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Kinderlehrer Elected New Editor-in- Chief

by Robert Fagin

In a decisive vote by members of *The Commentator's* Board taken last Tuesday night in *The Commentator's* office on the third floor of the Schottenstein Student Center, current News Editor Moshe I. Kinderlehrer was elected Editor-in-Chief for next year, Volume 59. Features Editor Sid Singer is slated to become the newspaper's Executive Editor.

Kinderlehrer, a resident of Kew Gardens Hills, brings a wealth of reporting knowledge to his new position and is known for his extensive coverage of campus news. "He has a nose for news, and the ability to get the big story," said Sender Cohen, outgoing co-Editor-in-Chief. Indeed, Kinderlehrer has covered such events as the



New Editor-in-Chief Moshe I. Kinderlehrer

annual Chanukah Dinner, the return of radio station WYUR, and the *Hachnasat Sefer Torah* in memory of the Rav. He also broke the story of the new program which allows high school students to participate in college classes. "There is a certain thrill in breaking a story, talking to all the players involved, and in a sense, really being an influence on what takes place on campus," said Kinderlehrer.

Kinderlehrer has already begun to assemble his staff, and will utilize the ample summer break to plan for next year. "Robert and Sender did a tremendous job this year," said Kinderlehrer, "but we'll try hard to find a way to make *The Commentator* establish an even stronger connection to the general YC-SSSB student body."

Faculty Ratifies New YC Curriculum

Returning Students Have Option of "Grandfather Clause"

by David Kelsey

On April 6, after a three week delay caused by the Pesach vacation and "dissension and time constraints," the Yeshiva College faculty voted to accept the Curriculum Committee's proposal for new curriculum requirements in its entirety.

Under the new general course requirements, students who enter YC in the fall will be bound by the new curriculum requirements, but returning students will have the option of following either the current requirements or the new requirements. The only exception will be in the Bible Department, where no student will be able to follow the old Bible requirements due to changes made earlier this year whereby two-credit courses will

be the only course offerings. If a student has completed four semesters of Bible for a total of five credits, he will only be required to take one additional Bible, not two. This is, technically, a compromise, as all incoming YC students are now expected to complete four courses, totaling eight credits, in order to graduate.

The new requirements allow students a larger selection in the survey courses needed to fulfill the first English literature requirement. Students will now be able to fulfill the first literature requirement by choosing from English 2003, 2004, 4201, 4202 or a foreign literature. The second requirement for literature allows students complete freedom to choose from any literature course offered by the YC English

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Yeshiva Sues Major Benefactor

by Yisroel Holczer

Perhaps the first thing one notices when driving up Amsterdam Avenue or down 185th Street are the colorful banners fluttering from numerous lampposts, proudly bearing the name of the benefactor for whom the Washington Heights campus is named: Joel Jablonski. Jablonski's name also appears in numerous Yeshiva University publications, including catalogs, stationery, press releases, campus newspapers, promotional materials, and menus.

But things may change in the near future.

According to the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, which represents YU, on March 27, 1990, Yeshiva University and Jablonski, a native of Poland who became a successful real estate executive and art dealer, entered into an agreement in which Jablonski stipulated in his will an irrevocable bequest to YU amounting to 55% of his entire net estate. The parties



Jablonski banners along Amsterdam Avenue: soon to be removed?

estimated that the bequest would have a minimum value of six million dollars, and Jablonski agreed that he would not change the will so as to diminish the bequest. The will came in addition to a one million dollar pledge made by Jablonski (six hundred thousand of which has been given so far) to have a chair in Talmud named in memory of his parents.

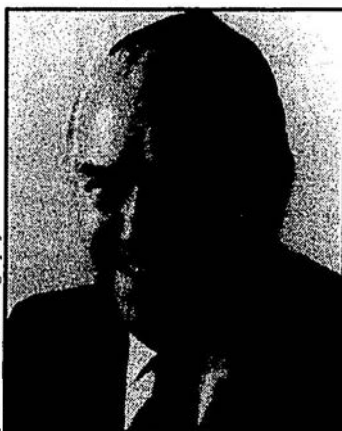
In return, YU acquiesced to four items: (1) It would designate the Washington Heights campus as "The Joel Jablonski Campus of Yeshiva University," and erect appropriate lettering to that effect in prominent locations on

the uptown campus. (2) If the Washington Heights campus were to relocate in the future, YU would designate another comparable campus as the Jablonski Campus. (3) Such a designation would be permanent for as long as Yeshiva University exists. (4) YU would list, as appropriate, the Jablonski Campus in its publications.

Yeshiva University maintains that they have held up their part of the agreement, but Jablonski has informed Yeshiva University that he has changed his will and reduced the bequest to Yeshiva

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Zysman Announces Retirement



David Zysman, Vice President for Development, will retire at the end of this year

by Oded E. Dashiff

David Zysman, Vice President for Development of Yeshiva University, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 1994. He

has held this position since March 1983.

Prior to coming to YU, Mr. Zysman was one of the founders of State of Israel Bonds, and also served as its national director. Under his guidance, over four billion dollars of bonds were sold. He has worked for State of Israel Bonds for thirty-two years.

As Vice President of Development at YU, Zysman was responsible for the fund raising for all divisions of the University. He attracted many new contributors to YU, and has secured tens of millions of dollars in donations. In an interview with *The Commentator*, Zysman noted that YU has "done extremely well in the past 12 years, we now have a large endowment fund, and are envied by major

Jewish universities and institutions." Zysman headed the Centennial Campaign of YU which netted over \$100,000,000. He also played a key role in the founding of the Sy Syms School of Business.

Zysman added that "I have worked since I'm 15, and I've reached the age where I feel that I want to spend the rest of my life working for YU in a consulting capacity, writing my autobiography, and traveling throughout the world and being particularly active in Israel." He said that while at YU, he "worked with great chairmen such as Herbert Tenzer, Ludwig Jesselson, [and] David Gottesman." He also stressed that his years at YU "have been the happiest years of my life, I love my work and I always have."

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A Salute to Rabbi Israel Miller

As the testimonials on these pages attest, Rabbi Israel Miller is indeed a well-known and well-loved figure on the national and Jewish political scenes. What is most impressive about Rabbi Miller is his complete dedication to a single cause -- the well-being of the Jewish nation. Millions of people retire each year; only a handful can say that they worked for the gain of others rather than for themselves. In our world of placement offices, LSATs, MCATs and CPAs, Rabbi Miller represents an ideal - one of selflessness and devotion, and the understanding that the goodness of the whole is far more important than the benefit of the individual. He is a role model for us all.

What About Student Input?

Students have long requested a voice in university decision-making. The search for a successor to YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld offers the perfect opportunity to develop a process that allows for substantial student input. Sadly, those students who will have to live with the consequences of the search committee's decision have been effectively locked out of the process.

Of the nine members of the search committee appointed by Academic Vice President William Schwartz, only one is a student. And that student, YCSC President Danny Gurell, is graduating. Hardly a reassuring message to returning students who have a vital interest in the selection of the new dean.

While Gurell's advice is valuable, it is not enough. Vice President Schwartz should move swiftly and name two additional students to the committee. There is no shortage of students who both appreciate the importance of academic matters and understand the impact of personnel decisions. To limit student participation to one graduating representative is unacceptable.

The new dean will lead an institution in transition, and therefore must have the confidence of the students to implement needed changes. A search process that does not aggressively solicit input from students who will attend YC during the coming years simply lacks credibility. And a search without credibility ultimately undermines the effectiveness of the chosen.

On Roshei Yeshiva and Yom Ha'atzmaut

The recent event held in Weissberg Commons to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut was a resounding success. Hundreds of students came from around the tri-state area, Rabbis Miller, Blau and Goldwicht were there, and... no other rebbeim. What kind of message is being sent to the students of Yeshiva when only one of the Roshei Yeshiva joins with them in celebrating such a significant day. We are sure that the rebbeim have no lack of concern for the welfare of the State of Israel. We only ask that they recognize the importance of visibly demonstrating this support together with their talmidim.

PICTORIAL



"Mr. Jablonski, this may be an inappropriate time, but do you realize how many banners we'll have to change?"

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RESPONSA

We Thought We Were Marching

To the Editor,

In a notice circulated last Wednesday by the Office of the President of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Lamm affirmed that "Yeshiva's commitment to *Medinat Yisrael* is firm" and that the Yeshiva views the state as "a transcendent *chesed Hashem* in our time." Consequently, we are surprised that a final examination has been scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 P.M.-- the same time as the Salute to Israel Parade, a community-wide show of support for Israel. Only one year ago, senior members of our Administration demonstrated their appreciation for the importance of this parade by leading an effort to resolve the controversy surrounding it. And, after an agreement was finally reached, a senior faculty member quoted by *The Commentator* exhorted students to "make it their business to go to the parade... and show a strong commitment to Israel."

Several students have asked the Administration to reschedule the final, but, citing time constraints, the Administration has refused to do so. While we appreciate the difficulties inherent in rescheduling the final at this late date, we nonetheless urge the Administration to correct its mistake. One possible solution (that would have to be put to a vote by the affected students before being implemented) would be to give the examination later that day, perhaps in the early evening.

Whatever the outcome, the Administration needs to publicly explain its position on this matter. Because, in preventing its students from participating in this year's Salute to Israel Parade, the Administration is working against some of the students' -- as well as its own -- most fervently held ideals.

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Managing Editor Noam
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to Tova Rapp**

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Duped by Who's Who

To the Editor,

I was disappointed to read that Dean Nulman (and *The Commentator*) has been duped by the people from *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* (*The Commentator*, February 9, 1994, page 5). As reported recently in the *New York Times*, virtually all of the "Who's Who in..." books are nothing more than overpriced vanity publications whose sole paying purchasers are the biographees themselves.

The proud parents of the

"honorees" usually spend \$150 - \$200 on these volumes of "leaders," while an additional \$125 will usually get you a "certificate of achievement" suitable, of course, for framing.

I have been "nominated" and "invited" to appear in *Who's Who in American Medicine*, *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in American Science*, and *Who's Who Among Medical Specialists*, despite my relatively modest professional achievements.

Howard Schranz, MD
YC '74

Ethics, Halacha, and the Hebron Massacre

Dear Editor,

Baruch Goldstein's act elicited a number of responses in a previous edition of *The Commentator*. One letter, however, requires a response. Mr. Pittinsky quotes a friend whose response to the massacre was as follows: "Where does it say in the Torah that it's assur to kill Goyim?" That this friend's comment is absolutely incorrect is not my immediate concern. I have yet to hear even one of our Roshei Yeshiva condone this act which was clearly against halacha. What concerns me is Mr. Pittinsky's attitude towards his friends' halachik, although entirely incorrect analysis. Mr. Pittinsky asks, "Are some so narrow in their outlook that they view murder with the same Talmudic analysis that they would view the separation of milk and meat?"

Our learning Torah yomam v'layla is with the hope that the Torah will become a part of our personality to the point that all of our thinking will be entirely through the spectacles of the Torah and halacha. All of our actions as well as our thoughts must be based on hashkafos haTorah without regard for the subjective ethics and morals of our gentile counterparts.

Mr. Pittinsky is judging Baruch Goldstein's act based on emotions and secular morals of 1994 New York. In this particular situation the subjective morals of the goyim which condemns such a massacre happens to be consistent with the hashkafos haTorah. However, we as

true Torah Jews can only act and think within the confines of the Torah without considering the "morals" of our time and place.

There are many countries around the world whose morals can not tolerate the ritual slaughtering of animals, yet the Torah requires such a form of killing in order to eat meat. That the Torah requires such a shechita by definition makes it moral and ethical regardless of what the world thinks. Furthermore, there are people who view the general eating of meat, as well as circumcision, as immoral, but again our one and only standard for defining morality is with the definition outlined by the Torah. Lastly, fifty years ago in Europe, it was considered ethical and moral to kill Jews. We, therefore, see that throughout history the morals and ethics of the goyim have changed from time to time and place to place. It is only we Jews, because of our timeless Torah, whose ethics and morals have remained consistent throughout time.

Therefore, in response to Mr. Pittinsky's question: Yes, we are to view murder with the exact same Talmudic analysis with which we view the separation of milk and meat because as bnei Torah we must view everything only through the eyes of the Torah and halacha whether or not it seems or feels correct.

RIETS Student
(name withheld upon request)

**THE COMMENTATOR EXTENDS SINCERE CONDOLENCES
TO FEATURES EDITOR ARI HIRT AND HIS FAMILY ON
THE PASSING OF HIS GRANDFATHER**

**Hamakom Yenachem Eschem B'toch Sh'ar
Avley Tzion V'Yerushalayim**

OP-ED: Election Apathy

by Amir Perlson

On Yeshiva University's sprawling Washington Heights campus, the spring months are once again ushered in by the sweltering heat, ear-piercing ethnic music, and of course, the much anticipated Student Government elections. The air is rife with the pitches of our candidates, and the hallways are crowded with their eager faces petitioning for signatures. The excitement roused by the rigorous campaigning efforts should by now be at a feverish intensity.

So why isn't it? Why does 185th street look as calm as it ever did? What can be the cause of the apparent lack of concern? Fortunately, one doesn't need to look too far to find an opinion. "The only thing these clowns (read: candidates) are interested in is building up their resumes; they couldn't care less about anything else once they get elected. Their campaigns are an endless trail of broken promises. And besides, they'll probably have their friends stuff the ballots, anyway," explained Eli Storch, YC Senior, emphatically. The alleged resume-building agenda of some candidates indeed seemed to be a widespread complaint against the electoral process as a whole. When questioned about the issue, several candidates refused comment.

Another complaint high up on the list was the fact that the elections are nothing more than a popularity contest. "With YU being the socially small, close-knit community that it is, most students will probably have at least one close friend running for each position. This being so, most people find it difficult not voting for their friends, regardless of his ability or platform," commented YC Senior Dave Barnett. Anthony Elk, SSSB Junior, confirmed Barnett's opinion, "I vote for the first person under each category, unless one of my friends is running, in which case I vote for him even if he's not the first name."

Josh Mayesh, YC Senior, expressed another concern. "The United States constitution presents the citizens of its country the redress of those in power; an opportunity to remove from office both the ideals and the persons forming them, when they contradict the needs and wants of their representative trust. But in our 'fair' institution, the students are unable to utilize this valued tool because the power remains in the hands of the untouchable deans." Mayesh's sentiments were then summed up by YC Senior Chaim Rose: "Exactly. The

Administration stinks."

Not as common, but still heard around the campus, was Stephen Berg's opinion, "It breeds unneeded strife and diversity in the college. People are willing to trade their *midos* in for a title. I just don't care for it, not one bit." Berg is currently in RIETS.

The final complaint, not at all as widely publicized as the rest, came from YC Senior Bencion J. Schlager. "The elections mean nothing to me because the Sy Syms clowns (read: candidates) give away all the good prizes. All us YC guys ever get are those magnetic message boards. How many magnetic boards can one guy use?" Schlager was notably relieved when informed that a ban had been placed on all gift giving in this year's election.

And what did the candidates have to say? Dan Gibber, currently running for SSSB Vice-President, had this to say, "Unfortunately students feel that we aren't able to make a difference. But as Pat Riley said, 'There comes a time when you have to plant your feet, stand firm, and make a statement.'" Gibber was unavailable for further clarification of this mysterious comment.

On a surprisingly sober note, Jonathan Schloss, running for YCSC President, said, "The reason for the apathy is that students don't hear from their elected officials all year round, then, all of a sudden, they're being bombarded by about a hundred people asking for their signatures. It can get very annoying. People are probably more annoyed than apathetic." A supporter of heightened communications between officials and students, Daniel Ritsman, said, "The solution is to form an alliance for student action, bringing a group of selected candidates on a common platform, and then helping them with their campaigns. The purpose is to create a strong bond between the student body and its leadership." Ritsman is the Assistant Chairman of Communications for the Public Division of the Alliance for Student Action, which should be sending flyers to every student's mailbox. It remains to be seen whether people care enough to fill the flyers out and send them back.

On reflection, we can only hope that this year's election will produce results which will render this kind of article unnecessary. The day will hopefully come when officials and students march hand in hand. To that end, may the best man win!

Save Our Shul

What are YOU doing at 6:30 AM?

If you can volunteer one morning a week (Monday - Friday) to help the Soloveichick Shul (across the street from Schottenstein) make a minyan, you will be saving a shul. There are many chiyuvim who can't travel to another synagogue and need a minyan to say Kaddish.

If you are able to help, please call:
Yehuda Stark

CAMPUS NEWS

CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday, April 19

YC Bone Marrow Drive for Jay Fineberg
Morgenstern Lounge
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 21

YU Faculty Academic Colloquia Series: "New Perspectives on Montesquieu's 'Lettres-persanes'"
Pauline Kra, Professor of French, speaker
Belfer Hall, room 1214
1:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

YC Tennis at Mt. St. Vincent
4:00 P.M.

Friday, April 22

JJC Residence Halls *Shabbat* at Yeshiva co-sponsored by SOY
Rubin Hall
9:15 P.M.

Sunday, April 24

CLEP tests administered

Wednesday, April 27

YC Tennis at Stevens Tech
3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 29

JJC Residence Halls *Shabbat* Program "How Do the Special *Dinim* of *Kohanim* Apply to Each and Every Jew?"
Rabbi Solomon Drillman, Rosh Yeshiva, MYP, speaker
Rubin Hall
9:15 P.M.

Monday, May 2

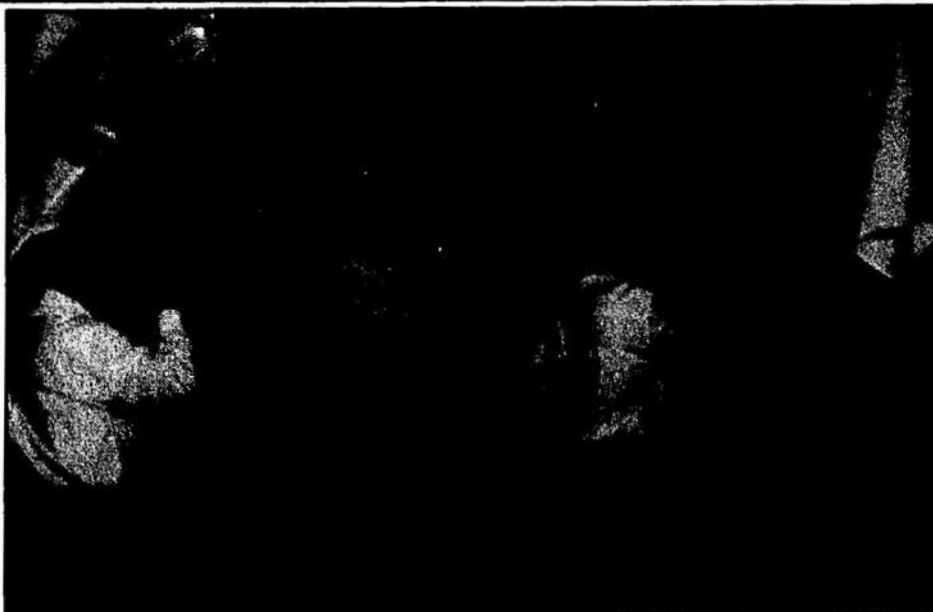
YC Tennis at York College
3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 3

YU Faculty Academic Colloquia Series: "Chemical Dynamics of Gas-Phase Clusters"
Raji Viswanathan, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, speaker
Belfer Hall room 1214
1:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

YC Jazz Ensemble Concert, directed by Dr. Noyes Bartholomew and Dr. Edward Levy
Schottenstein Center, room 222
8:00 P.M.

*Seniors:
Have you
handed in
your bios for
Masmid '94?*



Students marching in with flags at the start of the program

Hundreds Celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut* at Festive Program

by Gershon Seifras

Two months of planning culminated in a *Tekes Yom HaZikaron/Chagigat Yom HaAtzmaut* packed with festivities, prayer, and speeches. One of the organizers of the event, Tami Beth Schneider, President of Stern College's Aliyah Club, said that although the planning and organizing required a great deal of work, it was "... A really good experience. We did not have too much trouble; everyone involved really cooperated. Even funds were relatively easy to come by; the Stern and Yeshiva College Student Councils contributed [the] necessary [monies]."

Attended by over five hundred people, the program began at 7:15 P.M. and continued until 1:00 A.M. Among those in attendance were Rabbis Blau,

Miller, and Goldwicht as well as Colonel Goren of the IDF. Following a processional, Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller spoke of Yeshiva University students martyred in the Israeli Defense Forces, and recounted the story of a Yeshiva student who was one of the Jews slaughtered in the Hebron Massacre of 1929. Miller also made mention of those Yeshiva students who emigrated to Israel.

Rabbi Meir Goldwicht spoke about the present situation in Israel and about his hope for the future. He was followed by Colonel Goren, a guest of the Aliyah Club.

The speeches were followed by dancing and music by Neshoma Orchestras. Deli Kasbah ran a concession stand, and sold food at half price.

Rav Goldwicht Decides On Another Year

by Uri Schechterman

After much contemplation, Rosh Yeshiva Rav Meir Goldwicht has decided to remain in America and teach for another year. Rav Goldwicht stated that the decision was not an easy one for his family to make. "The decision to stay," said Rav Meir, "was done with the encouragement and directive of one of the *G'dolei HaTorah* in *Eretz Yisrael*," with whom he is very close.

Rav Goldwicht has had a tremendous impact on the different elements of the yeshiva. He currently teaches three *shiurim* at YP, IBC, and at Stern, a total of over 190 students. Additionally, he gives a class on the Upper West Side once a week for YU Alumni, helping to reinforce their connection to YU.

Nir Salomon, a first year student at YU who was considering transferring to Queens College, stated that he is staying in YU solely because of Rav Goldwicht. "When I had the fortune to learn under Rav Goldwicht, I decided

to stay; such an opportunity should not be missed." Miri Sklar, a junior at Stern, had mixed emotions about Rav Goldwicht's decision. "My friends, as well as myself, all feel very bad for Rav Goldwicht and his family since we know their... love for Israel, and how much they will miss it. However, we're happy that we'll be *zoche* to have him teach us the proper perspective on life."

Over the years, Rav Goldwicht has earned the reputation of being a Rav with a strong bond to his students. "Although Rav Goldwicht speaks mainly in Hebrew, he has a special, almost magical way of relaying his message," remarked Yaron Hirschhorn. Rav Meir's warmth and accessibility is available not only to his students but also to those in the larger Yeshiva population. "Rav Goldwicht's Friday night *tisch* is a good example of his ability to see beyond what meets the eye, and inspire *talmidim* with deep insights into *Tanach*, *Chazal*, and the events transpiring in Israel," says Noam Koenigsberg, a YC senior who is not in Rav Meir's *shiur*.

Program Memorializes Holocaust

by Commentator Staff

On Thursday, April 8 the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration took place in Weisberg Commons. The keynote address by Fanya Gottesfeld Heller was delivered to an overflow crowd. Howie Beigelman, one of the organizers of the commemoration was "very surprised at the large turnout. I guess the students at YU aren't as apathetic as is generally thought."

Ms. Heller, a member of the Board of Yeshiva University as well as the boards of many other Jewish institutions, spoke of her experiences during the Holocaust. She said that it was important for survivors to speak, and that they must tell the entire truth, even things that make some feel uncomfortable. "We are witnesses, and a witness must tell the truth, the whole truth." Heller took questions after her address and responded to questions on issues such as the current situation in Bosnia and Holocaust deniers.

After the keynote address, Shmuelie Pineles, an IBC/YC senior and a student at the Belz School of Jewish Music said the *El Maleh* and a *kinah* on the Holocaust. A candle lighting ceremony followed during which children and grandchildren of survivors lit *yahrzeit* candles. As they lit the candles, narrators chillingly told how their family members survived.

Town Hall Meeting Canceled

The Yeshiva College Student Council had hoped to organize another Town Hall Meeting similar to the meeting with the academic Administration last month, this time between students and members of Yeshiva's non-academic administration, such as Supporting Services, Food Services, and Security. Rather than have both town hall meetings within one semester, and because the Spring semester is nearly over, it was felt that the meeting would prove more successful if it took place next semester instead.

Said Daniel Billig, YCSC Secretary, "Better to postpone [the meeting] until Fall and figure out how to get students more interested and voice their opinions." YCSC President Daniel Gurell disagreed, stating that "at the end of April we will formally reevaluate the situation and see if having such a meeting in May will be useful for the students." The purpose of such meetings is to create an opportunity for the general student body to input their considerations and ideas, and inquire about student services on campus.

-- Erez Gilad

State Attorney General Speaks to Constitutional Law Class

by Ryan Karben

Tackling topics ranging from Leonard Jeffries to charity fraud, New York State Attorney General G. Oliver Koppell came to the YC campus on Thursday, April 7 to explain to Professor Michael Hecht's Civil Liberties students the responsibilities of "the people's lawyer." Koppell was appointed last year to fill the unexpired term of Robert Abrams.

The former chairperson of the New York State Assembly Judiciary Committee, Koppell said one of the major issues facing his office is an explosion in lawsuits by prisoners. "We - that is the people of New York - have 65,000 involuntary guests in our prisons. And 28,000 prisoner lawsuits are pending," Koppell said. He added that he has appointed a special task force to address the matter.

The Attorney General's office, Koppell explained, has a number of public advocacy arms to help protect state citizens. Furthermore, the Bronx Democrat noted, he also gets involved in certain criminal proceedings. Recently, Governor Mario M. Cuomo appointed Koppell special prosecutor in the case of a St. Lawrence County woman who was sexually assaulted. Her assailants were only convicted only of misdemeanor charges in a town court and Koppell is fighting for a tougher conviction.

Koppell spoke with the greatest intensity, however, about current cases that touched on themes Professor Hecht has sought to articulate in the Constitutional Law course. Koppell is currently involved in litigation on behalf

of the Kiryat Joel School District in Monroe and in a lawsuit defending the City University's right to fire Professor Leonard Jeffries from his post as chair of college's African-American Studies Department.

Koppell said that Jeffries engaged in "racist and offensive speech" and acted in a "thuggish and inappropriate manner." Jeffries' dismissal, following a speech widely considered racist and anti-semitic, was overturned by a judge who said the tenured professor could not be removed from his chairmanship as a "reaction to speech." Koppell asserted it is "not antithetical to free speech to remove [Jeffries] from administrative responsibility if it is not in the public interest for him to remain."

With respect to Kiryat Joel, the Attorney General dismissed suggestions that the Orange County, New York school district was created to facilitate Satmar religious teaching. He said the school district is a "cultural accommodation" for disabled Satmar children who were ridiculed in the public schools. No religious education is given in the school.

Koppell, who is seeking a full four-year term in the November election, said he has enjoyed his nearly four months on the job, but understands that his office must sometimes defend unpopular cases. "We're obligated to defend the state no matter what... that's why so few attorneys general get elected governor." Koppell quickly added though, that he was focusing his energies on getting elected to his current office, not in pursuing the governorship.

\$50,000 Cut from the YC Budget

by Owen Cyrulnik

A \$50,000 reduction in the 1994-1995 operating budget of Yeshiva College was announced at a recent faculty meeting. Regarding the cuts themselves, Rosenfeld explained that all Yeshiva University schools were asked to meet certain target budget reductions in order to facilitate the reduction of the general Yeshiva University deficit. He explained that Yeshiva College was able to meet that goal with relative ease due to the fact that several current faculty members, including History Professor Dr. E. Schrecker who is going on leave without pay, History Professor Dr. Albert Marrin, and Dr. Joan Haahr who is going on a half-pay sabbatical, will not be on the full-time payroll for next year. In addition, visiting professor Dr. Ivar Berg, at Yeshiva for only one semester,

will also be leaving before the coming semester. By hiring adjunct or assistant professors to fill the positions of full-time senior faculty, YC stands to save a significant amount of money, as these adjuncts receive fewer benefits and a substantially lower salary than a senior full-time professor.

Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Yeshiva University, claimed that there is no actual budget reduction, but only a 'redeployment of assets.' He said that funds saved in teachers' salaries will be reinvested in programs for the college, for example, the new Academic Advisement program. He also claimed that the funds were not being taken away from YC at all. He was quick to point out that in his opinion the changes would not have any adverse effect on YC.

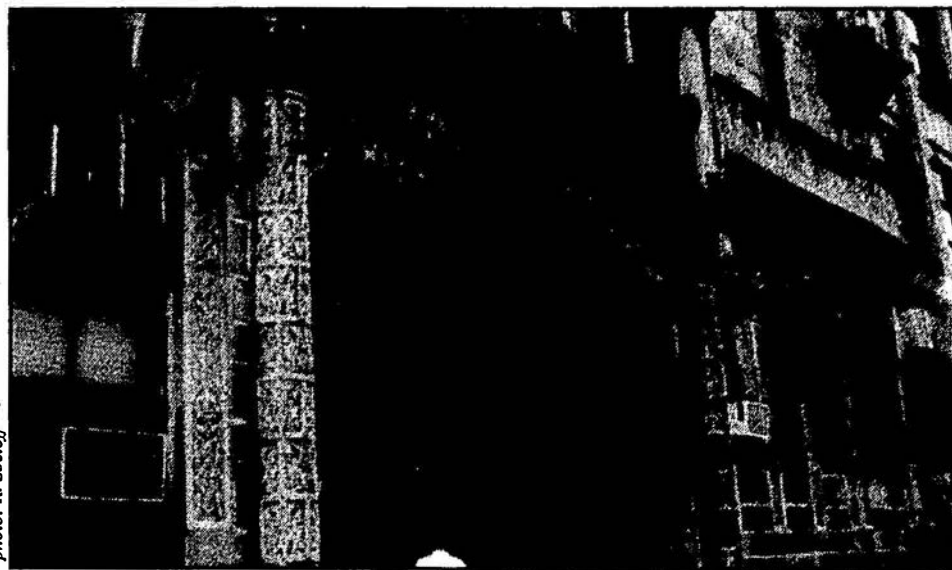
Public School Children Celebrate Jewish Heritage Week at YUM

Approximately 140 Manhattan middle school students attended an educational event at the Yeshiva University Museum on Monday, April 11 that was intended to promote "intercultural understanding by focusing on the story of the Jews of Ethiopia."

The program was co-sponsored by Channel Thirteen/ WNET, The Jewish Community Relations Council of New

York, and the Yeshiva University Museum. The event, which was held in conjunction with Channel Thirteen's Jewish Heritage Week, included the Ethiopian musical and dance troupe Haddish Teke, displays of artifacts and photographs centering around the current YUM exhibit, "Beta Israel: The Jews of Ethiopia," and a basket weaving session.

-- Robert Fagin



The soon to be removed Tanenbaum Hall sign

Tanenbaum Hall Searches for a New Identity

by Zev Schubin

Yeshiva University Vice President for Business Affairs Dr. Sheldon Socol recently announced that the building that houses the main *Beit Midrash* will no longer be referred to as "Tanenbaum Hall," but as the "Main Building." The change in nomenclature is the result of an agreement reached between the University and Tanenbaum Foundation's lawyers reached when the Foundation was unable to make good on a pledge to the school.

The Foundation, established in 1987 after the passing of renowned philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum, President of the Runnymede Development Corp., Ltd., informed YU that, due to difficult times in the real

estate market, it no longer had the funds necessary to fulfill its pledge to YU. A settlement was arranged by the Foundation's lawyers to protect it from a lawsuit by Yeshiva to collect the unfulfilled pledges. As part of the arrangement, the Foundation agreed that the "YU Hall be renamed [with] the understanding that YU would find a reasonable alternative, [and] continue in a meaningful way to recognize the Tanenbaum Family's and Foundation's support of YU."

As of press time, no decision has been reached as to how to continue to acknowledge the Tanenbaum family's contribution to YU, nor has a new benefactor for the building, located at 2540 Amsterdam Avenue, been found.

YC Commences Search for New Dean

by Steven Miodownik

The Yeshiva University Administration recovered quickly from Dr. Norman Rosenfeld's March 16 announcement that he would be resigning as Dean of Yeshiva College after the spring 1994 semester. A search committee was brought together consisting of a melange of YU personalities culled from the various parties concerned with the new dean's appointment - faculty, Administration, students, alumni, and finance. Spearheaded by Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the committee is responsible for receiving and reviewing resumes, and ultimately narrowing down the list of candidates to three choices. Once this has been accomplished, President Norman Lamm will step in and make the final selection.

Members of the search committee include Dr. Harold Nierenberg of SSSB, and six faculty members from various different departments: Professors Viswanathan, Nordlicht, Shatz, Levine, and Gurock, (instructors in Chemistry, English, Philosophy, Economics, and Jewish History, respectively) along with Rabbi Fulda, a Talmud instructor.

At its first gathering on Tuesday, April 5, the committee discussed the various criteria that YC's next dean would have to meet. YCSC President Danny Gurell, the only student on the committee, later listed three characteristics he would look for in a new dean: "He must be well-respected,

a proven administrator, and a role model for the students." Dr. Efreim Nulman, Dean of Students and also a member of the panel, expressed similar sentiments. "The next dean must have the skills and capacity for a school like YC. He must have a scholarly background and administrative skills." Nulman added that another consideration is if the candidate is "a *mensh*, can relate to the students," and can serve as a "role model for them."

Dr. Schwartz is appealing to the general education community in his search. However, an advertisement for the position that ran simultaneously in the Sunday, April 10 *New York Times* and in the *Journal of Higher Education* did highlight "the ability to relate well to the entire University community" as a criterion.

Persistent rumors do place one of YU's own as a strong contender for the position. Dr. Bernard J. Firestone, a YU alumnus and a professor of political science at YC during fall semesters, is considered to be a solid candidate for new dean. Firestone, a former *Commentator* editor-in-chief, is currently an administrator at Hofstra University. He admitted that Dean of YC "is an interesting job," but would not comment further on the word from the YU grapevine. No resumes or candidates have been officially discussed by the committee.

The committee hopes to complete its task before this semester is over. Dean Rosenfeld has agreed to remain in his position after this semester if his successor has not been found.

YC-SSSB Senate Task Force Proposes Improvements for YU Computer Room

by Chanoch Kanovsky

A Student Senate task force on computers chaired by YC Senior Gedalyah Berger recently presented its findings to the Senate, offering several recommendations to improve the computing facilities, such as the hiring of a full-time computer center director.

One major problem the task force identified is the organization, maintenance, and staffing of the computer room. According to the report, broken equipment is not dealt with quickly enough, and the students using the computers receive little or no direction as to how to use the different types of machines in the lab. The task force report urges the Administration to hire a full-time Director of the Academic Computer Center who would deal solely with keeping the computer room organized and who would oversee the student operators.

Outgoing YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld supports the creation of the post. "There are several candidates for this position and we expect more resumes to come in," Rosenfeld said. He explained that the position has been difficult to fill due to a lack of qualified candidates and the unorthodox hours needed for the position (the director should be there ideally from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M., the hours when the computer

center is used most). Rosenfeld was optimistic that someone will be hired by the summer.

Director of Laboratories Leonard Brandwein is currently held responsible for the computer room because of its classification as a lab. The task force report states that although Brandwein does "a commendable job," he does not have time to run the computer lab, given the long hours needed and his other duties.

To combat student computer illiteracy, the report suggests incorporating rudimentary word-processing skills into English Composition, utilizing a maximum of two class-hours between the second and fourth weeks of the first semester. Other possibilities for enhancing students' computer skills include introductory seminars as part of orientation, a non-credit course in elementary computing, and on-line tutorials.

The reports also address the problem of computer lab fees, which are currently levied only on students taking computer science courses. The task force claims that this \$50 fee is unfair because other students also use the computers and many computer science students have their own computers and do not even use the lab. The task force recommended a flat fee for all students of \$15.

Tuition Increase Expected for Upcoming Year

by Meir Zeitchik

YU is a school known for its strong traditions, one of which seems to be an annual tuition increase. "There are only three things you can be sure of in this world," quipped Mr. Neil Harris of the Office of Student Finances. "Death, taxes, and tuition going up."

Tuition has risen between about four and six percent a year for the last number of years, and, although an increase was not officially announced as of press time, Mr. Jack Nussbaum, an administrator at the Office of Student Finances, said that the same can be expected for the upcoming 1994-1995 academic year. This amounts to about six hundred dollars more per student, a total of more than half a million dollars, in addition to dorm fees and the caf card, which are also reported to be on the rise.

Student reaction has been mixed. One student who wished to remain anonymous stated that "Tuition increases are a necessary means of keeping up with inflationary trends. To expect anything else is at best unrealistic and at worst unfairly critical of the Administration."

Others disagreed. Upon hearing of the imminent raise, Ephraim Leibtag, an SSSB sophomore and first year student at YU, commented that "given the variety of courses and quality of education at YU, this raise and the high tuition in general is unjustifiable." Dr. Will Lee of the English Department took issue with this assessment. "Most YU students are getting a great deal without even realizing it," he noted. Dr. Lee helped conduct a study several years ago which found that "the quality of the students and faculty [at YU] was high and the tuition remarkably low compared to the private high quality colleges and universities in the region."

A question that is still unresolved is who exactly will be the beneficiary of the added funds. While teachers usually get a slight raise every year, and the school budget must be adjusted for inflation every year, the discrepancy between new expenses and new revenue has yet to be explained. Dr. Sheldon Socol, Vice President for Business Affairs and one of the influential administrators in allocating funds, was unavailable for comment at press time.

Despite Intense Competition, Acceptance Rate to Medical Schools Is Steady

by Stuart Milstein

Even though the competition to get into medical school this year has increased as the number of applicants nationwide has reached an all-time high and the quality of the average medical school applicant has improved, Yeshiva University will be sending a graduate to Johns Hopkins Medical School, the number two medical school in the country, for the first time in over twenty years. Additionally, this year, YU students have been accepted to other top-twenty medical schools including Cornell, New York University, Michigan, and YU's own Albert Einstein.

Over 55,000 students applied to medical schools this year for only 17,000 available seats, which is about 8,000 students more than last year. Yet, according to Dr. Weisbrot, the YU pre-health advisor, YU "was able to maintain its quantity of acceptance with a little better quality."

Currently, Weisbrot says, 60 percent of the YU medical applicants have been accepted to medical school, and he expects that by the end of the year, 80 percent will be accepted. "We won't lose any ground from last year, and I am very pleased and surprised at how well we've done being that the competition has become so keen." According to Weisbrot, the MCAT scores now necessary to gain acceptance have increased dramatically from years past. "While previously a student could get into medical school with a 23 or 24 [out of a possible 45]," Weisbrot said, "now they probably won't get in without a 30."

Weisbrot explained that, in addition to these high standards, the entire medical school acceptance process is an extremely subjective one. He stated that "once a student is above a certain level it's hard to predict whether they'll be accepted or not."

To secure spots for some of these

applicants who are "on the fence" Weisbrot has visited the admissions offices of various medical schools to find out more about their applications process and demanding answers as to why YU students have been unsuccessful there. The results of these visits seem to have yielded positive results. Three years ago, he visited Columbia and a student was accepted; the following year he visited Cornell which then accepted a YU student, and last year he went to Hopkins and a student was admitted. Next year he hopes to visit Yale and Harvard.

Dean Nulman, the Dean of Students, feels that the reason the acceptance rate has remained the same as last year even though the competition has increased is because "students are taking more responsibility in getting their stuff together than last year, and we have capable students."

Michael Wiederkehr, the YC student who was accepted to Hopkins, and who is President of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honors Society, feels that there are ways to improve the process even more. "The pre-med students should be more aggressive," he suggested. "Presently, only the students who seek out the help are able to benefit."

Dean Nulman explained that they are starting new methods of advisement next year for these "less aggressive" students. A doctor from Mount Sinai Hospital was recently brought in to speak about how to improve the chances of getting into medical school. The lecture was attended by about 55 students.

Additionally, next year, a pre-health booklet will be distributed to any student interested in the pre-health sciences. It will contain detailed suggestions on how to proceed through college by recommending courses and summer jobs. Nulman explained, "This will hopefully help the student that until now has waited until his junior year to seek pre-health advisement."

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Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller

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Rabbi Miller poses with President George Bush at a YU event

Dr. Norman Lamm President, Yeshiva University

*Excerpted from remarks made at the
RIETS Dinner*

My revered colleague, cherished advisor, loyal guide and, above all, dear friend, Dr. Israel Miller has ministered in the sanctuary of Yeshiva University/RIETS for most of his life. Sixty years ago, he came here as a freshman in Yeshiva College, eventually receiving *s'micha*. His career was intertwined with that of Yeshiva University ever since my *rebbe* and predecessor, Dr. Belkin *zt"l*, invited him to join the Administration of Yeshiva University. It was my special pleasure, shortly after I became President, to appoint him Senior Vice President.

His principle love at Yeshiva University has always been the students. His portfolio was varied, but it was always the students who were first on his list.

For me personally, especially in my early and most difficult years in the presidency, he has been a blessing: a source of stability during stormy times, encouragement in periods of stress, wisdom during

hours of doubt, and hope during long stretches of worry. He has stood by me when I needed him.

All this was done while he was serving in the larger Jewish community, here and in Israel and throughout the world. He has been the president of almost every significant Jewish organization in the country. He has negotiated on behalf of world Jewry with foreign governments, and represented all of us with grace, dignity, and effectiveness.

Throughout his long and illustrious career, he has served with distinction his people, his country, his faith, his Torah -- and his yeshiva.

As his active official career draws to a close, as he moves in a few months from Senior Vice President to Senior Vice President *Emeritus*, we of RIETS/Yeshiva University hail this always upstanding and outstanding man for a full, fascinating, and fertile lifetime of extraordinary achievement for us, for Yeshiva, and for the entire Jewish community.

We shall remain in his debt, and we shall pray for his and his wife's health and strength for years and years to come.

David Gottesman Chairman of the Board, Yeshiva University

In reflecting about the illustrious career of Dr. Miller, I think about a soft-spoken man whose actions speak volumes. As Yeshiva University's ambassador to the world at-large and in each and every top leadership position he has occupied with Jewish organizations around the globe -- among them the chairmanships of the Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations, American Jewish Conference of Soviet Jewry, and Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany -- he has been a magnificent representative and eloquent spokesperson of the Jewish people. In some of these endeavors, including here at Yeshiva University, I -- and my father before me -- had the privilege to serve alongside him.

The student body at YU has always

been Dr. Miller's prime concern. He truly understands and appreciates that you -- the young people who have come here to study -- are our great resource for a vital and vibrant future and, thus, he has committed so much of his talents and energies to ensuring your well-being.

I am proud to say that Israel Miller has been a friend of my family for many years. Our ties are rooted here at the University. Indeed, Izzy once told me that, as a Yeshiva College student, he was a Mendel Gottesman Scholar. I know my grandfather would feel immense *nachas* knowing that one of "his scholars" has gone on to achieve worldwide acclaim and admiration for his service to the Jewish community.

It is difficult for me to think of Yeshiva University without Israel Miller. I wish him the twin blessings of good health and continued happiness from his outstanding family.

Elie Wiesel Nobel Laureate

Rabbi Israel Miller and I have been friends for many, many years. From the first time we met, I felt a profound closeness to him. His *Ahavat Israel* is contagious, as is his *Ahavat Torah*. To spend an evening in his company has always been a rewarding experience.

I am fond of him also because he is a

man of *midot*. I have never heard him utter a negative comment about a fellow Jew. Nor have I ever heard him raise his voice at another human being. He never used his leadership positions to impose his will, only to share his views.

Together, at times side by side, we fought for Soviet Jewry, Jews in oppressed lands, and the State of Israel.

I miss the days when I used to see him often.



Rabbi Miller discusses issues of concern to the Jewish community with Vice-President Dan Quayle



Rabbi Lamm, Rabbi Miller and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin share a solemn moment

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Thenews of Rabbi Miller's impending retirement saddened me. He has been a steady fixture of American Jewish life for so long a time and I feel that I will lose my bearings without him. He befriended me in the years of my entry on the national scene and has been my friend and guide and exemplar ever since. When he meets me, he calls me "brother" -- as he does so many others -- and that he has been to me, a brother of the spirit, and I feel bound to him as David was to Jonathan.

There is scarcely an area of American Jewish life which is untouched by his creative genius. His leadership of such disparate organizations as the Presidents' Conference and AIPAC and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and NJCRAC and the Claims

Conference, and, of course, Yeshiva University too, that matrix from which he sprang -- they all bespeak the wide range of his concerns and attest to the warmth of his embrace of all things Jewish. Our community is stronger because of him, because he served it with so much devotion these many years and because he offers those gifts of mind and spirit with which he is so richly endowed.

Someone as vibrant and vital as he should not retire, and if I know him, he won't. He is merely stepping down from one sphere of activity to another, to one less hectic perhaps, but no less critical to Jewish life.

May He who is enthroned above Israel's praises grant him and his lovely Ruth more years of life and health and creative endeavor -- not just for his sake, but for the sake of Israel, the land and the people.

Vivian H. Owgang International Student Advisor Assistant to the Senior Vice President

I have been asked to put into words my observations, feelings, insights and thoughts about a man I worked with happily for nearly 26 years. At my reluctance to put thoughts on paper, your Editors said, "But you know him better than anybody." In a way, they may be correct, but in thinking about Dr. Miller I realized that no one could ever know him completely.

Dr. Miller (or Rabbi Miller, as he prefers to be known) is a very complex man. Sweet and gentle, with a great sense of humor, but with a will and determination that is unparalleled by most. I met him at the pinnacle of his career in Jewish public life, in this country and abroad. I have seen him, and worked with him, in his various roles as president, at one time or another, of all of the major Jewish organizations, and in each position in each organization he gave 100% of his talent, his time, his zeal and his energy. Many times these positions overlapped, but none of his endeavors were short changed. I remembered rallies staged for Soviet Jewry and other worthy causes, concerts at Lincoln Center for *Yom HaAtzmaut* sponsored by AZF when he was president, where he garnered celebrities to participate gratis, all in the name of Israel. And at the same time he gave 100% of his time and talent to YU.

I often marveled at how quickly he was able to switch his thoughts from talking to a student in his office to responding to a call from the White House. I was convinced that all this was possible because of his commitment to try to make this world a better place.

But no matter where he was or what he was doing his first love was always Yeshiva. He felt he owed much to Yeshiva for helping to shape him into the individual he had become. And that was why, when Dr. Belkin, *z"l* asked him to leave his very successful congregation after 27 years, he unhesitatingly complied. His first position as Assistant to the President for Student Affairs brought him in direct contact with the students, and he loved every minute of it. He met with each end every Freshman and continued to be mentor and guide to all students. He later became Vice-President for Student Affairs, which only enriched his desire to give more to the students and their needs. After Dr. Belkin's passing, he was Interim President until the appointment of Dr. Lamm; but even though we divided our time between the office on the 5th Floor of Furst Hall and Tanenbaum Hall, his door was always open and the students were always his first concern.

In his later role as Senior Vice President he became the soul and conscience of Yeshiva, very proud of his *alma mater* and its growth and achievements.

Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Senator (R-NY)

I am pleased to extend my greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the retirement of Rabbi Israel Miller.

Rabbi Miller has been a leader of the New York Jewish community and throughout our nation for decades. His counsel has been sought by the leaders of our city, state and nation as a man who possesses of a sharp mind and a soft heart.

I have come to know him over the years and I have the greatest feeling of warmth towards him as an incredibly

fair and decent man. In addition to his personal accomplishments, his son, Michael Miller, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, has followed in his dad's footsteps. Rabbi Israel Miller can be rightly proud.

I join you in wishing him all the best in his retirement. May Rabbi Miller continue to be an inspiration to us all and may the years and years to come be served by him for the benefit of the public in happiness and good health. May God bestow his blessings upon him.



Rabbi Miller presents a gift to Senator D'Amato in the Fall of 1989

Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Senator (D-NY)

I am delighted to add my words of tribute to Dr. Israel Miller on the occasion of his retirement as Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Miller is a giant figure whose wisdom, counsel and grace have made historic contributions to almost every aspect of communal and political life

over the past half century. I am proud to count him among my revered mentors and honored to consider him among my friends.

Izzy Miller has helped so many people in so many ways. To know him is to be constantly reassured that the Human Species was indeed shaped in the Image of the Creator.



Rabbi Miller greets Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir

IN TRIBUTE Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller

Teddy Kollek

Former Mayor of Jerusalem

Writing a tribute to Rabbi Israel Miller is a daunting task, for in truth, it would take far more than a simple page to do this task justice. Even long lists of superlatives -- "singular," "special," "unique," -- all seem to pale in this instance. Nevertheless, I would not want his special ties with Jerusalem to go unmentioned on this occasion.

I had the privilege of meeting Rabbi Miller just weeks after I became mayor, through a young secretary who had begun working for me. Indeed for some time, I called him "Shula's Rabbi." It was, however, not long before he became mine as well.

Running Jerusalem was not a simple job. It is a most complicated city, with vast political complexities, religious diversity, social needs, and the urban problems of every growing city. But one which must preserve an ancient world while providing for a modern one. My good fortune in dealing with these problems was the fact that while the buck did in fact stop at my desk and there was no one to whom to pass it, there was someone with whom I could share it.

And this someone, my Rabbi, gave unstintingly of his time, talents and energies to Jerusalem and to its mayor.

His insight, his depth of thought, his integrity and morality, all played a vital role in many decisions I took, decisions of every nature. For while I of course discussed with him in much depth the problems of fostering tolerance and understanding among Jerusalem's various communities, there was in fact hardly any subject (perhaps sewage and garbage collection) for which I did not seek his advice and counsel.

He visited often, both in various official capacities as well as in his role as father and grandfather, and he always found a quiet hour for us to talk about world matters, Israel's concerns, and Jerusalem's development. I always kept these meetings edified and encouraged, indeed inspired.

We are both now leaving behind the tasks we each did for many years. But as I am continuing my efforts for Jerusalem -- through the Jerusalem Foundation on whose board Israel Miller served with dedication for many years -- through the Israel Museum, and through the Jerusalem Trimillennium, commemorating 3,000 years since David the King made Jerusalem the center of his kingdom, my secret hope is that we shall convince Israel and Ruth to make their home here in Jerusalem and continue their involvement in our efforts.

It is with great privilege that we in Jerusalem salute one of the greatest leaders American Jewry has ever known.



Rabbi Miller poses with Yitzhak Shamir at a YU commencement exercise

Itamar Rabinovich Israeli Ambassador to the United States

It is an honor and a privilege to pay special tribute to Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, upon his retirement after 60 years of service.

Rabbi Miller has played a major role throughout the years and demonstrated his deep commitment and dedication to Jewish life in America and Israel. His involvement and leadership in numerous Jewish organizations is legendary. In his capacity as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, he worked relentlessly to foster and strengthen both

U.S.-Israel relations as well as the ties between Israel and the Jewish community.

Rabbi Miller's role in advancing the interests and welfare of the students at Yeshiva University and elevating Yeshiva to unique heights in the realm of achievement and motivation is renowned. His wisdom and integrity has guided the students throughout the years and instilled in them a love for our heritage, religion, and *ahavat Israel*.

Our warmest and most affectionate congratulations to Rabbi Miller on this milestone juncture in his life. He leaves an inspiring and rich legacy for future generations. We wish him continued good health, fortune, and *yishar koach!*

Daniel C. Kurtzer Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs

When I learned recently that Rabbi Israel Miller planned to retire from Yeshiva University, I spent a good while staring forlornly into space. Rabbi Miller has been a part of my life at three of its most important junctures. He has been a fount of good counsel, charm, wisdom and warmth. I might add the double blow felt when I heard that Mrs. Owgang was retiring at the same time.

I first met Dr. Miller when I was an undergraduate at Yeshiva College during the late 60s. It was a period of turbulence in American society, marked by violence attending changes in race relations and dissent over Vietnam. As Jews, we felt proud of Israel's accomplishments in building a marvelous society, proud and relieved over its triumph in the 1967 war. Through this turbulence, Dr. Miller guided the life of the student body with a steady hand, drawing on the spiritual and intellectual inspiration of the Rav, *z"l*, and bringing his own finely honed diplomatic and interpersonal skills to bear on every problem.

When I returned to Yeshiva College as Dean in 1977, the world and the College had changed. We all sensed that American society was on the eve of a boom, when personal values and society needs would be most tested.

Political tempers had calmed, and the focuses shifted to "*menschlichkeit*," the training of the next generation of ethical, moral and right thinking modern orthodox Jews. There were serious

challenges to this proposition during these years, as some students sought to cut corners on their way to success. Rabbi Miller never wavered. Not only was he the source of inspiration needed to guide the College, but he seemed to be everywhere and doing everything to try to make Yeshiva University what it has always aspired to be.

In the mid-1980s Rabbi Miller and I were reunited, under a different roof and in search of answers to different problems. Wearing another of his many hats, he was engaged in intensive discussions involving the State Department and Germany related to vital Jewish issues. I was working on the Middle East, trying to deepen the U.S.-Israeli relationship and to work with Israel and the Arabs to promote a peace settlement that both wanted. As Dr. Miller and I engaged in deep discussion of these issues over the years, I found that the wisdom which had earlier been manifest on problems relating to student life at Yeshiva and the future direction of modern orthodoxy was there as well in diplomacy and statecraft. In no small measure, the gains achieved by Jews worldwide and the solid foundations on which the peace negotiations rest -- notwithstanding the expected ups and downs -- are attributable to the outstanding leadership of men like Israel Miller.

There is, I am sure, no need to say goodbye, for Dr. Miller may be leaving Yeshiva but not public life. I look forward to many more years of intimate friendship and to his guidance which has helped me and the Jewish people for decades.

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I am pleased to join with Yeshiva University in honoring Rabbi Israel Miller upon his retirement after a long and distinguished career.

Rabbi Miller has faithfully served Yeshiva University for the past sixty years during which he has succeeded in making it one of the premiere educational institutions in our State. He is truly deserving of congratulations for his many years of dedicated public service.

Rabbi Miller will no doubt continue serving the Jewish people, as well as the entire family of new York for many years to come.

It is truly fitting for the people of the State of New York to pay special tribute to Rabbi Miller upon the completion of a remarkable career at Yeshiva University.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario M. Cuomo, do hereby confer this Special Citation upon

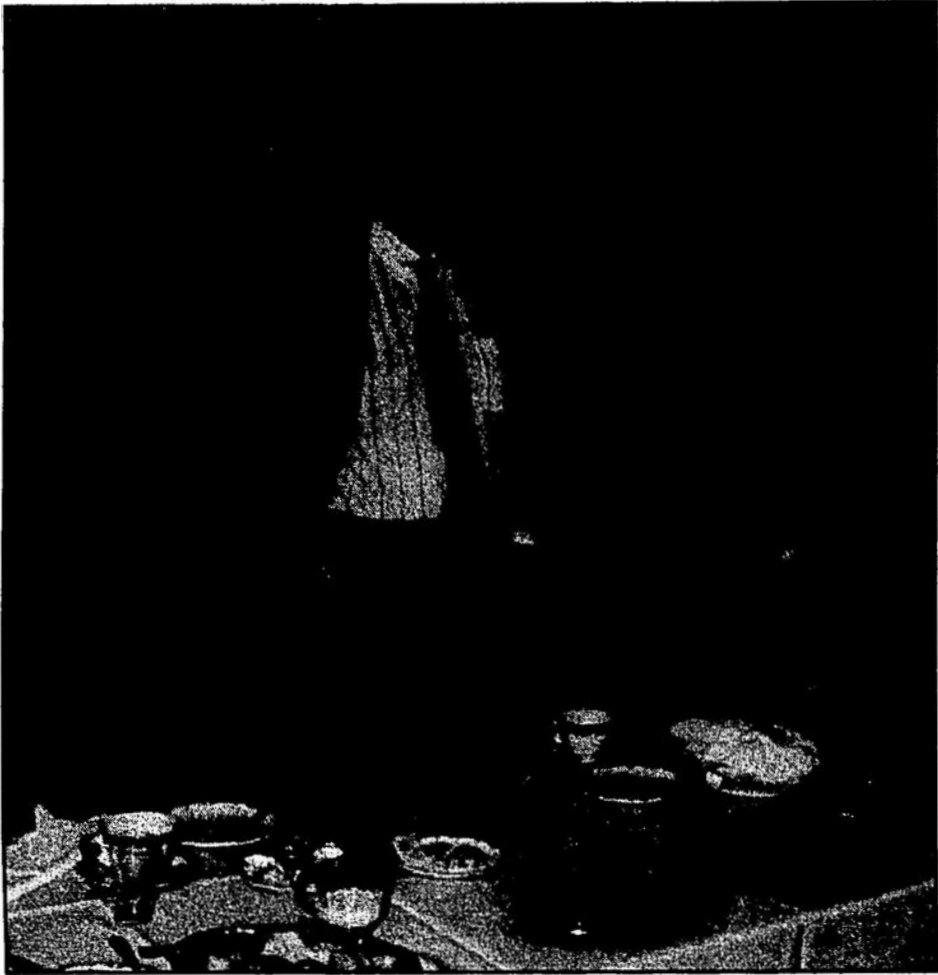
RABBI ISRAEL MILLER

and extend best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

Mario M. Cuomo

IN TRIBUTE

Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller



Rabbi Miller and Congressman Charles Rangel share the dais

Mrs. Abby Belkin Wife of the Late Rabbi Samuel Belkin, Former President of Yeshiva University

Mention Dr. Israel Miller's name to anyone on the Yeshiva University campus and you will elicit a broad smile, followed by profuse expressions of affection and praise.

But then again, you could pick any other site where Jewry congregates and you are apt to get the same response.

Try Washington, where he is recognized as the Jewish community's top emissary. Jerusalem greets him as Zionism's modern-day Goliath.

Moscow heard him from synagogue pulpits on behalf of Soviet Jews, and then on to Brussels to prod internationally for the same cause. South Africa welcomed him as President Reagan's fact-finder and, most importantly, West Germany was his destination for compensatory claims for survivors of Nazi brutality.

The list goes on, here as well as abroad.

Yeshiva University has been home base for Dr. Miller since earning a *magna cum laude* degree in 1938, followed by ordination in 1941.

Dr. Miller will retire soon, striding out with half-century's accumulation of accolades... not just words but the sincere sentiments of thousands who shared his world in a wide spectrum of Jewish education and community affairs.

Among them was my late husband,

Dr. Samuel Belkin, *zt"l*. He believed Rabbi Miller lived his life by the most comprehensive rule in the Torah: "Thou shalt love their neighbor as thyself."

This commandment, Dr. Belkin said, concisely describes Dr. Miller's basic philosophy. It has sparked his quest to ensure that the world become a better place for the Jewish people.

"As he applied the rule," Dr. Belkin added, "it fits around him as snugly as his talit."

Biographers describe Dr. Belkin as "The Dreamer whose vision achieved educational goals never before attempted." By the same rationale Dr. Miller can be aptly labeled "The Interpreter" who helped implement those revelations. Shared dreams were the linchpins of the long friendship between the two Yeshiva University pioneer builders.

I greatly admire Dr. Miller. To begin, he is my fellow Baltimorean. Aside from Chauvinism we share for the Maryland city of our birth, our families were neighbors who helped found the same synagogues!

Another reason for affection is Dr. Miller's devotion to my late husband's memory. Each year for the past 17, he has introduced the Belkin Memorial lectures by offering recollections and vignettes that keep alive a half-century of their experiences together.

To sum it up, I "love my neighbor" and I wish him the best of everything in the years ahead.

Richard M. Joel International Director, B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations

It is not often that one gets to know and learn from a "statesmensch." Often, those of us fortunate enough to work in the Jewish Professional world have *menschen* as mentors, or even occasionally learn from a statesman. But Israel Miller is American Jewry's "Statesmensch."

From the time I came to Yeshiva, working on Torah Leadership Seminars, through a tour of duty as Associate Dean of Cardozo, Dr. Miller offered insight, perspective, passion, justice, and temperance. His political judgement,

and his political tales, were enriching. Usually, Uncle Issy could make it better.

I learned from Rabbi Miller the power of principled compromise; to sort out issues of ego from issues of ethics; to be serious, but not take oneself seriously. Most important, Israel Miller still serves as a model of *Yiddishkeit* that is, G-d forbid, an endangered species: a lover of *Torah im derech erez*, a joyous celebrant of life, an includer of all Jews, and all men and women of good will. Dr. Miller taught me that our mission is to be a *Mamlechet Kohanim v'goy kadosh*, to embrace life, and greet it with a *l'chayim*.

We must see his like again. He's our first "statesmensch," not our last.

Abraham H. Foxman National Director, Anti-Defamation League

It is a pleasure and an honor to be asked to write a few words about my colleague Rabbi Israel Miller upon his retirement from Yeshiva University. I, of course, know Rabbi Miller from a different, if connected world, that of the organized Jewish community. And to those of us who have labored in that field on behalf of American and World Jewry, Rabbi Miller is a unique figure. He is unique not because he was Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, nor because he served as President of the American Zionist Federation, nor because he was longtime Chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's Middle East Task Force, nor because he has served on the Executive Committee of AIPAC. He has done all these things and done them extremely well.

Rabbi Miller's uniqueness, which

should serve as a model for us, stems from his ability to transcend the divisions within the Jewish community. When he spoke of the unity of the Jewish people, he was not merely paying lip service to the concept. He lived it every day of his life. He had the ability to adhere, unfailingly, to his Orthodox principles and yet have respect and show decency to those representing other parts of the Jewish community because they were human beings and Jews, and because he knew that the health and survival of our people and Israel rested on our principle and on our unity.

Never is his example more needed than today. At a time when the Orthodox world is riven between ultra and modern, when Orthodoxy and the other branches of American Judaism are too often at odds, and when in Israel there is the danger of a culture war between secular and religious, honoring Rabbi Miller is something we do, not only for him, but for ourselves. I wish him and his family good health and much joy.



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ERNST & JULIO DOWN BY THE SCHOOLYARD

"Good-bye to Rosie, the Queen of Corona"

—P. Simon

I don't mind sore throats. They make me sound like Tom Bosley.

I was watching the news the other night, and I guess I came to realize a few things that I had either never noticed before or never known at all. First of all, I don't know where I've been all this time, but I'd always thought that the international date line was "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

Also, I had thought that euthanasia was a summer camp. Then that it was a rock group. Then, that it meant "a nice word for something else." Then someone called me handsome, only to explain that he really thought I was quite ugly, but had chosen to employ a "euphemism." All at once, everything fell into place.

Speaking of which, last week at my tri-monthly physical exam, the doctor, reading off of a list of questions, asked me, "Ernie, have you ever been told that you're anemic?"

"Aw, come on doc," I sheepishly replied, "I bet you say that to all the guys!"

But enough about me, let's talk about what *you* think of me. No, on second thought let's talk just a little more about me, shall we?

I've been having a lot of trouble lately keeping up with the teacher while simultaneously taking notes. I think it's because I first translate everything into Spanish in my mind before writing it down. Perhaps more basically problematic is that I know only two phrases in Spanish. Actually, one phrase and one question: "Do not lean against door," and "Hemorrhoids?" I treat myself to the subway quite a bit, and all the signs down there about ailments of the posterior portion give whole new

meaning to "sub-talk." I mean, with so much focus on the pathology of the proverbial caboose you'd think it'd be easier to get a seat.

Man, I hate the grind. Every day the same routine. Wake up, eat a kosher breakfast, go to the shiur room, find a desk, put gum under it, etch into it the names of my favorite rock groups like Rush and Pearl Jam, then ink in some really meaningful lyric of theirs like "Jeremy spoke in, spoke in" so that I can ponder it while gazing at it, then somehow make it through the rest of the day, only to do it all again tomorrow, this time with one less clean desk in the pool. (Not *the* pool.) But then no one said college would be easy.

Who keeps the beachball after graduation?

It's getting late, and I now realize that I don't have a sore throat so much as a big sad old lump in it, a lump that compels me to think of a couple of things.

First, never to swallow three pieces of bazooka again.

Second, that this is my--dang it, *our*--last column. Where I'm going, they won't let me write stuff like this anymore. They won't even let me have pencils, or forks or a belt or shoelaces--it's all part of the plea bargain. But my real regret is that I have to quit skating. Seriously, though, they say that behind every joke hides some truth, and I guess the real truth here is that I never was a very good skater. Or writer. Or fisher for compliments--thank you in advance.

I wish all the luck in the world to my successor, except any that would come at my expense.

I hate drawn out ggoooooodd-----bbbbbbbyyyyyyyyyeeees; they're so unseemly. I much prefer a simple, neat "good-bye."

All the best.

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YCSC President

Name: Chanoch Kanovsky
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Speech

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

I have an uncanny ability to recognize a problem and attack it at its source. I am not swayed by pre-conceived notions. Rather, I keep an open mind on all issues. I like straight-forward solutions, and I find the easiest and most efficient ways to implement them.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

I believe there should be more communication, not just between students and Administration (though there is a dearth of that) but between students and students. I want to help the student body become more cohesive

and less confusing. I know it can be done if we care to do it. If elected, I would address the student body every week, and be available for and encourage communication to other students.

How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

The president of student council should be the student body embodied in one student. The entire position is a channel of direct communication from students to Administration. To facilitate this, there must be more communication between the president and the student body. This is what I feel is lacking in the school now and what I want to correct.

Name: Michael A. Nelson
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Biology

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

I believe that my strongest qualifications to serve as YCSC president come from my experiences in student leadership positions that I've held for each of the past four years, including my currently being president of my class in Yeshiva College. These leadership experiences have instilled in me the strong belief that a leader's ultimate responsibility is to be approachable to all students, to be responsive to concerns and ideas expressed by any and all students, and to deal with the Administration in an effective fashion. I have put these beliefs into action for the past four years, and, if elected, I would continue to do so with strong commitment and endless energy for the upcoming year as YCSC president.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

If elected YCSC president, I hope to work closely with concerned and capable students to successfully implement the following changes. I would have four computers installed into each dorm, each hooked up to the YU Network and possessing Internet capabilities, as well as make a copy machine available in Morg. lounge. In addition, I hope to further

improve the registration process and I am also looking forward to converting the currently barren Klein Hall into a brand new lounge for the Muss dorm, as well as refurbishing the Rubingame room. Finally, a major goal, for which I've already begun seeking the necessary financing, would be the moving of a permanent Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center to our campus.

How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

With a new dean for Yeshiva College, we have a very rare and special opportunity to make significant strides in the student-Administration relationship. With a strong YCSC president, the Student Council has a unique opportunity to re-define the balance of power traditionally held between students and the Administration. The YCSC president has the responsibility of ensuring that the student council, and the students that it represents, has a greater say in the decision-making process of the University be it academic, social, financial or political in nature. After all, we, the students, are the ultimate strength and pride of our University and we ought to be treated as such.

Name: Daniel Billig
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Accounting

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

In my current position as Secretary of the Yeshiva College Student Council, I have amassed experiences which have prepared me for the presidency. In the past several months, while working cohesively with the Administration, I have secured several victories for the students, including town hall meetings, new vending machines, and improved Caf breakfasts. However, one of my major accomplishments has been to establish an academic advisement center which will finally provide students answers about their education starting in fall '94. In addition, I am currently negotiating to save each student a \$100 increase on their Caf card for the upcoming year as well as improving Shabbat by securing \$50,000 from corporate sponsorships.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

Because of the taxing schedules of the YC/SSSB student, I would like to extend the hours for the pool, library and gym. Next year, I would like to offer the option of paying tuition on a credit card

which earns students airline mileage. With the new leadership and the upcoming expansion of the registrar's office, I would like to further these developments with the installment of an advanced computer system which will allow students to register by phone and confirm their grades at any time. In order to accurately represent the students to the Administration, I would like to form a polling committee which will generate feedback of the current issues confronting the student body.

How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

I believe that the president of the student council has a responsibility to listen to the need and concerns of every student whether he lives in the dorms, the apartments, or at home. When entering negotiations with the Administration, as president I will be well-informed of the students' standpoint on the issues. In doing so, I will have the leadership abilities required of the student council president. I am letting you experience an education rather than fight for one.

Name: Daniel Ciment
Number of Years On Campus: Two
Major: Finance

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

My strongest qualification to serve as student council president is my rapport with both the student body and the Administration of Yeshiva University. I believe that I have a good understanding of what the students want, through my tenure as Treasurer of the Junior class, Treasurer of the Young Republicans Club and President of the Young Entrepreneurs' club.

To be a truly effective leader, the president must understand where the complaints of his fellow students stem from, and he must fight for the rights of those students as their liaison with the Administration. These essential qualifications, which I possess, are what make the president the leader and representative of the entire student body, and their chief proponent in a time of need.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

For a potential candidate to guarantee delivery on all of his campaign promises is often tantamount to suicide, for few are able to deliver what they promise. I will say this, though: I wholeheartedly support the programs of progress. For example, supplying the computer room entirely with 486 computers and updated software, modernizing the

library, and increased counseling at all levels -- both for incoming students and outgoing ones. Additionally, I will fight any proposed changes that will undermine the integrity of any of the Judaic studies programs (such as forcing MYP students to take shiur for credit), and I will fight the proposal to place MTA students in our classrooms. My plans for Yeshiva's progress are not only possible, but they are essential for helping this school get even better next year and for years to come.

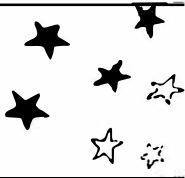
How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

The YCSC is constantly being called on to deal with the Administration in some form or another; they must be able to deal effectively with the Administration by being both strong in their convictions, yet receptive to feedback from administrators. If they approach their meetings with Administrators well informed, and if their proposals are well thought out, they will be more effective in getting them passed. The YCSC should present the views of the student body as a whole, not just what the ruling body believes. If the YCSC would do this, I believe that the student body would have a powerful voice speaking on their behalf to the Administration.

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SSSB President

Name: Jonathan Schloss
Years On Campus: Two and one-half
Major: Psychology

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

Over the past few years, I've made it my business to closely monitor the situation on campus; I always have a sense of YU's pulse. I know where and how we can improve. Most importantly, I'm a realist. I understand that the world's future does not hinge on your choice of YCSC President but, as corny as it may sound, I actually care about the quality of YU life. Even though I did not hold an elected position this year, I've already devoted time and effort on behalf of my peers. I was the only student member of the Registrar Search Committee and was actively involved in the interviewing process. I am looking forward to working in conjunction with Mr. Melvin Davis, the new registrar, in order to expedite the registration process and to make the registrar's office more approachable.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

I took the time to discuss the feasibility of implementing most of the following ideas:

- 1) Applying for membership and inviting representatives from Phi Beta Kappa (a prestigious academic honors society) to re-evaluate YU curricula.
- 2) Converting one of the larger unused rooms in Muss Hall into a furnished lounge.
- 3) Pursuing some sort of late night van service to off-campus apartments

along Amsterdam Avenue.

4) Pushing for improvements in food quality, given that caf prices are effectively etched in stone for the next few years. (I.e. skinning the chickens a few times per week, cooking veggies instead of boiling the nutrients out.)

5) Actively petitioning NYC government to consistently clean up the Amsterdam Avenue exit ramp coming off the George Washington Bridge and West Side Highway; this means clearing out the stripped cars and other debris and repairing street lights.

I would also encourage student organizations to be more productive by funding those that are actually doing something.

How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

A YCSC president should maintain a cordial but firm stance. Administrators must be kept aware of the problems students face. I can assure you that members of the Registrar Search Committee are fully cognizant of the frustration we often face when dealing with registration matters. If elected, I would continue to voice all concerns. In order to do so, the president must make himself accessible to his fellow students. My door would always be open for suggestions. The president should also keep students informed of current issues under discussion through a "President's Column" in the newspaper.

Name: Yaron Hirschhorn
Years On Campus: Two
Major: -

What is your strongest qualification to serve as SSSB president?

Being that I will be a senior next year, I feel that I have several qualifications to be the President of the Sy Syms School of Business. First, as a work-study student employed at SSSB, I have had the opportunity to handle many responsibilities including publicity of school functions, as well as recruiting prospective students to the Sy Syms School of Business. I have also become familiar with the student body, and their interests.

What plans and ideas do you hope to implement for SSSB next year?

There are several programs which I would like to implement if elected. First, I plan to increase the hours of the convenience store to include Thursday night, and to have the caf card accepted at Morg Mart. I would also like to pursue the idea proposed by Eric Zimmerman, to begin a Big Brother/Big Sister program with the alumni of SSSB, to help form essential connections

in the business world. I would like to incorporate the *Sy Syms Bulletin* into *The Commentator* and work together with them to establish one official newspaper for both Sy Syms and YC. Also, I would like the students of Sy Syms to have more input regarding what is taking place in Sy Syms; thus, I will appoint students to meet with the academic standards committee. Finally, upon enrolling in SSSB, each student would meet the faculty and have an appointment with the Dean regarding his academic career at Sy Syms.

In your opinion, what is the role of SSSB Student Council regarding interaction with other student councils in YU?

Being that Sy Syms is basically part of YC, in order to preserve its own identity, it is crucial that the Sy Syms Student Council work together and interact with the other student councils in order to achieve the common goals which are in the best interests of the student body.

What is your strongest qualification to serve as SSSB president?

As a chairman of the upcoming SSSB dinner, I have many responsibilities in planning and organizing the event. My leadership ability has played an instrumental role in communicating with the students, faculty, and administration to ensure that the program runs smoothly. By taking an active role in Sy Syms activities, I have demonstrated that I am a reliable and capable leader, qualifying me to represent the student body as its president.

What plans and ideas do you hope to implement for SSSB next year?

I have many plans to improve student life at SSSB. One idea is "Students For Students," a network of upperclassmen who advise new students on courses and programs. Students will also have the opportunity to spend a day shadowing a professional in their prospective career through the "Shadow Project." I also want to revamp the tutorial program to make it more effective and beneficial for students. Another innovation is to have our Sy Syms professors give

occasional lectures to the student body on topics of general interest at "Teacher Talks." A couple of other programs I hope to implement are a student-run used book sale during the first two weeks of each semester, and joint activities with other business schools.

In your opinion, what is the role of SSSB Student Council regarding interaction with other student councils in YU?

The SSSB Student Council should support other student councils, committees, and clubs by providing assistance and advisement in the business aspects of their activities and events. This serves a dual purpose. By allowing Sy Syms students to help run the business portions of events, the student body as a whole will gain from these students' expertise. Additionally, Sy Syms students benefit by having the opportunity to apply their skills to practical situations. One example is the SOY Seform Sale, which could be run more smoothly and efficiently with the help of Sy Syms students. The Sy Syms Student Council will work with the various student councils to improve all programs at Yeshiva University.

Name: Ziv Mendelsohn
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Accounting

What is your strongest qualification to serve as SSSB president?

I am currently the Vice-President of the SSSB Student Council, and I am also the Editor-in-Chief of the *SSSB Business Review* (which we started last year after an absence of a couple of years), a position which I assumed last year. These experiences have afforded me the opportunity to deal extensively with both the Administration and the student body. As a result of these activities, I feel a tremendous sense of attachment to the students and to the school. I am very excited about the possibility of making a long-lasting impact on our school.

What plans and ideas do you hope to implement for SSSB next year?

I think there needs to be more contact between the students and the student government; the students have many beneficial ideas which unfortunately are not always conveyed to those capable of implementing them. For example, this year when I heard a few students complaining about the computer lab fee which all SSSB students have to pay (regardless of their use of the computer room), I discussed it with Eric [SSSB President] that evening; we spoke

to the dean about it the next day, and as a result it is currently under review by the Administration and student senate. I would like to have periodic forums with the students, Administration and faculty to allow students to directly voice their opinions. I intend to arrange for various speakers from the business world to speak to the students about real life experiences and to provide practical advice and I also hope to work with the placement office to further improve non-accounting and summer job opportunities.

In your opinion, what is the role of SSSB Student Council regarding interaction with other student councils in YU?

It is important for there to be interaction among the different councils, particularly on matters which affect all students. There are many courses in YC which SSSB students must also take and therefore issues relating to these courses should be discussed by all appropriate councils. Fund raising activities can be done on a larger scale when more councils are involved, thereby providing more money for student activities. There is strength in numbers, and with the cooperation of the student councils of the university, great things can be accomplished.

Dr. Izchak Miller: A Student Remembers...

by Chaim Gottesman

Dr. Izchak Miller began teaching philosophy at YC and SCW last semester. As part of my obligation as a philosophy major, I registered for all of his courses: Logic, Theories of the Mind, and Ancient and Medieval Philosophy. Being a stranger in a very strange land, he quickly recognized me as a familiar face in the crowd. I came to know his warm personality, his powerful mind, and his sterling character.

Initially, the thought of a secular, Israeli, philosopher was somewhat threatening. Who could be more antagonistic to Torah Judaism and its adherents? Dr. Miller proved to be a religiously sensitive person with great respect and admiration for the Torah half of our credo. Examining a text in *Tanach* was always accompanied by a *kipah* taken from his pocket and placed upon his head. He hoped to begin attending the *gemara shiurim* in the College after he settled in (he was intrigued by the copy of Rabbi Yitzchak Adler's *Iyun B'Tomdus* which I lent him).

To the consternation of the security officers, candles were lit (*b'rachos, kipah, and all!*) in the tray of the chalk board every night of Chanukah!

Dr. Miller sought as a teacher, like all truly great educators, to inculcate a method of philosophy. He paid little attention to the amount of material he covered, rather focusing on the quality of the analysis. While some professors cover fifteen or more thinkers in a Modern Philosophy course, he planned to analyze Descartes, Hume, and Kant. What good would it do, he reasoned, if after the semester we were able to spit back impressive buzz words suitable for cocktail parties, but we could not think independently? He shocked the class, claiming that he couldn't care less if we didn't remember a single name or term after the end of the semester, provided that we could think.

For Dr. Miller, philosophy was more than just phenomenology, ethics, free will, logic, or any isolated area of knowledge. It was a system of analysis which could be applied to any field, and life in general. He saw his classes as a

training ground for the critically thinking doctors, lawyers, businessmen, professionals, and even rabbis of tomorrow.

His classes, therefore, were not one-sided lectures, but directed, bi-lateral seminars. Before class began we would gather all of the desks around in a circle, which was more conducive for a group discussion. In fact, when numbers permitted, we would adjourn from the classroom to convene in a student's apartment or in Time Out, to discuss the topic over a cup of coffee. He planned to furnish his office with some comfortable furniture and a coffee urn, so that students could gather there to debate.

His assignments aimed to induce us to offer disciplined step-by-step presentations of philosophical arguments. No one received their corrected exam without first going to Dr. Miller's office to review it with him. That is the way to teach someone how to think.

Dr. Miller came to Yeshiva University as an established philosopher (his reputation is based on his influential

analysis of Husserl). In his classes, he demonstrated an intimate familiarity with mathematics and physics, as well as a close acquaintance with other fields of general knowledge. Behind his simple, friendly, unassuming exterior lay an active and vigorous intellect. In his Logic class, he often juggled numerous variables through complex equations in an instant.

The University expected Dr. Miller here to occupy a central position in our philosophy department. He was very impressed with the quality of our student body and envisioned making our department as strong as that of any small college in the country. He felt as if he had come home, as if Yeshiva University was the place he belonged.

Dr. Itzchak Miller was a friendly giant. A man of staggering intelligence who always displayed warmth and caring for his students. The sparkle of his eye is gone, his smile is no more. We can only guess how much he could have given us.

We sadly grieve his loss but are thankful to have known him.

OBITUARY

Dr. Itzchak Miller, Professor of Philosophy, 58

On April 5, Dr. Itzchak Miller, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva College, died at the age of 58 of lung cancer. Funeral services were held on April 6, and Dr. Miller was buried near his place of birth in Israel. Dr. Miller was a well regarded professor at YU, and his untimely death shocked many of his students.

Dr. Miller grew up in Israel and served in the Israeli Army where he met and married his wife, Rachel Snir. Miller is survived by his wife, his son Ronen, and his daughter Tamar.

Dr. Miller possessed a very solid background and wide scope of knowledge in philosophy and was a very active scholar in his field. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1968 and later his Ph.D. in philosophy in 1979 from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Dr. Miller specialized in various fields of philosophy, including phenomenology, theory of knowledge, existentialism, and philosophy of mind. In addition to being the author and co-author of a number of books on philosophy and delivering numerous

lectures around the country, Dr. Miller was a member of various active research groups, including the Cognitive Science Research Group of the University of Pennsylvania, of which he was a coordinator, as well as the Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) at Stanford University, where he was a Fellow. Dr. Miller received various awards for his distinguished work, and received the Chancellor Dissertation Fellowship from UCLA in 1972.

Dr. Miller was very well regarded by faculty and students alike. Although he only began teaching at YU in 1993, he has had, as one philosophy student put it, "a very strong impact on his students in a very short period of time." Dr. Miller was noted as having been "concerned about his students" and was known for "always being there for them." Dr. Miller was also praised by his students as having been an excellent teacher, one who clearly and patiently explained the arduous concepts of philosophy.

...and An Educator Recalls

Rabbi Shalom Carmy

Dr. Izchak Miller was a professor of philosophy who, for an all too brief period, taught the philosophy of mind and logic at Yeshiva University with enthusiasm and skill. He was also a philosopher, a lover of wisdom. During the semester he was with us he radiated a love of wisdom, and created a legacy that we shall not forget.

I remember the day, barely a year ago, that Dr. Miller first came to our campus. We who knew his book on Husserl already admired the clarity of its exposition. Through the long day of interviews he had impressed faculty and administration alike. Yet after all this I insisted on conferring with Izchak privately and at length, because Yeshiva University is a unique institution and I wanted to be sure that he was the right person to anchor the philosophy department at Yeshiva College. At that time someone asked: What more do we need to know? Isn't he admirably qualified? Hasn't he been totally honest and forthright in his dealings with us? And I thought: a man who would truly teach philosophy, who would exemplify the love of wisdom, must not only be honest with his colleagues and employers. He must also—and above all—desire to be honest with himself. By the end of that memorable conversation I was convinced that Izchak Miller was that kind of man.

The love of wisdom calls upon two antithetical character traits. The *mekubbalim*, in speaking of G-d, contrast *middat ha-din* (the attribute of Judgment) with *middat ha-rahamim* (the attribute of Loving kindness). The same can be said about philosophers. For some lovers of wisdom, the impulse to understanding arises from the attribute of judgment. They are hard and aggressive and uncompromising in their quest for truth; they are impatient and sometimes even cruel—especially towards themselves. They subject prevalent ideas to their severe

critique; in the service of ethical and religious visions they formulate radical, austere, demanding commitments. But the search for wisdom cannot be left to *middat ha-din* alone. We need philosophers whose root is *middat ha-rahamim*, who are living testimony to the Greek aphorism that philosophy begins in wonder, and who therefore approach wisdom with something of the patient suitor's smile.

It seems to me that Izchak Miller belonged to the second class of philosopher. Of course there were topics on which his views were firm, lucidly stated and vigorously propounded. But when he philosophized with us in the flesh, with a student or with a colleague, he knew the primeval wonder and joy that makes the life of the mind a life of adventure and excitement. That is why so many of us took to him, loved him and grieved for him. And that is why he was happy at Yeshiva, and why he remarked more than once that teaching at Yeshiva was something of a homecoming for him. His students and friends will carry some of that wonder and joy with us, wherever we go.

Izchak's sense of intellectual wonder had a strong ethical correlate as well. The radical experience of gratitude that Saadia Gaon and the *Hovot haLevavot* regard as the foundation of morality and worship—that was second nature to Izchak. In the last week of his life, when speech was difficult and consciousness a painful burden, he could still greet his visitors with a warm word of appreciation and part from us, forever, with a gentle smile. Most of all, he was grateful for the support and the attention and the love of his wife Rachel, his children Tamara and Ron. In sickness and in health, their names were on his lips and in his heart. And as we estimate our debt to our teacher and our friend, our hearts go out to his family.

May his memory remain a blessing to those who loved him, and to those whose lives he touched.

Laser Printer Now Available to Students

The Sy Syms School of Business Student Council has announced that a laser printer and computer will now be available to students. The equipment is located in the conference room on the fourth floor of Belfer Hall. Students will be required to bring their own paper, and only a certain number of copies will

be allowed due to the cost of the printer toner.

The service will be available during both the day and night, and possibly by appointment. The computer will be set up to output WordPerfect 5.1 or WordPerfect 6.0 files.

-- Andrew Davidson

Will the Jablonski Campus Have to be Renamed?

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University from 55% to 15% of his estate, in the form of a single unidentified building of uncertain value. Attorney David Goldstein, a solo practitioner, is representing Jablonski, who is recovering in an Argentina nursing home from a debilitating stroke, as well as Jablonski's relatives, Sylvia Dora Czyz Voucai and Mauricio Czyz, who are also currently residing in Argentina. YU believes that Czyz Voucai and Czyz, with knowledge of the agreement between Jablonski and YU, and fully aware of the terms of the will, intentionally interfered with Yeshiva's contract with Jablonski in order to benefit from the change.

YU is seeking an amount to be determined at trial of no less than six million dollars, as well as punitive damages from Czyz Voucai and Czyz. The nature of Yeshiva's lawsuit stems

from two primary claims: That Jablonski's continuing breach of the agreement will cause Yeshiva University to suffer serious and irreparable damage to its reputation, credibility, good will, and standing within the educational and philanthropic communities, and that YU was harmed and continues to be harmed (since at least March of 1990) by the loss of opportunity to name the Washington Heights campus after another major benefactor.

Jablonski's attorney says he's "confident" that his client has not violated a breach of contract and will successfully defend the lawsuit. Goldstein told the *New York Post* that YU is "harassing [Jablonski] and using Gestapo-like moves," after YU moved to have Jablonski questioned under oath, as well as improperly seizing the 94-year-old Holocaust survivor's tax returns.

Goldstein is relying on the classic case of *Blackmon v. Estate of Battcock* to serve as Jablonski's defense. In 1971, Elizabeth Battcock agreed as part of a settlement of her deceased husband's estate not to change a will she had executed in 1969 leaving nearly her entire estate to her son and daughter. She also promised to leave the will "intact and without change." However, during the 1980s, Battcock opened several bank accounts (known as Totten trusts) in her own name, in trust for various charities. She also made two new wills, in 1982 and 1984, in which she expressly excluded her daughter and grandchildren (her son had already passed away). The plaintiffs (decedent's daughter and her children) argued that the Totten trusts violated the 1971 agreement, and desired a court order preventing the bank from paying out the trust accounts to the

named beneficiaries. On December 19, 1991, the Court of Appeals of New York decided that Battcock had the right to change the will, and ruled in favor of the appellants - namely, the Totten trust beneficiaries. Goldstein is certain that the court will similarly maintain that Jablonski was legally permitted to change the terms of the will he drafted four years ago.

Ironically, the law firm representing YU also represented one of the Totten trust accounts in the Battcock case, so they will now act as plaintiff against an analogous defense that they won just a few years ago. Patrick Begos, one of YU's attorneys, declined to comment on how he plans to convince the court that the Battcock case is not relevant to the Jablonski case.

Although Goldstein did not comment on the contents of the new will, he pointed out that even if Yeshiva "contemplated" four years ago that 55% of Jablonski's estate translated into six million dollars, this is only speculation, and it does not properly take into consideration any future expenses or debts. Goldstein also noted that the full value of an estate is not determined until after the beneficiary's death. Hence, Goldstein is puzzled by the timing of YU's lawsuit, nor does he understand Yeshiva's claim to six million dollars. "By telling Jablonski that if they don't receive six million they will take his name off the campus, YU has crafted their own remedy, and the Jablonski family would agree to this," he stated, adding that "at this point that might be best for all the parties involved."

Speech Requirement Eliminated

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Department.

Additionally, the previous restricted elective requirement has been slimmed down. Most notably, Speech is no longer a general requirement, but might still be for certain majors, and for students in SSSB. For most students, only one course will now be required from either Art, Music, or a foreign language.

History and Philosophy have now been removed from the "Behavioral Sciences" to make up its own sub-category. Students must now select from two courses from History, Philosophy, or foreign languages. Two foreign language courses will be needed to receive credit.

Although the Curriculum Committee will keep an eye on the success of the new requirements, this marks the end of the Curriculum Committee's review of the core curriculum. Now, according to its Chairman, Dr. Moshe Bernstein, "The Curriculum Committee is proceeding to examine and evaluate other aspects of the YC curriculum beyond the core. We hope to review the requirements in many specific majors and minors, as well as consider the introduction and implementation of proposed new majors and minors."

The Curriculum Committee will be meeting regularly throughout the next academic year, and a proposal for new majors and minors should be ready by the end of the next year.

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A Hot Day, But a Cold Loss for the Tennis Team

by Steven Kupferman and Daniel Wolfson

The only thing that was good for the YU Tennis team last week was the weather. After their victory over Polytech, the YU tennis team had another match against NJIT on March 20. This match up was not completed due to darkness, though YU was leading 4-3; the last two matches will replayed in a few weeks. This past Monday, however, the YU tennis team was brought down to earth in their horrible 7-2 defeat by SUNY Maritime.

The match was supposed to be played at YU's home court, but it was moved to Maritime's outdoor court at the opposing team's request. The Macs got off to a bad start when first-seeded Michael Pfeiffer lost 1-6, 2-6; his strong and consistent ground strokes weren't good enough against SUNY's ace Ed Dohrman. This was Pfeiffer's first loss of the season.

Though Pfeiffer lost the first set 2-6, Assistant Captain Ari Zaionz, using his consistent serve, came back strong with a 6-1 victory over SUNY's Bart Kelleher. Unable to pull off a come-from-behind victory, Zaionz went down in the third

set 4-6. Third-seeded Brian Kardon handed Maritime their only singles loss of the afternoon as he easily overtook his opponent with his strong serve and net play, 6-2, 6-1. Despite his strong second set victory over SUNY's Ken Torres, David Samet added to the disappointing outing, losing 2-6, 6-4, 2-6. Ezra Lightman put up a strong fight only to lose his match after an exciting second set tie-breaking victory to SUNY's Derek Eisenbrei 3-6, 7-6, 4-6. Steve Landau lost a disappointing match 2-6, 1-6 to Maritime's Sebastian Sora.

The results of the doubles matches were no better as Daniel Wolfson and Jonathan Heller could not muster up a victory. After winning their first set 6-4, it seemed too good to be true for the Macs as Maritime came back strong, winning the next two sets 2-6, 3-6 to seal the match. In his second time around, Brian Kardon paired up with Avraham Ciment only to lose their match 4-8. Michael Pfeiffer and David Samet gave YU their only doubles victory of the day as they defeated their opponents 8-5. The Macs continue their long road trip as they prepare to meet Mt. St. Vincent on April 21.

YU Invited to NYU Basketball Tournament

by David Goldenberg

On Sunday April 17, New York University and the I.J.C. (Inter-Jewish Collegiate Association) hosted a Jewish basketball tournament. The teams consisted of Jewish, non-varsity basketball players from eight tri-state area colleges. Among those schools invited were NYU, Baruch, Queens, YU, Brooklyn, Cooper Union, Kingsborough, and Hofstra. The tournament was "single elimination," and was completed in one day.

Each team was permitted a 12-man roster. This past week, a selection committee convened and selected an 11-man roster and two coaches for YU. The team members that were selected were Arkady Abraham, Barry Aranoff, Ari Ciment, Moshe Benarroch, Jeremy Fox, Michael Fruchter, Jason Horowitz, Joel Kornbluth, Sam Maryles, Hillel Olshin, and Andrew Sosnay, a collection of former high school all-stars and intramural all-stars. Coaching the team were Adam Melzer and Seth Dimbert.

Golf Team Slices Into New Season

by Commentator Sports Staff

The YU Golf Team is ready to tee off its season on April 25, when it plays in its first tournament against New Jersey Tech and Montclair State. The tournament will also be the debut of new head golf coach, Allen Mittleman.

Three other golf tournaments are scheduled. On April 26, YU will be participating in the Wagner tournament,

on April 29 they will compete against NYU, and on May 5, its season will conclude with a match against Queens College.

The team will be led this season by Captain Andrew Sicklick and a host of experienced upperclassmen returning from last year's team. This leaves Mittleman, also the coach of the George Washington High School basketball team, very optimistic about the team's chances.

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