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Silver Linked To YU PR Woes

by Dov J. Pinchot

In exclusive interviews with THE COMMENTATOR, a number of sources have identified Yehuda Silver as being responsible for the recent negative media attention surrounding Yeshiva University. Silver, who also goes by the name Jeffrey, is well known as the individual who pastes articles attacking YU on the campus' classroom walls.

Silver was named as the individual responsible for leaking the letter signed by some Roshei Yeshiva against the concept of a joint beit din with the Reform and Conservative movements.

The letter, which originally was printed in The Algemeiner Journal, turned up a week later in The Jewish Press, quoting Silver in the article. One Rosh Yeshiva who felt Silver was responsible for leaking the letter stated, "I don't think there's any question it came from him; he's taken credit for it."

The publication of the letter had two profound effects within YU.

The leaked letter was missing

signatures of some Roshei Yeshiva, who claim they never saw it before it leaked to the press. A Rosh Yeshiva said "Jeffrey depicted the whole thing to the newspapers as if there's a rift among the Rebbes, and some of the Rebbes abhor negotiating with Reform, so all the Rebbes whose names do not appear on this letter are now being attacked...He's made an issue out of thin air."

The article in The Jewish Press stated that the signatories were "facing the possibility of reprisals for their stand," implying that reprisals may come from the office of President Norman Lamm. "This whole trouble that Rabbi Lamm is having now," explains a Rosh Yeshiva — referring to the media portrayal of a civil war being fought in YU between Lamm and the Roshei Yeshiva, "is because of Jeffrey." A YU professor agrees: "[Silver] has probably created a siege' mentality for the President.

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Lunch time in the Caf on the day of the boycott.

Boycott Breeds Negotiations

by Mark I. Koffsky

A YCSC-sponsored boycott brought cafeteria service to a standstill on Thursday, December 7. Throughout the day, protesting students stationed at the cafeteria entrances appealed to would-be customers not to patronize the cafeteria. The boycott was honored by almost all members of the YU community, including MTA and

WSSW students, leaving the Furman Dining Hall empty of customers for all three meals.

To prepare the student body, YCSC sold hundreds of "Boycott Survival Kits" containing deli sandwiches from Bernstein's on the night before the boycott. Other activities to publicize the boycott consisted of placing large signs in the lobbies of the Residence Halls and writing "BOYCOTT" in red ink across the cafeteria's publicity posters that are posted in the dormitories.

According to Barry Kaye, President of YCSC and chief organizer of the boycott, the boycott was implemented to call attention to student concerns about the cafeteria. Kaye outlined the four major demands that are being sought: to lower the prices, to increase the portion size, to examine the Food Services' books, and to insure that a meal plan will not be mandatory next year.

Most students feel the boycott was a resounding success in that though it demonstrated concretely their dissatisfaction with the cafeteria. Many were also impressed with the student unity displayed during the Boycott.

Students hope that the success of the boycott will convince the Administration to make concessions on prices and portion sizes.

In an interview on the day after the boycott, Mr. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services, stated that he felt the boycott showed the

inability of the student leaders to deal with the cafeteria issues in a professional manner. He contrasted the uptown boycott with the Food Service Committee at Stern College, which meets with Food Service administrators on a regular basis to discuss student concerns regarding the Midtown Center's cafeteria.

According to SCW Junior Elizabeth Botterman, Co-Chair of the Stern College Food Services Committee, the committee has addressed many issues of concern to Stern students such as food quality, taste, and presentation. Ms. Botterman admits she is not entirely satisfied as there are issues still to be resolved, but it was felt that a concurrent boycott at Stern would hinder further progress of the Committee.

In response to the boycott, a Food Services committee meeting was held uptown on December 13. Persons attending the meeting included: Mr. Rosengarten, Food Service Directors Mr. Alan Lieberman and Mr. Allen Soloman, YCSC President Barry Kaye, Commentator Editor Dov Pinchot, ROTEC members Jay Lehman, Steven Dyckman, and Steven Felsenthal, former Food Services Chair Joe Hyman, and Eli Cohen, who served as chairman. Mr. Cohen opened the meeting with a statement expressing his desire to see the Committee become a strong force in resolving the cafeteria issues.

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Quayle Speaks At Convocation

by Dov J. Pinchot

On Sunday, December 10, Vice President Dan Quayle delivered the Keynote address at Yeshiva University's 65th annual Chanukah Dinner and Convocation. Speaking in the Palm Room of the Waldorf-Astoria, Vice President Quayle received an honorary degree along with human rights attorney Alan M. Dershowitz and financier Carl C. Icahn.

The Vice President, in delivering a speech which received much media attention, denounced the "zionism is racism" resolution of the United Nations and called for a counter-resolution which would reverse the zionism one.

Vice President Quayle declared that "in recent times no attempt to distort the meaning of language has been more shameful and more shocking than the infamous General Assembly resolution of November 10, 1975, equating zionism with racism."

He continued to say that "we have always hoped for the reversal of the resolution...on behalf of the government of the United States, I call on the Soviet Union and other nations to join us in co-sponsoring a second resolution in the General Assembly. This resolution would affirm that zionism



Vice President Quayle addresses Chanukah convocation.

is...the national liberation movement of the Jewish people."

The Chanukah Dinner, chaired by Sy Syms, followed the granting of honorary degrees. During dinner, Mr. Dershowitz spoke to the guests about the lack of Jewish leadership taking part in the changes across Eastern Europe. "The changes," claimed Mr. Dershowitz, "have completely caught the Jewish leaders off-guard." He warned that we should be ready to capitalize on the reforms arising, rather than be swept along with them.

Mr. Dershowitz also recounted that he was rejected by Yeshiva College because of

his poor grades in YU's high school. He thanked his mother for even bringing his high school report card to remind him of the irony in receiving his honorary degree.

Carl Icahn followed with the story of how he was also rejected by YU — this time by the Einstein School of Medicine — in a speech which sounded more like a stand up comedian than a multi-millionaire financier.

The whole evening was considered by many to be quite successful, as one Vice President stated, "tonight we honored those whose generosity enables the Yeshiva to grow and prosper."

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Speaking With Our Feet

The student body demonstrated praiseworthy levels of unity, sincerity, and seriousness through its one day boycott of the cafeteria. The boycott publicly proved that Yeshiva College students are a forceful, vibrant, and, above all, a cohesive unit.

Students joined together in an effort to call for lower prices, increased portion sizes, a review of YU Food Service's records, and the Administration's insurance against the possibility of a mandatory meal-plan for next year.

These demands remain straightforward. Although the concessions which have already resulted from the boycott appear petty, they do mark an appropriate beginning.

One need not be a marketing professional or entrepreneurial wit to know that good business begins and ends with the satisfaction of one's customer. If the customer's interests are not met, business will suffer. And, indeed on Thursday, December 7th, it did suffer.

The administration must reevaluate its business technique and strategy. Administration officials must gear their efforts toward the implementation of satisfactory changes.

Student leaders are carefully monitoring the events of the upcoming days. To rule out additional boycotts would be both premature and unrealistic.

Let us not forget that the student body has been ignored for nearly four months. However, student initiative has broken the barrier of silence. The Administration's plea for an assurance against similar boycotting action is naive, if alterations are not seen in the offing.

Student leaders have decided to proclaim a message to their constituents: students are the number one priority on the Student Council agenda.

The strength of character of the student body which emanated from the successful boycott has particularly disillusioned the Yeshiva University Administration. Clearly, the students mean business. The student body eagerly awaits and expects a refreshing, new trend of smart business changes to come forth from YU's Food Services. Substantial changes must be established in order to win back the customer: the student.

Better Safe Than Sorry

The large visual presence of the Burns Security forces has certainly added to safety on campus. But given the high crime rate in our neighborhood, the security lapses which seem to occur weekly cannot be ignored.

Students are continuously spotting people in the Dorms who do not belong there. True, the trespassers may be completely harmless. But the fact that these people are not even questioned upon entering the building shows a general lack of awareness on the part of the security guards. While we may feel flattered that the security guards consider any one wearing a yarmulka to be "safe", the realities of NYC should tell us otherwise.

Director of Security Art Hoyt is right when he says that students must also take responsibility by calling security as soon as these trespassers are spotted. But such situations should not occur. If a security guard does not recognize a person seeking entrance to the Dorms, it is his job to question that person and ask for identification. Students often see guards sleeping at their posts or engaging in long conversations on the telephone with their girlfriends. It is up to the supervisors to make sure the guards are awake, and if not literally on their toes, at least aware of who is coming in and out of the Dorms.

Burns must also be more prompt about picking up students from the subway station. Unlike students at Columbia, we at YU do not have the luxury of having a subway station on campus. However, most students do not even bother to call for a van because they know it will entail at least a 20 minute wait. Two nights ago, a student was accosted while waiting for a pickup from the George Washington Bus Station, a station which Hoyt suggests students use as an alternative to the A Train stop. The van never came, and the student wound up walking back through the 170's.

The importance of an effective security force was made frighteningly clear with the reporting last issue of a violent mugging, two blocks off campus. Responsive, effectual security guards are needed to keep YU students safe.

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From The Editor's Desk

by Dov J. Pinchot

The expose printed in this issue was not inspired by feelings of righteous indignation, nor is it meant to be a personal crusade against an individual with whom I disagree. It is simply an attempt to see justice done by reporting the truth, in this case, the disturbing truth of one man's vicious anger, with the hope that people will recognize him for what he truly is. For twenty years Yehuda Silver has hurt individuals and Yeshiva University in vindictive ways, and yet, has remained virtually unchecked.

I was initially concerned with what an expose on Silver would accomplish. But if students in YU learn from these articles what kind of person Silver really is, if they know to stay away from the influence of this hateful person, then the many hours of researching and writing will all be worthwhile.

My second concern was whether it would be halachically permissible to write an expose of this sort. I was reassured by a number of Roshei Yeshiva that it was.

Some of the more right-wing orthodox are eager to find any information which could tarnish YU's reputation in the yeshiva world. We have made it all too easy for them to do so — providing them with a source welcome here in our own yeshiva. Certain people have given Silver the credibility he never deserved. Time after time, he has promised to leave YU alone if only he be granted one more title, one more favor. Some gave these favors to him, hoping he would go away. Well he never did, and now those with influence must unite to discredit him.

Leaders are called such because they earn their title by demonstrating courage where average men falter. When leaders unite, they form the strongest force possible — a united front. With a united front no individual stands alone against an enemy. Reprisals are more easily rebuffed. This issue was meant to provide the momentum to form such a front and to rid our University once-and-for-all of this calumnious character.

Response

The Truth About Reading Week

To the Editor:

In the previous issue of the COMMENTATOR, there was an extremely misleading editorial titled "Leave Reading Week" that requires correction. The editorial stated falsely that Dean Rosenfeld brought a motion to the Senate to abolish Reading Week.

In fact, at the first meeting of the academic year on September 21, it was the entire Senate that voted to place Reading Week as the first item on its agenda. During the sessions in which the Senate dealt with how to better use the time set for Reading Week, a number of opinions were offered. A Task Force was set up to consider the various ideas and to consolidate these opinions into concrete proposals which were: (1) To maintain the status quo, (2) Replace Reading Week with a fourteenth week of class only, and (3) Replace Reading Week with classes and allow for an additional three-day study period before finals. When the Task Force reported back to the full Senate on

December 7, the following motion was passed: "The Senate proposes that Reading Week remain as it is and that where and when possible, one or two days of Finals Week be designated as study days." At no time was there ever a motion, proposed by Dean Rosenfeld or anyone else, to abolish Reading Week.

The key point here is that the Senate's function has always been one to discuss matters of academic concern and serves as an ideal forum for the exchange of information and opinions of the student body, the faculty, and the administration. Isolating one option that the Senate considered about Reading Week and stating that this option was "brought" by Dean Rosenfeld does nothing but stir up adverse attitudes towards the Dean.

It is for this reason that we, the officers of the Senate, felt compelled to write this letter and set the record straight.

Mrs. Rebecca Stearns, Chair
Mark I. Koffsky, Secretary

Taking The Fun Out

To the Editor,

As the basketball intramural season comes to a close, the time has arrived for the commissioners to carefully examine the events of this past semester and decide what future course should be taken.

The need to ascertain what intramural sports is all about and how the games should be conducted. I do not wish to criticize the commissioners or the officials as they have all performed their respective duties diligently. On the contrary, it is the participants who are at fault in this case. The constant bickering, arguing, and in some instances physical action on the part of the participants has taken the enjoyment out of intramural basketball for all of us. Intramural basketball is supposed to encourage intense yet fun competition for those students who enjoy basketball. To occasionally exhibit some emotion when an official makes what you deem to be a "bad call" is not only acceptable but is healthy for intense competition.

When it has arrived at the situation where the basketball court more closely resembles the General Assembly of the United Nations than an intramural game, something is very

wrong. To place the blame on the officiating and demand professional officials is just as ludicrous as if Coach Halpert would demand Big East Conference officials for Macs' games. The level of officiating should rightfully match the level of basketball displayed on the court. The problem, therefore, does not lie with the commissioners or the officials but with the participants, yet it is a problem which now must be acted upon by the commissioners.
Daniel Chefitz
YC '90

Peer Advisement Misrepresented

To the Editor:

My article on peer advisement in the November 9th issue of *The Commentator* presented views to which I do not ascribe. Due to an error on the part of the editors, the last two paragraphs of my article were actually those of Jonathan Tropper's article of the same issue. I waited patiently for a retraction of the last two paragraphs in either of the past two issues but have not seen one. Therefore, I would like to make public that the article in question does not represent the views of the writer nor does it properly describe the peer advisement program.

Gad Dish
SSSB '90

Volleyball Justice

To the Editor:

I've been a member of the Varsity Volleyball team for three years now. There have been many ups and downs. Ironically, however, some of our biggest problems are not in our control to remedy. For two years, various members of our team have requested, on our coach's and team's behalf, to improve both the volleyball equipment and the position of our volleyball court. Still, the volleyball net's support railings remain uncovered, and thus dangerous; while the volleyball court remains in the corner of the gym. We remain out of the spectator's view but well within hearing distance of our opponent's laughter. While the necessary equipment simply awaits purchase, the move to center court involves somewhat of a timely procedure. This inexpensive procedure calls for the drilling of two new holes in center court, re-laminating around the holes, and the drawing of new lines; roughly no more than a week procedure at the very most. Both requests have received promises of fulfillment from various department heads, yet remain to see fruition.

It's still not too late. Winter vacation is now approaching and the necessary improvements if made wouldn't interfere with our other sports teams. (The gym would have to be closed during the necessary small repairs).

Lack of integrity is a debilitating factor for any team. At Yeshiva, with the workload as it is, and our late practice hours already working against us, one would expect the University decision makers to be more sympathetic and cooperative to our valid requests. Instead, we've been put off with unfulfilled promises contributing to a general lack of team spirit.

We all hope this situation will rectify itself before our first home game February 1.

A. Jeff Ifrah
Varsity Volleyball 1989-90.

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Alumni Circle to Aid Undergrads

by Gad Dishy

On Wednesday, December 6th, a group unique in purpose and composition assembled together at Yeshiva University. The group is known as the President's Circle and is mainly composed of young alumni from Yeshiva. Each person has pledged \$5,000 towards the betterment of the undergraduate schools of Yeshiva. The uniqueness of its composition lies in the age of the benefactors and their being alumni. Its unique purpose stems from having students assist in appropriation of the donated funds to areas they feel could make the best use of the monies.

The group was originally formed to allow the alumni to "give something back" to Yeshiva which would have a significant impact of the students. During October, the group met with President Lamm in his home to discuss the charge and the purpose their group would uptake. Dean Nulman summed up the group's purpose as "developing a fund to enhance student life." Dean Nulman went on to say he was "very excited about any group that wants to assist students with college projects, especially alumni groups. It gives them the opportunity to see where YU has gone. We're getting better every day and they see that."

At the initial meeting, a few suggestions were given which the alumni felt would be important to undergraduates. At the December 6th meeting, in which student leaders participated, new proposals were set forth which helped the alumni better understand students' needs for the 90's. The students chosen for the task consist of, among others, the President of YCSC, SCWSC, TAC, SOY, IBCSC, JSSSC and SSSBSA. Four proposals were presented by student leaders to the Circle as to what they felt students need most. The Circle's initial ideas to build study halls or to invite guest speakers for large sums of money were thereafter modified

to goals easily attainable. The majority of student suggestions stressed improving present programs and club activities before moving on to more grandiose plans. Moshe Wertenteil, President of SOY stated; "At this juncture, strengthening and fortifying of existing programs should be the emphasis and goal of the Circle."

Among the concerns raised by student leaders included the appropriation of funds towards present publications, Shabbat programs and lounge facilities. In addition, the possibility of a student retreat and improvement of computer facilities at Stern College are seriously being considered.

The Circle, at present, consists of 15 members. Leon Melohn of Melohn Properties, who serves as a member of the executive committee, stated that, "that number should easily double with increased exposure."

The Executive Committee, whose Chief Executive Officer is Shalom Lamm of The Parker Lamm Company, Inc., is the final decision making body of the Circle. Mr. Melohn stressed however, that a main function of the Circle is to "allow everyone to have an input" and that only after hearing from the student leaders and discussing the matter with all members of the Circle would the Executive Committee render its decision regarding money appropriation.

The Circle hopes to have another meeting by year's end and to begin to appropriate the available funds for the spring semester. The involvement of students provides a feedback mechanism for the members of the Circle to have their funds earmarked specifically towards undergraduate, student-oriented programs and achieve their goal of "enhancing student life". Mo Shapiro, President of IBC summed up by saying, "It's a noble gesture on their part which shows concern for the future of YU."



The President's Circle meets with student leaders.

Weisbrot Takes Pre-Health Advisor Post

by David Borowich

To the relief of many Pre-Health students, there is now a new face in the guidance office at Yeshiva University. Dr. David Weisbrot, a professor and Pre-Health advisor at William Paterson College for the past seventeen years, recently

accepted a position here as the new Pre-Health advisor. Dean of Students, Dr. Efreim Nulman, who had made the search for a new advisor a "high priority issue," was very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Weisbrot and commented that "he was a top choice of all the deans."

Dean Nulman also recommended that "all Pre-Health students make their best effort to meet Dr. Weisbrot as quickly as possible."

Fortunately for most students, the transition of Pre-Health advisor from Dr. Potvin's to Dr. Weisbrot should not be overly problematic due in part to Dr. Potvin conscientious

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Avraham Fried at YU Chanukah Concert.

Students Concerned Over Security

by David Silverblatt

Although the light blue uniforms of Burns Security guards may seem ubiquitous at times, many students have voiced concern about the level of performance of the security guards. They claim that the guards are lax about who is allowed into the dorms. I.D. checks are almost non-existent and many guards have been seen sleeping at their posts. Students also express dissatisfaction with the responsiveness of security to problems occurring outside the dorms, and to requests for pickups from the subway station.

Students have seen people who do not belong in the dormitory walking around the dormitory floors. In one such case, an unauthorized man was walking the hallways, sticking flyers under residents' doors. Ronald Zeigler, a fourth year student, observed a man clearly not from YU distributing these flyers at two in the morning. He phoned security, and the man was removed.

David Schimmel, a second year student, said that one night a man dressed in Chassidic attire was walking around the dormitory knocking on doors, and asking for money. Although this person may be legitimate, David believes that this sets a precedent whereby unauthorized people without good causes could also get into the dormitory. Ari Ferziger, a second year student, said a man in his twenties, wearing a yarmulke, knocked at his door and offered to sell him mace. Several other students also claim to have been solicited in their dormitory rooms by this man.

Gaining entry to Yeshiva

University is as easy as donning a yarmelke and looking like you belong. "I'm not going to be up here all night checking everybody's I.D.," said one security guard. Another security guard said, "Anyone's got a yarmulke on, he can walk right in, and no one's gonna stop him. The supervisors don't come in and make us check I.D.s or nothing like that."

This reporter watched as "John", an Hispanic teenager from the neighborhood, donned a black yarmulke, and gained access to and free movement in two of the three dormitory buildings (he didn't attempt to gain entry into the third).

Art Hoyt, head of security for Yeshiva College, Stern, and Cardozo Law School says that while security didn't find "John" suspicious, obviously none of the students did either, for no one reported anything. Hoyt added, security alone can't guarantee that unauthorized people won't enter buildings or wander around campus. "Security is a shared function. We need the cooperation of everyone on campus to report anything suspicious or unsafe."

Several students have accused the security guards of sleeping at their posts. "I've seen the guards sleeping at their posts... they didn't even wake up when I walked by," said YC Sophomore Judah Kaplan.

Several security guards acknowledged that "sleeping on the job" is prevalent. One guard said, "Some guards sleep at their posts. You can tell when central [the dispatcher] has to call them two to three times on the radio till they respond." Another guard said, "Maybe the guys [security guards] on the other

shift are more effective. Maybe they're up on their toes."

Several students have seen the guards talking to their girlfriends on the phone, and believe that this may contribute to the guards' lack of awareness of who is entering the buildings. Hoyt said, many times the guards can be distracted, and it is possible that [unauthorized] people may get in the building. "We are not running an armed camp," said Hoyt.

The problems aren't limited to the dormitories. "There's no security outside the buildings. Once you're outside, you're on your own," said student Joey Eisenfeld. He continued, "The security guards are never around when you need them... except of course when you're on the grass."

Benjie Samuels, a third year student, said that a man in his fifties was standing outside one of the University's buildings handing out copies of the New Federalist, a newspaper associated with Lyndon Larouche and considered to be anti-semitic. The paper often attacks the Anti Defamation League, referring to the A.D.L. as the American Drug Lobby. Samuels called security, but it was only after a second phone call that one security guard went out to check on the situation. "The kid" as Samuels described the guard, "walked out holding his walkie talkie looking as tough as could be." The guard did not approach the man. The man finished distributing his papers to students passing by, and left. "They don't know what to do," said Samuels.

Some guards have admitted that they don't always respond in the proper fashion. But they place the blame on their supervisors and the training they receive prior to working at Yeshiva University. "It's the supervisors' fault that security is bad. If you just tell me to sit at a desk, how am I supposed to know what to do?"

Ernest Segal, a guest who stayed in the dormitory with his friends for several days, said that he had only been asked once to



Dr. David Weisbrot

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Sy Syms Students "Meet The Dean"

by Reuven Horow

On Tuesday night, December 5th the Sy Syms School of Business sponsored a "Meet the Dean" night. It was a good opportunity for the growing number of Sy Syms students to learn some more about their business school, and about upcoming programming.

Kenny Polinsky, Sy Syms School of Business President, opened the well attended evening by introducing Dean Schiff to the students. Dean Schiff then began by pointing out how after two and a half years we actually have a distinct business school. He pointed out how courses such as International Business are required in the business curriculum, while other schools are only beginning to consider the possibility.

The dean also is studying the possibilities of offering an international accounting course. These changes are meant to bolster the school's curriculum. To quote Dean Schiff, "If it was just a so-so program, why would they be here?" Dr. Schiff also noted the large full time faculty, as opposed to adjunct professors.

In reference to the placement program that Sy Syms runs accounting students have 100% placement. The Dean noted that the placement is professionally done and students are placed into quality positions. In fact, the Dean remarked that he had just recently received a phone call from the Executive Vice President at Chemical Bank who lauded the interviewing students from SSSB as being on a level of the Wharton interviewees.

Other speakers for the evening were Jerry Glazer, Accounting Society president, and John Jacobson, Joint Business Society President. They spoke regarding their current and upcoming programming. Both societies are offering a tutorial referral service. If there are any students who feel they need some help in non-accounting subjects speak to Jon at 795-7137 or Reuven Harow at 795-7165. For help in accounting subjects speak to Jon Levine 923-2562.

If anyone is interested in SSSB sweatshirts speak to Adam Berner in M305.



Dean Schiff addresses students at "Meet The Dean" night.

JSS Pres. Seeks To Alter Reading Week Testing

by Joseph Hyman

There has been a tremendous fervor on campus recently over the current finals schedule, especially in JSS. As the schedule stands now, most of the college has reading week before finals while in JSS, finals are to be held during the same period. This seems to place a double burden on JSS students since their study time for college courses is reduced to nothing after taking their JSS finals.

JSS Student Council President Daniel Deutsch said that "it is unfair that YP students get a week off while JSS students don't. This puts JSS students in a bad position for their secular courses since their YP counterparts have already had a week's worth of cramming time." Deutsch also noted that "many JSS students would prefer to

extend the semester for a week to ensure proper study time."

Rabbi Don Well, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Jewish Studies, stated, "There is no question that moving the final examinations to an earlier date or providing a reading week by canceling classes prior to finals is impossible since that would violate state regulations which mandate a full fifteen week semester. Continued accreditation hinges on complying with this criterion."

Most students think that the semester ends on the official last day of classes. These students do not realize that Reading Week is actually part of the semester. Instructors are entitled to schedule classes, and those students who wish to skip their classes may do so. Laboratory courses also continue since students

need to be present to conduct their experiments.

Rabbi Well stated that he thought that "JSS and IBC students can legitimately request no conflicting exams be held during their week of finals," and, "in general, IBC and JSS students have a legitimate gripe compared to other students in the university; their schedule is very tough."

In a recent Student Senate meeting, Dean Rosenfeld suggested abolishing Reading Week and replacing it with full instruction. Then, a few days could be added as a study period, but this would also extend the semester. Most students feel that the current scheduling policy be left as it is because students have the option to best utilize their time during Reading Week.



Cafeteria remains empty during YCSC Boycott.

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Mr. Rosengarten indicated at the onset of the meeting his unwillingness to allow a student review of the Food Services' books. He did, however, express his desire to hear comments from the committee members about specific food items. The committee then considered the price and portion size of various food items: the salad bar, fish, chicken, bread, cereal, and french toast. Changes in cafeteria pricing that resulted from the committee's discussion included: a slice of bread would be free with a lunch or dinner entree, the french toast portion would be increased from one slice to two with no increase in price, and a cereal and milk combination would be reduced from 85 to 75 cents.

The committee also addressed itself to other issues such as the possibility of a mandatory meal plan for Residence Hall students next year. Mr. Rosengarten

stated that the possibility does indeed exist since it may become an economic necessity for Food Services to be guaranteed a reasonable amount of business from the student body as many other universities do. He explained that the \$600 required to join the YU meal plan is minimal compared to the costs of other university kosher meal plans. An example cited for comparison from information provided by Joe Hyman was Barnard College, where Kosher meal plans range from \$2,412 to \$2,740 per year.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Mr. Rosengarten asked for assurance from the student leaders that any complaints about the cafeteria be addressed through the Food Services Committee and not through subversive signs and additional boycotts. The committee closed the meeting by resolving to meet again in the near future.

Weissman On Top In AT&T Challenge

by Avrum Aaron

When the November results of the AT&T Challenge were announced, Larry Weissman, SSSB Junior, was in 6th place with \$634,000 in equity. Since then, Weissman's equity has dropped to \$628,000, but he remains in the race for the top spot and the \$25,000 grand prize.

The AT&T Challenge is in its first year at Yeshiva. Seventy-seven students at YC are participating, almost 10% of the College. Over 15,000 participating graduate and undergraduate students throughout the nation

are given \$500,000 in equity and allowed to make 50 trades. Whoever finishes with the greatest equity wins the grand prize. Second through Tenth place win

Larry Weissman, an accounting major, did not know what to expect when he joined. "I hoped like everyone else that I'd be in the top ten. I dreamed about winning. I even had the money spent," Weissman stated.

Despite his initial success he remains modest. "I was lucky. One month I was up with the leaders, next month I could be at the bottom."

About his prospects to bag the \$25,000 elephant, he says, "I would not put money on it, I would not even put money on me being in the top 10."

Larry had the help of an advisor to make his trades, but he also gives credit to his business education. "The analytical skills that I have learned (in SSSB classes) have helped me."

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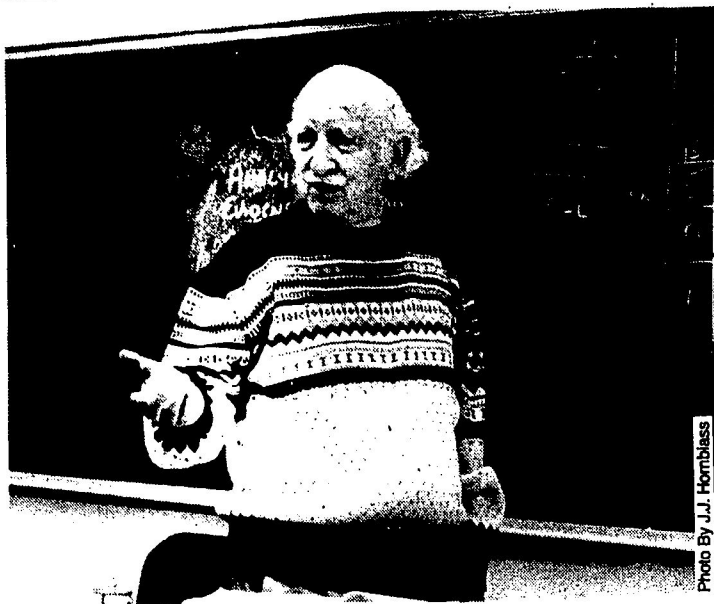
A Look At The Reb

by Aryeh Wiener

Maybe you have already taken one of his classes. Maybe he has already caught you yawning at 7:40 p.m. while he was dancing around the classroom interpreting Melville. Maybe he has already jabbed at your Israeli yeshiva. Perhaps you have already sweated out one of his grueling exams for four hours while he was plodding merrily through Shas [Talmud] before your strained and tired eyes. If so, you already know whom this article is about; For the rest of you, it is about Dr. - er, Professor - um, Rabbi - ah, the Reb.

The Reb is Dr. Maurice Wohlgernter, and he is all of the above. Since sometime around the YU centennial year(s), the Reb has been an adjunct professor of English at YC, but his history with the yeshiva traces almost back to its golden anniversary. As a crackerjack teenage shortstop in Toronto, Moishe Wohlgernter honestly believed that he would be the next great shortstop in professional baseball. His father, almost alarmed at the prospect of his son's becoming, in the Reb's own words, "one of the classic bums of all time", shipped him off to a yeshiva. Acceptance required a letter of recommendation, but all that the prominent rabbis that knew him could find to say about his learning prowess was "this boy, his name is Moishe Wohlgernter." (Anyone searching for a reason as to why the Reb writes such glowing letters of recommendation need look no further).

Truth to be told, though, at the time the Reb was no aspiring rabbi. "My father had the largest



Dr. Maurice Wohlgernter

private halachic library of any Jew in Canada. I can only tell you I never walked into it, except to clean the Seforim for Pesach."

Within three years, all of that changed. The Reb became a true masmid. He credits this to Rabbi Shufenthal, then a rebbe here at YU, and a Rabbi Davis. "Rav Davis crawled under my skin to make me a masmid," the Reb says. And it worked. The would-be rabbi catapulted himself into learning. He planted himself in the Beis Medrash for 18 hours a day and bore fruit, winning the Talmud award as a senior.

When Rav Soloveitchik came to YU, the Reb learned with him for five years before being ordained by him. A pulpit position opened in Inwood, near YU, and young Rabbi Wohlgernter seemed to fit the bill. He continued his secular education, receiving a masters and doctorate in English from Columbia. In 1955, the Reb began teaching

at Yeshiva.

The Reb is quick to attribute his enthusiastic and exciting presentation to the style of the venerable Rav Soloveitchik. By contrast, his methodical interpretation is the product of his professor at Columbia, Dr. William York Tindell. "He'd sit there with his pipe, reading line by line, saying 'What does this line mean?' Puff, puff, puff."

The combination could not fail. The new instructor was an instant success. The students had only one problem. What would they call him? Rabbi? Doctor? Professor? Nothing seemed exactly right. One student came up with the appellation "Reb" and it stuck.

The Reb taught at YU until 1970. By this time, he had published a book and numerous critical reviews and essays. Things should have been looking up, but, according to the Reb, he was the "lowest paid person in the yeshiva - including the janitor." Plus, the adminis-

tration would not let him near an elective, despite students' petitions. Something was up, of course; let it suffice to say that when CUNY stepped in and rescued the drowning Reb from stagnant waters, everyone was much happier.

Two more books followed, as well as a prolific assortment of articles of literary criticism. The Reb's three books were published by Columbia, and they are expecting a fourth.

One essay that stands out is the defense of Yeshiva that the Reb penned in response to Philip Roth's allegation that YU students suffer from "fanatical insecurity" (Without any further ado, see box). He has also covered the works of novelist Herbert Gold and has become quite friendly with him. In fact, every chapter of fiction that the Reb writes, he sends to Gold for revision and approval.

That's right, fiction. The Reb has jumped on the creative bandwagon. "There's nothing in one's destiny saying 'you must be a fiction writer,'" he says assuredly, "I may be, I may not be, but, at the moment, I'm giving it a try."

In 1986, Dean Rosenfeld invited the Reb back as an adjunct. The English department wasn't really lacking, which made the invitation all the more sincere. The Reb began teaching the survey course and one elective (finally!). With a boyish grin, he says "It was like I'd never left."

The Reb has handcrafted eight courses since then, a four-year cycle. Recently, they have begun to boast the greatest number of students in any English elective. The atmosphere is informal (to say the least) and the pitch of the discussions ranges from stimulating to downright frantic.

The interpretation of every

story begins with a barrage of "Why" questions which will be answered as the class progresses. Using these as guidelines, the students play with ideas and theories while the Reb acts as a conductor in both the electrical and musical sense, connecting one point to another and leading the discussion right down to the last paragraph.

From time to time, a student is put off a bit by the Reb's gentility, which occasionally resembles that of a charging rhinoceros. However, the general atmosphere is a warm one, in which no one is taken too seriously, except, of course, when discussing the poem, story, or novel at hand.

The Reb barks out a question, his eyes roving; they find their target and glare piercingly as if they, not he, were searching for the answer. "You CAN NOT teach without eye contact," the Reb intones, "You're not talking to a wall, you're talking to humans." This technique, coupled with antics that would make any self-respecting ballet aficionado cringe, keeps the class on its toes. One student describes the class as "extremely intense; the most fun and interesting class that I actually learned something from."

Anyone who wants to sample all of the YU neighborhood eateries without trudging up and down the block need go no further than the Reb's class. "I think it would be criminal for me to start teaching guys whose stomachs are talking to them," the Reb jokes. Food critics are cordially invited (not to mention literary critics).

On a more serious note, another student reflects that, "The great thing about the Reb is that he keeps up the relationships with his students beyond the classroom and beyond grad-

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A Look At Dr. B

by Steven Felsenthal

"It's a performance-that's the key." Yeshiva students have to learn to break out of their expectations and change their standards. "I try to shake them up and move them-a little razzle dazzle goes a long way." "A little razzle dazzle" is exactly what Dr. Anthony Beukas has contributed to his Communications and Drama classes over two decades. Although the classes he teaches may appear to be of less importance than courses such as Biology, Accounting, or other impressive course titles, according to Jay Lehman, a junior at Yeshiva College, "Dr. Beukas doesn't just teach you how to speak. He teaches you self-confidence, debating, independent thinking, and many of the other skills that are essential to any career."

Almost every college professor would like to think that their classes are different from the norm and that they are interesting. What makes Dr. B different is that he fulfills this goal. Dr. Beukas points out that students are trained to sit in a chair and listen to somebody talk. "In communications class you have to activate people. I don't allow them to slip into their apathy." He feels that if students know

that they have to respond, it keeps them alert. "We have young, inexperienced, tremendously sheltered students," says Dr. Beukas. They are told that they have to represent themselves verbally and they don't know what that is. He stresses that students must know what impression they make when they speak and many times, "shocking their sensibilities" is the only way to energize them.

Dr. Beukas administers a unique classroom setting in which students learn from each other as well as their instructor. When "Dr. B" makes comments on their speeches, pupils have the freedom to come back at him with a sharp retort and use their wit "if their quick enough." From the smile that crosses Dr. Beukas' face when he describes the classroom atmosphere, his passion for teaching becomes apparent. He is also a strong believer in involving students in classroom activities. He encourages them to both give speeches and constructively comment on each others' speeches.

Being a professor is a full time occupation for many people, but Dr. Beukas doesn't end his day there. He is the director, choreographer, producer, chief

technician, and handles every aspect of theatrical production while still managing to teach his students how to handle all aspects of productions from ticketing to lighting to acting. Even while in the theater, Dr. Beukas still recognizes his role as a proponent of education. His theatrical productions never cease to amaze audiences with their quality and professional appearance, but what is more important to Dr. Beukas is the fact that everyone involved in YCDS learns to work with others and express themselves through art. Theater, to Dr. Beukas, is another form of expression and a way in which to be creative and at the same time learn.

One thing that all of Dr. Beukas' courses have in common is that they teach students to strive toward a goal, not to settle for less. In the theater, he will never tell an actor that he has arrived. There is always room for improvement and if the actor works hard enough, he will be rewarded with more "bits" or extra lines. In the Speech classroom, there are many stories told by students who have experienced the antics of Dr. Beukas. For example, one former pupil of "Doc" Beukas



Dr. Anthony Beukas

was giving a speech and Dr. Beukas noticed that the student was relying on the outline too much. "Dr. B" took the outline away and made the student finish the speech without it. The student struggled through the speech, and at first his reaction was anger with his professor. Afterwards, however, both he and the rest of the class realized that he had learned something from this. It gave him the confidence not to rely so much on his outline the next time, and made him determined to show Dr. Beukas what he could do. Similarly in the theater, Dr. Beukas may yell and carry on while criticizing something that a student has done or has not done. But the director's antics only drive the student to perform and present himself better the next time.

Dr. Beukas, in other words, has a theme that runs through the curriculum of all of his classes. That theme is: when you present yourself to a group of people or even to another individual, it is a powerful skill not to allow "someone you're communicating with, to dismiss you for being insignificant."

Robin Williams portrayed an abnormal yet outstanding teacher in the movie "Dead Poet's Society." His motto, which was also adopted by his students, was "Carpe Diem! (seize the day)." Dr. Beukas does not jump on desks in order to stimulate the students' interest as Robin Williams does in the movie. Instead, he brings the Yeshiva student out of his shell forcing him to portray himself as a significant person.



Joanne Landy speaks to students at Historical Society lecture.

Speaker Raps US Policy in Eastern Europe

The YC and Stern Historical Societies hosted a lecture entitled "The Political and Economic Changes Behind the Iron Curtain" which was delivered by Joanne Landy, the director of the Campaign for Peace and Democracy. The lecture was attended by about 25 YC and 5 Stern students.

Ms. Landy believes that the recent changes in Eastern Europe present unprecedented opportunities for the United States. "It is possible," she said, "for the U.S. to effect changes that would greatly diminish the threat of a major war as well as improve the lot of millions of people around the world." Unfortunately, according to Ms. Landy, the US, which she

labeled a "very backward country," is squandering this golden opportunity. Further, she says, "not only is the US not doing anything positive to capitalize on the recent changes in Europe, but it is actively attempting to reverse the march towards democracy in order to maintain its position as a superpower." According to Ms. Landy, "the US discourages the disbandment of NATO because it recognizes that NATO's demise would precipitate a vitiation of its own power in Europe." Ms. Landy also feels that the Administration's offer of economic help to East European countries is paltry and that Senator Paul Simon's attempt to appropriate the money to foster a free market system was an attempt

to extort unwilling East European nations into copying the American system. In addition to what she sees as the moral repugnance of forcing a country to do something against its will, it is possible, Ms. Landy said, "that this attempt would backfire and lay the groundwork for a right-wing dictator's rise to power." It is preferable, she said, that "the US unconditionally send a large amount of money to the indigent nations and allow them to invent their own economy, one that would be more suited to their needs than either a communist or a capitalist system."

Though it was clear from students' questions to Ms. Landy that many did not support her agenda, most were pleased that they had the opportunity to hear from a knowledgeable person on an important topic: Student Council President Barry Kaye said, "I'm pleased that we were able to sponsor such and intellectually stimulating event which could generate a healthy amount of interest."

The President of the YC Historical Society, Isaac Chalom, said that he attributes what he considered to be a low turnout to YU authorities ripping down the flyers announcing the event. Says Chalom, "they give us money to make flyers and then they rip them down as soon as we put them up." Chalom says that during the year, the Historical Society will sponsor lectures by YU professors in which the professors will describe their research. He expresses hope that these lectures will be well attended.

YU Canadians Meet Princeton Counterparts

by Gilaad Deutsch

Three Canadian Princeton students braved the malfunctioning subways to come to Yeshiva on Monday, December 4. There, they met with the Executive Board of YU Club Canada, and with John McNeil, the academic advisor for the Canadian Consul-General in New York, in an unprecedented gathering. The Canadians discussed plans for upcoming intercollegiate events, such as hockey games and speakers, over a light dinner sponsored by YUCC. They also proposed to send a joint letter in support of an absentee ballot bill currently being tabled by the Canadian Parliament. The executive board of the YUCC plans to keep in touch with the Princeton Canadians once a week as well as with Canadians from U of Penn, Harvard, and Yale.

The CC intercollegiate activities, are intended to complement intra-YU programs such as the Canadian Column in the Commentator, the Thursday night radio show, the annual shabbaton, and the December 17 Rangers-Canadiens hockey game.

Joseph Bensmihen, president of the CC is proud of the CC's activity: "This is the first time someone even had a thought to join with other clubs from other campuses. We have a chance to do things uniquely Canadian in nature but still open to all students." Yosef Kilimnick, YC junior from Rochester, New York, is not as enthusiastic: "I don't see the point of all this." In contrast, Zvi Weiss, a SSSB junior from outside Canada, expressed excitement, "It's a neat idea to have Canadian events. Maybe I'll go sometime."

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Thirdly, Greg Rhine played his best defensive game of the year, recording five steals and altering many Colonial shots. Lastly, Davis confirmed that he is the IAC's MVP. He scored 22 points against Tony Murphy, regarded as the best defensive player in the conference. The high scoring Murphy, a three time all-IAC point guard was held to six points.

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uation. Even more telling is the plain fact that the reverse is true, as well. The Reb is understandably proud of that. Once you are in his class, it's impossible not to get to know him and, when you do, in the words of this writer, "You've just got to love the Reb."

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Jewish Voting Power: Myth or Reality

by Tommy Weinberger

Voicing concern over the failure of Jews to participate in the political process, Dr. Mandell Ganchrow addressed a sizeable crowd in Rubin shul on Wednesday, December 6. Dr. Ganchrow, who has been politically active since his days as a member of Affiliated Young Democrats of Yeshiva College, currently is President of the Hudson Valley PAC, a member of the Executive Board of AIPAC, and Vice-President of the OU. In addition, he is a practicing surgeon. The event, titled "Power of the Jewish Vote - Myth or Reality," was sponsored by the College Republicans; however, as President Ilan Aldouby was quick to point out, the topic is of concern to all Jews and is bipartisan in nature.

Citing his lack of expertise on the topic of the Jewish vote, Dr. Ganchrow focused on the works of the Pro-Israel lobby. The Pro-Israel lobby is active even in areas where the Jewish vote is non-existent, and therefore, is of greater concern. Politically active Jewry is a relatively new phenomena and its results are in complete contradiction to the lack of a Jewish voice during the 1940s. However, some critics claim that the Pro-Israel lobby has become too powerful.

During World War II, Jews clearly identified with the Democrats and FDR was their idol. At that time, however, Jews were unsure of their political and social status and were hesitant to draw attention to themselves; the results were often horrifying. The St. Louis ship carrying 963 Jews who were refused entry to every port, including the US, is a striking example of American Jewry's lack of action. At the time of the event, there was a major Reform rabbinical convention, however, a word of protest was not to be heard. While Father Coughlin was broadcasting Anti-Semitic propaganda over the airwaves, the Jewish community was too timid to move against him. Dr. Ganchrow contrasted those apolitically active days with the birth of the Pro-Israel lobbies.

Immediately after the horrors of the camps became known, there was an outpouring of support for Jews and the State of Israel. This goodwill lasted till 1979, and then the shock forced the Jewish community to action. In 1979 a major sale of F15 fighter aircraft to Arab countries was approved; originally, this was considered an aberration in the unwavering support for Israel. However, in 1980 a proposed sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia was brought before Congress. "A new breed, who didn't live through the holocaust," came to the forefront of the Jewish community to fight the Arabs growing economic power.

The Pro-Israel lobby is comprised of three distinct branches, each serving in different areas in order to promote Pro-Israel activities. The first branch comprises the purely educational and religious groups, such as the B'nai B'rith, Amit, Hadassah, etc, who are non-profit organ-

izations and do not engage in lobbying activities. AIPAC, publishers of the Near East Report, are an official registered lobby and are often regarded as the most reliable source for information on the Middle East; their activities fall under the rubric of a public affairs committee which is distinct from the final branch. Political action committees are groups of 50 or more individuals who can donate amounts no greater than 10,000 dollars to campaign war chests. Currently between 80 to 100 of these registered PACs push Pro-Israel causes.

With the growth of the Pro-Israel lobby, each Congress has looked upon Israel in a more favorable light. To illustrate the dramatic work of the lobbyists, Israel has never lost a major arms battle. In addition, many loans were reclassified as grants and the interest rate was reduced from 16% to 4-5%. Israel and the US have concluded a free trade agreement and Israel participates in American military research, most notably SDI. Furthermore, Israel is considered a Non-NATO major ally. Israel receives money for resettlement of Jews and support for Israel in the UN has remained relatively constant.

With the striking achievements of the lobby, people have come to question whether or not it is too powerful. When Senator Bob Dole was posed with the same question, he replied "sometimes." In the opinion of Dr. Ganchrow, being Pro-Israel is "as American as Apple pie." Furthermore, Pro-Israel activities are conducted out of a sense of patriotism and a desire to further American causes. In response to the many critics, Dr. Ganchrow claims the activities of the lobby are in accordance with the actions of other communities, and the methods employed are legal and moral. The amount of PAC money given by the lobby is not disproportionate to the Jewish population. In addition, the system is designed so everyone advances the causes he believes in. In addition, no one has claimed the facts presented by the lobbies are dishonest. In the long run, it is better to be heard and criticized than silent and victimized. In the 50 years since the Holocaust, Jews have moved up the political ladder to the point where the lobbyists are invited to the White House.

Turning his attention to his YC and Stern audience, Dr. Ganchrow pressed upon everyone the importance of being involved in the political process. As future community leaders, students must be actively involved today, for there is not always a tomorrow. Citing a quote from Rabbi Lookstein's book, *Were We Our Brothers' Keepers*, Dr. Ganchrow stated that the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto died with the knowledge that American Jews failed to come to their aid. Dr. Ganchrow concluded his remarks by asking whether or not we live up to our communal obligations.

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The Y At YU In The PM: A Survey Of Nighttime Shiurim

by Hayyim Angel

After a long morning of *seder* and *shiur*, and then seemingly endless classes in the afternoon, the YU student has happily finished his Torah-U-Mada day. The grade-conscious YU student knows that he had better get to work on his assignments, almost all of which are for Mada classes.

Is this night schedule a fair Torah-U-Mada balance? The answer to this question lies in the students. Each student can work solely on Mada if he so desires, but there exists the possibility to carry a little Torah over into the night.

A large number of students organize into *Havrutot* for a set time every night. The main RIETS *Beit Midrash* is filled every night by many students who want to learn Torah even after 3:00 in the afternoon.

The true greatness of the Y of YU, however, lies in the fact that the *Roshei Yeshiva* offer a wide variety of *shiurim* to the students at Yeshiva College. These *rabbanim* dedicate much time and effort so that they may teach Torah to interested students. Presented is a list of the *shiurim* with descriptions given by students who attend them.
RABBI YOSEF BLAU—MONDAY NIGHTS: 9:30-10:00 IN T101 (OUTSIDE THE RIETS BEIT MIDRASH). The newest *shiur* at Yeshiva College is a *shiur hashkafa* given by Rabbi Blau, the Mashgiach

Ruchani of RIETS. Rabbi Blau uses *Rambam Hilchot De'ot* as a springboard for his own thoughts. He delves deeply into the text, teaching great new insights into the slightest peculiarities in the words of the *Rambam*. Those who have attended are very enthusiastic about the *shiur*. One student remarked that "Rabbi Blau develops close ties with the students at Yeshiva, giving him a great understanding of his audience. He carries this understanding into his *shiur*, where he can address exactly those who sit in the room with him, and tailor the *shiur* to suit their needs." Twenty students attended each of the first two *shiurim*, and as word gets out about it, the *shiur* shows great promise for growth.

RABBI MEIR GOLDVICH—MONDAY NIGHTS: 9:00-9:45 AT HIS APARTMENT ON 186TH STREET. Twenty students regularly attend this *shiur* given at the Rabbi's residence, rather than on Yeshiva's premises. It is also the only one given in Hebrew. Aaron Brody, a regular attendee, feels that these unique qualities of Rav Goldvicht's *shiur* are received well by those who attend. "Rav Meir (Goldvicht) is exceptional in his attempt to get closer with the students...You sense a feeling of *Torat Eretz Yisrael* whenever you hear him." Rav Goldvicht chooses a topic each week, and

answers it by tying together *Midrashim* and the teachings of the *Maharal*, unifying everything by the end.

RABBI MORDECHAI TENDLER—TUESDAY NIGHTS: 8:45-10:00 IN T102. Fifteen to twenty students attend this *Halacha l'ma'aseh shiur*. Rabbi Tandler is currently involved in contemporary issues in *Ishut*, where he takes a topic and traces applicable law through the Talmud and classic halachic works. Jeff Saks tells of the *shiur* that it is "a lot of good information on the topics." Rabbi Tandler concludes each *shiur* by teaching a responsum from Igrat Moshe by his grandfather, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein ZTL.

RABBI AHARON SOLOVEITCHIK—WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 9:00-11:30 (OR SO) IN THE RUBIN SHUL. Despite the great time commitment involved, forty students attend Rabbi Soloveitchik's *shiur* weekly. This is the only *shiur* where Stern women make that tedious commute uptown to hear a night *shiur* at Yeshiva College. One enthusiastic student explained that he was willing to forego so much time because "hearing a *Gadol* is something you don't get every day...It's a long *shiur*, but it's worth it." At the beginning of each *shiur*, Rabbi Soloveitchik poses a series of questions and then proceeds to give one answer

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Speaker Calls For "Neo-Zionism" Movement in U.S.

by Avi Posner

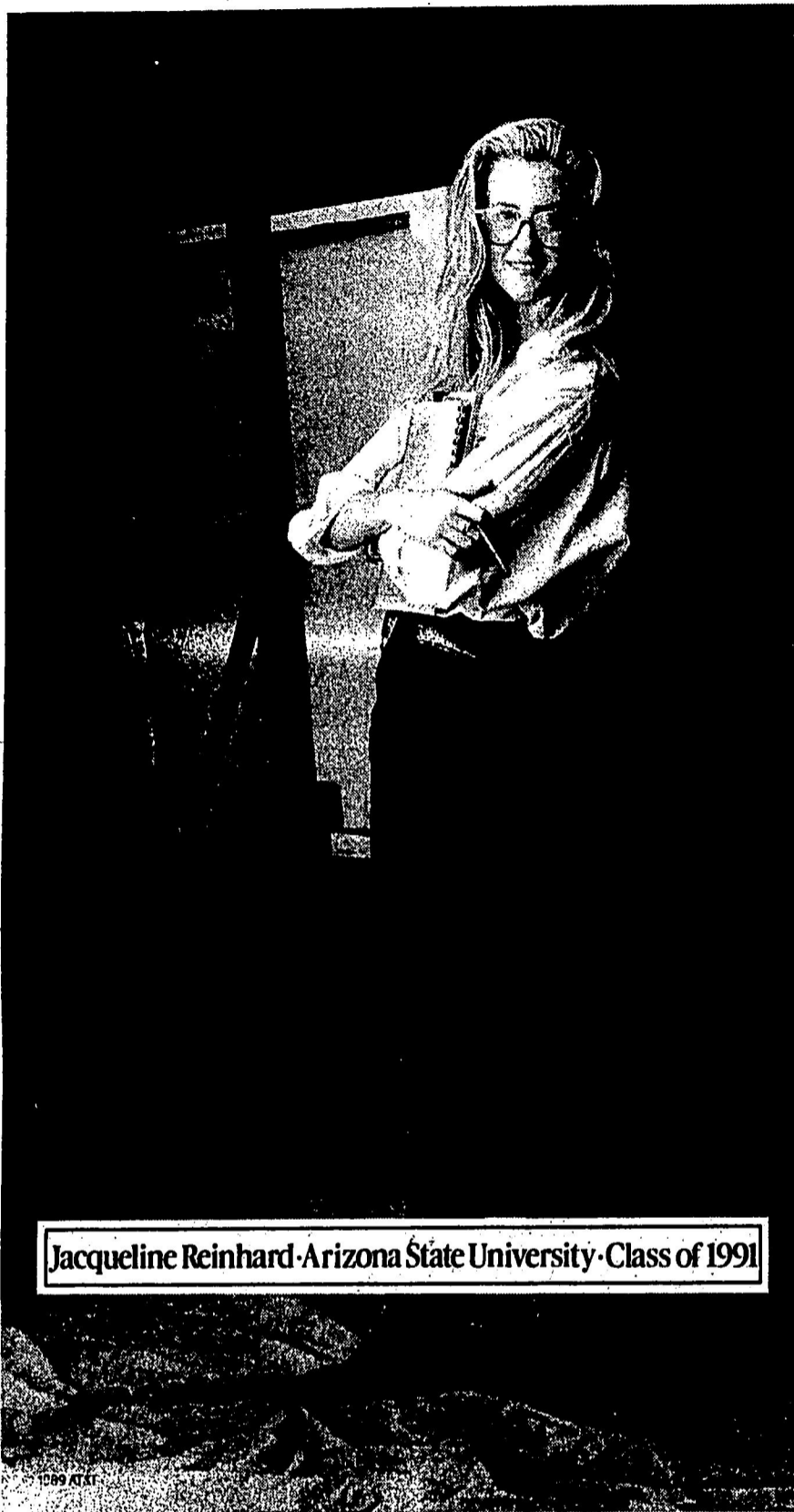
In a follow-up to last month's Zionist Shabbaton, YU hosted a lecture by Zev Maghen, former Senior Information officer at the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C. Mr. Maghen, who is a doctoral candidate in Arab studies at Columbia University, was introduced by YCSC President Barry Kaye.

Mr. Maghen began by stating that the purpose of his talk, entitled "3 Strikes and you're Out: Zionist Imperatives," was to make an appeal to student activists "to lead a new neo-Zionism in America". He traced Zionism from Russia's short lived first Aliyah, to the rekindling of enthusiasm just a few years later which culminated in the second Aliyah "without which we wouldn't have the State of Israel". In Mr. Maghen's opinion, Israel's biggest problem today is not the Intifada, "but something inside that's gone". Just as the second Aliyah was able to revive what was lost from the first Aliyah, "it is our job to always keep the momentum going, because without idealism, there is no future for the state of Israel". He pointed out further that since the first two Aliyot have already died down, "we already have two strikes" and by allowing Aliyah today to come to a standstill, "we will have struck out".

Mr. Maghen's speech was followed by a more informal discussion of methods to jumpstart American Aliyah and "move the masses" to Israel. Four basic courses of action which had been outlined on the Shabbaton were presented in detail. The first, a poster campaign, will virtually smother New York with posters intended to trigger thoughts about Aliyah. In addition, a pin is being designed, to be worn by people who plan to go on Aliyah. Its proponents contend

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



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Satire in the Stacks

by Dovvy Prince

As finals speedily approach, YU students are dusting off their textbooks, "regenerating" their copy cards, and trudging out of their noisy dorm rooms to the temple of silence—the Pollack Gottesman library. The YU library supposedly represents a stack of books but it obviously represents much more.

One might think that the architecturally award winning library serves as an altar on which dedicated students willingly sacrifice their social lives. Au contraire! The best place to meet people seriously is the library; after all, everyone there is so serious. The intense science for "non-science-major" students sit in fierce meditation over their textbooks for "non-reading people." The almost imperceptible humming of the computer printers can even be

heard, that's how serious the silence is on the second floor of the Gottesman Pollack library. Many a happenstance library meeting between a YU man and a Stern girl has taken place over the years; often times these meetings result in a most serious commitment. Even though no one talks in the reading rooms, aisles, atrium, or elevators, somehow these fated individuals make contact. A common sight is a table full of boys and girls all silently passing notes back and forth so as not to disturb anyone around them.

Ironically enough, the librarians seem to be the most frivolous people in the library. They tool around corners with their carts full of books and their pockets full of snacks. It is not infrequent that students have to hush up the jovial employees and keep them from playing tag in the autobiographies. Many

years ago, an accident almost occurred when the reference librarians were trying to limbo along the top study carrels on floor 3a. It's not hard to imagine what happened. The seventy year-old limbo king was going under the bar when a stray pass from the football game below (the 5th floor librarians were on a break) caught the poor man by surprise. Luckily, the agile man grabbed hold of the "2a" wall on his way down. Tragedy was averted, but, since that time librarians have been restricted to reading, writing, hopscotch, and jumprope. Safety is, after all, a very serious matter.

Curiously, many people do not know about the library renovation — even as it approaches completion. Apparently, the construction of a glass domed root garden has been shrouded in mystery. YU students swear that they haven't

even noticed the work taking place. Unrelenting investigative reporting has revealed that a botanical garden and new student center will occupy floors 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d of the library. The administration formally denies this; yet, an administrative official anonymously acknowledged that once again the University is giving in to student pressure. Ever since the Morg lounge was refurbished, the demand for student meeting places has mushroomed. The new student center will be serviced by express elevators that will only respond to a "meal-card call." To call the elevators a student will swipe his meal card through a scanner and fifty cents will be deducted from his account. A fourth elevator, closed to public use, will be for security use only. A surveillance tower is being built on the south end of the library roof to mon-

itor the entire campus more efficiently.

Security in the library has certainly been stepped up since last year. With the addition of trained bloodhounds scarcely a morsel of food makes its way past the four check points required for entrance to the library. The three new guards are a welcome help to the busy library staff who were having to help out in the frisking and sniffing section at checkpoint two.

Ahh, where have the days gone when libraries were the relaxed and less efficient abodes of less serious students? These days are no more. As Yeshiva University enters the 1990's the Pollack Gottesman library will proudly lead the way, like a beacon in the dark beckoning for all to follow...seriously.

Club Canada: The Dual Loyalties Of Canadian Jews

The phenomenon of being a Twentieth Century Jew in a western country poses certain unavoidable conflicts of interest, especially to those of us who have grown up cognizant of the miracle of Modern Israel. How do we fit? Where do our loyalties lie? And the proverbial dilemma, "Are we Jewish-Canadians, or Canadian-Jews." One way or another, the hyphen seems to indicate two distinct national identities - a dichotomy of sorts. How do we strike the balance?

Perhaps a better and more pertinent question ought to be, "must we choose?" There is always the sophomoric speculation of possible Canada/Israel opposition or even military conflict. That is not the issue; were it so simple a question, there would be no point of contention. It is reasonable and necessary that Canada acts in its own best interest. Whatever that may be will be defined as moral and ethical in Canadian terms.

If Canada decides to sell telecommunications equipment to Cuba, it would be beyond the authority of a Jew to oppose such a move from a religious or ethical stance. If it is good for Canada then it is moral for Canada.

This point is essentially what we define as *Dina D'Malchuta Dina*. A Jew is halachically bound to follow all laws of the state in any case of *mamonot*.

Cases of *nefashot* carry a different ruling. In such instances, Halacha, as defined in Jewish terms, comes first. The absolute morality of the Torah cannot be overridden in favour of a man-made edict. Such is the ruling in regards to the observance of *mitzvot* as well. A Canada/Israel military conflict of *milchemet mitzvah* would demand Jewish support for Israel. Similarly, any Soviet prohibition against the observance of Jewish Law has no bearing upon the obligation to fulfill them.

The problem of our dilemma rises in cases such as the Canadian sale of nuclear apparatus to Arab nations. From the Canadian side; this business transaction would greatly benefit the Canadian economy and is therefore highly desirable, if only from an economic view. From the Jewish side, such a move may ultimately lead to serious threats of security to Israel, a clear case of *nefashot*. As far as a Jew is concerned, he should oppose any connection to such transactions, all the while realizing Canada's right and justification to pursue such business.

It is not generally advisable to create questions and problem simply for the purpose of solving them. We should have more faith in both our lands than to consider the possibility of any military conflict. It seems, therefore, that there is, in fact, no

question of loyalties. While we live in Canada, we have obligations to Canada which must be followed where they do not conflict with *Halacha*. Any particular case in question can be defined and categorized in order to determine what the proper Jewish response should be.

Still, on a day to day basis, the Jewish attitude towards Canada should be investigated. It's an academic question, not necessarily a functional one.

Nonetheless, we should deal with it openly and honestly, as it deserves more than a thoughtless shrug. *Dina D'Malchuta* deals solely with monetary cases, labelling the civil laws as *din gamur d'Orayta*. Our question of nationalistic sentiments is in a different realm, but not an altogether new issue.

The prophet, *Yirmiyahu*, upon seeing Israel led into exile bid them to "seek the peace of the city" wherein they would be relocated and to pray to G-d for it, "for in its peace shall you have peace." We need no better illustration of this principle than the experiences of our own era. When things go well for the country, things go very well for the Jews living there. But when things turn sour, economically, socially, and especially politically, then for the Jews living there, the situation worsens in direct proportions. In plain

language, it's in our own best interest to pray for the security and wellbeing of our country. *Yirmiyahu* knew it; it should be a lesson to us.

Although this self-interest is well justified and understandable, it is not necessarily a specifically Jewish reaction. Any minority living in a host country would naturally experience such sentiments. The Jewish view adds an extra dimension. There exists in our tradition a special attitude toward such favorable relationships which *Chaza'l* have labelled *Hakarat Hatov*, or the obligation to acknowledge the good that we experience. This is a very wide category and one which is not easily defined or measured. The extent of possibilities where this mitzvah applies is so wide that it is not possible to list them or even categorize them. The cases may range from our obligation to respond to a simple hello in the street, to the admission of converts from *Mitzrayim* (though one might assume their exclusion as are the Emorites and Moabites excluded). Basically, we are commanded to acknowledge favour and benefit wherever we experience it, whether it be a simple smile or the graciousness of a Pharaoh accepting refugees of famine.

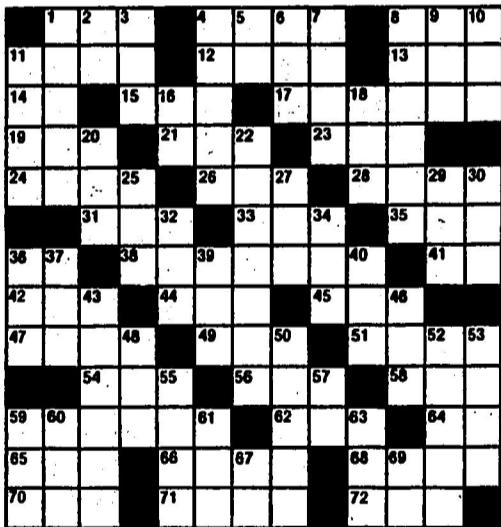
There are no limits; we must be sensitive to all the sources of our comfort and benefit. Ultimately, we realize G-d as the

source of all good. No one will disagree in regard to our obligation to thank G-d for every aspect of our very lives. This is reflected in our daily prayers. The point to note is the Divine desire for us to be instilled with this attitude from the very simplest, mundane experience to the most spiritual revelation. In order to love G-d, first' love man. Love of G-d alone is deficient. To display a full and true devotion, we must also love his creations.

Canada, as a host country, should and must be viewed for what it is - perhaps the freest and most unlimited nation in the diaspora today. Rarely, if ever, in history has a Jewish community enjoyed such freedom of religion and religious growth, liberty and expression as does Canada's Jewish community today. Certainly great *Hakarat Hatov* is called for in reciprocation of the extensive freedoms and affluence of which we are availed by Canada.

Is there, then, any real dilemma of the so-called dual loyalties? On the contrary, it seems that proper observance of Jewish Law serves only to strengthen our gratitude to and appreciation of Canada. To acknowledge good and favour is a positive commandment. Being Canadian, especially hyphenated ones, we have a lot for which to be thankful.

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

- 1. 7th Greek letter
- 4. Inevitable event
- 8. Number
- 11. Image
- 12. Above
- 13. Fish eggs
- 14. Two (pref.)
- 15. Ingredient in alcohol
- 17. Fur bearing animal
- 19. Frozen water
- 21. Chewed again food
- 23. Fluid in plant
- 24. Asterisk
- 26. Dry, as in wine
- 28. Flower
- 31. Unite
- 33. Drunkard
- 35. Beetle
- 36. Indefinite pronoun
- 38. Thive
- 41. Plural pronoun
- 42. Sical
- 44. Is (plural)
- 45. Pave
- 47. Break suddenly
- 49. Make mistake
- 51. Sisk
- 54. Legal point
- 56. Rocks on top of hill
- 58. Shine floor
- 59. Roof of mouth
- 62. Banish
- 64. Two (Roman num.)
- 65. Compare point (abbr.)

DOWN

- 66. Singing voice
- 68. Female relative
- 70. Make good on debt
- 71. Shoe
- 72. Teaspoons (abbr.)
- 1. Decree
- 2. Preposition
- 3. Total
- 4. Plain to see
- 5. 11th month (Feb.)
- 6. Prepare golf ball
- 7. Makes mistakes
- 8. Three-legged stand
- 9. Forever
- 10. Nee
- 11. Wading bird
- 16. Symbol for actinium (abbr.)
- 18. Damage
- 20. Consume
- 22. Chocolate pie
- 25. Tear
- 27. Policeman (slang)
- 29. Plant seed
- 30. Before (poetic)
- 32. Age
- 34. Vietnam offensive
- 36. Federal tax agency
- 37. 2,000 lbs.
- 39. Iron
- 40. Scrap of cloth
- 43. Cervical
- 46. A line
- 48. Green vegetable
- 50. Mechanical man
- 52. Pours
- 53. Out
- 55. Pierce
- 57. Sun god (Egypt)
- 59. Energy
- 60. Collection of materials that reflect character of a person
- 61. Rock group
- 63. Rodent
- 67. Preposition

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

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SECURITY REVIEW- Cont. from page 4

show I.D. and he did. He showed the guard his University of Toronto I.D. card. The guard said "okay", and walked away. "The guards seem awful young for jobs of such responsibility," said Carey Schreiber, a YC student. "They drive worse than we do." Most of the security guards interviewed agreed that they hadn't received the training they're supposed to get. One guard said he received no training. Another guard said, "I watched a video, and they handed me my badge and walkie talkie." One security guard maintained that his training was as strenuous as Police training, "just without the physical part."

The Burns district office refused to comment on training procedures, and would only direct questions to the Burns Security Headquarters who then directed questions to Baker Industries, which owns Burns Security. Joe Allan at Baker Industries did say that "training varies from contract to contract, and depending on what Yeshiva University wants, that's what they get."

"They're not trained to be police officers," said Hoyt. "They're trained to be security guards." He said that the guards receive their main training from Burns, but they also receive orientation training at Y.U. from Brian Westin of Burns and a Burns lieutenant. Hoyt added that there is a training supervisor assigned to Y.U. who gives the guards one hour of formal

training a month with videos and lesson plans, and it's followed up with a test.

Yeshiva University is located in the neighborhood which leads New York city in homicides and police shootings, and students are encouraged to use the security van service to and from the subway station. However, many students find that by the time the van arrives to pick them up, they could have already walked back and forth to school. Said Sophomore David Schimmel, "The last two times I called to be picked up from the "A" train, the dispatcher said someone's on the way, and it has taken about thirty minutes each time. till I was picked up."

The delays not only inconveniences students, but also endanger them. Waiting in a subway station late at night can be as dangerous as walking back through Washington Heights. Steven Tuchman claimed he called security to be picked up from the "A" train, and they said the van would be right there. While waiting for at least an hour to be picked up, a large man over six feet accosted him, and asked him for money. "Out of fear I felt I had to give it to him. If security had been there when they said they would, this wouldn't have happened."

Hoyt said that the dispatcher is supposed to inform the student calling to be picked up if there will be any delays. "I will not tolerate poor service from my van drivers or supervisors,"

said Hoyt. Hoyt requests that any and all delays students encounter with the van service be reported to him in Belfer 110, or by calling extension 221.

Hoyt wants to see an increase in van usage by the students. He says that if a shortage of vans occurs, he will see to it that more vans are acquired, and more drivers are hired. "It's the only way I can insure the safety of our students to and from the subway." He stated that his men are instructed to accommodate all transportation requests (within reason). Hoyt also suggests students returning via subway late at night take the "A" train to the George Washington Bridge bus terminal at 174th street, and call to be picked up.

Hoyt suggests that if students must walk through the neighborhood, they should use 181st street because its highly traveled, police patrolled, and has many places to go for assistance including a fire station.

Some students are pleased with the high profile of security on campus. Third year student Nathan Goldberg finds security's presence, especially the booth on 185th street, "reassuring when walking back from the subway late at night."

Still, students are frightened by security lapses in the dormitories. They are frustrated by inconsistencies with the van service to and from the subways. Because this is an issue of student safety, a thorough look at the University's security may be in order.

Zionism Cont. from page 12 that this will serve as a "conversation starter" and promote group unity. Third, a committee will solicit letters from people who have already made Aliyah. Aimed at American Jewry, these letters will detail the reasons why these people chose to become *olim* and will invite others to consider doing the same.

Finally, an intercollegiate retreat sponsored by YCSC is scheduled for mid-April during Chol Hamoed Pesach. This retreat will serve to familiarize participants with the movement, and to promote involvement. It is hoped by the organizers that these measures will succeed in bringing the issue of Aliyah into the public eye.

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RASKAL'S KORNER

The RASKAL has decided to try another new format for his column this week in honor of the upcoming holiday. The RASKAL is publishing a Chanukah wish list. This catalogue is a series of items in antonym form that the RASKAL wishes to see more or less of around school:

- The RASKAL requests more courses and fewer requirements.
- The RASKAL requests longer vacations and shorter semesters.
- The RASKAL requests fatter teacher salaries and thinner teachers.
- The RASKAL requests higher GPA's and lower prices at the CAF.
- The RASKAL requests wider dorm rooms and narrower focus.
- The RASKAL requests bigger portions and smaller papers.
- The RASKAL requests taller basketball players and shorter classes.
- The RASKAL requests quicker minyanim and slower summers.
- The RASKAL requests richer trustees and poorer egos.
- The RASKAL requests stronger rebounders and weaker intracontinental strife.
- The RASKAL requests heavier security and lighter fluids.

The RASKAL would like to wish everyone a Happy Chanukah, a successful finals week, and an enjoyable vacation. See you next year.

Shiurim Cont. from page 11 to address all of them. He shifts from politics to science to *hashkafa* with such naturalness that the *shiur's* depth is greatly increased. Rabbi Soloveitchik is very outspoken and fiery in his talks, winning the attention of those who attend.

RABBI YITZCHOK COHEN—THURSDAY NIGHTS: 9:40-10:00 IN ROOM T101. When the weekend is approaching, and students need that extra push to be good over the net 48 hours, this *shiur* is perfect. Twenty students regularly attend this *shiur mussar*. Rabbi Cohen starts with a passage from *parashat hashavua*, and from there he moves

to his fiery mussar talk. His sessions drill certain fundamental principles into the minds of those who attend. One student commented that the *shiur* is "pure Rabbi Cohen at his best." Rabbi Cohen utilizes his small time allotment to pack in as many of his thoughts as he can, giving the students a great concentration of mussar for their Thursday nights.

Though each of the *shiur-giving* Roshei Yeshiva have their own personalities, styles of teaching, and topics, they all have the same motive: to provide students of Yeshiva College with the opportunity to grow in their Judaism, even when it's dark outside.

**New Pre-Health
Advisor**

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efforts. Before vacating his office, Dr. Potvin made sure to complete cover letters for almost all the current applicants to medical and dental schools. According to Dovvy Prince, a Pre-Med student, "the passage has not really affected anyone yet because most seniors have already applied".

"The first group of students to work with Dr. Weisbrot will be those applying to graduate schools this summer," said Mr. Prince.

In the few weeks that Dr. Weisbrot has been here, he has met a large number of students at both the uptown and midtown campuses. Dr. Weisbrot in a recent interview, noted that YU is unique in that "students here are under much greater pressure than at any other institution around."

"Whether its family pressure or career pressure or what have you," he said, "the students here worry incessantly about getting into medical school."

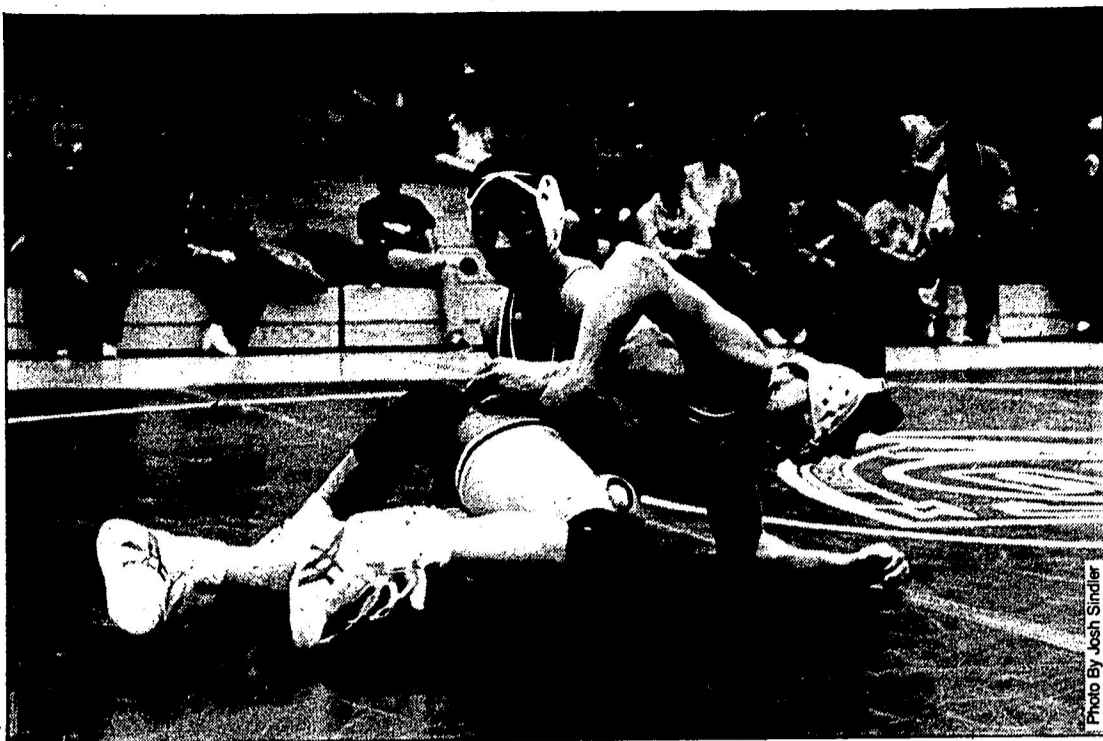
On sabbatical from William Paterson, Dr. Weisbrot observed that he is not subject to the same "publish or perish" ultimatum that is often presented to most faculty members. "I'm not in the same category," explained Dr. Weisbrot. "I was

hired exclusively to do this [Pre-Health advisor] on a part-time basis."

David Kay, a sophomore double-majoring in Biology and Speech, feels that it is unfortunate that Dr. Weisbrot will not be teaching any courses here. David also indicated that "being in a class with your Pre-Health advisor provides a better opportunity for him to get to know you and more effectively help you." For the time being, this situation is not being remedied and Dr. Weisbrot's hours will remain 2:30-5:30 on Monday and Wednesday.

While performing his duties at YU, Dr. Weisbrot also plans on continuing his research in genetics at Columbia University. When pressed with the question on how during peak application season, he will be able to fit all the students into his limited time slot, Dr. Weisbrot gladly offered to "spend more time with the students when it is needed."

Most students feel that Dr. Weisbrot's sincerity coupled with his tremendous experience and understanding of the YU student will help the new Pre-Health advisor establish himself at YU. "I believe that people will be very happy with him," forecasted Dean Nulman, "because he is a pro and a mensch."



Wrestlers grappling in MSAC

Photo by Josh Sandler

Schick Super Hoops Returns To YU

by David Maryles
(statistics compiled by Eric Melzer)

First Round [12/8/89]

It has been called a poor man's full court game. It has also been called the most intense 16 minutes of basketball you'll ever experience. Whatever you call it, Schick Super Hoops has returned to YU - earlier than ever - and the excitement is in the air. Aside from the Mac's stellar play, Schick is the word in YU basketball circles these days.

Outsiders cannot appreciate the speed of play, the last minute emotions that sky rocket on each basket. "When you play eight minutes straight with out the clock ever stopping, you feel the urgency to shoot as fast as possible," says Tamir Spitzer, a member of Team Hocker. Where else do you hear of 3 on 3 scores of 61 to 30 (Jay Hawks over Team Helfer).

The three-point shot is a major weapon of every trio's arsenal, as is the ability to rotate the four members of each team.

Last year's champion's, Dov Goldman, David Spieser, Alex Fooksman and Eric Melzer, were disbanded after Goldman and Spieser left YU, and there is no true title defense. But both players led their respective teams (Fooksman is with the Jay Hawks, Melzer with the Timber Wolves) to first round victories.

Speaking of the first round, several games resulted in blowouts as experienced Super

Hoopsters used their familiarity with nuances in the Schick rule book to their advantage. Meanwhile, other games yielded thrillers that rivaled the excitement of NCAA games. The single elimination format contributed to the intensity of the Tournament.

Easily, the closest game of the first round was the 37-36 victory of the MD's over Rosh Mosh, as MD's David Hirsch nailed a last second free throw to win it.

While 16 teams of the original 27 advanced to the second round, the teams to watch were the Jay Hawks (Fooksman, Feintuch, Goldscheider and Loskow) and the Knicks (Loskove, Mann, Muehlgay and Scharlat). Both teams featured sharp shooting and strong power games on offense, and a suffocating defense.

Second Round Action: Upsets and Upset [12/13/89]

A night of basketball that saw tempers flare at every turn, also saw a favorite fall in a shocker. The upset was executed by the Roommates over the Knicks. The Knicks faltered as their outside shooting abandoned them. Said Daniel Loskove, "We just didn't keep to our game plan and the shots we had were not falling." A key factor may also have been the absence of the Knicks towering center, Richie Scharlat.

While the Knick's loss was the upset, many other people were "upset" with the officiating and

scorekeeping. At the hub of the dispute was Ref Eric Melzer. His "controversial calls" were the trigger of many arguments and led to the pandemonium that reigned over the MSAC much of the night. With all the players constantly stressed out by calls that appeared to be based on some other game, it became simply an accomplishment to emerge from a game unscathed. "It was worth taking a chance and fouling the other team because the inconsistency of the officiating gave you a 50-50 chance of not being called for it," said Mike Shuman of Team Hocker, a team which gained a victory over MCG in a game that is currently under review.

One has to feel for Stanley Watson, Schick Tournament organizer and director. "He is definitely the only individual within the confines of our University who has a firm grasp of all the rules," said Ari Storch, an observer at the Tournament. "Any other referee and its pot-luck!"

All in all, the tournament was a good idea and student participation and enthusiasm was high. But if this competition is to survive further, officials who are immune to the pleas and the influences of the players are needed. Stanley Watson is only one man, and the Tournament must bring in a second ref from the outside to share the workload.

Wrestling Cont. from page 16

a much-anticipated rematch of the Macabee Tournament Final at 177 lbs. between YU's David Edelkreeck and SJU's Richard Kiel. Yet, it was not to be, as Rick apparently whimpered out and wrestled in a higher weight class. The crowd, needless to say, left disappointed. The second significant factor was Boaz Mori's return from injuries (shoulder and ankle) and his ability to avoid a pin which in fact guaranteed YU's team victory.

Yeshiva 39, John Jay College 18 [12/7/89 - at MSAC]

The story of the night was Zev Turen, Yeshiva's second year heavyweight. Always a crowd favorite, "Tank" usually has a substantial rooting section in the stands. On this night, the hard working Turen defeated the John Jay representative, who, incidentally outweighed Zev by over 50 pounds. The victory was Turen's first of the season: "Being my first, it is a real confidence builder. Success like this only pushes me to work harder. Generally, I wrestle guys who weigh at least 250 lbs. so I have to use my speed advantage to its fullest. Using technique over force is my forte. A victory like this over so large (physically) an opponent really

inspires me to keep practicing and hopefully, improving." Using the single-leg takedown, "Tank" was able to build up a 7-5 lead on points and get well on his way to victory when - suddenly - halfway through the 1st period the opponent claimed a wrenched knee and quit. Turen commented: "I got a little angry when he crawled out of bounds the first time. When he asked for a second injury timeout, the ref DQ'ed (disqualified) him." In other matches: Boaz Mori (1-1) got a quick pin a 1:42 of the first period in the 126 lb. weight class. Coach Schwitzer elaborated: "he wrestled an aggressive match, cutting down on his errors, resulting in the pin." Also, team Captain David Edelkreeck improved on his undefeated record to 4-0 with a win on points at 167. The YU Coach had this analysis: "Dave was cautious and conservative. Once he got ahead on points, he just rode the match out." Edelkreeck won 11-6 and in fairness to him, was not at full strength as he was battling bronchitis prior to the match. He later jokingly commented: "I think I'm finally getting the hang of this sport." Apparently so are some of the other Ellmen and that could prove troublesome for the opposition.

Opinion:

Officiating Ineptitude

by David Maryles

Anarchy, pandemonium, an out and out free for all. No, I am not referring to the events of Eastern Europe of the last month. No, I am not talking about a recent Flyers-Rangers hockey game, whose penalty records are two pages long. In truth, my commentary is an observation of the Schick 3-on-3 Super Hoops Tournament currently being played in the MSAC of Yeshiva University. As you read the account of the initial and second rounds, you will notice a sharp contrast between the two. Round one was characterized by fun, fine play and generally, good sportsmanship. However, as teams start to win, they forget all the good sportsmanship previously expressed and go for the opponents' jugular. Never have I seen individuals who only moments before joking around together, go after each other with such blatant animosity and distaste. Round two was a display of much of the ugliness in sports today. As the great Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything - it's the only thing." As such, these students of Yeshiva forgot any values they had only seconds before and went after that ever important and elusive victory.

I do not know if the tournament will reach its conclusion and crown a new champion, but one thing is for certain - the officiating is a sad joke. Only one person has a working knowledge of the complex and illogical rule book. Stan Watson, probably did not anticipate the insanity of the participants, after all last year's tournament ran so smoothly. Yet, there is no excuse for having one single capable referee. Being the only

one who can effectively officiate, at least two [and possibly three of the four] games on the "other" court were decided under extremely controversial and disputed situations. After one of these games, in which the scorekeeper was dragged into the questionable summation, as it was one point, appeared as if the participants would ultimately come to blows - with the last guy standing having his team go on to the finals.

The point of the "other court" is by far the most significant problem with the tournament. We all can understand the "heat of the battle" but when players do not even remotely respect the official in question, there is no way they are going to accept his calls lying down. As such, the aforementioned problems arise, dragging the entire competition into the mud. While a little competition and even controversy make for good discussion, what transpired on last Tuesday night was an embarrassment to basketball and to the participants as human beings. One can only imagine what is going on across the playgrounds and universities of our country where there are 250 pounds "going at it" with just as much if not greater intensity. Furthermore, if the problems experienced by our tournament are not seen across the board at other "Super Hoop Challenges" then it is indeed a sad commentary on us, at Yeshiva, as people.

The Odds

Favorite		Underdog
YESHIVA	11	Mt St. Vincent
NJIT	10	Yeshiva
YESHIVA	18	St. Joseph's
YESHIVA	15	Molly
YESHIVA	12	Pratt
YESHIVA	5	Mt. St. Vincent
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Inconsistent MACS Begin To Struggle

by Shmuel Bulka

Yeshiva 79, CCNY 77

Yeshiva finally won a close game, knocking off City College of New York 79-77.

Eric Davis hit for a career high 35 points, offsetting a 24 point performance by CCNY center Derby Ewing, no relation to Patrick. Jon Rosner and Greg Rhine each scored 12 points, with Rosner adding 12 boards. Seth Cohen's play, including six points, were essential to the Macs success.

NJIT 75, Macs 74

The Macs played the New Jersey Tech Highlanders tough at home, but once again, Yeshiva came up at the short end of the stick, losing a 75-74 decision.

The Highlanders came into the game expecting a blowout and who could blame them, especially given Yeshiva's recent Stevens Tech debacle. In fact, an Highlander assistant coach was overheard assuring a Yeshiva student that NJIT would cover the 17 point spread. But the Macs defied the odds and came within one point of a colossal upset.

The game was a defensive struggle early on as both teams had trouble setting up for the open shot. The Highlanders managed to work the ball inside to Lou Mezzina, who accounted for NJIT's first seven points. The Macs were able to counter with Rosner and Cohen, who combined for nine of the Macs first 14 points. Neither team was able

to accumulate a lead of more than eight points as the Highlanders went into the locker room with a 37-33 lead.

The second half began with a flurry of scoring and the lead changed hands many times with neither team ahead by more than three points. A key point in the game came with 11 minutes remaining and the score tied at 53. Davis crossed the mid-court line and was passing the ball off when the referee called a controversial charge. "The refereeing was mediocre," said coach Jonathan Halpert. The questionable foul was Davis' fourth and Halpert was forced to put him on the bench. NJIT immediately took advantage of the situation, running off nine straight points.

Halpert had to bring Davis back in but was unable to play his usual tenacious defense. The Macs managed to cut the deficit to five points at 71-66. Avrum Aaron then took the ball at the baseline, took two steps backward, and threw up a three point shot. Aaron looked away and began to run down court even before the ball rippled the cords. "I knew it was going in," said Aaron.

After stopping the Highlanders, Rosner tied the game at 71 and the crowd, already frenzied after Aaron's trey, erupted to a deafening roar. With 42 seconds remaining, the officials once again took matters into their own hands, whistling David Ehrman for a ridiculous foul away from the ball. Bill Triplett hit the two free throws and the Macs came down court looking for a quick shot. David Gottlieb, the hottest Macs shooter, had an open shot from three-point range and upon release, it looked like the Macs would definitely take the lead. But a lunging Darrow Murdock came out of nowhere to get a finger on the ball, enough to send it



Eric Davis lays in two.

fluttering into the waiting hands of Leon Peuntes. "We may have rushed it a little, but we just wanted an open shot," said Halpert. The Macs were forced to foul and Lance Andrews hit both ends of the one and one. Gottlieb then hit a three-pointer but it was too late. With a couple of breaks from the officials or with better free-throw shooting, the Macs may have come out on top. Regardless, they certainly earned much praise, including that of the victorious Highlanders. "They did a hell of a job," said forward Harry Deering.

Yeshiva 91, Bard 58

Yeshiva defeated a much improved Bard club 91-58 in a game that was basically over before it started.

Davis led the Macs with 24 points, as Yeshiva led by 18 at the half. But Bard never let the Maccabees run off too many points in a row and kept the deficit around 20 points throughout most of the game. Rosner was solid inside once again, pounding in 17 points. Gottlieb scored a relatively quiet 19 points.

Polytech 69, Yeshiva 68

Yeshiva once again played down to the level of their opponent coming out on the short end of a 69-68 game.

The Macs were up by three at the half and led through much of the game. Davis, once again,

led the Macs, pouring in 25 points, while Rosner and Aaron combined for 27. But it came down to the stretch and for the second time in three games, Yeshiva could not pull it out. Polytech shut down Yeshiva, not allowing a point in the final 2:22 of the game.

Western Connecticut 80, Yeshiva 59

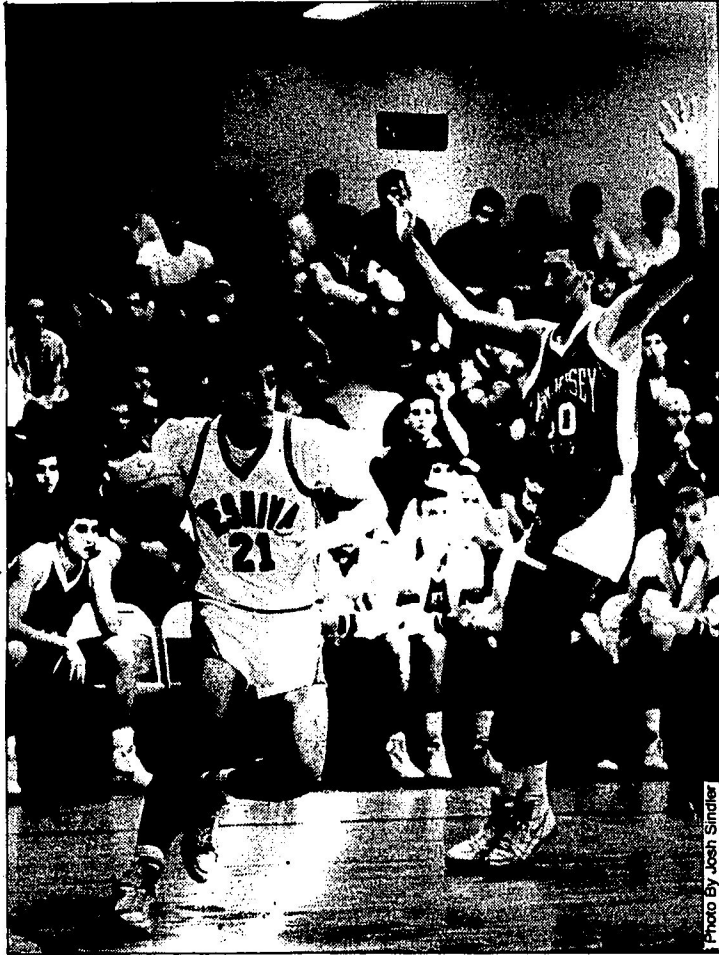
The Maccabees dropped to 4-6 (1-4) with an 80-59 loss to the seventh ranked WestConn Colonials.

Yeshiva went into the locker room down 37-23, but they really had not played that badly. The Colonials though, dominated inside both offensively and defensively. Bill Shepard led the charge with 11 first half points. He finished with 23, including two thunderous dunks. "That man is strong," said Gottlieb.

WestConn sprinted out to and 18 point lead in the second half, but Yeshiva managed to cut it to 12. The Colonials responded by calling timeout, and promptly going on a 7-0 run. Yeshiva came within 12 with a 6-0 run but that was as close as it would get.

Even in defeat, there were many positives for the Macs. Firstly, they lost by only 21 points to a division III powerhouse. Secondly, Elisha Rothman played his first minutes of the year and was perfect from the floor, scoring six points.

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Greg Rhine drives the baseline

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Forfeits Help Ellmen To Two Victories

by D. Maryles

Much of the anticipation of success and high hopes for the Ellmen was lost when they started off their season with two defeats. But in their last two matches the Ellmen were able to secure victories, albeit with a little co-operation from the opposition, and even the team record at 2 wins and 2 losses.

Yeshiva 30, St. John's University 28 [12/4/89 - at MSAC]

The aforementioned "help from the opposition" came in the form of 5 forfeits to Yeshiva by the undermanned Redmen. Some question arose as to the whereabouts of the rest of their squad, for they only brought 6 wrestlers - the rest showed up over 1 hour later when the matches were all but finished.

Two points of note: A large crowd had showed up to view

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