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Nierenberg Named YC Interim Dean

Rabbi Lamm to Make Final Decision

by Moshe I. Kinderlehrer

With less than a month left before the start of classes, Dr. Harold Nierenberg, the Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business (SSSB), was named the interim Dean of Yeshiva College. In a university-wide press release dated September 8, Dr. William Schwartz, the chairman of the Decanal Search Committee and Vice President

is 'technically' still continuing as President Lamm evaluates the candidates recommended by the Search Committee. The Search Committee, which first convened nearly half a year ago on May 1, reportedly submitted three names to President Lamm in early July after interviewing and evaluating an undisclosed number of candidates. Dr. Schwartz refused to confirm the exact number or the names of

model was a very important consideration both for the Search Committee and of course, for Dr. Lamm." But Dr. Schwartz refused to confirm if any of the candidates ultimately recommended by the Committee and now undergoing consideration for the position are Orthodox Jews, non-Orthodox Jews, or even Jewish. He also refused to comment as to whether the candidates are from Yeshiva College or from outside institutions.

President Lamm Biding His Time

In explaining the need for Dr. Nierenberg's interim appointment, Dr. Schwartz noted a number of factors contributing to the extended decision-making process. First, "It was difficult for Dr. Lamm to find opportunities to meet with each of the candidates. That took some time...but most importantly...Dr. Lamm is very methodical in his selection. He is undertaking a very painstaking and deliberate period of consideration to ensure that the best possible choice is made...In fact, Dr. Lamm told all the candidates that his decision would take time." In the release announcing the interim deanship, the reason for the longer evaluation period was put similarly, "The Administration's fiduciary responsibilities to the University, faculty, students, and alumni dictate that exceptionally thoughtful and deliberate consideration be given to the selection of a new Dean of Yeshiva College who



New Interim Dean Dr. Harold Nierenberg

for Academic Affairs, announced the appointment of Dean Nierenberg to the post, temporarily filling the vacancy created by the resignation of longtime Dean, Dr. Norman Rosenfeld.

In the press release and in a later interview with *The Commentator*, Dr. Schwartz stressed that the search 'process'

the candidates submitted by the Committee stating that "it would be unfair to any of the candidates as long as the process is still ongoing."

However, he did affirm that all of the candidates recommended by the Search Committee to Dr. Lamm are models of Torah U'madda. "The Dean being a Torah U'madda

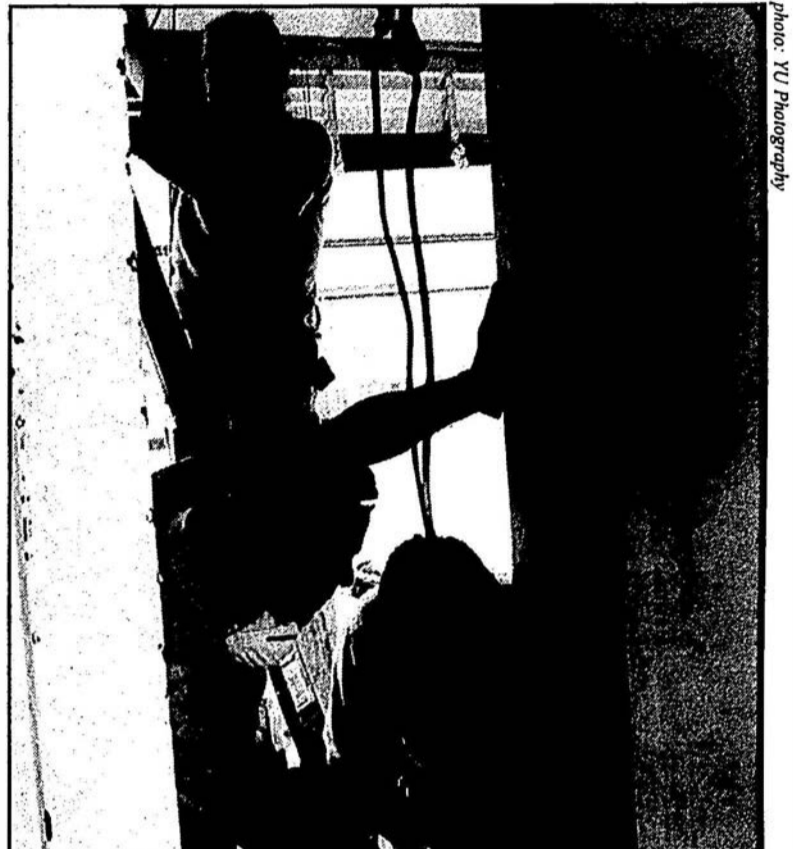


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Scene of construction in Furst Hall. The Max Stern Division of Communal Services moved to the old Dean of Students' office; Admissions moved upstairs to a unfinished Fourth Floor Suite of offices, joined by the Offices of the Dean of Students.

may have a long tenure and who will be charged with leading the College into the 21st Century."

In a statement made this past Thursday by the Office of the President, President Lamm acknowledged that the search process for a new Dean is still continuing, with President Lamm using the time to consult with figures both within and without the walls of Yeshiva University in order to reach a decision and choose the most qualified candidates.

President Lamm Wasting Time??

Dr. Schwartz attacked the notion that Dr. Lamm is taking too long to come to a decision on the deanship. "Dean searches take a long time," he pointed out. "Normally, the search for a new dean takes all year." In fact, he fully expects the recently begun search for a new dean of the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology to take all year. Moreover, Dr. Schwartz added, "Dr. Lamm attaches tremendous

significance to Yeshiva College...Yeshiva College is the highest priority for Dr. Lamm and he wants to pick the best possible candidate."

As the summer wound down without a decision by Dr. Lamm, "The point of view was expressed by members of the faculty and Administration that given the lateness of the hour, an interim Dean would have to be sought," explained Dr. Schwartz. Dr. Nierenberg, who Dr. Schwartz stressed is "not a candidate for the permanent Deanship of Yeshiva College," was then asked to assume the position. Dr. Schwartz also stressed that Dr. Nierenberg's appointment would put his considerable talent to work for Yeshiva College as well, "Under Dean Nierenberg's superlative leadership, the Sy Syms School of Business has attained new levels of excellence. He is a solid administrator who has an excellent rapport with faculty, students, alumni, trustees, and other administrators... Moreover, his deep dedication

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First Ever Back to School Special!

Deanless

As a quick glance at the front page of this issue indicates, Yeshiva College enters the upcoming academic year without a permanent dean. Back in May, with the interviewing process at full tilt, it appeared that the process would be over by late June, or July at the latest, giving the new dean ample time to settle into the post. That did not occur.

Instead, the process has dragged on somewhat, forcing the appointment of an interim dean. As interim dean, Dean Nierenburg is a fine choice, but the deanships of YC and SSSB are, and always have been, two full-time jobs.

While the need for time to mull over and consult with people from within and without the walls of YU cannot be understated, the delay in hiring a permanent dean is puzzling. As President Lamm must be aware, a new dean would have helped set a new tone for the administration of YC, getting the YC academic year off to a (hopefully) good start and helping YC ease its way into the unpredictable years ahead.

We can only hope that the new dean, whoever he will be, will be able to come in at the start of a busy second semester, at earliest, and have the same impact a new dean would have been able to muster at the beginning of the academic year. For the sake of Yeshiva College, let us hope so.

Better Luck Next Time

As student leaders returned to campus this September they were greeted by a newly installed door lock system in the dorms. For security reasons, the Office of Facilities Management had handed down directives stating that lost keys would be replaced at a cost to the student of \$75. After some investigation, it turned out that the actual cost to the University for the new key and lock cylinder was \$35; the student, however would be charged \$75. Additionally, it was decided that the dorm counselors would not be entrusted with master keys to the floors, nor would the head dorm counselor be given master keys to the dorms. No longer would the Office of the Residence Halls, nominally charged with responsibility of the dorms have access to the dorms themselves. Needless to say, the Office of Residence of Halls and more than a few students were quite upset with the new rules.

Upon learning of the situation, student leaders swung into action. Meetings were arranged and pressure was applied through the Office of the Dean of Students. Ultimately, after hours of talks, a compromise was reached. The cost of replacing a key was lowered to its actual cost of \$35 and the Office of Facilities Management reluctantly agreed to leave the master keys with the dorm counselors of each floor.. We commend the swift and effective action taken by YC student leaders here on behalf of the student body on the uptown campus. And as for the Office of Facilities Management, nice try guys, but better luck next time.

In light of the recent renaming of the Tannenbaum building to the Main Building and the Joel Jablonski Campus being renamed the Main Campus, I'd like to make a suggestion that YU affix velcros backed labels on all of its buildings and campuses so that they can be changed with ease.

-- YU Alumnus in Letter
to *The Commentator*



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Editor's Note: The following letter, addressed to Foreign Students, was submitted by Mrs. Owgang for publication in The Commentator.

To the Editor:

Since our office was discontinued as of September 16, 1994, I did not have an opportunity to say my farewells to all of you who have been so important to me these many years. You have been a joy to work with and I want to take this opportunity to wish you much success

and fulfillment in your future endeavors.

Mrs. Leff joins me in these sentiments. We shall always remember you with fondness.

Mrs. Vivian H. Owgang
Int'l Student Advisor

***Mazal Tov to YCSC
President Daniel Billig
upon his recent
engagement to Elana
Hartstein.***

***Mazal Tov to former News
Editor Yisroel Holczer on his
engagement to Bracha
Tannenbaum.***



From the Editor's Desk

In moving into the dorm this past Sunday morning, I found myself struck, strangely, with a bout of apprehension. As I watched two newcomers from out-of-town struggle mightily in dragging a hefty sofa over to Rubin, drawing smiles on the faces of the nearby security guards, thoughts of all the all-niters I would be pulling this year and of the constant pressures I would be under began creeping into my consciousness. My mother always wonders aloud at how I subject myself to such pressures. I suspect her wondering will never cease.

My apprehension didn't last long, though. I had little time to be apprehensive this Sunday. Ever the editor, I had an edition to put out. There were articles to edit, editorials to be written, and layout issues to be dealt with. Once I had unpacked well enough to call my room home for the next two semesters, checked in with a few friends, and discovered, much to my amazement that my phone was working, it was time to go to work on the issue you're reading now.

First, a word about this issue. Initially conceived in late May, this Back-To-School edition of *The Commentator* -- Volume LIX -- is probably the first ever such issue of this newspaper. I make that claim secure in the knowledge that few YC students in the history of the

institution, no matter how dedicated or motivated, would be willing to work too hard for a school-related activity before classes actually started. Uh-uh. I can't see it.

But this year it did happen, something I attribute partially to the fact that school started so late in the year and a few of us were bored sitting around at home without any classes to occupy us. Of course I could be wrong.

In any case, after nearly four and a half months away, Yeshiva College is back. Yes it's time to go to class again. And while classes start tomorrow, (though a number of *shiurim* have already begun) it is with some trepidation that I, and the Governing Board of *The Commentator* - Volume 59, present the first issue of the academic year -- an inaugural Back-to-School edition. It is the hope of this year's Governing Board that this newly minted issue, coming out right on the heels of the *Yomim Noraim*, heralds the beginning of a successful year both for this newspaper, Yeshiva College, and everyone in the Yeshiva University community.

Moshe I. Kinderlehrer

P.S. I'm still wondering, how did those two guys get that sofa up the stairs? It sure wasn't going to fit into the elevator.



Message From the President

Welcome back Gentlemen,
I hope that all of you had a most enjoyable extended vacation. Over the summer many exciting things been going on on campus. The dorms are getting a new lock and key system, there was a student leader barbecue, and the *Commentator* received a very generous gift from the President's Circle (a group of former student leader alumni who contribute to specific needs of the student body)

However the best is yet to come, we have an exciting year planned for you. From our opening event at Sportsworld to our commitment to find you a place to study after lam, all the way to the very exciting Y.C.S.C. elections you can bet that this year will be one ride you don't want to miss.

I hope you will be able to get involved in our programs. I know that you will find them worthwhile and even fun. Please watch your mailbox for a bi-weekly schedule of student events.

If you have any problems don't hesitate to call me (I'm in morg. 224, and my phone number is 781-8139) or

any of our representatives:

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Lots of luck on a great
year!

Daniel Billig

Y.C.S.C. President

Mazal Tov to former Technical Editor Joshua Guedalia upon his recent engagement to Estie Weiss.

For all those interested in working on

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There will be an open meeting on Wednesday night October 5 after Maariv (10:20 pm) in Morg Shul (Basement of Morgenstern Dorm).

Positions available in News, Features, Layout, Business.

Yeshiva University Office of the Dean of Students

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Office of the Dean of Students, we would like to welcome our returning and new students for the 1994 - 1995 academic year. Adjusting to college life can be both exciting and challenging. The staff of the Department of Student Affairs is committed to helping you through these challenging times. Whether you require assistance through the complexities of registration and academic life; guidance or advice regarding career opportunities, graduate and professional schools; or development of job search techniques, **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERTISE.** If you are in need of counseling or even a reassuring hand, we encourage you to meet with our caring staff to discuss your needs and concerns.

We are also proud to announce this year an addition to the host of individuals who help you. The University has established an academic advisement center. This center, which is comprised of faculty, will provide much needed advisement for an entire spectrum of students at Yeshiva.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED OR OVERWHELMED. We encourage you to take full advantage of these services so that your college years can be most productive and rewarding.

As a new year begins, we wish you continued success on your endeavors.

Hatzlachah Rabbah,



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Op-Ed: Women are Not on the Program

by Ryan S. Karben

Welcome to Yeshiva University, formerly known as shidduch central. Formerly? Yes, nicknames do die hard but those bochorim searching for a mate might as well stay home these next few days. Women are not on the program.

What? Not on the program? What has happened to the much ballyhooed YC/SCW Culture Society Broadway Play, known before the Revolution as the YC/SCW Culture Society Musical? Killed by logistical constraints (that will be a recurring theme during your stay here).

Maybe students just aren't interested in socialization anymore. Driven by an insatiable appetite for knowledge, they enroll here eager to spend their time reading the most recent additions to the Pollack Library (which, mind you, are not so recent).

Seriously, though, there is a fundamental philosophical issue here with respect to co-ed social activities and the Yeshiva College campus. Proposals for a joint barbecue in Tenzer Gardens and a Murder Mystery Night in the Schottenstein Center (that's the nice building, at 560 185th Street that is too far away for most students to walk to) went nowhere.

Why? Sources report that, three years ago, President Lamm decided that purely social, co-ed undergraduate events on the uptown campus are not permissible.

Dean of Students Efram Nulman has a different standard. He says the BBQ was out for psychosocial and adjustment reasons, namely that

students are focused on academic concerns as Orientation begins and need to become comfortable with their own campus environment before they starting mixing with the women from midtown.

As for the Murder Mystery proposal, that's a little more murky. Nulman says that the school seeks to encourage "appropriate and reasonable" activities. Mind you, no administrator would characterize the Murder Mystery Night as inappropriate and unreasonable.

Activities also need to be "consistent with the ideals and values of Yeshiva University." A speech by Curtis Sliwa clearly fits the bill. That's the place to find your bashert.

Do not despair, though. There are shabbatonim, chagigot, lectures, dinners, and the van. There is the chance to collaborate on Hamevaser and WYUR. And you can always ask a friend to make the connection.

And somewhere in between, try to squeeze in some time to think about these words. You may love them. You may hate them. You may, much as I try to banish the thought, not care too much what I have to say.

But please respect it. Lurking behind my passion and sarcasm is the lesson I have learned all too well in my stay here: respect the other side. After you are done poking fun and making sport, remember that we all do need to get along. We don't need to like what everyone has to say, we do need to live with it.

After all, the person sitting on the other side of the table may be by your side for a very long time.

Reflections: Quality vs. Quantity

by Samson Fine

Ahh, Orientation!! Those wonderful three days at the beginning of each academic year when the University provides free writing instruments, free paper goods, and most importantly free food. But seriously folks, here we are back at the farm ready to take another crack at that thing called college. Of the significant changes in Washington Heights, the most important is in the student body. Many old familiar faces who graced this campus for two, three, or possibly, (yet unlikely) four years have moved on to more noble pursuits such as getting on with their careers. A number of as-yet unknown individuals have been elevated to positions of prominence and power on the YC campus (more on them later once we see what they have or have not accomplished). And finally, over 200 new young men have joined our ranks for the first time at the citadel.

Although it is important for new students to become involved in YC communal life, as well as in their academic pursuits, Orientation week is a unique opportunity for you returning students to reexamine your

Samson Fine was last year's Senior Class President, and is the head of this year's Orientation.

commitment to the clubs and societies with which you have been associated. While it is common practice to join clubs purely for resume purposes, it is considerably more impressive to a potential employer or graduate school admissions committee to see an active involvement in one or two endeavors. Quantity will not matter if you are unable to discuss in detail your involvement in specific extracurricular activities. Others will wonder how a Yeshiva College student faced with the rigors of a dual curriculum found time to be involved in such a wealth of activities? The conclusion these individuals will come to is one of two: either the student has tried to mislead them as to the extent of the students' involvement, or the dual curriculum at Yeshiva is not as rigorous as was previously thought.

Which brings me to my last point. I caution all of you incoming students, as well as the seasoned veterans of our beloved campus that it is usually more beneficial to take a shot at a more challenging course rather than the one in which you will be guaranteed as "Easy A." All the facts in the world, regurgitated the following afternoon will not teach you the thinking skills which will help you succeed in Yeshiva College and in life. It is safe to say that the more you are actively involved in your own education the more empowered you will be to handle the monumental challenges that lie ahead.

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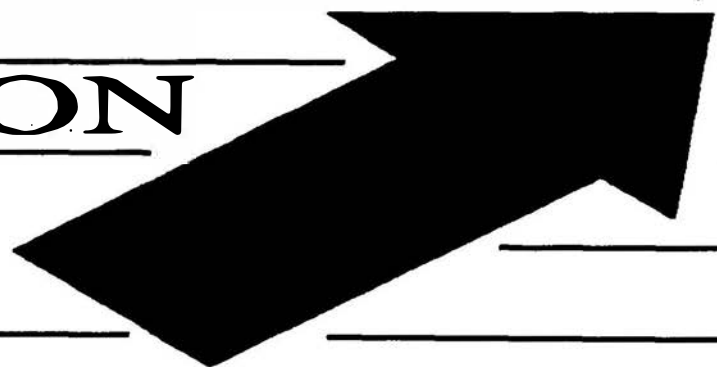
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to YU and to the principles of Torah U'madda made him an excellent choice for the position of Dean ad Interim."

One Dean for YC and SSSB

Dr. Nierenberg, the Dean of SSSB since March, 1992 will still be the Dean of SSSB and will be dividing his time between the Dean's offices in Furst Hall as well as in his old office in Belfer Hall. Dr. Nierenberg reiterated emphatically that he has no interest in being the permanent Dean of Yeshiva College. Responding to criticism that holding the deanship of the two schools presents a conflict of interest as well as a tremendous burden, he confidently replied that he "feels more than able to handle both in the interim...I fully intend to maintain the integrity of the College." As for the potential conflicts of interest generated by the vastly different makeup and focus of the student bodies of YC and SSSB, Dr. Nierenberg asserted that no conflict of interest would exist, "I've counseled students interested in medicine and other fields besides business... I don't proselytize when it comes to academic advisement." Additionally, Dr. Nierenberg noted that his "door is open to all students," and he invites students from both schools to come into his offices, though he did indicate his preference for YC students

to come see him in his YC offices on the first floor in Furst Hall and SSSB students to come see him in his old office on the fourth floor of Belfer.

YCSC President Daniel Billig, just back from Israel, voiced his confidence in the appointment of Dean Nierenberg. "I'm completely confident that in an interim situation, Dean Nierenberg will do justice to both positions. He is a talented and experienced administrator who has what it takes to fill the void left by Dean Rosenfeld's departure."

New Dean Appointment Expected Shortly

Though Dr. Schwartz did not say exactly when he expects President Lamm to hand down a decision, he did indicate that a decision will certainly be made before the end of the first academic semester. Dean Nierenberg, who was officially installed into his new position on September 16, made it clear that he does not expect to be the Dean of YC for the second part of the year and hopes that a decision will be made in October or November, giving the appointee, whether from inside YC or outside enough time to leave his old job and get settled into his new one, "Realistically, I'm prepared to be here for three months, but not much more."

Elul Zman Exceeds Expectations

by Owen Cyrulnik

Despite the fact that Yeshiva College did not begin classes until October, the Mazer Yeshiva Program did hold *shiurim* during the September/Elul month. Both Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, Dean of MYP and Rabbi Yosef Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani, agreed that *Elul shiurim* were necessary because it was "inconceivable" that the Yeshiva would not open its doors before the high holidays.

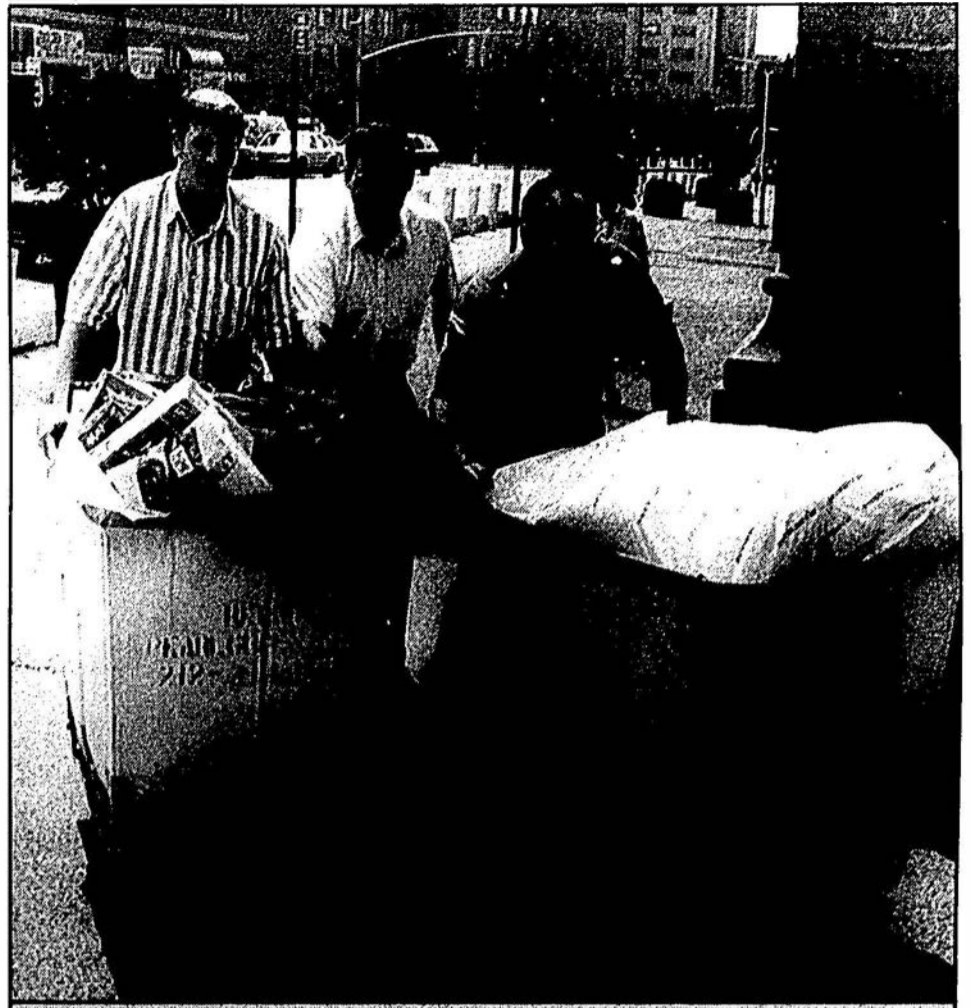
Given the circumstances under which the *shiurim* were held, however, expectations for attendance were relatively low. Students who lived outside of the area were not expected to make the long trip just to return just a few days later for the *Yomim Tovim*. Moreover, Rabbi Charlop estimated that there were more than 250 MYP *talmidim* who chose to spend *Elul* in Israel learning in the various *Yeshivot*. Two MYP *Roshei Yeshiva*, Rav Herschel Schachter and Rav Meir Goldvicht were in Israel giving *shiurim* to many of the YU *talmidim* who were there.

Given the low expectations that permeated the beginning of the *Elul* Zman classes, the actual attendance was better than anticipated. Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, Director of the Residence Halls, confirmed that there were 88 students who requested dorm rooms in Muss Hall during *Elul* Zman. Rabbi Charlop estimates that on any given day there were approximately 200 students attending *shiurim*. Rabbi Blau confirmed these figures and

added that the freshman *shiurim* posted the best attendance records, which was in part due to the fact that the early admissions students had not yet experienced a year in Israel and, for the most part, did not go to Israel during the *Elul* Zman.

One of the major reasons for holding *shiurim* during *Elul* was to facilitate a *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur minyan* at Yeshiva. Rabbi Blau stressed the importance of establishing YU as a real Yeshiva, with its own traditions and customs. The *Rosh Hashana* crowds was relatively small, totaling 115 to 120 people, with close to 85 of those being men. *Yom Kippur* however, showed a much bigger turnout with nearly 400 people attending the *minyan* at Yeshiva. There was even a *Simchas Torah minyan* at YU which attracted close to 60 people.

Students who attended classes in *Elul* Zman generally had favorable reactions towards the experience. One *Smicha* student, Baruch Pesach Mendelson observed that this incarnation of early *Shiurim* was similar to the one held three years ago when similar circumstances prevented YC from holding classes until after the holidays. Mendelson also commented that although the attendance levels were not as high as they are during the academic year itself, the *talmidim* who did attend were certainly serious and interested in learning and that created an atmosphere that enhanced the learning.



Moving in to Muss: Dollies piled high with luggage, YC students round the corner of 187th and Amsterdam preparing to begin the new year in Muss Hall.

MYP Hires New Assistant Mashgichim

Attendance to be taken during Seder

by Dov Simons

In order to facilitate the introduction of new students into the Yeshiva, as well as to improve the performance of more seasoned *talmidim*, the Mazer Yeshiva Program has initiated some new programs for the Fall 1994 semester. Besides hiring assistant *Mashgichim*, the MYP administration has instituted a procedure of taking attendance during morning seder. The changes follow discussions aimed at bolstering the MYP program which, despite a burgeoning student body bolstered by an estimated 270 new students, has been perennially plagued by criticism. Rabbi Zevulun Charlop, the Dean of MYP, explained that the new programs were employed with the initiative of Yeshiva University President and Rosh Hayeshiva Dr. Norman Lamm. One impetus to the enactment of the new procedures was the survey taken by YC alumni Eitan Mayer and Yitzy Shechter during the Spring 1993 semester.

The initiative is partly funded by last year's Golding donation, as well as by an anonymous donation. Rabbi Charlop added that "Yeshiva's deficit is greater this year than any other year, but Dr. Lamm felt he could not neglect the future."

Under the new program, Rabbi Meir Orlian was appointed Director of the Assistant Mashgichim Program, with Rabbi Elchanan Adler and Rabbi Jeremy Weider named Assistant Mashgichim. Rabbi Charlop commented, "In one fell swoop, we were able to bring in three strengths of such caliber as these three, recognized by their *Rebbeim* and by their peers as outstanding *Talmidei Chachamim*. Rabbi Charlop continued

that "Rabbi Blau had faced the Herculean task of working with the 700 men that comprise Yeshiva College." The three new assistant *mashgichim* will now work with Rabbi Yosef Blau, the current *Mashgiach Ruchani*, to complete a twofold mission: to help the students maintain their *sedarim* in the *batei midrash*, especially through such challenges as the MCATs and the LSATs.

Big Brothers, not Big Brother

To allay fears that these new programs were created to monitor students, Rabbi Weider lessened the comparison to George Orwell's 1984, commenting, "This is Big Brothers, not Big Brother. Now there will be people who care; after all, it's a big place."

To this end, Rabbi Orlian will arrange for members of the *Kollel Elyon* and other senior *talmidim* to become Big Brothers, with each being assigned 15-20 students. They will help the new students adapt to their environment.

Additionally, the new assistant *mashgichim* will begin to track the attendance of the *talmidim*. Students will now be required to sit in a specified *makom*. During the morning, the *mashgichim* will record which places were occupied and which were not; the results later entered on a computer.

Talmidim will be able to reserve a *makom* beginning on Monday, October 4 by signing their names on a large poster board in the *Beit Midrash*. New students will be allowed to reserve *mekomot* beginning at 1:00 pm, in order to allow the morning for returning students to reclaim their old seats. Rabbi Weider warns, however, that "the rule from Yoma 21a, 'Kol hakodem zacha' applies," so it is first come, first served. Seats are available in the Furst Hall and Main *Beit Midrash*, as well as in the adjacent supplementary rooms.

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