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## Felsenthal: Behind the Scenes or Out of the Picture?

by Jay Bailey

Doonesbury cartoonist Gary Trudeau is fond of portraying George Bush as a voice emanating from empty space. The implication, of course, is that Bush has a severe image problem. Nobody knows who he is, what he stands for, or where he is going. There is a feeling at YU that we relate to Steve Felsenthal in roughly the same way. We vaguely remember ambitious campaign promises, but we don't see our campus exploding with activity. In fact, we see very little of Steve Felsenthal at all. As the second semester begins, many students find themselves asking: Who is Steve Felsenthal and where are he and YCSC going?

In a recent interview with the President, the COMMENTATOR posed the following question: "Why don't we see you? Shouldn't the president of the student council be a little more visible than you have been?" Felsenthal explains that in his view, YCSC is first and foremost a managerial organization, and he the chief manager. He says his primary function is allocating funds for and overseeing the various student clubs.

Ironically, there is a mandate in the YCSC Constitution stating that the administration of clubs is to be handled by the office of the YCSC Vice President. Apparently, Felsenthal and Vice President David Borowich have had a role reversal.



While Felsenthal sees to the day-to-day affairs of YCSC clubs and committees, Borowich takes charge of high visibility projects such as Operation Torah Shield and the Chanukah Concert.

Felsenthal explains that every time a club runs an event, there are countless details that he must take care of "at the ground level." This may include ordering transportation, publicity, or arranging for a meeting room. The paperwork involved is rather monotonous, he says, but someone has to do it.

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## 400 Fly in Face of Danger

by Martin Goldberg

Saddam Hussein probably never realized that by threatening to annihilate Israel, he would serve as the catalyst for a dramatic pilgrimage to the Jewish State. Organized by Yeshiva University students in less than a week, Operation Torah Shield sent over 400 people to Israel on a mission which captured world-wide media attention and a sea of praise from Israeli citizens.

The story of Operation Torah Shield began in the living room of an anonymous philanthropist who was becoming increasingly disgruntled with TV programs depicting hundreds of Jews leaving Israel. The threat of war was growing by the day, but the donor decided that he would personally charter an El AL Jumbo Jet and transport Yeshiva University students to Israel. A planeload of Yeshiva students and Rebbeim arriving in Israel on the infamous date of January 15th was what was needed to counteract Israel's sinking morale, he decided. By Monday, January 7th, rumors of fifty dollar round trip tickets to Israel were sweeping through the college dormitories. Pandemonium erupted on Tuesday morning in the middle of final exams as these reports gained credibility.

YCSC Vice President David Borowich took charge of the project, with many others playing integral roles. The project was dubbed Operation Torah Shield after it was decided that as part of the trip, students would be asked to learn for a week in an Israeli Yeshiva.

Student leaders began to sell tickets Tuesday night,

booking the entire plane within a few hours. Hundreds more clamored onto waiting lists as word spread of the trip throughout the New York area.

Nevertheless, the project almost collapsed. For the trip to occur, the philanthropist needed to channel his money to El Al Airlines through a non-profit organization, an arrangement which would create a tax deductible transaction. This vital link proved to be the most elusive component of the operation.

At first, Rabbi Herschel Reichman offered to transfer the funds through the non-profit Torah Study Fund which he administers. However, questions of liability arose. Hebrew Institute of Riverdale briefly entered the scene and agreed to sponsor the flight. According to Andrew Goldsmith, an assistant coordinator of the project, the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale was also forced to drop sponsorship because of insurance difficulties and legal concerns.

Yeshiva University itself declined to sponsor the project. Goldsmith explains that the "... University had an incredible amount to lose if there was a lawsuit and they [YU administration] realized that; you are talking about auctioning off Belfer Hall to pay for lawsuit damages. Obviously, this is a worst case scenario, but it was a possibility."

According to student organizers of the trip, Yeshiva University was very supportive throughout the entire operation providing valuable assistance. Dr. Lamm greeted the students upon their arrival at Ben Gurion airport, and Vice President Dr. Israel Miller, other

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## Macs Star Returns From Military Service

by Neil Torczyner

On January 8th, Macs sensation Miko Danan went home to his native Ramla to be with his family. He was concerned about the possible war and felt that it was his duty to return to Israel. Two days after his return, Miko was called up by the army in a Tzav Shmoneh - a presidential command for war.

While back in America the Macs went on a four game losing streak, Miko spent an uneventful two weeks on his base. Miko is a member of Chel Keshet - the Communications branch of the armed forces. Finally, Miko approached his commander for permission to leave. He told him that he hadn't seen very much of his family and that he wished to return to school. The commander, who according to Miko, had heard of YU's Operation Torah Shield and was impressed, allowed Miko to leave.

Basketball and army service have always represented competing obligations for Miko. Over the last four years the 6'7" forward played for Elitzur Ramla when his time was not occupied with military activities. It was during his time with Elitzur that Miko first came in contact with Yeshiva University. He played an exhibition game against MTA and met



Danan's story is a hit with local media photo by J. J. Hornbliss

future teammates Eric Davis and David Ehrman.

In the beginning of 1990 Miko was released from the army, and began to consider Universities. He wanted to go to a school outside of Israel in order to become a free agent in the Israeli league. Although he does not consider himself religious, he also knew that he wanted to go to a place where he would be able to keep kosher. A coach of his in Israel, a friend of Coach Halpert, suggested that Miko look into YU.

The twenty-one year old freshman is currently enrolled in the IBC division of Yeshiva College. He finds the course load difficult, largely because of his lack of religious background and IBC's rigid attendance policy. He says that there should not be mandatory at-

tendance because "we (the students) are adults. We should decide what is good for us."

However, even with all the Jewish influence at Yeshiva University, Miko does not feel that he is becoming more religious. He enjoys learning about Jewish rituals and customs, but feels that religious belief is in the heart and does not need to be shown.

Miko has become a minor media sensation since coming to YU. He has been interviewed several times by New York Newsday and last Tuesday, he spoke at length with Channel 7 Eyewitness News.

YCSC is planning a Salute to the Troops ceremony for tomorrow night's Macs game. CNN, ESPN, and CBS will be in attendance, and Miko will be interviewed yet again.

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# Preparing for the Worst

During the Yom Kippur War, YU initiated a summer session for those students who felt the need to volunteer or serve in the Israeli Army when they were most needed - in the middle of the school year. This arrangement enabled YU students to support Israel without jeopardizing their educational careers.

Today, Israel finds herself on the brink of war. We all pray that the current crisis will end without Israel's involvement. But in the event that she is drawn in to the war, a significant number of YU students will be considering the possibility that they will want to respond in Israel's hour of need. It will be an easier decision if the administration has already published the consequences and procedures of such an action. We could wait until that unwanted day comes, but why?

# Academic Flexibility

This semester, a handful of Stern women can be seen trooping through the Furst lobby, bearing their orange I.D. cards. In an effort to upgrade Stern's English department, these students are permitted to take a specially designated class with Dr. William Lee, who does not teach at Stern. In addition, both Stern and Yeshiva College students are participating in a co-ed course, "Current Topics in Biology", at YU's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

The COMMENTATOR applauds the administration's decision to institute these learning opportunities. It is encouraging to see that complaints of limited courses have been heard and acted upon. No one is asking for an end to separate campuses. However, an inflexible stance on co-ed education serves neither YU's reputation nor the quality of instruction available to its students. We hope the administration will continue to make the adjustments necessary to enhance the educational experience of Yeshiva men and women.

# Clean Up Your Act

Brooms and mops are not standard issue for YU dormitory rooms. There is no need; housekeeping crews have always made sure that the floors, sinks and mirrors are clean, and that the garbage cans are emptied (although the effectiveness of emptying trash cans weekly must be questioned, as most cans fill up every two days).

According to instructions given to students in the beginning of the year, Housekeeping crews will not move students' belongings for them. This is not unfair; students who prefer a clean living environment would be more than happy to clear the floors to enable maintenance crew to do their jobs. However, housekeeping no longer informs us when they are coming, and as a result, end up dragging a mop through a cursory fifteen second obstacle course of books, shoes and clothing. Assuming there is a schedule, would it be so hard to let dorming students in on it?

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(Van 7:45)

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### SSSB ANNUAL STUDENTS DINNER

Monday, April 15th, 1991  
6:00 P.M.  
Grand Hyatt Hotel

GUEST SPEAKER - DR. PETER F. DRUCKER

# No Nudity Necessary

To the Editor,

In the December 27th issue, your "Torah vs. Mada" article stated that some Rebbeim were opposed to teaching Art History at Yeshiva University. The opposition was based upon the nudity that was displayed, as well as, the Christian Art which was presented.

I am an Art History teacher in a yeshiva high school and before I began to prepare a curriculum, I asked our Rabbis about their feelings in regards to these same subjects. Their response was that if Christianity and nudity could be avoided, then it should be.

Since my course is limited in time and must cover a tremendous amount of material, I found more than enough representational material for each period that was non-controversial and acceptable.

Since your course is also a survey course and does not cover every artistic piece ever created, an instructor who cared to, could spend some time selecting appropriate pieces from the vast art collections that would be presentable to yeshiva students sensitive to these issues.

To insist on showing nudity and Christian pieces, when so much other material by the same well-known artists are available, shows a lack of sensitivity by

your instructors who could modify their programs and make the course acceptable to everyone.

I suggest that rather than eliminating a course that brings culture to our students, the Rebbeim and the Art Department work together to revamp the present course to eliminate the objectional material so that it can be enjoyed by everyone without any misgivings.

Mrs. Karen Haller  
Teaneck, New Jersey

# Dorm Counselor Criteria

To the Editor,

Once again, an issue arises that is merely symptomatic of the unresolved conflict between the Y and the U, and once again everyone involved satisfies themselves with the responses that have become synonymous with their positions. Of course, on the theoretical level, everyone from President Lamm to the most uniformed Freshman has an opinion on how to successfully integrate a Yeshiva with a University, and I don't presume to offer my own. The problem is that nobody has bothered to take the realities of the students into account.

Rabbi Charlop says that a dorm

From The Editor's Desk

Daniel Oshinsky

Flashback to Osirak

official newspaper continuously asserted that the Osirak facility was "not intended to be used against Iran, but against the Zionist enemy." By June, 1981, all that stood between Israel and a nuclear holocaust was a shipment of highly enriched uranium fuel.

High over Baghdad, eight F-16 fighter-bombers and six F-15 fighters swing into action. While the F-15s fly cover, the F-16s send 2000 pound bombs down into the heart of a nuclear weapons installation. The pilots score direct hits, halting a tyrant's ability to wage war against humanity.

Israel's legal right and moral obligation were clear. However, with stupefying cynicism, the world lashed out in condemnation. At the UN, Sheik Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah, Foreign Minister of Kuwait, was the first in a series of Arab representatives to demand a trade embargo against Israel. The New York Times labeled Israel guilty of "an act of inexcusable and short-sighted aggression," and warned Israel was "becoming its own worst enemy." America condemned the raid out right and held up the delivery of four F-16 fighter-bombers.

This is not the latest CNN update on Operation Desert Storm. In fact, this strike against Hussein was carried out almost ten years ago -not by allied pilots, but by members of the Israeli air force. For Israel, bombing the French built Osirak nuclear reactor was a simple matter of survival. Baghdad's

Now, almost ten years later, America is spearheading against Iraq, the most massive air campaign seen in history. President Bush calls nuclear facilities prime targets and promises Iraq's ability to wage unconventional warfare will be eliminated. The President, the Times, indeed the whole world seem to have forgotten that if not for the destruction of Osirak in 1981, America would be too late.

The lesson for

The New York Times

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ISRAELI JETS DESTROY IRAQI ATOMIC REACTOR; ATTACK CONDEMNED BY U.S. AND ARAB NATIONS

Multiple news snippets from the NY Times including: 'M.T.A. HEAD SAYS RISE COULD BE APPROVED FOR FARE ON JULY 2', 'We Will Not Let The Poles Alone, Russians Warn', 'Party in Warsaw Receives Stern Note From Moscow', '15 Cent Increase Is Believed to Be Almost Certain - A Decision Expected on a New Token', 'U.S. SAYS AIR STRIKE MAY VIOLATE ACCORD', 'Officials Urge Start of Trip', 'Justice Widens Range', 'BEGIN CITES THREAT', 'Says Raid Was Vital to Bar Nuclear Strikes by "Evil" Leader in Baghdad'

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Israel's Illusion... "Israel's sneak attack... was an act of inexcusable and short-sighted aggression." Includes a small map of the Middle East and a quote from the NY Times.

Israel is unmistakable. World opinion is obtuse, illogical, and forever changing. Israel's only obligation can be to her own people. American Jewry should take heed as well. Why do we expend all our energy on winning over the American public? Why do we chastise Israel under our breath for her lack of finesse in public relations? Osirak proves the PR game is all for naught. Our commitment must be to the safety and security of the people of Israel, not to their image in the press. Presently, Israel is faced by an unending onslaught of Scud missiles, the threat of chemical warfare and an outcry of praise and support for her "unprecedented restraint." What the world community does not realize, but Israel must, is that restraint in the face of attack has only one justification: it represents the most effective means of protecting the people of Israel. The moment Israel's leaders no longer believe this to be true, restraint must end. With the end of restraint, the well-spring of approval washing over Israel may dry up. Israel will once again be labeled the aggressor, and American Jews, put back on the defensive. We cannot forget Osirak. Ten years from now, praise will ring-out again for Israel. In the meantime, we must do all in our power to insure her safety and survival.

The Commentator wishes the best of luck to Jon Adler, Andrew Goldsmith, and Ezra Kahn who are stepping down from the Governing Board.

RESPONSA

counselor should be "a gentleman who is serious, responsible, and committed to Talmud Torah, who knows the realities of the dual program of Yeshiva..." Even if we assume that there is or ever could be a standard definition of "Talmud Torah," this ideal dorm counselor would still be wholly inadequate as far as many of the students are concerned. Has it ever occurred to anyone that there may be students at YU who aren't committed to Talmud Torah and whose daily existence brings them into contact with situations that a serious, responsible, Talmud Torah committed gentleman would have no idea how to handle properly? There might very well be students at YU who are sexually active, who use drugs or alcohol, who are victims of physical or emotional abuse, and who need a peer to talk to who knows more than "...the realities of the dual program of Yeshiva."

than another line on a resume and \$2000 in pocket, we must be willing to deal with the students as they are and not as some would like them to be. Otherwise, the program should be abolished and the University should save its money because for many students there will be no difference between Rabbi Charlop's envisioned dorm counselor and Rabbi Charlop himself.

Adam J. Schorr YC '91 Victory for Hussein To the Editor,

I would like to take issue with a statement made by Chief of Security, Donald Sommers, in his January 25 letter to the student body. Mr. Sommers states, "...operations within the University are quite normal," when in fact this is not the case. Since our return from winter vacation, students and employees alike have been harassed by Burns security guards adhering to well intentioned, but foolish instructions. Students have been asked to wear their I.D. cards on their outer garments and to

present them whenever they enter a University building. Although many similar precautions are currently being taken by other universities and corporations, I would like to suggest that this practice plays right into the hands of Saddam Hussein and his terrorist colleagues. By its nature, terrorism is a psychological, not military weapon. The objective of a terrorist is not to cause injury or death, but to cause innocent people to change their behavior or alter their lifestyles. Any person who changes his way of life, or takes actions other than those he would normally take, is giving up his freedom. We, in the United States, believe that the freedom to do what we want whenever we want is a God given inalienable right. Although we give our government the ability to regulate our freedom, we should not allow one human being, especially a truthless tyrant living a third of the way around the world to dictate our actions. If we change even one part of our lifestyles, if we alter one aspect, we are handing those who would oppose us an automatic victory. The new procedures enacted by the Office of Safety and Security are accomplishing what Saddam Hussein's million member army will never do- they are reducing American citizens to cower in fear, and to give up their rights as free human beings. This is why I will continue to produce my I.D. card on demand, but I will never, never wear it on my clothing. David Sack YC '92

When No One Is Watching To the Editor Since there has not recently been an exposé on the cafeteria's feats of manipulation, I feel obliged to comment on one aspect of their continuing exploitation. After every vacation, the food prices in the cafeteria's vending machines across campus increase. This has been going on now for at least half a year. The increases are not always large but they do add up. Take the egg salad sandwich for example. At the end of the spring '90 semester it was selling below two dollars at \$1.95. When students returned to campus the beginning of Fall '90, the price had jumped to \$2.15. Since then, the price in the machines have gone up to \$2.25, then to \$2.35, after Succos vacation and Thanksgiving respectively. Upon returning this semester, the price, for the fresh sandwich, has spiraled to \$2.50. This is a 28% rise since the end of Spring '90! If this pace continues, the price at the end of the school year will have increased by 33% over the price at the beginning of the year. The cafeteria also insults the students by trying to hide the large increase with small incremental changes implemented over vacations. To the cafeteria management I now tell that it is noticed, and on behalf of the student body request that it be stopped immediately. Charles H. Rube YC '91 More Responsa on Page 13

## THE WAR AND OUR CAMPUS

## Answering the Call:

## Draft, Reserve Duty May Bring War Home

by Moshe Friedman

When President Bush began sending troops to the Persian Gulf last August, the military announced that the deployment was only a minor one, not more than 50,000 men, and that a draft was certainly not necessary. Six months later, 500,000 troops have been deployed to the Gulf, the United States is at war, and the question of whether or not there will be a draft is still on people's minds.

The question is especially relevant for college students. While the Selective Service did provide long-term educational deferments during the Korean and Vietnam wars, these deferments have been removed from Selective Service regulations.

If the draft were re-instituted, people who have reached the age of twenty during the calendar year in which the draft was instituted would be called first. For example, if the draft were re-instituted today, people born between January 1, 1971 and December 31, 1971 would be called up first.

Twenty one year-olds would be drafted next, with the age of those inducted order ascending numerically until the 25-year-olds were drafted. Then the 19-year-olds would be called, followed by the 18-year-olds.

According to Lt. Col. Richard Moore, a Selective

Service spokesman, "there's absolutely no plans to re-institute the draft. At this time we have had no contacts from Congress, no contacts from the White House, and no contacts from the Department of Defense regarding a draft." Col. Moore added, however, that "the Selective Service remains ready to perform its mission if so ordered."

Col. Moore noted that while there are no longer any student deferments, there are "student postponements." These postponements provide that students would be allowed to finish the semester in which they are enrolled before being called. Seniors would be allowed to finish the year.

In order for a draft to take place, Moore explained, "Congress would have to amend the Military Selective Service Act to authorize inductions of men. Once that is accomplished, and signed off by the President, you would have a national lottery." The lottery would randomly pick one of the 365 days of the year and call up all people born on that day.

After a person's birth date is chosen, Col. Moore said, that person would "be provided a Western Union Mailgram, which would be an induction order, that would tell them where to report." It would also advise them how to submit a claim to be exempt from the



Joey Eisenfeld: YC Senior and U.S. Army Reservist

photo by J.J. Homblase

draft. Those who may be exempt or eligible for deferments from the draft include students seeking postponements, conscientious objectors, people who qualify for a hardship deferment, clergymen and divinity students.

According to an article last week in the *New York Times*, once men are called up the Selective Service may begin delivering them to examining stations within two weeks, because the service's computers already include the names and addresses of all potential draftees.

The *Times* article also stressed that Pentagon officials do not envision such heavy losses that troops could not be replaced by turning to active or reserve units stationed elsewhere.

"The Department of Defense continues to be satisfied that the size of the forces we have now, active duty and reservists, is sufficient to do the job," said William Caldwell, a Pentagon spokesman, in the *New York Times* article. "We do not plan to call for a draft. We don't need more people."

If the military is planning to call up more of its reserves, however, this may still have a

profound effect on Yeshiva University. Currently, two students and one administrator are known to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves.

David Pahmer (RIETS '92) entered the reserves in the chaplaincy program and is currently stationed with the Individual Ready Reserves, or reservists who are stationed in no particular unit. Pahmer said that he will probably not be called up to fight in the Persian Gulf because he is still studying for his smicha.

Joseph P. Eisenfeld (YC '91) also serves in the United States Army Reserves. Unlike Pahmer, however, if Eisenfeld is called up his chances of seeing combat are very good. Eisenfeld is a medic stationed at the 74th Field Hospital in upstate New York. If called to duty, Eisenfeld would either serve as a field medic, where he would be relatively close to the front lines, or as a combat medic, where he would serve directly at the front lines treating injuries as they occur.

Eisenfeld joined the reserves for several reasons. First, he felt that it was his responsibility as a Jew to serve the United States. "As Jews, we have certain privileges in

this country, certain rights and freedoms that we enjoy," explained Eisenfeld. "Sometimes a few of us must give something back on behalf of the Jewish community."

Eisenfeld said he also joined the army for moral reasons. "America is really the conscience of all the nations," he said. "While Israel and the Jewish religion may set the standards for morality in the world, America is the country that enforces it throughout the globe."

The army also helped pay for that part of the school expenses which financial aid did not cover, noted Eisenfeld.

Eisenfeld said that if he is called upon to serve in the Persian Gulf, he would fight willingly. "I gave an oath of loyalty to protect this country," he said. "I committed myself to fight on behalf of the United States. That commitment still stands."

Assistant Dean of Students Jeff Chaitoff also serves in the Individual Ready Reserves. Mr. Chaitoff joined the chaplaincy program of the reserves in 1988 while studying in the smicha program in RIETS. Mr. Chaitoff is currently waiting for his

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David Sheffey is granted passage into Morg. photo by J.J. Homblase

## Step Up in Security

by Joel Haber

As YC students returned from Winter break, they were greeted in their dorms by something more than just the smiling guards they had left behind the previous semester. Students were told that they would not be allowed to enter any YU building, at any time,

without their I.D. cards. Students knew security meant business when they were handed little transparent cardholders to clip on to their apparel.

Security Chief Don Sommers claims 24-hour I.D. checks is a practice that has been under consideration for quite some time. The need for 24-hour I.D. checks was also

raised at several YCSC Security Council meetings in the past. Although the administration had been hesitant to allow 24-hour inspections due to the logistic difficulties, it felt that in light of the growing threat of international terrorism, this was an opportune time to establish such a practice.

One technical aspect which in the past, added to the reluctance on the part of the administration is the need to double up guards for the I.D. checks. As students enter University buildings they are often met by a wall of security officers requesting I.D. "As it becomes habit for all the people entering to show their card," says Sommers, "we can at some point reduce it. Right now I see

a tremendous amount of cooperation, and we should be able to cut back in the very near future."

Security Council Chairman David Silverblatt concurs with Sommers' assessment of student cooperation. "Since the beginning of the new semester I have hardly received any complaints about the new I.D. system, and everyone seems to be very positive about it."

"I think the guards are doing a great job," he adds.

Despite mostly positive responses, some students still feel that this system is more of a bother than is necessary. "I think we have very capable security guards who by this time can probably recognize our

faces," declares Jason Muss, (YC '93). "I'm tired of this nonsense."

In terms of looking forward to an enhanced role for students in checking I.D.'s, Sommers maintains that it is still under review. "We may very well be able to go with one guard and double-up just at peak hours." He also requests that all students noticing someone without legitimate business should bring that person to the attention of a guard.

Sommers says other problems are being looked into, such as the ability to borrow someone else's ID without it being checked closely or better methods for identification on Shabbat.

# Israel Exodus Crowds Campus

by Dov Chelst

Due to the ongoing Gulf War and frequent Scud missile attacks on Israel, over 60 extra students entered Yeshiva College at the beginning of this semester. Unfortunately, they returned to overcrowded dorms and closed courses. Their arrival increased the burden on the Admissions, Finance and Residence Hall offices for a week as the staff and the returning students made the best of the situation. The semester wears on as many students still cope with their cramped quarters and dream of returning to their yeshivot.

In all, 105 new students entered YC dorms this winter. While Rabbi Cheifetz claims that he could have easily handled half that amount (last year 52 came), in the end he was forced to "triple" every three-person room that had previously been underpopulated. Twenty two regular-sized rooms in Rubin Hall currently contain a third bed. Usually, this arrangement is voluntarily agreed upon by the three roommates. Nonetheless, problems still develop. A returning student complains about sleeping on a cot. A roommate gripes as his closet space diminishes. Originally, 31 Rubin rooms were "tripled" and Rabbi Cheifetz hopes to reduce their number even further as students leave the dorms either for apartments, other universities, or to return to Israel.

The YC administration has provided

for those who still hope to soon return to their yeshivot. Vice President Dr. Israel Miller issued a memo declaring that all students who leave YC before February 11, to return to their yeshivot will receive a full tuition refund. They will pay only for the food that they spent on their meal card and rent for their stay in the dorm. Anyone returning at a later date will have to follow the regular refund guidelines. Furthermore, any student planning to return to an Israeli yeshiva has until February 27 to withdraw from his courses without receiving a semester of W's on his transcript.

Upon entering YU, the new students faced 71 closed courses, not an unusually large number according to Dean Rosenfeld. This semester, he felt no significant increase in pressure from students to open closed courses. He and his assistant worked with students in planning their course schedules and many times students were forced to rearrange their classes, taking second choices which they had planned to take next year. Yet, when necessary, Dean Rosenfeld opened up courses. One student expressed genuine surprise that the Dean opened 5 courses for him. (In general, Dean Rosenfeld maintains a cushion within highly demanded courses, using size limits mainly to distribute the students between all of the available sections.)

The week from January 24-31 was especially hectic for the Admissions,

Finance and Residence Hall offices. Students constantly popped up unexpectedly at YU's doorstep while the Israel Office faxed over announcements of the impending arrival of still more. Michael Kranzler, Director of Admissions, and his staff directed new stu-

dents to the Office of Student Finances to clear their financial requirements, then notified Rabbi Cheifetz of another incoming resident. The Office of Student Finances dealt sympathetically with returning students, recognizing their financial needs and the hasty nature of their arrival.

The Student Organization of Yeshiva proudly presents the annual

# S.O.Y. SEFORIM SALE

Yeshiva University - 500 W. 185th St., New York  
(corner of Amsterdam Ave.)  
Furst Hall, Room 024

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# Superbowl Champs to Play at YU

by David Silverblatt

The New York Giants, winners of this year's NFL Superbowl, will take on New York's finest, members of the New York Police Department, in a charity basketball game to be held at Yeshiva University.

They won the Superbowl, but they're not going to win this one, promises NYPD Officer Bobby Keating. "No miracles for them this time." The Police Team Captain, Deputy Inspector Estavillo expects a "physical game," but says his players are undaunted. "We're ready."

The event, to be held February 17th in the MSAC, is in memory of Michael John Buczek, an officer of the 34th precinct who was slain in the line of duty while serving Washington Heights. The game is being sponsored by the Buczek Foundation, and the proceeds earned will benefit various community charities. According to Officer Beth Cronin, "The money earned goes back to the people he served."

Officer John Moynihan, one of the 34th Precinct players says "We're looking forward to playing them, and we're going to give it our best effort." Back at Yeshiva University, Chief of Security, Don Sommers feels that "The Giant's should continue their winning streak with ease."

Tip off is at 1:00PM. During halftime, autographs will be signed by members of the Giant's team. Tickets will be sold at the door. The admission fee will be \$5.00.

# Kiruv in Curacao

by Torin Rutner

David Kupchik, a student at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) recently led a three person mission to the island of Curacao. Better known for its glittering beaches, exciting nightlife, and tropical breezes, Curacao also has a Jewish community that is "really thirsting for anything Torah related," according to Kupchik. Kupchik, along with Gil Frieman (YC '89) and Hillel Zakai (YC '90), worked to encourage and inspire the three century old Jewish community to continue the traditions and religious practices of Judaism.

The three were sent by the Blanche Schreiber Torah Tours under the direction of RIETS's Max Stern Division of Community Services. There they worked with the more than fifty families in the community who comprise Congregation Shaare Zedek, an Orthodox synagogue with no year-round rabbi or cantor.

"We wanted to impress them with Judaism and get them to respect who we are," said Kupchik. "We also wanted to impress upon them the need for a Rabbi, for some type of leadership." These families are some of the 300 Jewish families on the island from a mixture of Sephardic and Ashkenazic backgrounds, dating back to the 1650's.

Kupchik led programs for both chil-

dren and adults, which were well-attended by those eager to learn anything they could about Judaism and Jewish communities abroad. Zakai, a keyboard player and singer, led the adults in a series of Jewish songs which added even more to the overwhelming response of those who attended the program. "These people will remember the YU guys for months," remarked Kupchik. He also taught about forty children in Curacao's Talmud Torah, which he hopes "had a lasting effect on the children."

Kupchik found several flaws in the religious practices of the community at large. There was a complete lack of observance of kashruth, and the community was desperate for a rabbi and a cantor. "The scary part is that without Jewish leaders they are becoming rapidly assimilated," admitted Kupchik. "I saw great potential and I feel we just can't leave them. The three of us had hoped to create for the future a healthy attitude towards Yeshiva University in their possible acceptance of a potential rabbi."

Kupchik, who has been active in Torah Tours for many years, graduated from Yeshiva College with a degree in psychology. Presently, he is pursuing a degree in advanced Jewish studies at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. His father, Rabbi Abraham Kupchik, is the director of rabbinic alumni at RIETS.

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## Student Teachers Return from Tallinn

by Jon Taub

Yeshiva and University Students for the Spiritual Revival of Soviet Jewry (YUSSR) has realized the fulfillment of one of its major goals. Yitzchak Rosenblum and Kevin Taragin have completed the first of a continuing series of missions to Estonia. The two spent a month teaching Hebrew and Limudei Kodesh at a Jewish school in Tallinn, the Estonian capital.

"The main thrust of the program was that of an intellectual nature," says Yitz. "We basically went to teach Hebrew, Jewish Culture and History and provide a basic knowledge of Judaism. They need to be given the tools that will enable them to study on their own." Yitz emphasized that they desperately want and need an "introduction to Torah and an acquaintance with G-d. These people knew nothing until two years ago, and since then, the only education they've gotten...has been completely ad hoc. This is a big opportunity to get on the Glasnost bandwagon."

Classes in Hebrew were taught daily by both Kevin and Yitz until 12:30pm, after which they gave additional classes in a more informal, camp like setting. The two gave Chumash classes, discussed Shabbat and especially emphasized Ma'aseh Bereisheet. On Shabbat, Yitz and Kevin, who during the week taught separately, ran the program together. The Joint Distribution Committee donated siddurim while Russian haggadot were sent by the Englewood and Woodmere communities. The sefarim were greatly needed in a community where, according to Yitz, "there is absolutely nothing--no [kosher] food, no mikveh--and shul on Shabbos is 12 old men at 10 o'clock."

Despite unrest in the Baltics, Kevin and Yitzchak insist that Estonia is different. The Estonians, being a more Nordic than Slavic people, are very stoic, and therefore they have a lot more political savvy than the citizens of the other Baltic states, explains Yitz. However, he notes that although Estonia is known as the 'garden spot' of the Soviet Union, the same economic problems--long lines, empty stores--that exist in the rest of Russia are prevalent in Estonia as well.

"Everybody, Jew and non-Jew alike, are at a crossroad because they have to think about day to day survival first,"

says Yitz.

Kevin calls Estonia a "crazy place. They want to be free, and you can see that there exists a pride that they used to have something before Stalin's annexation... It seems that the Estonians, being involved in a fight for independence, are able to identify with Israel now. Politics makes strange bedfellows."

The Jews of Estonia, many of whom are candidates for Aliya, are very eager to learn something about the heritage which they had almost completely lost half a century ago. According to Yitz, the Jewish community has suffered from intermarriage and a lot of their tradition has been taken from them. "It's an issue that has to be addressed, and is very important for the poskim. Many families with non-Jewish mothers want to make Aliya," he warns.

Still, Yitz feels it is crucial that "these people be exposed to Judaism before they move to Israel; otherwise they'll feel like total strangers. The motto of the Soviet Jewry movement used to be 'Shalach Es Ami', but they forgot about the 'VeYa'avduni'."

"I find it interesting that these people appreciate Judaism more than some of us do," Kevin comments. "Do we really appreciate the freedom we've been given? Are we really doing our best?"

As to the program's future, Yitz tells of a fact finding mission being planned for other cities in the Soviet Union with large Jewish populations. Kevin reports that there are 58 cities with over 20,000 Jews. "We think Odessa and Minsk are next," Yitz speculates, "being that these are cities without a lot doing." However, because of the current situation in the Baltic states, organizers have found it nearly impossible to obtain visas to Latvia and Lithuania, which makes it very hard to reach cities like Vilna and Riga.

However, with the success of this first mission, YUSSR plans to move full speed ahead. "We're trying to plan the summer camps again," Kevin says, referring to camps which were a precursor to the school in Tallinn. "We need a lot of people from YU and Stern to help out. I think it was good that I was able to go as a college student; we need more college people. We have to keep them connected with the situation."

Kevin says he will definitely be back in the USSR this summer. "When and where depends on the camps."



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# Israel- Missiles

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Then Israel was attacked.

Since January 17, Saddam Hussein has terrorized Israel with deadly SCUD missiles, leaving Israeli houses and lives in shambles. Thousands of Jews in Israel are left homeless, with no shelter from Hussein's weapons of destruction. Spiritual survival is no longer our only priority. We cannot rest until we have provided for the physical needs of the

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## Memories of a Mission

by Richard Ehrlich

Operation Torah Shield brought fame to Yeshiva University and much needed moral support to the people of Israel. However, for the hundreds of students who participated, Torah Shield also involved sharp emotions and intimate experiences few will ever forget. Long after the war is over and the media has forgotten about the trip, these memories will linger on.

Exhausted from finals week, few students were able to contemplate the meaning of the trip or the dangerous situation they were entering as flight 012 took off. Some students sang Hebrew songs as the plane headed towards Israel, but most simply tried to recover.

"All I could think about was sleep," recalls YC Sophomore David Saltzman.

However, as the plane landed, students began to sense the importance of their journey. "When I felt the wheels touch down, I was ecstatic," claims one student. "These feelings grew when I looked out the window and saw the welcoming crew. I understood that we were doing something important. I hoped that we would be able to do what we came for, what the people in Israel expected of us."

Avraham Abboudi remembers people kissing the ground as they exited the plane. "At that moment, I was overcome with a tremendous love for the land of Israel and everything it means to me," he says.

Barry Gelman describes the scene as euphoric. "When we got off the plane, people dropped their bags and were dancing; everyone just started dancing."

The students were greeted by a host of officials who spoke about the importance of their visit. Pre-med student Bentzie Schlakman found Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's greeting particularly powerful: "Atem chelek mimenu", (you are part of us).

Schlakman believes that "to come at that time really showed that you were coming home. [It] showed how you really felt."

The minister's words also struck a chord with Avraham Abboudi. "American Jews have a tendency to consider themselves separate," he explains. "Israelis do too. I think Torah Shield proved to ourselves and our families that any danger to the Israelis is a danger to us, and that we identify with their pain."

All the students interviewed agreed that even if they had not truly identified with the land of Israel before, this trip solidified their relationship with both the people and the land. "It felt comfortable being in Israel," remembers David Matkowsky, a



Masked: Jonathan Kroll  
Photo Courtesy of David Silverblatt

graduating senior. "I felt at home."

Although many students admit they did not expect Saddam's Scud missile attack, they say they were shaken up, but not actually scared. All interviewed say they never doubted for a moment that they were safe.

Abboudi describes the first night of attacks as follows: "The first alarm was Thursday night at 2:00 a.m. and they told us to put on the masks. We all thought it was a gas attack; we thought 'this is it, this is Gog - Umagog (War at the end of days)'. I couldn't think of a better place to be."

As the missile attacks continued, students grew braver. Students staying at Kerem B'Yavneh, counting on the fact

that they were far away from Tel Aviv, actually stood outside and watched the Scud and Patriot missiles soar through the air.

Barry Gelman, an ex-BMT bachur, relates an experience which occurred during one of the many air raid sirens. "I was spending time with my cousins. They're a large family and I got a real sense for the hardships they faced. I helped make sure the children were safe. It was really difficult. I found myself grabbing two kids off the floor and carrying them upstairs to the shelter."

Students describe their time spent in sealed room as burdensome. At times, they had to spend several hours locked up, in a crowded room, with plastic sheets over the windows preventing any circulation.

A major goal of Operation Torah Shield was to lend moral support to the Israelis, especially at a time when many American yeshiva students were leaving Israel. This goal, according to the all the participants questioned, was achieved beyond what they had imagined possible.

"The best feeling was when the Israelis in the yeshiva hugged us and told us how much it meant to them that we were back," exclaims one student. "Even the cabbies in Jerusalem heard about us and appreciated us."

David Gershbaum says that several Israelis told him he was "crazy-daffy as a duck-but they thought it was great that we were showing our support."

Former Yeshivat Hakotel student Azi Cutter feels the trip went beyond moral support. "I not only felt it was a Kiddush Hashem, but that we were making history," he says.

Another important aspect of the trip was to have more students in Israel learning Torah. However, the students encountered many obstacles. "Learning was more difficult physically, but it was much more intense and fulfilling," says Gelman. "Everyone was waiting for the next air raid or the sound of chairs stirring. People were preoccupied with the war."

Despite these obstacles, the Torah Shield participants still accomplished a great deal of learning. Some, like David Saltzman, remained in yeshiva for most of the two weeks. Saltzman says he went specifically to learn. "I didn't want to give medical assistance. By learning, I helped more than giving out food to old people or anything else. There is nothing like learning in Eretz Yisrael."

For many, Operation Torah Shield revitalized lost religious feeling. One student planned on reading English books in the yeshiva library while he stayed there, but after a day or two, things changed. "The davening was different. I was in-

spired religiously. I wanted to grab hold of what was going on."

Gershbaum experienced similar feelings. "Davening in yeshiva, in Israel, there was so much kavanah (intensity). Watching my friends pray was inspirational. Miracles were going on. Scuds were landing without exploding. They don't talk about those on the news."

Not surprisingly, some of the students wanted to remain in Israel after the trip had finished. Matkowsky expressed a desire to help out. But he says that "since there was no major war going on, there were no jobs in Israel that needed to be filled."

"When I left America," recalls Abboudi, "I thought I'd be happy coming back safe and sound. But when we got on the plane [to go back] we all felt like traitors, like we were leaving behind our friends."

"As the plane was leaving, I felt I was leaving a great deal," says another student, summing up the general feelings of the other participants. "The small thing we did was the right thing to do and we accomplished what we set out to do."

## Grounded

by Hayyim Angel

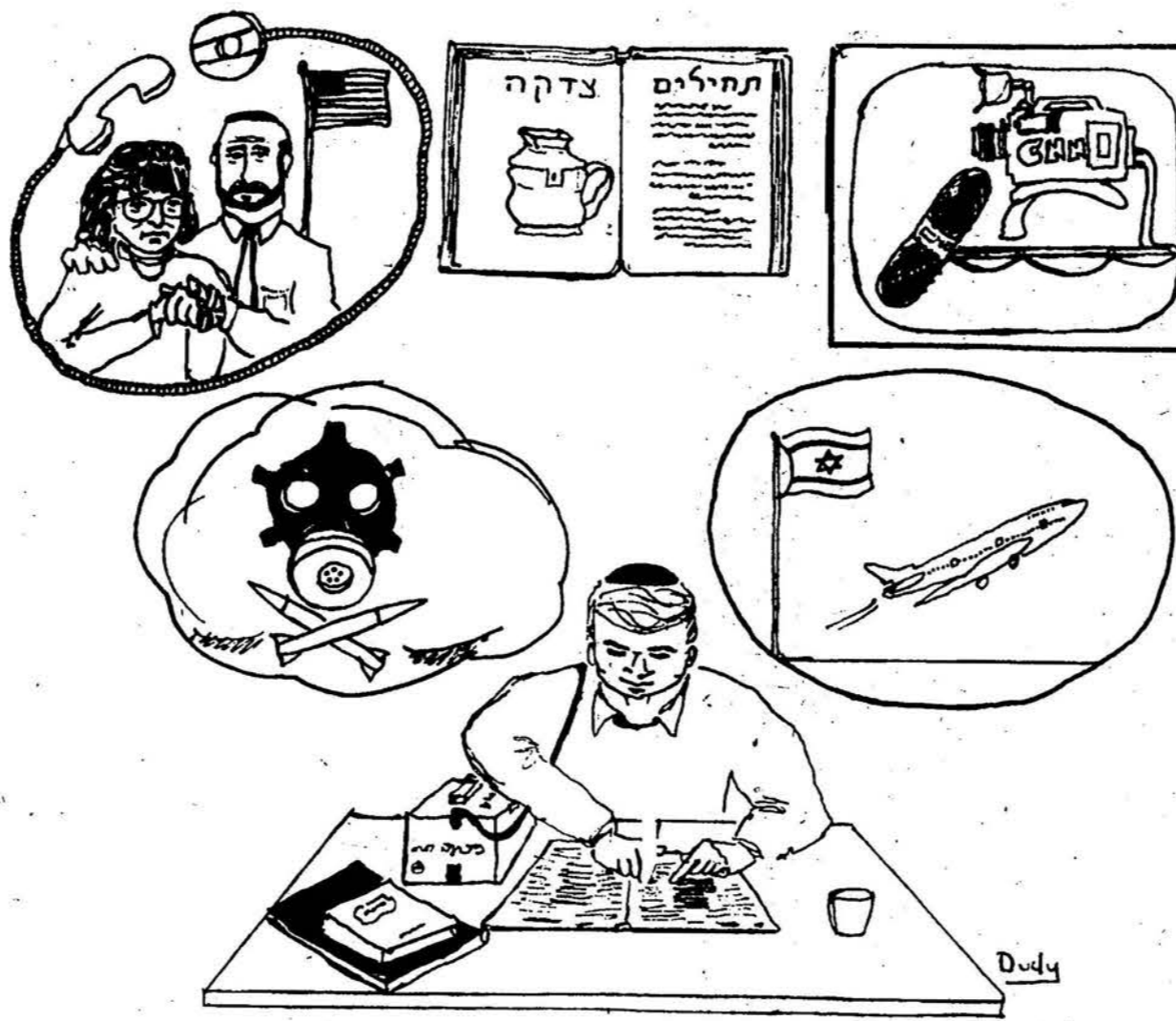
Placing themselves in a potential war zone, the participants of Operation Torah Shield displayed a remarkable amount of courage and commitment to Israel. By deciding to travel to Israel in such a precarious time, they placed themselves in danger, worrying both parents and friends.

Many Yeshiva students did not go to Israel, staying within the "safe" confines of America. This poses a difficult question. Should their action, or lack thereof, be interpreted as an expression of a lesser attachment to Israel?

Many students who remained in America during winter break grappled with the issue of whether or not to go to Israel. Their parents were also

## Torah Shield

# Feelings Behind the Flight



by Avi Lopin

Israel's citizens have always lived with fear, uncertainty, anger, and frustration, and the effects of this most recent war are no different. Each day, emotional, physical, and psychological pressures take their toll on Israeli citizens. As the Gulf war proceeds, tension rises and falls, but never disappears.

Operation Torah Shield participants were given an inside view of life in Israel under siege. Azi Cutter, a YC Senior, relates his relatives' reaction to the first Scud attack on Israel. He calls it terrifying and nerve racking. With the wail of the air-raid sirens, his sister and brother-in-law rushed to wake their three children (aged 2 to 6) and herded them in to the sealed room.

Once in the sealed room, the family, with their gas masks firmly intact, nervously listened to the radio for further instructions. After an hour, they were instructed to take off their gas masks, and eventually were allowed to leave the sealed room.

This survival routine transpires daily. Fear of the unknown causes many psychological

strains and sleepless nights. Any unusual sound provokes alarm. Once the air-raid siren is confirmed, the mad rush for survival commences. Every household member grabs his mask, rushes madly to the sealed room, shuts the door behind, and stuffs the bottom crack of the door for fear of gas seeping through. Inside, the gas masks are hermetically strapped onto their faces as an extra precaution. The masks are extremely uncomfortable and the wait seems endless. Fear and anxiety manage to penetrate the otherwise sealed room.

Azi further points out that with children and infants, the routine is more complicated. Azi remembers his nephews and nieces trying to adapt to their masks on the first night of the attack. One child attempted to fight off the mask and another cried nonstop while wearing it. He then remembers the children gazing through the masks, trying desperately to locate their parents. But the only image they encountered were deformed insects from the movie, "THE FLY". Seeing this, the children would cry out hysterically.

A third child, barely two years old, was too small to be masked and was therefore put into a plastic incubator. Imagine an eighteen-month-old boy crying profusely while being sealed in a plastic bubble by an unfamiliar masked thing. Then imagine the mother trying to comfort her baby by waving and smiling through the bubble,

## A People Under Siege

only to have the infant cry and scream even louder. From Metulla to Eilat, every family runs through the same routine, hoping it will be for the last time.

SCW student Nava Fried recalls a frightful experience in a Jerusalem hospital. On a Saturday night, the third night of the Scud attacks, her sister-in-law was in labor. Moments after she gave birth, the sirens once again sounded throughout Israel. She was unable to hold her newly born baby for even ten minutes; a nurse grabbed the baby and thrust the boy into a plastic incubator. The mother began to cry.

The sight of hundreds of pregnant women trying to make their way into sealed rooms and later wobbling around with their gas masks, is a sight Nava hopes

"There is life after January 15. God will help."

last she will never witness again. As Scud missiles continue to rain on the Jewish state, significant damage and casualties are inevitable. To date, over 3500 apartments have been obliterated by these missiles of terror, leaving over 5000 innocent people stranded and homeless - just for being Jewish. Many of these people literally lost everything and their future remains a question. They do know that the road back will be long and painful. Besides homes being destroyed, many schools and community centers were annihilated, leaving behind shattered desks, broken lunch boxes and crushed toys.

Israel's restraint exacerbates the situation. By confirming to America that it would not strike first, Israel blatantly put its citizens at risk of a definite Iraqi first strike. Furthermore, after being hit numerous times, Israel continues to hold its fire. Many Israelis understand and concur that retaliation is not in Israel's best interests, but that does not prevent every Israeli from feeling like a helpless punching bag, punched time after time, unable to strike back.

Seeing Palestinians applaud at every Scud attack, and then complain for the lack of chemical warheads, doesn't help the Israeli psyche either. Meanwhile, the PLO, those "seekers of peace" only a year ago, recently attempted to draw Israel

into their own version of the war (launching their own missiles at Israel), since Iraq couldn't do it successfully thus far. Once again, Israel must now deal with its evil neighbors.

But hope and optimism have not been obliterated by Saddam's Scuds. David Borowich, a YC Senior, commented that one of the highlights of his trip was seeing the continued flow of immigrants during the crisis. Amazingly, Russian and Ethiopian Jews continue to flock to this country under siege. Special El-Al flights keep bringing these thirsty immigrants to Israel.

To some, it seems a sad irony that they escape oppression, only to meet greater danger. At the terminal, under a sign which reads "Welcome to Israel!" they receive both their immigration papers and their gas masks.

Still, a significant majority arrives with fervor and determination, despite the problems. To these people, being with their Jewish brethren in Israel supersedes almost anything. For this reason, Israel continues to welcome any immigrant, despite her preoccupation with the crisis.

And so life goes on in Israel - crisis after crisis, war after war. The people, full of tension, fear, and doubt, counter-attack these feelings with acts of courage, faith, and optimism. The present crisis is no exception. A mother with her four kids in a sealed room, as reported in a recent issue of "The Jewish Week", was nervously pacing the room back and forth. As the sirens grew louder and the panic escalated, she noticed two of her younger kids calmly engaging in a quiet game of pat-a-cake despite their gas masks. Her tears broke the tension as she quickly ran to give them a big hug. A new Russian immigrant enthusiastically pointed out that, "Despite the obvious problems, there are benefits in arriving at times like these. It is when you see people at their best, when you see the country come together."

Even those most affected display their indelible courage. A mother, after being trapped for hours under debris and cement with her two children, screamed at a TV camera: "Look, the three of us were trapped under the wreckage of our apartment house that caved in, and we got out of this whole thing WITHOUT A SCRATCH! DO YOU HEAR?! WITHOUT A SCRATCH! Can one of you explain this to me? I just can't conceive of it! Thank you God! Thank you!" She then continued with her joyful cry, for despite losing her home, she remained alive. Perhaps the ubiquitous signs in Jerusalem can best summarize the general attitude; "Yesh Chaim Acharay Jan. 15: Hashem Ya'azor" - There is life after Jan. 15, God will help.

ority. When I saw how concerned my parents were, I realized that I could not have gone."

Benjamin Waltuch felt the message conveyed by Operation Torah Shield was very important. However, he saw a possible disadvantage to his potential trip to Israel. "My presence in Israel would have been more of a liability than an asset to Israel. I couldn't fight for them, and Israel didn't need another visitor to worry about."

As it turned out, "comfortable America" was not much of a quiet spot for those who did not go. Countless hours were spent watching CNN and other news programs to hear of new bombings in Israel. Every time the phone rang, nervous parents held their breath; might the call be from their children in Israel?

Anxious Americans set up phone networks with Israel, unsuccessfully attempting to assuage their fears concerning friends and family in Israel.

Jews in America also felt a new sense of unity. David Wiesner, who returned to America from Yeshivat HaKotel, commented how "everyone seemed to bond whenever we watched the news or said Tehillim." In a similar vein, Wiesner wished he was there for the missile attacks. "I would have really experienced being part of Klal Yisrael firsthand," he remarked.

Similar feelings gripped Benjamin Waltuch when Israel was first attacked. "The thought that Tel Aviv was in trouble gave me a feeling of helplessness. I felt like I had let Israel down by not being there." In fact, most of the students interviewed really wished they could have been in Israel despite the obvious danger.

But things were not so clear cut. Like many others, David Maslansky was caught in a deep emotional struggle in response to the attacks. On the one hand, he felt that "you can't



## Draft

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smicha to come through. Once he gets his smicha, he will become a full-fledged chaplain.

"If the army calls me, I'll go," said Mr. Chaitoff. "It's my obligation; it's my duty." Mr. Chaitoff added that whether or not he will be called depends on how the situation in the Persian Gulf develops.

Friends and relatives of Mr. Chaitoff who had served as chaplains in the army played a large role in his decision to join the Reserves. "My mentor at the University was a World War II Army Air Corps chaplain," explained Mr. Chaitoff, "and I got interested in the reserves through talking to him about his experiences in the Army chaplaincy." Mr. Chaitoff said he was also looking for something "different" and "exciting," and that the Army Reserves fulfilled those requirements.

Mr. Chaitoff does not, however, believe that there will be a need for a draft. "The enlistment in the army has been on the increase since the events in the Gulf began," he said, "so there wouldn't really be a need for a draft... Also, if the war only lasts another few months there would be no need for a draft because it takes about four or five months for a civilian to be processed into a soldier."

According to the *New York Times*, the army has 1.6 million Reserves, 200,000 of which have already been called up. The Pentagon has said it may call up about 115,000 more reserves.

Events in the Persian Gulf may also have an effect on YU Students who serve in the Israeli reserves. Yamin Goldsmith spent a year in an Israeli tank core through the Machal program. Now both a YC Senior and a reservist, he says that if Israel were engaged in a ground war, he would probably be summoned for active duty. Goldsmith added that if there were indeed a need for him, he would not wait to be called.

"If there's something for me to do, I would like to go back, not just wait to be called back," he said. "If you know that your friends are going through something, it's harder to sit back and just listen to the news."

Dwayne Pechet, another IDF reservist, also said that he would return to Israel if Israel gets into a ground war. "If the army feels that they need to launch a ground offensive against a neighboring country, or if Israel mobilizes to go to war, so then obviously I would go back," Pechet said.



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## MTA: Too Close for Comfort

by David Silverblatt, Joel Haber,  
Stephen Buch

In January of 1929, the building located at 2540 Amsterdam Ave, which we now interchangeably call RIETS, Muss, and Tannenbaum Hall was constructed at an initial cost of \$2,500,000. The intended purpose of the building was to house RIETS, MTA, and Yeshiva College (which in that year had 35 students).

Many famous men have walked YU's high school hallways, such as, former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Nathan Lewin, Ambassador Max Kampelman, and Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz. Some 61 years later, however, some are questioning why there is a high school sitting in the middle of a college campus.

The chief critics of the High School are the College students themselves. "I think the high school children are irritating and they bring down the level of the University," says Hirsch Serman JSS President. "I never realized YU was supposed to have a day care center."

"The older they get, the more immature they get," complains YC Senior Dave Rudnitsky, who is also the MTA soccer coach. "They think they've been through it all and they act stupid. As far as having them on campus, I don't like it. It detracts from the college atmosphere."

Fellow Senior Josh Seideman says, "I think a lot of the kids are jerks...unfortunately the rude ones are

the ones that make the largest impressions on you. The polite ones are sometimes few and far between."

Some College teachers agree. One instructor in the business school put it bluntly: "They don't belong."

Over the past five years, enrollment at MTA has grown from 370 students to 492 students in 1990. The increase in enrollment is beneficial to MTA, but it

"The presence of the High School... has some advantages for the High School, but no obvious ones for the College"

-Dean Rosenfeld

leads to overcrowding of the facilities for the college. At times, the lines to the local kosher restaurants extend out into the street.

Since the primary interaction YC students have with the high school students tends to be around meal times, this overcrowding can be a source of tension.

YC Senior Moshe Zwebner complains that the MTA kids cut the line in the caf.

Have you filed your application for graduation form? (The deadline date was January 6). If not, and in order to ensure being listed in the commencement program, it is *imperative* that you contact the registrar's office immediately.

Asher, owner of Time Out Pizza sees lots of high schoolers rummaging their way through his store. "As a business, we depend on MTA as much as we do on YU," he readily admits. "Ninety percent of them are nice customers, but then there are the ten percent that take us for granted by pushing, cursing, breaking. This ten percent is spoiled rotten... They don't give a damn about our restaurant." Asher says he has tried to change the percentage. "Sometimes I explain myself to one of them. I sit him down and explain to one of them that he can't break things, windows and equipment, or steal things. I try to show them the good example in the six MTA guys that help us run the store."

University administrators are less apt to disparage MTA students. However, they too may be perplexed by the role of the High School within the University.

"As far as I can see, the presence of the High School on campus has some advantages for the High School, but no obvious ones for the College," states Dean Norman Rosenfeld. Among the advantages for the High School, Dean Rosenfeld points to the college students who serve as tutors, teachers, and general assistants, and to the college facilities which MTA students are able to utilize.

Dean of Students Efreem Nulman sees the relationship of the High School and the College as more balanced. "I think it's advantageous to both the High School and the College. They have an opportu-

nity to participate in University courses, events, and activities. From the college students' perspective, they can act as student advisors and leaders and so it gives them an opportunity to act as leaders, and I think it's a useful experience for college students."

Vice President of RIETS, Rabbi Robert Hirt maintains, "It's not a high school on a college campus. It's the base of a Torah institution which begins on a secondary level."

"Its roots are older than the college," he adds.

Senior Vice-President Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller warns that this historical fact cannot be ignored. "The first school of a general nature here was the High School. If they moved, it would have to be off a campus where they have been since its origins."

Miller also cites what he dubs a "fraternal" relationship. He points to the interaction between high school and college students, the chavruta program between them, and high school use of University facilities. Additionally, he views the convenience factor for the University to recruit at MTA as a benefit.

Rabbi Hirt believes that having a High School and College on the same campus "creates a certain type of milieu," though he concedes that "The college minded' student might feel that the young high school student on his campus makes him feel as if he's not fully in a college environment."

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# Felsenthal

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For Felsenthal, his present duties stand in sharp contrast to his previous experience as a student leader. Last year, Felsenthal was a prominent player in both the cafeteria boycott and the Freedom Express rally in Washington. Felsenthal says he genuinely enjoyed throwing himself into various causes, but because of his current duties to the entire student body, he simply can no longer do that. "I can't choose one specific club," he contends. "They are all my priority and it is my job to support them all."

Felsenthal himself brought up the question of a seeming paucity of social events held this year. For instance, one of his campaign promises, a YCSC-SCWSC racquetball party has never materialized. He claims the student council cannot afford to lose the kind of money that is frequently squandered when events are not well attended. "If we are going to put time and effort into a cruise or comedy club night, we get quickly discouraged by lack of attendance and general apathy," he said.

Felsenthal readily admits that while he had known what the job of YCSC President technically entails, it was impossible to foresee how many minute details there would be to take care of. "No matter how much you plan, the... magnitude of it all is still overwhelming," he says. During the course of our fifty minute interview, Felsenthal was interrupted by two club presidents,

a class president, and a club related phone call. He told the COMMENTATOR that it was not uncommon for a student to come to his room at 2:00AM and then again at 7:00AM for a signature.

Felsenthal says he is perfectly happy leaving major projects for Vice President Borowich to handle. If YCSC works better with Borowich in the spotlight, so be it, says Felsenthal.

Still, Felsenthal lists making himself more visible on campus as one of his goals for the Spring semester. Felsenthal also promises more social events, a constant series of Shabbatonim, and special guest speakers (he has been in contact with the Mayor's office for some time now).

To accomplish these goals, Felsenthal will have to overcome student apathy and the inherent difficulties of his office. George Bush needed a popular war to raise his stature. Steve Felsenthal hopes satisfying his own constituency will be less wrenching.

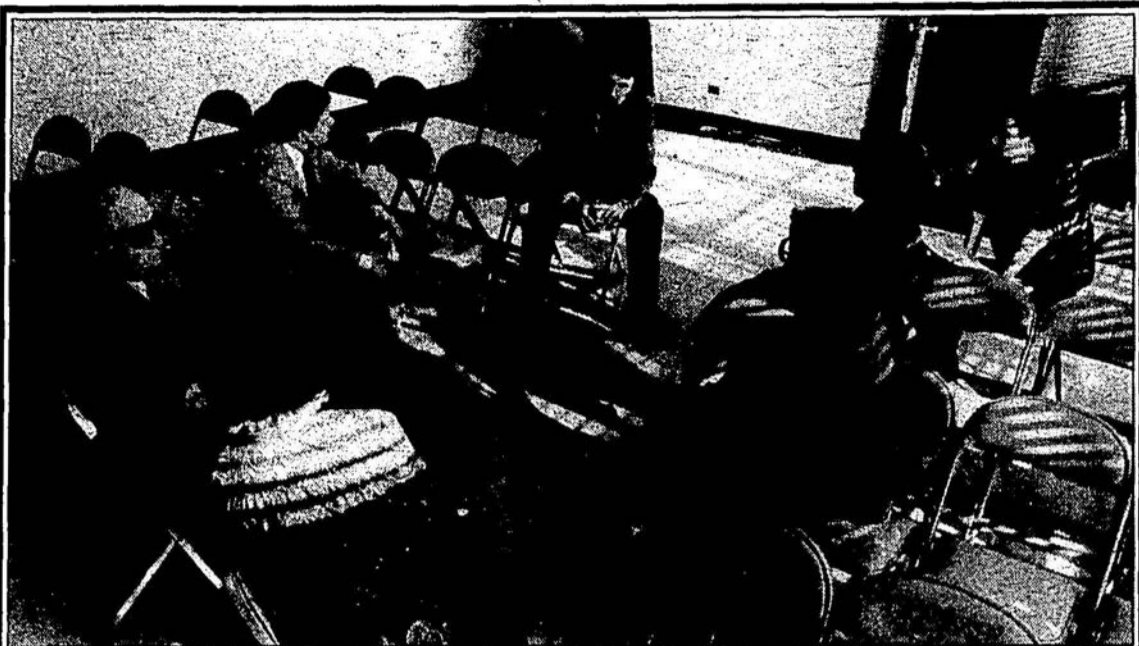


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YU's Self-Study report, which will form the basis of the upcoming Middle States review, was the focus of an open hearing on January 31st. In attendance were a handful of teachers and a lone student (Neal Torczyner).

## Opinion

# Beware of Fickle Friends

by Jonathan Tropper

With the end of the Vietnam War, America was thrown headlong into an era of post-war confusion. It's citizens no longer confident in their government or their country. Patriotism took a serious nose-dive due to both anger and apathy, and the void it left was to be filled in the Eighties by an overwhelming amount of self-serving consumerism. The country's new motto could be seen on bumper stickers all over the country. "When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping." Indeed, the eighties saw the birth of the Yuppie movement, the emergence of a new cutthroat band of Wall Street tycoons, and a frenzy of wild activity among the upwardly mobile. With their love for their country gone, Americans focused their energies on themselves in an almost nihilistic manner, embarking on what may be called the socio-economic equivalent of a decade long shopping spree.

And then, as the Eighties drew to a close, America's credit card was cancelled. Prices rose, incomes fell, and jobs and fortunes were far in hand. Then came the environmentalists, telling the country that they were reducing their plans, as well as their natural resources. All these factors combined to bring about a rude awakening, a period of the United States was on the right track after all. Once again, there was that void to be filled, and it was known to what depth. Smaller budgets have sunk to fill that void, and small budgets had no awareness one morning said, "Let's see what kind of trouble I can get into today," and proceeded to change the face of the globe into a very large game of risk.

Saddam Hussein was the answer, and the void was once again filled. America could direct its hate and frustration at Saddam, who makes it extremely easy, and with the war effort underway, they could become reborn patriots. Suddenly, American flags and yellow ribbons are the hot market items,

instead of Sonys and gourmet food, and there are probably as many, if not more "Free Kuwait" T-shirts on the streets now, as there were Bart Simpson shirts last year.

This fickle nature of the American people, whose passion is so easily dictated by whatever their current state of affairs happens to be, can be observed in every facet of society today, and no one is more conscious of this than Israel.

America's support of Israel, visible in the Sixties and Seventies, disappeared in the eighties. Israel bashing became such a popular pastime that it was next to impossible to find a news medium that did not slant its so-called objective reporting against Israel. Israel was condemned on every front for its handling of the Palestinian issue, and it was vilified on every conceivable occasion.

Now, however, things are changing. Israel is being victimized by an almost daily onslaught of Iraqi SCUD Missiles, for which they are offering no retaliation in order to preserve a coalition that would probably not fall apart anyway. Suddenly, Israel is being looked at in a positive light again.

On closer examination, it seems that being a victim is really what it's all about. For the majority of the Eighties, Israel was regarded by the Arab nations and America just as a puppet. Now, by disregarding the Arab nations, and by establishing that they are a threat to be reckoned with, a nation that can stand on its own, a new respectability has been gained. It is time to re-evaluate the direction that this city moved the last thirty years.

It is undeniable that America has been an invaluable ally to the State of Israel, but due to the unstable nature of American public opinion, Israel can never be fully confident in the relationship. Hopefully, the Gulf War will serve to strengthen the ties between Israel and America, as well as reaffirm to the people of Israel what they already know so well, that when the chips are down, they can truly count on no one but themselves.

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## RESPONSA Ctd.

## Flight to the Diaspora

To the Editor,

Avi Lopin's article "Flight to Freedom" (issue #5) was certainly a heart-warming tale of escape from tyranny and suppression of Judaism, to lives marked by a study of Torah and the doing of Mitzvot. While reading the article, though, I could not control my feeling that it was a shame that these brave students had exchanged one galut for another. True, America is a gilded galut, and true, the students are having the opportunity of leading Jewish lives here, something which they could not do freely in their countries of birth. And, yet, America is still galut.

Your author, however, seems not to realize this fact. So enamored is he of the American diaspora, that he is willing to pervert totally a verse from the prophet Isaiah and read it as a prophecy of the ingathering of exiles at YU! Does he not know that these words of Isaiah, foretelling the return of the exiles from the four corners of the earth, are being fulfilled in our own day in the State of Israel? It is unfortunately true that one of those corners of the earth, America, is not sufficiently represented in Israel, yet it is a sad day when even religious Jews see America as the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. We do not have to wait for the Messiah to give meaning to the words of Isaiah.

Daniel J. Lasker

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## Closed Out in Muss Hall

To the Editor,

I am a student in Muss Hall, and on many occasions, I want to study and my roommate wants to go to sleep or vice-versa. Having the utmost respect for sleep, the roommate who wishes to study leaves. But where should he go? The library's mean temperature is at least 82F, and it is noisy. We at Muss Hall have a resource which remains untapped: The High School Classrooms.

Why are they closed? Are the administrators afraid that we will steal or break something? Or will we have eraser fights? No, we are mature college students and should be trusted. If we can not all be trusted, then someone should be placed in charge of these rooms at night. This issue is one which could improve life at Muss Hall, because we have no study lounges, unlike Morg. and Rubin.

Another problem for Muss Hall students is the availability of the High School gym. A similar system of delegation of responsibility should be instituted to permit access to the gym till one or two a.m. I would be glad to accept this responsibility and raise money to pay EMT's and or supervisors, if insurance is the problem. The college experience should be designed to encourage both studying and physical exercise. Areas for these are sorely lacking. In contrast to the Bais Medrash, which is open all night, resources for these other endeavors are sadly closed, limiting a complete college experience.

Julian Hartheimer  
YC '92

## Flight

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administrators, Roshei Yeshiva and faculty were on the flight.

But according to Goldsmith, for a half hour period on Friday, January 11th, the trip was actually canceled. That afternoon, the donor contacted American Friends of Yeshivat Ateret Cohanim, a charitable organization, that agreed to sponsor the flight, saving the operation from failure.

To inform all passengers of the dangers involved in the flight and to disarm potential liability suits, the project's organizers distributed waivers explicitly stating the dangers associated with the trip. The "... U.S. State Department has issued a travel advisory urging people to stay away from the middle east including the State of Israel," the waiver warned.

Despite the chaotic atmosphere brought on by phones constantly ringing, final exams, and news from the Persian Gulf, student leaders assembled the operation paying careful attention to details. They secured health and bomb insurance for the flight's passengers and contacted YU's

liaisons in Israel to arrange for gas mask distribution.

As war grew imminent, Operation Torah Shield received more than 200 cancellations, to the benefit of those confined to waiting lists. In the end, over a quarter of the passengers on Flight 012 were unaffiliated with YU.

Organizers charged \$50 for YU students, and \$100 for those from outside the YU community. YU Rebbeim flew for free.

Thousands of dollars secured from the ticket sales paid for the distribution of over one hundred boxes of clothing for Russian Jews in Israel and for transportation costs accrued in ferrying the flight's passengers to the Kotel, the Plaza Hotel and the Knesset among other destinations. According to Borowich, the remaining \$5000 will join charity funds; one such fund is designated to help victims of Iraqi Scud attacks.

Operation Torah Shield received television and newsprint coverage around the world. Reported in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, ABC News and numerous other television networks and newspapers, the

story reached millions of people.

Landing in Ben Gurion Airport, the El Al passengers were greeted by a host of reporters, cameras and Israeli dignitaries including Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Many Yeshiva University students appeared on Israeli television and were later recognized in the streets, restaurants, and taxi cabs of Israel.

Azi Cutter, a YC Junior, feels that when he and hundreds of other Jews began dancing on the airport tarmac with the Israeli flag flapping in the distance, a tremendous Kiddush Hashem occurred. Cutter said that the flight had a profound impact on Israel's morale. Many participants said Israelis stopped them in the street to say "Kol Hakavod".

Cutter, articulating many students' views, claims the positive media coverage and the reaction of the Israelis he met has raised his school spirit and compelled him to realize that YU plays a significant role in the world Jewish community. Says Cutter, "I was proud to say in Israel that I go to YU."

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## Spring '91:

## What's Hot, What's Not

by Dave Silverblatt

In these trying times, when our country is at war, and our homeland is being bombed, one must not forget the truly unimportant things.

According to our esteemed panel of experts, you may not be in fashion. For example, given the new I.D. checking procedures, it becomes necessary to update your fashion knowledge. It's 'out' to wear your I.D. on zippers. DON'T I repeat DON'T wear your I.D. on your sleeve. That seems to be an MTA trend. I.D.'s on coat or shirt pockets are also 'out'. BUT, if you normally wear a pocket protector, it's alright. Sorry for disturbing you. Go back to your studying.

The Honorable Steve Felsenthal, our devoted Student Council President, says he doesn't wear his I.D., but suggests that if one were to wear it, he should hang it from his ear or nose.

The official COMMENTATOR trend dictates that fash-

ionably correct people either don't wear I.D.'s or hang them from their belt, near their left pocket.

It is 'in' to show support for our troops. Hanging little yellow ribbons from your I.D. is 'in'. Displaying an American or Israeli flag from your dorm window is 'in'.

Being up to date on current news events is 'in'. It's 'in' to know cool war vocabulary words and facts. For example, it's 'in' to know that 'Scud' comes from the Russian word, "to run." A Patriot is an anti-missile missile- not a disgruntled football player from New England.

Ironically, ignorance is 'in' as well. Pentagon officials tell us they can't confirm anything, newspaper reporters inform us that five missiles hit Jerusalem when no such missiles ever existed, and CNN reporters are the ones winning the war. According to reliable sources in the Government, Wolf Blitzer is engineering this war in an effort to be seen on TV more often than David Borowich and Andrew Goldsmith.

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DAVE'S TOP TEN  
DID YOU KNOWS

By David Silverblatt

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**9**...Harrison Ford has an apartment next door to Dr. Lamm's

**8**...It cost Ceil Mazer \$2,000,000 to add the M to YP

**7**...Chemical Bank has a branch in Belfer Hall (It's open on YU employee paydays)

**6**...If you look at the bricks on the library facade, you'll notice whitestreaks. Why? The bricks are weatherproofed on one side only -- the inside. (I hate to pick on the library, but it's just so darn easy)

**5**...A man named Russell Barrie recently donated a quarter of a million dollars to YU. YU in turn dedicated the old game room in his honor, and distributed a public media release which included a description of the game room: "an array of billiards, shuffleboard, and bowling games." If this is your first semester here, and you still haven't seen the bowling facilities, ask a senior to point them out for you. (They're right next to the Lacrosse field.)

**4**...The Guide to the Perplexed is really a book by the Rambam (Sorry...you already knew that.)

**3**...About 5 to 6 years ago, Garden State Brick and Stucco Company was called in to rebrick parts of Belfer Hall after bricks began falling down

**2**...About two weeks ago, President Lamm was forced to sign the visitor list at Stern because he didn't have an ID card

**1**...One of the three elevators in Furst Hall does not work. It has never worked. Originally it was installed with the intention of using it as a freight elevator for the receiving department. (The receiving department, however, is in Belfer Hall. I'm still trying to figure out if the same people that built the library also built Furst Hall.) To my knowledge, the third elevator shaft is empty. One administrator who works in Furst Hall suspects that "there may be homeless people living in there."

As always, if you have information for next issue's Top Ten Did You Knows... contact Dave Silverblatt in Morg 303.

**Correction:** Dean Nulman pointed out that in last issue's Did You Know, I stated that both Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Beastie Boys attended MTA. Kahane actually attended BTA which merged with MTA in 1980. Please accept my apology.

# Speiser Top Pick in Supplemental Draft

by Ronnie Aranoff

Once again, intramural basketball is ready to begin at Yeshiva. Before we preview the coming season, it is necessary to recap what wasn't previously covered in THE COMMENTATOR. The Pirates, captained by Jeff Mor, a second team All Star, captured the championship by defeating the Panthers who were led all season by Daniel Loskove and Alex Fooksman.

The Pirates, who were not thought to be true contenders until late in the season, really showed what the importance of good chemistry can mean to a ball club.

Despite an array of young players, the Pirates were able to win the big game. Congratulations to all members of the Pirates for a well played season. This first semester win for the Pirates will assure them a spot in this year's championship to be played at the conclusion of the spring semester.

In an effort to bolster all the clubs in our league to a higher level of play, the commissioners instituted the annual supplemental draft. This draft consisted of players who did not play in the fall semester. The drafting order was decided in reverse order of how the teams finished in the fall. The first pick went to Duvie Maryles of the Huskies who picked sharpshooter David Speiser. After that selection, the Hoyas, captained by Michael Packer, selected the highly regarded point guard Jeremy Bandler. Packer also obtained Meir Yedid, a fine shooter, from the Wildcats in exchange for undisclosed players and Teddy Pearlman.

Yitz Stern, the new captain of the Redmen, selected Michael Aaron. Aaron, a big man from Englewood, New Jersey will surely beef up what many con-

sider a weak Redmen front court. The Green Wave, (featuring the Miami-L.A. connection) also decided to go with a big man and selected Yehuda Appel. Appel is an effective rebounder and will add to an already solid front court.

The Friars held pick number five and were faced with the insurmountable task of replacing long-time veteran and first team All-Star Yehuda Blinder, who graduated last semester. However, the Friars did a nice job trying to replace Blinder by selecting Israel Wallach. Wallach is an all-around player with a good shot. Friar captain Eric Melzer also

obtained the seventh pick in the draft via a trade with Orangemen captain Jeff Morris. Melzer used this pick to obtain Saul Fiedler, a guard. Fiedler will provide both leadership and solid all-around play for the

Friars. The Eagles, captained by Moshe Zwebner, took a sleeper in the draft. They selected Richie Sochlof, a very tough forward on the inside who will greatly help a team on the rise. As mentioned earlier, the Wildcats traded their pick, Meir Yedid, to the Hoyas in order to maintain the chemistry that produced a divisional championship.

The Panthers, who were coming off a championship loss to the Pirates, were represented in the draft by Daniel Loskove and Moshe Benaroch. They selected Kevin Rosenberg, a forward, with all-around skills. The defending champion Pirates opted for Eric Reinhard, a sharpshooting guard from Florida.

There is no way to tell how each of these new-comers will play on an individual level, but certainly, every team in the league will benefit from them. Best of luck to all teams!

TOP TEN SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT PICKS - INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL	
TEAM	PLAYER
1. Huskies	David Speiser
2. Hoyas	Jeremy Bandler
3. Redmen	Michael Aaron
4. Green Wave	Yehuda Appel
5. Friars	Israel Wallach
6. Eagles	Richie Sochlof
7. Friars	Saul Fiedler
8. Hoyas	Meir Yedid
9. Panthers	Kevin Rosenberg
10. Pirates	Eric Reinhard



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Last week's warm weather brought both young and old out onto the mall.

## Slow Start for Volleyball Macs

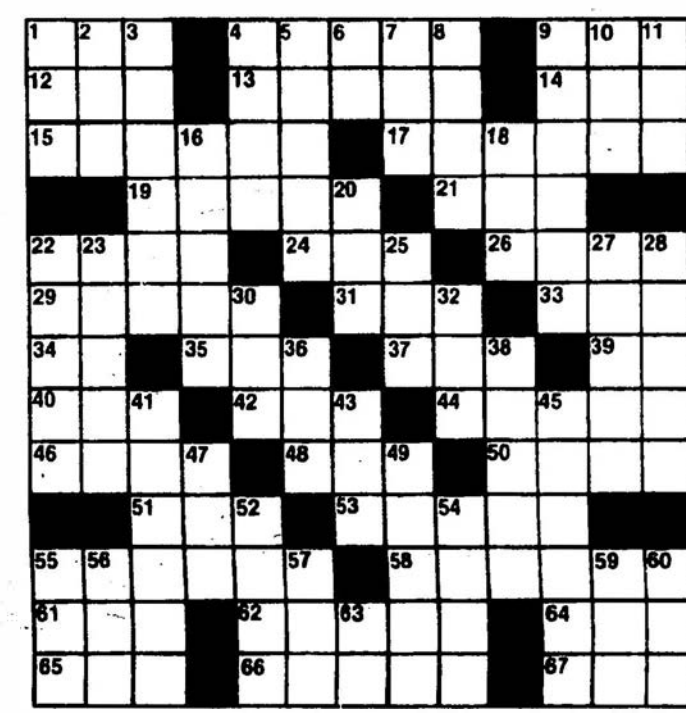
by Eric Melzer

The Macs Volleyball team began their fourth season of NCAA competition on Thursday, January 31st, with a tri-match against Sacred Heart and Vassar. Although the Macs lost the meet, the team showed many positive signs for a bright future. Sacred Heart and Vassar played numerous matches this season before the meet, giving them a decided advantage over the as of then untested Macs. Nevertheless, the Macs volleyed steadily and narrowly lost to Sacred Heart 15-11 and 15-13. In one of the games against an extremely experienced Vassar squad, the Macs began to stage a comeback. Down 14-0, the Macs surprised Vassar by scoring seven consecutive points, with Vassar ultimately winning 15-7 and 15-1.

This team has a balanced mix of both old and young talent. Returning starters Avi Steinlauf and Zevi Adler, the co-captains, are two of the team's top hitters. Jon Klineman, who is starting this year, is the team's most dependable setter. Two other returning team members who have become starters are Aaron Katzman and Yitz Fixler. Adler has lots of acclaim for these two players, stating, "Katzman is really quiet off the court, but on the court he is tenacious. Fixler is also tough and plays hard every night despite a knee injury." The final starter, a rookie named Jeremy Bandler, never played organized volleyball before this season. "Bandler is so good that you would never be able to tell that he is a rookie," said Adler. Other key members of the volleyball Macs are Richie Broth, a top-notch defensive player, David Borowich, a premier blocker, and Menachem Maimon, a 5'5" player who plays like he is six feet tall.

The Volleyball Macs are coached by Mr. Omar Vargas, a true professional in this sport. Vargas currently plays on a United States national team. In fact, Vargas was unable to attend last year's athletic dinner

### COMMENTATOR CLASSROOM COMPANION



ACROSS

- 1. Tree fluid
- 4. Vegetable
- 9. Exclamation of contempt
- 12. Glide over snow
- 13. Tom
- 14. Indian
- 15. Baby eagle
- 17. Spring celebration
- 19. Involving legal punishment
- 21. Small child
- 22. Space
- 24. Unhewn felled tree
- 26. Dispatched
- 29. Compacted
- 31. Good
- 33. Fish eggs
- 34. Associated Press (abbr.)
- 35. Large deer
- 37. Mother (slang)
- 39. N. Central State (abbr.)
- 40. Obtain
- 42. Cat sound
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ is an island
- 46. If not
- 48. Affirmative
- 50. Small kids
- 51. Rock band

DOWN

- 58. Social event
- 61. Nspr. chiefs (abbr., pl.)
- 62. Striped animal
- 64. Cushion
- 65. Prepare golf ball
- 66. Diner
- 67. Direction (abbr.)
- 1. Direction (abbr.)
- 2. Also known as (abbr.)
- 3. Sty
- 4. Not closed
- 5. One's birth
- 6. Two (Roman)
- 7. Unit
- 8. Tidy
- 9. Fatty portion of milk
- 10. Dined
- 11. Pronoun (fem.)
- 16. Rent
- 18. Help!
- 20. Hit ball in high arc
- 22. Proverb
- 23. Repulse
- 25. Room for P.E.
- 27. Wanderer
- 28. Adolescents
- 30. Tree
- 32. Age
- 36. Item for unlocking
- 38. Recurring theme
- 41. African fly
- 43. Man's nickname
- 45. Woman
- 47. Israel judge
- 49. Gape
- 52. Seep
- 54. To a distance
- 55. Allow
- 56. Open (poetic)
- 57. Edu. group (abbr.)
- 59. Belonging to (suf.)
- 60. Route (abbr.)
- 63. Baronet (abbr.)



because his team was playing the United States Olympic Team on ESPN. Adler had the highest praise for Coach Vargas: "I've been on three different hockey teams, three different basketball teams, and numerous

swim teams. Vargas is by far the best coach I ever had." The Volleyball Macs' next home game is a tri-match against Bridgeport College and Bard College on Thursday February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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## Macs' Stellar Season Spoiled by Injuries

by Eric Melzer

Yeshiva Macs superstar Eric Davis broke his hand in last Monday's YU victory over SUNY Maritime. Davis will probably miss the remainder of the season.

The injury to Davis came at a most inopportune time. Starting forward Miko Danan had just returned from one month of active duty in the Israeli army and the two had not played together since the January 3rd victory over Baruch College. Prior to Danan's return, the Macs had lost four straight. The losses were to Barry University, New Jersey Tech, Polytech, and Mt. St. Vincent.

With Danan's return, the Macs clobbered SUNY Maritime, 78-58. Without Davis in the lineup, however, the Macs were crushed in their next game by NYU, 78-58. The Macs have now lost five of their last six games and their once stellar 8-3 record has plummeted to 9-8.

The injury to Eric Davis caps a season where nearly all of the Macs have been injured in one way or another. With the exception of Danan each of the starters has been hurt. In addition to Davis, Gregory Rhine bruised his ankle and knee, Jon Rosner recently received eight stitches in his knee, and David Ehrman recently twisted his ankle. Injuries exist among members of the bench as well.



photo by Josh Sindler

Polytech towered over Jon Rosner and the Macs.

Elisha Rothman recently pulled his quadriceps muscle, Baruki Cohen is not only still recovering from earlier back surgery but sprained his ankle against Polytech. Tzvi Himber is still recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament. And Matt Klein has played an entire season with a weak ankle. The only Macs who have remained healthy this season are Dovid Cohen, Seth Cohen, and Josh Dobin.

After this juncture, however, Barry exploited their height advantage and sealed victory with an 8-2 run. Eric Davis and David Ehrman both played well and combined for 50 points.

**New Jersey Tech 78, Yeshiva 65.** This game was more lopsided than the score indicates, as YU trailed by 20 and more for most of the second half. As usual, Mac free-throw shooting was disgraceful, a lowly 10 of 23, or 45%. Eric Davis shot a superb 9-11 from the field and finished with 18 points. Gregory Rhine also played a solid game and had 12 assists. However, it was the poor free-throw shooting and abundance of turnovers which buried the Macs. Many fans who remembered the excitement of last year's one point heartbreaking loss to New Jersey Tech were quite disappointed with this sub-par performance.

**Polytech 73, Yeshiva 62.** As one savvy fan remarked, "This game was a 'Bushah' (an embarrassment)!" The Macs lost at home to a clearly inferior team. The only Mac who played decently this game was David

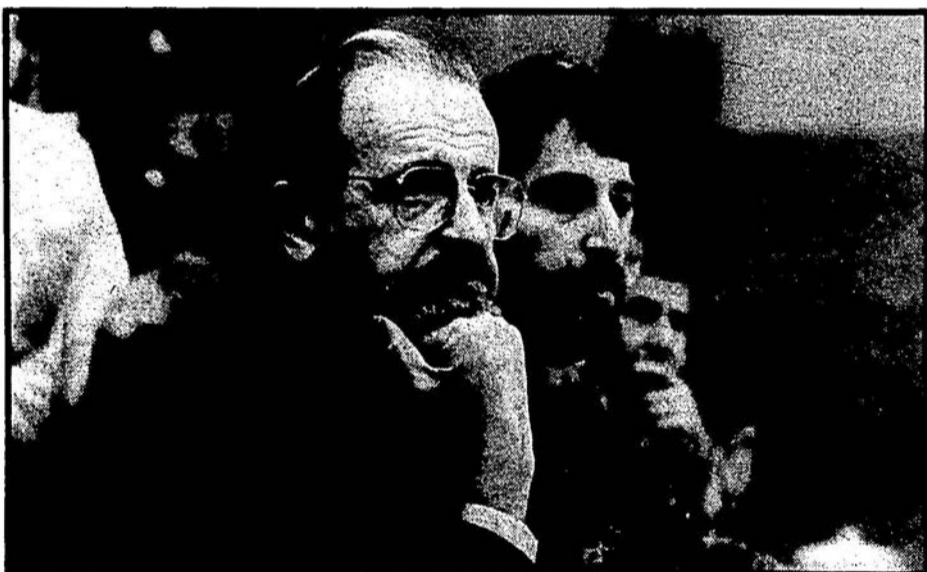
Ehrman (19 points). Not even the nagging injuries and the absence of Miko Danan could justify this loss. The highlight of the game occurred when Polytech star Billy Dupree scored his 1000th career point. After Dupree achieved this milestone, the officials temporarily stopped the game and Dupree received a standing ovation from the Max Stern Athletic Center crowd.

**Mt. St. Vincent, 76 Yeshiva 59.** This game was close until Mt. St. Vincent sharpshooter Dan Costello caught fire about midway through the second half. The defeat marked the fourth consecutive loss for the Macs.

**Yeshiva 89, SUNY Maritime 67.** The return of Miko Danan, who was welcomed back by a roaring crowd, helped the Macs snap their four-game losing streak. Attending the game was former New York Knick legend Earl "the Pearl" Monroe, who helped the Knicks win the NBA championship in 1973. Perhaps inspired by Monroe's presence, Gregory Rhine played a masterful game. Rhine made nine of his ten shots and finished with a triple-double: 21 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 steals. Eric Davis also shot close to perfect from the field (10 for 11) and finished with 23 points. Miko Danan netted 15 and Elisha Rothman had 13 (7 for 7 from the free-throw line).

**NYU 78, Yeshiva 58.** The numerous injuries, especially the one to Eric Davis were evident in this loss. Down by only five at the half, the Macs folded in the second half due to fatigue and a lack of healthy depth. Jon Rosner finished with 17 points and David Ehrman contributed 13.

With the injury to Eric Davis, the chance for the Macs to qualify for post-season play in the ECAC Metro tournament seems quite bleak. Apparently, the only way that the Macs can make the tournament is if they win the IAC tournament, which starts February 21st. In other words, the Macs will need to beat New Jersey Tech and Western Connecticut, the two best teams in the league, without Eric Davis.



Dr. Lamm cannot find much to smile at as the Macs' season comes undone. photo by Josh Sindler

The following is a recap of the Yeshiva Macs' games since the semester break: **Barry 81 Yeshiva 70.** Despite this 11 point loss, the Macs really played well against the Florida-based Division II team. With four minutes left in the game, the score was tied 65-65.

### Down and Out INJURED MACS

PLAYER	INJURY
Baruki Cohen	Sprained Ankle
Eric Davis	Broken Hand *
David Ehrman	Twisted Ankle
Tzvi Himber	Torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament
Matt Klein	Twisted Ankle
Greg Rhine	Sprained Ankle and Knee *
Elisha Rothman	Pulled Quadriceps Muscle
Jon Rosner	Bruised Knee

\* Out for the Season

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