

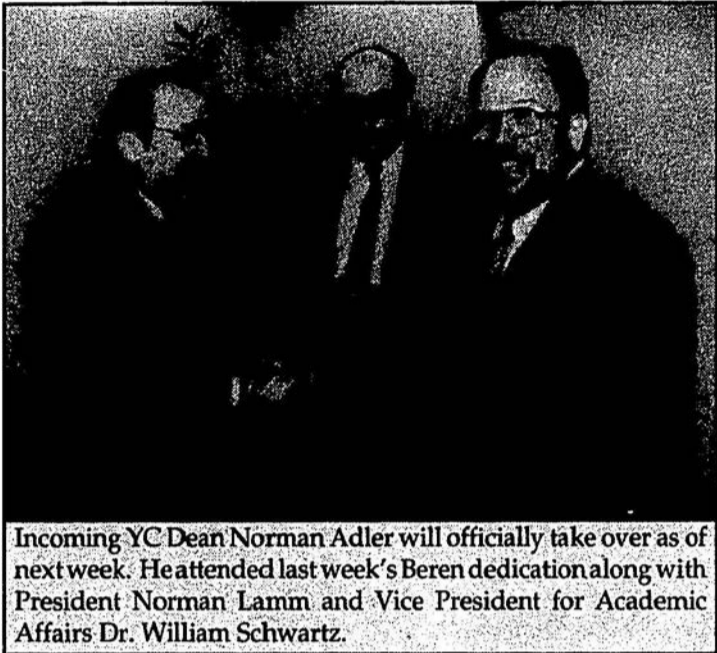
The Commentator

Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College

March 14, 1995 / 12 Adar II 5755

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY

Volume LIX, No. 10



Incoming YC Dean Norman Adler will officially take over as of next week. He attended last week's Beren dedication along with President Norman Lamm and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz.

YU Students Participate in Race Symposium

BY NICK MUZIN

This past Wednesday, March 8, twelve students from YC and SCW rolled up their sleeves to try to ameliorate racial strife in New York City. The Council for Racial Harmony, founded and lead by YC seniors Sandor Bak and David Price, met with students from City College and high school students from Bronx Science and Taft, in a four-hour session that covered such topics as Racial Stereotypes, Affirmative Action, and Freedom of Speech.

In her keynote address, Dr. Mareleyn Schneider, Associate Professor of Sociology and Statistics at YC, recounted how, in her youth, she was often beaten upon by a gang that thought she was Puerto Rican. "I became conscious of bigotry and of what people can do to others... and I learned that things that happen when you're young can stay with you for a long time."

After the address, the participants broke up into four groups to conduct roundtable discussions. In a session led by Bak, students debated revisionist historians' rights to freedom of speech. One CUNY student commented that "while people who deny [the historical validity of] the holocaust or the slave trade are ignorant and malicious, we do a tremendous disservice to the American population by trying to brush their comments under the carpet.

Only once the issues are out on the table can we have a fair exchange of ideas."

In another session, affirmative action was the debate centerpiece, with the group concluding that "we must continue to enforce equal opportunity, but we should not demand equality of results." Another group discussed media influences on ethnic conflicts and decided that "the media is irresponsible and often misrepresents the views of minorities." As an example they pointed to the common misconception that the Rev. Louis Farrakhan speaks for all African Americans, when in fact, he represents only a small group.

One of the sessions agreed to meet again in a couple of weeks to watch a video of Professor Leonard Jeffries' infamous Albany speech in which the Professor of African Studies at CUNY made derogatory remarks toward Jews.

Though some students at YC question the usefulness of events such as these in light of the overwhelmingly large rift between blacks and Jews in NYC, one participant, a YC junior, asserted: "We don't expect a complete understanding to be reached immediately. But if we all take small steps in trying to understand other people and to build on our common ground we will have expressed a vote of confidence in ourselves, our neighbors, and in humanity in general."

Beren Jewish Studies Department Dedicated

BY EZRA TUCHMAN

Noted philanthropist Robert M. Beren, who recently donated ten million dollars to YU university for the creation of a YC Jewish studies department, was honored on Monday, March 6, in a special dedication ceremony for the department, which will bear his name.

Giving the keynote address at the dedication ceremonies, which were held in Furst Hall, was visiting Jewish history professor Steven Katz. He spoke of how the Kabbalistic and Chasidic Movements of Europe can provide valuable lessons for Jewish continuity today.

YU president Dr. Norman Lamm also spoke at the dedication and applauded Beren's constant and continuing support of the University and the entire Centrist Orthodox Community.

In his address, Beren deflected much of this praise, speaking instead about the early beginnings of his family in Marietta, Ohio, and their involve-



Dr. Lamm thanks Robert Beren at the dedication ceremony

ment in Jewish activities and organizations throughout America. He closed his remarks by expressing his gratitude to the hundreds of YU *musmachim* who have contributed to the growth of Torah in cities throughout his home state of Ohio.

The guests concluded the event by moving to the Furst Hall lobby to officially dedicate the plaque which commemorated Mr. Beren's donation. Because of the time of the dedication (it was held in early afternoon), many students

stopped by to join in the ceremony. As YC junior Marc Rosenbaum said: "We have an obligation to show our *hakarot hatov*."

As of next year, all YC undergraduate Jewish studies courses will be taught in the newly-created Robert M. Beren Jewish Studies Department. This will include the Bible, Jewish History, and Jewish Philosophy departments. The new Jewish Studies department will be open to all YC students beginning in the Fall of 1995.

Hearings Held to Discuss Amendments to YCSC Constitution

First Time in Nine Years

BY NICK MUZIN

In an exhausting, groundbreaking meeting, YCSC entertained proposals from student leaders to amend its constitution for the first time since 1986. The meeting, which often erupted in heated exchanges, was called by YCSC president Daniel Billig in order to clarify such issues as the position of SSSB within YC, the role of *The Commentator* as an independent press, and the new electoral procedures.

In a major breakthrough, SSSB president Ziv Mendelsohn proposed forming a separate student council for SSSB, independent of YCSC. Under the current deal, SSSB students elect representatives to a student association, whose president be-

comes VP of YCSC.

Ziv Mendelsohn stressed that while his organization seeks cessation from YCSC "I'm not looking to create a rift here because I certainly believe that there is strength in unity. But following the doctrine of *stare decisis*, we suggest that since every other school in YU, including SSSB at Stern, has its own student council, we deserve the same."

Billig, himself an SSSB student, admitted that if a separation took place, SSSB students would no longer be able to run for YCSC positions, though they will be able to vote in general elections. "This would depend on the proposals submitted by Mendelsohn, which I anxiously await", Billig mentioned.

Mendelsohn expressed the

hope that "we can all work together on these issues without creating hierarchies and saying who's on top of who." He also mentioned that he was "surprised" that Billig set the general elections for April 6 and, while he was not insulted at not being notified beforehand, he "would have appreciated more warning."

Midway through the meeting, Billig hinted at an amendment which would force *The Commentator* to print letters from the YCSC executive council whenever they were submitted.

Responding to charges that he was trying to circumvent freedom of the press, Billig stated that "*The Commentator* is not profit-driven and it has no com-

continued on page 13

LETTERS

To the Editor

Take a Year Off

To the Editor:

During this time of year, most YC seniors are occupied with their valiant attempts to survive the endless waves of pressure surging on them from all sides. The mind focuses on handling the immediate challenges as well as those looming in the not so distant future. Naturally, this doesn't leave much time or emotional and mental energy to contemplate next year with any degree of intensity.

Nevertheless, the awareness of post-graduate life and the need for planning and preparation certainly earns a respectable place in the senior's mind, as well as in his schedule- applications, interviews, etc. At times there appears to be not a single attractive option; at others the possibilities seem endless.

I'd like to advertise one option for graduating seniors, one which I'm sure many of you have considered at some point, on some level. The columns in the school newspapers are replete with reflections of talmidim's frustrated aspirations to experience in YC much of what they encountered in their year(s) in yeshiva in Israel. Most realize eventually that YU does not, cannot, and will not replicate their experiences in Eretz Yisrael. They settle on walking the proverbial YU tightrope, maintaining the delicate balance between an intense yeshiva experience and a rewarding and accomplished secular education. But by no means should this preclude the possibility of reliving their Israel yeshiva experience- after college.

Allow me to describe a little of what it's like returning to yeshiva as a college graduate. On the one hand, this year very much resembles my pre-college stay in yeshiva. It is a year of accelerated maturation, exponential growth in Torah, and setting higher standards than ever before. This year features the same excitement and enthusiasm of shana aleph and bet, the same thrill which results

from the realization of spiritual growth. However, in more ways than one, this year is something completely new. Gemara, Rashi and Tosafot take on a totally new dimension to the older bachur. The dining room and dormitory discussions involving hashkafah and orchot chayim occur at a much different level. The college graduate, by and large, is equipped with a higher degree of yishuv hada'at and more advanced perspective. This allows the shiurim, sichot, and general yeshiva environment to have an exceptionally meaningful and long-lasting effect.

Many collegiates have the mistaken notion that religious growth becomes somewhat static in one's early twenties. Believe me, one gains much more than just another masechet by taking out a year or two before work, graduate school, or semicha. A twenty-two year old has no less room or opportunity to develop in terms of midot, hatmada, etc. than an eighteen year old. The yearning for perfection must never subside, and yeshiva presents you with the chance to take several giant strides in that direction. (Obviously, this is besides the general excitement of being in Eretz Yisrael, which hopefully goes without saying.)

Therefore, I'd like to urge all yeshiva students to strongly consider returning for at least one post-collegiate year of learning. Even (perhaps, especially) one who plans to move on to a profession or graduate school should take this opportunity for development. Any legitimate set of priorities should list religious growth well before an extra one or two years of "the real world." It's simply a matter of "chayei olam" versus "chayei sha'ah." So come back, and relive your past while preparing for your future.

David Silverberg
YC '94
First Year Overseas Students' Advisor,
Yeshivat Har Etzion

Message From the YCSC President

I would like to take this time to reflect on this year's progress of that other student council. The one that resides in midtown. We sometimes forget to appreciate The SCWSC. Many of our events would not be successful if not for the outstanding cooperation of the

SCWSC board. I would like to single out Laura Gross as my counterpart and the reason for a great many of our successes. I look forward to future joint ventures with the women at Stern and a smooth finish to a prosperous year.

Daniel Billig

**No, this is not the Purim issue.
But Have A freilichin Purim anyway.**

Senior Awards: Solutions

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial "Whose Awards" in the February 28, 1995 edition of *The Commentator*.

Twenty years down the road, will the recipient of a YU Senior Award recall the occasion with shame or with pride? We must see to it that the memories are filled with pride.

Let me begin with sincere congratulations to Samson Fine and Ziv Mendelsohn on their outstanding achievements and efforts in making Yeshiva University a greater center of living, growing and learning. Samson and Ziv are leaders of our university and represent the finest among us. I was also gratified to read that the highly respected editorial staff of this publication endorsed this year's recipients of the 1995 Senior Honors.

As chairman of the Canvassing Committee, I feel the present problems must be addressed. I agree that the publicity and planning behind the Senior Awards process were bland and a better job must be done in the future. I believe that the responsibility lies with the election organizers and the "apathy" displayed by the student body. This was clearly evident by the low voter turnout. Only 46 seniors voted for their fellow classmates.

Since I am currently responsible for the operations of the Canvassing Committee, I agree that the process must be revamped! The current Canvassing Committee will reconvene immediately

and create a mechanism by which a new and permanent canvassing committee will be established. I believe that the "new committee" should consist of representatives from the students, faculty, administration, alumni, and *The Commentator*. In addition, I will recommend that the "new committee" consider the following proposals:

1. Establish minimum guidelines for award nominees.
2. Construct a formal nominating process.
3. Describe material containing a summary of qualifications of the nominees.
4. Publicize the Senior Awards as efficiently as possible.
5. Devise a plan to increase voters. This plan can be done by holding the elections over several days and provide voting areas in several locations.
6. Set a date for the 1996 Senior Awards immediately.

I welcome and appreciate any suggestions from any interested party concerning this important issue. It will only serve as beneficial to the whole student body. A lot can be done on this campus, but devoted students must have a more dynamic role in activities, committees, and clubs. More student involvement will mean a better life on campus and a more vital Yeshiva University.

Jonathan Lifschutz
Chairman, Canvassing Committee

Chart a Course for Success

Get a global perspective in Business Administration/Management. Combine the excellence of a Boston University education with the excitement of Graduate Study in Israel.

call: 617/353-6000

fax: 617/353-6633



BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY
OF THE NEGEV

An equal opportunity, affirmative action institution.

In Israel

- Master of Science in Management
- Language of Instruction English
- Admission in September, January, and April
- Option of 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
- Undergraduate Degree in Business not Required

For FREE Information, return to: 755 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

Site Preference(s):

Brussels

Israel

London

Paris

Yeshiva College



Campus News

Scaffolding Up in Schottenstein

BY MENASHE SHAPIRO

It's a beautiful building, one that houses the offices of important student organizations like WYUR, *The Commentator*, and *Hamevaser*. It has also come under scrutiny for being under-used and under-appreciated. But there have recently been signs that things at the Schottenstein Center are moving in a positive direction.

Much of the talk has revolved around the majestic Schenk Shul. Despite being equipped with a mezzanine and domed ceiling, the shul has fallen into disrepair, and for a long time, served as little more than a storage facility for, among other things, the Belz School of Jewish Music.

Minyan Planned

But as of a few weeks ago, scaffolding has been erected in the shul, signifying the beginning of much needed renovations. Students, too, have taken up the cause. YC Sophomore Michael Resnick has led a small but dedicated group of students in the cause. The group, known as SCROTSS (Students Committed to the Restoration Of The Schenk Shul), plans on establishing a minyan there

in the near future.

However, a number of questions still remain. One question is why it has taken such a long time to begin the renovating process. Resnick attributes much of the early obstacles to the building management. "Every time that it was brought up we have been brushed off," stated Resnick. Director of Supporting Services Jeffrey Rosengarten explained that renovating the building is no simple matter. "The nature of the building's structure is such that you could just not put down a scaffolding; the ceiling is unique," noting that experts had to be brought in to study the situation. He also suggested that when the building was first built there were "flaws in the way the ceiling was installed, with different layers of plaster not being mixed properly."

It is unclear as to how long it will take to complete the renovations. "It could take a couple of months or longer," said Rosengarten. And as for all the possible uses for the shul when it is fully renovated, SOY president Yitzchak Book suggested that it function both as a Beit Midrash for the new BMP program as well as for "the overflow in Furst hall shiurim that now have seder in their shiur rooms."



Dr. Fogel speaking with students after lecture

Economics Nobel Prize Winner Speaks

BY EPHRAIM LEIBTAG

On March 6, YU welcomed Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Robert Fogel to the YU campus to deliver the annual Alexander Brody Distinguished Service Lecture.

Speaking on "The Economics of Slavery in the Ante-bellum Period," the University of Chicago professor used mathematical techniques to refute the commonly-held notion that slavery was economically inefficient in comparison to the free-labor system in the North. In reality, he argued, laborers in the North actually worked more hours per year than slaves, and had less nutritious diets than the slaves did.

Nevertheless, Fogel concluded his lecture with a "modern indictment of slavery," in which he made clear that despite the economic efficiency and profitability of slavery, any system which denies citizenship and freedom to the people involved should not even be an option. He also pointed out that a slavery system prevents the laborers in the market (in this case, the slaves), from realizing their true value wage, thus denying the workers what they truly deserve.

The evening was not all highbrow discourse. Economics department chairman Dr. Aaron Levine, who coordinated the lecture series, introduced Fogel by delivering several "economics jokes" as well as an amusing anecdote or two.

Fogel received the Nobel prize for his research on the railroad transportation system and its role in the growth of the United States in the 19th century. He proved through empirical economic analysis that, contrary to common historical belief, the railroads were not indispensable to the economic growth of America at that time.

At the conclusion of the lecture, those in attendance were treated to a "friendly debate" between Fogel and YC history professor Dr. Albert Marrin on some of the historical issues of the lecture, as the floor was opened for questions.

Though the program, endowed through the Alexander Brody Distinguished Lecture Series, drew a sparse student audience, Economics major Elisha Graff noted: "It proved to be very informative, on a topic that many people probably never thought about in this light before."

Joint Business Society Receives Face Lift

BY ANDREW DAVIDSON

It has been a transition year for SSSB's Joint Business Society. Emerging from a state of confusion, Michael Bazelon assumed the JBS presidency three weeks ago after the previous president, Jack Berlin, graduated in January. The former vice president, Eli Duker, had switched his major to history and stepped down from his position. Bazelon, the lone survivor on the JBS board, was appointed president. Within three weeks, a new board was in place, and with fresh blood, the JBS is ready to revamp a sluggish program.

First on the JBS's agenda is Morg Mart, which is currently managed by Stephen Gordon under the supervision of YCSC. Morg Mart will once again become the responsibility of the JBS due to arrangements made by Bazelon.

In addition, to insure the president

a full year in office, the creation of a constitution is under way; currently, no charter exists. The legislation will likely reduce confusion during the year, especially if the president plans to graduate in January. Finally, the JBS plans to revive the "Financial Exchange," an on-campus business newspaper, with the new title, "Business Exchange." The society hopes to publish two issues during the remainder of the semester.

Bazelon foresees the JBS as a "force in the community, able to provide business services to all YU students, including speakers, Morg Mart, the Exchange, and various other events." For the remainder of the year, though, the president will be satisfied if the JBS is able to establish a framework for future leaders to work with. Currently, board meetings are closed to students, but in time they will be open to students in order to allow for suggestions and student opinions pertaining to event scheduling and other matters.

Mashgichim Give Hachana Shiur

BY RYAN HYMAN

At 9:10 AM on any Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Kevin Rodbell and Stuart Werben join one of the MYP *shoalim u'meishivim* across the hall from the Main Beis Medrash for a new *hachana* shiur designed to enhance the quality of morning seder.

The program was started to allow students to receive knowledge of *p'shat* in the Gemora before they begin learning with their *chavrusa*— allowing them to devote more attention to *Rishonim* and *Achronim* in their actual preparation for shiur. The shiurim are

conducted on a rotating basis by Rabbi Elchanan Adler, Jeremy Weider and Meir Orlian.

Few Showing Up

The introduction of the shiurim was announced by MYP dean Rabbi Zevulun Charlop through a memo to the student body. So far, however, Rodbell and Werben are the only ones who signed up.

Rodbell says he doesn't understand his fellow students' lack of interest in the shiur. "It is a phenomenal opportunity and I'm amazed more people don't take advantage of it," he said.

Edgar Bronfman Tours YU, Addresses SSSB Students

BY ANDREW DAVIDSON

Only a few months after YU honored Edgar Bronfman, former CEO and current Chairman of Seagram Co., at its annual Channukah Dinner, Mr. Bronfman visited the Main Campus and addressed SSSB students this past Tuesday afternoon, February 28.

Bronfman began his presentation with a thirty-minute lecture, then opened the floor for a forty-five minute question-and-answer session. The lecture focused on the role of the CEO in a major company, but also touched upon family involvement in business, and how Bronfman's background and upbringing has guided him through



SSSB President Ziv Mendelsohn presents a plaque to Edgar Bronfman

his career. He stressed the importance of a strong Jewish education, and cited his recent promotion to the position of Chairman of the National Hillel House as a way he is working to strengthen it.

During his sojourn to YU's uptown campus, Bronfman lunched with President Lamm, visited a Bible class taught by R. Yaakov Elman, continued on to tour the YU library and museum, and concluded with the aforementioned lecture.

While he had reportedly been interested in sitting in on a SSSB class as well, Bronfman was asked to speak to a mid-sized audience comprised of faculty and students instead. SSSB Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll explained that Bronfman was "very impressed with the high-level questions, based on the information given."

Yehuda Halpert, an SSSB sophomore, felt a lecture by such a prominent businessman "elevates the quality of education and the reputation of the business school."



Dr. Katz speaks at a luncheon in President Lamm's office

Embattled YU Professor Resigns as Director of Holocaust Museum

BY MEIR ZEITCHIK

When YU visiting professor of Jewish History, Dr. Steven Katz began teaching this semester, it was supposed to be a brief stint — two courses, each one consisting of three and a half hours a week, were to be completed by the first week in April. The reason — he was slated to assume the coveted position of Director at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington on March 16.

But several weeks ago his reputation came under attack in the mass media, in articles in the New York Times and the Washington Post. Allegations regarding the veracity of publishing claims on his resume and the violation of a 1989 study leave began to surface, and support amongst the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, in charge of selecting the Director of the museum, waned. The accusations soon turned into a full blown controversy, and on March 3, Katz resigned from his position at the museum.

Katz, who is currently on leave from Cornell University, stresses that the decision to resign was made in the best interests of the museum and is in no way an admission of the charges leveled at him. In a public statement last week, he asserted that "the decision to resign was entirely my own... I had accepted the position because I wanted to do good things for the museum. When I came to the conclusion that my ability to do that had been impaired, I decided to resign." In fact, he argued that the allegations are the product of academic jealousies. "It was a vendetta of a certain kind and had nothing to do with my scholarship," Katz told *The Commentator* in a phone interview from his home in Binghamton, NY last week. "I have been wronged."

Museum Council chairman Miles Lerman, who has voiced strong support for Katz's selection throughout these past turbulent weeks, affirmed Katz's assertion that the decision was his own. "He has withdrawn. He was not fired," said Lerman.

However, according to Washington Post sources, Lerman and fellow Council leaders Ruth Mandel and Gerard Laval were assailed for their

choice, and they began to realize that the staff no longer held Katz in particularly high regard. According to these sources, the leaders yielded to the pressure and urged Katz to resign.

Ironically, Katz is pleased at where the strange turn of events has left him. "I got seduced by a public and glamorous position, but I really enjoy teaching and scholarship more," he stated. "Now I have time to do what I like. It seems like G-d is anxious for me to finish volumes two and three," referring to the continuation of his epic work on the Holocaust, which, among other things, attempts to demonstrate that the Holocaust was a unique event in history.

It was the first volume of this work which has caused many of his current troubles. According to a report in the Washington Post several weeks ago, Cornell reprimanded berated him in 1991 for claiming for more than ten years that the volume was to be published by Harvard University Press, when in fact he had signed no such contract with them. The book was eventually published by Oxford University Press. The Post reported that Katz had been punished by Cornell for both the book fraud as well as for violating a 1989 study leave to take a paying job at the University of Pennsylvania. His salary was allegedly frozen for three years, and he was denied privileged study-leaves for the remainder of his stay at the university.

Katz responded that he had made "two unintentional errors" and that they were nothing more than "technical violations."

More Time in YU

Katz's resignation has changed his status at YU significantly. He now hopes to stay on at Yeshiva as a visiting professor next year, as his contract originally stated. He also expressed interest in maintaining a long term relationship with YU. "If I were invited [to teach at YU past 1996], I'd seriously consider it," Katz remarked.

And he's been pleasantly surprised by what he's seen at Yeshiva thus far. "I'm enjoying it more than I thought I would," he commented. It's a very nice environment, the students are engaged in the class and participate nicely."

Grand Purim Chagiga Tomorrow Night

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

Large in scope and a must-attend for all YU students, the annual SOY Purim Chagiga will commence tomorrow night in the Main Beit Midrash at 9 PM.

The actual programming of the evening, which mirrors the schedule of last Purim, was developed with little heartache or controversy. Problems have plagued the chagiga in past years as poor planning transformed the event into a stark but comical lesson in mismanagement. The chagiga, which location-hopped through much of the early nineties from Beis Midrash to gym to cafeteria, perpetually suffering from dangerous overcrowding and bad acoustics, returned to the Beit Midrash last year, but separated the men and women for the first time. Though it turned out to be a success, the arrangement was conceived only a few days before Purim amid endless and confusing negotiations between administration officials and student leaders on both campuses.

Certainly YU's social event of the year, the chagiga will feature the Stern women, who will be specially bused in for an entirely separate chagiga in Belfer Hall. The two groups will merge, however, in Lamport Auditorium at midnight for the traditionally raucous Purim shpiel

\$5 Admission

The success of last year's setup, which resolved logistical and halachic problems, established the tradition of using two separate facilities for men and women. This year SOY president Yitzchak Book, unlike his counterpart of last year, encountered little difficulty orchestrating the chagiga. Book is concerned, however, that there will still be crowding this year; Columbia University's chagiga, which regularly draws students away from YU, was held on Rosh Chodesh this year due to a spring break on Purim.

This year, Neshomah Orchestra, a common sight at YU events, will be on hand to perform for the hundreds of students expected to attend. An order for mountains of hamentaschen and donuts has been placed and a \$5 admission fee has been set. A clandestine Purim shpiel committee has been appointed by Book to entertain the hundreds of students expected to attend. While security guards are prepared to accompany the women across the street for the shpiel, Book told *The Commentator* that SOY is willing to provide personal escorts for Stern women if necessary.

Sara Lee Kessler Sues WWOR-TV

Claims to be Victim of Religious Discrimination

BY DAVID SCHERTZ

Sara Lee Kessler, an Emmy award winning broadcast journalist, and adjunct professor at YC and SCW, is suing her former station for breach-of-contract, fraud, disability and for religious, age, and gender discrimination. Kessler told *The Commentator* that she was fired just days after filing a civil rights complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Until March 1994, Kessler, who teaches broadcast journalism, was the longest running female news anchor in the metropolitan area. She was also the only *shomer Shabbat* anchorperson in the country.

Kessler explained that she first began to sense problems when William Wright was hired as news director at WOR - Channel 9 in 1992. Upon his arrival at the station, Wright announced that he intended to change the news format to appeal to a younger, "MTV" audience. Kessler's, "News at Noon" show was canceled and she was told that she would not be transferred to "The News at Ten" because they were looking for a male anchor. She was shocked when the anchor chosen was Sean Mooney, former announcer for the World Wrestling Federation. Kessler said, "It's not illegal to change format or to decide you want to go after younger 'MTV' viewers. What is illegal is discrimination against and harassing veteran employees in the process. That's precisely what happened to me."

Kessler was assigned to weekend news and reporting. While on a story, she fractured her tailbone in several places due to a poorly maintained news van. While her contract specified that she was allowed an 8 hour day, she was required to work 12 to 16 hour days. When she could not fulfill these demands, Wright forced her to take full disability leave. Upon her return to work, Kessler was demoted to full time reporter, also in violation of her contract.

Anti-Semitic incidents began to occur after an article appeared in *The Daily News* in 1993, which mentioned that Kessler was an observant Jew. Wright began to give her Friday afternoon assignments that forced her to violate *Shabbat*. "It was devastating to me and my family," she said. "My



Broadcast Journalism Professor
Sara Lee Kessler

level of Jewish commitment and observance had deepened over the years. [Not working on Shabbat] was so important to me that I had it written into my contract. It was up to me to be a role model for my children." Although she was told that these stories were crucial for air that night, many did not air until many days later. Though she attempted to solve her problems with the station management, no reconciliation was offered. Kessler promptly filed a discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She was fired four days later.

"I was fired without recourse or warning," said Kessler. After Wright told her that her contract was not being renewed, she was further embarrassed by being ordered from the building. She was escorted out by security guards and handed her paycheck in the parking lot. When this story hit the news Kessler said, "I was embarrassed and humiliated. There was a clear inference that I had done something wrong. What had I become, a felon or a cyber criminal?"

Kessler describes the past year as emotionally devastating. However, since her departure from Channel 9, Kessler has been keeping active. Aside from teaching at YU, she free-lances as a news anchor on WCBS News Radio 88, has started a communications consulting firm, and is writing a book about broadcast news. She also spends more time with her husband Robert Miller, a YC graduate, and their two young children.

Hundreds Turn Out to Save a Life

BY NACHUM LAMM

On Wednesday, March 8, bone marrow testing for Jay Feinberg was held at Yeshiva University in the Morgestern lounge. This was part of a city-wide testing drive, with drives also held at Stern and Columbia.

This was also the third drive held at YU. The first, held four years ago, was run by Jason Schwartz and Mordy Rothenberg. For the past two years, the Main Campus drive has been coordinated by YC senior Chaim Motzen. With testing only being required once, and many YU students having been tested either in previous years or in drives in Israel or elsewhere, the coordinators were pleasantly surprised to have over 300 students and faculty come for testing, bringing the total tested at YU, including Stern, to over 700.

Jay Feinberg, who is 26, was diagnosed with leukemia five years ago. Since then, he and his family have run a massive testing drive around the world to find someone with an identical marrow type to donate. Over 40,000 people have been tested at over 100 drives, but a suitable match has not been found - and time is running out.

Jay has the best chance of finding a match within his ethnic group, namely, Eastern European Jews. Therefore, drives have been held among mem-

bers of this group, for instance, here at YU. All those tested are added to the 1.4 million people registered in the National Marrow Donor Program listing as well as to international listings, where searches can be made for other patients. In fact, a number of those tested for Jay Feinberg have been found to be matches for others in need of marrow transplants. For instance, Steve Cheifetz, a student who attended YU several years ago, was found to be a match for Audey Stanleigh, who was found to have leukemia while in Israel. Stanleigh is now recovering after a donation of marrow from Cheifetz.

Each test costs fifty dollars, and the Feinbergs have spent over two million dollars so far, much of it raised through the Friends of Jay Foundation. This drive was sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Bone Marrow Donors as part of Bone Marrow Donor Awareness Week. Jay and his parents were on hand to help out in the testing themselves.

Besides being pleased at the large number of donors who turned out, Motzen commended the many YU students who helped out on the drive. He stressed that more help is needed for various drives.

To find out more information, donate money, organize a drive, or help out in any other way, contact the Foundation at 1-800-9MARROW.

Big Brother-Alumni Networking Program Underway

BY AARON KLEIN

In an attempt to promote the involvement of alumni in student affairs and generate closer relationships between students and alumni, the Big Brother-Alumni Networking Program will kick-off on April 27 with a Manhattan reception.

Approximately seventy-five alumni are expected to join fifty students at the event, which organizers hope will be marked by an exchange of advice, phone numbers and business cards. The alumni will be encouraged to get to know the students and make follow up calls with the students.

Dan and Jonathan Lifschutz, twin brothers and SSSB sophomores, along with YCSC President Daniel Billig, designed this program to respond to what they perceived as students' need for entry into the larger community with respect to employment opportunities.

The program is still in its formative stage, but already a couple of students have dedicated countless hours to planning the event. Eight student volunteers plan to call approximately 2,000 alumni to invite them to join the program. The program will cater to Yeshiva College juniors and seniors

only and the first social event will include a speaker, food and heavy-duty schmoozing. If all goes well, the program may expand to include SCW students as well.

Jonathan Lifschutz says one of the biggest strengths of the program is its ability to unite all YU students, past and present. He believes everyone involved benefits because of the connections that can be developed with the "real world."

The initiative is also expected to enhance alumni association efforts to expand its membership. By bringing more people back to their alma mater, the YU message will be more widely disseminated.

The event will aim for a 1.5:1 alumni-student ratio, which will make it easier to strike up a conversation with one of the alumni and hopefully, form a real relationship.

Students are already praising the program. Meir Pollack, a YC junior, was ecstatic because "it is helpful for both student and alumnus; the student in his quest for a job, and the alumnus is able to return to his roots in YU." Yoni Kahan, a SSSB junior summed up the impact of the new program with one sentence: "It will help bridge the gap between the university world and the real world."

KOSHER-D



2551 AMSTERDAM AVE. (BTWN 186-187 ST.)
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10033
(212) 568-4855

Speakers Preach Jewish Pride

BY DANIEL RUBIN

On Wednesday, March 1, the Yeshiva University College Republicans sponsored an evening of three lectures dealing with Jewish relations with the media and secular society, entitled "Issues of Jewish Pride." Over 60 students and staff members were in attendance to hear Ateret Kohanim President Dr. Joseph Frager, Jewish Action Alliance President Beth Gilinsky, and the evening's main attraction, Guardian Angels President and WABC radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa.

Dr. Frager, whom College Republicans president Eli Pieperz characterized as "an exceptional man responsible for many monumental accomplishments," spoke about the importance of publicizing through mainstream media the views of most Orthodox Jews, including the right wing, concerning the current Middle East peace process and its pitfalls. He urged all students to become politically active and "make realities happen according to your opinions," much like Mordechai, whom he described as "the first lobbyist" and a man who "changed the political thought in the Washington DC of that era."

Dr. Frager further spoke about the press conference he organized at the Norwegian Mission when Yasser Arafat was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and the nine advertisements that he has had printed in the New York Times, explaining that "the New York Times is (Shimon) Peres' report card, more than Israeli newspapers." His request for students to join him in his efforts did not go unanswered, as many students approached him after the program's finish inquiring how they could help out with his ongoing campaign.

Beth Gilinsky, the evening's second speaker, is the founder of the JAA after the 1991 Crown Heights riots. Since that time, he has led a constant struggle against anti-Semitism and bigotry, highlighted by her efforts in convincing Wrigley's Chewing Gum and MasterCard to withdraw their advertisements from the WLIR radio station. Ms. Gilinsky, a recipient of the Defender of Jerusalem Medal from the Jabotinsky Foundation, spoke passionately about the need for Jews to "get strong physically, spiritually, and mentally" and not allow the disgraceful Crown Heights riots to ever happen again. She explained that attitudes such as "I'm not going to rock the boat, I'm not going to make waves," only lead to the publication of figures such as the Reverend Al Sharpton, whereas incidents such as the suicide of a Holocaust survivor by the name of Brocha Estrin, who threw herself off a building after witnessing black men run through the streets of Crown Heights during the riots shouting "Heil Hitler!," are not made known to the general public.

Ms. Gilinsky further expressed her exasperation towards all the major Jewish organizations which went through great pains to distance themselves from Baruch Goldstein after the Hebron Massacre, but never voiced any public outrage when just as many Jews were killed



Guardian Angel Curtis Sliwa at YU

in bombings in Buenos Aires and London shortly afterward. Ms. Gilinsky additionally emphasized the need for all Jews to protest when an injustice is carried out against us and the necessity for all Jews, including women, to become trained in self-defense.

Curtis Sliwa, sporting the red beret and jacket of the Guardian Angels, began his speech by complementing Dr. Frager and Ms. Gilinsky as people who "have the warrior spirit and are part of the new breed" of Jews.

Mr. Sliwa then went on to illustrate in his trademark fiery and poetic language the need for Jews to extol their values of hard work and not hide from it, and to continue the "pursuit of education to achieve excellence." Mr. Sliwa also explained that "Judaism is marketed terribly," in that by calling ourselves the Chosen People and maintaining that all our hardships come from G-d, gentiles receive the impression that they are mere "facilitators of destruction," and that Jews believe that they are better than Gentiles. He advised that Jews try to converse with non-Jews about the differences in our religions "without being preachy", in order to combat this animosity.

At the same time, Mr. Sliwa expressed amazement over the willingness of many Jews to allow themselves to bear the brunt of blatant anti-Semitism without raising a finger. He noted that when the Lubavitch community of Crown Heights held a memorial service after the riots ended, there was no representation whatsoever from any major Jewish organizations, including B'nai Brith, and that he himself had to be asked to speak to fill the time.

Mr. Sliwa also told of an episode at the Park Ave. Synagogue where Jesse Jackson, who was invited to speak at the synagogue's function, on his own invited Al Sharpton, and that when Sharpton arrived, not only was his presence at the affair not protested (until Beth Gilinsky and the JAA arrived) but he was even seated in the dignitary section of the synagogue. Mr. Sliwa then advised that Jews not try so hard to not offend non-Jews because of their achievements or cover up the fact that they control disproportionately large amounts of Hollywood and the media, but that they be proud of their accomplishments and advise others on the benefits of hard work.

Students Transition to the Workplace

BY STUART MILSTEIN

No Pesach vacation, no Fridays off, and attendance even required on Purim. No, these are not alterations that the Yeshiva University administration plans on implementing next year; these are the changes of lifestyle that YU students encounter when they enter the secular world of employment.

Each year many YU alumni opt to work after graduation in the business world. Some students choose accounting, while others enter careers in finance, computer consulting and numerous alternative fields. Regardless of the profession, they all agree that many adjustments must be made in the transition from the YU student lifestyle to that of a downtown businessman.

According to most of the graduates the most difficult adaptation was adjusting to a new and more rigorous schedule. "Early mornings are painful," expresses Sender Cohen, a YC graduate in '94 who, as a financial analyst at Oppenheimer, must wake up daily at six o'clock in the morning. He added that "not having vacations is also difficult," referring to the fact that he has not had a vacation since he began working last summer. Steven Tiger, SSSB '94, currently an accountant at Ernest and Young said that with his new schedule, he has learned to appreciate his vacations a lot more. However he adds that one of the main differences between a long work schedule and a long class schedule is that while working you cannot rely on an afternoon nap when only accruing three or four hours of sleep a night. You can no longer look forward towards sleeping during lunch.

One of the easier changes that the new employees face is working on Fridays. According to Assistant Dean of Sy Syms School of Business Ira Jaskoll, working on Fridays is mainly a mental adjustment. Cohen agreed that adjusting to working full time on Friday was not difficult even though it does limit his free time.

Working and dealing with individuals from the opposite sex is another difference YU students encounter when entering the business world. Eric Zimmerman, a computer consultant for Flash Creative Management, feels that working with women is not a harrowing experience. However, Eyal Feiler an accountant at Price Waterhouse

points to one potential concern, "Girls have a totally different frame of mind; you have to be careful not to lead people on." An additional worry is being sure to carefully sustain a friendship while still maintaining a professional relationship.

Successfully abiding to a business schedule is many times easier for YU students than for newcomers from other universities. Yeshiva's rigorous dual curriculum and wide participation in student activities forces its students to develop effective time management skills and trains them to adhere to taxing agendas.

"YU definitely helped me adjust," said Feiler. He explained that the university gives students the opportunity to get involved in activities, which is a lesson that carries over to a work world where employers value those who take active roles. At larger schools more students become accepting of passive involvement. Zimmerman, last year's SSSB president, believes that working late at YU and having classes until 8:30 at night prepared him physically and mentally for the longer days and longer schedule of the working world. "That is not the case with students from other universities," asserts Zimmerman. Sender Cohen, former *Commentator* editor-in-chief, is reluctant to credit YU for his transition to Wall Street. "The long day is a joke and is very excusable," states Cohen.

While few alumni struggle with the lengthy regimen, A.J. Schreiber feels that adjusting to a more serious work ethic poses major difficulties. According to the YC graduate currently working for Swiss Bank, problems arise because the students don't try to do their best and do the minimum. "On the job you are accountable for your actions, you do not have the luxury of missing a day and asking a guy at work for his notes. At YU that's what is done," asserted Schreiber.

After hurdling the barriers of joining the work force, those who join will likely adjust as effortlessly as in years passed. According to Tiger working enables you to "make money and be independent," while Zimmerman said it allows you to "spend money because you are earning it." These are only few of the advantages that make the minor complications of joining the work world worthwhile.

The following are the winners of the Commentator Purim Contest:
Neil Lauer
Steven Miodownik

The Life of the Out-of-Towner

Finding the Perfect Dryer

BY SIDNEY A. SINGER

A few quarters, a little soap, and two hours on a Sunday afternoon. That's what the naive first-year YU student perceives his first trip to the laundry room will require of him. But as the out-of-town veterans of the laundry rooms deep in the dungeons of our university dormitories will tell you, washing your clothes around here is similar to choosing a place for Shabbos: the process is not as simple as it may seem.

The quest to walk around in fairly odor-free clothes does not begin in the laundry room itself. Rather, the out-of-towner must begin his efforts at least a few minutes earlier, accumulating the necessary four quarters per load (fifty cents for the wash, fifty cents for the dryer.) While the laundry rookie living near Morg heads for the change machine in the Morg lounge, his counterpart in Rubin must often settle for the quarters resulting from purchasing many Cokes in the absence of a change machine. The veteran, having already discovered the Morg machine's inefficiency (giving 25 cents in nickels), anticipates the attempt by the change machine to force him to spend more than he would like, and heads to the local eateries, only to have Rollie and Grandpa tell him they have already given out all their quarters. Only the true laundry veteran knows where to find quarters in full abundance, and he also knows that it is a secret too prized to be revealed on the pages of this publication.

Once the laundry-goer finds the quarters underneath his mattress, he heads for the basement of his respective dormitory (or the new laundry room on the first floor of Muss), only to realize upon his arrival that the detergent he hoped would suffice for three loads will barely cover one. Frustrated and confused, he has no choice but to head directly back upstairs to beg his roommate for some Tide, Cheer, or whatever else was on sale at Woolworth's back in September. When his roommate is nowhere to be seen, it's Family Grocery time.

With the preliminary requirements out of the way, Joe Laundry now remembers that his mother or father once mentioned something about sorting out darks and whites, and begins his multiple categories of clothing: sweaty, smelly, and *unbelievably* smelly. Hoping to nab a good dryer when his clothes complete their cycles, he then attempts in vain to solve the age-old mystery: exactly how long do those washing machines take?

No matter how accurately Joe estimates the time in question, the educated clothes washer realizes that the fog in

Joe's journey through the forest of laundry will thicken with the conclusion of the washing cycle. For as the veterans of the dungeons know fully well, getting one's clothes dry after only one cycle can be harder than attaining an "A" in Taubes' English composition class. However, the measures required to attain a quality dryer can often raise ethical questions, especially if you live in Morg, where only two out of six dryers work at all (The answer to the obvious question lies next to the endless quarters.)

When Joe's clothes complete their washing cycle, Joe heads over to the dryers, and having done his homework, knows fully well which two dryers work, Unfortunately,



both of them contain someone else's clothes. Dryer X has concluded its cycle, but the clothes in it are still wet; dryer Y still spins at full speed, but the clothes within are clearly finished. Joe now finds himself asking a number of questions. Is it kosher to take the clothes out of dryer X, even though they remain wet? Does the heat emanating from the clothes in dryer Y justify removing them and usurping the dryer for his own use? If the answer to the first question is "no" because the clothes are still wet, does it change matters if the clothes are dry? When is a wash a wash?

A dormitory laundry room resembles a neighborhood basketball court in the sense that it runs not according to official rules, but rather, the practices of those who use the facilities. On a park basketball court, however, players do not enter games fearful that someone one will return ten minutes later and remove them from the game.

The questions posed above have no absolute answers, as many casual conversations about this topic have revealed. Nonetheless, some students have chosen to ignore even the most obvious policies of laundry-room decency, removing other people's clothes at will, regardless of the incomplete status of the cycle. A far worse infraction which has also entered our laundry basements has taken shape in the form of disappearing clothes, particularly jeans and denim shirts.

Despite the difficulties and challenges the laundry rooms may pose, they constitute a significant component of dormitory life here in YU. They offer a chance to meet fellow students with whom you share nothing more than similar detergents and brand of T-shirts. They provide comfortable atmospheres in which to worry about beating your competitors to the good dryers. Most importantly, where else can you find washers and dryers for 50 cents each?

!@#\$%The Shabbos Equation ^&*+=

BY ARI HIRT

On multiple choice tests it is always preferable to answer those questions offering the fewest possible answer choices. Students would hurdle dams in order to take tests which had only one answer selection. Of course, the simplest decision to make is that which is already made. No person relishes making decisions and positioning oneself liable for the possible resulting disaster. In YU, a group of students are forced into making a particularly difficult decision each week - where to go for Shabbos?

Obviously to the New York residents choosing between home and YU for shabbos does not project itself as a major dilemma. On the other hand, the average out of town student in YU faces a weekly challenge in finding an amenable shabbos abode. Scarcity of invitations or lack of possible options are not what makes this task so grueling; ironically it is the plethora of shabbos possibilities that makes the weekly shabbos decision nearly impossible. Ranging from going to a friend's home to spending the weekend in Columbia University, out of town students are constantly weighing the pros and the cons of multiple categories of Shabbosim. Comfort, sleep, food, and social quality head a long list of the criteria students must consider when determining the weekend destination.

The following is a categorical breakdown and brief description of the various factors used when calculating the out of town "Shabbos Equation."

Shabbos with a Friend's Family

The number one and only requirement for this shabbos is the quantity and quality of the food. If the household fails in this category, too many negatives stand in the way to make it worthwhile. After a week of surviving the trial and tribulations of YU, no student enjoys formally sitting for extended periods of time at a table eating bad food while answering the same twenty questions - How many are in your family? You must be scared of earthquakes, hurricanes? Why doesn't your family move to New York? What do you want to do with yourself? The whole process would be a whole lot easier by sending beforehand filled out questionnaires. This way the guest could kindly excuse himself from the table without the host feeling this responsibility of interrogation. Out of towners fully appreciate the hospitality, but sometimes the hosts do not realize the needs of a tired and hungry YU student.

The Collegiate Shabbos

Spending shabbos with friends at

Columbia, Penn, or Harvard is another common option exercised by the out of towners. Its greatest benefit is a brief dosage of social life. During a YU academic career, students need an occasional reminder that alternatives to the Thursday night blind date do exist. Certainly before committing oneself to such a shabbos the BIG TWO - Food and Sleep - must be verified; the standards are not held as high as at a friend's house but a bed, pillow, and two meals are essential. Indeed, university shabbos incidents have been reported involving the host failing to arrange for meals and providing his guest with at least a blanket.

When traveling to Harvard or Penn time and money considerations must also be accounted. Train rides spanning 2-3 hours in length could cost up to \$85 round trip. Therefore, students try seizing car-rides heading up to Boston or down towards Philadelphia.

Shabbaton Shabbos

A shabbos nearly identical to a collegiate shabbos in that the "social factor" is its primary attraction. Hoping to catch up on sleep or eating good food is wishful thinking. When was the last shabbaton that somebody returned exclaiming, "Wow! What a shabbaton - I slept for fifteen hours and ate roasted duck." Well... never. Time and cost of the shabbaton should also be concerns. Many times these weekend retreats take place in far off distances making Friday a day devoted to travel.

The Working Shabbos

Opportunities in shabbos employment range from Women's League to Shul Youth Group positions. While such shabbosim help fill a student's wallet and resume, it also entails sleeping in a stranger's house; each week the student employees are housed by different hosts in proximity to the job. Although many students prefer accommodations with familiar faces, many students take advantage of the opportunity to make connections with various hosts who are often time prominent community and business leaders.

A Relative's House

Depending on the nature of the relative this can be the best or the worst of all the situations. When one gets along with the relative and is provided with comfortable accommodations, as well as satisfactory nourishment, then the student knows he is guaranteed to one excellent shabbos. In fact depending to what degree the relative welcomes the out of town student, the relative's house may even develop into a "home away from home." In such a case the out of towners is allowed to stash an entire shabbos wardrobe at his "new" home,

continued on next page

Quiet Advisement

BY MICHAEL SUSSMAN

At the start of the school year, upon returning from winter recess, and at registration time the student academic advisement center's inaugural year has been a smashing success. During these periods this advisory hub is loaded with a mix of both neophyte and foreign students seeking academic assistance. "The guidance an academic advisor gives me is very helpful, from a personal perspective and is enlightening scholastically," said Baltzar Beckelt, a foreign student from Sweden. However, while the center has quietly prospered during these specific time blocks, an advisement lull period sets in during the middle weeks of the semester when students visitations seeking advice are very infrequent.

During these midterm doldrums, "There's plenty of time for students to come by and discuss their term goals and career plans," remarked Dr. Lee. The center's current timetable is recognized as being preliminary. The five professor team that works the center located in Furst Hall will meet with a committee to discuss changes in scheduling and other methods of effectiveness. The time discrepancy between registration and day-to-day affairs may be solved by the addition of part-time advisors during the registration and add-drop periods.

Despite the question of the need for mid-year advisement, there is no doubt that the academic advisement eased the registration process and has granted students the necessary time to discuss needs and goals with qualified educators in several disciplines. The advisors are voluntary professors who were approved by the Dean's office. The team of five

that sees many YC students weekly are not methodical machines programmed to spit back information regarding prerequisite courses. The Dean's Office trained the advisors regarding the YC course schedule, catalog, and other potentially obscure documents. Each advisor has also educated himself on the variety of courses given, as well as the content of new course offerings and major requirements.

The gains for the academic advisors are not only monetary. Dr. Gabriel Cwillich, an advisor and physics professor stated, "I am forced to confront vast interests and scopes in a practical sense," thereby enhancing his personal understanding of undergraduates and their lives. The six hours spent in weekly advisement affords students an opportunity to engage in discourse with professors, air grievances, and discuss possible solutions that may be academic or personal.

The new academic advisement center that appears to have flourished overnight is actually, an idea not completely new to Yeshiva College. Over a decade has passed since the Yeshiva administration terminated the wholly unsubstantial advisement program which once existed. In recent years, with literally hundreds of YU students floating about without clear guidance for so long, English Professor Richard Nochimson, then chair of the Standing Committee on Student Affairs sparked interest in student advisement. During a crucial University re-accreditation period, Dr. Nochimson realized the weakness in the previous advisement and set about creating a fresh program to inform students about the necessary requirements, and more importantly, "get students thinking about education and their lives."

Shabbos at YU: Convenient *continued from page 8*

making the shabbos most convenient, delectable, and pleasant.

But what if the relative is an overwhelming and annoying figure who constantly meddles in the student's affairs? What if the relative is a terrible cook or has lots of loud and boisterous children? Clearly out of town student do not intend on spending more than many weekends in such an environment. The problem is that the student is genetically tied to this undesirable shabbos location. He feels an inherent obligation to spend time in this house. Worst of all, the relative senses the same obligation and will therefore repeatedly bombard the student with invitations. Although at times the out of town student wants to inform his relative of his true feelings, the only solution to this dreadful problem is an everlasting screening of all phone calls.

YU Shabbos

Other than studying for midterms or finals, a voluntary shabbos in the confines of YU seems unimaginable for a New Yorker but is often a reality for the out of town. In fact, at times such a shabbos becomes desirable. Granted that YU does not claim the greatest shabbos spread of culinary delights but it does offer a number of advantages

which make this shabbos more than worthwhile. Obviously, an abundance of sleep is a YU shabbos' most treasured commodity. Without having to travel to any shabbos destination Friday becomes a bastion for Z's. Then, the expedient shabbos dinner and lunch, or what has earned the nickname the "8 minute meal," accommodates for additional snooze time.

When a group of friends also stay the weekend, the assets of a YU shabbos can exceed the thrills of merely a slumber marathon. Instead, the day provides ample time to sit and shmooze with colleagues, a concept seemingly foreign to the busy school week.

Still, the greatest attraction of the YU shabbos is the lack of worry. Traveling, expending cash, accommodations, conversing with hosts, and feeling comfortable are not concerns in the halls of YU. This feature can lure students to the YU shabbos for several consecutive weekends at a time. However, one must be warned that when this occurs students have been known to lose all sanity. In such a case this may lead to the last possible shabbos for the out of town student -

Flying Home.

What About Law School?

BY CHAIM ZACKHEIM

Contrary to national figures indicating a major decline in law school applicants for the '94-'95 school year, Yeshiva University undergraduate students are applying to law schools in higher numbers than last year's class. But the numbers are still lower than the 1993 crop.

An article in the February 17 edition of the *Wall Street Journal* reported that law school applicants had plunged by 13% nationally and as much as 18% in some universities. A shrinking of the potential job market, low morale at law firms due to layoffs, and a glut of graduating law school students are some of the reasons given for the applicant drop. The most interesting rationale the story attributed to the decline is termed the "OJ factor." The constant exposure to the public of the defense team in the OJ Simpson trial has allowed prospective lawyers the ability to view firsthand the seamy side to the law profession. Still, these factors have not seemed to affect Yeshiva University undergraduates. YU's pre-law advisor, Associate Dean Michael Hecht, attributes the year's increase in YU law applicants to an improvement in the job market.

Interestingly, YU law school applicants significantly dropped last year. According to official statistics issued by the dean's office, law school applicants reached a peak in 1993 when 58 people applied. That total then fell the following year by almost 33%, a substantial drop by all standards. Although over 40 students have applied this year, the number is still a shadow of 1993's figures.

Why have the numbers fallen? It could be that students are finally receiving the message that being a lawyer does not only entail counting a huge paycheck once a month. The stories of lawyers quitting their positions due to the unhealthy demands of the legal profession have been circulating the YU scene for quite some time.

The ability to find a job has also become a concern. The 1980's was a time of prosperity for law firms across the nation. With large amount of money for Americans to spend, law firms were taking in exorbitant percentages. Due to this success, collegiate students all over the country turned to law school as a means of obtaining a white collar, high paying job. Unfortunately, by the 1990's, a overabundance of lawyers formed and the job market has started to evaporate. Suddenly, students spending \$30,000 dollars a year for a

law degree cannot automatically land jobs. Some law school graduates must resort to selling shoes, flipping hamburgers, and washing windows in order to pay off their loans.

The same bright students who had previously planned on a future in law began looking elsewhere for a future. While medical schools promise a future after graduation, law school guarantees uncertainty. Still, to understand precisely why YC/SSSB students are no longer applying to law school in droves, a more fundamental question needs to be asked: why do they want to be lawyers in the first place?

"Law is just like learning Talmud, so many of the methods of inference and interpretation parallel each other it seems like the natural job," is a widespread YU answer. There is no denying that many successful Talmud scholars today have law degrees under their belt. Dean Hecht, himself a law degree holder and a maggid shiur in the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy, agrees. "Many of the successful lawyers produced by Yeshiva University were big *masmidim* and fine Talmud scholars before they went and studied at law school," he says. Rav Ahron Soloveichik, Shlita, holds a law degree from New York University. Nonetheless, people do not subject themselves to years of 14-hour workdays simply because of the parallel thought processes of law and talmud. The majority of YU law school applicants go to law school either for the financial benefits or because they have no other options.

Ari Bruger, a student in the Sy Symis School of Business, was accepted into one of the top law schools in the country. Still, even with an almost certain top level job looming in the future, Ari is not so sure that he wants to be a lawyer. "If I hadn't gotten into a good law school I probably would have gone straight into business," he says. "The world is really competitive these days, and getting a law degree from a big name school is something that can put me ahead in the business world."

It is easy to understand why students for whom money was the primary motivation have strayed from law as soon as the job market turned sour. As long as comfortable jobs awaited law school graduates, high ideals and intellectual goals were easily left unattended. As soon as jobs became less available, potential lawyers began asking themselves if they really wanted to be lawyers. For some, as YU's decline in applicants has implied, the answer has increasingly been "No."

Glatf Kosher

T 83

Deli Kasbah

Israeli Style Delicatessen

Grill • Salads

We Do Catering

251 West 85th Street
(Off Broadway)

(212) 496-1500 • Fax (212) 496-2023

2553 Amsterdam Avenue
(Between 186th-187th Sts.)

(212) 568-4600

We are open after the ta'anis

From Moscow to New York City

BY LOWELL BARON

Three years ago, Alex Migirov left Russia with his father to visit America. After a short vacation Alex's father returned to Russia; Alex, however, remained and has extended his originally planned "short trip."

Alex is just one of 53 Russian students here on campus who share many similar stories and life experiences. Yeshiva University's warm welcome combined with its persistent efforts in helping these immigrants adapt to their new surroundings has resulted in a steadily growing Russian population on campus.

Even though the Russians all carry one title, they do not come from one homogeneous background. The first group that arrived on U.S. soil emigrated from the Asiatic Republics. Many of these Sephardic Russians came from traditional and orthodox Jewish backgrounds; a number of teenagers even studied at Yeshivas Ner Yisroel for high school. A second group of immigrants from the suburbs of Moscow and Leningrad arrived in America on refugee status. Many such Russians came solely with their mothers because it was easier for divorced, single parent families to leave. The third and most recent type of immigrants are those who come on student visas. America's good relationship with Yeltsin's government has ended refugee status, so now the only way out is with the "F1," otherwise termed student visa. Presently there are 14 such F1 students here on the Main Campus.

It certainly is not easy for the Russian students living in a foreign country without their families. The last time YU student Mikhail Laskin saw his parents was when he left Russia nearly three years ago. Since then he has attended Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland, Ner Yisroel, and finally ending up in YU.

Rabbi Serels, YU's International Student Adviser, has done enormous work on behalf of the Russian immigrants. Many of these Russian students, especially the F1's, arrive in this country with close to nothing making it nearly impossible to pay tuition. The government will not give grants or scholarships to foreigners on student visas therefore YU takes full responsibility. Currently school policy grants 50% scholarships to the Russians. Rabbi Yudin and

Rabbi Goldin raise additional funds to make up the remainder. Furthermore, the YU Women's Organization provides pocket money, and while the Lawrence Funds supplies free medical services. Still, many Russians find it absolutely necessary to find side jobs.

One essential service provided by Rabbi Serels' office is attempting to obtain permanent status for those students here on temporary visas. Students such as Mark Gurlfguat, who arrived on student visas face the possibility of being deported back to Russia after completing their degrees. Gurlfguat, a senior, has applied for political asylum in this country. The Immigration and Naturalization Service has the final decision on granting permanent status, but according to Gurlfguat's lawyer there has yet to be a Russian from YU to be deported back to Russia.

One interesting aspect of Russians adjusting to religious life is getting their Bris Milah. Since they did not have this option open to them in Russia, this is the first opportunity for many of them to fulfill this Mitzvah. As one can imagine, many are not comfortable with this idea and, of course, are not forced to proceed with the ceremony. The Russians though believe that 99% of the immigrants have already had their Bris Milah.

The Russian club in YU also helps the Russians integrate into their new environment. The purpose of the club, said president Alex Minkin, is to both resist assimilation by keeping the Russians together while introducing them to the culture of New York City. Past events have included Broadway shows, Jewish concerts, and other social events. Unfortunately, only about half of the Russians participate in club events, while the other Russians prefer to think of themselves as assimilated Americans and therefore stay away from the club.

The majority of Russian students are very appreciative of the warm welcome YU has given them. Many of the Russians cannot stop praising Rabbi Serels' and his office for working so hard and caring so much for them. Gurlfguat's belief that, "were it not for Rabbi Serels, I would never have come to YU" is probably a sentiment shared by just about all his comrades. The openness and warm welcome of fellow students has also helped ease the transition from Russia to Yeshiva University.

YU Prepares for Barrage of Year-end Journals

BY ARIEL KONSTANTYN

Kol. Clarion. Psych Paths. Walking through YU's dormitories, one is bombarded by the plethora of bulletins advertising for submissions to these and other journals, for publication at the end of the semester. While some students question whether these student publications really benefit the school or are needless burdens on club budgets, others see journals as tangible evidence of the accomplishments of the various student clubs.

"Journals are a very good thing to have," states Michael Fragin, Editor-in-Chief of the *Clarion*, the journal of the J.P. Dunner Political Science Society. "They give students a sense of pride and accomplishment in their work." Fragin added that the publishing of journals enables students to publicize their work; this in turn helps polish those works.

But YC senior Ari Ellen commented that the various journals, when they are finally distributed, are not exactly well-read: "Who cares about them? If there is a pile of a journal and a pile of *Enayim L'Torah*, the *Enayim L'Torah* pile

will be gone and the journals will be lying there a month later." Part of the problem seems to be that the journals are distributed during reading week or during finals, when most people are too preoccupied with studying to notice them.

However, YC junior Elly Berlin represented the students who eagerly anticipate the journal's arrival: "When I am studying for finals, I need a break. I think [the journals] are refreshing," he said. Tzvika Nissel, editor of the English journal *Kol* says, "Our audience will be interested no matter when the journals are distributed. Thinkers will always think."

Another positive aspect to the journals was pointed out by Fragin. "It is useful for the people on the outside, too. It shows that Yeshiva students can produce." Berlin added that "as much benefit as the reader gets from reading, the writer gets from writing. The writer gets feedback from the readers."

Other journals that will be published this year include the Science Honors Research Society Journal of Abstracts, a new medical journal, and a philosophy journal.

Pool and Gym Hours Extended

BY SANDOR BAK

YCSC is here to serve you!

So proclaim the plethora of signs posted all around the campus announcing the recent extension of pool hours. Thanks to persistent lobbying by the Student Life Committee, the Gottesman pool is now open for student use from 3 PM on, Sundays through Thursdays. Previously, students were forced to wait until 6 PM or, on some days, until even 7 PM before the pool became available for use.

In addition, the Committee has seen to it that the MSAC now remains open until 2:00 AM. on Thursday nights. Until now, students had been forced to leave the facility at 1:00 AM.

"A lot of people are excited about the extended afternoon pool hours," gushed

YCSC President Daniel Billig, "it's really nice to swim during those hours with the sun shining in."

Students have taken notice of the new hours. Reportedly, the past few Thursday nights, the gym has been full until the new closing time. Explained one unidentified student, "It's great that we won't get kicked out of the gym so early on Thursday night anymore. Thursday night is the gym's busiest night, since few people have classes the next day and a lot of people like to play ball till late."

Billig explained that, last year, as Secretary of YCSC he went door to door asking students what he could do to improve student life on the campus. As he tells it, "People wanted more pool hours."

Indeed, YCSC really is here to serve us.

When you're ready to get engaged, be cautious looking for the right diamond.

JEFF MOR

Member Diamond
Dealers Club

JEFF MOR
Diamond Co.

580 5th Ave., % DDC • New York, NY 10036
Importer and Cutter of Fine Diamonds

212-764-3536

Fax 212-921-4399

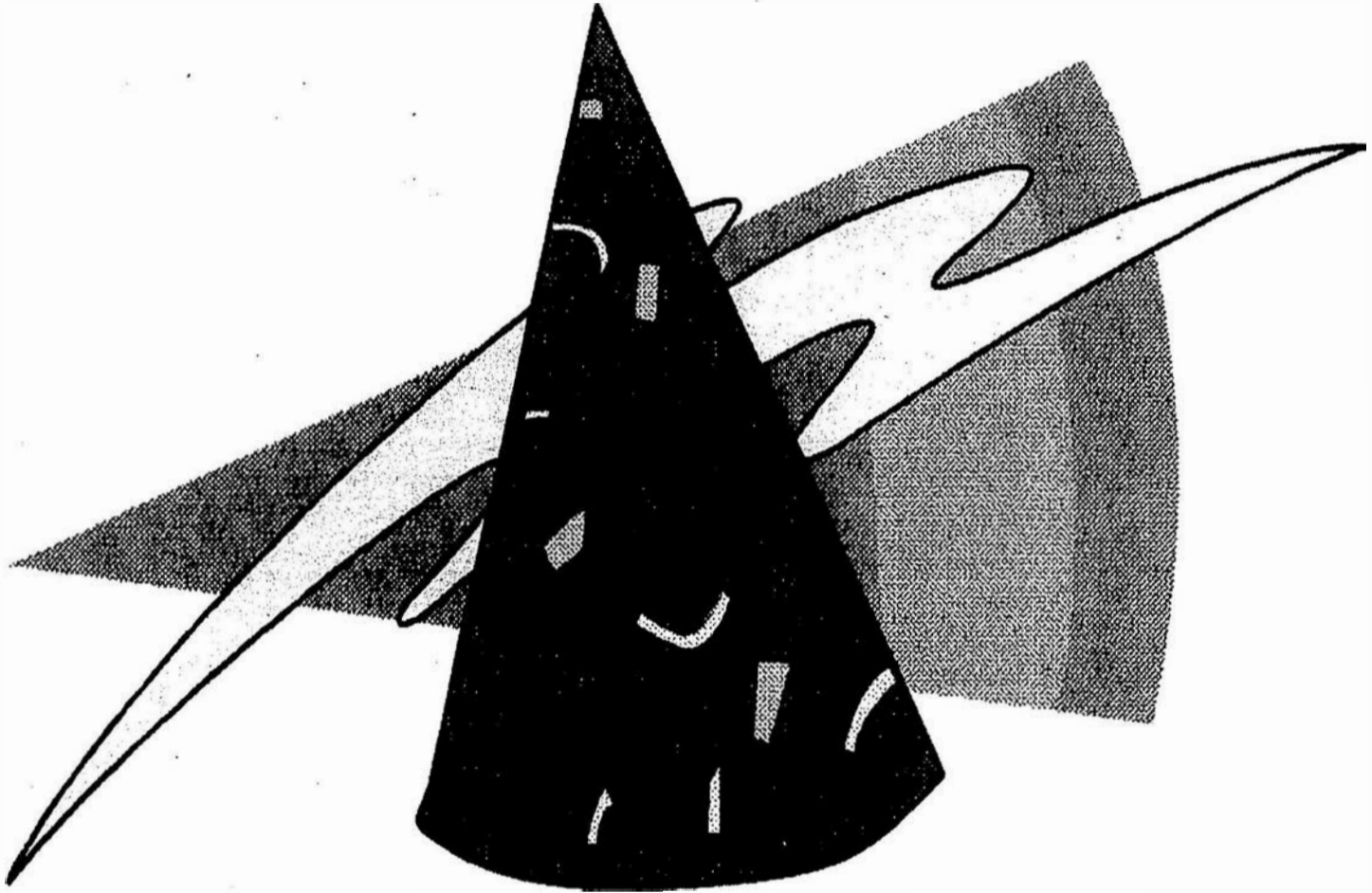
Buy from someone you can trust.
Jeff Mor, YU alumni (91), guarantees
to save you at least \$1000 with honest
wholesale prices.

Also specializes in emerald, ruby,
sapphire, pearl jewelry (Earrings,
rings, bracelets & pendants)



Stas is Back

and he won't stop making pizza



Stas, our original dough stretcher, sauce spreader, cheese shredder, pizza baker, is back and we can't get him out of the kitchen.

He is producing way too many pies.

Have A Freilichin Purim

.99 a slice

New Mentor Program Set To Begin

BY COMMENTATOR STAFF

Under the direction of YC seniors David Price and Sandor Bak, a Student Mentor Program is currently in the planning stages and will begin in the next few weeks. The program will link students from local high schools and junior high schools with student tutors from Yeshiva College.

Price explained that this type of program is intended to help the local community and is very common at colleges across the country. "If students at colleges and university everywhere are involved in such programs then there is certainly no reason that Yeshiva University students shouldn't also participate in such a program to help out the local area."

The program, which will take place one night a week and, perhaps, Sunday

afternoons, will involve students from YU helping out the high-schoolers with their schoolwork. Bak explained that "the plan is to place students according to their majors. Math majors can volunteer to help students with their math coursework, history majors can work with students needing extra help in history, and so on." He added that while many students have already volunteered to serve as student mentors, there are still spots for any student willing to devote some of his time.

Josh Feldman, an SSSB junior, explained the importance of such a program. "It sometimes is too easy for us to forget that, as students in college, we are getting tremendous opportunities that many are not lucky enough to get. Acting as a student mentor is a way to help others out and put our education to a good cause."

Curriculum Committee Making Changes

BY DOV SIMONS

Last week, the YC Curriculum Committee approved the first of a series of proposals that Committee member Michael Nelson said "begins the revision and revamping of all the existing majors in Yeshiva College to get more in line with the curriculum of the nineties."

Under the new measures, Introductory Physics would be expanded by one hour, turning it into a five-credit course. In addition, the Committee explored the possibility of combining the two semesters Introductory Psychology course. They also approved the creation of a writing minor and a new quantitative mathematics course.

The new five-credit Introductory Physics course includes a four credit lecture and a one-credit lab. The extra time will allow classes to probe into practice problems with greater depth. One professor felt the current four-credit setup did not adequately prepare students for the MCATs. The consequent proposal was to restore the pre-1992, five-credit framework for the physics course. When he learned of the proposal, YC junior Aryeh Pearlman commented, "The new setup is good. Physics is at least as time consuming as other sciences like Biology and Orgo, which are already five-credit courses."

Additionally, in an effort to make the Music program more viable, the committee voted to change the main sequence of core courses from six semesters to four, increasing each of the courses to three credits.

The committee also looked into condensing the two semester Introductory Psychology course. The course now includes two courses, one focusing on biological aspects, the other on personality and social development. The change is hoped to bring Yeshiva University in line with other universities, and allow students to take an additional elective. The committee will review the current requirements of the psychology department later this semester.

Writing Minor Established

A writing minor was also established in what is hoped to become a popular and useful program for students. YC Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz said, "Writing is one of the most important skills one could have. The more writing courses students take, the better off they are." English Composition and four other classes with an emphasis on writing courses such as Print Journalism and Play Scenario Writing will be required to complete the minor.

The committee then discussed possible changes in the accreditation of the Theater Workshop class. Students involved with the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society's biannual production register for Theater Workshop for up to three credits, depending on the amount of time vested into the play. Modification of this policy in the future has been put aside for the time being. According to YC senior Jonathan Schloss, who sits on the Curriculum Committee, students with a major role in this semester's play will receive two credits and others will receive one. "It was strictly an ad-hoc decision to be looked into later," Schloss said. Another innovation in the YC curriculum is the possible establishment of a Drama major that would draw on courses from both Speech and English departments.

Upcoming sessions of the Committee are scheduled to continue discussion of the revisions in Psychology, and other majors and minors will be looked into as well. To a similar end, the Senate discussed a new proposal for a series of new majors and minors that would utilize courses from many departments simultaneously. YC junior Dov Kalton hopes, "they will encourage the students to pursue an area of knowledge they might not otherwise have pursued." Such minors include Ancient Studies, Communication, and the Biological Basis of Behavior based on the program that incoming YC Dean Dr. Norman Adler founded at the University of Pennsylvania.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WE WILL PAY YOUR TUITION!

Shape The Future



Teach New York!

The New York City Board of Education needs qualified staff in a number of critical areas. You may be eligible for a Scholarship in one of the areas listed below.

If you are interested in receiving a fact sheet and application for the Scholarship Program, please return the coupon and a self-addressed stamped envelope (business size) to include 55¢ postage no later than March 24, 1995 to:

Bureau of Recruitment Programs
65 Court Street - Room 101
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK

COLLJP

NAME _____
LAST FIRST MI SOCIAL SECURITY # _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY STATE ZIP TELEPHONE # _____
MOST RECENT DEGREE _____

Shortage Areas-Please check only one box:

BILINGUAL

- BILINGUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION*
- BILINGUAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**
- BILINGUAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK**
- BILINGUAL GUIDANCE & COUNSELING**

MONOLINGUAL/BILINGUAL

- SPEECH & HEARING HANDICAPPED*
- DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED*
- VISUALLY IMPAIRED*
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY*
- PHYSICAL THERAPY*

*Scholarships are offered at the undergraduate (junior status) or graduate level.
**Scholarships are offered at the graduate level only.

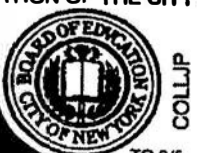
(Check One): ___ Graduate Level ___ Undergraduate Level

If you are bilingual, please indicate the language other than English in which you are proficient _____

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

An Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.
U.S. Permanent Resident Status or U.S. Citizenship required.

Board of Education of the City of New York



TC 3/6

Camp Mishkon Hatikvah for "special needs" boys has excellent positions for:

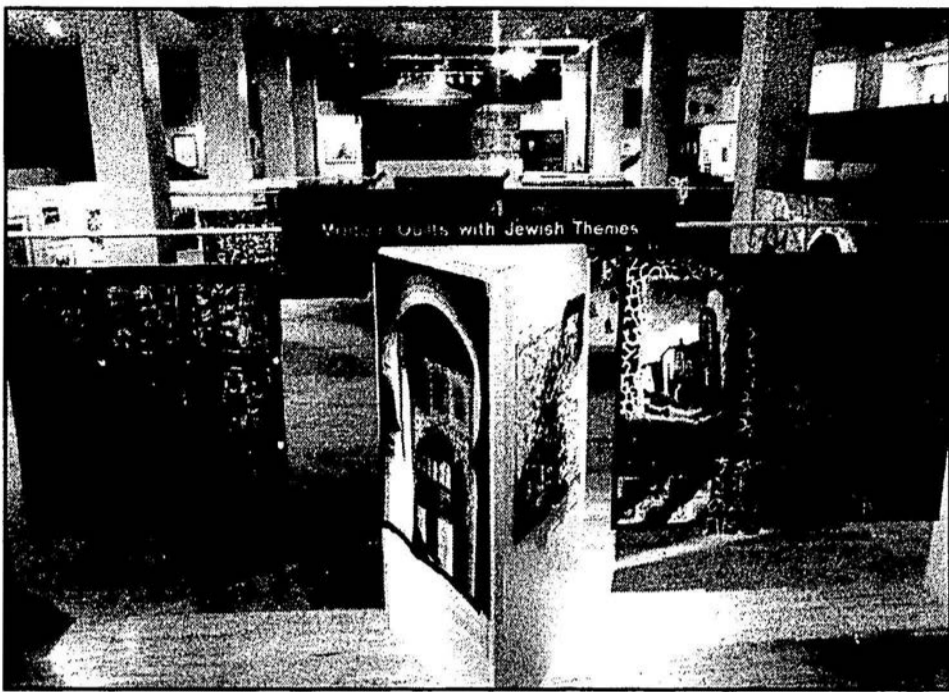
- Counselors
- Jr. Counselors
- Lifeguards

Mix chesed, learning, and sports with a great salary.

Only 60 minutes from NYC.

For more information call: 718-851-7100, ext. 311

"Our children are our pride"



The 'Quilted Visions' exhibit at the YU Museum

YU Museum Could Be History on Campus

BY STUART MILSTEIN

The Yeshiva University Museum, a campus anomaly that is rarely used by YU students, is discussing a possible move from its current home, at 2520 Amsterdam Ave., to a downtown location to form a consortium with YIVO, the Leo Black Institute and the American Jewish Historical Society. YIVO, the Yiddish Scientific Institute, purchased the new location, located on West 16th Street near 5th Avenue, and invited the other organizations to join it to create the "Center for Jewish History." The move is expected to occur within the next two years.

Bernard Pittinsky, Director of Finance for YU, said that YU is "talking about the possibility of moving to form a joint enterprise with these organizations. I would not say it is in the planning stage." However, YIVO officials were more optimistic. "The plan is for them to move in with us," said a YIVO controller, "however, the details are still up in the air and under negotiation." While the parties might disagree as to the stage of the process, they concur that no decisions or agreements have been made yet.

The brainchild of former YU President Dr. Samuel Belkin, the museum has been located in the Mendel Gottesman Library building since its opening in 1973. According to Museum Director Sylvia Herskowitz, Dr. Belkin felt that the university needed a museum because, as a well-rounded Jew, a student should know and understand Jewish art and culture. Since then the museum's *raison d'être* has grown and its current objectives include interpreting Jewish history

through art, encouraging contemporary artists to create Jewish ceremonial objects, and teaching children Jewish themes through visual experience.

Poor Attendance, Poor Neighborhood

Although these goals are being accomplished, the situation is not ideal. "We aren't cost efficient up here," complained Herskowitz. "In terms of attendance we aren't getting our money's worth." She explained that, other than group tours, there are only about 100 YU students each month who visit the museum. By moving downtown the museum could attract tourists off the street as well as regular museum goers. Since most of the current visitors come by car or bus, the museum could continue to serve them as well.

Another advantage of relocating, according to Herskowitz, is leaving the Washington Heights area. "Because of the neighborhood we cannot have any night activities," she said. Also, there have been instances when art critics would not review exhibits, claiming they did not want to come to the community. "Downtown we won't have these problems," Herskowitz maintained.

There are, however, certain functions that will be lost when the museum departs. David Rosen, Director of Public Relations, notes that a move could be good for the museum, but it will be a loss for the neighborhood, for the community and for YU's own students. While Herskowitz feels badly about leaving the main campus, she hopes that the move would grant the museum "the ability to have the programs . . . play to a larger audience."

Nelson Proposes Election Reform

continued from page one

petition. To whom are they accountable? I would like to sponsor two newspapers, who would have offices next door to each other and would be forbidden to cooperate. Since that's not in the students' best interests we have to keep *The Commentator* accountable to YCSC."

In another controversial motion, Constitutional Amendment Committee member Michael Nelson proposed "clearing up" election procedures. Last year Nelson himself was bounced from the ballot less than a week before the election when it was discovered that he was two credits short of being a senior and therefore not eligible for the presidency. Billig responded that this year all candidates must be approved by the canvassing committee before they begin to collect the signatures needed to be an official candidate. Nelson also proposed allotting a place on the student council for part-time students in order to allow them equal representation.

Announcing that he will not seek the presidency in April, Nelson expressed that he "loves academics" and "is glad

to be making a difference in the lives of YU students without being under the glare of the presidency."

In other motions, YC junior Dov Simons proposed allowing sophomores to run for Secretary of YCSC and juniors to run for Treasurer. Student Senator Patrick Amar proposed raising the minimum GPA required for students running for student council from 2.0 to 2.5 since these students should be "role models" for others.

The meeting was held in Schottenstein Center because Billig felt that gathering 40-45 students in the oft-neglected building would spark participation "in other activities run from our student center." Though Billig encouraged students to attend, he maintained a tight control of the meeting. At one point he asked YC junior Eli Duker to leave the meeting after Duker called for "an abolishment of student council in favor of rule by popular vote." Billig said he would exercise his right to have "a man of arms" forcibly remove Duker from the meeting.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

in Yeshiva College, Stern College, and Sy Syms School of Business

THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT!!

On campus Recruitment has begun and graduate school deadlines are fast approaching. If you have not yet registered with us and submitted your resume, please stop by the Office of Placement and Career Services to do so.

Whether you are seeking a full-time job in business, education, or biomedical research, or you are planning to attend graduate school, or you are taking the year to study/learn abroad, or you have not yet decided on a direction. We would like to meet with you and assist you with achieving your goals.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!!!

**Ira L. Jaskoll
Hal Tannenbaum**

**Naomi Kapp
Adrienne Wolff**

Midtown Center:
Rooms 920 & 923
(212)340-7763/7783

Main Campus:
Rooms 415 & 419 Belfer
(212) 960-0845

TERM PAPERS TYPED

(212) 568-2495

**Editing and English Assistance
Rush Service**

Muss Lounge Construction Underway

BY NOAM KRANZ

Muss Hall is finally getting a lounge. However, the exact date of the lounge's arrival is still unknown. Providing a little history, years ago, only the Rubin and Morgenstern dormitories were used for housing undergraduates, while Muss Hall was used primarily for *senticha* students. As the student body has grown, the Residence Hall Office was forced to open Muss for college students, and today there is not an empty bed in the dorm. Over the years, however, many denizens of the dorm have complained that the residence hall lacks the basic amenities that are standard in any college dorm. As a result, Muss Hall consistently gets the fewest requests and has the lowest return rate of any of the dormitories on YU's uptown campus.

In an attempt to address this problem, several steps have been taken this year to improve the quality of the dorm. The addition of a brand new laundry room

earlier this semester was a welcome sight to the residents of the dorm. Now, in an even more ambitious move, plans have been drawn for a lounge on the second floor of Muss.

According to YCSC president Daniel Billig, the lounge will be broken into two rooms. One room will be used as a quiet place for students to study while the other room, which will include two couches and a vending machine, will be a place for the students to relax and hang out. Although some students have suggested that the lounge also include a ping-pong table or bumper pool, similar to the game room in Rubin, most Muss Hall residents are satisfied that their concerns are being addressed. Some students, in fact, hope that the plans for the lounge do not grow too grandiose for, as YC sophomore Doron Goldschmidt explained: "the most attractive part about Muss is the serious atmosphere and the lack of distractions."

Work on the lounge is expected to begin shortly.

Intramural Football Tackles YU

BY COMMENTATOR SPORTS STAFF

For the first time in over a decade, intramural football has returned to YU. Initiated by temporary-commissioner David Perez, the league plays all games on Sunday evenings in the MSAC between 6:45-9:30. The games kicked off with a bang last Sunday as six teams took the "field" and the school's Director of Residence Halls, Rabbi Joshua Chaifetz, commenced the opening ceremonies as he threw the first football pass of the season.

The six captains and team names include Marc Mandel (The Tavern), Andy Davidson (Ohr Yerushalaim), Shlomi Herschmann (Cheese Cake), Aaron Blumenthal (Home Pizza), Jeremy Renna (Pizzeria Efrat), and Ezri Schecter (Miami Connection). The first three games were all lopsided victories, indicating an existence of three dominant and three mediocre teams. As a matter of fact, the commissioner has hinted at separating the teams into an AFC and NFC because the games are so one-sided. In the first game of the season, Cheese Cake domi-

nated the Miami Connection. The score was tied early on at 14-14, but after Shlomi Herschmann hit Akiva Aaronson on a long touchdown pass for the go ahead score, Cheese Cake never looked back, running off 35 consecutive points to win the game in a laugher.

The second game pitted Ohr Yerushalaim against Home Pizza in another one-sided victory. Ohr Yerushalaim opened the game with a safety and touchdown and led 16-7 at the half. From there it became the Ari Wartelsky show, who ran and threw for six second half touchdowns and played brilliantly on defense as well deflecting numerous passes as Ohr Yerushalaim finished strong with a decisive victory.

The final game of the week was a clash between the Tavern and Pizzeria Efrat in yet another blowout as Mandel picked apart Pizzeria Efrat's defense with the help of his 5'7, 320-lb. offensive lineman, Dan Roth, who provided Mandel with excellent protection enabling him to complete his precision passes.

BERNIE "RED" SARACHEK YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Competition for the Number One

Yeshiva High School Team in North America

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

GAMES

**HOST
TEAMS
MTA,
HAFTR
&
JEC

CHEER ON
YOUR
ALMA
MATER**

Valley Torah High School
N. Hollywood, CA

Hebrew Academy of
Greater Washington
Silver Springs, Maryland

Yeshiva University of Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA

Community Hebrew Academy of
Toronto
Toronto, Canada

Yeshiva Or Chaim
Toronto, Canada

Cooper Yeshiva High School
Memphis, TN

Hillel Community H.S.
Miami Beach, FL

Ida Crown Jewish Academy
Chicago, IL

Atlanta Yeshiva High School
Atlanta, Georgia

Beth T'filoh
Baltimore, Maryland

Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy
Yeshiva University High School for
Boys
New York, NY

Hebrew Academy of Greater Miami
Miami Beach, Florida

Block Yeshiva High School
St. Louis, MO

HAFTR
Cedarhurst, NY

Mar. 30-Apr. 3, 1995

THURSDAY

AFTERNOON

ALL DAY

FRIDAY

ALL DAY

SUNDAY

ALL DAY

MONDAY

**YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
MAX STERN ATHLETIC CENTER**

Game Schedules Will Be Posted In The MSAC

INFORMATION: CALL THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS (212) 960 5277

Barry Aranoff: A Profile

BY COMMENTATOR SPORTS STAFF

This past season was quite an impressive season for the Maccabees, as they reached the semifinals in the post season conference tournament. Instrumental to their success was the stellar leadership of starting point guard Barry Aranoff, who led Division III in steals per game. This marked the second time ever that a Mac led the nation in any category (Dave Kufeld lead the nation in rebounding in 1977).

Barry began his basketball career at the Moriah School of Englewood, under the tutelage of Coach Mark Van Benschoten, who taught Barry the fundamentals of the game. After directing his team to a championship in eighth grade, Barry went on to play in the Macabiah Games, coming away with a silver medal. Following that summer, he then joined the MTA Lions, for which he played two seasons on junior varsity and two seasons under varsity coach Steve Podias, who helped Barry hone his defensive skills.

Besides leading the nation in steals per game, Barry also set this season's



Aranoff driving against NJIT

highest mark in all of Divisions I, II, and III for most steals in a single game, accumulating 12 against SUNY Purchase on February 13. Barry attributes his steals to the "good defensive play of the team as a whole and to Coach Post, who worked the team really hard in practice." Barry plans to work on his overall game during the off-season to help the team improve on this year's success.

ABSOLUTE

It's official!
A recent study conducted by a Big Six accounting firm has verified The Princeton

Review's outstanding average score improvements! Our MCAT students have an average score improvement of 6.0 points. Our LSAT students improve their scores by an average of 7.5 points. The average score improvement of our GMAT students is 72 points, and our GRE students raise their scores by an average of 214 points. So, how do we do it? Simple. Small classes (no more than 15 students) grouped by ability and great teachers who give lots of personal attention. The Princeton Review is the most effective, efficient and enjoyable way to great results! No more wondering who's the best. Now, we have

1 0 0 %

PROOF!

THE
PRINCETON
REVIEW



800 • 2 • REVIEW

The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University or the Educational Testing Service.

Why use it only once a week?

Cornell University doctors and researchers have proven that drinking grape juice more often can actually help lower one's risk of heart disease!

The New York Times
RESEARCH SHOWS GRAPE JUICE CUTS CHOLESTEROL

MAY 23, 1992—Dr. Leroy Creasy... who last year identified resveratrol as the beneficial chemical in red wine has now found it in all 18 of the grape juice samples he tested. In fact, white... purple grape juice (made from concord grapes) has an "amazingly constant" amount, no matter where...

The New York State College of Life Sciences has evidence that *resveratrol*, a compound released in the production of grape juice, can dramatically reduce cholesterol. Interestingly enough, you've always enjoyed the wonderful advantages of using our pure and flavorful

Kedem Concord Grape Juice on Shabbos and Yom Tov... now, you have more than enough reason to enjoy Kedem every day of the week!



KEDEM

BUSINESS WEEK

MAY 25, 1992—Researchers at Cornell University say grape juice is a lectolers' alternative for lowering cholesterol and the risk of heart disease. Leroy H. Creasy, a Cornell scientist, began testing grape juice after he identified the compound in red wine believed responsible for reducing cholesterol. Called resveratrol, it is an antifungal agent found in grape skins and released during fermentation.

Kedem Grape Juice varieties are available at all better food markets. If you would like to read more about what the press has to say regarding the benefits of grape juice, send a stamped, self addressed envelope to Kedem Grape Juice 420 Kent Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211 (Department J)

COMMENCEMENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 11:00 AM

THE PARAMOUNT
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN



HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR COMPLETED GRADUATION KIT TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR?

IF NOT, CONTACT THE REGISTRAR

IF SO, DID YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR APPLICATION?

Yeshiva Sports



1994-95 IAC League Champions

Tauberman: IAC League Champions

BY ALAN EGOZI

For the first time in Yeshiva's fencing history, the Tauberman have won the IAC title. After beating NJIT and Stevens Tech at the Yeshiva megameet on Sunday, February 12, YU clinched first place in the conference. The Taubermen went undefeated in the league.

Fencing Lafayette and Haverford Colleges at their last away meet on February 19, the Tauberman put things together. Every squad fenced optimally when Yeshiva defeated Lafayette 18-9. The foil squad never fenced better, routing their opponents 6-3. Foil squad leader Tzvika Nissel had a successful outing, fencing 6-0 for the day. Veteran foil fencer Joseph Herman finished his season on a high note, going 2-1. The Saber squad enjoyed the best day of all, beating both opposing squads. Captain Jonathan Korn led with a 4-2 record for the day. Although veteran Ari Lifschitz was 1-2 against Lafayette, he fenced strong, losing two bouts 4-5.

The highlight of the day was rookie saber fencer, Baltsar Bekheld, who went an impressive 4-2. Baltsar, who fenced epee all year, switched weapons to saber in the second semester, since saber was short a man (senior fencer Robert Williger had to stay in Chicago for a week after fall break for job interviews) when YU went up to the MIT megameet in the beginning of the February. Fencing the top sabermen in the country from teams like Columbia, MIT, and Brown, Baltsar finished the day with a mouth-opening five victories, second best in the squad. Nobody had any expectations for Balt-

sar, since he trained in saber for a mere week before going to Boston. Commenting on Baltsar's accomplishments and the unique combined epee-saber style Baltsar uses, Coach Pete Rosas said, "We have found a natural niche for him."

Epee also had a strong showing against Lafayette, beating their squad 7-2. Co-captain Reuben Levy and veteran Shai Canaan both went 3-0 against them. Shimon Oppenheim finished the week in fencing with an astounding eleven victories (including his 9-2 record at the YU megameet a week earlier).

The Tauberman went to their first Mid Atlantic Conference Fencing Association (MACFA) championships ever on Sunday, February 26. It was an especially successful outing for the epee squad, who finished in third place out of the fourteen teams in the league. The epee squad, which throughout the season was the team's most powerful weapon, placed two fencers in the MACFA top ten, with Levy capturing fifth place and Canaan seventh. Coach Arnold Messing expressed that "Every team in the league is scared of our epee squad."

Overall, this year marked a huge improvement from last year's Tauberman. With a strenuous schedule consisting of twenty five opposing teams and three megameets, the Tauberman's busiest schedule ever, the team is establishing themselves as one of the more competitive teams in the region. Since most of the veteran fencers will return to the team next year, the outlook for the upcoming season is very optimistic.

Tennis Team Slams First Opponent

BY COMMENTATOR SPORTS STAFF

In their first match of the season the YU tennis team mechanically disassembled Polytechnic College by a count of 7 wins to 2 losses. The competition which took place this past Sunday, March 12th, was played at Flushing Meadows USTA tennis complex, home of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

The first half of the day consisting of six singles matches immediately demonstrated that Yeshiva was the dominant team. Co-Captain David Samet, playing in the #1 seeded position, blasted the opponents #1 seed 6-2, 6-2. Groundstroke phenom Michael "Chaim" Pfeiffer skillfully glided through the #2 player 6-4, 7-5, while #4 seed Tzvi Zilberstein crushed his competitor 6-2, 6-1. Gabe Slotnick, the team's other co-captain, relentlessly dismantled Polytech's #3 seed by an embarrassing 6-0, 6-0. The team's only two losses came in the #5 and #6 singles matches. Avraham Ciment, returning from the flu and upsetting his inflamed knee in

his first game, incredibly stretched the match to three sets. At the end Ciment could not accrue enough strength to pull out the victory, 6-2, 2-6, 4-6. The other loss bounced off the racquet of Ron Samet 5-7, 2-6.

With YU entering the second half of the day leading by a 4-2 match count, the team only needed one victory in doubles to clinch the victory. Tzvi Zilberstein paired up with Ari Hirt to take on the #3 seeded team. Zilberstein and Hirt remarkably sealed the YU victory in a 35 minute 2 set match, winning 6-0, 6-0. In similar fashion, the Michael Pfeiffer - David Samet tandem (6-2, 6-2) and Gabe Slotnick - Jon Heller duo (6-0, 6-2) methodically crushed any hopes of Polytech gaining respect.

Gabe Slotnick, who yielded only two games out of four sets, commented on the team's pummeling of the helpless Polytech school by grudgingly mumbling "no mercy." The phrase seems to capture the attitude of this year's team - strong, overpowering, and determined to take no prisoners.

The Commentator

500 West 185th Street
New York, NY 10033