, THE COMMENTATOR has run a series of articles claiming that, with the advent of the salad bar and the grill, the YC Cafeteria has improved. To be honest, I cannot understand how anyone can say this. This fall, the cafeteria has become a culinary wading pool. It might be wide in supposed choices, but it's about one inch deep in reality.

Let's start by looking at lunch service. The salad bar is a welcome addition, but everything else has deteriorated. A student with a craving for a sandwich has a choice of only tuna, vegetarian liver, egg salad, and peanut butter and jelly. What kind of choice is this?

Instead, we now have pizza. Washington Heights already has two pizza shops. We need a third choice? We need three places selling falafel? Of course not. We should have true variety in the caf, with at least three, and preferably four main dishes a day. There should always be fish and some kind of pasta. But instead, we get pizza. This makes no sense.

Dinner is also a joke. The main item the caf is pushing is grilled meats. This idea is worthless, considering the high fat content of the steaks and burgers. I had a steak one night that was 70% fat, and was so tough and fatty that I couldn't even cut it. This is improvement? The same gripe goes for the greasy hamburger. It might be cheap, but I can't eat it.

Aside from grill service, there is no real choice at dinner.

There's one chicken dish and one stew, usually 35% fat. Neither is appetizing, and some stews literally leave me ill. As a result, all I've been eating for dinner is turkey sandwiches. Furthermore, turkey is the one good thing worth eating. The corned beef and pastrami continue the traditions of fattiness established at the grill. And added to this is the choice of side dishes at the sandwich corner: fries or nothing. What happened to the less fattening, equally appetizing knish.

Even breakfast is not immune. There are mornings that my choice of dry cereal is either puffed rice or All-Bran. On some days, I cannot find low fat milk, being preferable to fatter regular milk. On November 15, I couldn't find any dry cereal at all. What kind of breakfast choice leaves out cereal?

I realize that the powers-that-be are all trying to meet students' needs at a reasonable cost. However, the unappetizing, and oftentimes unhealthy array of choices in the caf is inexcusable. We are dealing with the health of the student body in many cases, and yet all I seem to see is fat. The caf must do better.

I also realize that cheap food is just that. However, the first priority of any operation should be quality. The caf's failure to assure quality has left us with no choices and a very unhealthy diet. Where are the caf's priorities? They are not in the realm of quality. However, if we are to get true choices and more nutritious meals, quality must come first. Right now, it does not.

Alex Wittenberg  
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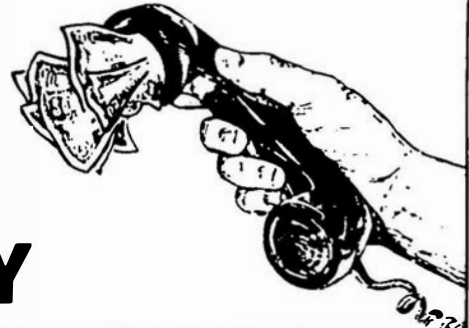
by Josh Fruchter

After years of dormancy, the forensic arts are once again beginning to flourish at Yeshiva College. Under the able direction of Professor Kurz of the YC Speech Department and thanks to the determination of seniors Michael Ungar, Doug Rosenthal, Josh Fruchter, Elisha Tropper, David Ottensoser and Jason Ciment, the Yeshiva College Debating Club has been revived. Almost immediately, Professor Kurz arranged for a debate with City College on the controversial issue of drug legalization. The Club spent many hours researching the topic, developing arguments, practicing their debating skills, and devising strategy. Scheduled for 12 P.M. on Thursday,

November 17 at City College, the debate was called a great success by the participants. Michael Ungar and Doug Rosenthal represented the school. Asked to defend the affirmative, pro-legalization, Mike and Doug faced the uphill battle of advocating an unpopular position. Nevertheless, through careful argumentation and logical reasoning, Messrs. Ungar and Rosenthal succeeded in swaying a majority of the 50-plus crowd to their side.

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# THE COMMENTATOR Freeze Frame: Anti-Semitism

## OPINION: Pollard Unjustly Sentenced

by Josh Fruchter.

In Mishneh Torah, Sefer Zeraim, the Rambam lists Pidyon Shevuyim — redemption of Jewish captives — as an important obligation of the Jewish community.

Jews are responsible for the welfare of fellow Jews and must extend every effort to ensure the freedom of all Jews unfairly imprisoned. Yet many American Jews remain unapologetically indifferent towards the unjust incarceration and scandalous treatment of Jonathan Pollard and his wife Anne. While the publicity of the Pollard case is increasing and some action has been taken, the overall response of American Jewry towards the Pollards has been that of apathy and abandonment — an outright rejection of our responsibilities as Jews.

On November 21, 1985, Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. Navy counterintelligence analyst, was arrested by the F.B.I. on charges of spying for Israel. To avoid a public trial, the government offered a plea bargain, promising leniency in exchange for full cooperation and a confession. Jonathan agreed; he pleaded guilty, disclosed all of the information he had, and complied with every Justice Department request. On March 4, 1987, after pleading guilty to the single count of passing classified information to an ally, i.e. Israel, Jonathan received his "reward" — life imprisonment. The government had totally reneged on the agreement which, as Jonathan soon realized, "wasn't even worth the paper it was written on."

Jonathan's sentence is outrageous compared to previous espionage cases. Whenever other citizens were caught passing classified material to allies, their actions were covered up and their sentences were light. In 1985, Samuel Morison, a former naval intelligence analyst, was sentenced to two years in prison

for stealing secret Navy documents for a British publication. In 1986, a Federal Court reduced the sentence of a former C.I.A. employee, convicted of spying for Ghana, from five to two years.

Even Soviet spies have received lighter prison terms. David Barnett, a former C.I.A. agent, was convicted of selling information on U.S. intelligence operations, as well as the names of some 30 covert U.S. agents, to the KGB. His sentence: eighteen years.

Adding insult to injury, Jonathan has been held in solitary confinement throughout his imprisonment. He was confined for 10 months to a psychiatric ward populated by "raving paranoid schizophrenics and mental deficients," despite a public statement by a top prison official that Jonathan "is not a mental patient." At present, he remains incarcerated in a Marion, Illinois maximum security prison which is usually reserved for convicted killers and other highly dangerous criminals. Pollard is being denied free access to the press, a violation of his First Amendment rights. His mail is tampered with and sometimes not even delivered. Is there any excuse for the blatant violation of a prisoner's Constitutional rights, regardless of the crime?

It should also be noted that Jonathan was never charged with aiding a belligerent or compromising American security in any manner, shape or form. In fact, most of the information Jonathan passed to Israel should have been transferred through legal channels under the U.S.-Israel Exchange of Intelligence Agreement of 1983. Under this agreement, approved by President Reagan and Congress, the United States and Israel pledged mutual support in areas vital to each other's security.

## Jews in the Business World

by Reuben I. Levine

November 23rd was Jeff Minsky's (YC '88) last day on the job at a local publishing company. He quit. He found out his boss had once belonged to the Hitler Youth in Germany. On his final day at work, Jeff confronted his employer with his sentiments. He claims that during the conversation (which remained friendly throughout), his boss did not apologize or attempt to alleviate Jeff's bitterness. However, "She had no intentions to fire me even after I made my accusation, and if I wanted to stay, I could have," admits Jeff. "I can forgive but

cannot forget..., and out of respect for the people who passed [away] in the Holocaust" he could neither morally nor ethically continue his employment in such a firm.

This story highlights the allegation that many people in the New York business environment did and may still possess anti-Semitic sentiments. Dean Schiff of the Sy Syms School of Business claims that "thirty years ago, many Jews couldn't get an application form, let alone employment" in finance and accounting.

Since then, most fields have gone through a revolution, resulting in an atmosphere in

So why did Caspar Weinberger call Pollard "the worst spy in over 200 years of American history"? Why did Weinberger, in a secret affidavit to the sentencing judge, request the death penalty for Pollard? Why did the 17 years of espionage by the Walker ring, which resulted in the death of American agents and the loss of vital technical and strategic data to the Soviets, fail to agitate Weinberger as much as Pollard's comparably innocuous actions? And why does the government still refuse to declassify the damage assessment made subsequent to Pollard's arrest? Obviously there are no grounds for the U.S. government's hyperbolic assertions.

The treatment of Jonathan's wife, Anne, is even more appalling. In the indictment, Anne was sentenced to two concurrent five-year sentences for being an accessory after-the-fact to Jonathan's activities — meaning she had no involvement in her husband's affairs with Israel. Anne's only crime was to transfer a briefcase containing classified material from her and Jonathan's apartment to a neighbor's, as requested by Jonathan in a phone call prior to his arrest. Nowhere in the indictment is Anne charged with espionage or with aiding or abetting her husband's actions. Furthermore, never in the history of American espionage cases has the innocent wife of a convicted spy gone to jail. Even Barbara Walker, wife of the infamous John Walker mentioned earlier, went free, despite knowing of her husband's treacherous actions.

Anne was imprisoned despite suffering from a rare digestive disorder known as biliary dyskinesia. Anne's surgeon, Dr. Robert Baker, Chairman of Surgery at the University of Illinois, warned the sentencing judge that "a period of incarceration would be detrimental to

which Dean Schiff contends "anti-Semitism is more or less dormant."

New York is often called 'the melting pot', a veritable spectrum of races and religions. Employers are legally required to reserve the equal rights of all citizens, which is best illustrated in Title 42, section 1983 of the United States Code. This Federal statute provides for the "civil action for the deprivation of rights." Any employer who discriminates is "liable to the party injured by law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress."

But does everyone's employer practice what the law preaches? It is hard to address such a question as, when one asks a Jew, depending on his status at his job and professional tasks, the answer varies. Also, attitudes differ in and out of

Anne's clinical condition." His advice was ignored and, unfortunately, his dire prediction realized. Anne has consistently been denied her required medications and access to procedures that may alleviate her condition. The result was that in the first 95 days of her incarceration, Anne lost 60 pounds (she now weighs 88 lbs.) and her hair turned grey. She subsequently endured months of agony, replete with constant, untreated pain and frequent hemorrhaging. She cannot eat solid foods and she walks with her arms on her stomach, continually bent over. Amnon Dror, an Israeli permitted to visit Anne, stated, "I had hoped that the newspaper reports of her physical deterioration were exaggerated, but, unfortunately, she was worse than I expected." Nathan Derowitz, Anne's attorney who may only meet with her in the presence of Federal Marshals, stated publicly that he has "never seen such treatment of any inmate in an American prison, regardless of the crime committed."

Most cruelly, Anne's illness was exploited by the American government to pressure Jonathan into naming Jewish conspirators for further prosecution. Despite passing nine months of F.B.I. polygraph tests which confirmed his assertion that he had acted alone, Jonathan was daily presented with graphic descriptions of his wife's deterioration. Repeatedly he was told to either implicate a co-conspirator from a large list of prominent American Jews or face the prospect that medical care would continue to be withheld from his wife.

Recent pressure on the prison authorities has resulted in Anne's transfer to the Danbury, Connecticut Correctional Facility. The facility is closer to Anne's family and offers a comfortable setting (relatively speaking) and affords access to the Yale University Medical School.

Jonathan Pollard has stated, "I do not consider myself above

New York City.

Accounting is a "service industry," proposes Steve Selesky, a manager at the accounting firm Ernst and Whinney. Often, one works over extended periods of time outside of the office. Mr. Selesky finds that when clientele, whether in N.Y.C. or around the Tri-state area, discover he is Jewish, "people are pretty interested. When we go to lunch at some non-kosher deli, people often wonder," while eating their hefty sandwiches, "why I'm eating rabbit food." Mr. Kenneth Cappell, a partner at Coopers and Lybrand, feels that one's race or religion "never has been an issue." People have a job to do, and must often work together to accomplish it, always reserving for one another the highest level of respect and camaraderie. All accountants

the law and fully appreciate the fact that I should be punished for my activities, however justified I may have felt them to be. Jewish law mandates 'Dina demalchuta dina', the law of the land is the law for American Jews." The outrage lies in the severity of Jonathan's sentence and his treatment in prison. As for Anne, she not only committed no crime, but she was not even charged with one. She deserves full clemency on, at the very least, humanitarian grounds.

For those of us claiming adherence to the Torah and its precepts, it is only consistent that we accept the challenge of Pidyon Shevuyim. A fellow Jew is in need, a Jew who sacrificed his freedom for the survival of Israel.

I leave you with a portion of an article written by Rav Aharon Soloveitchik in the Rabbinical Record:

"I cannot remain silent in face of an injustice done to a Jew



because of a ridiculous and servile fear [that] a few...Americans will accuse me...of dual loyalty. I am grateful to Almighty God for enabling me to live in the blessed United States...under the aegis and protection of the Constitution...Consequently, I am candidly giving vent to righteous indignation against the harsh sentence imposed by Judge Robinson against Jonathan Pollard and Mrs. Pollard."

concern themselves with are prompt conclusions of assignments, and that's what matters. Mr. Cappell feels there has never been a country like the United States, "we're living in a very golden period... for the benefit of Jews and mankind." However, Steve Selesky is inclined to believe that "sales may be different."

Sales is not an industry, it is industries. Manufacturers sell wholesale, department stores sell retail, bankers sell money, investment firms sell a wide range of services and commercial paper, and the list goes on and on. In New York City, Jay Pomrenze, Vice President at Bankers Trust, agrees that, to accounting, race is not an issue. He says "to see someone wearing a kippah is not unusual." Another V.P. at Bankers Trust, Mr. Terry Aranoff, asserts

## Hatred of Jews on Campus Varies

by Benji Nachimson

There is a sinister prejudice creeping across American universities affecting the minds of students in even our most prestigious institutions. From Yale to Stanford, the specter of hate and anti-Semitism is rising, causing great alarm within the entire Jewish community. While many factors created this dangerous situation, the Arab campaign to promote an anti-Israel sentiment among college students, continuing rifts in the Black-Jewish coalition, and a recent neglect of racial education in American society stand out as the main causes of this growing crisis. Jews must reverse this trend by fostering a desire for tolerance among white academic and black community leaders.

While the current widespread anti-Semitism began recently, pro-Arab propaganda started many years ago. In 1955, Elea-

ican college campuses."

According to AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), the level of anti-Israel activity generally corresponds to the number of visiting Arab students on the respective campuses. The University of Pittsburgh, with a high Arab enrollment, possesses a higher degree of anti-Israel activity than Johns Hopkins, which contains a lower number of attending Arabs. Schools with no Arab students, like the University of California at San Diego, remain virtually free of anti-Israel agitation.

These Arabs find willing accomplices in militant black student groups. These groups, exploit the mounting tensions between blacks and Jews by publishing anti-Israel propaganda which, at times, reflect nothing less than outright anti-Semitism. NOMMO, the official Afro-American student newspaper at UCLA illustrated this behavior when, in their movie review, they attacked "The Color Purple" as "a Zionist attempt to distort our black heritage."

Ironically, these same blacks share the scapegoat role with the Jews they assail. The National Institute against Prejudice and Violence reported bias incidents at over 160 colleges in the last two years and claimed that these incidents are increasing this year, although statistics were not available.

Experts believe that the resurgence of incidents of bias on campuses reflects a mood of heightened anxiety among white Anglo-Saxon Protestants over what they perceive as their threatened economic security as a result of job competition from various minorities. However, Derrick Bell, a Harvard Law School professor, blames the Reagan administration for disengaging itself from prominent civil rights issues. He further asserts that the Bush campaign's emphasis on Willie Horton, a black Massachusetts prisoner who raped a white woman while out on furlough, played upon

"Gentiles are very understanding..., even when I travel to South America, it's no problem." Furthermore, those observant Jews that were interviewed all agree that to obtain kosher food is no problem and, in many instances, is part of the menu at meetings.

In sharp contrast, a lawyer (another service oriented job) who practices in Westchester County, says he is "known to be the Jewish lawyer, and the definition of a Jewish lawyer is one who goes after every dime... no one looks for the horns any more, but there are other stereotypes." It seems that the denser the Jewish population, the greater the amount of tolerance and respect. Conversely, in industries with smaller Jewish populations, Jews are often

subjected to anti-Semitism.

THE COMMENTATOR was able to gather together two rules of practice from those interviewed. One, as Terry Aranoff puts it, "always give your work a little extra." If weekend work is a necessity to finish a project, then late Thursday night, Sundays, and even Saturday nights must substitute for an early leave on Friday and an absence of Saturday work. Two, if you're entering an industry that thrives on weekend sales, "notify the [company] of your observance before being hired," says Robert Kantowitz, a Vice President at Merrill Lynch, "to avoid problems later." However, this occurrence is not usual. For instance, investment banking firms that deal with mergers and acquisitions do a lot of negotiat-

racial fears.

The intolerance among whites towards blacks spills over into anti-Semitism. In New Haven, vandals scrawled swastikas and "white power" on both Yale University's Afro-American cultural center and the city's Holocaust memorial. Also, the rise in racial incidents parallels a resurgence of anti-Semitic acts. Allan Schwartz of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith cited fourteen reported incidents of anti-Semitism at colleges across the nation. He predicted a higher total for this year.

Jews and Gentiles are combining efforts to stem the tide. Two weeks ago, Jesse Jackson spoke at Congregation Hakafa in Chicago, a city that is a microcosm of the black-Jewish conflict. Urging reconciliation between the two estranged groups, Reverend Jackson proclaimed: "The sons and the daughters of the Holocaust and the sons and the daughters of slavery must find common ground once again."

On campuses, administrators are taking steps to ease the tension. Benno C. Schmidt, President of Yale University, quickly denounced the defacing of the Holocaust memorial, calling it "a cowardly act that all decent persons deplore." At Stanford and the University of Wisconsin, school officials revamped disciplinary procedures to deal specifically with these types of incidents and set up workshops and committees to promote tolerance.

However, all of these measures are not sufficient, experts say. The anti-Jewish propaganda created by Arabs concerning the declaration of the Palestinian state, and even more disturbingly, by Jewish groups themselves over the "Who is a Jew?" law is likely to fuel the anti-Semite's drive.

In order to silence those promoting hatred, continued work with the leaders of mainstream black and white community groups is necessary. Similarly, if the new source of this age old problem lies in our universities, an effective counter education aimed at campuses would be our best response.

ing on the weekends either because the deal is at such a level of intensity that talks can't wait for the following week, or the enterprises involved are able to avoid pressures from the press by negotiating on weekends. Even this would be hard for "an investment banking firm to show that Friday and Saturday is a bonified necessity for that industry," contends Aranoff.

For students at YU, neither one of these rules should affect one's success in the market place. Firstly, YU students know what hard work is. Despite the double schedule and having to work around Shabbat, the assignments get in, while at the same time, placement in top investment firms, 'Big-Eight' accounting firms, and Ivy League graduate programs is

## "Square One" Paints Picture of Anti-Semitism Today

by Josh Fruchter

Rarely does one find an individual whose commitment to a cause never wavers, whose dedication withstands the test of years. Judge Arnold Forster, who served for nearly half a century as general counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, has earned such a distinction. Whether exposing the bigotry of the pro-Nazi groups in the pre-war years, monitoring the blatant anti-Semitism of organizations like John Birch Society, facing Senator Joseph McCarthy, or battling the twenty year Arab boycott, Judge Forster has labored endlessly to extirpate the scourge of anti-Semitism and insure that American Jewry and the nation of Israel continue to flourish and thrive. Recently, Judge Forster published a book, entitled "Square One", which offers a fascinating glimpse of his life's work and thrilling accounts of his many exploits and experiences. Never one to mince words, Judge Forster also presents his sober, and often provocative, analysis of the current obstacles confronting American Jewry.

The title "Square One" suggests a pessimistic outlook, implying that, as far as anti-Semitism is concerned, for all our efforts, we are back to where we started. In a special interview, Judge Forster dispels any such notion, noting that in the past fifty years organizations like the ADL have made great progress. "Discrimination in employment, housing, and education is virtually nil today. Organized anti-Semitism exists to a far, far lesser degree than when I began in this field," observes Judge Forster. The 1930's witnessed the activity of over two hundred overtly anti-Semitic groups operating freely within American society. "Today," notes Forster, "you can count on your fingers the number of organized groups that profess anti-Semitic agendas." The skinheads, who have recently received significant publicity are "violence-prone

scoundrels, more a police problem than a serious threat." Their nationwide membership of about 2000 compared to the 1930's, when anti-Semitic groups claimed membership in the millions, indicates how successful the battle has been against organized anti-Semitism.

"What hasn't changed in fifty years," maintains Judge Forster, "are the prejudicial attitudes which non-Jews bear towards Jews." Gentiles continue to remain insensitive to Jewish needs, indifferent to Jewish problems and silent in the face of anti-Semitism. "Reactions to anti-Semitism, in the press and in the public, indicate that most non-Jews don't give a damn."

Judge Forster views education as the proper response to effecting a change in attitude. "I want to reach out to the American child, from the time when he can think logically, and teach him the values of freedom, tolerance, and democracy," says Judge Forster. To this end, The ADL works within the school system with lectures, movies, and curriculum, and cooperates with other groups to spread the message of proper values.

College students can contribute to this effort in many ways. The menace of anti-Semitism increasingly touches Jews on college campuses as evidenced by the growing number of violent incidents (18 in 1987) on campus directed against Jewish targets. "This past Succot, four succot were defaced or destroyed on college campuses", Judge Forster informed me. The key to stemming the tide is a concentrated effort to reach out to the general population with the ideals to which they claim to adhere. Judge Forster also suggests that each "Jewish student act as a representative of the non-Jewish world. Through ethics, understanding and common values we can eliminate ignorance and bridge differences."

Judge Forster considers vigilantism "the other side of insanity." "You can't shoot an attitude," points out Judge Forster, who totally disagrees with violent responses. "Education and word of mouth will work better than revolvers in a democracy like America."

As Judge Forster asserts at the end of Square One, there is no cause for hysteria. Jews still possess mobility and freedom. Opportunities exist today which were not available fifty years ago. Nevertheless, Jews must remain vigilant and protest anti-Semitism wherever and whenever it surfaces. Spoken with conviction appropriate for a man who has devoted his life to battling anti-Semitism, Judge Forster concludes, "I had rather die on my feet, than live on my knees."

With that caveat and the above information in mind, the YU student should face little difficulty upon reaching the real world beyond the hallowed halls of Yeshiva.



# Undressing "The Dresser"

by Behnam Dayanim

On December 17, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society inaugurates its 24th season and its last within the nostalgic confines of the current YCDS Studio Theatre. This semester's performance, Ronald Harwood's "The Dresser," centers on the relationship between an aging actor and his loyal dresser.

YCDS President and cast member Rick Siegel calls the play "one of the most elaborate to be done on the YCDS stage in years...[with the] depth of 'Amadeus' and the artistic element of 'The Elephant Man.'" Dr. Anthony S. Beukas, Artistic Director and Faculty Advisor of YCDS, says "The Dresser" is about "human relationships, how people can make a job a way of life. When the job disappears, the way of life disappears." Dr. Beukas also emphasizes that no other company has been given the rights to perform the show, "a nice compliment" to the society.

The production features eighteen cast members, including eight veterans from other performances, and a large crew of technicians. The size of cast and crew varies enormously in different YCDS productions, depending on the particular show.

Each semester's play is selected by Dr. Beukas "in conjunction with board discussions," depending largely on factors as diverse as the availability of performance rights and the propriety of the material. The society must work within technical, financial, and talent-related restrictions, as well as those limitations imposed by the physical plant itself. Above all, a script must be found that is or can be made "appropriate for a Yeshiva audience," according to Mr. Siegel, and permission must be obtained from the playwright to edit his or her script in order to eliminate female roles and language or situations deemed improper. This complicates the process immensely, as playwrights are often reluctant to subject their work to the revisions of anyone. Additionally, Dr. Beukas must wrestle with the difficulties of determining what exactly is inappropriate and what would emasculate the play beyond repair.

Once the play is selected and the script revised, Dr. Beukas constructs a soundtrack that accommodates his vision for the final product. Only then does he design the sets, which are always "totally different" than those of the original presentations. He asserts that there is "never any single stroke of copying" as that "would be inappropriate and unacademic." Mr. Siegel adds that the nature of the YCDS theatre, that of a studio with a sunken stage surrounded by seating, automatically creates differences from a Broadway theatre production.

Excluding Dr. Beukas' involvement as Artistic Director, every practical aspect of the play is executed by students. Stu-

dents perform all of the acting and traditionally implement any technical work involving sets, properties, lighting, sound, and costumes. Former YCDS President Dr. Johnny Krug, now with the long-running off-Broadway production "The Fantasticks," has maintained his involvement with the society over the years, helping the students place the lighting and taking care of any physical problems that may arise. Dr. Beukas calls the evolution of Dr. Krug's assistance "a gradual process" that began with his graduation from Yeshiva and considers it "one less element" for him to oversee. Once Dr. Beukas has designed the lighting scheme, Dr. Krug and the students can install the necessary equipment.

The pivotal member of the production is the stage manager, Eli Borow. Never seen by the audience, the stage manager supervises all aspects of the play, coordinating the disparate elements to make sure that they coalesce into a unified whole.

As a result of the necessity of student involvement and expertise, identifying and recruiting talented and motivated students always remains a primary goal. Dr. Beukas notes that, throughout his years at Yeshiva, the availability and depth of talent has varied widely. Dr. Beukas cites the current scarcity of qualified technicians as an example of the cyclical nature of the school; at times in the past he has had an overabundance of 'techies' and a paucity of actors.

"The Dresser" poses several challenges to the actor. Rick Siegel portrays 'Sir,' a proud, ailing man who is leader of the Shakespearean acting company in which the events of the play are set. He comments that any role requires an "intense amount of hard work," but says that this particular role poses unique difficulties insofar as the physicalities of age are concerned. Yet, he adds that the internalization of the character, essential to any responsible actor, is easier because "his [Sir's] perspective of life is very similar to mine...I understand him."

Kenny Rochlin, as the title character in the play, and Ari Schertz and Jon Lewin, as Sir's sons, bear a heavy responsibility in depicting the complex and surprising interrelationships among them and with their employer, Sir. Mr. Rochlin comments that the challenge in presenting his character arises in "the devotion that Norman must show to Sir. To have a theatre and star, it's Norman's whole life."

The remainder of the cast also faces the interesting task of recreating the atmosphere of a second-rate World War II British company, even to the point of performing actual acts from the plays "Hamlet" and "King Lear." Dr. Beukas expresses delight over the "flair" that some of the newer actors display in such difficult assignments as Shakespearean swordfighting and posture, singling out Jonathan Rackman, among the nov-

ice thespians, for praise. He also stresses the value of sheer perseverance, citing the case of returning actor, Alan Ronkin, who, after toiling through a minor part in last year's "The Elephant Man," has landed "a jewel of a cameo" as the fool in this semester's production.

Dr. Beukas feels that perhaps a sign of the kind of dedication demanded and received by YCDS manifests itself in the last minute assumption of the role of 'Oxenby,' a rather stuffy actor in the company, by Jon Katzauer. Mr. Katzauer, last seen on the YCDS stage in "Wait Until Dark," joined the cast on Nov. 28 when the student who previously held the role had to withdraw due to registration problems with the school.

Through it all, the technicians provide the traditional YCDS touch with elaborate costumes, sound, and lighting effects, and all of the properties needed to make the audience believe it has entered the somewhat dilapidated quarters of a beleaguered acting troupe. Beyond the standard special effects characteristic of Dr. Beukas' work, Mr. Siegel states that this show features a number of "surprises" that make "The Dresser" a particularly "eyecatching production."

## Conference Preview

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York/New Jersey regional. Coach: Dr. Jonathan Halpert, 17th year

**Returning starters:** Two **Key returnees:** Ayal Hod, 6'4" Sr./F (19.5ppg, 11.3rpg) Yudi Teichman, 6'1" Sr./F (14.4ppg, 11.3rpg, 4.4apg) David Gottlieb, Jr./G

**Newcomer to watch:** Eric Davis, 6'0" sophomore guard who may be Macs' best ballhandler ever.

**Strengths:** Two proven scorers, quick guards, large coaching staff and excellent home facility.

**Weaknesses:** Size, rebounding, overall scoring punch, depth at forward and center.

**Comment:** Lior Hod is gone. So are Benji Reichel and Jeff Baum. Rookie Eric Davis appears infinitely capable of filling Baum's spot. But who will supply scoring and rebounding

underneath? Ayal Hod seems headed for a season of constant double and triple teaming. "Our major weakness is lack of a big man," said Halpert. "If Ayal gets into foul trouble, we're in serious, serious trouble."

Whereas last season the Macs played on a par with N.J.I.T. and West Conn, this year they'll have their hands full staying on top of a promising Maritime team. Each of the league's two powerhouses return at least four starters, making the Macs serious longshots to contend. "Have they lost a game in four years to anyone besides themselves?", asked Halpert. "I don't think so." (In fact, West Conn has lost to Maritime once, but that's it.) "We try to get third place," said Halpert.

**Predicted finish:** Third

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## Tickets

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was that there were no tickets allocated for concert-night sale, a belief students felt was encouraged based upon the separate price listing of concert-night seats on the official promotion posters.

All of these complaints are completely groundless and are the expected result of the by now altogether too familiar apathetic irresponsibility of YC and SCW students when it comes to purchasing tickets for a University event in advance. The Concert Committee went far beyond the required effort to allocate for the student body a sufficient number of tickets—and the facts prove it. The publicity posters for the concert were posted throughout both campuses three full weeks before they were displayed anywhere else. In addition, ticket sales locations were easily accessible to both campus populations, with two on-campus representatives in Stern and eight representatives at YC. If that was not convenient enough, at YC on Tuesday night, November 22, a ticket booth was set up from 6:00-10:00 P.M. in the Morgenstern Dormitory lobby, during which time the agents at the booth informed all passers-by of the impending sellout. According to Adam Chill, the Vice President of YCSC and Chairman of the Concert Committee, "We begged people to buy tickets, but they kept saying 'We'll wait. We'll buy next week.'" SCWSC Vice President Batya Rozwaski echoed his sentiments, "We were obviously more accessible to the YC and SCW students than anyone else—the students must take some responsibility for their social plans."

With regard to the second complaint relating to the committee's failure to set aside tickets for the student body, I can assure all that the reason was solid. We were dealing with an amount of money in the area of 15,000 dollars, and the allocating of the significant number of tickets that would be expected for an unguaranteed student demand would have been financially unwise. Instead, as I outlined explicitly, we increased our efforts to provide the student bodies with the most accessible opportunities to purchase tickets.

The final criticism directed against the committee is simply preposterous. True, the two prices listed on the poster were labeled "In Advance" and "Day of Show." The reason for this separatelisting was to encourage the advance sale of tickets, a standard measure taken when promoting events such as the Chanukah concert. It is totally absurd to assume that a certain number of tickets would be set aside simply because of a listed price variation.

In conclusion, I'd like to point out that this was the first major YU event to completely sell out in advance. It is unfortunate that so many students chose to

ignore the more than sufficient opportunities provided for them to purchase tickets. Though the students have complained vociferously, there can be no denying that the fault lies solely within themselves. Until they realize that indecision, procrastination, and indifference will occasionally cause them to be left out in the cold, they will be fated to suffer endless repeats of this year's unfortunate circumstance. But certainly, their own fallibilities and shortcomings are no reason to attack a committee that was responsible, hardworking, and conscientious. Elisha Tropper YC '89

## Kangaroo Court?

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the case with fellow students, an obvious breach of Court policy. During the trial the Justices were unaware of the Court's official hearing procedures. They swore in the defendants and not the plaintiff and allowed the plaintiff to present the charges instead of the Chief Justice. The Justices failed to keep Court decorum by allowing the plaintiff to sermonize and not controlling the Court's reactions. Order was lost when one Justice asked the defendants if they were holding the phone book to look up a phone number. At the conclusion of the trial, the Justices allowed themselves five days to render a decision rather than the two days established by the hearing procedures. They then doubled the length of their self-imposed deadline, and we did not receive the decision until ten days after the trial.

These five Justices who asked for their positions weren't interested enough in the proceedings for the five of them to meet and render a decision. Three Justices, which does represent a legal quorum, are all that troubled themselves to meet at one time. We're still trying to figure out how it took three Justices ten days to render a decision.

"Logic dictates that the defendants' version of the events that transpired is highly improbable." This is the statement the Justices made as the basis for our conviction. The Justices convicted us without any testimony by any witness, just on the basis of accusatory questions posed by the Justices. The Court must realize that if it does have a legitimate role, this role is to judge equitably, not convict on the basis of probable guilt.

We do believe that there is a place for a student court in this university. Yet, this year's "Justices" have not given us reason to back up our faith. We hope that next year's Justices will have a clearer understanding of the judicial system and give Student Council reason not to disband the Court.

Michael Raskas  
Shukie Grossman  
YC '90

# Rabbi Roth Contrasts Judaism & Democracy

by Daniel Oshinsky

While "Torah U'Mada" is the subject of incessant debate here at Yeshiva, the compatibility of Judaism and democracy has been less often contested. However, with the recent elections in the United States and in Israel, as well as the subsequent rise to power of the Israeli religious parties, questions on Judaism and democracy's relationship have become more frequent. Thus, the topic of the November 17th Torah U'Mada lecture, "Is Judaism Democratic?" was a relevant one and attracted many students and faculty members to the purple confines of Rubin shul.

Guest lecturer Rabbi Saul Roth, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva College and holder of the Samson Raphael Hirsch Chair of Torah and Derech Eretz, chose not to answer this question directly, but rather to compare and contrast the two ideologies. Through this comparison, the professor demonstrated that Judaism and democracy are, in fact, dissimilar in many respects. Still, Rabbi Roth concluded, these differences did not necessarily mean we are living our lives in contradiction.

The first difference that Rabbi Roth raised involved the concept of freedom. In a democracy, he began, quoting from the Declaration of Independence, citizens are said to be "endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." In our country, then, said Rabbi Roth, "Freedom is granted to each citizen. Judaism, however, views freedom not as a right but as a radical, transforming event." The classic example of such an event, he noted, would be the exodus from Egypt. Furthermore, while freedom is portrayed in democracy as a right

belonging to all mankind, in Judaism, claimed Rabbi Roth, freedom may be quite exclusive. Rabbi Roth then pointed to a passage from Vayikra, "And thou shalt proclaim liberty throughout the land." While this nation's founders decided to place the passage on the Liberty Bell, it is actually referring to the Yovel year in which Jewish slaves are to be freed.

The second distinction that Rabbi Roth raised was Judaism's emphasis on obligations. In Judaism, he said, "our obligations are inalienable in the very same sense in which rights are inalienable in the context of democracy. That is to say, from the Jewish perspective, our rights are unconditional; we are stuck with them all the days of our lives, as well as throughout the course of Jewish history." Rabbi Roth did admit that in many respects, rights and obligations are complementary. "If I have the obligation to support my wife," said Rabbi Roth, "then my wife has the right to be supported." Still, he insisted that at their root, rights and obligations are quite remote from each other.

A third difference cited by Rabbi Roth dealt with the issue of equality. Although one of the foundations of democracy is that "all men are created equal", this is not necessarily true of Judaism. True, "Judaism does hold [that] Din (justice) is applicable to all." However, this equality is not present in respect to Kedusha (holiness). "Those who have less Kedusha," he said, "are treated with less equality than those who have more of it." As a case in point, Rabbi Roth suggested the Kohen Hagadol.

Having demonstrated the many differences between Judaism and democracy, Rabbi Roth proceeded to fire off a series of pointed questions. "Are Juda-

ism and democracy hopelessly at odds?" he began. "Indeed, can we really speak of Torah U'Mada when we speak of Torah on the one hand and democracy on the other? Must Judaism and democracy inevitably stand in contradiction?"

For an answer, Rabbi Roth asked his audience yet another question. "Tell me, at this moment, am I at rest or am I in motion?" While he received both possible responses, Rabbi Roth was unsatisfied. "The proper response," said Rabbi Roth, "should have been 'it depends on the frame of reference.' For

instance, if the frame of reference is this room, then clearly I am at rest. If the frame of reference is the sun, then clearly I am in motion." Using the "frame of reference" approach, Rabbi Roth insisted that there was no contradiction between his being both at rest and in motion. "By the same token," concluded Rabbi Roth, "there is no contradiction in saying I am a Jew and I live by the Torah and I am a citizen of a democracy. I can accept the Jewish concepts in the context of Judaism and the democratic concepts in the context of democracy."

Following the lecture, YC senior David Glatt and several other members of the audience asked Rabbi Roth whether he meant to imply that Judaism and democracy never conflict.

"There are occasions," admitted Rabbi Roth, "when the Torah says not to accept certain procedures that are applicable and relevant in the context of democracy." Rabbi Roth cited the legalization of abortion as an example. "But in general," he continued, "because of the religious freedom allowed us under a democracy, we don't usually encounter this incompatibility."

## Morg Lounge

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In the Oxford lounge, while the young men sit comfortably in their deep sofas nursing their beers, they discuss a wide range of topics, from books they've read, to journeys they've taken, to dreams they have. In the Morg Lounge, while one waits in line to purchase a packaged hot dog or a Ring-Ding, what one tends to hear most of the time is talk of tests, papers due, and credits. All of the people here seem to be totally obsessed with achieving the necessary grades in order to move up the capitalist ladder to success—so obsessed, that they have lost sight of what life truly is.

We are not 40 years-old men! We are young boys who should be running around the city, or the world, chasing our dreams (those of us who still have them) and experiencing new things.

Once we end up in our suits and offices, with our big houses on Long Island, we will be trapped there forever. There is no return to youth. It's a mystery to me how the students here are so determined to ignore all of the beauty that surrounds us and fling themselves into the eternity of the bourgeois life that awaits

*"We are not 40 year old men! We are young boys who should be... chasing our dreams."*

them. Careers, money, business. There is so much beauty to experience, so many adventures to be had, and instead of looking for that, the students here are blindly pursuing their upper middle class destiny. By virtue of

the fact that they are Modern Orthodox, they will achieve this destiny almost automatically, so why not put it off for a while and use the most energetic years of life to live? One imagines that if we were so lucky as to have a campus, and if that campus had a courtyard which had a statue, the inscription on the statue would not be about knowledge, or wisdom, or nobility, or love, but of money and success. By chasing this measured success so vigorously, it is life that one ends up failing.

Maybe that is the key. Think of life as a class. The syllabus is plays, museums, concerts, visits to new places, and the accumulation of new experiences. The goal is to discover beauty, nobility, courage, and understanding. There is no grade. It's simply pass or fail. I shudder to think of how many students here would fail miserably.

As long as we continue down this blind alley, the Morgue Lounge is appropriately named. For a morgue is a place for dead people, and, as far as I can see, there's no life to be found. Jonathan Tropper YC '91





# The Lighter Look



by Jonathan Miskin

As one of the principal participants at last week's much-publicized news conference in Lampport Auditorium, I have been asked to present a special report on that event.

I drove up from my office by limousine early Tuesday morning, my aides briefing me as I tried to quell the jitters stirring up the breakfast in my stomach. I had to appear calm and in complete control if I were to win the public's support on this sensitive issue. When we reached YU, I stepped out of the car and was immediately swamped by reporters.

"Sir, is it true that your offices plan to devote unprecedented energy to this battle?"

"Mr. Miskin, a personal question if I may: Do you prefer syrup or ice cream on your waffles?"

I ignored all of these questions and pushed my way through to a group of supporters holding placards and shouting 'Save the Elevators!' and 'Support the E.A.A.' As I shook hands and kissed babies, bulbs flashed and camcorders rolled.

Inside, the auditorium was stirring with excitement. Television crews were fighting for choice positions, public officials argued over the political ramifications of the debate, and

volunteers in the two camps passed out hats and banners. My chief aide took me aside. "Look, boss, plainly their proposition is unconstitutional, but I think we should stay away from that point. People just don't get excited over constitutional violations like they used to. Now, don't forget, this is an election year. Appear folksy, smile a lot. And remember—Family. Family. Family. Stress the importance of the elevator in the American home. The place elevators hold in our history. Our future." He pinned a button to my lapel which read 'Vote Miskin—He'll Give You a Lift.' "You'll be great," he said.

The moderator, Dr. Emil Banana, took the podium at center stage. "Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "we are about to start this news conference. I'd like to introduce our two speakers. To my left, is Mr. Alex V. Palmleaf, author of Bill #BU4066—a proposition suggesting a ban of elevators on the campus of YU. To my right is Mr. Jonathan F. Miskin, president of the Elevators Association of America. Speaking first will be Mr. Palmleaf.

"Thank you, Dr. Banana. For the past few weeks, I have been represented by the media as an ogre who wants to take away Yeshiva's elevators so the guys

will have to climb the stairs. That's not my plan at all. BU4066 states clearly of course, that all elevators are to be removed and banned. But don't worry, they will be replaced by escalators going up and fire poles coming down. Now, isn't that simply more efficient than the old fashioned elevator? You never have to wait for an escalator, it's always running. And heck, fire poles are just a lot more fun. My intention is only to make life at Yeshiva better for everyone."

"And y'know, many people have said to me, 'Al,' they say 'why all of a sudden a ban on elevators? Why not stairs? Clocks? And you know what I say? I say 'you just don't understand.' When was the last time a staircase let you off on the wrong floor? Do you recall ever wasting precious minutes waiting for the clock? I think not. Yet these are relatively minor problems compared to the destruction the elevator is capable of wrecking. This awful machine is responsible for the myth that pushing a button repeatedly will speed up service. This wouldn't be so terrible if it hadn't spread to all walks of life. A snooze button on an alarm clock is never just pushed once. You smack that thing 'til it's afraid to ring again. What happens if you dial a

wrong number? Your finger goes up and down on that button, clicking away, driving the operator crazy. And what will happen when President Reagan pushes the nuclear button as they drag him from the White House? He won't be satisfied with only knocking out Moscow, but will push that thing again and again, and say goodbye to the Eastern Bloc. Is that what we want? Half of Europe wiped out? We must stop this madness now, before it's too late, and so I repeat: abolish the elevators, now! And make this a safer world for us all."

"Thank you, Mr. Palmleaf. We now turn to the president of the E.A.A., Mr. Miskin."

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share the warmth and strength given to me.' Every time I read that, I get a lump in my throat. Yeshiva College has twelve elevators and a story like that happens every day."

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"Let me conclude with my hope for the future. I was brought up in an elevator. I think we all were. Remember the first time you entered that magical little machine and pushed the button of your choice? Remember the whirring and humming and the warm glow of the numbers as they lit up? Remember your amazement at finding yourself in a different world than the one you left only a few seconds ago? Well, we want our children to have the same opportunities we had. Help us save the elevators and let's move full steam ahead, to a brighter, better America."



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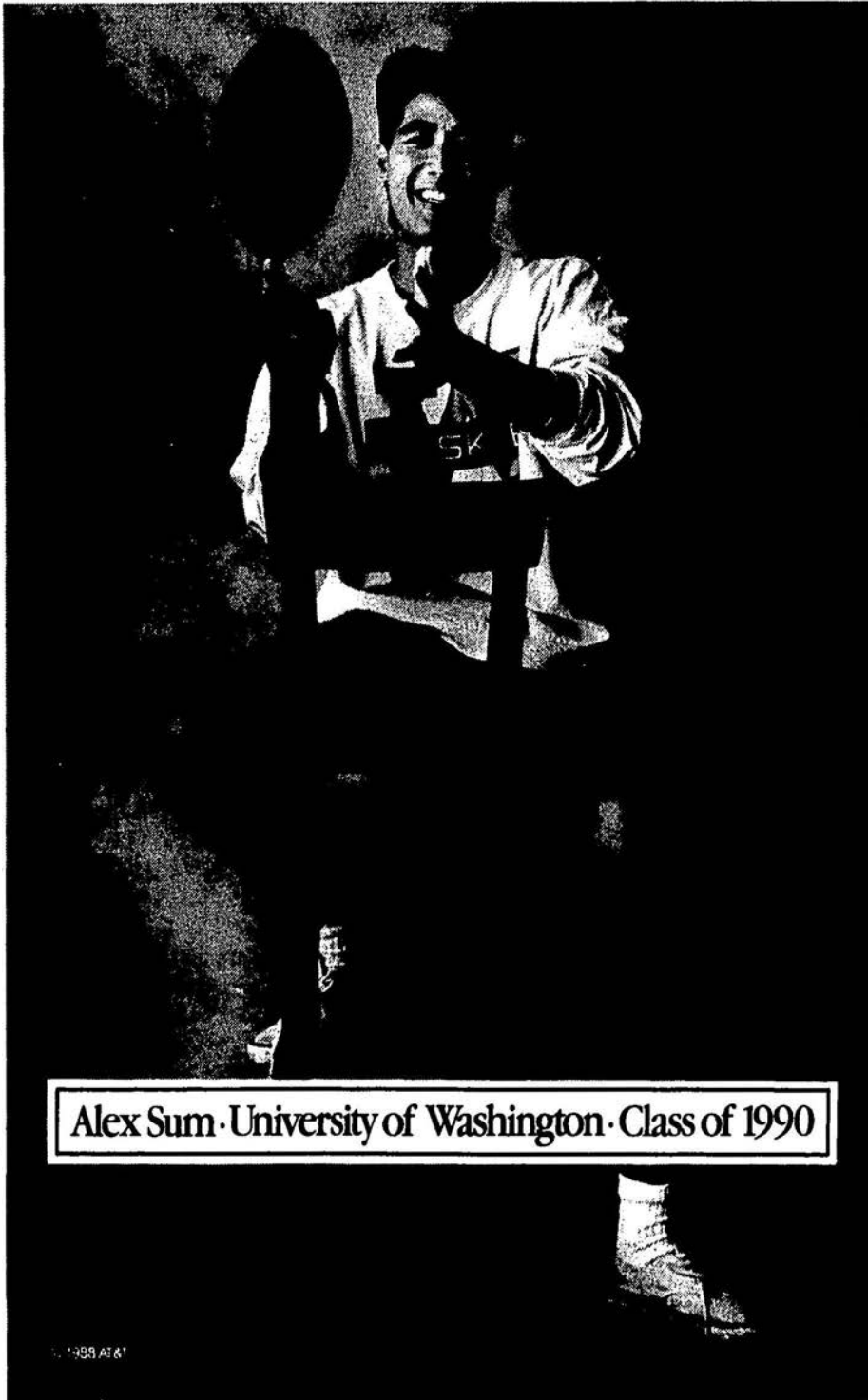
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## Taubermen Open Fencing Season

The Yeshiva University Fencing team opened the 1988-1989 season with its annual match against the Yeshiva University Alumni, on November 20th. The pouring rain and dismal skies did not at all dampen the enthusiasm of the Taubermen as they prepared to square off against the experienced and talented alumni.

Since the beginning of the semester, coaches Arnold Messing and Pete Rosas have been training and preparing the team, developing the skills of the talented returning fencers as well as training the many promising new recruits.

The team did not disappoint the coaches. From the opening round, it was clear that the squad was solid. The Taubermen and Alumni remained neck and neck throughout the match.

As the match progressed, the coaches substituted some players, allowing some of the freshman fencers to compete and show their stuff. Their strong performances demonstrated their tremendous potential, and promise to provide a strong team in the months (and years) to come.

Though they lost the match by a narrow two-bout margin, the Taubermen seemed proud of their performance. The season that lies ahead promises to be a challenging one, starting with the first home match against Vassar College on November 30th.

## Macs Improve to 3-1

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with 12:15 remaining in the first half.

After a Yeshiva timeout the Lions climbed to a 23-18 lead with 5:59 left in the first period. They held on to a five point advantage, with the Maccabees trailing 31-26 at the half.

The Macs opened the second half rattling off 10 consecutive points, mostly in transition, taking a 36-31 lead with 15:30 remaining in the game. It was at that point, however, that Molloy recovered and dominated the remainder of the game, much to the chagrin of the near 1,000 fans attending the first home match.

Greg Koehler led the Lions with 17 points, while Davis, Hod and Teichman contributed 10 apiece for a losing cause. "It just seemed like every guy on the team was cold," explained co-captain Teichman. "I see this as a good learning experience. Talentwise, we probably should have won. We were a little cocky going in, but we now know that we can't take any team lightly. Last year we started off 1-1 and then jumped to 3-1 and went on to the ECAC Tournament. I think this year's team is capable of following that pattern."

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## Goobers & Runnin' Rebels Eliminated

by Shmuel Bulka

After six weeks of intramural basketball, only the playoff seedings remain undecided. The Goobers, and the Runnin' Rebels by virtue of their 51-37 loss to the Terps, will be the only teams not entering this semester's playoff round.

The Terps-Rebels game was a battle of 2-3 teams with the winner advancing to the playoffs. The Rebels, sporting a modest two game winning streak, looked to be the favorite coming in. But after six weeks of play, it is obvious that any team can beat any other team on any given night. What we did know was that the game would be contested inside. "To win, we have to try to work it into the big men and crash the boards," remarked Terps forward Eric Rosen at a pre-game press conference.

Using a box-and-one with Terp Alex Fooksman guarding Rebel star Dov Goldman, the game was basically over in the first four minutes as the Terps went on a 15-0 run at the start. On offense, the Terps used what has worked for them all year.

They worked the ball into the big men, namely, Ranon Mann, Efrem Schwab and Izzy Marcus, and their team rebounding was simply awesome. Goldman did briefly break away from Fooksman with a steal and a three point play that spurred a 13-5 Rebels run, yet the Terps still led by 13 at the half.

The second half featured more of the same as the Terps coasted to the easy victory. "They were weak down low which opened things up", explained Terps point guard Michael Raskas. He wasn't kidding. Mann, Marcus and Schwab combined for 42 of 51 points. The only bright spots for the beleaguered Rebels were Darrin Hirt and Brett Peven. The Los Angeles connection contributed 13 and 9 points, respectively.

In other Week 6 action, the Goobers finally got the bounces to go their way. They defeated the Gardners, who have slumped to 3-3, 49-43, for their first win of the year. Ellis Malovany continued to be the league's most consistent scorer,

as he reached double figures for the sixth straight game, pouring in 27 points. For the Gardners, Jon Hecht scored 17 points while Shuki Grossman continued to ripple the cords, adding 11.

The final game of the week featured the Fish and the Bootleggers, both 3-2. The Bootleggers came in with two starters on injured reserve, Larry Hartstein and Danny Yoshor, but displayed a balanced attack Stern, Yoni Weber, Moshe

## Lady Macs Romp

by Larry Hartstein

YU's other basketball team, the Stern Lady Macs, opened their season with an impressive 56-39 victory over Marymount College.

Co-captain and senior guard Stephanie Schechter poured in 33 points, including 16 of 20 from the charity stripe. She narrowly missed eclipsing her own single-game scoring record of 34 points set two seasons ago. "Things were just falling. My teammates set me up with great on their way to the win. Yitz

Wertenteil, and Jeff Lefkowitz split 44 points almost evenly, leading the Bootleggers to a 48-36 victory. Bruce Taragin led a lackluster Fish attack with 14 points, but the Fish really needed a shark under the boards.

Ellis Malovany, who lit it up from the right wing in the Goobers' first victory of the year, is the intramural player of the week. "I'm glad we finally won a game," said Malovany, whose 27 points were a league high.

passes. We were all hot that night," said Schechter. Co-captain Nava Well added 14 points to go along with strong performances from starters Dina Friedman, Michelle Berezin, and Suzie Langer.

The Lady Macs faltered in their next outing, getting trounced 60-24 by the Dolphins of Mt. St. Vincent. Yet Well points out that it is difficult for the team to succeed consistently considering the circumstances surrounding the program. "We don't have anything. We only have three basketballs. There's no support whatsoever."



## Yeshiva Sports

## Your IAC Guide

by Larry Hartstein

**MARITIME PRIVATEERS**  
**1987-1988 Record:** 3-23, 1-9 in conference, tied for fifth  
**Coach:** John Dwinell, 1st year  
**Returning starters:** Three  
**Key returnees:** Chris McBride, 6'2" Sr./G (11ppg) Kevin McSherry, 6'3" Jr./F (9ppg) Joe Sheridan, 6'2" Soph./G.  
**Newcomers to watch:** Marc Aloisio, 6'1" freshman forward who's already hearing talk of greatness, Jasen Clark, 6'5" sophomore center who'll make noise his rookie season.  
**Strengths:** Three-point shooting, better overall talent, fresh atmosphere surrounding program.  
**Weaknesses:** Inexperience, lack of a proven post-up player.  
**Comment:** John Leonard, perhaps tired of sweeping the floor after games, is no longer at Maritime after accepting an assistant coaching position at his alma mater, Manhattan College. As Leonard moves to Division I hoops, his former team seems to be moving towards more competitive Division III basketball. New head coach John Dwinell, an assistant with the team last year, finds it hard to contain his enthusiasm when discussing the new Privateers. "Marc Aloisio is a hard worker, has a great offensive game. He could probably have a great career at Maritime."

And for the first time in a while, students are getting excited about the program. "This year's a little different. You've got to get the reputation of being a winner. When you're successful, people will watch," said Dwinell.

Still, Maritime faces an imposing task in attempting to place in the first division of the I.A.C. "Yeshiva's going to be tough to surpass," said Dwinell. **Quotable:** John Dwinell--"I believe we can be .500 or better. I think that's realistic."

**Predicted finish:** Fourth  
**NEW JERSEY TECH HIGHLANDERS**

**1987-1988 Record:** 22-7, 9-1 in conference, tied for first. Champion of E.C.A.C New York/New Jersey Regional.

**Coach:** Jim Catalano, 10th year  
**Returning starters:** Four  
**Key returnees:** Chris Miles, 6'1" Sr./G (17.5ppg) Reggie James, 6'4" Sr./F (15ppg,7rpg) Larry D'Zio, 5'10" Sr./G (9ppg,4apg) Victor Foster, 6'2" Sr./F (10ppg,8rpg) Tom Meixner 6'7" Jr./C

**Newcomer to watch:** None  
**Strengths:** Depth. Comparisons to Georgetown's Hoyas are valid. Quickness at every position, balanced scoring.

**Weaknesses:** Considering their remarkable, consistent success (six E.C.A.C. bids in the last seven years), weakness is too strong a word. They are susceptible, however, to a team strong on the inside able to play fundamentally sound, mistake-free basketball. West Conn split with N.J.I.T. last season.

**Comment:** The Highlanders should again contend for the

league title in their annual duel with West Conn. Chris Miles enters his senior season trying to find his place among Division III's biggest stars. Reggie James has finally emerged as an explosive scorer, giving N.J.I.T. an almost unstoppable duo.

Despite evidence to the contrary, Catalano maintains that the I.A.C. is not a two-team league. "With Yeshiva's showing last year, I don't think that's true anymore."

**Predicted finish:** Second  
**POLYTECHNIC BLUEJAYS**  
**1987-1988 Record:** 2-17, 1-9 in conference, tied for fifth  
**Coach:** Laddy Baldwin, 2nd year

**Returning starters:** Three  
**Key returnees:** Roger Cresci, 6'2" Sr./F (10ppg) Kamil Agi, 6'4" Jr./F (10ppg) David Mirabella, 5'11" Sr./G, Russell Washington, 5'10" sophomore guard.

**Newcomer to watch:** Fadi Dakak, 5'10" sophomore guard who can stick the jumper.  
**Strengths:** When you're 2-17, strengths are few.

**Weaknesses:** Overall talent, lack of a premiere player.

**Comment:** As one of the I.A.C.'s perennial second division dwellers, the Bluejays can be excused for not carrying on a love affair with N.J.I.T. and West Conn. Coach Laddy Baldwin, one of the conference's classy people, explains that two key factors enable the I.A.C.'s two powerhouses to attract the best talent: state-level tuition and fewer entry level requirements. "That kind of difference makes it inequitable."

The Bluejays will again be forced to rely on their "big three," Roger Cresci, Kamil Agi, and Paul Mirabella. "As they go, so goes our team," said Baldwin. **Quotable:** Laddy Baldwin--"A realistic goal for us is to be better basketball players, not pay attention to the won-lost record."

**Predicted Finish:** Fifth  
**STEVENS DUCKS**

**1987-1988 Record:** 10-15, 5-5 in conference, tied for third  
**Coach:** Wally Whitaker, 7th year

**Returning starters:** None  
**Key returnees:** None  
**Newcomer to watch:** None  
**Strengths:** Coaching. Whitaker is an energetic teacher and a masterful tactician.

**Weaknesses:** Everything. Nine eligible returnees decided not to rejoin the team.

**Comment:** When standout Rifat Agi declined to return, "he took two to four guys with him," said Whitaker. Long range shooter Joe Trent grew "tired of organized basketball," according to Whitaker, and the avalanche was unavoidable. The Ducks are a team of intramurals players and will struggle to register a single victory. The Bard game looms as their best chance for a win. After 73 years of basketball, the Stevens program has crashed to an all-time low. "I'm a little hurt by it...It puzzles me why it happened," said Whitaker.

Regarding possible Halachic problems involved in playing sophomore and first ever Ducks female Allison Hendricks against the Maccabees, Whitaker responds in his usual classy manner. "If it's necessary I'll hold her out of those two games."

**Quotable:** Wally Whitaker-- "I would be happy playing competitive basketball games. Right now we're not in that position."

**Predicted finish:** Sixth  
**WESTERN CONN. ST. COLONIALS**

**1987-1988 Record:** 19-8, 9-1 in conference, tied for first. Lost in first round of E.C.A.C. New England regional.

**Coach:** Bob Campbell, 5th year  
**Returning starters:** Five

**Key returnees:** William Shepard, 6'2" Jr./F (14.7ppg,6rpg) Anthony Migliore, 6'7" Jr./C (6ppg,5.5rpg) Tony Murphy, 5'10" Jr./G (13.8ppg,3.4apg,133 steals) Sean Morros, 6'0" Sr./G (7ppg,4apg) Gerry Corrigan, 6'2" Jr./G (15.2ppg) Gary Bestman, 6'4" Jr./F (8.5ppg)

**Newcomer to watch:** Lance Williams, 6'5" freshman forward bound to be an impact player.

**Strengths:** Long range shooting from both wings, balanced scoring, depth at all five positions, tenacious defensive pressure

**Weaknesses:** None

**Comment:** William Shepard may be the best all-around player in the conference. He plays much bigger than 6'2" and is virtually unstoppable in the paint. Shepard's inside ferocity, combined with Gerry Corrigan's deadly three-point shooting and Tony Murphy's pick-pocket prowess, give the Colonials an intimidating trio. Throw in Illinois State transfer Sean Morros, and it is easy to understand West Conn's success. Like N.J.I.T., the I.A.C. schedule does not provide much of a test for the Colonials. Six to eight of West Conn's conference games could well be blowouts. "It isn't a real competitive situation for us," said Coach Campbell. "Our out of league schedule is real tough."

**Predicted Finish:** First

**YESHIVA MACCABEES**  
**1987-1988 Record:** 16-9, 5-5 in conference, tied for third. Lost in first round of E.C.A.C. New

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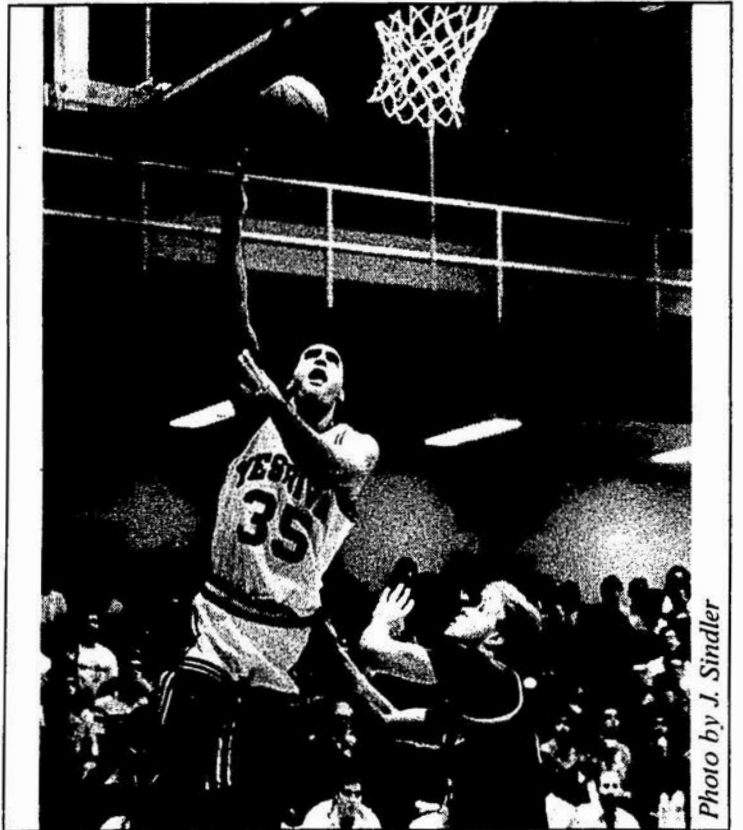


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Sammy Reichel explodes to the basket in Macs' loss to Molloy.

## Macs Blow Home Opener Rebound In Two IAC Games

by Jeffrey Lurman and Mitchell Nathanson

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Dec. 1: The Maccabees held on to a slim lead down the stretch with some key free throw shooting by Eric Davis and Yudi Teichman to win their first conference game of the year.

The game was close throughout, with no team leading by more than six points. At the 10:00 minute mark the game was tied at 22-22. But by the half Yeshiva built a 34-28 lead behind the scoring of Ayal Hod, who netted 11 of his 17 points in the first session.

The second half saw the Privateers take a four point advantage at the midway point. But within five minutes the Macs jumped to a four point lead of their own over Maritime.

Down the stretch, Eric Davis hit two key free throws boosting his point count to 15. Yudi Teichman was the team leader with 18, including the final two free throws to ice the game. Chris McBride paced Maritime with a game high 22.

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Dec. 3: Twelve of the 13 players that suited up for Yeshiva contributed to the point total; four in double figures, as the Macs lit up the scoreboard with a season high 94 points.

The victory boosted their record to 3-1, 2-0 in conference play. Ayal Hod led all scorers with 21 points, while Eric Davis again had a quality all-around game sinking 18 points along with 9 assists and 6 steals.

From the opening tip the Maccabees never trailed, controlling the game with a 53-23 halftime lead. Avrum Aaron came off the bench hitting 4-5 from the field and 4-4 from the line for his career high 12. Teichman scored in double figures for the fourth time in as many games with 10 points, and David Gottlieb finally found his shooting touch, dropping all four of his attempts from the floor for 8.

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Nov. 29: The Maccabees suffered their only loss thus far in the season's home opener. The Macs were held scoreless for a five minute span in the second half as the Lions of Molloy ran off 11 unanswered points to recapture a six point lead at 42-36.

Yeshiva opened the contest converting back-to-back Eric Davis steals towards a 4-0 lead. The defense continued to create opportunities for the offense as the Macs went ahead 10-4 only 4:50 into the game. Yet, Molloy came back to tie the game at 12

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