

## University to be Disbanded; Only Yeshiva Will Remain

In a surprise announcement to the entire student body, haRav Nachum Lamm, *shlita*, Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon, revealed that as of the conclusion of the current semester, the university component of YU will be dissolved. Students henceforth will devote their time exclusively to traditional yeshiva studies, as befits true *b'nei Torah*. Citing the various articles and letters appearing recently in the school newspaper, haRav Lamm indicated that he had found that they were highly logical and realistic.

As an immediate and

practical step, haRav Lamm declared that he was abolishing the school's present slogan of Torah u'*@#^%\$*, and would be replacing it with a new motto: Torah and More Torah. His own book bearing the unfortunate title of the old institution is now being recalled from all book stores. According to a Yeshiva Public Relations Department press release, anyone who has purchased a copy under the impression that it contained approved Torah values may return it for a full refund, in accordance with a *halachic* precedent established some years ago in Lakewood. All returned copies of the book

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## Program Will Bring MTA and YC Closer



A redesigned classroom will help accomodate MTA students

In an effort to bridge the colossal academic gap between Yeshiva University and the Marsha Stern Talmudical Day Care Center (MTA), President Norman Lamm recently announced that, effective immediately, the high school would be fully integrated into the college program. Henceforth, all students in grades 9-12 are permitted to take all college courses, reside in YU's residence halls, and use all of the campus' facilities, such as the pool (for students above 4'6"), the Morg Lounge television, and even the *Beit Midrash*.

"I urge all students to cooperate fully with the new program," said YCSC President Danny Gurell, who was preparing to embark on a "recruitment" cruise to Florida, Tahiti, Cancun, and the Virgin Islands. "After all, since most professors grade on a bell curve,

college student's GPA's should soar."

MTA students are thrilled with the plan. 10th grader Yoli Goldberg gurgled "Goo Goo Gaa Volleyball," indicating his excitement.

### Students Outraged

Most YU students, however, are outraged with this unholy union. "I can't take it anymore. My intramural team has been reduced to a junior varsity squad," lamented SSSB Senior Donny Davis. The plan has caused even more serious repercussions. YC Senior Ephy Gopin was placed on probation by Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz after Gopin ripped up all of his new 9th grade roommate's Barney posters. Additionally, many students have complained to Mrs. Judas that their high school roommates are bed-wetters. Mrs. Judas promptly called up Facilities Maintenance, who promised to replace the mattresses just as soon as they finish fixing the heaters in the dorm. A four month wait is anticipated.

### Professors Also Skeptical

YU professors are also skeptical about their new students. Dr. Joan Haahr, who teaches the Freshman Honors Seminar, observed that "I never dreamed [that] I would have to lecture to 14-year-olds. My syllabus has been revised to include such 20th century literature as *The Hardy Boys*

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## Chaifetz Training for Olympics

### Hopes May be Dashed Due to Injury

Every night at 10:30 P.M., Rabbi Joshua Chaifetz strolls to the Gottesman swimming pool. While many students believed that this was merely part of his cross-training routine, Chaifetz recently conceded that he has been training vigorously for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Rabbi Chaifetz is competing for the final spot on the United States synchronized swim team. On his chances of making the team, Rav Chaifetz predicted, "slim to none, to be honest." Unfortunately, Chaifetz's hopes for an olympic gold may be dashed due to an unfortunate and selfish attack by a jealous competitor.

### 'Not Another Tonya Harding'

Late last Wednesday night, after a vigorous workout, Chaifetz was assaulted by an

unidentified assailant. "It all happened so fast. All I could say was 'Why me? Why me?' All I could think was, 'why would any human being do this?'" Eyewitnesses described the attacker as short and rotund male, wearing a red ski jacket and brandishing a handgun.

"This is not another Tonya Harding," said a dejected and melancholy Chaifetz. "I'm nowhere near as good. I would have only been an alternate, anyway."

### Investigations Underway

The Olympic Committee and the United States Synchronized Swimming Association (USSSA) are conducting independent investigations of the incident. Of particular interest to the investigators is why the attacker was allowed into the area without being



Rabbi Joshua Chaifetz, Olympic Hopeful. Will his hopes be dashed?

asked for ID. Insiders suggest that either the guard was sleeping, or that the WYUR guard was temporarily assigned to the swimming pool post. Mr. J. Rosengarten, a spokesman for the USSSA, had no comment.

## Revised Bible Requirements to Include New Testament

The Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee has announced a radical restructuring of the Bible Department, drawing near universal praise from professors and students alike for new course offerings in the New Testament. The only dissenting vote was cast by Sociology Professor Mareleyn Schneider, who derided the committee's exclusion of Hindu Opera from the curriculum as "another example of how white males lie with statistics in a nefarious attempt to tie other cultures to the bed while they have their way."

Dr. David Sykes, the new chairman of the Bible Department, dismissed Schneider's comments. "Her comments do to logic what M.J. Orlian's accent does to Hebrew," he said.

According to a draft copy of the university's 1994-95 course catalog, which will be released

in conjunction with the school's "Third Century Campaign," new courses will be offered in Matthew and Luke. Rav Aharon Kahn, in an open letter to the yeshiva community, noted his displeasure with the fact that the texts will not be taught in Latin. Kahn, while denying that he had ever studied Latin, nevertheless maintained that "YU was never intended to be an institution in which students would have the choice of learning in a language they understand."

Still, *chacun a son gout*.

The committee also decided to make "experiential study" of the Book of Revelations a requirement which "could only be waived by the filing of the appropriate form in the appropriate office with the appropriate university personnel." Administration officials declined to be more specific, citing concerns expressed by the Department

of Facilities Management.

Admissions officials applauded the committee's decision to promote experiential study of the new texts, noting that it was first suggested by the Task Force on Undergraduate Male Enrollment. YC Associate Dean Michael Hecht said the recent passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act by Congress will allow students to utilize unspecified "artificial means" to achieve the full revelational experience, noting that "there is a clear positive relationship between the time spent using those substances and the likelihood of acceptance in the law school of your choice."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz denied knowledge of any decision by the curriculum committee, saying "I just got here in October."

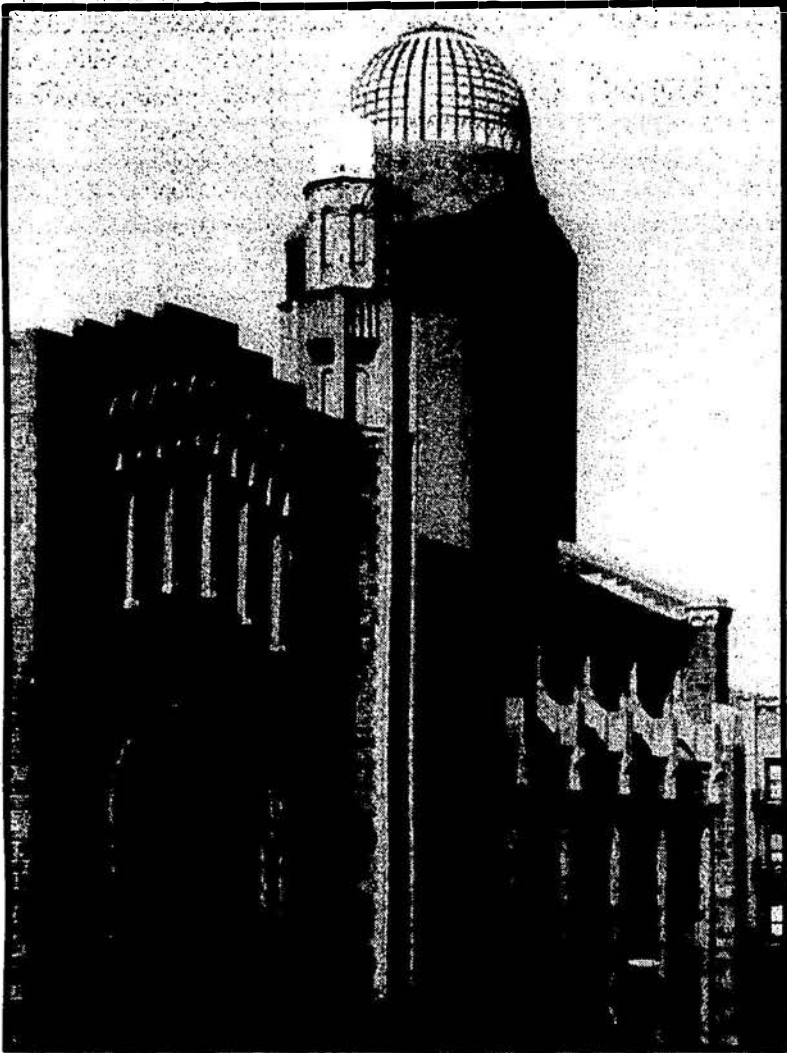
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<b>Students Protest Loss of Language Class</b> International Business majors are upset that Mandarin 1405, Advanced Mandarin Chinese will not be offered next semester.	<b>Admissions Waiting List is Largest Ever</b> With over 2600 applicants, the Office of Admissions can really pick and choose.	<b>Rugby Team 2-0 For the Season</b> Now in its 14th year, the rugby team looks to a Division I Championship.
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EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS

"Have It At My Place"

Kudos to Lavi Greenspan, President of G.O.Y., for finally putting an end to the annual foolish bickering that surrounds the Purim *chagiga*. Until now, all we have heard is whining: "We want to be *included*." "We should have the *chagiga together*." "If we have to be in a separate room, the least you could do is use your Seforim Sale funds to get us our own band." Whine, whine, whine.

With confident poise, Mr. Greenspan took on the whiners at a recent *chagiga* planning meeting. "Have it at my place," he said. *Ohev shalom, v'rodeph shalom*. Lavi, we salute you.



"Ha Ha Ha! We have a building, and they don't."

-- Dean Efrem Nulman, in a secretly taped meeting about SCW facilities

PICTORIAL #1



"Dr. Beukas, I don't know if 'Seven Brothers for Seven Brothers' would work here"

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RETORTA

A Drunken Purim Wish

To the Editor,

Zeh hayom oso Hashem, nagilo venismecho vo.

This is indeed a day made by Hashem, a day of gladness and rejoicing. The long hoped for announcement by our revered Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Lamm, *shlita*, that the Yeshiva will finally be restored to its original and exclusive position of centrality, freed once for all from any secular encumbrances, has brought relief and gratitude to our hearts. Our battle is finally won, the soul of our Yeshiva is saved, our spiritual lives are no longer imperiled. With one decisive and courageous strike, Rav Lamm has, though somewhat belatedly, righted a notorious wrong and eradicated years of error. He has wiped the shame from our brows by firmly setting our beloved Yeshiva on the right path, the only path, the path of Torah undiluted and uncontaminated, if I may be permitted some mixed metaphors (also to be found in Shakespeare).

The difficulties that Rav Lamm had to overcome should not be minimized, and his achievement therefore cannot be praised too highly. He was faced, like Hercules, with the seemingly impossible task of cleaning out the Augean stables, and like Hercules he succeeded magnificently. But why should I use a comparison drawn from pagan mythology? Our own traditional sources provide far more effective and insightful illustrations. What Rav Lamm

accomplished is, *mutatis mutandis* what the Maccabees (not the basketball players!) did when they conquered Syrians and routed Helenizers, purged the *Beis Hamikdash*, and restored Torah to its position of primacy. (For all those lacking Rav Kahn's secular education, *Mutatis mutandis* is a Latin phrase stressing the need to make due allowances for changed circumstances).

If Rav Lamm's move brings true *naches* to all genuine *bnei Torah*, it will obviously create consternation in the hearts of secularists and so-called humanists. I can easily imagine the outcries and arguments of the college faculty. We always knew, they will say, that religion is a reactionary force, out of touch with contemporary realities and needs, living intellectually in the past and forever trying to turn the clock back. But, they claim, life moves forward, it constantly professes, and Judaism, if it is to remain viable, must move forward with the times. You can't turn back the clock.

Of course they are entirely wrong, as usual. Nothing is simpler or more common than turning back the clock; we all, including secular humanists, do it once a year to inaugurate daylight savings time. One of their own, in fact, might have taught them the value of going back rather than forward. A 17th century English poet, Henry Vaughan, wrote a poem called "The Retreat" in which he longs to go back to his childhood days of purity and innocence, before worldly corruption set in. We do not need to apologize for looking back, for wishing to go back, to return. Returning is, after all, the essential meaning of *teshuva*, a central *mitzvah* in

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## RETORTA

## Drunken Wish

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Judaism.

Our Yeshiva, in returning to its spiritual origins, has taken a major step in the right direction. But it is only one step, though crucial. More remains to be done; one final, heroic initiative is demanded of us. If Rav Lamm, to whom we already owe so much, can find the strength to undertake this task, out victory will be complete.

A Yeshiva must not only be a *makom kadosh*, a place of holiness; it must also be located in a holy place, in an environment of *kedusha* undefiled by surrounding streams of corruption. The question is obvious: is Washington Heights such a place? Is New York such an environment? Is America? We must remember that the same *gedolim* who so strongly and successfully opposed secular knowledge were equally vehement in their opposition to Jewish immigration to America, though not, alas, with the same success. The millions who came here imagined that America was a *goldene medine*, a land of gold, but the *gedolim* knew better. They saw that America was *treif* and strove to prevent Eastern European Jews from leaving.

No doubt one can argue that in the light of subsequent historical events the massive exodus of Jews to America and elsewhere proved beneficial. Lives were saved that would have been lost, certainly the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union deteriorated even more drastically than that of Jews in America.

But that is in the past, and we must now look to the future. What does the future hold for Jews in America? Everyone is familiar with the depressing statistics and there is no need to repeat them. We must ask ourselves, therefore, whether such bleak prospects offer the greatest promise for the flourishing of our Yeshiva, for the task of producing *talmidei chachomim* to which it has now re-dedicated itself. The answer is undoubtedly no.

What, then, shall we do? The solution is simple: we must return. We must go back, to re-attach ourselves to our roots that were so crudely cut a century ago. And our roots are in Poland and Russia, the homes of our greatest Torah centers, our most renowned, immortal yeshivas. The very names of Brisk, Slobodka, Volozhin, still thrill and inspire us. That is where we must return, not just in a homiletic, metaphorical sense, but quite literally. We must move the Yeshiva to the country where all the greatest yeshivas were once to be found.

Some might consider such a notion the ideal vision of an impractical dreamer. But I do not deal in dreams; I am concerned with *halachic* imperatives, which are not to be trifled with. America remains a *treif* land; the opposition of our *gedolim* to this country was never rescinded, and their *hashkafa* is as valid today as it was in their own time. The fact is that by staying in America we are

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## Star Struck

To the Editor,

I was driving a borrowed Chevrolet Corvette from my home in the always-beautiful-but-especially-so-in-winter Washington Heights area, to an undisclosed location in mid-town. I got on the Henry Hudson Parkway southbound, and as I did so, I noticed a black baseball cap lying on the road as if its wearer had been... had been... As I approached it at high speed (well within the posted limit—better luck next time aspiring highway patrolmen!), a trademark Detroit Tigers white Gothic-style "D" on the front of the hat seized my attention and then ravaged my soul as the horrifying thought "Oh my G-d! Not Thomas! Not Magnum!" incited riot in my brain. Thankfully, I quickly remembered that Magnum was only a television character, and continued, albeit slightly shaken, south.

Then, unsummoned, the doubts came. Was Magnum only a television character? What if he were real? What if he were in desperate need of help? There was only one way to be sure. I activated a handy borrowed cellular phone and dialed Hawaii information. The operator, perhaps intuiting the urgency of the situation, answered at the first ring.

"Hello, directory assistance, this is Miss Ho speaking, what island please?"

What island? It occurred to me that perhaps I hadn't gotten to know

Magnum as well as I might have. "Whatever island Magnum lived on!" I spat.

"Excuse me, sir?"

I knew that my panic wasn't helping me or Magnum, but I couldn't seem to get a grip on my emotions. Then it came to me: "Maui."

"What name please?"

"Magnum, Mr. Thomas."

I heard some tapping of a keyboard, and within a few seconds, Miss Ho informed me that there was no such listing.

"No such listing?" I repeated. "Would you please check again, because I really need to be sure about this."

"Sir, I'll check again, but wasn't Thomas Magnum that television detective in that show they used to film over here?"

"Yes! That's right! That's him! Thank you Miss Ho, you've given me the information I need. I'm going to hang up now—take care of yourself!"

I thought I heard her say "Take care of yourself, you freak" or something just before I hung up, but I was just too elated to really notice: Magnum was o.k! He wasn't hurt. That cap hadn't been his.

Sometimes you can see the new me going about my business at the Joel Jablonski campus. I'm the one wearing the Detroit Tigers cap—and the wide grin of relief.

Name Withheld Upon Request

## A Letter on A Letter on A Letter...

To the Editor,

Lately, I have become very frustrated with the "Responsa" section of *The Commentator*. All the letters selected for publication this year have been extremely well-written on a tremendously high intellectual level, commenting flawlessly on prominent issues in a very open-minded fashion. While this provides for good essays, it does not promote good controversy in our school paper. I would therefore like to make a few suggestions:

You know those polls you do every once in a while - the ones with idiotic questions like, "Do you support the current peace agreement between Israel and the PLO?" - why don't you publish a letter attacking the polls themselves? I'm sure the first year kiss-ups in Dr. Mareleyn Schneider's Statistics class would be more than happy to sign their names to such a fine piece of literature. (To be fair, though, Dr. Schneider did call last semester's class her "worst ever.")

Secondly, you could print letters debating the peace process in Israel. You could start by having someone argue ridiculously ignorant points, and have him call his opinion "facts." The respondents to his letter could then point out really insignificant facts that everyone already knows, such as how Israeli elections work. To really spice things up, you could have a third writer enter the fray in defense of the first. He could condemn the respondents to the first letter for attacking its author personally, and then turn around with, "Rafi, save you're fancy talk for when you're in the Senate."

To top it all off, why don't you have someone write a letter criticizing a minute (although fundamental, in his stated opinion) point of the pro-peace argument - the phrase "American Jews," for example - and have him attack the phrase's author for emphasizing his American nationality rather than his religion. He could even use words like JEWISH and WRONG in all-capital letters to really convince readers. Don't worry, no one would ever notice this simple misunderstanding of seventh-grade grammar. (By the way, doesn't the use of all-capitals reflect *chitzonious* rather than *p'nimius*?)

If an exciting scandal were to surface on campus, such as the publication of a literary journal with a few profane words (and its ensuing confiscation by the President of the University, the President of YCSC, and the Dean of Students while all three refuse to admit whose decision it really was), you could

print three different letters about it in the same issue. In fact, you could even have a *s'micha* student write a letter practically the length of the journal itself. The letter could even make statements like, "if standing up to Torah and *halachik* principles in fact entails losing government funding, it is nevertheless something we must do." I'm sure no one would see that argument as unrealistic or implausible.

Here's another idea: why don't you have someone from the volleyball team write a letter crying about the MTA JV team using the gym? You could have one of the MTA kids respond in a childish fashion, claiming that "no one cares about volleyball" (which, incidentally, would be true). The response to the MTA kid could really be vicious, calling the childish letter "childish."

If things get really slow, why don't you have students write long, drawn out opinions about Torah U'Madda using a really fancy vocabulary which they think comes across as intellectual and sophisticated, but instead, makes them look arrogant and conceited. They could write things like, "These *bochrim* find their angst quelled upon returning to the *Beit Midrash*." (What the hell is angst? And how do you quell it? If I were going to do some quelling, I would expect it to take place somewhere outside the *Beit Midrash*.) They could use words like "perforce." ("Perforce?")

You could have other letters criticizing Dr. Rabbi Lamm for his statements about YU's *hashkafah*. You could allow a gutless writer to leave his name unpublished; maybe he would even have the chutzpa to answer a criticism of this anonymity. (Take that, "Mr. Request.")

Until this point, it has been your policy to allow letters written in response to other letters published (a letter on a letter). Occasionally, you have permitted letters in response to those letters (a letter on a letter on a letter). Once in a blue moon, you've even printed responses to those letters (a letter on a letter on a letter on a letter). In the future, could you please not print these pathetic pieces, not to mention something as pitiful as a letter on a letter on a letter on a letter on a letter, such as this one you have just printed - namely, the one your readers are reading at this second.

Love,  
David Rosenberg  
Ass. Dean Emeritus

P.S. Please give YCDS a "job well done" for me on last semester's fine performance.

## I Love The Commentator!!

To the Editor,

Just by chance, I happened upon *The Observer*. Those silly little nits think they really have something there. Ha! In a laughing fit, I fired off a letter to their editor after reading their November 23 issue,

just knowing that they would print it, which, of course, they did.

Just want to let you guys know how easy it is to get published in their paper. Your newspaper is much more interesting than *The Observer*.

Bette W. Cohen

# CAMPUS SNOOZE

## BORING LECTURES

**Tuesday, February 22**

Last day to drop a course without notation on record

**Wednesday, February 23**

First day to beg to drop a course without notation on record

**Monday, February 28**

PPC presents a multi-media event: "The Joy of Matzoth"

**Saturday, March 5**

2:00 P.M.  
YUM Film: "Shabbat & the Jews: What Harm Is One Stupid Movie Gonna Do?"

**Friday, March 25**

Passover Eve  
If you haven't already done so, begin soaking matzo balls in a light chicken broth, for extra fluffiness.

**Friday, April 15**

Last day to cheat on income taxes

**Sunday, April 24**

CLEP Tests Administered

**Monday, April 25**

If you tested positive for CLEPs, begin antibiotic regimen today.

## Students Protest PLO Night at the Caf

In a remarkable showing of unity, YU students banded together to protest the PLO theme dinner offered last Thursday Night at the Furman Dining Hall, complete with menus in Arabic and Yassir Arafat action figures with the purchase of a full dinner. "Our goal was to offer tasty ethnic cuisine," said Jake Lieberman, Ruth and Sam Mylanta Director of Abdominal Abominations at the cafeteria. "This was not a political statement, or like, an endorsement. Not that we don't support the peace process... Aw, hell. I admit it. It was a screw-up."

But some students weren't quick to forgive. On the eve of PLO night, students blocked the entrance to the caf. Campus activist and director of A.S.A.P. (Angry Students at Any Protest) Ira Piltz exclaimed, "they should have known better. And those little PLO flags on the red, green and white cupcakes were a little much, don't you think?" Others were not as critical. "I never tried roast sheep in tomato sauce," said David Perl, immediate past Senior Class president of YCSC.

## Jimmy Sets New Soup Record

On January 11, Jimmy the Cafeteria man set a new personal record for "fastest time in serving a bowl of soup to go." Jimmy's technique was remarkable. He picked up a styrofoam container with one hand, ladled out the soup with his other hand, and placed on the lid with both hands. When all was done, the official stopwatch read "6 minutes, 38 seconds," and Jimmy had smashed his previous record of 10:07. "You wanna, you gotta," Jimmy said with a grin.

## Lonstein Seen with Physics Professor

Shoshana Lonstein, 19 year-old Ramaz High School Alumnus, announced that she was separating from the 38 year-old comedian Jerry Seinfeld. She was recently spotted with 70 year-old YU physics professor Dr. Herbert Taub. Lonstein explained, "Seinfeld was a fun guy to be with, but he was a little too young. Besides, I had enough of chitzonius. I'm ready for a little p'nimius."

## CLASSIFIED ADS

SCW is now hiring editors for next years *Observer*. *Commentator* experience required. Please send applications to Benedict Bailey.

interested contact L. Bobbit at 212-740-SNIP.

Single Young Jewish Male, graduate of HASC, Sha'alvim, NCSY, Yachad, Torah Tours, and Rav Rosensweig. Seeks female who will make him feel important.

Wanted: A man to club Daniel Aaron's knee. Please contact any Macs bench warmer.

YU's Bobbit School of Circumcision is looking for devoted students to join its ranks. Highly experienced staff. If

Syms SOB professor, must be willing to divulge at least 50% of midterm and final, no homework, no grade below B+.

Missing: Comb. Last seen in Lobby of Furst Hall. Contact A. Horowitz.

## Land for Peace Debate Accelerates on Campus

The young man who was attacked and beaten by an angry mob last week in the parking lot behind Furst Hall was identified to be YC sophomore Shmuel Hertzfeld, and not a hispanic male, as was first thought. Hertzfeld had recently written a letter in the *Washington Heights Citizen* encouraging residents of Washington Heights to return their land back to YU.

The incident, which occurred at approximately 4:00 P.M., was witnessed by many students attending classes in Furst Hall. According to eyewitness accounts, Hertzfeld, wearing tan pants and no shirt, was chased by a mob of 100

to 200 mostly male, young adults, wielding wooden poles, milk crates, and metal sticks, reportedly taken from a heretofore unknown campus location called Klein Hall.

Hertzfeld sought refuge in Parking Lot B, where he fought with the crowd and was punched and struck with objects numerous times. Burns guards, dressed in red ski jackets and baseball caps, then separated him from the mob and closed the gate, but this did not deter the crowd. Hertzfeld was beaten with rods and crates until he finally scrambled onto a car. Security separated the crowd as police arrived.

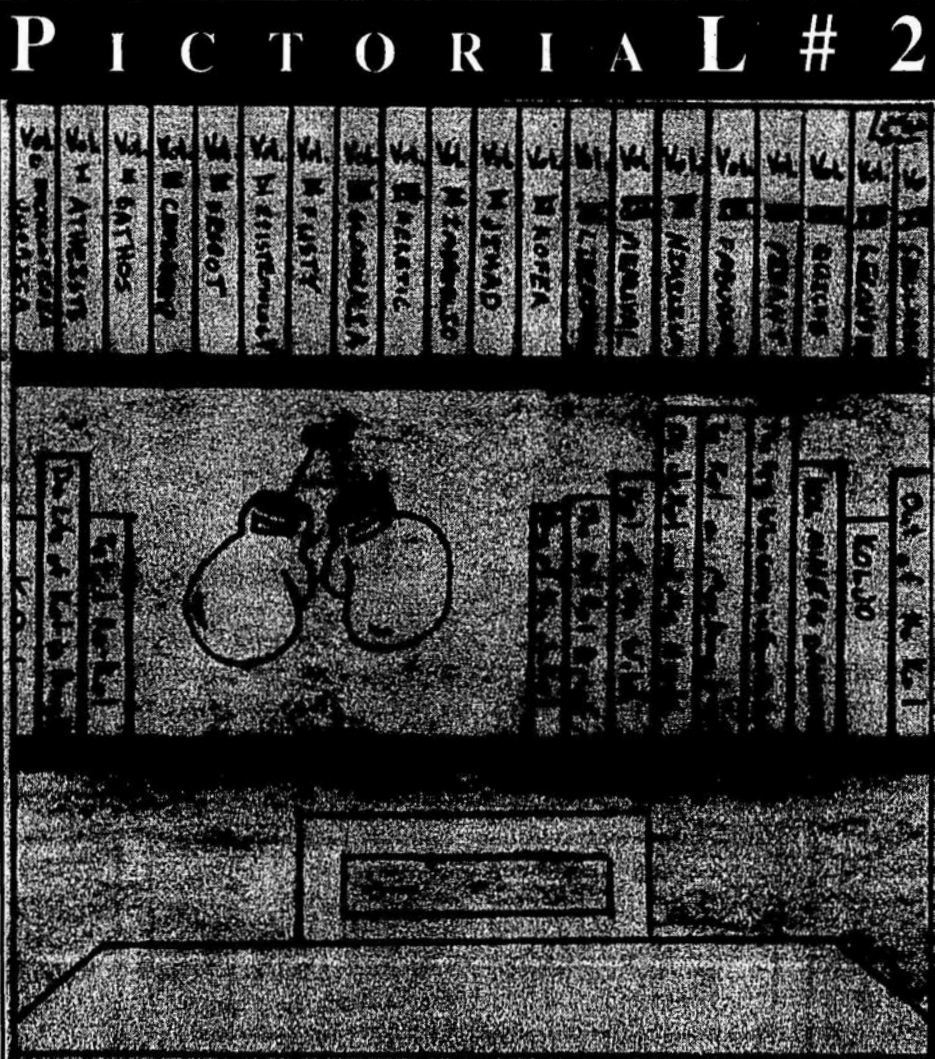
## Rav Kahn vs. Dr. Lee - May 3rd

Unable to settle their differences in *The Commentator*, Rav Aharon Kahn and Dr. Will Lee will resort to the boxing ring. "Not every conflict can be resolved in words," commented Lee. "Chachun a son gout," countered Kahn. To train for this bout Rav Kahn and Dr. Lee have been sparring with Rav Abba Bronspiegel and Dr. Joan Haahr, respectively. While Rav Kahn has showed flashes of brilliance against Rav Bronspiegel, Dr. Lee has not been as impressive versus Haahr.

In an effort to capitalize on the publicity surrounding the event, the Yeshiva University Department of Public Relations has enlisted the help of veteran Boxing promoter Don King. King plans to take the event to the Trump Plaza.

"This is going to be a fundraising extravaganza," said Sam Hartstein, Director of External Propaganda. "At a thousand bucks a ticket, it'll be better than the Chanukah Dinner." The two opponents have also agreed to donate a portion of the \$20 million prize to begin the Yeshiva University Chair in Torah U'Madda.

## Since you behaved so nicely...



Every day, Rabbi Kahn would look up at his gloves, and knew that if given the chance, he could settle the debate with Dr. Lee Once and for all



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מלשה פן עניני. ויזק אסר -  
נרץ צללל וליהענדל לביי עמנה.  
למאי הלכא - מהוים איה אסר  
מקו רבנן אם איז הבדיקה. כל  
יזאל כל יחלל - אסר לרואם אף  
אז באקנה האלם בלזו צמח'ל  
ואסר לו להמלל עם נקבה האלם  
פרהסיס.

מתני' - מאימתי מצלצלין לאשה בערבתי? אמר ר' שמואל ר' לעשר. אמר ר' פרנס עד חצות. אמר ר' בלאה עד שיעלה עמוד השחר. מעשה ובאו בניו מקומה החמישית של הספירה. אמרו לו לא צלצלו לאשה. אמר להם אם לא עלה עמוד השחר חייבין אתם לצלצל. נבטא - תנא היכא קאי דקתני מאימתי, מנא דני מילי ראפילו חייב לצלצל? אמר ר' לאם דכתיב "ויגר יעקב לדחל" (בראשית כ"ט) אמר רב ברושפפגל שינא, סברא הוא - הכי דעינין צבעי גלמחיה כדי לחדה בשוק. מתיב רב מנחלד הכי תנינן מצלצלין, והכתיב "ויואל משה לשבח את הוי"ש ויתן את צפרה בחו למשה" (שמות כ') הוא מתיב לה והוא מפרק לה - והוא אמת לאשמעין דחייב ארם לראות את חותנו קדם דמקיש את האשה. ר' פרנס כמאן סבירא ליה, אי כר' שמואל סבירא ליה לימרו כר' שמואל ור' כר' בלאה סבירא ליה לימרו כר' בלאה. לעולם כר' בלאה סבירא ליה והא דקאמרי עד חצות הוי כשהאשה בביתה והא דקאמרי ר' בלאה עד עלות השחר הוי כשהאשה בברקדייל האלל. איחטר אמר רב רחנצוויי חקן מאי צלצלי? צלצל נרדא. מתיב רב רחנצוויי בר רב רחנצוויי מעשה בטרד נברא ראיקלע לשוק, לא הוי זמן מעט עד דחיו לה ולא מצאה חן בעיניו, ואי מצלצל - מצלצל נרדא מאי שנא צלצל מאי שנא לא צלצל? אלא מאי צלצל? צלצל וכוך אחריה. בריקה למאי הלכתא? ולא יעבוד על כל יראה וכל יצא.

**רבע -** ס"ה דמחר העלפון ח"י ימור.  
וול. וקשוי לר' יהושע מקי ג"י, והא  
רוב השימוש היו רק עשר נקודות שש  
קטנו בכל שעה שמתקשרים במאמץ  
ו"כ" מה מרדח הכוזב שחללל ברבע  
לעשר. אלא פירש ר' צבימן מקוינס  
שרבע לעשר היו רק ט"ז דקות קודם  
מערב, אי"כ הכוזב מ"ז למימר לה  
שנרץ לקרן ולהספול, ומה מרדח שחי  
דברים - אחד שהוא לא נרץ לדבר  
אחת עוד וגם שהיא מושגת שהוא יסור  
"מחם". **מצלצלין לאשה -**  
קשוי לר' אברהם מפיקטער, הי"י  
מ"ז למימר מללצלין להאשה, והא מן  
נבטם אל מרדח שיהא עם האשה  
י"א שטרך מטה שא"י. ופירש אחד  
מתלמידי בית ספר חו"ל שיש מרדח  
נבטם אל מרדח שחיה עם האשה,  
ופירש את המשנה נבטם אדריה שכל  
שיה מותרת חילול לדברים נבטם  
והנשים כמו שפטים נרדח ונקומה  
המחשים. **וינד יעקב -** קשוי  
לפאר האזוי הי"י משמע מפסוק וה  
שחיד לדבר אחת קודם הקידושין, והא  
טופא מצינ נפסוק קודם י"שען יפסד

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 כר נלסא, והלא כלל גדול הא דביניה רבני ינאן אלטן שאסר געזר דאס זיינע לעקסע פון דאס זיינע אחר. **חזא גברא דאיקלע נשוק** - אחר  
 סמך שיקאט עזא טעוב מאל לנדר נחמלא עשאה דעל גזר נאך תיראל. והקאו סמך וזי זינק והלא סמך בעלי טעובים "כל דר נחך לנאך סאלע אין זי אטא",  
 ופירשו סאך לנאך הי סאך מני זינק - וזי ארי אז אסור למכא אס האלא גזר נאך תיראל. אחר המחברים אין אז קלאי - סמך וזי זינק נחוסס פנימ שיקאט  
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## OUT OF FOCUS

Mayer<sup>1</sup> And Marttila & Kiley  
Surveys Results Released

To avoid incurring the raw, overpowering wrath of Dr. Schneider's truth-seeking crusaders, I must first say that the below statistics are based on the response of 440 YU (or at least the only important school in YU) students, 57% of the student body. All statistics are the actual numbers and the conclusions are just their logical extensions.

Jumping right into it:

1) 80% of respondents said they would encourage their younger siblings to attend YU. However, only 15% said they would send their children here. Conclusion: 65% of the student body doesn't exactly cherish their siblings' well being.

2) When asked "How important were each of the following factors in influencing your decision to come to YU" more people choose "YU's campus environment" (19%) than "YU's reputation compared to other schools" (15%) and "YU's faculty" (12%). Conclusion: Either there are a lot of weirdos out there who think that YU's campus stretches from 181st to 190th and that YU has a large Dominican population or YU's reputation and faculty...<sup>2</sup>

3) "Causes for hesitancy" -- Following "tuition" and "unappealing location" (take note, you weirdos) YU's being "not co-ed" comes in a strong

third in this most revealing category. Conclusion: Baruch Hertzfeld really did win the elections and the guy we had last year (not to the exclusion of this year) got in with a little ballot ballet.

3a) Interestingly enough, while 33% of the people who choose the "single sex factor," categorized themselves as modern orthodox (and presumably were only following its teachings), 7% of the self defined "rightwing" students also choose this. Conclusion: Maybe that's why they were complaining about the play.

4) When asked for "the most important reasons your friends didn't come here," along with stupid concerns such as academics and tuition, 1% said they feared not being accepted. Conclusion: I can't figure this one out. Seems to me as long as you're the right sex for each of the respective schools, you shouldn't have any problems.

5) While 76% of my esteemed colleagues noted that YU's recruitment office had NO effect on their decision to attend YU, 74% pointed out that the "Israel experience" (I suppose any experience would do) had a large impact on their decision to attend. Conclusion: It depends who you ask: YU administrators "restructure and give more money to admissions." But for the sake of consistency a more logical conclusion would be to chuck the lot of them, and send the money to Israeli Yeshivas.

6) Here's the kicker: "Rate the following Israel-related factors as far as the impact each had on your decision to attend YU." 2% of you said that "YU Israel News" had the MOST IMPACT. A further 12% said it had some impact on their decision. It would be greatly appreciated if these people would identify themselves so we would know who to avoid extended exposure to. Conclusion: Some things are better off left to professionals. I quit.

<sup>1</sup> Just kidding, that survey ain't leaving the RIETS office. In related news it has been determined that a significant portion of the Golding endowment has been siphoned off as buyoff money for certain students privy to the results. When contacted on his Porsche car phone, Mayer would not comment on the matter.

<sup>2</sup> Then again, 5% said YU's location was an "extremely important drawing factor," so I'd go with the weirdo theory (although you could make a strong argument either way.)



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"Oops."

— Haman, dangling from the 50-cubit tree

Many Bible critics claim that the whole Purim story is one big Farsi. But even those critics agree that *Megilath Esther* is in the canon. This makes me a bit edgy; just what is this canon? Do you have any idea how dangerous it is to put books in a canon? Have you all gone mad?!

"Oh today we'll merry merry be--and nosh some homentaschen" spoke my father, as he shook me into waking. By the smell of his breath, I could tell that today was Purim, and that he had begun hitting the liquor bright and early. Good for him, I thought, and promptly vomited on my bed sheets. Ah, Purim.

Memories of the previous night came flooding back. My family performed its usual Purim custom, which entails getting drunk as skunks (who have somehow obtained large quantities of alcoholic beverages and consumed them), sprawling on the living room furniture and floor, and asking the traditional question, "Why is this night different from all the other nights?"

Purim is full of tradition. We use graggers to commemorate the noise our forefathers made in shul, and we send each other food, to commemorate how

our forefathers found a constructive way to get rid of all kinds of weird food that they had laying around the house, like halva and marzipan. They also gave each other *hamantaschen*, and I like to give this as *shalachmoonus* as well. I always prefer to give *Lekvar*<sup>1</sup> *hamantaschen*--the gift that keeps on giving.

Of course, I only barely made it home safely from school this week. I signed up for a new program in which students are assigned to follow other students and nag them relentlessly about current issues facing Y.U. Unfortunately, as in my case, the "naggers" often turn violent, so the "Dorm Stalks" program will probably be cancelled soon.

Still, *chacun a son gout*. On the other hand, *Bonn hat eine unglaubliche Flughaffe*, so it's hard to say. In any event, this year's Megillah reading proved to be as disappointing as all the other ones I've heard over the years. Once again, the *Baal Koreh* failed to read the part about Vashti's growing a tail and moustache, by far my favorite Purim moment.

But don't worry about me. I'll drown my disappointment in firewater and think of how much fun it is to say names like Ahasuerus and Haman in English. But then, it's probably funny to say Ernst or Julio in Farsi.

All the best.

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Notes:

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

### OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS


On behalf of the Office of the Dean of Students, we would like to welcome our returning and new students for the Spring 1994 semester. Adjusting to college life can be both exciting and challenging. The staff of the Department of Student Affairs has always been committed to helping you through these challenging times (that's why we pay \$400 a pop for these captivating full-page ads). Well, those days are over.

"Take advantage of our experience" we exhort in *The Commentator*, "We encourage you to meet with our caring staff to discuss your needs and concerns." Under the watchful eye of the ever-patient Craig D. Cohen, we sit around all day waiting for you guys to show up: but you never do. No, of course you don't, you slippery charlatans. And the few of your mendacious kind who do come just milk us for favors, and try to use us to get into medical school or whatnot.

Well, we're not going out of our way to invite you to our offices anymore. From now on, if you need help, **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FRIENDS' EXPERTISE**; they know about as much as we do. Only after that, when your future begins to collapse around you **AND YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED AND OVERWHELMED** should you come and discuss things with us. Who knows--we might be able to give you a pat on the back and a dry towel.

As a new semester begins, we wish you continued success in your endeavors.

*Hatzlachah Rabbah, suckers.*



Dr. Efrem Nulman  
Dean of Students



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Assistant Dean of Students



## RETORTA

## A Very Touching Letter, From A Very Wayward Person

To the Editor,

Excuse please my poor English language. I am new student in Yeshiva from Russia coming only before six months and all things are for me still very difficult. Many things I do not understand well, therefore I turn to you for help.

In last weeks I am hearing always the talk of students about coal. I find in my English-Russian dictionary coal, it is in Russian language *ugol*, and this I know very well. I come from Donetsk and my father was chief engineer in coal mine. We were heating always our house with coal, but I know that in U.S. is coal very little used because cheap oil and gas, also coal makes pollution.

I do not think many American students have seen coal, but everywhere is conversation about coal, and argument and much excitement. They are saying coal is put in mailboxes by students, then other students are taking it out. I did never see coal in my mailbox and I can not understand that someone will put it there. Is it perhaps American joke? One very angry student with black hat says coal should be burned, and it is of course true but why is this to be angry about? Then one student says it is like church in Middle Ages burning Talmud. This comparison I do not understand at all. One other student tells that coal is dirty and against *halacha*, the Jewish law. I think it very good that the Jewish law forbids burning dirty coal, because the pollution makes illness.

In my home town many people were ill from their lungs. But I am confused that another religious student is demanding we should burn coal, and I do not understand what is the law.

You see from my letter I am very puzzled by many things I hear, and I am hoping you will explain me everything.

Grodnitski, Aleksander

*Editor's note: We were initially as puzzled as Mr. Grodnitski, until we took out our Sherlock Holmes detective kit and were able to solve the problem. Like many foreign students, Mr. Grodnitski was obviously a victim of some of the peculiarities of English spelling and pronunciation. Specifically, he came up against homonyms and homophones, words with the same sounds but with entirely different meanings. When he heard what he thought was "coal" he was actually hearing "cole," which is cabbage, or in Russian *kapusta*. Discussion about "coal" and "law" were in fact about cole slaw, presumably bought in the cafeteria and spoiled, or dirtied in some way, so that it was inedible and had to be thrown out or incinerated. Students would of course be angry at such waste of their money.*

*This seems to us the most obvious explanation of what Mr. Grodnitski heard, and we can sympathize with his confusion. Some details, we must admit, remain obscure to us; we cannot quite make sense of cole in mailboxes, for example, or the reference to medieval book burning. Presumably Mr. Grodnitski simply misheard, or misunderstood what he heard.*

## So Very Drunk

(The letter continued from page 3)

on *halachically* dangerous ground. Until recently, it is true, we had a valid excuse. Russia under the Communists was not a safe place for Jews, and the *halacha* does not require us to put our lives in danger. And speaking practically, it would have been impossible to move our Yeshiva there; no Soviet regime would have permitted our entry.

The situation now, however, is different. Russia is becoming an open society, not only tolerating religion but even encouraging it. We therefore no longer have a legitimate *halachic* reason for remaining in America, cut off from our roots and languishing in a land of *tumah* and *tarfus*. Only one acceptable

course is open to us. Our heritage, our tradition, our roots are calling out; we dare not close our ears to the appeal. If our Yeshiva is to fulfill its destiny, we must return.

Where precisely to move is not a question that anyone familiar with Yeshiva's true name has to ask. Nothing could be more appropriate than to return to the city that Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon graced with his presence. To re-establish our Yeshiva in Kovno would be an honor to him and *zechus* for us. If you wish it, as someone said, it is no dream.

Name Withheld Without Request

## PERSPECTIVE: YESHIVA NO, UNIVERSITY, NO

"Cogito ergo confusio. Ipso facto. Ex post facto. Matter of fact - no!"

-- Rav Aharon Kahn and Dr. Will Lee, in a joint statement

by Rav Aharon Kahn and Dr. Will Lee

Dr. Seuss once posited that there's no such thing as perfection: "[You] tried once and again/ and you tried very hard/ and you were sorry to see you didn't get very far." Is Yeshiva University the perfect combination of Torah and Science, of religious tradition and the perpetual forward motion of human intellect we call progress? Not by a long shot.

Still, *chacun a son gout*.

We wish to address one question and only one question. What is Yeshiva

### What is Yeshiva University?

University? Upon careful reconsideration of the now famous Wolozhin (rhymes with Nolozhin) example, we realized that we've been dead wrong about the University for a while now. Let us explain.

One of the great *roshei yeshiva* of Wolozhin, the Peeve, wrote a responsum (see Art Scroll Sanhedrin 94b, second little note on the bottom left) in which he describes the caveats of a secular studies program which might be required by the government to be established at a yeshiva.

We extrapolate the original text from the poorly translated paraphrase: "If the government requires a secular studies program, make sure that it is supervised by Torah scholars and that it has a

### Students' night seder is on the same rotation as their *rebbeim*.

business school."

Not surprisingly, the Yeshiva of Wolozhin closed its doors on the second of Shevat (Ramadan 24) 6552, rather than institute the Russian government's

plan for the yeshiva. This plan had four major points:

- 1) That the *Rosh HaYeshiva* and all the teachers of all subjects should have accreditation (that is, should be C.P.A.s on the side, and/or hold diplomas);
- 2) that the secular subjects be studied from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.;
- 3) that there should be altogether no more than ten hours of [religious] instruction each day; and
- 4) that the yeshiva should be closed at night.

Examination of each of these four points leads to the undeniable observation that we here at YU have it all backwards.

1) Rabbinic staff must be accredited.

Oops. A quick glance at the YU catalog indicates that most of the RIETS faculty has a college degree. (Albeit from YC; for argument's sake, let's assume that YC is enough of an accreditation for the Russians.)

### YU is not a place for women. Or men.

Score: Ruskies 1, Wolozhin 0

2) Secular subjects to be taught from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Now get real. When are the Yeshiva guys gonna sleep if you put secular subjects in that time slot?

Score: Ruskies 2, Wolozhin 0

3) There should be no more than ten hours of religious instruction a day.

No problem there.

Score: Ruskies 3, Wolozhin 0

4) Yeshiva must be closed at night.

Was it ever open? Seems that students' night *seider* is on the same rotation as their *rebbeim*. Besides, Thursday night "The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld" are on, Friday nights students are at home, and Saturday night they're at Stern.

Thus, it doesn't take a verbose genius to figure out that we don't qualify as a yeshiva by Wolozhin standards. And if that's the case, then our students can't use the dual-curriculum gimmick on interviews. And if that's the case, we might as well pack it up and shuffle off to Queens College, where we can save a buck.

YU is not a place for women. Or men. It is neither a yeshiva. Nor a university.

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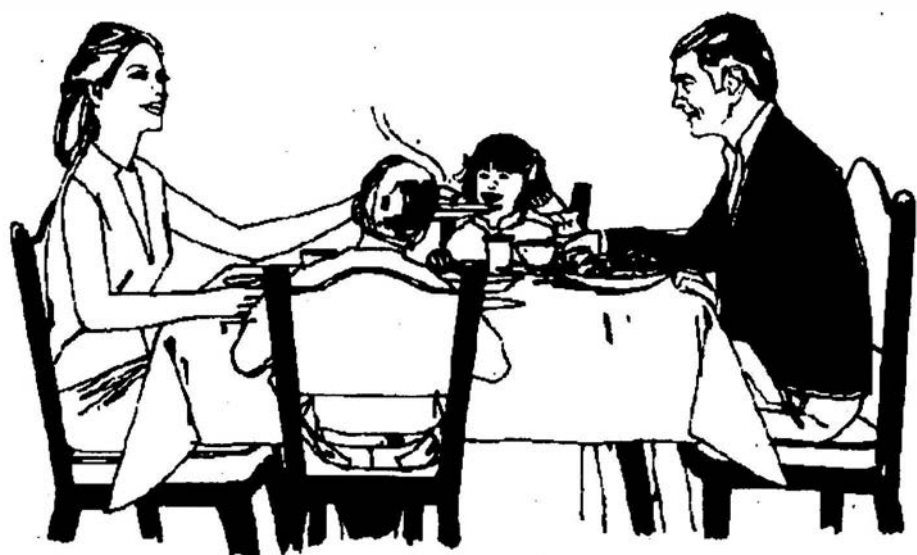
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# Hey, Girls...

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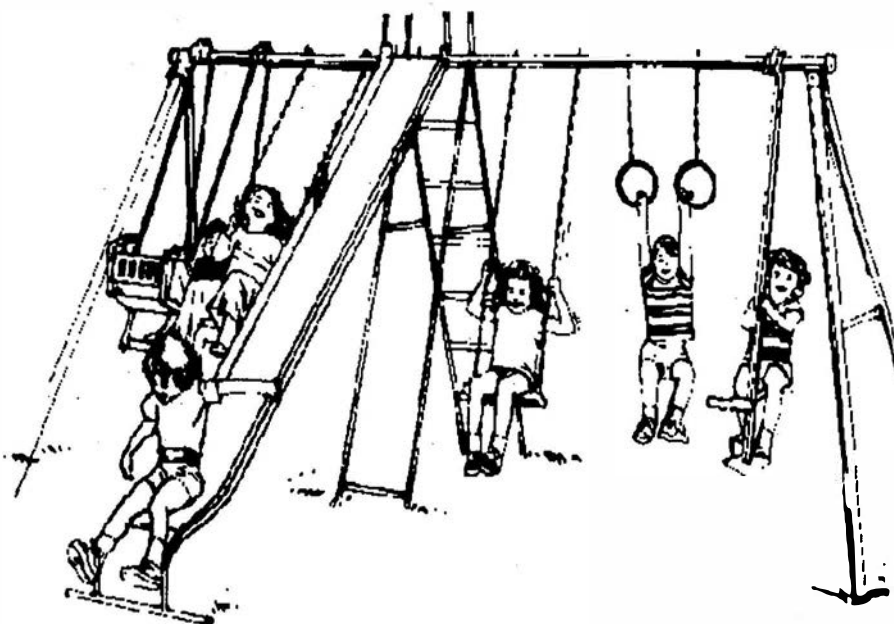


### Fact #1

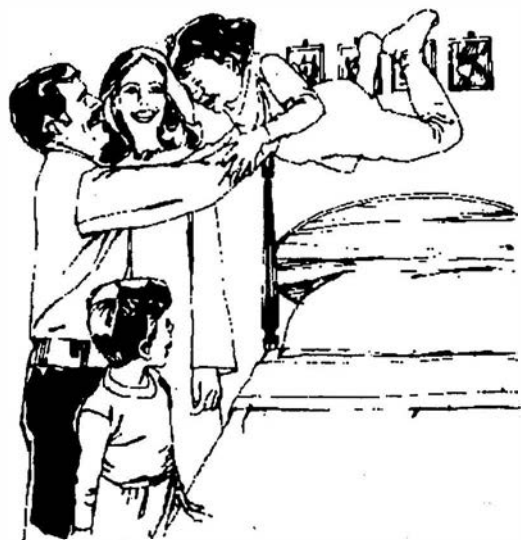
No matter what they tell you, *Kollel Guys* aren't interested in a good, homecooked meal every night when they get home from a hard day of learning.

### Fact #2

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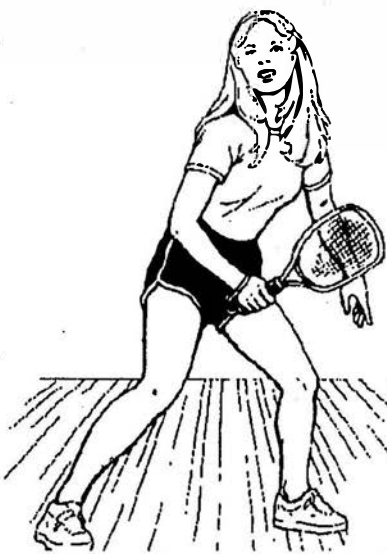


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## On A Serious Note...

# THERE IS NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

We hope that you are enjoying the Purim edition of *The Commentator*, but we would like to remind you to be careful:

Unfortunately, every year there are serious medical incidents on Purim that are easily avoidable.

We would like to remind you:

- do not drink and drive
- beware of hazardous drivers on the road
- do not over-do the *mitzvah* of "*ad d'lo yoda*" - it is dangerous
- spread the word to neighbors and family members

Best wishes for a happy Purim!



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# Boruch HaShem, University is Disbanded

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will be placed in the school library, to ensure that no student will ever read them.

"I realize now," confessed haRav Lamm, "that my ideas were entirely improper and unacceptable. The notion of pluralism, for instance, obviously has no place in genuine Judaism, or *yiddishkeit* as we prefer to call it. If pluralism were indeed a good thing, wouldn't the term itself be found in Biblical Hebrew? But there is only one Torah and one *yiddishkeit*, one fundamental *hashkafa* as found in Beis Hillel and Beis Shammai, R. Akiva and R. Yishmael, Rambam and Rabad, the Vilna Gaon and the Baal Shem Tov, the Lubavitcher Rebbe and Rav Schach.

Those (*lo alenu*) who not only bought haRav Lamm's book but have actually read it are advised to avail themselves immediately of the services of a component hypnotist, who can erase the memory from their minds, or see Rabbi Blau, the Spiritual Counselor, for spiritual counselling.

In keeping with the new direction of the Yeshiva, or rather the return to its old direction, the language of instruction in all *shiurim* will be Yiddish, according to haRav Lamm. "Not that Yiddish is a holy language; it does, after all, have some words for those things that Biblical Hebrew does not name. Nevertheless, its use has been sanctified by generations of *talmidei chachomim*; when I myself was a student here, we learned only in Yiddish." Pointing out that in Wolozhin no one used Russian, haRav Lamm argued by analogy that no true yeshiva student should use English. "Clearly what was appropriate in the 19th Century Russia is equally appropriate in the late 20th century America," he said.

Asked whether he was concerned that the announced changes might lead to a drastic reduction in the number of students coming to the Yeshiva, haRav Lamm replied that he had not given the matter any thought. "The *halacha*, as we all know, has never considered issues of major financial loss, and we cannot compromise any longer with *halacha*. Besides, I know our *talmidim*. Yeshiva has never drawn the career-minded or

money-hungry students that attend schools in the world out there. For our students, sitting in the dust at the feet of scholars, as prescribed in *Pirkei Avos*, and subsisting on bread and water, is not only a privilege but a pleasure." Accordingly, the Yeshiva plans to sell all desks, as well eliminate maintenance services, in order to achieve the requisite accumulation of dust, and at the same time realizing considerable financial savings.

Even if there were to be an exceedingly high rate of attrition, the economic consequences would be insignificant, according to haRav Lamm. "Since we will no longer be paying exorbitant and hardly deserved salaries to a secular faculty who 'work' just a few hours per week, we do not need to attract a large student body."

In response to a question about any future role to be played by *The Commentator*, the English-language student bi-weekly, haRav Lamm stated that an independent student newspaper operating without direct, vigilant *halachic* supervision would obviously be inappropriate in a yeshiva. "If the food we eat requires stringent *kashrus* supervision, *kal vachomer* the intellectual food that nourishes our minds," he said. He did suggest, however, that with a change in name to *Haparshan*, though somewhat more *frum*, and you could certainly contribute to the spread of Torah knowledge. Of course, with all articles written in Yiddish, the paper will automatically have a *yeshivish* feel to it."

With regard to his own plans for the future, haRav Lamm indicated that he intends to teach a *S'micha shiur* and to lecture extensively on *hashkafa*. "We cannot rely on students making their own decisions, and we must not allow them to do their own thinking. I want to make sure that our Yeshiva will produce outstanding, *bona fide* rabbis." Asked why he was still using blatantly non-Jewish expressions like *bona fide*, haRav Lamm smiled somewhat sheepishly and admitted that old habits die hard. "What I meant of course, is that we will be producing *rabbonim k'dat ukedin*."

## Undergrads May Resort to Cannibalism to Ward Off MTA Tots

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and the complete works of Dr. Seuss." The controversy reached a boiling point last week, in front of the Morg television. While nearly all the college students wanted to watch the NBA All-Star game, a small crowd of MTA kids expressed their desire to watch Bugs Bunny on Nickelodeon. Claiming that Cable-TV gets priority over a regular channel, the MTA students took their

case to the Student Court. Thrilled to have finally received a case, the Court ruled in favor of the high school students. Angry college students began to chase the high-schoolers into the oncoming Amsterdam Avenue traffic. Fortunately, no one was injured; the cartoon sympathizers took refuge in Parking Lot 'B', where they were amply protected by YU Security.



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## Sports Thing

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my bathing suit and I ran to the jacuzzi first. Strangely enough, when I ran to the pool, it was just as warm as the jacuzzi. "Don't worry," Bednarsh remarked. "It's the temperature change." I calmly answered, "Yeah right, and I have a bridge to sell you."

At this point in time as I sat ready to bid farewell to all of my new Yeshiva

University friends. I would like to thank a number of students who were so gracious to me on my tour. They were Ralph VHS and Beyda, Stuart run of the Milstein, Joel Star search, Jeff scranton Wilks barre, Gilad Field of dreams, Harry Mizrachi and Amit Woman, and Ely slam Duker. A big thank you to Jeff not Sokool.

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## VORTS

### I Came to YU: Chris Berman Takes a Look at YU Sports

by Chris Berman with Manuel "Freddie" Ortega<sup>1</sup>

Following YU's near upset of NYU a few weeks ago I decided to check out Yeshiva University and see what it was all about. In the morning, I was given a tour of the Jose Joel Jayinski Uptown Campus for Men of YU. At lunchtime, I was privileged to eat at a Greek restaurant, "Platos", with Rony Seikaly and Steve I should have become a podiatrist, two Grecian natives. Rony Seikaly knows Greek, and Steve thinks he does too. Podiatrist wanting to show off his Greek, called the waiter over and ordered for all of us in Greek. Five minutes later, the waiter came back with three umbrellas.

A very interesting Mac that I met was Alan drove my Chevy to the Levy. He really impressed me. He can dunk reverse and sets a good screen too. When I commented about this to Stanley elementary my dear Watson, he remarked, "that's nothing, you should see him run." "Is he that fast," I asked. "Well, put it this way," he answered. "He once raced a pregnant woman and he lost to both of them."

The most interesting encounter of the day was when I was introduced to Michael jiffy Dube. After I was entertained with a ten minute lecture about something called the Bikur Cholim Society, I watched jiffy play ball for a few minutes. Athletic director Steve forever Young raved about Dube's heart and ability to put the ball in the basket. I personally feel that if you locked Dube in a gym for an hour with a ball, he still wouldn't score 20 points. However, he moves very well without the ball.

Then Eitan the-Butler-did-it introduced me to the Macs point guard, Donny shoot Furst pass later. Manuel explained that he was a dead eye shooter in high school who had some trouble adjusting to the college level. "He is improving," Ortega noted. "Instead of shooting up bricks, he just near misses".

I also had a very nice conversation with Macs shooting guard UIsrael off the Wallach. It turns out that he has

been playing real well as of late. "Yeah, but when he goes to the free throw line, the other team should decline the penalty", Ortega noted.

Because I was having such a great time, I stayed at Yeshiva late into the night. I took a look at their basketball intramurals run by Adam pete Metzallars and Barry on the Air'noff the mark. Not bad, but what interested me the most were the different personalities there. How about this Joel children of the Kornbluth. This Joe Bugel look alike is a talent although he does not play much defense. Joel is a bit of a punk though as evidenced by his ejection only four minutes into the game that I watched. Manuel noted, "His parents like him, but you would have to ask them".

I also met the hockey intramural commissioner Chaim mezzanine Leffel. He told me about the star players in his league namely David Lawrence of a Arabia and Oren take'er or Leiber.

Andrew Sicklick cellanemi brought me over to his golf coach, Coach manufacturer, retailer and Mittleman who claimed he knew me and then made me promise that I'd put his George Washington high school basketball team on SportsCenter in their game versus Felipe Lopez and Rice. That's interesting considering he lost by 48 points.

There are a lot of great shooters in YU. Guys like Sam pistol pete Maryles, Ari Hirt so good, Avi Lyons, tigers and bears (who couldn't stop asking me for a trade), and Ranan get Well soon. The best shooter of them all was Ari I drive a Cement truck. Manuel tells me that he is the nicest guy in YU, but I know better. I can see through that so-called sweet smile of his and what's lurking inside.

Isaac Alfred E. Newman, another YU Mac, came up to me and asked me where Miko Danon factor would have gone in the NBA draft. "Because of the knee injury, he will only be a second round pick", noted Mac Jake Gildenstern and Rosenkrantz.

Then Daniel Aaron von Muchausen, another Mac starter offered, "I think Tonya Harding had a hand in hurting Miko's knee because she didn't want us to win the NCAA Division III tournament and steal from her spotlight".

A big Yeshiva University basketball prospect who I met was Arkady I named my goldfish Abraham. He is a great guard but I could have sworn I saw him last night in the Garden starting at point guard for the Knicks.

I was given a thorough tour of the pool and its facilities by lifeguard Yosef four post Bednarsh. Luckily I brought

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BS"D

We hope you enjoyed the Purim issue of *The Commentator*. But there is more to Purim than fun...

"The flat has one room, no bathroom, no shower, no kitchen, not even a sink. Two beds are backed into the corners, with cribs at the foot of each. Mattresses for the children, aged six months to eight years, are stacked under and on the beds. To shower, Menahem and his wife, Nomi, go to friends or a mikveh. They bathe the children in a makeshift tub. They share a small kitchen with a family upstairs. A tiny, dark and damp room contains a toilet used by the two families.

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