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President Lamm and guests look on at unveiling of Schottenstein Center.

YU Dedicates Student Center

by Dov J. Pinchot

Last Tuesday, November 14, Yeshiva University celebrated the dedication of the Schottenstein Student Center. White gloved security guards directed limousines bearing YU Joint Boards members to the new student center, where they sipped wine and tasted hors d'oeuvres.

The dedication, held in the Florence and Sol Sherk Synagogue, began with a cantorial selection, sung by YU Professor and Cantor Joseph Malovany and the YU Choral Ensemble.

President Norman Lamm followed the selection with his dedicatory remarks and presentations to the gift-giving benefactors. The benefactors included Philip and Sarah Belz for the School of Jewish Music, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gampel for the Communications Center, Florence and Sol Sherk for the Synagogue, and the Schottenstein family for the Student Center and Theater.

Jerome Schottenstein explained why he presented the gift of a student center to YU. "I know Rabbi Lamm very well, and when I was told of the need for a student center I thought it was a great idea." Mr. Schottenstein explained that he was interested in all the activities to be housed in the Schottenstein Center. "There are a lot of students who can be orthodox and still have broad interests; this center will give them a chance to develop and express those interests." "The whole building has a warm feeling about it," explained Mr. Schottenstein, pointing to the long history of the building in the Washington Heights community; "There is a great elegance returning from the past."

The Schottensteins also dedicated their new theater, a theater in the round. Dramatics Society President Kenneth Rochlin commented, "the theater adds a new spark for YCDS, more so for the audience than for the actors. We've had

difficulty adapting to the smaller dressing rooms and smaller prop storage area. It will make our productions more informal."

The Belz School of Music will move from the Muss building to expansive and modern facilities in the new center. Philip Belz feels the new facilities "will have a tremendous effect; all the necessary equipment for a music school is here — soundproof rooms, pianos, fine teachers. They're all here to give the necessary knowledge and nusach for the holidays." But the center will not be limited to teaching prayer tunes, "we'll teach all the voices and instrumental, plus we have a torah repairing department."

Cantor Beer of the Belz School stressed the importance of the new equipment. "The facility will have all the up-to-the-minute equipment. The very best pianos, all the newest sound equipment. I think this will bring growth to the music department by attracting new students."

After the dedication ceremony, dinner was held in Weissberg Commons, with greetings delivered by the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees Ludwig Jesselson.

Harry A. Gampel, the namesake of the Communications Center, which is still facing construction delays, explained his reason for giving the gift to YU. "We wanted to extend our inheritance and are impressed with the goals of Yeshiva University."

Dr. Anthony Beukas, the advisor and director of the theater, was taken by the character of the benefactors. "All these people were so genuinely sweet and nice and humble — they don't realize what a wonderful thing they did for the College. The building represents a sense of dignity for the students. When I met the Schottensteins I told them, 'you didn't just donate a theater; you gave us an opportunity to work in dignity.'"

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YU Hosts Handicapped

by Joseph Wolf

HASC (Hebrew Academy for Special Children) counselors and campers renewed old friendships at a Yeshiva University Shabbaton held the weekend of November 3rd. The event, organized by Ira Kosowsky, head dorm counselor and a HASC staff member, and Moshe and Shmuel Kahn of HASC, was the first of its kind for the mentally handicapped on the YC campus. 50 counselors and 33 campers attended.

HASC, which maintains a workshop in Brooklyn and runs a summer camp in Parkville, NY, has recently become quite familiar to YU students. The organization began 18 years ago and for many years under 50% of the staff hailed from YU. Today YU students comprise approximately 80% of the staff. Mr. Kahn, director of the camp, attributes this growth to general increases in awareness and sensitivity throughout the entire YU community to the special needs of the mentally handicapped.

The ultimate success of the weekend was foreshadowed early Friday afternoon as counselors waited anxiously to greet their old campers and usher them to their rooms. The months that separated summer's end and the Shabbaton faded quickly as the staff easily resumed their former responsibilities. This overwhelming excitement explains Kosowsky's reasons for holding the event on campus. He wished not only to recreate the summer's experi-

ence for the staff and campers, but also to share the uniquely rewarding experience of working with the campers with all of YUs students.

The Shabbaton, called HASC's best ever by Mr. Kahn due to the involvement of all the YU Rebbeim and students, featured a special shiur by Rabbi Blau for all students during which time the campers enjoyed yet another night activity with veteran counselor, Avi Pech-

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Students dance with their former HASC campers.

Caf Attack Causes Resignation

By Daniel Oshinsky

A secretive anti-cafeteria organization helped renew student protests against the cafeteria last week, but also compelled Senior Joseph Hyman, Chairman of the Food Services Committee, to resign his post.

Hyman resigned after a satirical flyer on cafeteria prices appeared on dormitory bulletin boards and stairwells Sunday evening, November 10. A computer printout, the flyer asks in bold letters, "Hey Jo, how much was that salad?" "Jo" then answers, "Only \$9.95, but I also got a free one ounce drink!" The flyer ends, "Signed ROTEC, Rest Of The Eaters Club."

ROTEC's three organizers later approached the COMMENTATOR and agreed to be interviewed, but said they wished to keep their identities a secret for the time being.

ROTEC produced three other sarcastic portrayals of the caf last week, surreptitiously distributing the flyers around campus during the early morning hours.

In general, students showed support for ROTEC. They were

especially amused by the flyer which joked, "Why did the student cross the road? To get his chicken at HaBodegal!"

But Hyman, who says he has been dealing with student anger over cafeteria prices since the beginning of the year, called ROTEC's first flyer "The last straw."

"Criticism to my face I can take, but having my name up on the wall, that's not something I want to deal with. I want to deal with issues, not politics."

ROTEC claims its flyer was directed solely against the cafeteria, and that the name "Jo" was chosen arbitrarily. "Why would we waste time attacking a committee which is trying to do the something we are doing?" asked one ROTEC member. Another members said that before this incident, he did not even know who Jo Hyman was.

Although the ROTEC members apologized to Hyman, Hyman still termed the incident extremely aggravating. "Maybe it was arbitrary," he says, "but a lot of people didn't look at it that way."

Explaining the goal of ROTEC, one member states, "We want to show the cafeteria that students are willing to take action, and we want to show the students that they are able to take action." Members say they were particularly incensed when at a recent open forum on the cafeteria, administrators insisted there would be no lowering of cafeteria prices.

According to ROTEC, the flyers were meant not just to humor students, but to prevent the cafeteria from becoming a dead issue. "The COMMENTATOR has come out with numerous articles. Then there was a meeting just to say there was a meeting," explained one member. "But nothing's been done."

ROTEC members hope to meet with the cafeteria after the Thanksgiving break. "We want to be shown figures which justify their prices," they say, "and to see if something better can be done." To demonstrate the students' desire for change, ROTEC also plans to organize

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Student Dissonance

Much to the student's dismay, the status of the Food Services remains a neglected issue. Students are reacting to the cafeteria, even as the semester nears the Thanksgiving recess, with fervor reminiscent of early September.

The reason for these sentiments is clear-cut; Yeshiva College students have been abandoned in their quest for cafeteria changes not only by the University, but by the Student Council. The "complaint session" of almost a month ago resulted in nothing more than 45 minutes of aimless exchange.

Unlike the cafeteria prices, talk is cheap. Words must be transformed into action.

Since the beginning of the semester, students have been more than eager to actualize their ideas into reality. Indeed, The Rest of the Eaters Club and increased business at Habodega are salient indications of student opinion.

So, where is the progress? The students are still speaking out. The Student Council must pay heed to these three month old complaints, especially if the University continues to ignore them.

A suggestion for our student representatives: a meeting between students and the Student Council in order to gear student body input and recommendations toward decisive action.

The need to finalize this prolonged issue is imminent; its fate rests in the hands of a cohesive student body unit, leaders and laymen alike.

Uplifting Sabbaths

Although there is still room for improvement in the "Shobbos at Yeshiva" program, student leaders should be commended for a series of innovative Shabbatonim held this past month. The Shabbatonim ranged from community outreach programs to political forums and were sponsored by a variety of student organizations.

This past weekend's JSS-SOY Shabbaton was an important step towards breaking down barriers between the two schools, even if the Melaveh Malka and JSS vs. SOY basketball game were poorly attended. Equally important was the November 3 HASC Shabbaton where students had the opportunity to put their studies aside and reach out to the less fortunate.

Several YC-Stern mixers have helped break down other kinds of barriers, including this past weekend's Junior/Senior class Shabbaton, and last week's Freshman/Sophomore class shabbaton, both held at Stern.

Also noteworthy was the YCSC Zionist Shabbaton, held in Riverdale, NY which showed Zionism is still an important issue for YU students.

The effort put into these Shabbatonim should serve as a role model for improving normal Shabbat programs at YU.

Giving Thanks

With the onset of the Thanksgiving holiday, THE COMMENTATOR wishes to take this opportunity to offer thanks for the following: ...The strength of the State of Israel, her leaders, defenders, and citizens...record numbers of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union...The triumph of Democracy over Communism...the renewal of diplomatic relations between Israel and Ethiopia...the survival of the Bay Area...A.M. Rosenthal of The New York Times...Mayor Ed Koch for his years of service to New York City...Rabbi Avi Weiss...Elie Wiesel.

But closer to home, what would Thanksgiving be without offering thanks for: ...The Shottenstein Student Activities Center...Morgenstern Lounge and its newly added amenities...The Guide... Burns Security...YU Housekeeping...the Thanksgiving recess...the conclusion of midterms...YU van service...duplicate dorm room keys...our beds and our pillows...the Men's bathroom in the Stern lobby...the little things in life...just being able to offer thanks in yet another year.

To all undergraduate Students:

Please fill out student activity forms which can be obtained in the office of the Senior Vice President TH-106 or the office of the Dean of Students FH-416. These forms help in preparing letters of recommendation and distributing honors at graduation.

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**AMERICAN JEWS AND
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



by Dov J. Pinchot

The Administration of YU has taken great strides toward improving the University and fashioning it as a competitive college for the 90's and beyond. It has done so by attempting to offer the best in both Judaic and secular education, combined with a finer atmosphere, added and upgraded facilities, and better student services, such as guidance, placement, and general assistance. In these areas, improvement deserves mention, with the hope that it will continue both for the students sake and for the well-being of the University itself.

But one area lags far behind the others in the upgrading of YU. That area is the equal treatment of the Stern College student.

The uptown campus (YC/SSSB) maintains an expansive library, a million dollar gymnasium, a new student center, and the plans for building a swimming pool.

The Stern College campus, in contrast, maintains a far inferior library, no athletic facilities to speak of, and no student center. While there is no debate that the women's facilities are inferior, administrators can easily supply ample reasons why this is so.

There is a price to be paid for dorming and attending a college located in central Manhattan. This price is paid in facilities. The trade off: location for facilities.

This all seems reasonable, provided the rationale of the administration is authentic and genuine. But the womens' case does not end with their inherent trade-off. A lack of on-campus facilities cannot proscribe a forfeiture of student activities; activities present on practically every college campus in the country.

Alternatives must be found for the women of YU, and this is the direct responsibility of the administration. These alternatives must be palatable and reasonable—such as expediting access to the uptown facilities. With easier access, Stern women can study with the same resources as their male counterparts,

reaping the rewards which only a well-stocked library can provide. The rigorous YU schedule requires an expansive, quiet place to study; only the YU library provides this.

But to provide services for Stern College, the women must be viewed as equal players in the YU educational and extracurricular experience. And this is not the case.

The most obvious answer to many of the above mentioned problems is to let the women use more of our facilities uptown. However, some have adamantly objected to any increase in the population of women on the uptown campus. Such was the case when the shuttle service was reduced two years ago at the behest of the rebbeim. They reasoned that an increase would upset the yeshiva-like atmosphere so essential to a successful Yeshiva Program.

The double standard applied to the separate campuses smacks to me of chauvinism, and the consequences of the rabbi's edict ignores the equal rights of the women at YU. No objections are raised to the men descending on the Stern campus and potentially disturbing their atmosphere; indeed, this was proposed as a preferable alternative for lectures and social events.

Some apparently feel that the distraction of a potentially small number of women on the campus would be too much for the serious minded yeshiva student to bear. Such is their faith in the will power of our student body. Similar, although far more intense objections were raised to the proposed locating of the Wurzweller School of Social Work on the uptown campus. The effect has been non-existent.

Inequality cannot be tolerated in a modern University. Yet, such a situation exists here in our very own. Much more needs to be done to improve the YU experience for the women of Stern College. A first step is to expedite their journey from campus to campus and allow them greater access to our facilities. Until this takes place, YU will remain mired in a very dark age indeed.

A Call for Culinary Justice

To the Editor:

Although there have been many articles and editorials complaining about the food situation at YU, we, the founders of ROTEC (The Rest of the Eaters Club), have decided to do something about the current situation. We feel that there is no excuse for people to take this lying down, and some type of negative response should be shown by the students. Many are complaining, yet they still continue to eat in our wonderful cafeteria. We feel that it is about time that the students put their money where their mouths are and stand up for their rights for fair prices.

Did you ever wonder why it

costs 25 cents for a piece of bread? Do you realize that a loaf would be approximately \$6!?! The kitchen says that there are labor costs which come into effect, but what labor is there on a piece of bread? How about them apples? If Associated sold apples for 50 cents a piece instead of 59 cents a pound, they would be out of business! Representatives of the YU Cafeteria responded by saying that the labor involved with apples is placing them in the refrigerator.

In the entree department, fish sticks are way overpriced at a modest \$3 a piece. We found Kosherific fish sticks (6 in a box) selling for \$4.49 for the ENTIRE

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Raskal Response

To the Editor:

I wholeheartedly request that the fine, intelligent, colorful, witty, creative, incisive, irreverent (except in the case of Rav Aharon Soloveitchik) Raskal's Corner be given a more prominent, central position in your newspaper. Many a rainy evening has been brightened with fond recollections of Raskal's words of wisdom. He has immeasurably lessened my existential despair.

Henry Kronengold
YC '90

Raskal Bashing

by Paul Rolnick

To the Editor:

This letter to the editor is in response to the Raskal's corner article in the November 9th edition of The Commentator. I think my feelings constitute the general feelings of the "New Yorkers" who may I remind you, constitute 66% of the YC student body.

The inclusion of this article was an obvious error. It has no place in the school newspaper. The article doesn't contribute anything to the paper and to the student body, but rather contributes to the continued disunity of the YC student body. Besides being very antagonistic towards New Yorkers, the article reveals both the immaturity and feelings of inferiority to New Yorkers, that the author of the article and the rest of the ROTCC (rest of the country club) possesses. The presence of such trash in The Commentator merely reflects the downward direction in which The Commentator is heading.

If the author of the article has such antagonism towards New York and New Jersey ("New Yorkers"), then isn't it hypocritical that it is a known fact that he is engaged to a "New Yorker" and plans to live in "New York" after graduating Y.U. Maybe this is because the author realizes that there is no life worth living in the rest of the country. I'd like to also add that the author didn't have to come to school in New York from St. Louis. Why didn't he go to a fine university in St. Louis called Washington University. Maybe because there is no Jewish life on campus there, yet alone a religious one. Maybe there is no Torah U'Mada university in St. Louis, so the author decided to come to college in New York which says it all. New York's inferiority can be clearly seen over the rest of the country in that New York possesses a Torah U'Mada university such as Y.U. because of New York and New

In Appreciation

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Administration, Staff, Faculty and students of Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women for the many letters and cards sent to us on the passing of Mrs. Henrietta Feeney. Mrs. Feeney was with Yeshiva University's Office of the Registrar for over 29 years.

The overwhelming response to the memorial in her name made us realize even more the love and respect she held in the hearts of all. We are deeply grateful.

Judith Osullivan, daughter
Martin Feeney, son
Florence Miller, sister

The Lost Voice

To the Editor:

Last November our Country elected a new President. This November here in New York City we elected our first black Mayor. True, these new administrations have brought new ideas and goals. However, the one underlining point is, we the people of this nation did not lose our voice, and freedom of expression. Yet, it seems that The Commentator does not really share in this view. Last year The Commentator Board elected a new Editor. However, in the last issue of The Commentator we saw our Editor's voice disappear. To many, the Editor represents the lone literary voice of our student body.

Yeshiva College's student body has always lacked the needed leadership to raise the level of the student. Therefore we rely on the Editor of The Commentator to bring forth issues which effect our unique college. Maybe our Editor feels that he must turn back on the success of that last Editor (Behnam Dayanim) who did arouse the student voice at this college. I am not saying I totally agree with what Behnam wrote, however he continuously strived to present issues which many administrators, and students felt were taboos and therefore afraid to tackle.

This was written not to deface the Editor directly, more so The Commentator's Board, and our Student Government. Which seems to have taken an early hibernation. Many promises were made last May to strengthen our students voice. Yet I must disagree with the path our student leaders have pursued. To the Editor, I know that you have tried to write articles concerning our students; but those past articles dealt more with religiosity. Since we already have the Hamevaser, maybe you can concern yourself with more liberal issues in our college life.

Ari Schertz
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CAMPUS NEWS

Accounting Job Hunt Season Winds Down

by Ari Listowsky

Midterm week is a crucial period for all YU students, but for 34 senior accounting majors, future careers may rest on their performance in this short interval. At both the uptown and midtown centers, seniors are enduring pressure-filled interviews with some of the largest and best known accounting firms in New York.

The interviews started the second week after the Succot vacation and ran through Monday the twentieth of October. During this time 25 major accounting firms sent interviewers to the Yeshiva College and Stern campuses. Most of them were attracted by the excellent reputation of SSSB and the full working day put in by YU students.

The interviews were arranged by the Business school based on the students choice of firms.

Besides arranging interviews, the school, Dean Jascal, and the accounting society take steps to prepare the students for the interview. They invite guest lecturers and stage mock interviews. But as Jerry Morgenstern, Speaker Series Chairman, put it: "We do our best, but once you're in the interviewer's office it's up to you."

According to accounting majors, the actual interview is usually tense, although in one case the interviewer almost dozed off (obviously not a good sign). Every applicant is nervous; some more than others. A misplaced word or a blunder of

any kind can mean the loss of a job.

Most interviewers ask standard questions: "Why accounting?", "Where do you plan to be in five years?", "Why did you spend a year in Israel?"

Dovid Weinstein, treasurer of the accounting society and by now a seasoned applicant, dreads most the open ended "tell me about yourself" question, especially when followed by an icy stare. "In general," Dovid adds, "you just hope that the interviewer talks about the firm and you only have to answer a few of his questions".

Senior accounting majors go through an average of 12 interviews. These usually include interviews by the "big six" firms.

The accounting society helps get students acquainted with the firms and with the interviewers by setting up informal contacts, such as meetings with the same individuals who will be deciding their fate.

If the interview goes well, students receive a second letter termed a "callback." According to Jerry Glazer, president of the accounting society, the scheduling of this second interview, "is usually an indication that you got the job."

Applicants may in fact receive a few "callbacks" and in the past YU has had a 100% placement record for accountants. Having completed the interviewing process, the 34 senior accounting majors are now hoping this impressive record will continue.

Lamm Gives Bi-Weekly Shiur

by Moshe Katz

Rabbi Norman Lamm, president and Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University, has begun to give shiur to selected students in the RIETS program. The first shiur was held on October 23. Rabbi Lamm will continue giving this shiur in Gittin on Monday mornings twice a month.

Although Rabbi Lamm has given many lectures and drashot in the past, students have expressed the desire to interact with their Rosh Yeshiva in an intimate classroom setting. Similar to two years ago, when Rabbi Lamm taught a shiur in Psachim, he once again has found time in his busy schedule to become closer with his talmidim.

The shiur was initially offered only to students of Rabbi Rosensweigs shiur and several other students designated by the RIETS office. Rabbi Charlop, dean of RIETS, explained that, "Rabbi Lamm wanted a solid base of Talmidim who would attend regularly".

One MYP student commented that "he was upset that the shiur was not offered to everyone".

Because many students expressed interest in the shiur, Rabbi Charlop stated he will allow entrance to all qualified students. Anyone interested should contact the RIETS office.

One Talmid in the shiur, expressed, "I am pleased to see Rabbi Lamm taking a more active role as Rosh Yeshiva and wish to develop a closer relationship with him."

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HaBodega: Drawing the Hungry

by Hayyim Angel

After high hopes for the caf's new meal plan, disillusioned students are now taking advantage of alternative food sources. An increasing number of students are flocking to HaBodega and its next door affiliate, The Family Table.

HaBodega is an attractive alternative indeed. A cross between a kosher delicatessen and a local grocery store, HaBodega provides students with the chance to purchase food for all three meals while waiting on the same line. The lines are also considerably shorter than those found at the caf.

Located in the heart of the YU eating district, HaBodega is open from 9:00 in the morning until 9:00 at night, giving students the convenience of buying food when they have time.

However, HaBodega's main attraction is its low prices. A large deli sandwich on hero bread is only \$3.50, compared to \$4.50 for a smaller sandwich on white bread at the caf.

Students Make Friends On Frosh Weekend

by Josh Steiner

Every available position was filled for the Freshman-Sophomore Shabbaton on the weekend of November 10-12. A friendly atmosphere pervaded the entire Shabbaton as those present met, conversed, and shared ideas with their fellow students.

Following dinner and a Dvar Torah by SCW Sophomore Class President Laura Gordimer, a discussion was held on ethical dilemmas in which topics were presented by the participants and a number were discussed and debated upon. Many of the topics were quite practical and pertained to everyday life at YU. This was followed by an Oneg Shabbat.

Upon the conclusion of the davening on Shabbat morning, in which nearly everybody participated, the men were given the opportunity to journey to the other side of the mechitzah and

HaBodega also offers a far greater selection of deli meats. Salads go for under \$2.00 a pound at HaBodega. The caf might list salad for only 20 cents an ounce, but this converts to \$3.20 a pound. Again, the caf's price finishes second.

Chicken made THE COMMENTATOR's survey as one of those foods whose price escalated most in the caf since last year (it now costs \$4.25 for one piece at the caf). HaBodega charges approximately \$2.00 for a plain roasted piece (the price is by the pound), or \$3.89 for a quarter of a barbecued chicken with fries. At the caf, you pay 80¢ extra for the fries, unless there is a "special."

The owner of HaBodega, Mr. Jake Ganchrow, is very pleased with the success of his establishment. "I always felt that there were enough students at YU who could choose where they want to eat," he said.

One might wonder how the caf competes with all HaBodega has to offer. Yossi Banayan, a

Freshman, explains the caf's drawing power this way: "The real reason I eat in the caf is because I'm broke and all I have is my meal plan card." David Kardon goes to the caf just enough so that he may use up the credit on his meal card, but otherwise is a regular at HaBodega. "I do like the vegetarian scallops at the caf," he admitted.

In addition to the people who have already committed their money to the caf's meal plan system, other students may choose the caf over HaBodega for its ambiance. The caf does offer spacious seating and the colorful neon lights.

In spite of these advantages, even card holders are joining the ranks of regulars at HaBodega. Avrum Aaron, a Junior with a meal card commented: "If HaBodega had a meal plan, I would be on it."

Explaining HaBodega's success, Mr. Irwin Raskin, the manager of HaBodega, smiled and said "My personal thanks to the cafeteria."

take part in a discussion on the pros and cons of aliyah headed by SCW guidance counselor Dr. Ellen Singer. Dr. Singer surprisingly spent much of the time discussing reasons for not making aliyah. It seems that she was trying to instill in her audience a desire to try to work harder if their plans for the future included making aliyah.

After lunch and a D'var Torah by YC Sophomore Class President Joel Tennenberg, over seventy-five percent of the Shabbaton's participants went to NYU Medical Center to perform the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim. Some who went to the pediatric floor were fortunate enough to visit with two Israeli children who had just been through serious operations. The children were doing extremely well and the families were in good spirits and were happy to see everyone. An anonymous YC freshman said, "I really

enjoyed making them happy and it gave everyone a chance to practice their hebrew."

YC Sophomore Class President Joel Tennenberg, who helped to plan the shabbaton, reflected favorably upon it. "The Shabbaton gave new students an opportunity to meet their classmates at Stern in a relaxed atmosphere," Tennenberg said.

Most of the participants expressed a great deal of satisfaction with the weekend. YC Freshman Class President Jeff Stier shared this opinion. Stier said that "Everyone had a positive attitude about the weekend and called the weekend a great success".

Tennenberg and Stier both remarked that planning has already begun for the Freshman-Sophomore Shabbaton that will take place in February. Stier said, "watch out for it to be a tremendous success."

The New Double Dean: A Look at JSS/IBC Dean Don Well

by Joseph L. Hyman

Ending a long and intensive search, Rabbi Dr. Don Well was recently hired as Associate Dean of both the JSS and IBC programs. Rabbi Well began orienting himself to the new position over the summer.

Rabbi Well, who is married with seven children, was born in Israel but educated in the United States. He earned his B.A. from Roosevelt University (where he was valedictorian of his class) and obtained Smicha from the Hebrew Theological College. Rabbi Well studied for doctorates in Educational Administration and in Psychology at the University of Chicago.

Rabbi Well went on to teach at the University of Chicago and Tel Aviv University. While in Israel, he was the senior research psychologist at the National Institute for Research in Behavioral Science in Jerusalem. Rabbi Well, who served in the IDF, was a consultant to the Israeli government in education for designing the comprehensive high schools and also trained the first group of principals for these schools.

Back in America, Rabbi Well, a noted author and lecturer, founded a Kollel in Chicago and founded and directed a Jewish Studies program (similar to a JSS program for high school students). Most recently, Rabbi Well served as president of HTC from 1981-1989.

This interview is intended to help the student better understand Rabbi Well's position on the many issues concerning JSS and IBC, and the implications of both programs being run by a single administrator.

Q: In recent years, there has been speculation that JSS and IBC would merge. Now that the offices have merged and the administration has been streamlined, that speculation has been

fueled further. Combined with the fact that the IBC student body is dwindling, do you foresee a complete merger between the two?

A: No, I don't believe it could happen; they are far too different in their objectives and in their clientele which each appeals to. There would be no merger per se. Certain courses would be offered to students in both programs. Naturally, there are areas of overlap just as there are between IBC and YP (the latter also has courses in Hebrew, Jewish history, and Bible for example).



Rabbi Don Well.

Q: Do you feel that students who attended day schools belong in JSS?

A: I imagined that all the students had no (Jewish studies) background whatsoever. When I came here, I realized that there are those students from Jewish day schools who do need a JSS program. In the past, the Talmud Torahs were very intensive, which exceed by far today's high schools.

Q: There has been some feeling among JSS students that they are being ostracized by the Yeshiva Program. Do you have any thoughts on this?

A: I wasn't aware of it, only

of the good reputation of JSS that effectively accelerated students' learning. If there is any feeling on campus that JSS is anything other than an effective Torah socializing program, it's unfortunate. The truth is that JSS carries a heavy load with coursework and exams. There is no question the average JSS students carry an equally heavy load.

I am only beginning to get a sense of possible negative perception of JSS in some corners of YU. My guess is that, over the years, certain Yeshiva tracts enjoy an ascendancy over a

period of time. The next cycle may bring a change. It may be today that the pure Gemarah program is more in fashion in the yeshiva world in general. But people whose total involvement is in that program must realize that this yeshiva must offer a respectable place for young men who discover their Jewish identity at a later point in life, or whose earlier Jewish education was deficient. The same holds true for IBC. There is a need for YU to service students who are seeking a broad advanced Jewish education in Gemarah as well as in other areas such as Nach, Jewish history, and Jew-

ish philosophy. Their coursework is equally demanding and the quality of the IBC student body seems to me to be on a par with the quality of the student body in other programs.

Q: One problem in particular has been the Shabbos programs in Yeshiva. There have been many students who are uncomfortable with the more "yeshivish" Beis Medrash minyan. Finally, last year, a JSS minyan was established for Shabbos.

A: This directly parallels the problem of curriculum. When a boy is prepared by JSS and is ready to transfer to YP, we encourage him; in fact, it is the ultimate rationale of the JSS program. But by the same token, JSS should conduct its own Tefilah on Shabbos and as students become expert in the davening and comfortable with a yeshivish minyan, by all means they should attend davening in the Beis Medrash.

I think one of the things people have to realize is that due to its academic nature, YU sponsors classes during the week only, and more often than not only during four days of the week. Therefore, students are left with a full weekend which is unstructured. Unless JSS/IBC can offer weekend activities such as Shabbatonim, Ongei Shabbat, as well as a minyan, we are essentially ignoring the needs of our students for 3/7 of the days of the week (43% of their time with us). In terms of their Jewish development that includes the most potent day of the week, that is Shabbos.

It seems to me that Shabbos and the weekend should belong to all segments of the student body, and that would include the Beis Medrash itself and all the davening and learning that takes place there.

Clarion Evolves To Monthly

by Jacob Licht

The Clarion, the official journal of the J.P. Dunner Political Science Society, has changed the nature of its publication. Whereas the Clarion used to be an expensive, high-gloss publication that would appear at the end of each school year, it is now simple in appearance and is published on a monthly basis. The editorial staff includes students from both Yeshiva and Stern Colleges.

The decision to change the Clarion's format was made by the students who are now in charge of it. Benyamin Kaminetzky, the Clarion's publisher and research director, said that one reason for the change was that a yearly issue could not properly cover current events. The new Clarion provides timely news analysis and covers a wide range of subjects.

The Clarion serves to familiarize Yeshiva students with a wide array of world political events. The recent issue included diverse articles that dealt with subjects such as racism, Communism, and environmental issues. Mr. Kaminetzky feels that it is particularly important to cover issues that students might not otherwise be aware of. Since many students on our campus tend to be primarily aware of issues pertaining to Israel, Mr. Kaminetzky maintains that it is important "to spark interest beyond Israel."

The Clarion had originally hoped to publish bi-monthly, but because of financial constraints, it will appear on a monthly basis instead. Moshe Zwebner, a member of the Clarion business staff, said that the new format's cost "barely exceeds" the cost of the yearly publication that used to be produced.

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Social "Guide" Arrives On Campus

by Daniel Barenholz

The Guide to the Perplexed, '89-'90, made its debut this past Wednesday, the 15th of November. Despite being delayed at the printer for nearly five weeks, this year's Guide appeared nearly two weeks earlier than last year's. Many attributed its early realization to the hard work of the editors, David Borowich and Jeremy Wieder, along with Heather Ruttner of Stern.

To facilitate the quicker processing of the data that makes up The Guide, YC computer major, Jeremy Wieder designed a customized program for The Guide. He also arranged for much of the data to be transferred directly from the Dorm offices computer. According to Wieder, these measures cut

down dramatically on the time needed to complete The Guide.

Wieder did admit that there was time lost in transferring files from the old system to the new one, but said that in future years, The Guide should be more easily complete.

There are several new features to The Guide, including a color cover, and information such as WYUR's broadcasting schedule. Some students have expressed the opinion however, that The Guide is not enough. They say there should be a pre-Guide listing so student would not have to wait the months for important phone numbers. This idea has been suggested before, especially by those running for YCSC office, but has never been implemented.

Eased Oppression and Heightened Repression

Glasnost Curtain

by Dovvy Prince

"Everything that is unattainable for us now will one day be near and clear; but we must work; we must help with all our force those who seek for truth."
-Trophimof from "The Cherry Orchard"
by Anton Chekhov

The titles at the top of the page read, "Report, Record of Proceedings, Record of Evidence." A nervous college student sat fretting while the customs official filled out her report. Even though he couldn't see what she was writing about him, he felt shaky and feverish just thinking about what was going on. He was being interrogated for smuggling contraband into the Soviet Union. Later he would recall, "She took me into a separate room and I was basically sitting there in a chair with a desk to the left of me and a big bookcase to the right of me...I was really scared...I was extremely terrified." After an hour, the student was allowed into Russia without his "contraband" which consisted of approximately fifty books.

Fifty books is apparently still considered contraband even to the U.S.S.R. that sings of Glasnost-openness, at every opportunity. Fifty books are enough to merit keeping a vacationing college student isolated from his companions for over a hour. Fifty books are considered dangerous by the Soviet government when they are to be nourishment for the starving Jewish souls, crying for their freedom. Having fifty books confiscated is how Elly Krinsky's two week trip to Russia began last summer on 5 June 1989.

Many Americans travel to Russia in order to see the domed Kremlin, Lenin's tomb, and the expansive Red Square. Unfortunately the number of American Jews, who travelling to offer support to their oppressed brethren is far too low. The initials S.S.S.J. may serve as a name for a student club, but in reality, S.S.S.J. could be translated from the language of abbreviation to mean "brotherhood." S.S.S.J. is indeed a brotherhood of concerned student reaching out to their fellow Jews still trapped behind the Glasnost curtain. This is why S.S.S.J. in conjunction with YCSC sent four students, Barry Diner, Victor Fishman, David Glatt, and Elly Krinsky to Russia to meet with Refuseniks.

Elly Krinsky remembers being taken to Soviet Jewry rallies in Boston at a very young age. He sees Boston as a "liberal town" and recalls, "In the seventies when demonstrations were very popular because uni-

fortunately the Russians were not to tolerate of the Jews, and Sharansky was still there, and there was such a thing as dissidence and prisoners of conscience, there were lots of demonstrations. I remember going as a kid; I didn't understand much but it had an effect on me." Elly gained a strong sense of Jewish awareness from his parents whose involvement with Soviet Jewry he credits simply to the fact that "they're Jews and Jews have a responsibility to other Jews."

Elly, Barry, David, and Victor travelled about the U.S.S.R. for fifteen days attempting to meet with Refuseniks and to access Jewish life in Russia. Unfortunately, the only problem facing Soviet Jewry today is not just restricted emigration. Pamyat, an anti-semitic organization, is growing in the fertile ground that a freer Soviet Union seems to provide. The latest anti-semitic conjecture proposes that all of the Soviet Union's problems are due to the Jews who are responsible for the Bolshevik Revolution. Elly writes in his report concerning his trip "Michael Sverdlov showed us an anti-semitic poster he purchased in a store. It contained two swords standing upright together. One was a bloodied sword with the words inscribed 'Made in America.' The second sword displayed the Nazi swastika...The Soviet Jews feel squeezed from two ends: on one hand there is the anti-semitism on the streets and on the other hand the government is still oppressive to Jews (although for the most part things are better.)" Hopefully, the threat of anti-Jewish violence will not spring forth from the latest anti-semitic propaganda.

Even in the summer the Soviet Union seems as if it is a cold and lonely place. When asked what it felt like to be an American in Russia Elly responded, "We walked the streets and people are just frowning, nobody smiles, nobody talks to anybody else and it is ominous in that sense. People are upset, people are mad, people don't look happy, that's for sure...and you can see why. You see the bread lines and you see that there's nothing on the shelves in the stores."

The somber tone of the Soviet Union is not all encompassing however. The Soviet Jews remain a warm and open people, willing to welcome Jews from abroad with open arms. Elly remarked, "I think that its 100% true that they [Soviet Jews] are very warm...We started walking, and it was as if I was talking to somebody I had known for many years...The fact that you can just call someone up and meet them and come out after talking with them for two hours and feel that you are really really

Soviet Jews Still Struggling

by Jonathan Adler

A total of 51,336 Jews have left the Soviet Union this year, topping the 1979 record of 51,320 with two months still left in this year. But while this justifiably gives rise to optimism, it is certainly not the time to assume that the myriad of problems facing two million Soviet Jews have disappeared. Paradoxically, while more Jews are getting out than ever before, difficulties for Jews still in the Soviet Union are increasing. For all the talk of monumental change in the Soviet Union, one thing has not changed: it is still a dangerous place for a Jew to be Jewish.

The infamous anti-Semitic group Pamyat routinely calls Jewish activists and threatens to beat up and kill them. Pamyat is growing stronger every day as the rapidly deteriorating Soviet economy drives indigent citizens to blame the historical scapegoat—the Jews. The towering myths of Soviet society are being torn down every day. The idea that the communist system provides social welfare for all citizens melts away in the face of statistics which tell the real truth—over 40 million Soviet citizens are under the official poverty level of \$90 a month. One out of six hospitals does not even have hot water. The myth of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact being a ploy to buy time before the expected and inevitable war with Nazi Germany is effectively undermined by the publication of the Secret Protocols of the pact. The Soviet people now see that they did not win the "Great Patriotic War" through the heroics of the Soviet commanders but rather through drowning the Germans in Soviet blood. Even Lenin is tacitly being brought to task with the Soviet publication of the *Gulag Archipelago*. As all that they believe in is being seriously questioned by their own leaders, it is not at all surprising that the Soviet people are looking for a scapegoat and finding the Jews.

Nationalism is becoming a driving force in the Soviet politics as never before. Witness the civil war in Armenia-Azerbaijan and the nationalistic legislation being adopted in the Baltic provinces. Pre-Nazi

close with them is something tremendous, you really see Ahavat Yisroel in that. The fact [is] that you're a Jew and they're a Jew and that's all that counts. It doesn't matter what your name is, or where you're from, or what you look like."

The government of Mikhail Gorbachev feels that it does matter where one come from and what one's name is, especially if that name is Alexander Lerner, Boris Kelman, Leah Perlman or any Jewish name. Even though statistics say that 98.9% of all Jews applying for visas are being allowed to leave, not 100% of all Jews can apply

Germany is conclusive proof that the combination of economic deterioration and the rise of nationalism is a dangerous formula for the Jews. Soviet Jews are particularly susceptible to anti-Semitism because, as David Waksberg, director of the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jews points out, "As a result of 70 years of cultural and spiritual genocide, Soviet Jews have a very weak self-image, so individually and collectively [they] don't have the resources to fight anti-Semitism. Consequently, their response to anti-Semitism is fear and panic." Sandy Spinner, director of the Cincinnati Council for Soviet Jews just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union and reports that there was "a real [feeling of] desperation...There was a general feeling that the economic situation will continue to deteriorate, and events be blamed on the Jews."

Despite this sense of foreboding there have been some welcome gains for Soviet Jews. In Leningrad, the Jewish Cultural Association, headed by long-term refusenik Boris Kelman, has finally been legalized. Visiting Americans were told of over two dozen baalei teshuva in Vilnius who study under the leadership of long-term refusenik Vladimir Raiz. The Supreme Soviet is drafting legislation for emigration and tourism from the USSR which could provide even more Jews with the chance to leave. The current draft declares that Russian citizens have the right to leave and enter their country and that passports will be valid for five years. However, as with all Soviet legislation, the putative law must be tested against actual implementation.

With this in mind it is understandable the YU chapter of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry is concentrating its efforts on getting Jews out of the Soviet Union rather than resettling those Soviet Jews fortunate enough to have left. YU chapter co-chairman Jerry Hawk says he's afraid that if SSSJ changes its traditional role of aiding the release of Soviet Jews, the remaining Soviet Jews will be forgotten and lost forever. "Soviet Jews are a classical case

of Pidyon Shvuyin (redeeming a captive)." Mr. Hawk says, "And we will not be satisfied until all Jews have been released from the Soviet Union."

Toward this end, the YU chapter of SSSJ has planned a number of events. It has already experienced and auspicious beginning by raising \$500 through filling out credit card applications. The money will be used immediately to send Jewish books in Hebrew and Russian to Soviet Jews. In a few weeks SSSJ will be selling T-shirts and it hopes that its February carnival will raise \$5000-10,000. There's also a good chance that SSSJ will be sponsoring a New York Giants versus YU Macs



basketball game after the football season.

Four students from YC and four from Stern will spend two weeks in the USSR this June to help educate Soviet Jews. There will also be a six week summer program similar to Techiya for twenty students and ten families from the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists in the city of Minsk.



Elly met. Presently, Elly is awaiting a response to a letter that he wrote on behalf of these couples to an Israeli lawyer.

Although Israel desperately needs immigrants, Soviet Jews are not responding to the call of Aliya. This is largely due to American Jewry. Elly writes in his report "the Russians are cognizant of the statistics of American Aliya. I frankly don't know if such small numbers can be considered statistics. They also know that 50% of those that do move to Israel come right back to America. To them it is hypocrisy and downright chutz-

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Ethiopian Dilemma

by Ethan Benovitz

Operation Moses, The Mossad-designed secret mission through which more than seven thousand Ethiopian Jews were secretly airlifted out of Sudanese refugee camps, was abruptly aborted in January 1985 by indiscreet media coverage, only three months after it began. Today, almost five years later, sixteen thousand members of the Beta Israel community, are building new lives in Israel.

The transfer of a large population from a country with a simple, agriculturally based society, to one that is highly industrialized and technologi-

cally sophisticated is not an easy task. Comprehensive and effective absorption must involve every aspect of life: social, psychological, emotional, cultural, religious, political and economic. The Beta Israel community has made marked strides in their effort to intergrate into their new surroundings.

This past summer I had the unique experience of spending six weeks in the development town of Nazrat Illit (Upper Nazareth), which since 1984, has been home to some 3,500 Ethiopian Jews. I partook in a program sponsored by an organization called ACHY (heb. "my brother"), whose purpose was primarily to educate and intergrate the large population of Ethiopians into mainstream Israeli society.

The biggest problem facing every Ethiopian in Israel has been, and continues to be, the tragic breakdown of the family structure. The demise of the "family" has come about for two distinct, yet equally significant reasons. Firstly, those who arrived by airlift through Operation Moses had to first complete a long, perilous, and illegal journey out of Ethiopia by foot, crossing rivers, forests and deserts to reach U.N. refugee camps in Sudan. This usually eliminated the very old, the sick, the very young, and women with little babies. The strong and able who successfully completed the trek, saw themselves as "pathfinders" who would return for the weaker members of their families. However the high

death rate and rigors of the journey made the return impossible for most. This separation between husbands and wives, parents and children, and siblings is extremely demoralizing and fosters a tremendous sense of guilt within those who have successfully immigrated to Israel.

The second factor relates directly to those families that are relatively complete within Israel. It is the children of these families who have acclimated to Israeli culture while the middle-aged and elderly family members have been far less successful. Through schooling and by virtue of their tender ages the children have had little problem becoming fluent in Hebrew or accepting the social and cultural norms that govern their new "homeland".

The Ethiopian adults, specifically those of Nazrat Illit, in contrast to their kin, are having difficulty finding jobs and continue to depend on the government for support. According to social scientist Dan Seemann, who was in Nazrat this summer conducting anthropological studies, there is an unemployment rate of close to 90% among the Ethiopian men of Nazrat Illit. This staggering number can be understood in light of the fact that Nazrat is a highly industrial city; factories and production plants, concepts whose existence the Ethiopians were completely ignorant until five years ago, are its primary form of employment. (Many have suggested that the government provide the new immigrants with plots of land in which to cultivate crops, but government officials contend that such an approach would slow or inhibit the ultimate goal

of intergration). The generation gap that has developed, seems to be a result of the children's discomfort with their elders' exceedingly difficult struggle to "fit in".

The clearest example of the younger Ethiopians successful intergration can be seen in the Israeli armed forces. There are presently over 800 Ethiopian soldiers serving in Tzahal, who in general can be categorized as extremely ambitious, physically fit, and eager as well as determined to get the job done. A program called "Magen Zion" (Shield of Zion) has been specifically designed to prepare Ethiopian teen-agers for the demands and rigors that await them in their military service. Once in the army, Magen Zion makes sure that all of the soldiers have comfortable quarters in which to relax and unwind during time off.

The day-camp I helped coordinate this past summer was geared to informally educate as well as provide recreation for its Ethiopian campers. The children's independent organizational skills, as demonstrated on the basketball courts or in the staging of a play in front of the entire camp, were remarkable, and in my experience unmatched by their American counterparts. It is these qualities that will propel the upcoming generation to a standing that is truly equal to that of their "Sabra" brethren.

The efforts of our program in addition to its goals of intergration, were aimed at instilling within the children a sense of pride in their heritage as well as an appreciation for the uniqueness of their customs and traditions. We spent every afternoon tutoring from three to five children in their apartments. More often than not family members would observe our interaction with the children, constantly refilling our glasses with orange soda and always offering a snack of "ingira" bread, the Ethiopian delicacy that has an "acquired" taste. Several members of our group were actually taught how to make "ingira" by their "adoptive" Ethiopian families. The language barrier that often stood between us and the older Ethiopians was usually mitigated by the children's acting as translators. However, at one point during the summer our group attempted to learn Amharik, the most common Ethiopian dialect derived from the ancient-Semitic language of Ge'ez. Many of the senior-citizens were tickled at the prospect of reversing the roles of the "teacher/student" relationship which they had grown so accustomed to.

This personalized expression of interest in the community at large and in all of its individual members helped elevate the overall morale of the community and abated many of the fears that routinely affect any immigrant population. It is extremely important for the Beta Israel community to know that their fellow Jews continue to care for them and share in their struggle. Unfortunately, there are approximately 15,000 Ethiopian Jews still trapped in Ethiopia, and while recent developments do shed a glimmer of hope in terms of their future, we must demonstrate our unwavering support for them in order to insure their speedy deliverance to our homeland.

The Jews of Iran

by Steve Felsenthal

For many people in the western hemisphere, the world of kings and queens, feudalism, and monarchy is a distant concept. These ideas seemingly belong in fairy tales and form exciting plots for historical fiction novels. However, in Iran, a political system containing these forces was - and still is - a reality.

Sine long before the time on the Persian Empire and Alexander the Great, the area now known as Iran has been ruled by a monarch. The most recent of the monarchical dynasties to rule Iran was the Pahlavi Dynasty, which gained power in a 1921 military coup. The first leader of this dynasty was known as Reza Shah and he ruled until his son, Muhammad Reza Shah, succeeded him during World War II.

During his reign, the Shah, as Muhammad Reza Shah was known, successfully clung to power despite several opposition movements. The most prominent revolutionary movement to arise, until the 1979 revolution

which eventually dethroned the Shah, was the Mussadiqist Movement. Dr. Muhammad Mussadiq, the leader of this movement, promised both social and political change, was anti-foreign interest, and desired to run a welfare state financed by the nationalization of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The Shah repelled the Mussadiqist forces, but the seeds were sown for the eventual revolution that took place in 1979.

Several factors best characterize the rule of the Shah. His policy of maintaining domestic control was the strategy of divide and rule in order to manipulate his opponents and play them off of each other. He stressed reform, but he never delivered it and kept a loyal military and secret police in order to repress any opposition that might arise. Minor concessions in the area of modernization and social reform were made under the Shah, but all reform was contained within the contrivance of the existing political system. In short, due to the failure of reform to change

the political system, the concentrated power among the aristocracy, repression of opposition, and the alienation of the "ulema", or religious leadership, opposition to the Pahlavi regime grew into a revolution.

In pre-revolutionary Iran, the majority of Jews had a rather pleasant experience. Under the Shah, Jews prospered as businessmen, professionals, and in many other areas. The Shah had many close associates who were Jewish and the Jewish community possessed a disproportionate amount of political power in contrast to the size of their population.

Although the Jewish community of Iran flourished under the rule of Muhammad Reza Shah, most of the population began to resent the Shah's oppression. Under the leadership of Shiite Islam religious leaders, a revolutionary movement began and followed a similar pattern to the Mussadiqist revolution. The primary leader of the revolution, the Ayatollah Khomeini, promised that many of the same things that Dr. Mussadiq had promised in the early 1950s. These promises included an increased welfare state financed by the profits from Iranian oil sales, an improved lifestyle for the pea-

sant class, an increased role of religion, and the ceasing of foreign interference and westernization in Iran. Under Khomeini's leadership, and the power of the Islamic ideology, the revolution was successful and the Pahlavi dynasty was toppled.

When the revolution began, the Iranian people had a difficult decision to make - they had to choose between supporting the Shah or the revolution. They had prospered under the Shah, but it was obvious that the revolution was going to be successful so many Jews joined the revolution - including a group called the "Roshan-Fekran", whose revolutionary fervor and loyalty to the Ayatollah, eventually overrode their allegiance to the rest of the Jewish community. Most of the Jews chose to support the revolution and looked forward to the improvements that they believed Khomeini would bring to their country.

During the revolution, when it began to become clear that Khomeini's forces would win their fight, Islamic fundamentalism began to take over as the supreme ideology of the revolution. This factor accounts for the change in the status of Jews

in post-revolutionary Iran. The Jews had prospered under the Shah, but after the revolution, Islamic law ruled and "dhimmi", or nonbelievers, were given an inferior status in Iran. Changes after the revolt, include the treatment of Jews as second class citizens, and limitations on the freedom of Jews in Iran. For instance, Jews are required to obey Islamic laws and are allowed only to engage in wine-drinking for the purposes of the Sabbath "Kiddush" or blessing over the wine.

Many Iranians have chosen to leave Iran, but departing has not always been an easy task. Under the Shah, Jews prospered and most of them saw no reason to leave. As the Shah began to fall, some Jews, specifically those from the cities of Mashad and Teheran, began to flee. These Jews were mainly descendants of Jews who had fled the Russian revolution in 1917 and therefore, they recognized the signs of revolution. During the early stages of this exodus, most of the Jews who left Iran, left with their families, some money and possessions, and the majority settled in either New York or Los Angeles. This pattern of exodus continued until the

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Club Canada: The Code of Thanksgiving

by Gilaad Deutsch

Risking life and limb, this intrepid reporter was able to unearth matters of national importance from a hidden, "For Your Eyes Only" file. The folder contains dialogue from the latest ultra-secretive, heavily-guarded Canada Club meetings.

Drazin: "My liege lord, may I have the floor?"

Bensmihen: "Yes, my noble commander. In the name of our Queen, what doth thy request?"

Drazin: "I would like to know the sovereign ruler's stand on this peculiar American custom, Thanksgiving. More precisely, do we keep it or not?"

Bensmihen: "I see, this will be another halacha lema'aseh (practical law) meeting of the much-feared Canadian Club. Fine, let me turn this over to the head of our Royal Commission on Hoser Halacha, Monsieur Somogyi."

Secretary's note: Somogyi, a French-speaker nods his head appreciatively at Bensmihen's usage of the French appellation. With such subtle actions of

thoughtfulness, it is no wonder Bensmihen was able to capture the votes and become leader.

Somogyi: "Thank you, mon ami. I've consulted with many top Rabanim specializing in Canadian-American relations and this is what I've come up with. First, a little background. In October, our motherland, Canada, celebrates a day off work. It is called Thanksgiving. On Thursday, Nov. 23rd, the country that ignominiously suffered defeat at the hands of the mighty Canadian forces in the War of 1812, the United States, partakes in a joyous festival of song, food, and football whose sole purpose is to give thanks to the Lord for granting them the right to decimate the Indian population.

Secretary's note: Kaplan and Spitzer shift uneasily in their chairs at this sarcastic dig at American cruelty. They are half-American's by birth and often feel uncomfortable among pure-breeds.

Kauffman: A question for the so-called expert, Somogyi. Isn't

there any kind of special observance that we are required on the days between the first Thanksgiving to the second?

Somogyi: I was just getting to that point. Must you always interrupt?

Secretary's note: Another moment in the long-standing Somogyi-Kauffman feud begun years before in a battle for a petite hockey puck neither really loved.

Somogyi: presently we are in the time known as Bein Hachagim - between the holidays. There is no actual prohibition on shaving, haircutting, and weddings. However, it is highly recommended not to enjoy the preceding things too heartily, and to refrain from singing O Canada. Yes, it is a solemn time.

Kauffman (restless, agitated): Somogyi, I'm restless and agitated. Class in American History begins soon and I'm in the midst of arguing with a Yankee in favor of the 1773 Tea Tax. So tell us, Tachlis, should we celebrate Thanksgiving here?

Somogyi: Fine. The obvious

question is do we hold by the opinion that one celebrates as if he was living in his birthplace.

Drazin: Meaning, we don't keep Thanksgiving.

Somogyi: Right. Or do we hold by the place which we reside in at the time of the Chag?

Koschitzky (suddenly excited): Meaning, we do keep Thanksgiving.

Somogyi: Right. Well, most Poskim and the Canadian Consul's wife hold that one is lenient - one acts as if it was another normal day. But one makes sure not to do so in public.

Kauffman (jumps to his feet): That's the last straw, Somogyi. You and your pansy attitudes have to go. I move for an impeachment and a tar and feathering.

Bensmihen (looking grave and monarchical): Come, come my honorable lords. Let us not let any past differences cloud the importance of the matter at hand. As I see it, there are two choices. Monsieur Somogyi's and Mister Kauffman's. So I move to ...

Goodman (barges into room like a fierce Canadian goose):

Wait! I have the answer. We can have the best of both worlds. Let us take the Chumrahs (stringencies) of each side. We shall eat the turkey in cranberry sauce and recite the corresponding prayer. But, and I repeat but, we will not close the prayer with a blessing. We will watch football but only the first 3 downs of each drive for 10 yards ...

Secretary's note: In Canadian football, there are only 3 downs for capturing 10 yards of territory.

Additional note: Goodman went on to delineate many more points of halacha but as I was busy writing the preceding secretary's note, I was not able to copy them down.

Bensmihen: (leads the cabinet in applause for Goodman) Yes, Goodman, the best of both worlds. And, my friends, is that not what Canada stands for? A country combining socialism and capitalism, a country able to bridge gaps, between warring nations, to forge treaties ...

Secretary's note: I am unable to continue for I fear my tears will stain these hallowed pages.

A Smile of Freedom

by Jonathan Tropper

As we move down the food line in the cafeteria, we tend to become self-centered to one degree or another and, as such, we do not really take in our surroundings. So it is no surprise that, as we approach the register, contemplating the mortgage we are about to take out on our Fettucine al Fredo, we fail to notice the warm, loving smile being bestowed upon us by Rosa.

Rosa? Who's Rosa? If this is your response, as indeed it might

be, then you ought to be ashamed of yourself, for Rosa is as much a part of this college as Morg, the MSAC, the Gottesman Library, and Belfer Hall. Raiselle Kogan, or Rosa, works the register for the hot food line in the cafeteria, and whether you've noticed her or not, she has definitely noticed you.

Born and raised in the Russian city of Leningrad, Rosa received her visa to leave ten years ago. She came to New York with her husband and, having been a factory manager

in Russia, was able to land the job she now holds in Yeshiva University. Three years later she had a son, who is currently in the third grade at Kinneret Day School. Being able to give her son a Jewish education is a "dream come true" for Rosa, who says that one of her biggest regrets is that she grew up without any knowledge of Judaism.

Listening to Rosa speak about Yeshiva University is enough to make even the most bitter cynic (such as this


reporter) check himself. "I think this place is like a small part of Israel. It's my family." And, indeed, what a miracle we must seem like to a woman who spent the bulk of her life behind the Iron Curtain, where any attempts at observing Jewish tradition were quelled by the government.

Rosa says that coming to America, and being able to live as a Jew and raise a Jewish son is something she had always dreamed of, and she is ecstatic whenever she stops to think about it.

Rosa is happy to be working in a place where she can watch Jewish boys thrive, and she tries to greet everyone who passes by



her register with a warm smile. So next time you buy your lunch, why not forget about your problems for a minute and just smile back? Because if anyone around here is deserving of a smile, it's Rosa.



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Iran

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middle of the revolution, when the Shah finally ceded power to the revolutionaries. The result of the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini was the institutionalization of restrictions on emigration and of mandatory conscription into the army for male teenagers. For these reasons, large amounts of Jewish males attempted to leave Iran and were not allowed to depart. Emigration was no longer as simple as before and no money or possessions could be taken out of the country. Many escaped through the desert to Pakistan or Turkey and some used forged papers in order to escape. However, the overwhelming majority who have escaped have left their families behind and are not able to visit them. After the initial mass emigration of single males, the females have begun to follow because of the lack of available Jewish men for marriage. The main centers of settlement of the Iranian Jewish community have remained New York and Los Angeles and Iranian Jews now constitute significant proportions of the populations of various Jewish centers of learning at places such as Lakewood, NJ, Baltimore, and Yeshiva University.

Russia Trip

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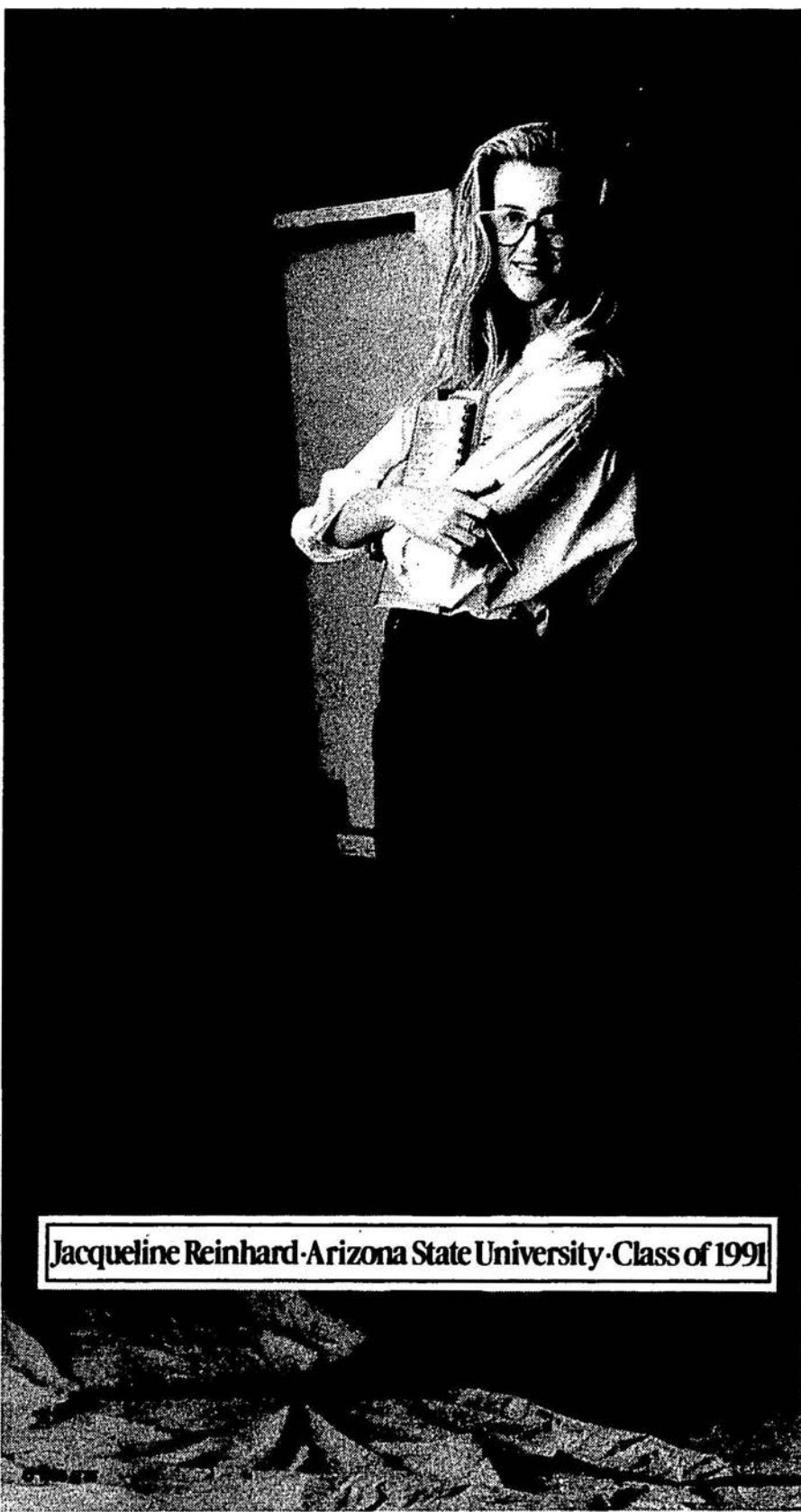
pah for Americans to tell them to make Aliya...I don't think anyone would challenge the prospect of Soviet Aliya rising if American Aliya increased. The two must go hand in hand."

For two weeks four YU students traversed the Soviet Union sharing themselves with and encouraging the hopes of the Refusniks they could contact. Of course Elly and his companions didn't reach the hundreds of thousands of Jews that need to be touched by an outside soul. Such intense emotional contact is not without cost; Elly felt that his was a draining yet fulfilling trip. He remembers the most moving occurrence of his trip to be when he performed for and sang with Soviet Jews, "We are leaving you Mother Russia, we have waited for too long."

Russian Jewry has indeed waited for too long, and it is up to responsible Jews everywhere to help end their wait. The four YU delegates prove that each person can become involved; and that on the individual level, it is sincere people who singularly affect others' lives, whether in a slight or in a profound way.

Holocaust survivors cannot stand alone in their vigil of Jewish remembrance. World Jewry must never forget its silenced members, wherever they may be, and whatever curtain muffles their voices.

"I may be an art major, but I know a little something about economics"



Jacqueline Reinhard - Arizona State University - Class of 1991

YU Zionists Gather in Riverdale

by Mark I. Koffsky

Over eighty students from YC and SCW attended a weekend retreat billed as a "Zionist Shabbaton" on November 10-11 in Riverdale, N.Y. The Shabbaton, which was sponsored by YCSC and AZYF was primarily a forum for the discussion of practical methods to increase Zionist awareness for Jewish collegestudents in the New York area.

Barry Kaye, president of YCSC, explained that although the event was sponsored by YCSC, he was only one member of a group of eight student organizers concerned with promoting Zionism among Jewish students. Other organizers were YC students David Levin, David Edelcreek; SCW students Rachel Mohl, Sara Weiss, Debby Aharon, Yael Zeiger; and Columbia University doctoral candidate Zev Maghen. Kaye also credited Shmuel Cooperman of the AZYF for obtaining permission from the

synagogues for the use of their facilities and arranging the speakers for the Shabbaton.

At the beginning of the event, participants of the Shabbaton received registration packets that detailed the various proposals to increase Zionist awareness that were to be discussed during the Friday night session. Such proposals included: the wearing of a bracelet or other accoutrement to identify oneself as a Zionist (similar to the Soviet Prisoner of Conscience bracelets that were popular several years ago.); designing programs for college students to increase their Zionist awareness (called "Kiruv Pezurim"); plastering posters containing Zionist themes prominently around Jewish areas in New York City); expanding contact by mail between those who have made Aliyah and those who wish to; increasing the presence of Israeli speakers and movies available in the New York area; and organizing groups of

knowledgable YU students to defend Israel against Palestinian spokesmen on other campuses. According to Shabbaton organizer Rachel Mohl, the major criterion that the organizing committee used for choosing these particular methods was their ease for implementation for the participants of the Shabbaton.

Leaders of the Shabbaton were quick to point out the uniqueness and importance of the proposals of the Shabbaton. "The goal of the Shabbaton," stated Yael Zeiger, "was not a purely social event, but to get Zionist programming implemented and bring awareness back to campus." Added Barry Kaye, "The point is that the Shabbaton's success will be measured by how much follow-up work is done by the people who attended the Shabbaton and any others who are interested in helping." Kaye also indicated that he is now working on a major retreat on Zionism to be held in the spring semester

to which all Jewish students in the New York area would be invited.

The sites for the Shabbaton's activities were divided amongst two Riverdale synagogues; the Riverdale Jewish Center and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. Speakers during the Shabbaton included Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt, Rabbi of the RJC, and Jewish activist and leader of the HIR, Rabbi Avraham Weiss. In his address, Rabbi Weiss detailed personal experiences involving his efforts to free the Pollards and his protest against the Carmelite nun's convent at Auschwitz.

The event was the first Zionist theme event in a long time. Perhaps its success is representative of increasing student awareness and involvement in the problems currently facing World Jewry. Hopefully this trend will continue regarding the myriad of critical issues from Yemenite and Soviet Jewry to Aliyah and the security of Israel.

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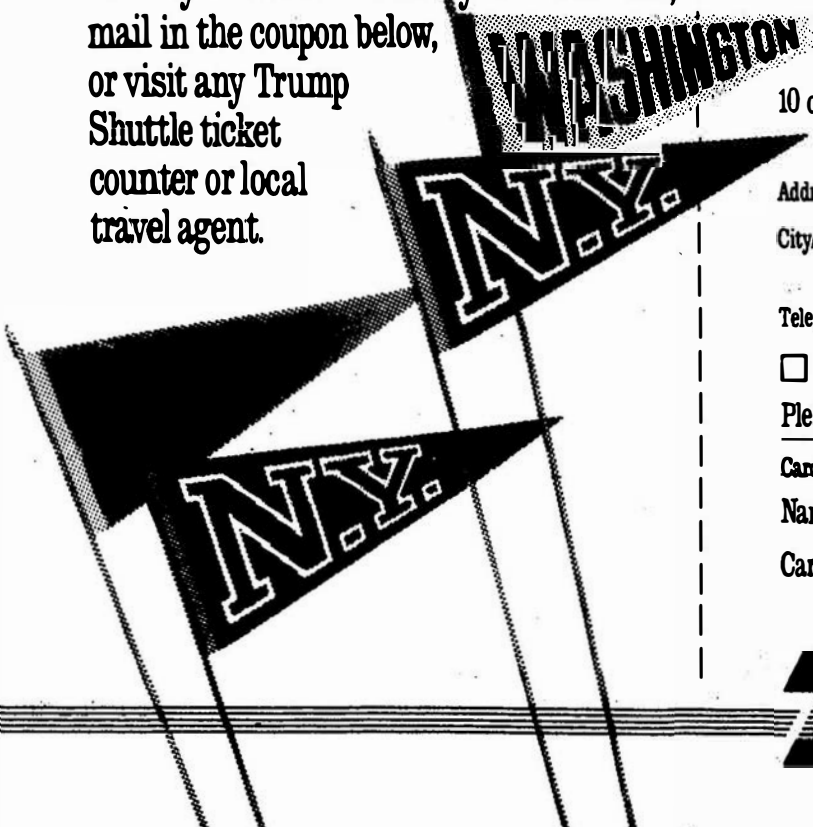
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ROTEC

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a one day boycott of the caf. Although they feel the Food Services Committee has been ineffectual, ROTEC members say they wish to work in conjunction with the committee. "We're not trying to take over here," said a member. It is still unclear who will be succeeding Hyman as Chairman of the committee.

Hyman remains skeptical of ROTEC. "If these people want to work so hard with the Food Services Committee," he complains, "and didn't even know I was the chairman, then I can't understand how they're going to be effective."

"Bashing the cafeteria, and blowing things out of proportion only makes them lose

Caf-Reponsa

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box. Oops, we forgot, Kosherific doesn't use YU's standard recipes. The modest 5 ounce sandwiches cost \$4.75, totalling \$15.20 a pound. Other local places (you'll never guess where!!!) charge \$9.99; this is about a 33% savings over our wonderful cafeteria. There are so many other examples of how our wonderful cafeteria is "out for the benefit of the students". If you need more examples, open your eyes the next time you are in the wonderful cafeteria!

In conclusion we can clearly see that we, the students of Yeshiva University are being taken advantage of. We encourage everyone to voice their opinion by way of signs and posters. If you are not one of those unfortunate Dining Club Members, we suggest you take advantage of the fine dining areas on our campus and give the wonderful cafeteria something to think about. It is now time for the students to get

credibility in the eyes of the administration," he adds.

Hyman also states that, barring outside donations to subsidize a meal plan, the cafeteria will never be able to lower its prices. Food prices are rising steadily, he says, while Glatt Kosher meat, Choluv Yisroel dairy products, and a full time Mashgiach means added expenses.

But ROTEC members say the present price structure is unacceptable to students. They also feel students are being hurt by the lack of a genuine meal plan. "Right now, all we have is a credit card," said a member. ROTEC members believe, that faced with continued protests, the administration will realize that changes are necessary, especially if the cafeteria ever hopes to win back the student body.

HASC

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man. Services were held in the Morgenstern Shul to facilitate the wheelchairs, and the meals, which the campers all claimed to enjoy, were eaten in the cafeteria. Seudat-Shlishit featured an advar Torah by Mr. Kahn who praised the YU students for their involvement with HASC and in all other types of outreach activities. The event culminated with a Gala Melava Malka where the campers were reunited with the sounds of Eli Krimsky, camp music counselor, and the SEGULAH orchestra. More events are planned for the future.

together on this important issue and stand up for what they deserve.

ROTEC
Rest of the Eaters Club
p.s. Any names which appeared on our fliers were totally arbitrary, and we apologize for any confusion.

Wrestling

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are capable of stepping in and starting, and the Manhattan team would not be giving up an inch in either case. In addition, the Manhattan College program has secured the wrestling talents of a NY State High School Finalist at 177 lbs. and another wrestler whose high school record was 30-4, at 126 lbs.

When questioned about Yeshiva, Coach Haberli was animated in his response and offered this compliment: "I wrestled for three years at Hunter College, and my assistant for two years, yet, we would be hard pressed to remember seeing any individual or team lose - ever - to a Yeshiva representative. The 1988-89 version of the YU wrestling team was as good a Yeshiva team as I've ever seen. I expect them to be just as good this year, if not better."

John Jay College [12/7/89 - at Yeshiva]

When interviewed, John Jay College's wrestling Coach sounded quite pessimistic about his team's chances this season. Coach Jesmur looked to last year's winless (0-8) season and sounded dejected because his squad appears destined to a similar fate this year. Two wrestlers of note for John Jay are: team captain Brian Ferguson, a hard nosed wrestler at 158 lbs. and St. John's Tournament Champion at 150 lbs., Dave Schneider (6-2 individual record last season). While not having much to say about his own squad, Coach Jesmur spoke highly of Yeshiva: "I expect them to beat us again this season, they are always tough on us. The Yeshiva team is definitely one of our tougher opponents."

St. John's University [12/4/89 - at Yeshiva]

Although we were unable to reach the St. John's head coach, Assistant Coach Bob Salvato gave us a preview on his team: "Last year we had a very strong team and while we lost numerous wrestlers to graduation, we appear to be a more well-rounded team this season. By that, I mean that we have a solid nucleus of talent ranging from Mike Robinson at 167 on up to the 190 lb. class with Sandy Edelstein. Another key returnee is Richard Kiel at 177 lbs. Yet, on the whole, I would have to say that we don't really have any superstars. I would like to add that we have a crop of young freshmen, all with high school experience - which is integral in their competing successfully at the college level - who will be manning our lighter weights, from 118 to 158. I am looking for a good showing from our team this year." As to Yeshiva, Mr Salvato echoed the thoughts of Manhattan College's coach in saying: "YU used to be a joke match. They never seemed to be prepared, never had any wrestlers with that ever-important high school training. Now, it is not the easy victory that we had become accustomed to in the past, and we have to

worry that one bad turn could leave us with a defeat. We have, to date, never lost to Yeshiva as a team, but now we consider them a dangerous opponent." CCNY [2/13/90 - at CCNY]

Up until only a week ago, the CCNY wrestling team looked like a formidable opponent. However, on Tuesday November 15th, Coach Curt Rahner was informed that four of his starting wrestlers had become academically ineligible for the fall semester of the 1989-90 season. According to Coach Rahner, this may prove to be a telling blow, from which CCNY may not recover and have ramifications upon their entire season. The wrestlers affected were from the 126, 150, 190 and heavyweight classes. Coach Rahner added that due to the aforementioned problems, CCNY will probably not be able to field a full squad. He sounded shell-shocked as a once promising season appears all but lost: "Last year was my first as coach and we had a tough season. I felt that as this season would progress, we would gain confidence and experience, as we continued to improve. We were looking to the season finale with Yeshiva as a barometer

against which we could measure that progress. Yeshiva, as an improving team would have been a great test." Now they are hoping to just hang on and be as competitive as possible under the circumstances.

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ACROSS

1. Also
4. Tantalize
9. Before (poetic)
12. Southern general
13. Not outside
14. Flightless Bird
15. Mother or father
17. Tree wood
19. Change
21. Ever (poetic)
22. Opera solo
24. Sailor's brew
26. Sort
29. Dirt
31. Fish
33. Over (poetic)
34. Am
35. Age
37. Scottish cap
39. Preposition
40. Color
42. Make a hole
44. Wanderer
46. Ireland
48. Pave
50. Story
51. Cry
53. Weighed down
55. One who nabs
58. Foul language
61. Spanish expression of approval

62. Free-for-all
64. 7th Greek letter
65. 2nd smallest state (abbr.)
66. Dull edge
67. Sleep stage (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Mountain
2. Education group
3. Off track
4. Shade of color
5. Come in
6. Indefinite article
7. Put
8. Great Lake
9. Organism in early stages of development
10. Fish eggs
11. Article
16. Make happy
18. Came upon
20. Mat
22. Burning
23. Vertical part of stair step
25. Floor pad
27. Part of flower
28. Wash away
30. Trough for carrying bricks
32. Uncooked
36. Cabbew
38. Overnight accommodations
41. Put to rest
43. Female
45. Infant Jesus' bed
47. Negative
49. Blackbird
52. Explosive
54. Two singles
55. Fish
56. Beer
57. Relation (abbr.)
59. Consumed food
60. Make sheep
63. Symbol for lutetium

Neil Smith was first to answer last week's puzzle. Answers should be given to Steven Major in M328.

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Yeshiva Sports

MACS FALTER IN SEASON OPENER

by Shmuel Bulka

The Maccabees opened their season at the Hunter Tip-Off Tournament, losing to the Hunter Hawks 78-58 in a game that was much closer than the score indicates.

The Hawks, looking to avenge their tournament loss of two years ago, jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead and it looked like a sure blowout. But the macs refused to wilt and reeled off eight straight points to take their first lead of the game. After the Hawks regained the lead, Eric Davis hit a fade-away baseline jumper that would put the Macs ahead for the rest of the half.

While their stifling man-to-man defense kept the powerful Hunter offense temporarily at bay, the Macs kept the Hawks off balance with a very patient half-court offense. Eric Davis, whose seven points led the Macs at halftime, and Greg Rhine were able to find the big men for open shots. David Gottlieb,

Jon Rosner, and Tzvi Himber combined for 26 first half points. With Yeshiva leading 31-26 at the half, much of the Hunter crowd left in shock and disgust. Even Yeshiva supporters, which included former Macs Lior Hod, Donny Fuhrer, and Jonathan Ehrman, had to be pleasantly surprised.

Hunter began the second half much like the first, turning a five-point deficit into a four-point lead on the strength of a 15-6 run. But once again, the Macs did not give up. They stayed close throughout almost the entire second half, although they never managed to regain the lead.

The Macs final two-point lead came at 35-33 on the most exciting play of the evening.

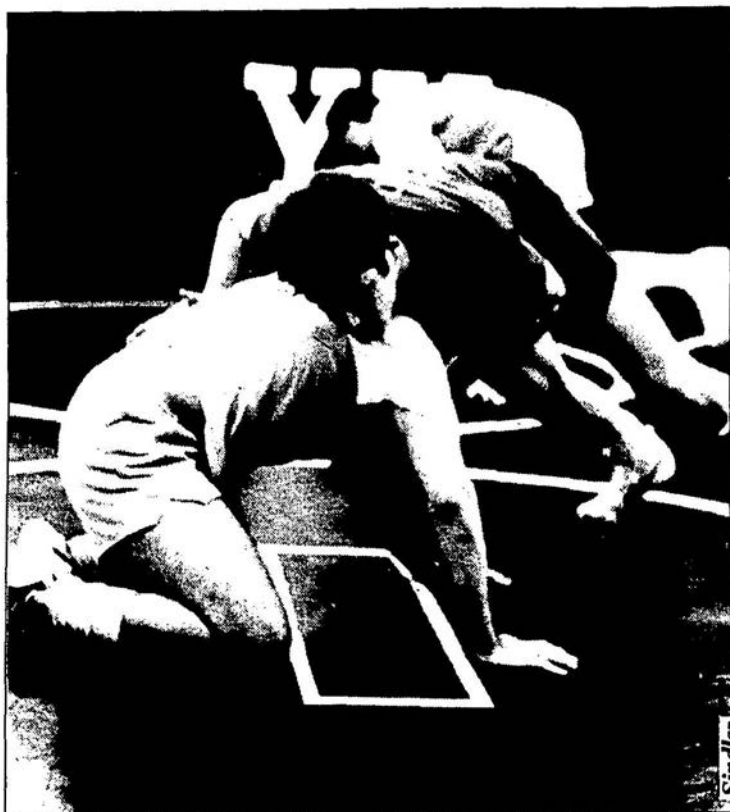
Avrum Aaron drove the left side and with three Hunter defenders draped all over him, Aaron calmly feathered a behind-the-back pass to Rosner's waiting hands for an easy lay-up. The

past typified Aarons play as the junior forward began to display the confidence needed to become a team leader.

Yeshiva seemed more confident as the game progressed, and what they lacked in talent, they more than made up for in desire. Unfortunately, the Hunter press eventually took its toll on the under-conditioned Yeshiva players. "We fell apart gradually," said Gottlieb.

The loss probably had more to do with the Hunter guards than anything else. Sophomore guard Secundino Diaz scored 25 points, including a crushing three-pointer with three-and-a-half minutes left that gave Hunter and insurmountable 15 point lead. Backcourt partner Gil Velez added 20 points and was almost flawless in controlling the Hawks offense.

Yeshiva fell to 0-2, losing 77-60 to Ramapo College in the consolation game.



Terps In, Heels Out

by Eric Meltzer

With the regular season winding down, each game becomes crucial as teams realize the ramifications and consequences of defeat. As the Commentator went to press, only the Tar Heels had officially been eliminated from the playoff hunt and as a result the Terps had clinched a post-season berth.

Cavs 37, Demon Deacons 33:

The unusually low score can be attributed to the defensive clinic that was exhibited by both squads. The lead never grew to more than 5 for either team as they see-sawed back and forth throughout. While there were numerous lead changes, the 17-15 Cav lead at the half foreshadowed the D.D.'s ultimate doom. Good free throws shooting on both sides kept it close

and enabled the Cavs to pull away at the closing moments. With the victory, the Cavs are in second place [due to a tie-breaking rule] while the Demon Deacons sunk to fifth place.

Blue Devils 38, Tar Heels 37:

Facing elimination, the Tar Heels clung to their last chance and put up a furious battle, their best performance to date. Yet it was not enough, and the defeat epitomized their season. The Blue Devils jumped out to a 9-6 lead and held a 4 point margin (21-17) at the half. However, the Tar Heels refused to die quietly. Meanwhile, the Blue Devils were aware of their plight and fought nail and tooth as they (2-3 record) clung to the sixth and final playoff spot. The victors were led by Hillel Goldscheider's 11 points- all in the first half,

and Jan Levine had 5 three pointers (15 points) for the winless Heels.

Terps 47, Wolfpack 37:

In defeating the Wolfpack, the Terps seized possession of first place and clinched a playoff spot. The Wolfpack fell to 3-2 and third place. The Terps were able to hold off a late Wolfpack charge, as they maintained a lead of 4 points or greater most of the day. Malovany and Labovitz led the Terps with 14 and 12 point respectively

Tigers 43, Yellow Jackets 33:

The Tigers continued to turn up the heat on the 6th place Blue Devils. Facing certain doom in the standings as they dropped eight points down at the half (22-14), the Tigers buried the Yellow Jackets with a 29 point lead second half. Strong defensive play by Tiger's Danny Silber, coupled with poor foul shooting, were two leading factors in the Yellow Jackets' demise. In addition, league scoring leader Daniel Loskove poured in 15 points - 13 down the stretch - in leading the Tiger Charge.

STANDINGS—WEEK 6

TEAM	W-L	PF	PA
TERPS	4-2	279	270
Deamon Deacons	4-2	296	254
CAVS	4-2	278	226
Wolfpack	4-2	298	281
Yellow Jackets	4-2	270	262
Blue Devils	2-4	242	275
Tigers	2-4	262	289
Tar Heels	0-6	253	295

LEADING SCORERS

1. Daniel Loskove, Tigers	85
2. Moshe Wertenteil, Wolfpack	83
3. Yehuda Blinder, Wolfpack	75
4. Danny Chefitz, Cavaliers	75
5. Ira Feintuch, Deamon Deacons	75
6. Ellis Malavony, TERPS	71
7. Josh Dobin, TERPS	70
8. Ranon Mann, Yellow Jackets	68

Meet the Competition- A Wrestling Preview of Opponents

by David Maryles

This season is one of promise for the Yeshiva University Wrestling Team. In an effort to increase the student body's familiarity with the opposition, we have interviewed five coaches of the Ellmen's opponents in the upcoming campaign. In each interview, the coach was asked to assess his team's strengths, weaknesses and improvements. In addition, they were asked of their opinion of Yeshiva as an opponent.

Stevens Tech [11/18/89 - at Yeshiva]

Coach Tom Burns led Stevens Tech to an impressive 10-3-1 record last season, only his second at the helm. While he feels that this season's squad will be very competitive, a drop-off in victories can be expected as four starters from last season's "dream team" have graduated. Although bolstered by an impressive number of new recruits (7 wrestlers, all with high school experience), the Coach sees the overall lack of college experience as their main weakness. One key returnee from the 1988-89 squad is Joe Dipinto, at 134 lbs. He will be joined by highly touted newcomer Dave Ponzio, a heavyweight from Glen Ridge, NJ. Ponzio is expected to anchor the higher weight classes for Stevens.

In regard to Yeshiva, Coach Burns had this to say: "Although, we beat them by more points last season than in the previous year, it was mostly due to our strength as opposed to a weakness on Yeshiva's part. As the season progressed, I was able to watch the YU squad against other opponents - especially in the season ending Maccabee Tournament - and I came away very impressed. Last season showed that the Yeshiva program is on the road to success and was a definite step in the right direction."

Manhattan College [11/20/89 - at Manhattan]

In elaborating on his team's prospects for the 1989-90 season, Coach Bruce Haberli sounded extremely optimistic: "We have improved our squad 100% in every aspect". Much of his optimism and good feeling can be traced to the six or seven choice recruits who opted to join on at Manhattan this year. Similar to Stevens Tech, Manhattan was a tough opponent for Yeshiva last season and appears to have strengthened themselves even more for this campaign. Among the aforementioned newcomers are two heavyweights: Shawn Holiday (Garfield, NJ) and Tom Fagin (Bear Mountain, NY). Both wrestlers

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