

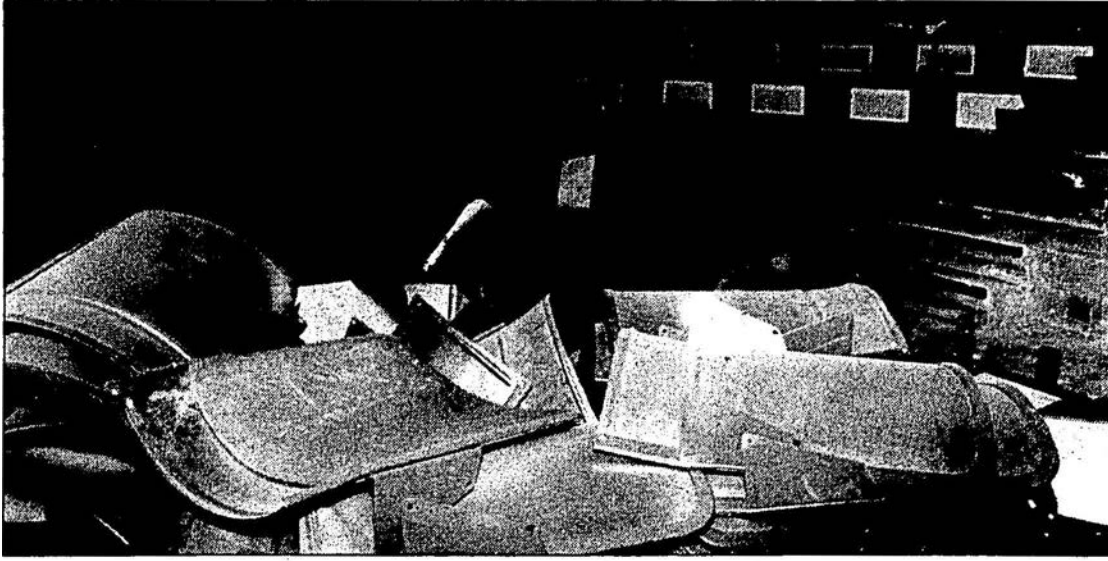
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The Schottenstein Center as it looks today.

## Campus Slowly Improving

by Mark I. Koffsky

YU students returned to a new school year to find several capital improvements on the uptown campus, most notably the remodeling of Morg Lounge and the Furman Dining Hall. However, other projects such as the Schottenstein Student Center and the Benjamin Gottesman Pool have experienced problems that have delayed their openings.

According to Dr. Efreim Nulman, YU dean of students, the improvements in Morg lounge came to pass as a direct result of student input. The remodeling includes new chairs and tables, partitioned areas for group study, a new carpet, and cafe-style tables to be placed near vending machines. Cable TV with the ever-popular sports channels is also a new feature. The YC Alumni Association's Class of 1964 was credited by Dr. Nulman for providing the funds for the remodeling.

Another major change in the physical environs of the campus this year is the new look of the Furman Dining Hall. Based on the recommendations of the student body's Food Services Committee and an independent consultant hired by the University, the new look of the cafeteria is meant to be one part in an

effort to improve food services in general. "We wanted to improve the quality of the food and the physical structure," observed Dr. Nulman. "The physical environment is an integral part of how students will view the cafeteria."

The renovation and opening of the Schottenstein Student Center has been plagued by a long series of delays ever since asbestos was discovered in the building in the spring of 1986. Although the asbestos removal has been complete for some time, other problems have occurred that have caused the building's opening to be delayed even longer than was originally planned. Such factors include the difficulty of adhering to New York City laws dealing with fire safety and handicapped access, as well as correcting unforeseen structural problems in the building's foundations.

The Schottenstein center itself will be dedicated at the annual YU Joint Boards meeting on November 14, along with the four major components of the building: The Jerome Schottenstein Theater on the ground floor, the Florence and Sol Shenk Synagogue on the first floor, the Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music on the second floor, and the Harry

Gampel Communications Center on the third floor. Yet, some of the building's insides will have not been completed by that time and will therefore not be available for student use until later this academic year.

Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, YU Director of Supporting Services explained that the building would be opened for student use in stages, based on when construction crews finish the various floors. He emphasized that the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society should be able to begin using the theater as early as October first, if New York City issues a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the building on schedule. The theater will not be fully functional at that time, rather it will be fully completed as the semester progresses in time for the fall YCDS presentation. He also noted the first floor synagogue, which has been restored to its original beauty, will be finished in time for the Joint Boards meeting. No date has been set for the opening of the Belz school on the second floor or the third floor student offices, however. Although THE COMMENTATOR and WYUR will definitely have their respective headquarters on the third floor, it has been decided

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## YU Mourns Tillem

by Daniel Oshinsky

This summer, YU mourned the loss of Ivan L. Tillem, philanthropist, benefactor and member of the board of trustees. Mr. Tillem, age 32, was on a flight carrying U.S. Representative Mickey Leland and a dozen others that crashed en route to an Ethiopian refugee camp. Dedicated to *tikun haolam* (repairing of the world), Mr. Tillem was responsible for many innovative programs at YU, both on the main campus and at Stern where he taught. The sudden death of this unique individual sent a shockwave throughout the Jewish Community.

Born in New York City, Ivan Tillem learned the importance of *tikun haolam* at an early age. When he was very young, his parents were divorced. Then at age eight, his mother suffered a debilitating stroke. At this point, Mr. Tillem was taken in by the Rabbi Shlomo Friefeld of Far Rockaway. Rabbi Friefeld and his family provided for Mr. Tillem's needs and saw him through his yeshiva training.

Mr. Tillem went on to study at Queens University, graduating in 1976, magna cum laude. He also studied in Israel at ITRI (Israel Torah Research Institute). Between 1976 and 1977, he attended RIETS and Revel

and in 1980, he received a Juris Doctor degree from Cordozo School of Law.

Following law school, Mr. Tillem became an associate general counsel at COLPA, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, where he participated in several cases of constitutional significance. In 1983, he founded the Pacific Group, a corporation composed of several diverse business concerns including Pacific Financial Corp. and Pacific Press. That same year, he edited and published the highly successful Jewish Directory and Almanac. The Pacific Group experienced

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## Cafeteria Prices Spur Student Anger

by Shukie Grossman

Recent price adjustments at the Furman Dining Hall have evoked a voice of outrage from students allegedly victimized by fiscal impropriety.

In response to increasing student interest in a formalized meal program, the current fall semester marks the operative commencement of the Yeshiva University Undergraduate Dining Club at the school's Uptown and Midtown campuses. Along with the implementation of this venture, however, increased prices on many popular food items have stigmatized the inception of this long awaited program.

According to Dean of Students Dr. Efreim Nulman, the system's structure reflects "recommendations of last year's Food Services Committee," as well as the professional advice of a hired consultant. The program's objectives, as outlined by a midsummer mailing, include to "assure parents that students will be eating well and regularly at the University's dining facilities," as well as "greater convenience, accessibility, and money management" for the students themselves.

But much to the student's dismay, less of a breakfast selection, smaller portions, longer checkout lines, and exorbitant prices, don't correspond with these anticipated improvements. Senior Michael Paskas asserts "Since I'm only here for one semester I didn't think I'd finish my \$600 card, but thanks to the new prices, I'll have no difficulty."

Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Support Services and Personnel, maintains that the new prices in the cafeteria "reflect reality." Mr. Rosengarten contends, "prices were calculated with a well accepted

formula which attempts to capture the cost of food and labor," thus, "for the first time appropriate prices are being charged." Dr. Nulman explains, "our consultant expressed shock over three price levels (existent over previous years)." Consequently, adjustments reflect one price which can be modified in an appropriate way each year, not haphazardly."

Aside from general discontent over cost, many students insist that the structure of the present Dining Club doesn't meet previous expectations. According to Director of Yeshiva University Food Services Mr. J. Lieberman, the system of "declining balance" currently utilized in the Cafeteria allows students to "spend what they want to spend." Lieberman emphasizes that "if you're not there, you're not losing out," as meals are paid for individually rather than in bulk. Senior Josh Thomas responds, "the students didn't say 'give us a credit card to eat in your restaurant!'"

Other factors such as an initial minimum deposit of six hundred dollars as well as no refunds on remaining balance have discouraged a majority of students from joining the plan. Mr. Rosengarten believes, however, that six hundred dollars is "a reasonable amount to part with on faith," also accentuating that refunds aren't offered in order to compensate the "major cost to the University to implement such a plan."

With approximately four hundred members from both campuses, Mr. Rosengarten underscores the fact that "the Dining Club provides us with a guaranteed customer base, a key to improved food and service for all students." "Ideally," adds Rosengarten, "we would like to

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# Dining Abuse

Did the University Food Services let down, mislead or even deceive the student body? Indeed, the answer is all too obvious.

The intensive planning, strategic marketing, and colorful rhetoric which surrounds the new cafeteria inspired excitement and expectations at Yeshiva College. Along with the "Nuwave" neon facelift, however, came significant price hikes and chintzy food rations.

YC students were let down by this reality. The food prices that sharply rose like July stock prices—nearly 50% on certain items—stand as a blatant injustice and slap-in-the-face to a student body that has worked so diligently toward cafeteria change over the past year.

The University misled its students by failing to inform prospective Dining Club Card holders of portion and price adjustment. Those who eagerly enlisted in the non-refundable program are now forced to pay the outrageous prices.

Students were deceived by the upgraded aesthetic appearance of the dining hall. Students are now being forced to surrender their food and wallets to defray the cost of a few new amenities.

Administrative officials in support of the recently introduced plan attribute current prices to a severe loss of revenue accrued over the past years. Clearly, the result of this mismanagement is now being felt by the student.

In an effort to service the student, the University is certainly not obligated to lose money. But jacking up prices so drastically in an attempt to correct managerial errors is intolerable and unjustifiable.

The University must assume responsibility for the shameful "disservice" imposed on the student body. The time has come for the students to rouse the Student Council to action. Its leaders must fulfill their duty of representing the student body by expressing their constituents outrage.

# Constructive Criticism

Students often make demands or desire to see improvements which far exceed the Administration's conception of changes on campus. But recently a most alarming pattern emerged in the administrator-student body relationship: unfulfilled promises.

The Schottenstein Center is set to open sometime before the end of this decade, but once again it is not yet ready to house a single student activity as the year opens. Doing a job right is one thing, but when does this excuse become no more than a facade for managerial ineptitude? They told us at least the theater would be ready by now. Broken promise number one.

The construction of our new pool is noticeably absent from our campus this Fall. Inside sources tell us the Administration never got their act together. They told us you were waiting for the ground to thaw; YU even sent our pool article to Israel last year. The Administration promised construction would begin last Pesach. Broken promise number two.

The volleyball team was promised last winter that it would get its much needed new court over the summer. Summer came and left. The new court won't be done for another year. Broken promise number three.

While thousands of excuses no doubt can be thought of to explain these delays in progress, this pattern of broken promises causes a decline in the credibility of certain administrators. We sincerely hope that instead of listening to creative excuses, we'll soon have the opportunity to hear plays performed, water splashing, and actually watch volleyball matches without straining our necks.

# Firing Back

Under attack from both the right and the left, he refuses to snap back; he repeatedly refuses to stoop to their calumnious level.

President Lamm finds himself in a most challenging position: he is the captain of the most difficult ship to steer in today's world, a ship that defies extremism in favor of moderation.

Recently, our captain has taken an unusual amount of shelling in the press, specifically The Jewish Press and The Jewish Week. This irresponsible newspaper editing will not go unadmonished by THE COMMENTATOR. Exaggerating conflict and providing a forum for mindless hatred is no way to manage a professional newspaper.

Also disappointing was the noticeable lack of response from any of the Roshei Yeshiva. While a letter from Rabbi Blau was certainly appropriate, one letter from a Rosh Yeshiva denying the charges would have diluted a great deal of the article's impact.

YU stands for something very important, perhaps essential, to our survival in today's extremist world. We applaud President Lamm's ability to withstand such pressures toward extremism, and hope that he continues to carry himself with dignity and with courage.

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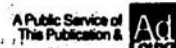
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## From the Editor's Desk

by Dov J. Pinchot

Has the concept of variety disappeared from the Jewish ideal in life? Do our leaders view variety of interests and pursuits through disparaging eyes? Does the common cynicism toward certain clubs, activities, and divisions of our University result from a new conception of the Jewish ideal: the utopia of homogeneity.

The foundation for this homogenous ideal is straightforward. The Bible clearly states that the Torah must be studied "day and night." Taken quite literally, this firmly sets the lifetime day to day schedule for us all. While there may be time for diversions from study, these diversions should occupy small percentages of our time, even into adulthood. Professions are often scoffed at; the time and dedication necessary to truly excel at a profession is not permitted.

Taking this ideal literally, certain leaders and their followers look critically at those whose interests lie outside the four cubits of talmudic analysis. But perhaps their conception of the Jewish ideal is not authentic. Perhaps variety of interest and vocation is the Jewish ideal.

Nature appears to project variety into our societies. Talents, or natural talents are found in wide variety among men. Some have an innate musical talent; some possess razor sharp analytical minds; and some show an ability to communicate easily and effectively with others. Should each person be encouraged to develop his or her particular talent to its full potential? Should we strive for excellence where it is most feasible? Is this what Judaism demands from us?

Even in the most homogenous societies, the natural variety of human interests call out for a corresponding variety of human achievements. Singer Mordechai Ben David typifies such achievement, utilizing his talent to heighten Jewish spirituality through music. Nathan Lewin is another example, arguing Jewish interest cases before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The same could be said for other G-d given talents as well. The actor, the musician, the writer, can they enhance our society and growth? Do we have a responsibility to develop these natural talents as a form of divine service? Is excellence a Jewish ideal, a reason for variety?

Another reason exists for variety to be the Jewish ideal. If we look into the Bible it is quite clear that the Jewish nation was intended to be just that: a Jewish Nation. In any nation, many roles need filling. Jews must be the political leaders as well as the plumbers and soldiers, the doctors and lawyers as well as the grocers and builders. What part should the renewed State of Israel play in answering our quest for the

Jewish ideal?

Perhaps our prolonged absence from sovereignty clouded our vision of the Jewish State and its corresponding need for variety. Perhaps our freedom from national responsibility allowed us to homogenize in a way never before possible when we lived as a sovereign nation.

Our nation is not the only arena where our variety is needed. Our contemporary world finds itself in an ethical funk, asking pointed moral and ethical questions but unable to find the virtuous personalities to answer them or the role models to extol. Now is a time to be a "light unto the nations," to demonstrate the moral capabilities of man. Our shortcoming may be in our inability to realize that variety is the ideal, that an ethical person can be an excellent and honest businessman, an excellent and honest lawyer. As moral Leaders we define the jobs we work in; as moral Followers we become "yes" men to the scheming sinners of our day.

The effects of this "ideal" battle manifest themselves on the YU campus in numerous ways. Students in the traditional Yeshiva Program often speak cynically of students in the Isaac Breuer College. Disparaging remarks are even made about the Bible professors by those more associated with the aforementioned talmudic-study ideal. And student activities, such as the Dramatics Club, are viewed by many as aberrations within the University rather than as desirable demonstrations of student talent and accomplishment.

If nature does demand variety, if excellence is somehow "in His image," if our future as a nation depends on our ability to perform varied tasks, then we must serve nature, and, more importantly, its Creator with a renewed ideal: variety and excellence.

## VIEWPOINT: Halacha and Israel

by Manfred Weidhorn

Many people innocently believe that once you "get religion" most of your problems go away. Such a view is based on a shallow notion of piety. The truth is that a man of faith is engaged in a lifelong struggle to ascertain the Divine Will on many important matters. As the Rav says (in the Torah U'Mada Reader, p.21), "The religious experience is fraught with pitfalls and continual challenge...the homo religiosus is wanting in mental balance and harmony to a greater degree than the mundane type. His mind seethes with antinomies and antithetic problems and questions that will never find their solution."

Nowhere is this more evident than in the thorny matter of applying the way of righteousness to the politics of Israel, specifically the Arab-Israeli confrontation. Halacha provides the principles for an easy determination as to which brand of tuna is kosher or how electrical appliances do or do not fit into the Sabbath, but it gives no answer to the big question looming in the Promised Land.

A few years ago, members of the "Jewish Underground" (right wing religious nationalists) were arrested for allegedly plotting to blow up Arab buses. In HAMEVASER three prom-

inent YU rabbis argued in defense of the accused. Both sets of rabbis drew upon the same Halacha for their presentations: When doctors disagree...

That was merely one piece in the far larger puzzle of peace in Israel. Here is a problem which either has arrived at, or is fast approaching, a critical flash-point. The religious community is as divided on this matter as is the secular majority; only their arguments are different. Over-arching all the details, the citations of authorities, the collation of texts is a single and simple question which divides religious hawks and religious doves: Does G-d — at this juncture in history — favor land or peace? A land of peace or a piece of land? The idealists, the proponents of Eretz Yisroel, appear willing to put up with another Hundred Years War and the unending shedding of Jewish blood. The pragmatists and compromisers appear willing to leave the re-establishment of Greater Israel to the coming of the Messiah. Which side is right, halacha-wise? Truly only the Tishbite himself can solve that riddle.

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## Presidential Pulpit: Falling Short on Zionism

by Barry Kaye  
President YCSC

Lest any of you misconceive, expecting a quiet, issueless year of unrocked boats and pleasant presidential platitudes, lets kick the journalistic year off with a controversial subject seldom discussed anymore in our hallowed halls: Religious Zionism (or as a friend of mine dejectedly but accurately calls it, "Zionwasm").

Two generations ago, the World War Two generation was privileged to live through and observe the most magnificent set of events, the most unparalleled set of achievements, the most unprecedented phenomena of modern world history the creation of the State of Israel. And no matter how you look at it, it comes down to this: amid all the sacrifice and struggle and blood and fire in which Judea rose, with incredible opportunity at hand to participate in the rebuilding of the Jewish nation, millions just sat. Sat and watched.

Oh yes, some sent big bucks, others drove Truman crazy, and your occasional teenager went down to the docks and replaced sugar with guns. But they still sat here, in America as well as the rest of the western world. Western and much of Eastern Jewry gave to the rebuilding of the State of Israel everything except one thing it needed the most: themselves. As in the cases of Olei Mitzrayim and Olei Bavel, once again only one fifth of the Jewish People has chosen to throw in its lot with Zion. The consequences of this for the Jewish national endeavor, too numerous to enumerate here, have been devastating.

Every good army has front line infantry, and reserve infantry to relieve them. If, however, the front line soldiers have been fighting in the trenches months, years and no reserves come to refill the ranks, the soldiers will become terribly demoralized, lose the will to fight, and one by one will desert. Jews in Israel have been on the front lines of the struggle for the Jewish national survival for some seventy years. For seventy years they've been waiting for the Jews to come, pleading with Jews to come, hoping for the very thing that is the raison d'etre of Israel: Kibbutz Galuyot. But the reserves, at least from the Western world, never showed up. And so the Israelis, living in conditions of relative austerity and danger, resentful of comfortable lifestyle of their kin in the West, began to desert: over 500,000 as of 1984.

The actions of that generation would be mind-boggling, if it were not for the fact that our generation, and right here at Yeshiva, aren't a bit different. How many of us here are plan-

## RESPONSA: Indivisible Subjects

To the Editor:

On March 21, your worthy predecessor published an article (editorial) asserting, with Dr. Lamm's alleged support, the need for a total split between secular and religious studies. I believe such a view is in error.

In one stroke, as it were, it would erase from our history the entire Sephardi tradition (and

certain occasional, if infrequent, elements in the Ashkenazi tradition) which made all knowledge and all forms of Jewish culture into a seamless whole of God's truth and continuing revelation to mankind and to the Jewish people.

There are hundreds of works of the Jewish creative imagination by Jewish writers and other thinkers throughout our history, not just in science but in the "soft" areas of literature, philosophy and social science which (as Rav Aharon Soloveitchik has pointed out in his Tora U'Mada lectures) are legitimate and often necessary spheres of Jewish knowledge and creativity.

Fortunately, less than two months after Dayanim's article, the COMMENTATOR published (May 9, 1989) the Yeshiva College English Department Writing Awards for contributions to Jewish culture — works that are neither wholly secular nor wholly religious, but which are quintessentially Jewish.

Where would Dayanim teach such works, in the secular or religious program? Are they really totally separate domains? Do we really want no religious element or influence in such works?

I think the answers are obvious, given YU's perspective of the kind of graduates it wishes

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## YC Loses 65-70 Students Club Fair Sparks Interest

by Jonathan Greenblatt

According to the Registrar's office, between 80 and 90 students who were registered in the Spring of 1989 failed to re-register for courses this Fall. Of this total, the Dean's Office disclosed that between fifteen and twenty students were dismissed from Yeshiva College because of academic failure. The other 65-70 students either transferred to other universities or dropped out.

According to Mr. Friedenberg, the University Registrar, the 65-70 students represent only a small percentage of the student body.

What reasons, if any, would make students choose to leave

Yeshiva College and transfer to another university? Dean Efreim Nulman listed several reasons.

"Primarily, the student chooses to leave either because of personal problems that have arisen or because they are looking for a different type of environment." Other reasons include the students' unhappiness with the dual program and inability to cope with it.

Several interviews with students who have left disclosed that indeed the primary reason for their leaving YC was their desire to interact with a more diverse student population and their need to choose from a more diversified course offering.

by David Schimmel

YCSC kicked off the school year with its first schoolwide event: Club Fair. The event served to familiarize Yeshiva College students with the numerous activities that the school offers. The event took place in Tenzer Gardens on the evening of September 6th.

Seven clubs, societies, and organizations at YU participated in the event, NYSAIPAC, CompuSci, and THE COMMENTATOR amongst them. With upbeat Jewish music in the background, each participant tried to attract students. "The band was a very good way to show the student body through action that something different is happening this year; it's not the same old student council activities that will happen," said Barry Kaye, president of YCSC. Kaye considered the event a success, considering the lack of publicity. "We're approximately 900 students here and I classify an event as successful if you reach over ten percent; we had about 125 people," said Barry Kaye.

The event was held during class time which was somewhat problematic. "I wanted to have it on the first day of class, and to have had it later on would have meant having to deal with permits and neighbors," said

Barry Kaye. Elly Krimsky, keyboard player for Segulah, said, "Barry told us he wanted the music to attract people."

Kaye plans to use Tenzer Gardens for musical events in the future. Some students say that Tenzer Gardens is attractive

the paper and that "the event was successful for THE COMMENTATOR but could have been better publicized. Still, I think the event reflected initiative by YCSC President Barry Kaye to bring new events to the campus."



"Segulah performs for YCSC Club Fair campus."

but serves little purpose. Kaye plans to change that. YCSC plans to have musical events as the year progresses, and is currently working on having a joint YC-SC Shabbaton in September. On September 20th, a very prominent black speaker will be speaking here on Black-Jewish relations. YCSC is also planning a Zionist retreat in November.

Dov Pinchot, editor of THE COMMENTATOR, said that his booth at the event was meant "to attract new talent and introduce people to YC's paper." He also said that a few people expressed interest in writing for

NYSAIPAC (New York State American Israel Public Affairs Committee) executive director Moshe Schwartz said about the event, "I would say it was a success. We got more signatures than many of the other groups, 84 to 85 people."

Tzvi Nussbaum, a freshman at YU complained about the apparent lack of publicity surrounding the event. "I never found out about it. I just heard the band playing. Had the event been publicized more, it would have been more successful. If there would be another such event, I would go."

## Enrollment Takes Downward Turn

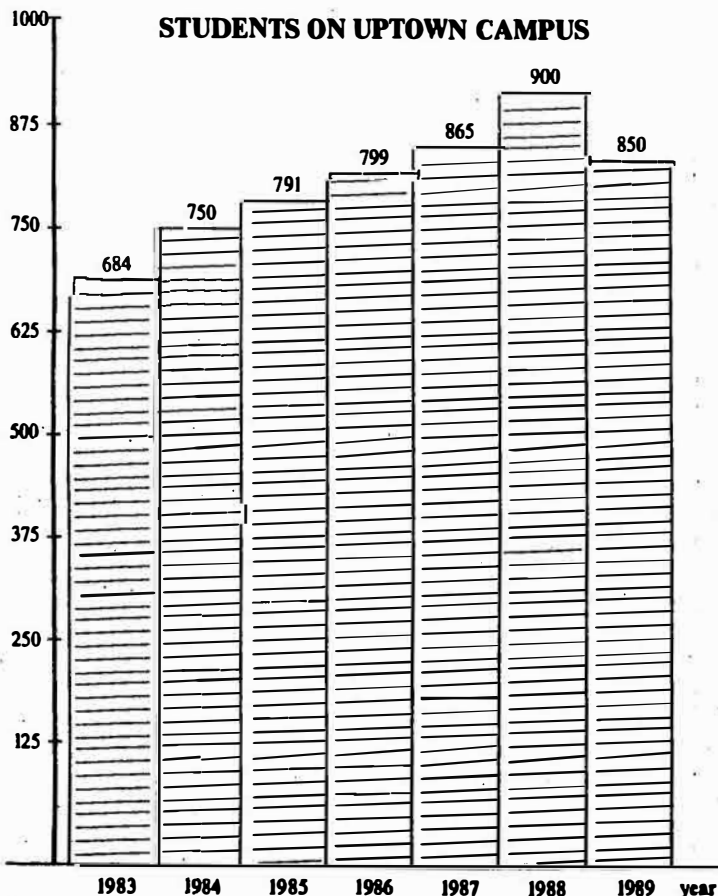
by Joseph Wolf

Students who recall last year's overcrowded September Dorms and reports of increased attendance no doubt wonder why no similar accounts reverberate through the halls this semester. While, indeed, the actual number of students enrolled at Yeshiva College has dropped from slightly over 900 exactly to approximately 850, Judy Paiken, Director of Admissions, sees no reason for alarm. The decline, as explained by Paiken, results directly from the decision to discontinue the Reduced Early Admissions Program (REAP), and the enhancement of the MTA senior year program. Additionally, the number of YU associated students spending two years of study in Israel has increased in the past five years from 20 to 100. Thus the reduced number of students on campus does not directly imply reduced interest in YU.

Increased selectivity also

explains recent enrollment figures. Last year, YC rejected nearly 25% of all applicants, and the average incoming freshman now boasts SAT scores of 1205. While Paiken maintains that YC harbors no ambitions of achieving Ivy-League type standards, and stresses YC's commitment to serving the (non)stellar yet academically solid student, she admits that over the past few years, "We've been cutting out the bottom."

Presently, the admissions office remains satisfied with their policies. Enrollment in 1983 was under 700 and has leveled off at a campus capacity of 860 students. These increases occurred concurrently with the implementation of higher admissions standards. Perhaps most encouraging is Paiken's proud declaration that even as YC academic levels continue to rise, commitment to Yeshiva has remained the most important enrollment issue.



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## New Changes Seen in Shabbat Program

by Gad Dishi

A fleeting glance at the new flyers announcing programs for Shabbat at YU reveals more than just a name. Previous years have seen an "SOY Shabbos" as the heading, whereas now, "Shabbos in Yeshiva" adorns the walls. A superficial, insignificant difference to most, yet to others it represents the new attitude espoused by various students and faculty towards the goal of Shabbat in Yeshiva University.

Moshe Wertenteil, President of SOY, expressed concern that the old name may have indirectly alienated some of the IBC or JSS students and the change reflects SOY's goal "to create, promote and enhance the sense of unity in our Yeshiva." He stresses that all students have always been welcome to these programs and the change has been made to avoid misinterpretation.

Aside from the change of the name, a change in Shabbat programs has also been implemented. Throughout the end of last year and the summer break, Rabbi Cheifetz and student leaders from IBC, YCSC, JSS, and SOY met at length to discuss new, vibrant programs to improve the Shabbat experience at YU. The main concern was to find a way to involve everyone who stayed while making it an enjoyable learning experience in the spirit of Torah.

The resulting programs emerged: I. Pre Shabbat Ruach

with music provided by Behzad Dayanim was initiated on the Friday of Sept. 15.

2. On Shabbat, student discussions will be conducted on contemporary topics, as opposed to the routine (yet interesting and important) Divrei Torah given by the Roshei Yeshiva at previous shabbatonim.

3. Resident advisors, a.k.a. dorm counselors, will run special floor programs in which members of their floor would either have a special program of their own or run a program for everyone on Shabbat afternoon. (This being aside from more weekday events planned for individual floors).

4. Richard Charlat will be in charge of providing THE COMMENTATOR with a column informing students of successful past events and other upcoming Shabbatonim in which students may express interest.

5. Theme weekends will be held where various educational literature will be available for preparation during the preceding week and discussions of the topic conducted on Friday night and through Shabbat day.

6. Initiated by Rabbi Reichman of JSS, the usual "tish" will incorporate the formal Devar Torah which usually preceded it.

Specifically, the following dates have been scheduled for the following programs:

1. Weekend of Sept. 22 YCSC sponsors a co-ed Shabbaton at Stern. Rabbi Lamm will be

speaking and a turnout of at least 200 is already confirmed.

There should still be time to sign up for this event at the time of publication if you act quickly.

2. Weekend of Nov. 4 Ira Kosowsky of HASC has arranged for a large number of campers to come to YU for Shabbat. Programs for the campers and the advisors, whose number may range as high as three advisors per camper, will deal with the various aspects of helping people.

3. Rabbi Cheifetz also hopes for a possible weekend where a group of elderly people would enjoy a Shabbat at YU. Rabbi Cheifetz was inspired by one of the many pet projects of the late Ivan Tillem, one of which was aimed at helping the elderly.

4. Occasional weekends will be arranged for students to spend Shabbat with a family in the neighborhood.

The main factor which make the new projects promising is the enthusiastic support of student leaders, especially that of Danny Deutsch, President of JSS.

Another important factor is the appointment of Rabbi Steve Richter and Rabbi Shimon Kerner to, among other things, run the JSS minyan.

A slight difference of opinion remains between SOY and other groups over conducting coed shabbatonim. The final result is that YCSC will be conducting coed shabbatonim with the approval of Dean Nulman and,

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## Visiting Israeli Rabbi Teaches At YU

by Lawrence Burian

For the second consecutive year, the YU Mazer Yeshiva Program is enhanced by a visiting Rav from Israel. According to Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, director of the Mazer Yeshiva Program, the administration has always been greatly impressed by the impact of Israeli Rabbis on YU students abroad. Rabbi Natan Bar-Haim's one year sabbatical at YU last year proved to be a successful and exciting experiment.

Rabbi Bar-Haim came to YU virtually unknown to the student body. Yet, according to YU Mashgiach Rabbi Yosef Blau, "the positive student feedback at the conclusion of the 1989 Spring semester was tremendous." Shukie Grossman, presently SOY Vice President and a former talmid of Rabbi Bar-Haim explained, "Rabbi Bar-Haim's methodology and personality provided an advantageous continuation of my learning development." Other students most appreciated the simple opportunity to continue learning shiur in Hebrew.

Thus, after last year's success and amid much speculation, Rabbi Charlop has confirmed the administration's desire for a continued formal program in which a new Israeli Rav would come to YU every two years. The administration believes that the second year will allow the visiting Rav greater opportunity to acclimate himself.

The administration presented its plan to Yeshiva University President Norman Lamm who, in turn, met with Mr. Joel Finkle. Mr. Finkle is a past president of the Fifth Avenue

Synagogue and a well-known Religious Zionist. The generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Finkle financially enabled Yeshiva University to attract Rabbi Meir Goldvicht. Rabbi Goldvicht's reputation as an especially warm and successful Magid-Shiur at Kerem B'Yavneh in Israel (where his uncle is Rosh Yeshiva) preceded him among Yeshiva University students. The funding by the Finkles also provides for a fully furnished on-campus apartment for Rabbi Goldvicht and his family. Rabbi Charlop hopes that by housing visiting Israeli Ramim on campus, an extra "warm Koach" can be added to the Yeshiva.

Daniel Sheer, presently a member of Rabbi Goldvicht's shiur and a junior in Yeshiva College asserts that, "Rabbi Goldvicht clearly desires a strong Keshet with all of his talmidim. He makes himself available in the Beit-Midrash and invites talmidim to his home for extra learning. The shiur feels like a small, close-knit family."

Students in Rabbi Goldvicht's shiur are showing special enthusiasm for their upcoming Shabbaton in Yeshiva. If successful, Rabbi Goldvicht plans for continued monthly Shabbatonim. Within such an atmosphere, Danny Shachak, a sophomore from Jerusalem, declared, "Rabbi Goldvicht's shiur is almost like learning in Israel."

Presently, the administration seeks a permanent endowment to ensure the continuance of this new program. Meanwhile, it is no surprise that Rabbi Goldvicht's "small family" has increased in size by one hundred percent.

## S.S.S.B. EVENTS

Monday, September 25, 1989

- Being Orthodox In The Business World — •  
An Halachic Perspective  
Rabbi Yosef Blau and Rabbi Mordechai Willig  
8:00 P.M. Ruben Shul

Tuesday, September 26, 1989

- An Evening With The Major Accounting Firms-Part II •  
Arthur Andersen, Price Waterhouse, Deloitte & Touche  
8:30 P.M. Room 418 Stern  
Van 7:45 P.M. Parking Lot A

Wednesday, October 25, 1989

- Career Fair - Meet representatives of  
accounting firms, businesses, computer  
companies and M.B.A. Schools  
8:00 P.M. Room 411 Belfer

Tuesday, October 31, 1989

- Interviewing Workshop •  
Lisa Small and Wendy Kaufman  
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# A Student's Satirical Guide to the Y.U. Campus

Light Satire by  
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### Belfer Hall

Of Yeshiva's many outstanding accomplishments, few are greater than Belfer Hall. Towering way above the New York Skyline, Belfer is our pride and joy. Within the confines of Belfer are Sy Syms School of Business, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and for all of you regular guys, Belfer Commons. Few know that in its earlier days, Belfer contained government offices that were off limits to both students and faculty. Need a computer? Belfer is the place to be. Had your microwave confiscated? Don't count on getting it back.

### MTA Dorm

This non-descript little building with penny-loafed youngsters pouring from its doors is the MTA dorm. Surprisingly, this dorm is not the "mayhem" motel of the Yeshiva Campus. The self-locking door keeps out innocent pedestrians who might wander in mistakenly, and the dorm is actually quiet and not disruptive at all—at least from the outside.



### Tenzer Gardens

Has the hustle of college life got you running ragged? Hate your roommate? Too many frat parties? Why not forget it all and come down to the Tenzer Gardens. Bring a good book, a special friend, or just your thoughts to one of New York's most beautiful and serene spots. Sit down and gaze up at Belfer hall or Rubin as the sun sets over Manhattan. Hairdryer broken? Come down to the Gardens and let your hair dry in the 90-100 mph winds that circulate in the Gardens. While there, take some time to pay homage to those benefactors who have made all of this possible. Don't be dismayed by the fact that there are locks and chains on the gates. So come on down and have fun.

### Morgenstern Hall

"Morg" sounds like a forbidding place, but it really isn't. Morgenstern Hall is "the" place for upperclassmen to live due to the thick walls, non-communal showers, and frequent mail delivery (24 hours a day—no kidding!) Its central location makes Morg close to everything important, and since it faces Amsterdam Avenue, fully 50 percent of its residents can enjoy a peeping Tom's view of the pedestrian mall. Recently, the lounge downstairs has been redecorated and a small color TV with cable has been installed. Partitions, carpeting, and comfortable furniture successfully divide the extremely large room into conversation areas and snack tables.

As the clock nears 10:15 P.M., the crowds can grow a bit restless waiting for the late night Morg Mart to open. If empty calories are desired to quell an evening craving, Morg Mart will never let anyone down. Popcorn, candy, cookies, sodas, and chips are practically sold as fast as they are put on the wire racks and steel shelves. Morg Mart gains much of its study break ambience from the adjacent game room. Occasionally a game or pinball machine may be out of order but they are usually quickly repaired, because every day a machine is out of service is a day that MTA students won't be able to shovel their lunch money into that machine during their lunch break. All in all, Morg is an outstanding dorm! It offers quiet when one must study and diversions to ease academic pressures of college. The neighborhood music is reflected in Dolby stereo of the library exterior and beamed into many Morg dorm rooms; however, except for this, Morg is a great place to call home.

Upon completing a day of lectures, a student is now ready for dinner. What else can be said about dinner at the caf other than it is unlike any other food in the world. Skilled graduates of Apex Culinary School work morning, noon, and night in the never ending quest to create new specialties unparalleled in the civilized world. Have a problem? Need ketchup or a new knife? No problem. Just ask one of the several angelic supervisors for whatever you want. GYM

### Grandmas Cookies

The line can be out of the door, and the jostling MTA students are plentiful, but the cozy warmth and buttery chocolate aroma of Grandma's cookie store makes any hassle involved negligible. Tucked into a small space next to non-descript stores, Grandma's Cookie Jar is an integral part of Yeshiva life. Grandma's is popular because the cookies are always fresh and often hot. The bagels are methodically sliced and smeared with an ample amount of cream cheese, and the muffins are really muffins, not muffin-shaped cake mix.

The proprietors of this store are cheerful and unquestionably the most pleasant food vendors in the Yeshiva domain. While the weather is still warm, Alpen Zaver "Cookies and Cream" ice cream makes a perfect cap to a warm chocolate chocolate chip brownie, and of course Grandpa is always willing to serve this at the drop of a tongue. Grandma's serves an academic purpose also. The only way to genuinely prepare for a final exam is to stop off at Grandma's before heading up to F501. While the rest of one's class is frantically chanting information in chorus, it is very soothing to sink into a corner and dip into one's little white bag of fresh-baked delights.

### King David Pizza

The most notable change on the block, of course, is the King David Pizza store. One is struck by the changes immediately upon entering. Sure, it's the same, but it's also drastically different. The new red paneling and the cardboard posters depicting scenes of Israel, if not extremely aesthetically pleasing, at least demonstrates that the new ownership aims to please. Gone are the paper plates listing prices tacked above the counter. A new lighted plexiglass lists the new and improved menu above the counter, and, when sitting in the shop, one does, in fact, get the feeling of being in a restaurant in Tel-Aviv. Over the counter hang three bags of garlic, perhaps to ward off the spirits of bad management that have haunted the establishment all these years.

Students are mostly pleased with the change. "The selections and variety of food is much better than last year. You can order ten different kinds of pizza. Ten different kinds! What more could you want?!" exclaims YC senior Greg Dallas jubilantly.

Michael Rosenberg, a YC junior, says, "It's about time we had a place like that here."

### My Place

My Place is still around, and its owner, Honey Banin, is more than happy to talk about her establishment. "Come in," she says smiling brightly as she bustles about, "look at my clean kitchen." She is in the middle of preparing some Schwarma for the lunch rush that will soon come, but she's happy to talk while she works. She explains that the restaurant is open on Sundays from five to nine, and the rest of the week from eleven to midnight. However, from nine o'clock and on, only food from the grill is served. Asked about her prices, Honey states, "People walk in the door and think expensive, but that is not true. For \$3.95 they can order a Burger Deluxe, which comes with fries or rice, and choice of salad or soup. That's a full meal for \$3.95."

### Shallers Bookstore

The lights are out and the door is locked, but the sign on the door assures us that the store will definitely be open "about twelve o'clock." Stepping inside, one inhales the musty scent common to all bookstores. The small interior is not as crammed with books as one would expect, and you have to wonder just how much Shallers has in stock. David Gellman, YC junior, doesn't wonder at all. "They never have anything," he declares. Gabey Feder, YC senior, disagrees. "They usually have what you need," says Feder, "and what they don't have, they'll order."

### Y.U. Bookstore

by Dovvy Prince  
"Your Visa has been declined." "But I thought I had a lot of credit left on it; can you check it again?" "I'm sorry it's been declined again, would you like to pay in cash?" "Sure, I guess so. How much is it?" "250 dollars and sixty seven cents..." "Sir, sir. Oh damn! another one fainted; pull up the oxygen mask..."

This is only a short synopsis of the conversation, but the location has to be the Yeshiva Bookstore. Fortunately, not too many senior citizens are purchasing college textbooks, otherwise pacemaker adjustments would have to be made. Those who attended Public High School and paid less than forty

dollars for a year of book rental are really tenderfoots in the world of fifty-dollar textbooks. The insult of textbook costs becomes injurious when one might not even use a given book for more than four months. The Yeshiva branch of Barnes and Noble does their best to liven up the otherwise dismal occasion of book buying. There are pencils, pens, pads, protractors, and pointers prominently displayed. "Yeshiva" sweatshirts stir the students' pride-filled hearts and many paperback novels dare the busiest collegiates to buy a book one actually wants to read. The corner location of the bookstore allows everyone to find it easily, and the bookstore has indeed become a landmark on the campus of Yeshiva University. Morg.

### Gottesman Library

The Gottesman Library is generally considered the center of the YU campus. However, recently, there has been much debate over its major function. The traditionalists argue that its purpose is to enhance the students' education by giving him easy access to diverse literary works. Modern symbolists, on the other hand, would argue that it is representative of the modern YU student. Since it looks like an unorganized stack of books, it symbolizes the YU student's unorganized mental state, not to mention the result of trying to juggle secular and Judaic studies, extracurricular activities and other jobs. Both of these groups, however, are overshadowed by the YU socialists (not to be confused with the COMMIE). Their views can be best understood after reading the following advertisement in an underground YU newspaper:

"It's Wednesday night—do you need a date this Thursday night? Are you going to get stuck playing basketball in the YU gym again on Thursday night? Do you arrive at your Friday morning classes? If so, you obviously haven't visited the YU library recently. Forget about the thousands of books, the abundance of quiet places to study, an extremely complete and up-to-date Judaic collection, the friendly staff, the tough security (for your safety) and those buttons in the elevators which are so easy to press. Now the YU library is the official hangout for Modern Orthodox collegiates! Yes, we even attract girls from Barnard, Touro, and Queens. We have a reliable van service to and from Stern. So visit the YU library today! Take a stroll, check out the scene and check out a book too!"

Whatever the purpose, it is obvious that the library is the place to be at Yeshiva University.

### Ganchrow's Restaurant

The following conversation was overheard in the Rubin lobby between three freshmen:

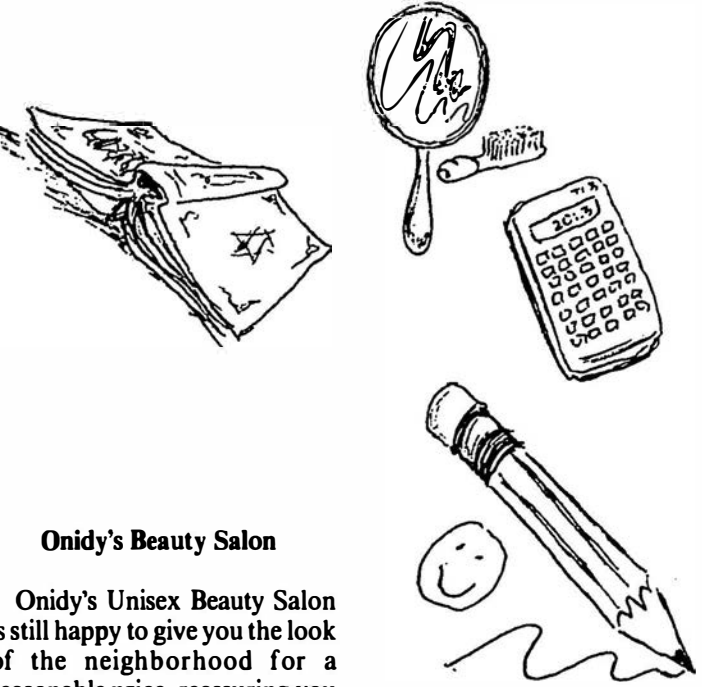
"Do you want to go to the caf or Ganchrow's?"

"No, I want to go to Our Family Table."

"What about the new meat place across the street, you know the old McDovid's?"

"Listen, if you guys can't make up your minds, I'm going to go to that take out place, get some chicken, and cook it in my toaster oven. Oops! You think Rabbi Cheifetz overheard me? We are standing only 50 feet from his door!"

Well, here is the surprise, they are all the same place! It is Ganchrow's Family Table, one of the alternatives to the caf. It's the one without the meal plan. Ideally located in between the Rubin dorm and Furst Hall, it is the obvious place to go for a quick dinner between the 5:00-6:15 and 6:30-7:45 time slots.



### Onidy's Beauty Salon

Onidy's Unisex Beauty Salon is still happy to give you the look of the neighborhood for a reasonable price, reassuring you that, for twelve dollars, you can be just as fashionable as all of the other city folk here in the miasma of San Juan North. Onidy's hours are from nine-thirty until six, though, "she" confided to the COMMENTATOR, schwarma is rarely open until then because business is not so good lately: go figure.

### Furst Hall

Three freshmen, Moshe Green, David Orange, and Christopher Blue, are students at Yeshiva University. In order to fix up their schedules, they must visit the following five offices in Furst Hall at least once on a Monday or Wednesday: Dean, Assistant Dean, Admissions, Registrar, and Student Finances.

Only two of the freshmen have classes in the 3:00-3:50 slot because the third was closed out of the English Comp he wanted. All three have classes from 5:00-6:15 and 6:30-7:45. They all have teachers whom they were told don't give A's. Each takes three Monday/Wednesday courses.

If a class is not closed, they must go to the Registrar first. You can't go to the Registrar a second time without going to Student Finances.

Moshe Green must go to Admissions if he goes to Student Finances because they lost the papers that say he goes to YU.

If a class is closed, you must go to a "Dean" figure.

If the Dean says "no", you can get a "yes" from the Assistant Dean on Wednesdays only.

If you decide to go to the Assistant Dean first, you will only get a "yes" on Mondays, but you can go back to the other Dean and get a "yes" only if at least one person is waiting for him after you.

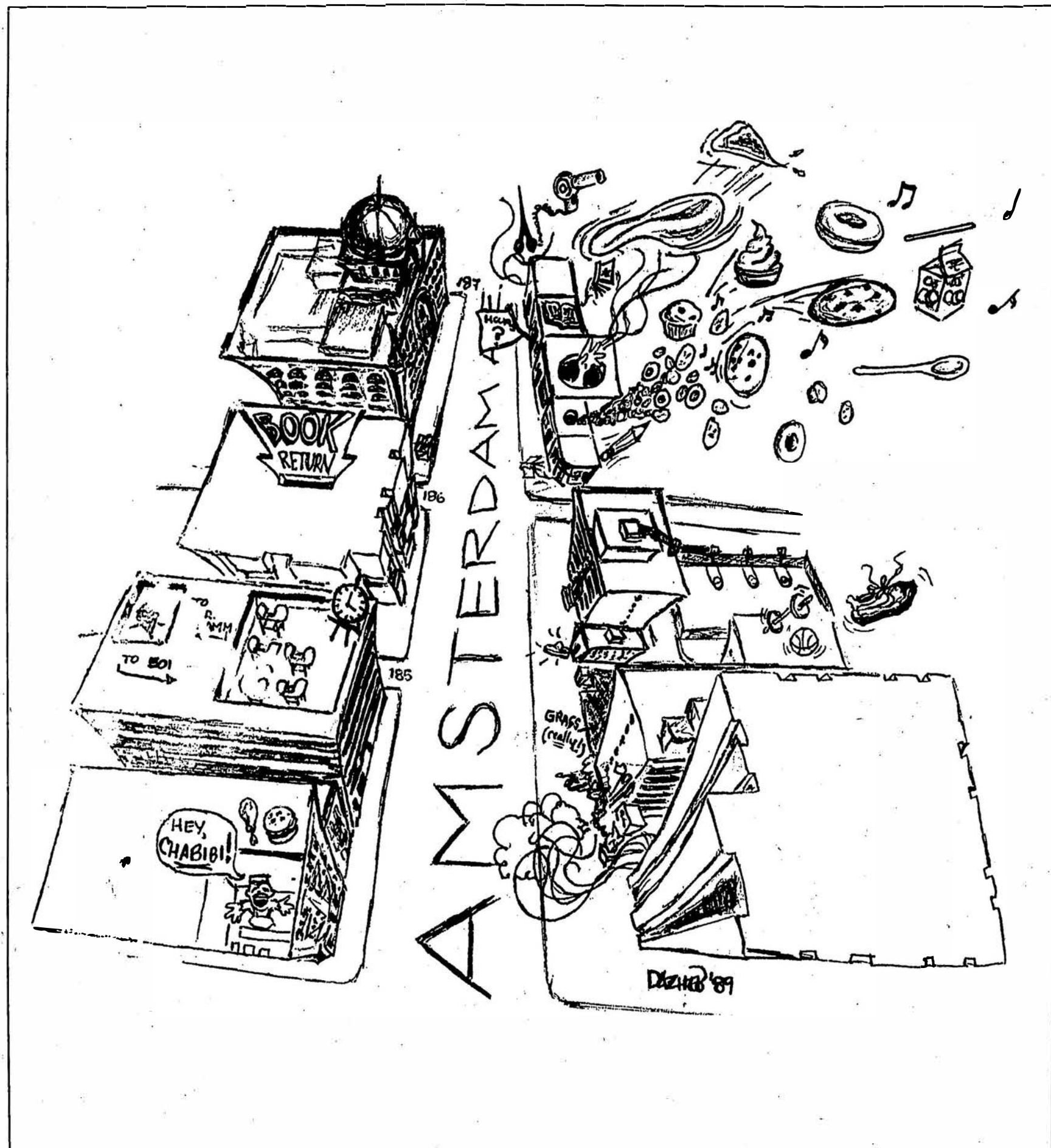
Each freshman has an inner drive that makes him go to class. Each appointment takes five minutes.

Each wait takes twenty minutes plus five minutes for every person before you.

It takes two and a half minutes to get from office to office or class to office. Try to diagram that!

### Pepe's Pizza

Picture this: It's registration day for freshmen. Everything is closed out, and people don't understand how Mr. Staff can teach all these classes in one day. Trying to fit Intermediate Hebrew in a normal time slot with a professor who gives A's is an impossibility. So, Professor Staff seems to be the only option you have. Thursday rolls around and the average freshman considers himself a YU veteran when he realizes that Staff is not the teacher's name. Anxiously waiting for the class to begin, he is startled when a short middle-aged man with a moustache, a white apron, and a baker's hat walks in the door. The student is immediately plagued with salutations and queries such as "Shalom Chabibi!", "Mah Shlomcha?", "Do you come from Costa Rica?", or "Gadol oh Katan?" Not knowing where to begin taking notes or what he'll be responsible for on the midterm, he starts to panic. But then, the mysterious Hebrew teacher walks in. This man was an imposter? What could he possibly want? The answer is that he wants you. No, he's not recruiting you for the army, he merely wants you to come to the best pizza parlor on his side of Amsterdam Avenue. He is Pepe, the man, the myth, the guy you order the pizza from. Since Pepe appears to be an amiable fellow, the obvious reaction would be, "It can't hurt to go and try a slice of pizza." It is a great place to go for pizza and falafel lovers alike. With many varieties of savory meals from pizza to pretzels, fries, and coke "gadols", it is one of the ideal places to eat lunch, have an afternoon snack or take a date. OK, it's a good place only if you've been going out for a while maybe. The food, however, is not all that you can look forward to in a visit to Pepe's, you can also enjoy the friendly and pleasant atmosphere that distinguishes this pizza parlor from others such as the one on 37th and Broadway. Just remember if you are ever in a mood for good pizza and falafel, or in a dire need for assistance on a Hebrew exam, just go to Pepe's.





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see a larger percentage of students participating in the Dining Club Plan.”

Dr. Nulman reveals an additional plan in conjunction with Yeshiva College Student Council to open an on-campus late-hour convenience store which would complement the current offerings of the Division of Food Services. In reference to the present meal plan, he hopes that “students are patient with something they’ve wanted for a very long time.” Although patience is a virtue, many students wonder whether its limitations have been exceeded.

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which other student organizations will be allotted office space.

Since the old Student Activities building, former home of the theater, WYUR and THE COMMENTATOR’s offices, was demolished last spring to make way for a parking garage, the delay in the opening of Schottenstein has left these student organizations in limbo. WYUR will be temporarily relocated to a room on the first floor of Belfer Hall next to the Security office.

Perhaps most affected by the delay is the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society. Dr. Anthony Beukas, Professor of Speech and Drama and Director of YCDS, explained that the delay in the theater’s opening will make it more difficult than usual to prepare this semester’s production as YCDS has been forced to do auditions and begin practice in quarters different from where the actual production will take place. “You have to go with the flow,” he said. “I can only hope that they’re going to have it [the theater] ready when they say they will. Everyone’s very nervous about it. Our 25th season should not be in temporary quarters.”

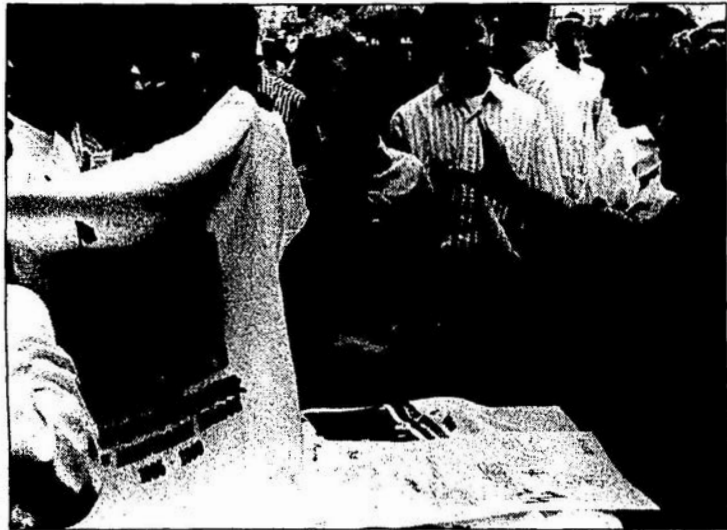
When asked why the University chose to demolish the old student headquarters before the Schottenstein center was completed, Dr. Nulman stated that

<b>CAFETERIA PRICE COMPARISON</b>			
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
<b>Filet of Sole</b>	\$3.00	\$1.95	54%
<b>Spaghetti &amp; Sauce</b>	\$2.40	\$1.75	37%
<b>Chicken Cacciatore</b>	\$4.50	\$3.75	20%
<b>Beef Strogonoff</b>	\$4.00	\$2.95	36%

the sorely needed additional parking spaces that will soon become available in place of the old student center is also a service for students. “You can’t perfectly predict the timing when dealing with construction,” he said.

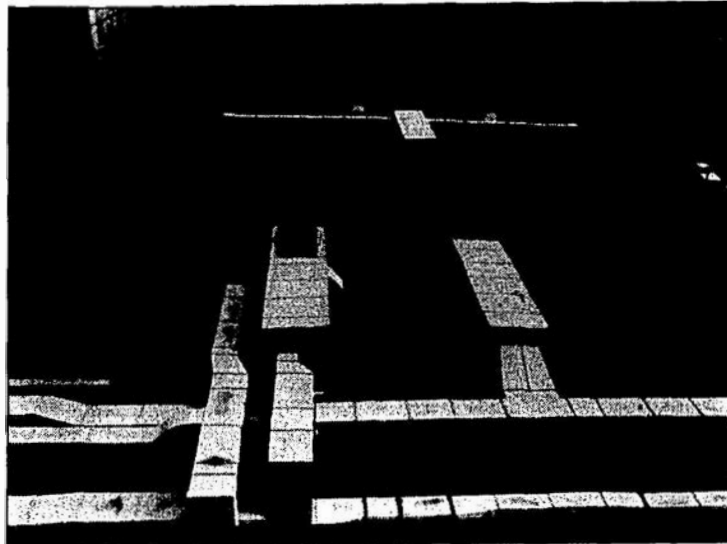
Delays of a different nature have impeded the development of the Benjamin Gottesman Pool. According to Mr. David

ground-breaking for the pool, expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$3 million, to occur very soon. “We’re not taking one dollar out of the budget of the University,” Mr. Zysman noted. “We take funding over and above the budget that is given by specific donors for projects they want to see done at the University. That’s the only way we’re able to do these projects.”

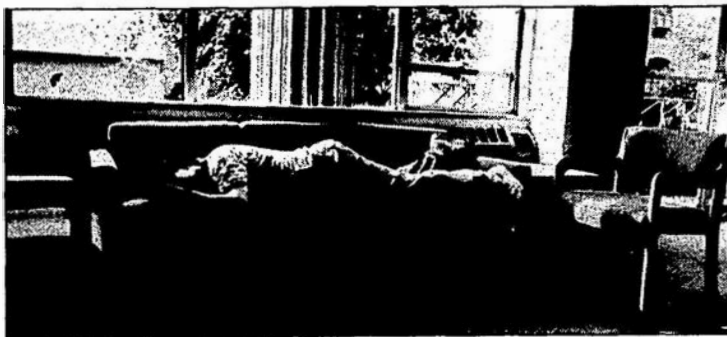


Dramatics Society promotes new theater.

Zysman, YU Vice President for Development, problems had occurred in the amount of funding for the pool due to the discrepancy between the first and final estimate of the pool’s cost. It was only a short time ago that additional funding was secured to cover this gap. Although he could not give an exact date, Mr. Zysman expects



No signs of change: a view of the pool.



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to produce to provide Jewish leadership for our people and for the rest of the world.

I have presented similar views in a paper I prepared for Dr. Lamm, which he praised and passed on to Rabbi Schachter for use in the work of the Tora U’Mada Commission. You will, therefore, understand my chagrin at Dayanim’s editorial, and my pleasure at the YU literature awards.

Lippman Bodoff (Talmudical Academy 1946; CCNY 1950; Yale Law School 1953; Retired as Assistant General Counsel of AT&T 1986)

# Ivan L. Tillem 1957-1989

by Leonard J. Gross

Ten years ago, on a cool autumn morning, I sat on the porch of my summer house waiting for a man to deliver our new succah. It was one of those windy but sunny crisp fall days that blew orange-brown leaves all around. The changing of seasons seemed to highlight the transition from the Days of Awe to the Succot holiday, bringing with it that feeling of renewed exhilaration for life.

A large van with bamboo sticking out of its back window pulled up in front of our house. The door opened and a skinny college kid stepped out. He had a serious looking face, yet one that bore a smile. I looked at him and wondered how he got all that bamboo and more into the van by himself. "Hi, my name is Yitz Tillem," he said, as his smile spread across his face. "This is the succah that you ordered." He proceeded to unload the pipes and bamboo off the van, and brought them into our backyard. My father and I helped him despite his insistence on doing it alone. Maybe things seem a lot bigger when you're thirteen, but I remember being surprised by the strength and determination of this young man to unload the whole succah by himself. When we were finally done carrying all of the bamboo poles and steel pipes out to the back, he showed us how to put it together.

"Next year," he said, "if you are not happy with this one, you could exchange it for a different size, or you can get the fiberglass kind instead." As he drove away I remember saying to my father: "Dad, that's a great deal.

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similar success and put a great amount of wealth at Ivan Tillem's disposal.

However, Mr. Tillem eschewed an extravagant lifestyle. According to Falene Nachomovitz, Mr. Tillem never took a salary. He had been living at the same apartment as while at Cardozo. He was also quite satisfied with his black and white TV and 10 year old Volvo. "Ivan had the attitude that Hashem had put him here for a purpose," says Ms. Nachomovitz, "and any money he made went into Tzedakah." Bonnie Beck, director of the Ivan L. Tillem Program for Special Services for the Jewish Elderly, put it this way: "Ivan Tillem was driven to make money, but to make money so that he could give it away."

In a 1988 article entitled "Ivan L. Tillem: 'Repaying the Debt'", part of the YU Office of Development's "Leader of the Week" series, Mr. Tillem explained his attitude towards Tzedakah. "G-d gave me a certain gift. I've been very fortunate," he said. "It's my responsibility to dispense with this gift in ways which will aid in *tikun haolam*, repairing the world and making it better." Ms. Nachomovitz notes that *tikun haolam* was a catch phrase with Mr. Tillem. "He believed that if one single part of the world were to fall away, then the world wouldn't be complete the way Hashem had created it," she says.

Maybe we should try the fiberglass one next year, the kind the Schreiber's have." He looked at me and expressed pessimistic sentiment on the likelihood of a company following through with that kind of offer. In other words, it seemed to good to be true.

Seven years later, a man with a used green Volvo gave me a ride home from the annual YU T'shuva Droshe. He introduced himself as Yitz Tillem. "Tillem, as in Sefer Tehillem" he said. He had not lost the serious look and warm smile. Before departing he gave me a copy of his latest Jewish Almanac, and told me he would be in touch about his latest business opportunities. Providence had determined that we would become very good friends.

As our friendship grew, I was quick to learn that other than

the fact that he was no longer selling succah's, not much had changed. In business he offered the unbelievable, in activism he spoke of the unimaginable.

"Ivan, how could you give me 15% risk free interest on my money when the banks are giving 7%?"

"Lenny, I believe in sharing what I have earned with others. G-d did not give me money to keep it, he gave it to me to give away."

If judged by the standards of the business world that envelops us today, Ivan's offers to his clients would warrant immediate skepticism. Simply put, too good to be true. But they were true, and that is why he was so unique. Never wanting his clients to lose money, he would structure investment opportunities that would guarantee them against any loss, a proposition

virtually unheard of in the business world.

Now I was sure that had we wanted, we really could have exchanged our succah for the fiberglass kind.

Ivan's humanitarian goals were also unbelievable. I would often wonder if both of his feet were firmly planted on the ground. Eventually I learned that they were, and with cement. One Sunday morning in late autumn, as we were bicycling around Central Park and tossing a football on an open grass field, Ivan explained to me his plans to solve the hunger problem in Ethiopia. Not only would he solve it in this Marxist country, but he would use Israeli technology and American political clout to make us all come out smelling like a rose. He mentioned the names of several senators and congressmen who were supporting his plan. At the time, his speech seemed almost incredulous. When we later stopped at his apartment he handed me a twelve inch stack which included the latest technology on the establishment of chicken coops in poor countries, and several other research reports on solving hunger problems. I remember being impressed once again by his determination, and resourcefulness; but to me it still seemed like he was dreaming. And perhaps they were dreams. But before he was killed, ardently pursuing these projects, they were very near completion.

Ivan Tillem, a Master Giver, was a dear friend and source of inspiration to all that knew him. In a short but comprehensive lifetime, Ivan succeeded at what

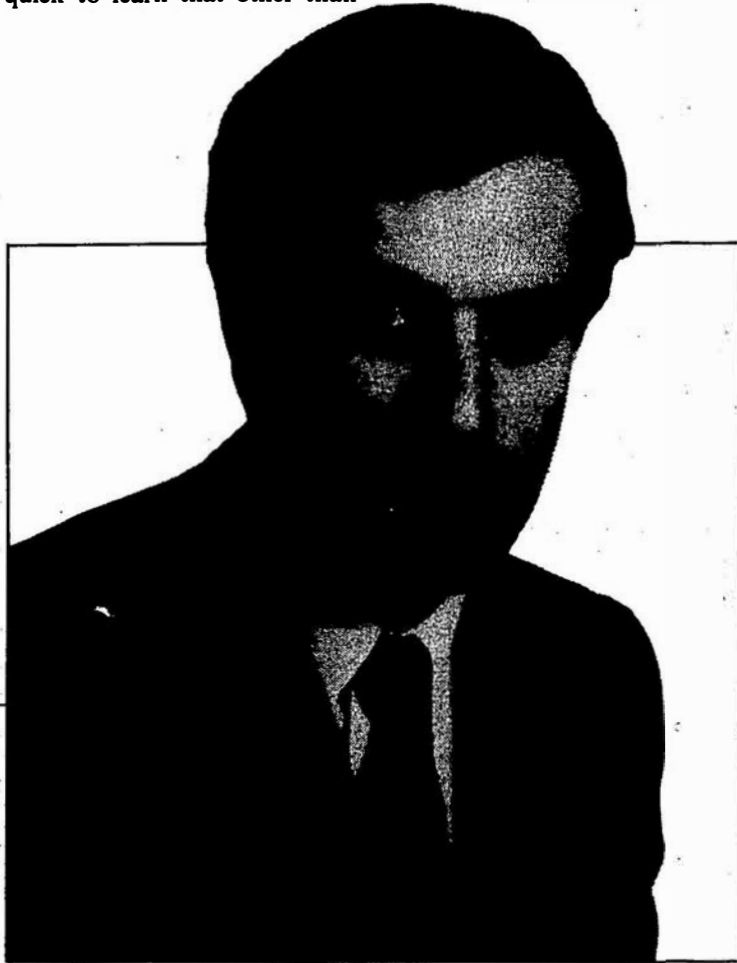
he believed was the *raison d'être* of man in this world: "tikun olam", repairing the world, "for the world can and should be different than it is."

Yitz used every G-d-given talent that he had to passionately fulfill his purpose. "I have only one life, and it is short enough. Why waste it on things that I don't want most? I don't want money or prosperity most. I want to be free". Yitz confided that the only reason he had founded his business was to finance his humanitarian concerns.

Had Ivan had that moment, he could have raised his ten fingers towards heaven and declared, as did the wealthy Tannaic scholar, Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, "L-rd of the Universe, it is revealed and known before You that I have toiled with all ten fingers in Torah, and yet, have not taken pleasure, even with one. May it be Thy will that I will be at peace in my rest."

Ivan declared in the preface to his third Jewish Almanac: "It is the responsibility of the Jew to fix what is broken, whenever crisis or need may confront him." This is what "made Ivan tick". I know because he told me, and he told the rest of the world by his very actions. If there is anything he would have wanted to leave with us, if there was anything at all he could have said before his last moment, it would have been this lesson, and he did. Ivan was taken from us in the midst of fulfilling this task. We will deeply miss his warmth, sensitivity, and uncommonly kindhearted ways.

Mr. Gross is a former Feature Editor.



The Ivan L. Tillem program for Special Services for the Jewish Elderly demonstrates Mr. Tillem's concern for *tikun haolam*. Originally known as project SAGES (Strengthening Another Generation through Education and Services), the Tillem Program enlists the aid of YU students in providing spiritual, educational, and social support for nearly a thousand elderly Jews in the New York area. Mr. Tillem became involved in 1987, when funding for Project SAGES was about to run out. During a meeting that summer, he agreed to make the Tillem Program part of a \$1.5 million gift to YU.

Bonnie Beck remembers that Mr. Tillem was "touched" by Project SAGES. "He said, I'm a young man and can get my name written in gold later," she recalls. "He had a real understanding of the importance of this program and its everyday needs."

Mr. Tillem was not content with just paying for the program. For instance, last May, Mr. Tillem participated in a "graduation" party for senior

citizens in Washington Heights. Mr. Tillem spoke to the gathering, then handed out diplomas. "He made a strong impression on the older people," recalls Maury Kelman, YC 87 and a Tillem Program volunteer. "He gave them a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment for having finished the course."

Mr. Tillem also hosted a party at his restaurant Cheers for Tillem Program volunteers. Here, he urged YU students to expand the program. "He wanted us to spread it to black and Italian neighborhoods," says Kelman. "I don't think he was just saying it...maybe if he was still living he would have followed up on it. At that time, he saw it as a seed which could grow."

Indeed, Ivan Tillem never restricted his efforts to only the Jewish community. For instance in 1988, Mr. Tillem developed a plan to rehabilitate the city's subway system. He proposed leasing out subway stations to corporations who, in exchange for advertising rights, would pay for repairs and modernization. He also formulated a proposal

to reconstruct 37,000 low-income housing units in the city.

Mr. Tillem took an active interest in politics. During the 1988 Presidential election campaign, he joined George Bush's "Team 100", a select group of \$100,000 contributors. He also hosted a fund-raising event at Cheers for Democratic candidate Al Gore.

But always, Mr. Tillem remained dedicated to helping his fellow Jews. A board member at NACOEJ (North American Conference on Ethiopian Jews), Mr. Tillem was especially concerned about the fate of thousands of Jews still stranded in Ethiopia. According to Ms. Nachomovitz, Mr. Tillem linked their inability to leave to the harsh economic conditions existing in Ethiopia. To create the beginnings of economic self-sufficiency in Ethiopia, he developed a plan for building agricultural cooperatives. "He believed if you could raise the tide, the boat would go along with it," explains Ms. Nachomovitz. During his latest mission to Ethiopia, Mr. Tillem and Congressman Leland hoped to meet with Ethiopian officials to discuss the plan's implementation.

Mr. Tillem continuously tried to involve others in *tikun haolam*. According to Ms. Nachomovitz, Mr. Tillem constructed his Almanac so that after reading up on an important issue,

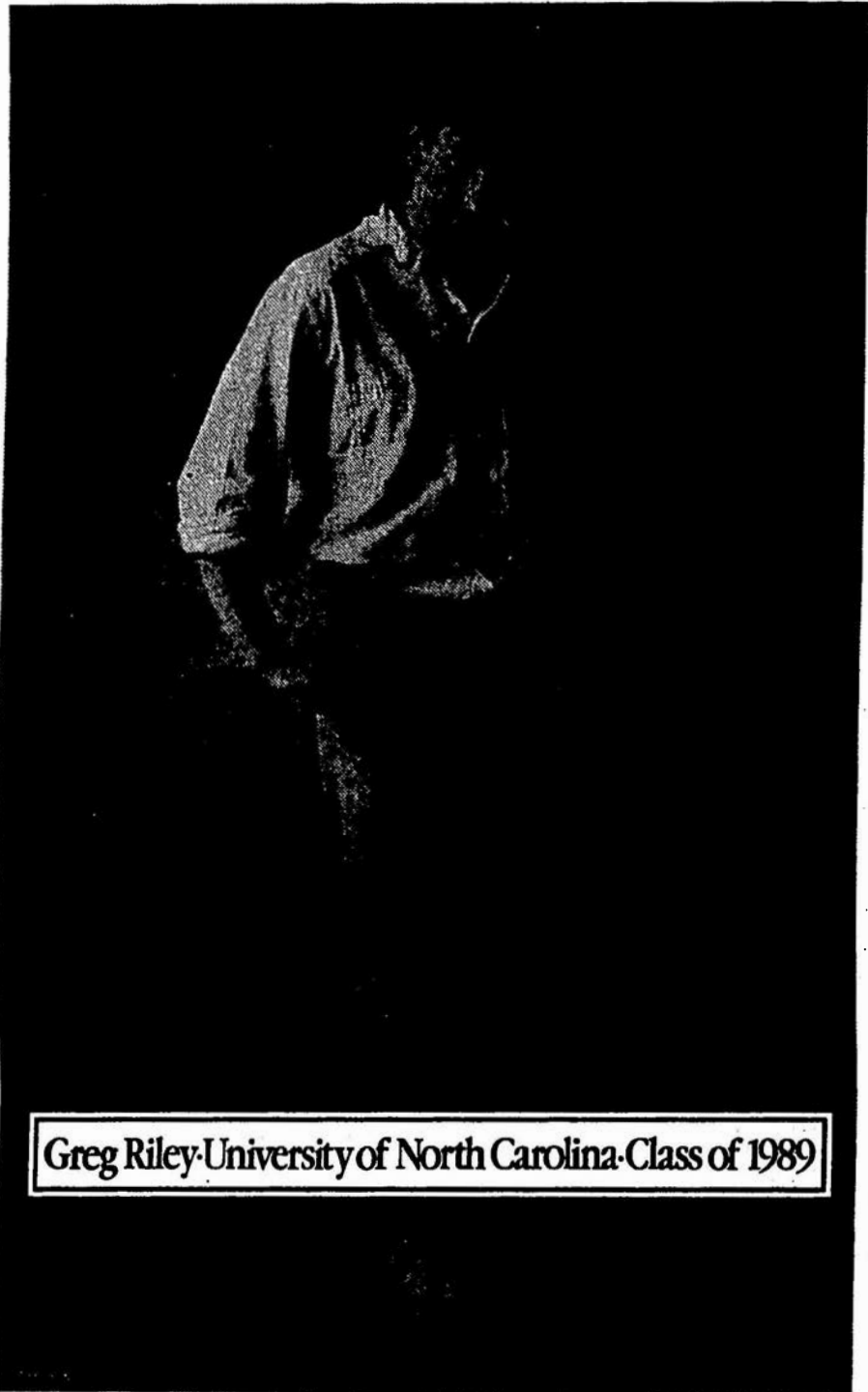
a person could turn to the directory and get more "tuned in". The trivia portions were only added to make the book appealing to less committed Jews.

At Stern, Mr. Tillem initiated a course entitled "Issue Analysis and Conflict Resolution." According to Dean Bacon, Mr. Tillem formed a special bond with his students. "He was a man looking for solutions and he valued his students help," she says. Mr. Tillem also established the Ivan L. Tillem Endowed Fund at Stern as part of his major gift to the University.

The death of Mr. Tillem shocked the YU community. "There's a real loss," explains Bonnie Beck. "He had a special soul." In an official statement, Dr. Lamm said, "The tragedy of his untimely death is deepened as we consider how much more he could have and wanted to accomplish." But Maury Kelman feels there may be a lesson from this tragedy. "Because he was a young man and could have accomplished a lot, we have to keep his dreams alive," says Kelman. Ms. Beck too hopes students will take Ivan Tillem's example and become more involved in *chesed* (kindness) programs. "He had a special thing to teach us," says Ms. Beck. "To go beyond ourselves and make this world a better place. He died living this ideal."



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## ZIONISM

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ning to make aliyah? How many of you think its a "purely personal issue" and are offended by my question? That's one advantage our grandparents had over us: back then it wasn't considered strange or illegitimate to agitate for a cause, to challenge people's self-contentment. Of those of you who do plan to move back home to Israel, how many of are actively encouraging others to think about doing so, putting Israel back on the map of Jewish collegiate brains?

Well, at least as this president sees it, its time to get our priorities back in order. Israel is priority number one. Yeshiva University, America's pre-eminent Jewish institution of higher learning, with (Baruch HaShem) more olim than any other university and the hash-kafah to match, should be the flag bearer and leader of Religious Zionism in the United States. In the coming months I and others will be doing much to try to revive this emphasis, at a time when Israel needs us more than ever.

## SHABBAT

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while inviting all to attend, realize that not all students may come. The turnout expected at the Sept. 22 weekend indicates that a sufficient number of people are interested in such a weekend.

Moshe Wertenteil of SOY would like to see Shabbat at YU become more than a place to be as a "last resort". He hopes to direct efforts in encouraging people who usually go elsewhere to stay at YU and make YU the "place to be" for Shabbat.

Barry Kaye, President of YCSC, and others, are aiming at those students who already stay at YU, a number that can range from below a hundred to over 400 people. They feel that once the programs are improved and implemented more people will stay without directing specific efforts toward that end.

Concerning observance of Shabbat in the dorms, which caused much uproar last year, Rabbi Cheifetz has pointed out that the incoming freshmen were informed of what was expected of them and that infraction of halacha could lead to eviction from the dorms. This warning was in addition to the rules and regulations handed out to every person residing in the dorms and clarified over the summer to avoid any misunderstanding that might arise.

Perhaps due to the commotion, much planning has gone into making Shabbat in the dorms a more meaningful experience and, as Dean Nulman stated, "was not an issue placed on the back burner."

show a united front to the outside world. We cannot criticize Israel through Washington because we may regret the consequences, no matter how pure the motive for our action may be.

# Perspective: Israel's Newest Lobby

by Andrew Goldsmith

Logic was at the heart of Ben-Gurion's decision to accept reparations from Germany. Israel needed the money for practical reasons, but there was more to the decision than simple economics. The holocaust was a fact that could not be changed, but life had to go on and Ben-Gurion was the danger in dwelling on such an awful catastrophe. He was prepared to believe that the Germans, and the rest of world, could be truly remorseful for what they had done, and that accepting this remorse would benefit Israel, not only materially but spiritually.

Menachem Began, on the other hand, considered the decision to accept reparations from Germany an act of lunacy. In a Knesset debate over the issue he said: "There are things in life that are worse than death. This is one of them... There will be no negotiations with Germany." His convictions were based on the idea that human nature had not changed since the war, that Germany was not genuinely sorry for what it had

done, and that in any case, no amount of remorse could erase its guilt. The Herut leader was prepared to threaten the very foundation of the democracy over this issue and he led an emotional march on the Knesset to stop the government from accepting them.

In time the emotion-charged issue was settled and Israel decided to accept reparations. Later that year, Began, on a trip abroad, was asked about Israel's newly adopted policy on this issue. He responded, much to the shock of the Israeli press core, as supporting the decision to accept reparations. Afterwards, the surprised Israelis asked Began how the sudden turn-around came about and Began responded that "When I am in Israel I can speak my opinion, but when I am outside the land, I speak what the government has decided."

Recently, liberal American Jews have formed a lobby whose purpose is to persuade Congress and the Bush Administration that Israel should negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nization and agree to the foundation of an independent Palestinian state. This new group, the Jewish Peace Lobby, will serve as an alternative to the already existing American Israel Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC. The new lobby suggests that one percent of economic aid to Israel, twelve million dollars, should be earmarked for the promotion of human rights and Israeli-Palestinian cooperation. The Jewish Peace lobby referred to AIPAC in a statement of policy, saying: "Up to now, a single lobbying organization has presented itself as speaking for the Jewish community. Their view of what is to be "Pro-Israel" is to give uncritical support for any actions of any Israeli government."

The possible consequences of the new lobby, whether intentional or not, could be devastating to Israeli-American relations. Besides splitting the power of any Jewish lobby, members of congress may now be emboldened to speak of their concern of Israeli treatment of Palestinians to the point that American

economic and military aid could be used as a "political lever" to force Israel to accept a Palestinian state.

The Palestinian problem is an emotion-charged issue without a simple or foreseeable solution and there are strong and valid arguments on all sides of this difficult dilemma that faces Israel today. The founders of the Jewish Peace Lobby have serious concerns for Israel and are without a doubt sincere in their belief that they are helping Israel. They fail to realize, however, the role the American Jew should and must play. Yes, we can be critical of the actions of the Israeli government, Yes, we can voice our concerns about Israel's policy, but we can only do so within our own community, no matter how important we feel the issue may be. Once we leave the confines of the community, we must show unbridled support towards Israel no matter how difficult we may find that, much in the way Menachem Began did over thirty years ago. As Began showed by example, we must

# The Lighter Look

by Jonathan Miskin

Briiiiing! Briiiiing! Hi kids! This is Artie and hey! thanks for calling! If this is Steve calling, I really loved your idea for "Reflections on Freud." Filling Sigmund's home with mirrors to symbolize reverse psychology is genius, pure genius! If this is Robby, you know that nothing could thrill me more than working with the great Robert Q. Zigelveitsietsy. I agree that the public is long overdue for a Biblical film. How about "Chariots of Fire" with Elijah and Elisha? Get back to me. Anyone else, I'm on lot C filming "Two Triangles for Tracy," or you can leave a message at the little beep and I'll ring you back just as soon as can. Toodles. Beeeeeep! Arthur, Rob. I've dug up the perfect script for our bib-flick. It's called "Cairo Joe" and it takes the traditional story about Joseph in Egypt and shifts it to a diner setting. We may want to make it a University cafeteria to attract the college crowd. Just read Oscar Purple's "Around and Under." The way he carries the theme of the preposition throughout the novel really excites me. Can we do something like that in this movie? Perhaps with food? I'll send a copy of the script over with Dora. Feel free to work in any changes. By the way, I saw a commercial for your New Zealand picture, "Where We Shear

the Sheep." Getting a lead with tightly curled hair smacks of Artie! Briiiiing! Briiiiing! Hello. You've reached the home of Robert Q. Zigelveitsietsy. Garber! Is that you?! My answer is still no! I will not produce "A Man Named Ralph!" It's pure drivel. I mean, listen to these lines: "Ralph: Hello, I am a man named Ralph. Bertha: Yes. I am a lady named Bertha. Ralph: I know that, you are my wife." Are you serious? My hatrack could write better dialogue. If this is Artie, you're right about starting with the food motif right from the opening dream sequence. We take Joseph's story about the twelve sheaves of wheat and victualize it into twelve bagels with your choice of spreads: tuna, egg salad, assorted cheeses, the best vegetable liver on the East Coast, and the ever popular peanut butter and jelly. We make Joey's brothers hate him because all they're dreaming is breakfast oatmeal and farina. Now here's where we get the kid into the grub biz his brothers sell him into slavery stocking vending machines. We do the same thing with the dreams of Pharoah's two servants. The one who served the greens at the salad bar dreams his 29 savory specialties including gazpacho and tabouli attack him and dance a mazurka on his spleen. The fellow at the deli counter which is open for

dinner Monday to Thursday featuring overstuffed sandwiches, dreams that the turkey and corned beef declare a holy war against the pastrami and salami. What do you think? Beeeeeep! Well, right off the bat, I think it's genius, pure genius. Now listen to me because I know a great idea when I hear one. Cut the dancing cow routine in Pharoah's dream; maybe we'll stick in a French fries number during the cold cuts battle and transform it into a fast food fest as well. In the first dream, seven 1/2 lb. hamburgers, fat and juicy come out of Amsterdam Avenue and are frolicking in the mall when seven quarter pounders come bounding down 185th street and devour them. In the second, seven fluffy sesame seed buns are swallowed by pieces of rye and pumpernickel. Stay with me because this allows for a brilliant interpretation by our hero. The Hebrew predicts seven years of plenty then seven years of famine. He is promoted to meal co-ordinator and as he pushes ridiculous schemes like Chinese night and New-wave express, he's filling the warehouses with baked ziti and potatoes risoli. Then, when the famine finally strikes, the neighborhood pizza places go under and Pharoah's cornered the University meal market. Anyhow, gotta run, I have an Elvis seance at two. Catch you later!

## The RASKAL'S BETTING CORNER

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*Though The Commentator does not espouse any forms of illegal gambling it has decided to add a new feature, a bettors corner. This will be a regular service for the reading public. The following list is a list of possible occurrences around Y.U. and the probability of them taking place.*

*The odds of over \$1000 being spent on add/drop fees this semester ..... 2 to 1*

*The odds of the Schottenstein Center opening in time for the fall play ..... 7 to 1*

*The odds of a person named Onidy owning Onidys ..... 25 to 1*

*The odds of a Morg resident dying using his sink when hit by a swinging door ... 500 to 1*

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## Yeshiva Sports

## PREVIEW

## FUTURE BLEAK FOR HOOPSTERS

by Shmuel Bulka

The basketball Macs are coming off their second consecutive winning season, but with the loss of two key starters, Yudi Teichman and Ayal Hod, a repeat performance is not likely. This time around a ten-win season would have to be considered a success for the relatively young team.

Only two starters remain from last year's team, but with Eric Davis and David Gottlieb, the squad certainly has the nucleus on which to build. Zvi Hember will anchor the middle of the Macs' defense and may even contribute offensively, but probably not enough to make us forget about Hod. Davis' back court partner is still up in the air, but look for Gregory Rhine to be there on opening night. Coach Johnny Halpert may go with a three guard offense, but if he goes with the regular two forward set, look for Avrum Aaron to get the start.

The Macs will have a couple of new faces to begin the year, including Los Angeles sensation Elisha Rothman. The Macs' main problem will not be at the guard position, where they are well-equipped. Coach Halpert, though, is strapped for size, and the lack of height will be felt on the boards, especially against the bigger teams. Even with the bleak picture, the Macs remain optimistic. "Just wait, people are going to be very surprised," said Hember. The Macs will have their opportunity to disprove the oddsmakers beginning with the Hunter Invitational Tournament on November 18.

## CAN GOLFERS AVOID SOPHOMORE JINX?

by David Maryles

It was an historical 1988-89

sports season at Yeshiva, as the newly formed Golf Team made its debut. Once just a dream, it became a reality. The team, coached by Yosef Mandelbaum, started slowly and struggled in its early matches. But, in their final match, the Yeshiva golfers regained their artful strokes and annihilated Wagner College. The margin of victory was an astounding 75 strokes. The team's final record of 2 wins against 5 defeats is not a true measurement of their capabilities. Anchored this season by the "Southern Foursome": captain Joey Loskove, Josh Thomas, Josh Light, and John Lasko, there is hope of improvement. As Loskove optimistically sizes up the team's chances, "Last year was a beginning year, this year we are established, we know the competition and the courses and we expect to be competitive." In addition, the team will be sporting a new look when they open the new season, as Yeshiva University has outfitted the players in full golfing attire and supplied them with much of their equipment. Moreover, four positions are still available — you must shoot roughly 90 or better for 18 holes to be reasonably considered. Those qualified are to contact Joey Loskove in Morg 302.

## A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

by David Maryles

With the conclusion of the 1988-89 season, the Yeshiva students had witnessed the most successful wrestling campaign in recent memory. The team's home matches were heavily attended as the Ellmen continued to generate excitement and support throughout the student body. The squad surprised many as they recorded five victories against only three defeats within their own confer-



David Gottlieb and Eric Davis lead Macs into new season.

ence [5-4 overall]. That which has been accomplished has not been lost upon the members of the team. Heavyweight Zev Turen was quoted as saying: "With the talent that exists on the squad, we are in position to string together a couple of winning seasons and establish a tradition for Yeshiva wrestling." Furthermore, as a result of the successes of last season, Yeshiva has earned the respect and fear of many of its competitors and is uniformly recognized as a tough and very game opponent.

This season's team is very capably led by captain David Edelcreek, the MVP of last year's Maccabee Wrestling Tournament. While a substantial portion of the 88-89 team has graduated and/or gone to Israel, Edelcreek remains highly optimistic: "We have a lot of new talent and quality returnees. I feel confident that we will be able to maintain the standards that were established last season." Only time will tell if he is correct.

## FIRST PLACE OR NOTHING

by David Maryles

"Last year we came very close to finishing in first place. This year we have most of our

frontline players returning and we expect to contend, once again, for the conference title."

Darrin Hirt, Co-Captain 1989-90 YU Tennis Team

Although they ultimately finished third overall (5-4), last season's tennis team gave the students of Yeshiva some excitement as they made their run for the title. This season, captained by Steven Siegel and Darrin Hirt, the team appears ready for another assault on the opposition. There are eight players with experience and this team should not wilt again in the heat of a championship bid. Coach Mickey Aboff has his players preparing for their season of great expectations, which, incidentally, does not begin until March 30, 1990, against Pratt University.

## FEELING UNWANTED

by David Maryles

While many teams enjoy the cozy environs of home, not every Yeshiva team is enthralled by their facilities. According to sources close to and with the team, many feel that the YU track team has had continuous and consistent difficulty in keeping pace with their competition, in part, due to substandard facilities. "Running on the indoor track is akin to running in your closet"; so many runners lament. This year's co-captain, Naphtali Levin, emphasizes this point: "The team's limited practice facilities put us at a disadvantage early in the season. Besides, running quickly through the streets of Washington Heights is not training but survival!" Hopefully, Coach Stanley Watson can help the Yeshiva runners in overcoming what they feel is a disadvantage and become a force to be reckoned within their conference.

## Fencing Gains In Popularity

by David Maryles

Surprisingly, fencing has become one of the more popular team sports at Yeshiva. While existing in relative obscurity and without much fanfare, this year's team has experienced abnormally high enrollment. Over 25 students have signed up for the team this year. Coach Arnold Messing and Assistant Coach Pete Rosas have a dilemma that wasn't in their wildest dreams as late as last season. For during the spring semester, membership on the team inexplicably dropped off and the coaches found the squad undermanned as they prepared for the NCAA Tournament. The Yeshiva representatives were quickly dismissed from the tournament. This season there should be no such shortages and many team members are confident that they will hang around the NCAA's a little longer this time.

## Volleyball Returns 3

by Stuuie Nussbaum

In only the second year of the team's existence, the YU volleyball Macs are looking forward to an extremely successful season. Last year, support for the team grew with every game and this year, the team is hoping for even more. Mr. Omar Vargas will once again be coaching the team and this year he has brought with him some new and exciting strategies for his squad.

Six enthusiastic members of last year's team are returning, including Adam Fishman (setter/hitter) who is sure to intimidate opponents with his powerful slam, Yehudah Lindenberg (setter/hitter) who will serve as captain of the team, and Dov Pinchot (outside hitter) who is sure to contribute with his bumps and digs.

The season will be twelve games long and YU will be up against some tough opponents, but the players feel confident about the season. The first game against Fordham University isn't until February, but tryouts have already begun. All students willing to play for the team are urged to try out and we hope to see everyone else cheering loudly at the games for the volleyball Macs.

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