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Students Respond to Kahane Killing

Mourn, Pray at Shooting Site

by Shlomo Zwickler

The shooting death of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of Israel's far right and founder of the Jewish Defense League here in New York, sent a shock wave throughout the Jewish community. A hero to some, a pariah to many, Rabbi Kahane was a consistent source of controversy at YU, where he often lectured.

Upon word of Rabbi Kahane's tragic death last Monday night, numerous Yeshiva College students gathered at the scene of the shooting, offering mournful prayers of Tehillim to memorialize the slain Jewish leader.

At approximately 11:00pm, students set out for the sight, motivated by the need to present a Kiddush Hashem before the public, by countering the possibility of disgrace by other groups.

Waving large Israeli flags in a show of support, the students first held their vigil in front of the Marriott East Side at 48th and Lexington, the sight of Rabbi Kahane's killing. They then proceeded to Bellevue Medical Center at 27th Street off the FDR Drive, in a show of solidarity, deploring the violent murder of the Jewish leader.

At the hospital, students were met



photo by Josh Sindler

Rabbi Kahane's last appearance at Yeshiva College: February 14, 1989

by leaders of Kach International, an outgrowth of the banned Israeli political party founded by Rabbi Kahane, who threatened the students with physical violence. Kach leaders argued that those individuals not associated with Rabbi Kahane had no right to speak, and threatened to "break your legs" if any individual attempted to speak with the press.

According to student leaders, their focus in gathering at the scene was to prove that although not everyone agreed with Rabbi Kahane's ideas, he was a leader of the Jewish people, and therefore we mourn his death.

Rabbi Kahane and his political ideology were a frequent cause of conflict at Yeshiva University. March 9, 1990 was Rabbi Kahane's last appearance at YU. Speaking at the Midtown Center, Rabbi Kahane entertained the subject of "Ol Malchut Shamayim," discussing the status of Arabs according to Halacha.

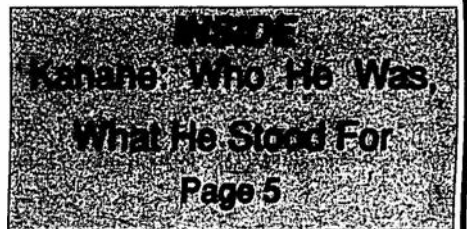
Although sponsored by student organizations at Stern College, his presentation stirred controversy when another student publication, Hamevaser, delivered a strong editorial opinion, claiming Rabbi Kahane "does not deserve a platform at our institution." Putting aside the issue of free speech, the

editorial read, "We... distinguish between allowing his position to be discussed, considered, and judged, and overtly strengthening his position by associating his name with that of YU."

The controversial leader in fact distanced himself from YU, decrying the corrupting influence of Western culture on pure Torah thought. Rabbi Kahane presented that view at a February 14, 1989 lecture at YC, entitled, "A Perspective on the Halachik status of Non-Jews living in Israel". YCSC sponsored the lecture only after both the Israel Affairs (now defunct) and Political Science societies refused to connect themselves with the speaker.

Regardless of the apparent coldness between Rabbi Kahane and YU, Rabbi Kahane had quite a following at the Uptown Campus, as students repeatedly turned out in large numbers to hear his opinions. The 1989 lecture took place before a packed crowd at Rubin Shul, at which fifty people were turned away. The February 21 issue of THE COMMENTATOR quoted then YC junior and Kach activist Shmuel Speiser as saying, "Obviously, many students

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Sinking Economy Scares SSSB

by Neil Torczyner

The nation's current economic slump could spell trouble for SSSB students attempting to enter the field of accounting. The weakening economy is making it more difficult for accounting firms to sell their services. The firms, in turn, are cutting down on the number of new recruits they hire per year.

An article appearing in The New York Times on Monday, November 5th, stated that many firms are hiring fewer college

graduates and naming fewer partners. J. Michael Cook, chairman of Deloitte and Touche, one of the famed "Big Six" accounting firms, explained that "Today as much as half of your work is nonrecurring, so our practice is much more sensitive to the economy than it was ten years ago." What this sensitivity means to the accounting firms is that "When it [the economy] slows down, we slow down," said Cook.

Jonathan Pittinsky, the President of the SSSB Accounting Society remarked

that, "At this point we are being told that it is more difficult to get a job."

These gloomy forecasts have come at the height of the interviewing season. The last four weeks have seen many suits and dresses entering Belfer Hall for interviews with a host of accounting firms. Ira Jaskoll, the Assistant Dean of SSSB, legitimized these fears, saying, "As to the number of people being hired - that will be down, depending on the size of the firm and its income." However, according to Jaskoll, SSSB has taken steps to prepare for this.

"We have expanded. This year we are bringing private firms and government agencies out to conduct interviews for accounting positions. In the past this hasn't been a major area, but now we are suggesting that students pursue multiple areas of accounting."

According to the New York Times article, only two out of the Big Six accounting firms report estimated increases in the hiring of new recruits. Deloitte and Touche estimate hiring 320 fewer recruits, and Ernst and Young report 150 less new jobs available. *

1,400 Protest Zionism is Racism

by Andrew Goldsmith

More than 1,400 students from around the country gathered at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza by the United Nations to mark and protest the 15th anniversary of Resolution 3379, which denigrates Zionism as a form of racism.

The rally also launched a student-led campaign nationwide to repeal the resolution, initiated by the Arab states and passed by the UN General Assembly on Nov. 10, 1975.

The Yeshiva Student College Council was one of a number of sponsors of the rally. Others included the North American Jewish Students Network and Bnei Akiva of North America.

Cries of "Shame on you, United Nations!" echoed

through the crowd as Uriel Savir, Israel's consul general in New York, addressed the rally.

"Where was the UN when Israelis were murdered in Jerusalem?" Savir asked, referring to recent stabbing attacks against Jews in Israel's capital.

He called on the students to show their support "not only in the streets of New York, but in the streets of Jerusalem." Students greeted the invitation with chants of "This year in Jerusalem."

As the enthusiastic crowd roared its approval, student activists tore apart a large UN flag, to dramatize what demonstrators called the world body's "moral bankruptcy regarding Israel."

"It is not the Jewish community, it is not Israel, it is the UN -- if it wants to survive

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Waiting for Nothing

Everyone is sick of the cafeteria- eating in it, reading about it and yes, writing about it. But the caf is playing a waiting game with students, and the students are losing.

Getting a "meal" in the caf is literally a waiting game as lethargic check-out lines pile up and snake through the entree area. There are rarely two cashiers on duty during the busiest hours. Held up in line, students chronically arrive late to class, or bypass hot dishes for a cold turkey sandwich.

Cafeteria officials are unabashedly striving to have the entire student body committed to the YU meal plan. The caf cannot handle its present burden. Increased volume will only exacerbate this unacceptable situation.

Case in point: Although the SOY Shabbat was a great success, it was almost ruined by the Cafeteria's inability to provide food for all of its pre-paid customers. This embarrassing fiasco had nothing to do with the student waiters. All blame must be placed on the cafeteria administration. Surely it sent a thoroughly negative message to the more than forty NCSYers, all potential students, who realized that such a well decorated and aesthetically impressive cafeteria could hardly put food on the table.

Registering Our Complaints

Sometimes university spending must be questioned. While the newly renovated Deans' offices look modern and well equipped, the Office of the Registrar remains cramped and crowded.

Once again, administrative decision makers seem to be calling college students the step-children of the "Yeshiva family." To really benefit students, the office of the Registrar should have received a similar facelift long before the Deans' offices.

As students progress through their college careers, the Registrar's office becomes the most frequently visited room in Furst Hall. Course changes, grade changes, transcript requests, and requests to graduate all must be processed through this congested office. The Deans' offices are only rarely visited in comparison.

Unfortunately, severe overcrowding only makes scheduling difficulties and complicated procedures more intolerable for all involved. The fact that Registrar workers must regularly trudge downstairs for registration clearly highlights a space problem that has come to be accepted as normal.

How many more years will the office of the Registrar continue to endure such conditions? Only the administration knows.

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The Sound of Silence

To the Editor,

The allegations of physical and verbal abuse, overly zealous dorm room searches, rampant disregard for students' privacy, and grossly unprofessional behavior on the part of security personnel poses sufficient danger to Yeshiva College students to merit an investigation by independent counsel.

Apparently, the administration finds the inquiry conducted by Mr. Bockstein, YU's legal counsel, adequate. I vehemently disagree. According to THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Bockstein, YU's legal counsel, could not find any wrongdoing on the part of security. Bockstein claimed that he determined this after extensive discussions with security personnel and administrators. Yet remarkably, he only spoke briefly to the five disciplined students, and never interviewed the many student eye-witnesses. Bockstein said that he had not received any reports of physical threats or

verbal abuse by security personnel. Is that not what the University engaged him to investigate? What did he, in fact, investigate? Furthermore, Mr. Sommers, Chief of Safety and Security, conducted his own investigation and apprised Bockstein of his findings. If Bockstein never heard of reports of misconduct, what then did Sommers discuss with him?

The administration has mistakenly attempted to quickly and quietly dismiss this incident. Their attitude of "forgive and forget" will not further the goal of shalom bayit. In fact, if the allegations of gross misconduct are true, then ignoring them will only allow and possibly even encourage recurrence of such behavior.

The administration's response until now has demonstrated that they are not interested in conducting a thorough investigation. Students must demand that the University engage independent counsel to investigate this incident. Should the independent investigation find wrongdoing, then students must demand swift action to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

If, however, the investigation finds no misconduct, then the YC community can securely "move beyond this incident."

The University cannot refuse a prompt, united student demand for an independent investigation to be followed by a frank evaluation of the findings by both students and administrators.

Daniel Mann
YC '88, RIETS '92

Any students who witnessed or experienced verbal or physical abuse by YU security should contact YCSC President Steven Felsenthal (MO223) or Security Council Chairman David Silverblatt (MO303). All valid complaints will be reported to Mr. Bockstein.

Defusing the Debate

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to your misleading editorial "Acting Against Activists"

which criticized the way Fulani was handled at the Gubernatorial debate.

By using the limited space of an editorial it seems that the editors of the Commentator thought the event was important enough to criticize. It seems strange, however, that these same editors did not find it important enough to cover as a news story. This means that the only information a reader has of the event is only from this misleading editorial.

We find it hard to believe that the editor who wrote the editorial was actually at the event. If he was there he would have known that the debate did not result in a shouting match as the editorial claimed. But rather it was conducted in a very civil and orderly manner.

Only after the debate was over and in a different room were there any discussions between Fulani and students. Although there were voices raised most of the students that participated learned a great deal about other groups that have different beliefs than we do. Fulani and her New Alliance Party have a great deal of power in New York and I think it is

important for our student to hear what's going on around them.

Understandably, Fulani represents contingents who have strained relations with the Jewish community. However, it is important for us to hear the other side in order to know how to argue against it.

Sincerely,

Ilan Aldouby
Chairman
College Republicans

Eric Melzer
President
J.P. Dunner Political Science Society

Editor's note - The aforementioned article could not appear in the previous issue for technical reasons. It may be found in this issue on page 8.

Selling Styrofoam

To the Editor,

I would like to express a certain amount of disappointment with your article entitled "Caf Prices Top

From the Editor's Desk

Daniel Oshinsky

Face to Face
With Evil

On the banks of the East River, in the city of New York, evil lurks. Day after day, this evil spews forth hatred and hypocrisy. With each succeeding year, its malignancy grows deeper. At every turn, its affront to our people becomes greater.

Once upon a time, all hailed the United Nations as a bastion of good will, as a guarantor of world peace. But a vile double standard has obscured the UN's *raison d'être*. When Syria murdered over a thousand political protesters, the UN remained silent. Iraq gassed her Kurdish tribesmen, but the UN did not seem to care. India has killed almost 200 Muslims this month - no comment from the UN. Palestinians launch

stones at Jewish worshipers, and Israeli policemen quell the attack. Suddenly, the UN froths at the mouth with condemnations.

Yes, the UN reserves her condemnations for one chosen nation - our

(Iraq? Only after an outright invasion and intense American pressure) There is evil in the UN, and Israel is its prey.

The UN subjects Israel to a constant political battering. Her Arab members exploit any opportunity, twist every fact to defame Israel. When Palestinians stab Jews and firebomb cars, Israel is blamed for incitement. When Israeli soldiers halt a terrorist attack, Israel is labeled the aggressor.

The UN achieved the height of hypocrisy in 1975 with the infamous "Zionism is Racism" resolution. Thirty years before, Six million Jews perished at the hands of Nazism, the most malignant form of racism ever to be visited upon this earth. In 1948, Zionism, a 2000 year old dream, came to reality so that never again would another Holocaust befall the Jewish People. With resolution 3379, however, the UN decided we were the racists.

Evil is so entrenched in the UN, even an exorcist could not remove it. Western nations on the Security Council are possessed by the need to please their Arab oil suppliers. Since the onset of the Persian Gulf crisis, even the United States has betrayed Israel.

Why, then, did 1,400 students sacrifice a Sunday afternoon in the middle of mid-term season to protest the UN?

Can anyone imagine the UN retracting a resolution against Israel?

The answer lies in Parshat Vayetzeh. Why did Ya'akov our father do battle with Esau's angel? Certainly, Ya'akov knew that no mortal could defeat a Malach. However, Ya'akov also understood that to countenance evil is to condone evil. He was therefore willing to grapple with evil, even an evil he knew he could not defeat. Ya'akov's victory lay in the very attempt. Similarly, the student protesters perceived that standing up to evil is a moral obligation in and of itself. Like Ya'akov, they came face to face with evil and triumphed.

Last week, only minutes away from the UN, Meir Kahane came face to face with evil for the last time.

Meir Kahane was a true Ya'akov; he spent his entire life confronting evil. He was

the first to challenge the Soviet Union on emigration, the first to counter anti-semites in New York. In Israel, he was the first to openly dispute the status quo.

Many Jews found Kahane's politics abhorrent. But no one can deny the genuine victories he achieved for his people. He paved the way for today's Soviet Aliyah. He saw his slogan "Never Again" become the universal response to the Holocaust.

Kahane was shot down in cold blood by a deranged Arab national. But even in death, Kahane was the victor. He was struck down by the very hate he warned Israel it could not tolerate. Gedolim admonished Kahane, but he died *Al Kiddush Hashem*.

The Talmud states: Who is wise? He who learns from all men. Although we may reject Kahane's ideology, we can still learn from his life and his tragic death. We should never feel too afraid nor too discouraged to stand up to evil - even an evil as immense as that which holds the UN, even one as hateful as the evil which took Kahane's life.

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for the Commentator
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by Jerrold Rapaport

Upon discovering that the principal speaker and honoree at this year's YU Chanukah Dinner will be Teddy Kollek, I was more than a little perplexed. While his twenty-five years as mayor of Yerushalayim have been marked by such achievements as the establishment of the Israel Museum and Israel bonds, Kollek's record includes a run of events that portray beliefs and goals directly opposed to those of the institution that now proposes to honor him.

Let us begin our tour of Mayor Kollek's illustrious accomplishments in 1967, shortly after Israel's stunning victory in the Six Day War. At that time, he valiantly championed the Jewish cause by fighting requests by Jews to return to the Muslim quarter. He even worked with government officials to block the return of Jewish properties to their rightful Jewish owners. Showing deep sensitivity towards those of our brethren who had fallen fighting the Arab aggressors, Kollek encouraged the erection of memorial in Jerusalem to the Arab soldiers who fell during the war - displaying tact that could only be rivaled by erecting a memorial in Yad Veshem to the fallen SS officers of the Nazi regime.

In 1970, Kollek once more showed his true sympathies

Money Over
Morals

when he vetoed the proposal to restore the Hurva synagogue, because the new height of the building would be six feet taller than the Dome of the Rock.

When Jewish graves were discovered on the Mount of Olives beneath a section of the road to Jericho in 1973, Kollek portrayed strong-founded Jewish values and respect for the Jewish dead by demanding that the road be re-opened, regardless of the graves below. In 1986, what modern-day Jewish hero defended our identity and religion by backing the Mormon expansion center on Mt. Scopus? Teddy Kollek.

Why has Yeshiva University

In My Opinion...
Op-Ed Pieces from the
Student body

chosen to honor this exemplary individual at the Chanukah dinner?

Everyone knows the old and true adage that "actions speak louder than words." Here at Yeshiva, we are taught through the words of our faculty and administration to uphold Torah values and tradition, and to steadfastly defend the rights of our religion and our people above all else. The actions of our administration, however,

transmit an entirely different message. By honoring Mr. Kollek at the Chanukah dinner, YU endorses him as one to be respected and emulated, one whose deeds and morals should be mimicked by Yeshiva students, though they be in direct conflict with what we have been taught by word of mouth. By honoring a man who has been so anti-religious for so long, Yeshiva has shown where religion truly rates in the large scheme of things.

It is okay then, even desirable, that we go out into the world and turn our backs upon the religious values that we have learned. We can build roads over the graves in which we have laid our Torah ethics to rest, honor other religions above our own, mollify and glorify other peoples at our people's expense.

Yet, maybe I misjudge you, Yeshiva. Maybe your choice of dinner honoree was not meant to be taken so seriously by such a student as I. Perhaps you have chosen Mr. Kollek less as a moral example to students and more as top billing to launch YU's \$400 million fundraising campaign. If that is truly the case, then I apologize for my earlier rash objections. Yeshiva's real message is clear. In this materialistic world of buying and selling, bids and takeovers, nothing is free from compromise. Even our morals are for sale. ✡

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CAMPUS NEWS



Daniel Lewis lends a helping hand to new immigrant at YCPS's resume service. photo by J.J. Homblase

Russians Receive Resumes

by Joshua S. Wolff

The Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society took its biggest step forward under its new administration, launching the Russian Resume Service. The program was held on Sunday, November 4, in Furst Hall. Under the direction of YCPS vice-president Ben Wiener, twenty-two student volunteers worked hand-in-hand with over fifty Russian Jews, writing and arranging respectable resumes for job applications.

All volunteers attended an introductory seminar given by Yeshiva University's Career Counselor, Ms. Naomi Kapp, who provided them with a keen insight into the challenges which Russian immigrants face in marketing their skills in capitalist America.

The program opened at 4:00PM with words of introduction from Ms. Kapp, after which the Russians were paired with the volunteers. Before long, the room was buzzing with activity as the

Russians related personal histories to the students, who took note of their background and experience. By 6:30, the students had prepared over forty rough drafts of resumes, and many remarked that they were extremely impressed with the credentials of the people that they had interviewed.

The importance of Sunday's program was assessed by Ida Desyatnik, along-time neighbor of YU, and herself a Russian immigrant. She explained that eight of every ten Russians graduate higher educational institutions and never have to find their own jobs, as the government assigns them with employment upon completion of their studies. Sunday's program therefore sent the participants on their way with smiles on their faces, and a new feeling of hope amidst what otherwise might be hard times.

Not only were the day's events a learning experience for the Russians and the volunteers,

but the Philanthropy Society's officials were enlightened as well. President Mordy Rothberg noted that "with Russians coming in from five or six different communities, we were encouraged to see how combining our modest efforts had such far-reaching repercussions."

Said Vice-President Wiener, "This program proved that we're not just a can-and-bottle organization . . . Besides providing a needed service to Russian Jews, I think today showed the YU community what we're capable of accomplishing, and we are grateful for the opportunity to play such an important role while getting the students involved in causes they may not otherwise get involved in."

Rothberg added that the Philanthropy Society is depending on continued student involvement to achieve further successes such as this one in the upcoming months. ♣

New Shop to Clean Up Student Body

by Gilaad Deutsch

A good clean fight is taking shape as competition heats up in the dry-cleaning business. Just days after renovations began in the store next to the College Bookstore on 186th Street, flyers appeared under dormitory doors advertising J&C Cleaners, an established business located on St. Nicholas Avenue. For the first time in recent history, Yeshiva students' dirty clothes are being sought after by outsiders.

Zvi Reines has high hopes for his University Cleaners. Utilizing the experience he has accumulated working for his family's dry-cleaning business, he will attempt,



Photo By David Leventer
Zvi Reines, the owner.

for the first time, to run a proprietorship by himself. He feels confident that his store will attract Yeshiva students.

"I've talked to some students and they all seem really excited about the idea. There's a real need for this service, and I intend to fill it," Reines said enthusiastically.

Reines plans a comprehensive clothing care service, encompassing not only dry cleaning but also laundry and tailoring. In his opinion, this diversity, guarantees success. He explained that, "It's true that YU does provide machines but I'm not worried. A lot of students have told me they want to avoid the hassle of doing it themselves. So I'm offering same day service on the premises." Reines also plans to hire a local Russian tailor to work part-time.

Besides just a place to drop-off and pick-up, University Cleaners also promises to be a new hangout. Reines will rent one of the popular, electronic basketball shooting games (seen in bars across the city) and will install it in a corner of the store. He also envisions hiring Yeshiva students for part-time work.

Meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Kim of J&C hope their two locations in Washington Heights will continue to attract the student body. Their flyer, delivered into dorm rooms by a student customer of theirs, announces their "2 hr. SERVICE" and "EXPERT ALTERATIONS". Charging \$2.25 per shirt, the Kims hope to provide a viable alternative.

Student Council President Steven Felsenthal has reacted to the recent developments by shelving plans for a Student Council run service. Felsenthal expresses no disappointment in cancelling one of his planned programs. Rather, he pointed out that, "It's a great service . . . I don't care who does it as long as it's there." ♣

Young Democrats Publicize Reps

by Moshe Friedman

Who are your Senators and Representatives, and what do they stand for? Yeshiva College's Young Democrats society is afraid too many students don't know the answer to this question, so they have instituted the Congressional Awareness Program, in which the Young Democrats will be filling the mailboxes of all YC students with flyers featuring information about each student's representatives in the Senate and in the House.

The flyers provide information about each student's representatives in Congress, such as: home town, religion, year elected, committees served on, conservative and liberal approval ratings, and winning percentages in the last election.

Michael Dyckman, president of Young Democrats, said he instituted the program because he found that many YC students do not know who represent them in Washington.

"I feel that it is very important for students to know who is representing them in Congress," Dyckman said. "We felt that the best way to make sure the students are informed was to send out a sheet to every

student in Yeshiva College with basic information about their Representatives and Senators."

The Young Democrats used the "Guide to the Perplexed" to determine who each student's representatives are. The zip code at the end of each student's home address was the key to obtaining this information.

According to Dyckman, he looked up each student's zip code in the Congressional Directory. The Directory provided him with the names of the Congressional Representatives for every district in the United States.

Dyckman said he then looked up the names of the representatives in The Almanac of American Politics, a thick reference volume containing all sorts of valuable political information. The Almanac provided most of the information that Dyckman put in the flyers he will be distributing.

The Young Democrats have already started distributing the information sheets to residents of New Jersey. They plan to have sheets distributed to all students within six weeks.

"From what we've given out already," Dyckman said, "the response has been very positive." ♣

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Kahane spoke frequently at Yeshiva University. In February of 1989, he delivered a "Torah" lecture to a standing room only crowd in Rubin Shul. Students questioned Kahane on his politics and ideology both during and after the lecture.

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Meir Kahane emphasizes point during well-attended Feb. 14 lecture.

Kahane Lectures on Territories

Draws Full House of Students

by Jonathan Greenblatt

On Tuesday night, February 14, the Yeshiva College Student Council sponsored a Torah lecture given by Rabbi Meir Kahane entitled, "A Perspective on the Halachic Status of Non-Jews Living in Israel."

Rabbi Kahane, a controversial Jewish activist, is both founder and leader of the Jewish

and it's dangerous, then transgress. The Torah almost never asks the Jew to take on something that's dangerous. One precept, however, is always dangerous and that is the precept of mandatory war. People always die in war, yet, nevertheless, the Torah orders us to go to war. Thus, there is no concept of "making a life" by this means.

Photo by J. Sindler

by Hayyim Angel

Kahane: The Man and His Ideas

Rabbi Meir Kahane was a radical, a lunatic. A man possessed by remarkable hatred, bordering on insanity. He was a racist, a terrorist, a human animal. Kahane used a facade of religion as a means for giving credibility to his terrible ideology. His views were hated by Jews and non-Jews alike, and for good reasons.

Rabbi Kahane instilled a sense of pride in many Jews. He fought those who hate Jews with a passion. He woke the world up to the plight of Soviet Jewry, and there are now thousands of Soviet emigrants who will always be thankful to Meir Kahane. The phrase "never again" echoes in the minds of many Jews, whether they experienced the Holocaust or not. Jews are now more active, more willing to stand up to their enemies.

Who was Rabbi Meir Kahane? How do we, as 20th century Jewish Americans with a strong sense of democracy, but also as Jews imbued with a powerful love for our country and people, deal with a figure like Kahane?

If you would ask people who knew Kahane what he was like as a private person, you would get rather startling responses. Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler, Rosh Yeshiva in MYP and Professor of Biology at Yeshiva College spent many of his summers as Kahane's next door neighbor. "He was a gentle, considerate individual, who had a mission which took precedence over his personal life," said Rabbi Tendler. "He certainly had no streak of violence in any interpersonal relationships."

Kahane also used his charisma to

attract many Jews who had strayed from the faith. "His influence helped turn some of these people into his most loyal cadre," said Rabbi Tendler, who himself is very active in Kiruv work.

Zvi Bornstein, president of the Israel Club at Yeshiva, remembers Kahane as a regular guest of his family. "He was a soft-spoken individual," recalls Bornstein. Kahane would often discuss his views at the Bornstein table, saying that "what other Jews think, I say; it is important for there to be someone who says it."

If Kahane was such a wonderful human being, what energy possessed him in his public life? Did he feign insanity to further his cause? Dr. Chaim Sober, head of Torah Dojo, the international Jewish organization for learning self-defense, said "there is Kahane the idea, and Kahane the human being."

"He had to stay in the newspapers all the time, so he had to become more extreme."

In other words, Kahane felt it was necessary to become more radical and outspoken since only then his message would be heard.

Kahane's radical views did communicate with the inner feelings of many Jews. "He made a tremendous contribution," remarked Dr. Sober, "in

the sense that he touched our deeper feelings - what we would really want if there were no America."

A student leader at Stern concurred. "I don't disagree totally with his idea. I wouldn't mind if there were no Arabs in Israel." Though not a Kachnik, this student leader feels Kahane's plan will become viable if all other attempts for peace fail.

Despite the fact that, according to Rabbi Tendler, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein spoke of Kahane's Jewish Defense League "with pride and Hakarat Hatov when Kahane set up his organization to protect Jews," Kahane's major flaw was that he lived in a dream world. Although his Halakhic arguments might have been technically correct, "he failed to make the distinction between Halakha and Halakha L'Ma'aseh," said Rabbi Tendler. "He didn't have the support of the Gedolim because he assumed the Halakha must necessarily be applicable." Rabbi Tendler feels the Jewish people have a higher moral standard to live up to, and the implementation of Kahane's plan would be unjust. Dr. Sober called Kahane's ideas "an adolescent dream. That's what makes Superman so popular."

Dr. Sober criticized Kahane's preaching violence to the masses. "When civilians get violent," said Sober,

"the whole scene gets messy. It's like starting a fire with the intent of burning two rooms, not realizing that there's a boiler next door. As a result, the whole building explodes." Haphazard violence will only escalate our troubles.

Now that Kahane is dead, the Jewish community has to consider the following implications: "Before Jews open their mouths at rallies, they must remind themselves that they have to be willing to die, if necessary," warns Dr. Sober. Zvi Bornstein feels that "people who did not follow him are going to understand the strength of having a leader such as Kahane because the extreme always makes an impression."

Rabbi Marc Angel, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, issued a statement saying that Kahane's death will "strengthen the movement which Kahane headed. Kahane had long argued that Jews cannot trust Arabs. The assassin, in the minds of many, will have justified Kahane's ideology."

Who was Rabbi Meir Kahane? He was a man with a childish dream; he saw the simple truth without putting it into a proper context, be it Halakhic or political. However, he was not altogether wrong. The world does not always listen to polite requests for justice. Especially when it comes to Israel.

Rabbi Tendler said that "Kahane's radicalism is better termed 'stark realism.'"

Jon Greenblatt, president of NYSIPAC at YC, commented that "Israel is surrounded by radical Arabs; we too needed a radical rabble-rouser on our side.

"I don't think anyone will ever replace Kahane." ☆

Students React

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wanted to hear Rabbi Kahane."

Rabbi Kahane's "Arab Proposals" had already been the target of literary pens, as students and faculty alike questioned the halachik standpoint of his contentions. One Hamevaser article, written in December, 1985 by Rabbi Shalom Carmy, attacked a Kach cry to dismiss Arab workers from Hebron. Another 1985 article, an outgrowth of yet another lecture at YU, halachikly responded to

Rabbi Kahane's primary objective of transferring the Arab population.

Despite rejections of his ideology, many YU students found themselves in agreement with Rabbi Kahane's call for action. They saw Rabbi Kahane as a voice that served to solidify "Never Again" not simply as a rally cry, but as a reality. On the same premise, YCSC sent two bus loads of students to Rabbi Kahane's funeral in Brooklyn, at which YU Rabbi Tendler and Bomzer officiated and delivered eulogies. ☆

CORRECTION: Due to a misunderstanding, a quote concerning YU's Public Relations Department was erroneously attributed to YCSC Vice President David Borovich. In actuality, the PR Dept. was extremely helpful in publicizing last year's Freedom Express Rally in Washington.



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Doing it Right: A Practical Guide to Aliyah

Five Steps to the Holy Land

by Donny Posner

So you are planning to make Aliyah, but have no idea where to start. A move to Israel can be financially and emotionally straining. The move can be overwhelming to a person who is uninformed and disorganized. Noah Slomowitz, the director of Bnei Akiva in North America states that "over fifty percent of the people who make Aliyah end up coming back within about a two year time span." He also claims that the more you accomplish here in America the better off you are. What can I do here in America to make my life easier in Israel is a question likely to be asked by those considering a move. The directors of The North American Aliyah Movement (NA'AM), Bnei Akiva, and Tehilla were helpful in suggesting ideas and ways to gather information. A guideline that can be followed by potential Olim follows.

1) **Network** - The people who can best inform you about conditions in Israel are people who have already made Aliyah themselves. Different organizations send people to the US solely for the purpose of "recruiting". These recruiters inform potential Olim of current trends in Israel. They can inform you about everything from appliances to employment. Just ask them! Friends and family who have made Aliyah or live in Israel can also be important sources of information. Get their feedback on what to do and more importantly what not to do.

2) **Stay Involved** - One of the most difficult aspects of making Aliyah can be social problems. Leaving family and friends behind can be depressing. Surround yourself with friends who also have Aliyah as an important priority in their lives, so that you can make the move together. This can make your absorption to

Israeli society much easier.

3) **Scout out the land** - "It is often that people who make Aliyah come to Israel with unrealistic expectations because of past experiences that they have had in Israel," says David Edges, the Assistant Director of NA'AM. Both Bnei Akiva and Tehilla have organized excursions called Pilot Trips. These are set up for people interested in Aliyah. Participants visit Israel to find out more about important issues such as housing and employment. Even if you decide not to go on an organized trip, Ronnië Allswang (YC June '86), the director of Tehilla feels that "Before you make Aliyah, it is important to visit Israel having in mind that you will be making Aliyah in a specific time period".

4) **Make a timetable** - Set an actual number of years that you plan to stay in America before you plan to move to Israel. Very often people get caught up in the mainstream of American society and change their values and views after they have been in school, or in the work force for only a few years. If you are planning to finish school or get some work experience before you go, this should be calculated into your timetable. "If you want to wait until you have amassed a million dollars before you make Aliyah then you will only be fooling yourself," comments Meir Dubitsky (YC June '90).

5) **Contact a Shaliach** - A Shaliach is someone who is sent to America in order to help American Olim. A Shaliach can inform Americans about rights (zchuyot) they get which are in the form of subsidies provided by the Israeli government to help Olim adjust when they first move. Zchuyot are specific to different people depending on personal circumstances (i.e. age and size of family). These zchuyot can become quite complex, confusing, and difficult to obtain when going

through Israeli bureaucracy. The government offers low interest mortgages on houses, a tax break on cars and other imported items, and a free one way ticket, to name just a few of the zchuyot that many Olim receive.

Bureaucracy, Bureaucracy, Bureaucracy. Say that ten times fast. A word that has come up many times when I spoke to various directors of American Aliyah movements. In Israel there is an abundant supply of it. How do you overcome this obstacle? Do your homework before you go. "Anything that you accomplish here in the US will take ten times as long to accomplish in Israel," says Julie Blane of NA'AM. Get information from all the different Aliyah organizations because there is a lot of it and it is all helpful. As David Edges puts it, "an organized well thought out well planned Aliyah can lead to a happy life in the Holy Land." ✪

Machal: Army Before Aliyah

by Dov Chelst

Young immigrants to Israel can fulfill their obligatory army service in a number of ways.

Many religious immigrants find the Machal program to be the most appealing option. Machal (really Machal-hesder) is essentially divided into three parts: A year in yeshiva (which need not be a hesder one), a period of army service comparable to the first tour of duty of a regular hesdernik, and a final period of at least half a year spent outside of Israel either studying at a university or serving a full year of Shlichut (service abroad).

The army currently divides the first stint of service into two parts: Approximately five months basic training and about three months of training as a drill sergeant. According to Dwayne Pechet, a YC junior who participated in Machal last year, the current Machal program offers better training than it did in the past.

There is another appealing alternative for a young immigrant. If he immigrates after 24, he will only have to serve four months. Other options include volunteering for a full three year term of basic service, entering the five year hesder program, and entering an alternative Machal program where one works on a kibbutz instead of going to a yeshiva.

For an American citizen, the Machal program has a slight wrinkle. According to law, an American may not volunteer to serve in a foreign army and anyone who violates this law risks losing his citizenship. In order to circumvent this obstacle, an American must become an Israeli citizen, at which point the army will

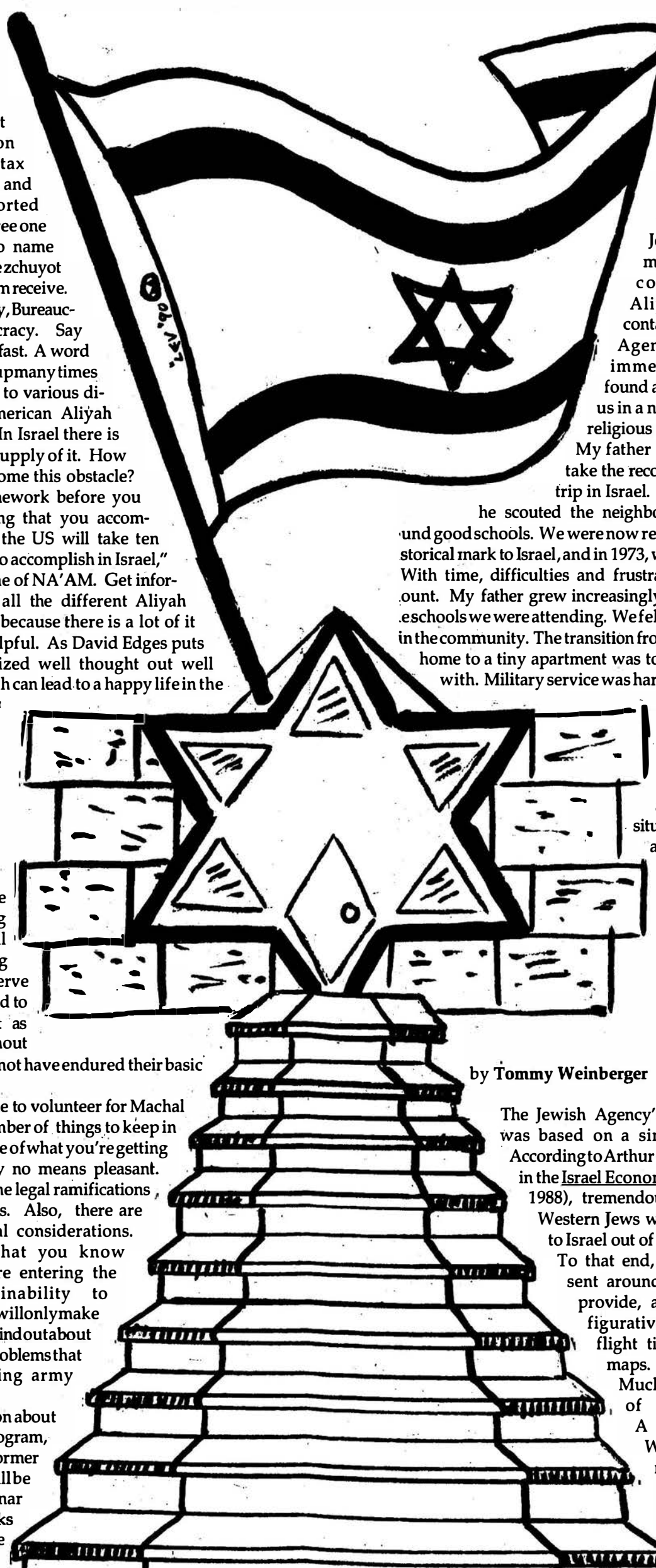
draft him into the Machal program. While this allows an American to retain his citizenship, it creates other complications. It takes three months for naturalization and for the army to draft an individual before entering Machal. In this time an American must make the necessary arrangements, or risk losing his passport. Also, the government allows the new citizen a time period where he enjoys a number of zchuyot. These privileges include bringing in merchandise with a reduced import tax, or even tax free, and a number of government loans for home and school. The government carefully counts the number of days allotted to each new citizen, with most zchuyot running for three years. However, the government "freezes" the countdown once the immigrant enters the Machal program, including his time spent at yeshiva, and also while he is out of the country. Even still, as an Israeli citizen, he must pay a \$125 exit tax whenever leaving the country, including their post-army return to America.

Despite the academic inconvenience that Machal may have caused them, none of the volunteers that I interviewed regretted their experiences. This pride stems from the reasons that they gave for entering the army in the first place. They all planned to immigrate, making the army a practical consideration. They also felt a desire to serve Israel in a significant manner. Elliot Bialik felt a need to show his visible support for Israel during the Intifada. Dwayne indicated that he wished to make a more physical contribution to Israel instead of just going to rallies and demonstrations. Yamin had a rapport with the Israelis in his yeshiva, Shaalvim, and felt somewhat hypocritical if he didn't

serve in the army along with them. All had a strong motivation to serve in the army and to do their best as soldiers. Without it, they would not have endured their basic training.

If you decide to volunteer for Machal there are a number of things to keep in mind. Be aware of what you're getting into. It is by no means pleasant. Realize all of the legal ramifications of your actions. Also, there are some practical considerations. Make sure that you know Hebrew before entering the army; an inability to communicate will only make things worse. Find out about the halakhic problems that crop up during army service.

For information about the Machal program, a group of former participants will be holding a seminar in a few weeks for all who are interested. ✪



Failure: A Personal Perspective

by Avi Lopin

My family failed.

In the early seventies, with strong feelings and great pride that Israel was the only place a Jew should live, my family was contemplating Aliyah. We contacted the Jewish Agency and immediately they found an apartment for us in a newly developed religious neighborhood.

My father then decided to take the recommended pilot trip in Israel. He found a job, he scouted the neighborhood, and he and good schools. We were now ready to make our historical mark to Israel, and in 1973, we made Aliyah! With time, difficulties and frustrations began to mount. My father grew increasingly unhappy with the schools we were attending. We felt uncomfortable in the community. The transition from a comfortable home to a tiny apartment was too much to cope with. Military service was harsh on my father.

Our fellow Israelis were difficult to deal with. Most importantly, our financial situation reached an all time low. After six years, we returned to America.

Tehilla: Tapping a Valuable Resource

by Tommy Weinberger

The Jewish Agency's aliyah policy was based on a simplistic belief. According to Arthur Charity, writing in the *Israel Economist* (November 1988), tremendous numbers of Western Jews would be driven to Israel out of a sense of duty. To that end, shlichim were sent around the world to provide, as Mr. Charity figuratively described, flight times and road maps.

Much to the surprise of the Jewish Agency, Westerners were not fighting for seats on El Al planes. Yoske Shapiro, a Chaver

Almost every new immigrant experiences some of these frustrations. Some make it and some don't. But why bother? After all, befriending the ill mannered Israelis can be an overwhelming experience for any sane person. So why do so many attempt Aliyah? Because this is Israel, the land promised to the Jews thousands of years ago. By making Aliyah, Olim help keep this theme alive. Unfortunately, unforeseen events and realities make this dream hard to fulfill. However, attempting to understand and explain Israel's realities and to look upon them in a positive perspective, may help us be more tolerant, and thus better prepared for Aliyah.

Understanding and relating to the Israeli mentality is important, yet a tough order to follow. Outsiders often perceive Israelis to be anything from loud and pushy to obnoxious and arrogant. It's important to remember that one must analyze the environment and the prevalent situation to gain a better understanding of a society's behavior. Imagine living in a political map of nearly one hundred million surrounding Arabs who would love nothing more than to annihilate your very existence. Then imagine, to defend against this threat, every mother must send her 18 year old child to a three year military service, never knowing if war may erupt. Finally, imagine the father's constant struggle to earn enough for food and electricity in a straining economy. While these disturbing realities may not explain common Israeli behavior, it may provide a better understanding of the Israeli mentality.

The education system in Israel is as multi-faceted as one gets. The two main systems are Hinuch and Mamlachti. But within each system stems countless branches from right-wing to left-wing, and from religious to non-religious schools. One must be very careful when choosing where to send his children to receive their formal education. A school should meet with both your religious and political standards. While wanting a strong learning atmosphere for one's child, the school's political views may not coincide with the parents'. Insignificant as it may seem, a fourth grader, with a Talmud and Chumash in his hands, may declare his disbelief of Israel as a state. To any Zionist

parent, this could be devastating. Instances like this are not rare. In a school system where politics do play a role, one must plan ahead in order to deal and cope with this difficult situation.

According to many sociologists, the community in which a child is brought up has a bigger impact on the child's personality than the home or the school. This is especially relevant in Israel due to the nature of the community. In Israeli neighborhoods, scores of children can be found running around playing their various games. As beautiful as it may be, it can also backfire if the child is in the wrong community. Therefore, it is imperative that adequate and meticulous research goes into finding the right community. Another setback for new immigrants may be the lack of privacy which Israeli apartments offer. While it may be convenient to be able to go to a neighbor for a cup of sugar, everyone seems to know each other's private affairs. One should be aware of the ramifications of living in an apartment, and should prepare to make the necessary adjustments to cope with this type of lifestyle.

One of the biggest sacrifices of making Aliyah is leaving luxurious America and going to a relatively poor country. Gone are the 24 hour supermarkets, BMW's and Benetton's; in their place stand makolets, Volkswagons, and Galis. The adjustment is extremely tough, and to many, this proves to be the most strenuous part of Aliyah. Those that leave Israel list their financial status as one of their main motives for their departure. Obviously, there aren't easy solutions to this problem because the pitiful economy is an unfortunate truth. But those who have experienced a short stay at an Israeli home can appreciate the cliché, "Money can't buy everything." One senses a special feeling and real happiness in an Israeli home. Somehow, millions of Israelis presently live with a negative bank account, yet they are surviving. Somehow, they maintain a sense of pride and true happiness, something which we can all strive for.

1948-90 C.E.: Nearly two million Jews from around the world arrive in Israel and take part in the building of the State of Israel. Waves of new immigrants continue to flock to the land of milk and honey. Will I be one of them? Will I fail once more? ✪

Knesset and a former Bnei Akivanik, realized that many of his Bnei Akiva friends were not making aliyah. With his inspiration Tehilla was formed in 1982.

Tehilla, an acronym for Tnuat Hitnadvut La'aliyah (Volunteer Organization for Aliyah), serves to promote aliyah, accompany an individual through the klitah (absorption) process, and make aliyah a national priority. Members of Tehilla join a network linking future olim with people who have already made the move. A future oleh is adopted by a family already living in Israel. Tehilla works with an astonishingly small annual budget of only \$80,000 to \$100,000 of Jewish Agency funds. Nevertheless, it has brought 956 families to Israel (figures up to 1988) and according to Director Itzhak Tevet all but ten have remained.

Concerned primarily with housing, education, and employment, North Americans are unable to find answers in materials provided by the Jewish Agency. Tehilla helps assuage these concerns and fears. Providing a network of over 3,000 volunteer families who have made aliyah, an oleh's questions or needs are answered without the usual bureaucratic red tape. Targeting, but not restricted to, the religious population, Tehilla matches potential olim with people of a similar

Fulani Fuels Uproar

by Jonathan Greenblatt

YU's Ruben Shul was the scene of controversy Tuesday night, October 23, when the College Republicans and the Political Science Society co-sponsored a Gubernatorial Debate. The candidates, representing independent parties, discussed campaign issues and fielded questions from the racially mixed audience.

Many of the views expressed were not strange, or particularly disturbing to student's ears. The Libertarian candidate, Gary Johnson, favored cutting spending at the top of the bureaucracy. The Conservative

representative, Bob Unger (substituting for Ted London), maintained that taxing prosperity decreases it and subsidizing failure, by spending on homelessness and unemployment, increases it.

However, some views, especially many of those espoused by Dr. Lenora Fulani of the New Alliance, were controversial if not incendiary to the students in the audience. Fulani constantly maintained that Minister Louis Farakhan and Reverend Al Sharpton are the most important black leaders in America today. She further contended that Farakhan is not an anti-semitite, that his statements are often taken out

of context and that the government of Israel is a fascist regime.

Following the debate, a heated argument developed when several students surrounded Dr. Fulani and condemned her for being anti-semitic and anti-white. While Tzvi Borenstein, one of the students, saw the argument as a "healthy, political exchange of views", and Dr. Fulani expressed her enjoyment of the confrontation, Mr. Jeffery Socol believed it necessary to break the debate up. His action angered the debaters, particularly Dr. Fulani, who protested vehemently. Rumors of a physical fight quickly passed through YU, but were soon dispelled. ☆

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bonds among people planning their paths to Israel. Often, future olim feel odd and alone because they have chosen to make aliyah; the large turnouts at these conferences alleviates these fears. Guest speakers deliver reports on economic, religious, and political issues as well as other topics concerning Israel.

Focusing on matters of concern to people making aliyah within the year, Tachlis Chugim offer forums on issues such as: shipping your household to Israel (to be held November 17) and guidance from veteran olim on schools. Attendance at the last chug in New York numbered over forty people.

With the understanding that it is easier to handle some absorption processes outside of Israel, Tehilla offers both the Israeli Bar exam and the Israeli C.P.A. exam in New York. In conjunction with Na'am, Tehilla sponsored an administration of the bar exam this past summer. Despite the four hundred dollar cost, over forty individuals registered for the three week intensive training followed by the exam. For the next test date, July 1991, over thirty people have already expressed interest. American C.P.A.s are exempt from thirteen of the sixteen sections of the Israeli C.P.A. exam; a test on the three sections, concerning Israeli taxes and laws, will be given in May of 1991.

Stepping off the plane, olim are met by volunteer veterans who assist them in completing paperwork at the airport. After settling in, olim can still call on the network to answer all questions and can receive assistance in signing contracts for

employment and construction. Olim are supported until they step in as members of the Tehilla network that work with future olim.

In 1987 Tehilla received the Speaker of the Knesset's award for Quality of Life in recognition of its work with Religious Zionist Aliyah from the free world. While 1987 was a strong year, this year Mr. Allswang is predicting an all time high for religious aliyah from North America. Despite a lack of promotional activities, the Tehilla office is flooded with calls.

According to Mr. Allswang, while students in Yeshiva and Stern College can find support for aliyah through various campus organizations, after graduation Tehilla becomes essential. As Mr. Allswang explains, "All the chomer for aliyah is documented, it's already here." In the words of successful olim who are now members of the Tehilla volunteer network, "Tehilla is the best friend you can have here." Participants on a pilot trip stated that Tehilla enabled them to have realistic expectations of Israel and noted that there "seems to be a lot of opportunity here." When asked to explain Tehilla, Jay Shapiro, a senior executive with Israel Aircraft Industries and a Tehilla network volunteer, stated, "People helping people, that's what it's all about." ☆

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-- that requires the repeal of 3379," said Rep. Bill Green (R-NY).

"Zionism is equal to Judaism, and anti-Zionist is anti-Semitic," said Rabbi A.raham, a religious leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, and an instructor at Stern College.

"If Hitler walked into the UN today," said Weiss, "he would receive a standing ovation."

One student demonstrator, Joseph Bensmihen of Montreal, noted that "it is no coincidence that this perverted resolution was passed when former Nazi Austrian President Kurt Waldheim was secretary (general) of the United Nations."

The students also unofficially rededicated United Nations Plaza as "Zionism Freedom Plaza" with a new street sign, as hundreds cheered and sang "Am Yisrael Chai" (The People of Israel Live).

YCSC President Steven Felsenthal said, "It is essential for Jews to stand up and let the world know that we will not stand for a UN double standard."

Elie Wurtman, vice president of the Students Network, said, "We're here to raise the voice of moral consciousness and stand up for morality in the UN."

"If the UN is to assume the role of peacekeeper for which it was created, then this immoral lie of 'Zionism is racism' must first be stricken from the public record," he said.

Students from as far as the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Georgetown University in Washington and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., traveled to New York to take part in the rally, which was followed by a march of solidarity to Israel's UN Mission.

Although Yeshiva College leaders could not be reached for comment, the turnout from Yeshiva University was disappointing in comparison to the numbers that had been predicted. Only three out of five buses scheduled to leave from the main campus were filled, while the overall turnout of 1400 was far below the 3000-5000 organizers were hoping for. ☆


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JSS MINYAN PROGRESS

by Charles H. Rube

Voiced dissatisfaction over JSS's mandatory minyan is being listened to. A committee chaired by Daniel Faizakoff was formed at the General JSS student meeting to address the issue and put forward a proposal on changing the status quo. Dean Well agreed to present viable propositions to the administration and implement them on a trial basis.

Several suggestions were presented to Dean Well for feedback on November 8th, including options to foster the meaningful growth and development of the JSS minyan. One idea was to have Belz School of Music students lead services, and to have YP students pray along with those from JSS. Also, certain prayers would be sung in unison and explained in the midst of the service. A weekly breakfast and optional wake up calls were also put forward as suggestions for enticing students to attend the JSS minyan.

The starting point for the committee's recommendations is the contention that in the university framework, minyan attendance can only be on a voluntary basis. Even Dean Well concedes that "legally, JSS can not require minyan attendance in the same way as course performance."

The ultimate objective of any plan adopted by the administration will be more than achieving a high attendance count. The hope of both students and Dean Well is to begin a meşorah, a tradition of a meaningful minyan at which Dean Well states, students will "feel at home." ☆

YCDS Play Portrays Quadrapalegic

by Stephen Buch

Dr. Anthony Beukas, Professor of Speech and Drama has this semester's YCDS production of Brian Clark's Whose Life Is It Anyway? well under way.

"Actually, the production was organized in detail by the end of last semester," notes senior Amer Ranish, Beukas's Assistant Director. Adds Ranish, "I'm very pleased with the cast."

Beukas describes his fall cast as "more sophisticated." He notes that while he has a younger cast, "They are very enthusiastic and competent, [a] gifted and experienced group of young people, some of whom have done professional acting and modeling and have toured in shows."

Whose Life Is It Anyway? is about a man who becomes a quadrapalegic because of an accident. According to Beukas, the play focuses on his "determination to decide for himself, in the legal and medical professions, apart from the religious issues, his right to life."

Adam Schorr, a senior in his second year with YCDS, feels that "The play is about a fight for personal dignity, about a man's attempt to control his life, his destiny when he can't control his body."

Dr. Beukas further maintains that Yeshiva University students should see the play "for academic exposure to ideas not necessarily explored in their classes." He also describes the play as "An art form on a campus that doesn't have enough art."

Ranish puts it differently: "It's not just entertainment; it's meant to stimulate someone to think of things about which we don't want to think. . . The play is

about a man who is an artist deprived of his manhood, his being, because of his paralysis."

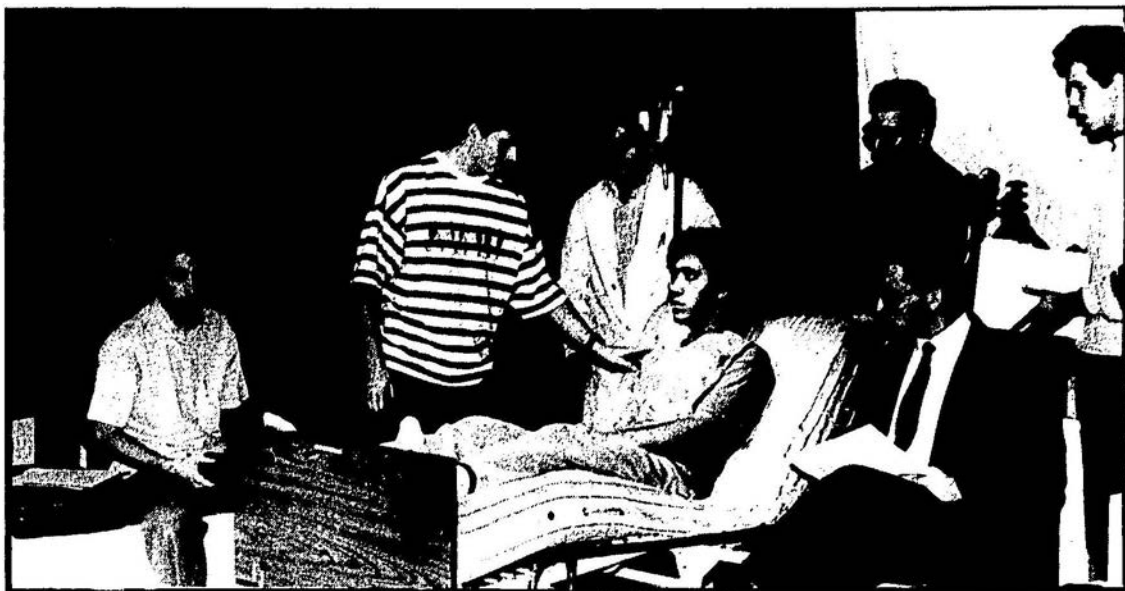
Ranish regards the cast highly, while noting his concern for Dudy Stark. Stark launches his affiliation with YCDS and his acting career by playing Ken, the lead character. Pointing out the difficulty of the role, Ranish describes Ken as "buried from the head down."

"I am pleased to see YCDS addressing real issues," said Speech and Drama major David Silverblatt, adding that he believes "The professionalism and zealotness of this year's production staff promise a stellar presentation."

Performances run from Saturday, December 15th through Thursday, December 20th at the Schottenstein Theatre.

Meanwhile, student interest in and appreciation for YCDS continues to increase, perhaps in response to the success of last semester's Dreamwalk. Indeed, a storm of activity and praise still surrounds Dreamwalk, an original play by YC senior Andrew Goldsmith, the first YCDS play to ever compete for the Regional Championship in the American College Theatre Festival. YCDS is currently seeking to recast several Dreamwalk roles.

The play is faring very well in the American College Theatre Festival. This contest consists of a four stage competition; Dreamwalk has already passed through the first two of these stages and is presently competing at the regional semifinals. Yeshiva now joins four other colleges, with Goldsmith's Dreamwalk having edged out over 100 other Eastern seaboard productions. ☆



All eyes focus on Dudy Stark, who plays the lead role in Whose Life is it Anyway. photo by Yitz Meyer

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The Tillem Program

Outreach for the Elderly

by Jonathan Taub

The Ivan L. Tillem Program for Special Services for the Jewish Elderly, also known as project SAGES (Strengthening Another Generation through Education and Service) seeks to continue to successfully aid the elderly residents of the Washington Heights-Inwood area.

Started in 1984 and presently sponsored by Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, the program has grown steadily since its inception and has been a tremendous boon to the homebound aged in Yeshiva's, and other, neighborhoods. The program is named for the late member of YU's Board of Trustees, who was tragically killed in a plane crash in Ethiopia

in the summer of 1989.

There were fifteen students in the program when it first began six years ago. Professor Bonnie Beck who supervises the students in the program and meets with them for bimonthly seminars on aging, last year, over 70 students participated.

"The purpose of the program," explains Beck, "is to make our students more aware of ageism, and to transform their attitudes. In doing so, older people's attitudes change as well."

Students visit the elderly in their homes, most of whom are Holocaust survivors, on a weekly basis during the academic year. "Each student has a completely different experience," say Professor Beck. "It depends on the chemistry between the two people

involved. For instance, there are those elderly who can't walk, yet are very with it intellectually. Students will discuss current events, Bible, and Literature with these older people. One YC student went to a concert with his older friend; another saved his older friend's life. Each student captures his or her own talents in working with the elderly."

Students from the High School, College, Stern College, and RIETS all participate. Many RIETS students have chosen to enter Wurzweiler's joint clergy program as a result of their participation in the Tillem program, according to Beck.

Seth Lutnick, a REITS student, calls the program "a very beautiful project where one learns that age really doesn't make a difference when people come together.

Those interested can contact Professor Beck at 960-0830. ☆

SSSB Offers Informal Tutoring

by Daniel Schloss

Immediately following the Sukkot vacation the Sy Syms School of Business Student Association began offering a free tutorial service. The service provides help for students enrolled in Accounting Principles, Statistics for Business, Cost Accounting, and Intermediate Accounting.

Approximately 15 students have already taken advantage of the new tutoring program, which is being coordinated by SSSB Seniors Moshe Zwebner and David Maryles. Tutors and students meet for about one hour each week, usually in a dormitory room. Maryles explains that "The informal setting and flexible schedule usually make people more comfortable," and stresses that "It's a great opportunity to just bounce the material off some experienced SSSB guys." Tutors are still available, and interested students may contact either Maryles or Zwebner. ☆

FEATURE PHOTO



By David Leventer

Me & My Car

by Ezra Kahn

One never forgets his first... car that is. Can you picture it, standing sleek, shiny, and new? Can you feel the power from the engine as you press your foot down on the accelerator? I cannot. My first new car was a 1978 Chevy Nova with eighty-three thousand miles on it. While it may not have been a Ferrari, it was dubbed by friends as the perfect YU car. What, may you ask is the perfect YU car? Contrary to popular belief, the area around campus is not as safe as one might think it is for parking cars. The perfect YU car is one that does not scream "steal me!" The Nova fit that criteria perfectly. A dull camel color with just the right amount of rust carefully placed throughout the body surface. No fancy emblems, hubcaps or hood ornaments to lure car thieves, while inside one could find a steering wheel, gear shift, a speedometer, and the lone feature, an AM radio.

During the two years that I had the Nova at YU, would be car thieves found a soft spot in their hearts for the Nova by not stealing it, rather tending to see the car as an auto-parts store. They must have found the prices and service a plus because they always came back for more. Six batteries, a carburetor, a door, and several tires. One morning when I went to move it, I could not shift out of park. Low and behold, my gear shift- a \$2.95 piece of metal was stolen. Who in their right mind would find it necessary to steal a gear shift? Perhaps it was the custom rubber shift handle on the end that attracted the thief.

Last September I bought a Toyota Camry. While it too is not a Ferrari, it does have a steering wheel that turns all of the way around-something new to me in an automobile. Owning a new car required protecting it. Always use protection. I learned about pull-out radios, the CLUB, and the ever popular car alarm. Pull-out radios are a nice

convenience. (If only they could find a way to let the owner take the whole car with him.) The CLUB is a piece of metal that stretches across the steering wheel, preventing a thief from turning the wheel. After trying out the CLUB, I came to the conclusion that it is useful for hitting the car thief over the head. Car alarms are the most common form of theft deterrents. I can guarantee that during the time you spend reading this newspaper, you will hear a car alarm. In most cases they do prevent the thief from taking the car, and give a sense of security to the owner. However, how many times have we been studying when all of a sudden, "woo awoo awoo, bloop, bloop, bloop." Seldom does a night go by that we do not get a recital of alarms from around the neighborhood.

At YU, the key is not having a fancy alarm, or a pipe across your steering wheel, rather it is having the right parking spot. Finding the right spot around campus is not an easy task, especially at night. To help the student, YU offers the infamous night-parking, which allows a student to park his car in one of the many spacious lots around campus, freeing the student from worry over where to park his car, thus letting him have a peaceful night's rest-for about three hours. The one flaw of night parking is that a student must remove his car from the lot by eight AM, in order that the faculty can park their cars. Those who do not remove their cars by the designated time have to answer to security, and face serious penalties too horrible to even talk about.

Once the student exits the peaceful world of night parking, they enter the wacky world of Alternate Side of the Street Parking. To those with cars, "Thou shalt not park here eleven AM to two PM" is the eleventh commandment. To put the rules simply: when it is Monday, Tuesday is good. When it is Tuesday, Thursday is good.

When it is Wednesday, it is Sunday at Carvel, and when it is Thursday, Friday is good.

The big question concerning those who find themselves on the wrong side of the street, is what to do with the car? a) You can move your car to the other side of the street, which entails double parking, but the police are usually lenient about giving tickets during the forbidden time. b) You can leave your car where it is, which will not only get you a ticket, but your car towed as well. Or c) you can drive around for three hours.

While choice (a) does carry the possibility of receiving a ticket, the general consensus shows that it is the best road to take when parking your car.

As stated earlier, the key is getting the right spot. Around campus the choice spots are located on 186th between Amsterdam Avenue and Laurel Hill Terrace, as well as on Amsterdam Avenue between 186th and 187th. To give a new twist to an old cliché, too many cars, so few spots. In order to get one of those choice spots, one has to move in early. The New York Sanitation Department is usually finished with their thorough job of cleaning the streets by noon, which is when people start to move their cars back into the open spots. Those who wait ki'halacha, are usually forced to park on Laurel Hill Terrace. Fine, but if your car is post 1987, be sure to take out the spare tire and anything else removable so that you can put it into your new car.

It is evident that having a car at YU is not just another responsibility, rather it is a way of life that requires constant strategy on the part of the car owner. Why, with all of the hassles, do students bring cars up to YU? For every positive reason for having a car up at school, there is a negative reason not to have the car. Those who have pondered the question, have at times been driven insane. In any case, I have to go move my car. See ya!

Respona

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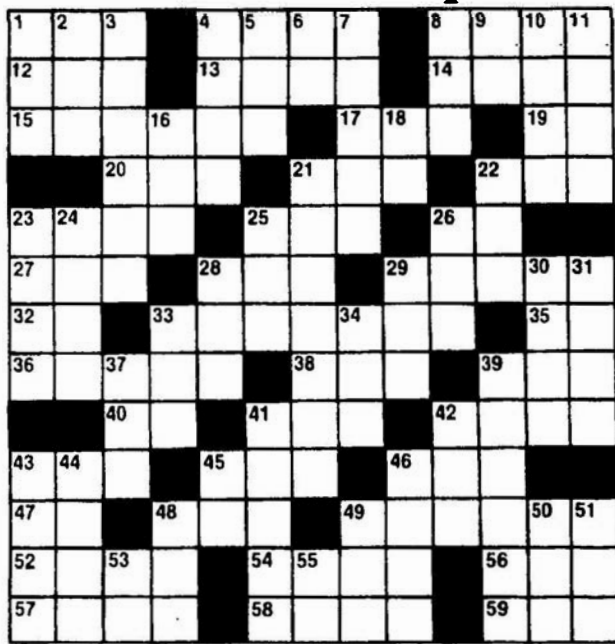
Einstein, Queens," which appeared in the October 31st issue of The Commentator. Although I admire the efforts of Commentator staff in addressing the iniquities of the Yeshiva cafeteria, I find the inane quibbling over nickels and dimes to be both tiresome and unbecoming of such a fine publication. Belaboring this issue is ill-advised for any paper with serious commitments to

journalistic integrity. Additionally, I'm quite surprised that the paper does not concern itself with some of the more relevant transgressions of the cafeteria. Why, in this age of environmental awareness, does the cafeteria not use biodegradable utensils? Endless tons of environmentally hazardous styrofoam are being dumped into the cafeteria's garbage cans, only to sit eternally in this city's landfills. Surely

there are safer alternatives which The Commentator and Yeshiva's student leaders could point out. I'm equally sure that the cafeteria would be more than happy to cooperate and entertain such suggestions. Let's stop our preoccupation with our wallets and start thinking about the future which we're allowing to be destroyed.

Steven Stadtmauer
YC '91

COMMENTATOR Classroom Companion



ACROSS

- 1. Trim
- 4. Prepare
- 8. Eager
- 12. Fuss
- 13. Pledge
- 14. Get up
- 15. Confer
- 17. Hard wood
- 19. Southern state (abbr.)
- 20. Dark, oily mixture
- 21. Finish
- 22. Long freshwater fish
- 23. Metric weight
- 25. Hall
- 26. Equally
- 27. Grease
- 28. Japanese sash
- 29. Bury
- 32. Lines (abbr.)
- 33. Special prep school
- 35. River in Italy
- 36. Car city in Michigan
- 38. Supernatural perception (abbr.)
- 39. _____ Grande
- 40. New England state (abbr.)
- 41. Unit
- 42. Platform
- 43. Wide outlet to sea
- 45. Talent
- 46. That girl
- 47. Form of be
- 48. Strike lightly
- 49. Considerate
- 52. _____ Horne

- 54. Single article
- 56. Arrives deceased (abbr.)
- 57. Resentment
- 58. Haul; lug
- 59. Ever (poetic)

DOWN

- 1. Testing Area
- 2. Poem
- 3. Pertaining to U.S. Mail
- 4. Poverty-stricken
- 5. Uncooked
- 6. Popular alien
- 7. Talking mechanism
- 8. Noah's boat
- 9. Islands east of Puerto Rico (abbr.)
- 10. Small island
- 11. Pass out cards
- 16. Scottish cap (brief form)
- 18. Advertisement (informal)
- 21. Obvious
- 22. Time Zone (abbr.)
- 23. Man's game
- 24. Small brook
- 25. Fabric made of goat hair
- 26. Some
- 28. Fall month (abbr.)
- 29. Mischievous child
- 30. Extended narrative poem
- 31. Chess piece
- 33. Picnic pest
- 34. Direction (abbr.)
- 37. Climbing plant
- 39. Put down a person
- 41. Circular path
- 42. 2nd smallest state (abbr.)
- 43. Wrapped hay
- 44. End of prayer
- 45. Alcoholic's group (abbr.)
- 46. House
- 48. 24 hours
- 49. Dog
- 50. Foot digit
- 51. Auricle
- 53. Western state (abbr.)
- 55. At



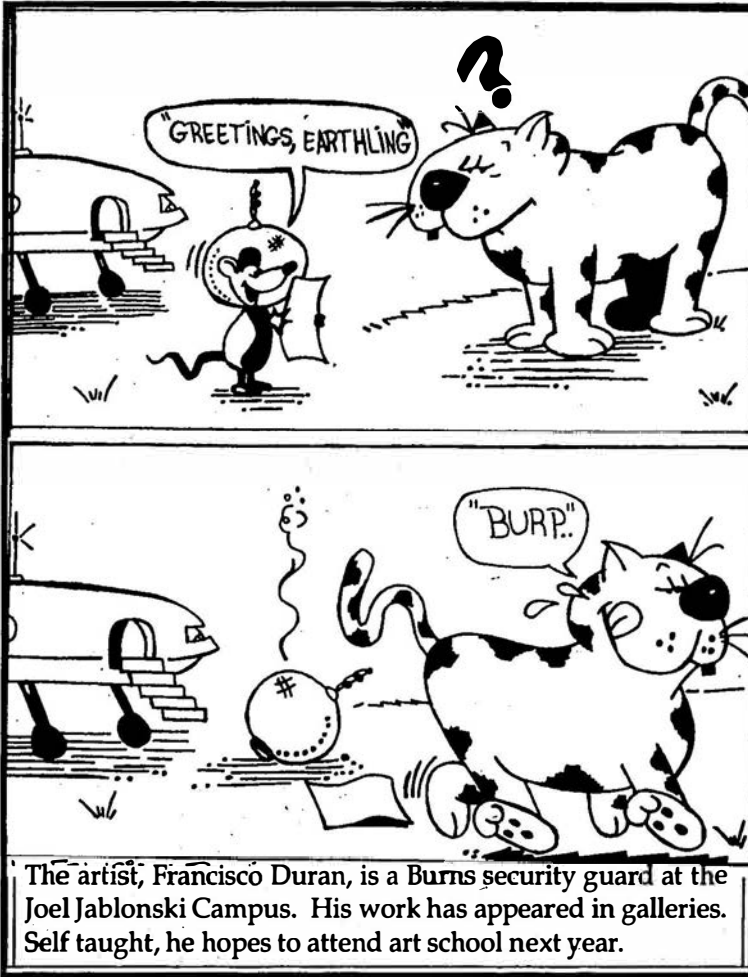
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Track Team Sets Quick Pace

by Eric Melzer

The Yeshiva Harriers, Yeshiva College's cross-country track team, recently raced into two meets. At each of the meets, YU finished very respectfully and embarked on what promises to be a fine season.

The October 21 meet at Garrett Mountain was under the auspices of the Independent Athletic Conference and was sponsored by Stevens Tech. The YU Harriers placed fourth out of the six schools at the meet, behind NJ Tech, Stevens Tech, and NY Maritime. The earliest YU finisher was Seth Gerzberg at 33:30, a time good for 12th best in the race. Shaya Csillag finished next for YU at 34:27, with Jeremy Bandler following with a time of 34:47. These times indicate a solid future for the Harriers since these runners are all rookies.

The October 28 meet at Van Cortland Park was hosted by Yeshiva University. Four schools, including Stevens Tech, Polytech, and John Jay participated. The YU Harriers placed second to Stevens Tech, with 11 runners managing to complete the hilly five mile course. The Harriers were led by Eric Melzer who finished the race at 34:09, closely followed by Shaya Csillag at 34:58. The YU record is currently held by Naphtali Levin who ran an outstanding 31:32 just one year ago.

Coach Stanley R. Watson commented on the success of the team. "I feel that since I have been here, I have had high expectations at the start of the season. I took over in 1987 and have the records to show that there have been improvements every year. I commend all of the Harriers."

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Grappling Season Set to Start

by Joey Eisenfeld

The team to keep your eyes on this season is the wrestling Macs. This year the wrestlers are at their peak due to their impressive average of two to three years of experience. The three most clear examples of this are Andy (Jervis) Garfinkle, Brian Ostrow, and Doug Wolf who have more than 20 years of experience among them.

Molding the team to be a force on the mat are coaches Neil Elman and Nathan Schwitzer. Two of last season's stars, Brian Ostrow and Yitz Schefres, have been selected to serve as captains for this season. One can see their true value to the team by watching Brian and Yitz drill the wrestlers relentlessly for hours on end.

The wrestling Macs are showing determination as never

before, and they should be very strong contenders this season. Wrestlers who will make their presence felt are Seth Gerzberg, Tzvi Nussbaum, and Effy Zinken. Although relatively unknown last year, they should perform exceptionally well this season. The first home match is against Manhattan College on Tuesday November 20 in the Max Stern Athletic Center. ☆

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

TEAM	W-L
Pirates	4-0
Wildcats	4-1
Panthers	3-1
Redmen	3-2
Orangemen	2-3
Eagles	2-3
Huskies	2-3
Greenwave	2-3
Friars	2-4
Hoyas	0-4

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Klein	3	0	1	7
Drazin	3	1	0	6
May	2	2	0	4
Moldofsky	2	2	0	4
Nussbaum	1	3	0	2
Schreiber	0	3	1	1

YESHIVA SPORTS

Pirates Remain Undefeated

by Ronnie Aranoff

At the conclusion of six weeks of play in the Yeshiva University Intramural Basketball League, only one team, the Pirates, remains undefeated at 4-0. Last week, the Pirates defeated the Friars by a score of 55-52.

The Friars blew a 14 point lead in the first half and fell into ninth place with a 2-4 record. Captain Jeff Mor buried 5 three-pointers, including a game winner with 1:30 left. He led his team with 21 points. This game was special since it marked the return of Baruchi Cohen from back surgery as he posted nine points in the second half. The Friars received an outstanding performance from sharpshooting point-guard Dov Deustch (20 points). Yehuda Blinder had 17 points for the Friars.

In other action, the Orangemen (2-3) defeated the struggling but talented Green Wave, 43-35. This game featured a flare-up of tempers culminating in the ejection of the Green Wave point guard by the referees. The Orangemen were led by Yosef Kilimnick (12 points) and Yoav Citron (11 points). Ofer Naor and Erez Ben-Ami paced the Green Wave with 10 points and 9 points

respectively.

The main game of the week featured the once undefeated Panthers against the pre-season favorite Wildcats. The game was close throughout the first half, ending in a 19-19 knot. However, in the second half, the Wildcats showed their superiority and defeated the Panthers 44-36. The Wildcat once again maintained balanced scoring led by Ranon Mann (14 points) and Kenny Helfer (13 points). David Gellman added tenacious defense in the closing minutes to seal the victory. Scoring leader Daniel Loskove was held to a meager 11 points.

The Redmen upped their record to 3-2 with a 43-37 win over the slumping Eagles. The Redmen used the fast-break very effectively and sealed the victory behind Yitz Stern's 19 points and Gilad Ottensosser's 12 points. Barry Gelman had 14 points and Daniel Goldberg had 10 points for the losing Eagles.

Since it is now halfway through the season, many teams are wondering who will make the playoffs. Commissioner Eric Melzer has decided that seven teams will make the playoffs, and the first place team will receive a bye.

by Eric Melzer

With the rapid approach of the 1990-1991 Yeshiva University basketball season, the Macs have begun scrimmaging against different opponents. So far the Macs' pre-season schedule has included games against Queensborough, Elizabeth Seton, Lehman College, and Nyack. Taking into consideration their scrimmages, numerous practices, and analyzing their opponents in the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the following analysis and predictions regarding the 1990-1991 YU Macs can be made.

Guards:

Few teams in either college or professional basketball can boast as solid a three-guard rotation. The Macs are blessed with a four-guard rotation which consists of Eric Davis, David Ehrman, Gregory Rhine, and Elisha Rothman. Although all four of these guards are extremely well rounded, each one of them specializes in a different area. Davis is an awesome penetrator, Ehrman is an excellent outside shooter, Rhine plays tenacious defense, and Rothman is a very accurate passer. The Macs also have role players David Cohen, Josh Dobin, and Matt Klein to provide scoring and defense off the bench.

Forwards:

The Macs are strong at the small forward position, but are lacking at power forward. Miko Danan, Avrum Aaron, and Seth Cohen

can all shoot well from the outside and are ideally sized to play small forward. However, a power forward posts up inside, while Danan, Aaron, and Cohen primarily play outside. A possible solution is to play Jon Rosner and Tzvi Hember or Rosner and Hillel Goldscheider at the same time to eliminate any problems of being undersized.

Center:

Jon Rosner is one of the top rebounders in the IAC and consistently scores in double figures. He is very difficult to stop because of his strength and size. Backups Hillel Goldscheider and Tzvi Hember both display an intimidating presence and shot-blocking ability on the court.

Speed/Size/Strength:

Between Davis, Rothman, Klein, and both Cohens, this team is extremely quick. In fact, this team is so quick that many of the other IAC teams will be watching the explosive Maccabee fast-break, led by Eric Davis, from the other end of the court. Size could be a problem, however. If an opponent has two good big players, the Macs will face difficult match-up problems. Nevertheless, the Macs are a very strong team and will gain the upper hand in rebounding against opponents who are equally sized or slightly bigger.

Intensity/Attitude:

The Macs are a very intense team, especially on defense. To

increase the intensity, the coaching staff installed a 1-1-2-1 half court trap known as the "T", which has been very successful in the preseason. There are still problems, however with the team's attitude. The team gets along fine with the coaching staff. Yet, certain players still care more about their personal statistics and playing time than if the team wins or loses. This selfish attitude must disappear immediately or it will generate disunity and fighting.

Environment:

The fans will play a key role in the success or failure of the Yeshiva Macs. Other IAC coaches have often labeled YU fans "the sixth man on the floor". If loyal supporters fill the Max Stern Athletic Center for each and every game, the Macs can go undefeated at home this season (including a victory over New Jersey Tech).

Prediction:

In light of the depth that this team has at every position except at power forward, it is reasonable to believe that the Macs will post a 16-6 record this season and will be 8-3 in conference play. The six losses will come against: Western Conn., New Jersey Tech, Mt. St. Vincent, NYU, Barry University, and Baruch. Look for the Macs to finish third in the conference behind Western Connecticut and NJ Tech, and as a result, play the first round of the IAC playoffs at home. ☆

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Pirates Captain Jeff Mor helps keep his team undefeated.

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