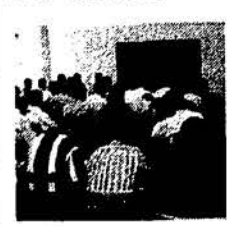


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The Cornerstone laying ceremony for the new Samuel H. and Rachel Golding Building at YU's Einstein College of Medicine was held on Thursday September 14th. (l-r) Dr. Norman Lamm, Dr. Dominick P. Purpura, Dean of AECOM, and Burton P. Resnick, who chairs both the AECOM Board of Overseers and the YU Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

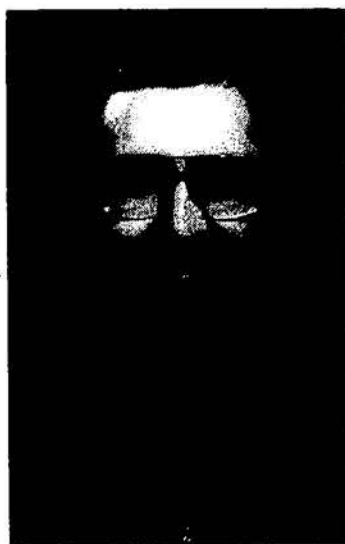
MYP Rosh Yeshiva Rav Aharon Kahn Condemns Fraternity Before Packed Beis Midrash

BY MEIR S. ZEITCHIK

In an emotional and fiery speech two weeks ago, Rabbi Aharon Kahn strongly rebuffed the YU chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. He also implicated the YU administration, saying that they contributed to the phenomenon by not providing enough mashgichim who are "aware and dynamic and real that they [students] can relate to."

Kahn, who dazzled more than six-hundred students with his firm command of language and rich sense of metaphor, made the speech at a time when many Roshei Yeshiva and Talmidim are calling for increased introspection and repentance. They say that the national fraternity's twenty-student YU chapter is totally incompatible with that message.

"There's nothing more exciting to a yetzer hora than an Alpha



Rosh Yeshiva Rav Aharon Kahn

Epsilon Pi in the Mikdosh. It's not enough that it's in NYU or in the 30 or 40 or 50 institutions - it has to be in the Mikdosh!" Kahn exclaimed in the lecture. Instead, he said, Jewish college students should shun false associations of

brotherhood and revel in the joy of true fraternity - Am Yisrael, the nation of Israel.

"We're abandoning our mother for a prostitute! Look what we're doing. We have an entire Torah that teaches us brotherhood and fraternity. What are we giving it up for? For what?!" Kahn said. Historically, Kahn said, fraternities not grounded in Torah ideals have had a deleterious effect on the Jewish people and on the Jewish religion.

"Egalite. Fraternite. Brotherhood. These are the terms of assimilation; of intermarriage; of abandoning Hashem for empty promise and false hopes. These are the terms that broke down the walls of the ghetto and didn't leave Klal Yisrael behind."

Fraternity members, many of whom attended the lecture, expressed admiration at Kahn's skills as an orator and said they even agreed with much of what he said. The problem, they argue, lies in the fact that many of his comments reflect widespread misconceptions about the brotherhood.

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A Transcript of Rav Kahn's Speech
Appears in a Special Commemorative
Pull-Out Section, Pages 7-10.

YC Faculty Join National Professors' Group

BY MEIR S. ZEITCHIK

In the latest shot fired in the ongoing battle between irate faculty members and upper-level administrators, over a third of the faculty have coalesced to form a chapter in the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Faculty has been seeking to increase their power since the Supreme Court struck down their petition to unionize in the late 1970's.

Even though one professor coins the chapter in the national organization as, "just a sound-board," and the YU administration does not officially recognize the chapter, faculty members still hope that membership in a national organization will provide them with the leverage necessary to accomplish their goals. And those goals have a singular focus.

"It boils down to one thing - the faculty are not well-paid," said Music professor and Vice president of the new chapter Dr. Noyes Bartholomew. According to the latest statistics, the median salary for full professors at YU (defined by the University as instructors who teach at least twelve hours a week) falls almost \$9,000 below the average median salary at other AAUP affiliated schools. The latest pay raise bolsters those numbers, but many faculty members point out that it does not go far enough.

"Our administration is not made up of evil people. But they claim they don't have the ability to pay us properly and then keep the numbers to themselves," said one professor who requested to remain nameless.

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YC Set to Announce Honors College for Fall 1996

BY NICK MUZIN

In a bold initiative to strengthen the academic program at YC, the Committee on Academic Excellence has drafted a proposal to create an Honors College within the University starting in Fall '96 that would provide exceptional students with the ability to pursue an enriched program of study.

The Committee's proposal, dated September 6, stated that the aims of the Honors College were "to attract more bright, talented students and ... to enhance the already excellent education offered at [YC]."

Students in their Senior year at high school who possess top GPA's and SAT scores would be eligible for admission into the program. The proposal specified that the Honors track would function as a "semi-permeable system" whereby stu-

dents not enrolled in the program would be able to take select honors courses.

The complete program would require spending three full years on campus and taking 7-8 honors sections of 'bread and butter' courses such as Jewish History, English Composition and Literature, and a four-credit Bible. The program would contain a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and writing-intensive courses. It would also include advanced quantitative courses, such as a physics & chemistry 'supercourse'. Honors students would pursue special research projects in their desired field of study and would be required to submit a three credit honors thesis in their senior year. Students who completed the honors track with a minimum B+ average would have this distinction noted on their

diploma.

This program is the brainchild of Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz and YC Dean Norman Adler. The program is needed, according to Adler, to help YC students "move into the realms of pure thought."

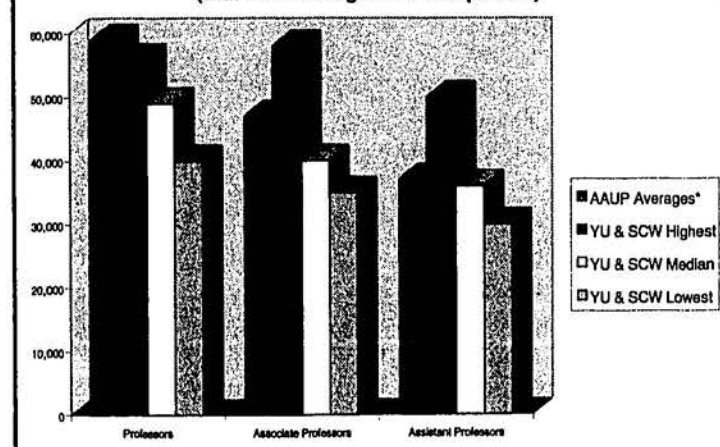
"Our kids are the best in the country," tells Adler. "You don't believe it, but I've been around long enough. And yet [they] write terribly. [They] haven't been sufficiently intellectualized."

In fact, according to Dean Adler, even the Hebrew courses at YC are "not good." He would like to see an honors program implemented in Judaic Studies whereby top students would take courses at the Bernard Revel School.

Another committee member, Dr. Will Lee, would like to see

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YC and SCW FACULTY PROFILE: 1994-1995
(with AAUP Averages for Comparison)



Figures compiled by SCW Professor Miriam Groszof

EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS...

Rabbi Lamm, The Time is Now

Rav Aharon Kahn's speech in the Beis Medrash created a sensation on the Yeshiva College campus, and the reason for all of the excitement is very clear. Students have been waiting too long for the leaders of Yeshiva University to stand up and assert their beliefs; to fight for that in which they believe. Rav Kahn did just that, and his impact was profound.

But the students here at Yeshiva, and, throughout the University community, are not satisfied. Yeshiva University is, for all intents and purposes, under siege. Gay clubs and fraternities are calling into question the reason d'etre of a University that has survived and thrived for over 100 years, and yet YU's leadership is all but silent.

The time has come end this silence. We, in this very space, were quick to applaud Dr. Lamm's decision to stay out of the media circus and preserve the dignity of both himself and the institution, but that was then, and this is now. Then we thought that Yeshiva College would never have a gay club; now, we believe differently. Then, we never could have envisioned a fraternity on our campus; now, we know differently. There is no longer any room to equivocate. The University has a imminent need for its leadership to take a firm stand on these issues that are so central to its existence.

Politics and public opinion aside, only the President and Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University can take that stand. For several decades, Dr. Lamm has been centrist orthodoxy's foremost spokesman and intellectual advocate. Only he possesses the University tongue, communal platform, and oratorical power to redeem the position and perception of Yeshiva University in the Orthodox Jewish community.

Rabbi Lamm - the room is packed, the seats are filled, the podium is ready, and the audience awaits for you to address the crowd. You will have their attention for only so much longer.

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LETTERS To the Editor

Think Before You Schedule

To the editor:

I would really like to address this letter to those members of the administration who were responsible for the school schedule over the Yom Tov period. The schedule that was established was made with a complete lack of consideration for the students of Yeshiva University. The hundreds of students at YU and Stern who do not live in New York or New Jersey, despite the obvious implication by the administration, highly value their few weeks a year at home with their families. Rosh Hashanah is a time that I and many others would much prefer to spend in my own community and with my family. YU made a schedule such that only two days of school, the 28th of September and the 2nd of October, kept me and my fellow "out of towners" in the New York area for Rosh Hashanah. I could have left on September 21st, but instead I have to leave on October 2nd. I guarantee that if the administration would have taken their precious time to ask students if they would mind having the semes-

ter end two days later if they could be home for Rosh Hashanah, the answer would have been a unanimous "NO". Maybe YU doesn't care enough about the best interests of students when making decisions of this nature. The fact that there are morning classes the day after Rosh Hashanah and afternoon classes the day after Succos only confirms my feelings all the more. The former causes those who were fortunate enough to go home for Rosh Hashanah to return late Tuesday night no matter how far away they are. The latter does not even allow those who were either in Israel or the West Coast for Succos to return in time for class all together. I admit that on paper it may have seem practical because re-starting school on two Thursdays makes YU look a little foolish, but I also believe that a University has the responsibility to look out for its students and only then to look for itself.

Sincerely,
Ezra Genauer, SSSB '96
Seattle, Washington

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LETTERS

To the Editor

Thank Goodness for the Commentator's Editors

To the Editors:

As fledgling editors, do you want to earn a reputation for exaggerating, weak inductive reasoning, anecdotal evidence, inaccuracy, glitches in writing, and failure to understand the factual context necessary to take a stand on the issue at hand, as your editorial on the Advisement Center implies?

1. YC advisors actually **intend** to work as a TEAM—so that a humanities advisor would rightly send a science division question of a higher order of complexity to an advisor from that division. Beyond the Center, we work closely with the Deans and with other professionals boasting complimentary brands of expertise, including Senior Professors in the various majors, Naomi Kapp should a student need Career Advisement, and David Himer in the Dean of Students' Office should a student need psychologically informed counseling. Obviously, the only way for a student to get reliable advice or effective help is to get it, directly or indecently, from the right person.

2. It's the **Yeshiva College** Advisement Center; Sy Syms School of Business has always ably provided its own academic advisement through Dean Ira Jaskoll. While a YC advisor may help a first-year student weigh SSSB vs. YC as options or register for basic courses, we rightly direct a student seriously interested in SSSB to Dean Jaskoll.

3. Lacking eidetic memories, we provide advice with reason. "Details of requirements, course descriptions, and comprehensive outlines of specific majors should roll of advisors [sic] tongues?" By that standard Dean emeritus Norman Rosenfeld **might** qualify as an advisor after well over a decade of experience, but no one else in the College possibly could. Thanks to training, a handbook, and support from Dean Avery Horowitz, we do know many of the answers, we know where to find most of the rest more quickly than students could, and when exceptional cases come up, we usually know whom to consult on students' behalf.

4. We agree that we should offer "assistance on a personal and friendly level," and ordinarily, we do. So what about the heart-wrenching story of "one new student," which seems to have inspired the entire editorial? It seems the student, mystified as to what majors to choose, was advised to read the catalog. True, as advisors, we often refer students to the relevant section of the catalog, the legal basis for curriculum, college require-

ments, requirements for majors, and so on. Also true, every student is technically responsible for becoming familiar with the catalogue. Still, as reported, the answer sounds a bit discourteous and impersonal, not to mention incomplete. Under similar circumstances, I might have sent the student to Career Counseling, which does initial assessments of interests, abilities, and matches between various lines of work and individual students, I probably would have tried to initiate a conversation on strengths and interests, and I would almost certainly have asked the student to come back two weeks later when time would permit some serious give and take. But in fact, the student was asking about the nitty-gritty, course-by-course requirements of a particular major, so that the catalogue did hold the precise answer, and in fact, the advisor thought of himself as offering the suggestion good-humoredly in the middle of one of the busiest registration days of the year. Regardless of the circumstances, the weakest possible induction rises from one anecdote which the editors did not bother to check against other students' impressions or to place into context of the way the Center functions.

Did the editors ever go through registration before last year? Our feedback is that for the past two years, partly because of the Center and partly because of Registrar Mel Davis's initiatives, registrations—no picnic at any college—have run much more smoothly. Senior checks, which we have begun to handle, have relaxed many seniors worried about possibly not graduating because of some technicality. Many individual students have thanked many of us for making their lives a bit easier and clearer. Even so, thank goodness for the Commentator's editors, responsible journalists to the rescue. They have seen through this PR smokescreen and reinforced widespread student cynicism just in time! Perhaps some students were actually in danger of beginning to believe that the College has made some logistical and substantive improvements in their overall education!

Sincerely but incompetently,
Dr. Will Lee

P.S. Any student who wants to offer reasonable, constructive criticism which will help us advise people better, please send a signed or anonymous notes to the relevant individual advisor or, if the problem is systemic, to Dean Horowitz or Dean Adler. Seriously.

Mazal Tov to Executive Editor Ryan Karben on his Engagement to Lauren Berkritski

From the Editor's Desk

ARI HIRT

No matter how long I wait in between haircuts, two weeks, two months or two years, I inevitably experience the sensation of time paralysis. Here I am, back again, sitting in the same chair, staring at the same decorations and listening to the same conversation being spoken by the same people, using the same barber to cut my hair.

Yom Kippur plays a similar time game. 364 days separate each successive high holy day; yet, every Kol Nidre I enter the synagogue nodding my head in amazement, wondering how a year can translate into a yesterday. And here I am again, sitting in the same chair, praying with the same people in a jointed effort to cut and shape my spiritual growth.

The parallelism sounds nonsensical, and demeaning towards the holiest period on the Jewish calendar; yet, last Yom Kippur it was appropriate to compare my Kol Nidre experience to that of a barber shop.

I entered the synagogue pondering my life's past, present, and future: What do I need? How can I improve spiritually? How can I move closer to God? These worries were pure, honest, uplifting, and very egocentric.

Much like a barber shop, I found myself looking directly in the mirror and only concerned with fixing my

hair. I came to synagogue ready to direct my haircut without taking notice to the hair of our community or Jewish nation.

The mirror in the barber shop can only reflect personal and individual flaws; a person looks in and sees no one but himself. But Yom Kippur represents a time when community obligation, commitment, and survival takes greatest significance. Obviously a unique mirror must be designed—one which casts images of community, where the person gazes in and sees the deficiencies of a nation.

Approaching this Yom Kippur, during these Ten Days of Repentance, I shuffle many issues which I am using to build my mirror. The coming year presents a myriad of uncertainty to our Jewish community. Will Israel achieve peace or destruction? Can Yeshiva University, the bastion of Orthodox Judaism over the past century, find a means of protecting its Torah values without sacrificing its existence? And with the passing of Harav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach T"ZL, Can the Jewish World hold strong without a universal leader?

Although these issues do not appear resolvable, such prayer and community awareness will elevate my Yom Kippur from the barber shop to the holiest day of the year.



Message From the YCSC President

During these days of Tshuva, we need to focus on what we as a Jewish student body need to change. Most importantly, we must examine how we relate to one another, especially how students of our different Yeshiva programs speak about and act towards each other. This is the time for us to come together with the theme of unity - Kol Yisroel

Aravim Zeh Loh Zeh - If not now, when?

How may we achieve this? Each of us should be introspective and work through his individual attitude. Collectively, we need to structure programs which will bring all of us together as Yeshiva students and Jews. To this end, I urge your strong participation in our campus and student activities. We must transcend the divisions of our four Yeshiva programs and see ourselves as one Yeshiva.

Why am I hopeful that this is possible, despite the cynicism of many students? Monday night, September 18, 1995, Yeshiva experienced the awesome assemblage of nearly 600 talmidim from all divisions in the Main Beis Medrash. They came to hear our Rosh Yeshiva Rav Aaron Kahn, Shlita, speak on the burning issue of the emergence of an unauthorized fraternity at our Yeshiva. Rav Kahn brilliantly demonstrated the incompatibility of the "brotherhood" which fraternities promote and the brotherhood of Torah Judaism.

I therefore urge the so called "fraternity brothers" to end their divisiveness and to return to us as full partners in the Yeshiva College community. By redirecting their energy and talents towards creating a better campus life they will surely be able to achieve their professed goals of dedication to community service and charitable work.

Join us in pledging. Let us pledge to create a new harmony among students. Let us pledge to include and involve every student in campus life. Let us pledge to build a true Yeshiva atmosphere on campus.

These are not simplistic pledges. They touch the heart of our tradition. They are pledges that reflect our values as Jews.

Now is the time to sail against the wind. While the world around us goes to *pot*, our Yeshiva must resist the forces of decadence. We cannot wait for a full and fair wind, unless we are willing to risk having Yeshiva University be blown off its charted course. A New England poet once wrote: "Should the storm come, we shall keep the rudder true."

May Hashem give us the wisdom and the strength to pull together, to keep the rudder true and to emerge as a stronger, Torah-oriented student body.

Josh Fine
YCSC President '95-'96

Yeshiva College



Campus News



The Furst Hall Beit Midrash, one of two facilities on the Main Campus

Nowhere to Learn in Overcrowded Beit Midrash

Permanent Solution Not in Near Future

BY MICHAEL J. BELGRADE

Hundreds of students lack spaces in the Main Beit Midrash to learn in morning seder due to the yearly influx of students. YCSC President Josh Fine stated, "This not only affects the morning seder, but at any time a talmid wants to learn whether in the morning or at night."

There currently exist 528 seats available for students in all the religious study programs - 348 seats in the Main Beit Midrash, 72 seats in the classrooms adjacent to the Beit Midrash, and 108 seats in the Furst Hall Beit Midrash. Yet among the 710 talmidim (560 students in MYP, 100 in RIETS, and the additional 50-60 students in BMP), a considerable amount of students still need space. Freshman shiurim and those shiurim of Rabbis Drillman, Neuberger, and Reichman will soon be forced to hold morning *sedarim* in their respective Furst Hall shiur rooms.

Plethora of proposals

Many suggestions have been forwarded to alleviate the severe overcrowding, but most of them have been deemed impractical. One such idea entails removing the large tables from the Beit Midrash and bringing in *shtenders* instead. Additionally, some rebbeim suggest having their *sedarim* in their classrooms or in the Rubin Shul. Other ideas include holding seder in the severely under used Shenk Shul in Schottenstein Hall, or using the Gerofsky Physics Lab in Belfer or Klein Hall in Muss as novel learning locations, or even purchasing a new building.

However, Assistant Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Jeremy Wieder stated that it is almost impossible to check on the talmidim when they are learning in five different areas or if they do not have

one *makom* where they can learn. It is difficult enough for the mashgichim to check on the students in the morning when they are basically all in one room, said Wieder. Additionally, students in the classrooms are unable to look up other seforim or obtain help from the rebbeim or mashgichim because of their location.

According to Wieder, the ideal situation would be to have one Beit Midrash where the mashgichim could properly supervise. Dean of MYP Rabbi Zevulun Charlop noted that having one Beit Midrash would "diminish fractionalization" amongst the students.

Last Wednesday administration members and student leaders sat down with a professional architect to discuss solutions to the dilemma. SOY President Hillel Cohen remarked afterwards, "the tentative solution as of now is to replace the current three-foot tables inside the Beit Midrash with two-foot tables instead as to allow 60 more seats inside." He stressed that that this is just a short term solution and that this will not solve the permanent problem with the increasing numbers of students who are applying and will be attending YU. Furthermore, with smaller tables, it will be considerably tighter inside the already filled Beit Midrash. Students will not be able to keep as many *sforim* on the table because of the smaller space allotted to them. "Not everyone will be able to keep their own homespun *Shas* and Rambam on the tables," joked one MYP Senior.

Still another possible solution is to enlarge the current Beit Midrash by knocking down the walls of the Beit Midrash connected to the hallway and the classroom walls in order to make one cohesive unit. Yet many say it will be impossible to accomplish because with a room that size, fire violations will abound.

Large Disparity Between MYP Shiur Popularity

BY KENNY WEINBLATT

New numbers released by the MYP office indicate a wide gap between the more popular and less popular shiurim in MYP. Although there are twenty MYP shiurim for the 605 students enrolled in the program, approximately half of them attend four popular shiurim.

R. Bronspigel's shiur heads the list with an official enrollment of about 90 students, R. Rosensweig's is a close second with 80, R. Parnes's next with 65, and R. Schachter's the fourth highest with 50. That leaves 16 shiurim to split the remaining 320 students, which averages out to 20 students in those shiurim.

The obvious problem for the popular shiurim is space, or the lack thereof. The solutions, however, are far from obvious, especially with an overall increase in the number of students enrolled at YC/SSSB

and with 215 RIETS students not figured into the official MYP numbers.

"Certain shiurim are very popular and we need some larger rooms to accommodate them, maybe even some lecture halls," said MYP dean Rabbi Zevulun Charlop.

Charlop even suggests the possibility of capping the number of students in particular shiurim. "The idea would be that every shiur would not have more than a certain, equal number of Talmidim," he said.

For the less popular shiurim, Charlop wishes to pursue a policy of gentle encouragement rather than firm coercion.

"We try to persuade some talmidim to try a different shiur, since all our Rabbeim are great shiurim," he said. "We don't want anyone to lose out on the chance to be where they want to go, but we rather they be open to all the wonderful shiurim here in Y.U."

Senate Sets Agenda in First Meeting

BY EPHRAIM LEIBTAG

Dr. Will Lee, YC/SSSB Student Senate moderator and chairman, opened the academic advisory board's first meeting of the year explaining how they were entering a "New age for the Senate" with great potential for accomplishment because of the involvement of new "innovation-minded" YC Dean, Dr. Norman Adler.

Student Senator Isaac Sasson proposed the creation of a YU Student Course Guide on the Internet which would contain relevant information about professors and the courses they are teaching. This would include a detailed course description with an up to date syllabus, required texts list, a short biography on the professor (degree, past research, office hours, etc.), and most importantly an evaluation of the teacher from past and current students along with a grade distribution record.

Administrators were apprehensive over the prospect of placing this catalog on the internet. "I am a little concerned about putting this on the World Wide Web or on a computer which many people have access to" said Dr. William Schwartz, vice-president of Academic Affairs. "(If) you put it on a computer it may be difficult to limit access to people outside the University...make the material available to those who need to know, namely, the consumer, the students."

Dean Adler concurred, "I am not sure that I would want that distributed any more than I would want your (students) grades to be put on the World Wide Web. This is for "family" examination (only)."

However, both agreed that if the information could be "contained in the university" it would be a feasible and worthwhile endeavor. Preliminary plans for this course guide, or at least the non-controversial items within it, may begin as early as the end of this year.

The senate continues to grapple with the notion of limiting outside credits granted to students. The most talked about suggestion is that of placing a credit cap on the number of Israel, summer school, and AP credits allowed. The ultimate goal of these limits would be to encourage students to spend an extra semester or two on campus. Senator's hope that as students' stay on the YU campus increases, the number and range of courses that can be offered would increase, thereby raising the academic level of the school.

In a related issue, the Senate has also introduced the idea of creating an "Honors College" within YC (see front page on related story) which would offer more challenging and interesting courses in various majors for students entering the school with a certain GPA and SAT score.

Finally, the Senate is working on enhancing the tutorial system in all majors and combining them under one authority to increase their efficiency in reaching and helping as many students as possible. They are also looking into conducting some computer literacy seminars to help acquaint the student population to what is available through the Internet.

Karben Victorious in Rockland County Primary

Gets Engaged One Day Later

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK
AND MEIR S. ZEITCHIK

If you walk into the second-floor Morg room of YC senior Ryan S. Karben, nothing will strike you as out of the ordinary. A *tanach* graces the bookshelf, a Norton's anthology sits precariously perched on the desk and a bottle of Snapple stays chilly in the fridge.

But Ryan Karben is anything but a typical YU student. And last week was anything but a typical week.

He won a primary on Tuesday, got engaged on Wednesday and hosted a double-victory celebration on Thursday.

Life moves fast for the darling of the Democratic party, and will get even faster in the coming weeks. With the victory on Tuesday in the Rockland County Legislature Democratic primaries over a candidate more than twice his age, he now faces his toughest challenge yet - the general elections on November 7. If he is successful, he will earn \$20,000 salary and will arguably become the most powerful twenty-one year old that the state has ever seen.

Not that he hasn't made his mark until now. As a member of the Town of Ramopo planning board, he has aggressively fought for the rights of the underprivileged, and championed family values by promoting legislation which would ban sex shops in residential areas.

Known as "Rockland County's Boy Wonder" to members of the city's reporting teams, Karben has become experienced in handling the attention. News of Karben's victory was publicized on WNBC-TV, WCBS Newsradio 88, and 1010 WINS. With oratory skills eclipsed only by Rav Aharon Kahn's, the Karben mouth feels at home in front of the reporter's microphone, and in front of the podium as well. Constant speechmaking is the mark of a successful campaign.

Given the frenetic pace of the campaign trail and a courtship, where does school enter Karben's equation?

Simple. It doesn't.

"School isn't even in the backseat. It's in the trunk," Karben admits.



Candidate for Rockland County Legislature and YC Senior Ryan Karben

"Luckily, I am blessed with understanding professors."

Nevertheless, Karben has a long-standing record of success in the halls of academia as well. As a Max Stern scholar and Executive Editor of *The Commentator*, Karben makes his presence felt on campus. And sometimes he is Ryan Karben, just plain English major, ordering a drumstick for seven dollars in the Furman Dining Hall.

School happens to have a special place in Karben's heart because it was within the halls of academia that Karben met his fiancée Lauren Berkritsky, when they were both sophomores at The Frisch School in Paramus.

The week that saw the two get engaged "was a surreal experience. I went from a professional triumph to an intense personal simcha," Karben noted.

As he reclined in his chair, casually chatting among friends several hours after getting down on one knee and popping the big question, the phone rang. On the other end was the woman whose "Yes" made one-half of the celebration possible.

"It's my fiancée," he announces. And, after a reflective pause, he proudly smiles and says "G-d, I love saying that." If he plays his cards right, he will continue to have a lot to smile about.

Adjuncts Hired Following Late Faculty Exodus

BY J.D. SHULMAN

Several adjunct professors were hired at the last moment in order to replace a number of professors that departed Yeshiva College. Consequently, the most ubiquitous professor 'Staff' was scheduled to teach a number of course offerings in the Course Catalog.

Some faculty members left unexpectedly while others had given ample notice. Edward Jacobs, a former adjunct assistant professor of music, left the college for a full-time position at another college. He has been replaced by an adjunct teacher, Mr. Glazer.

Rebecca Stearns, an instructor in Speech and Drama, and Irving J. Borowitz, Professor of Chemistry, have both retired after each having served YU for more than thirty years. Professor Borowitz has since been replaced by Wayne Schnatter.

"[Dr. Stearns] retired because the commute was too much... we were surprised, saddened, and disappointed to see her leave, but people do retire," commented assistant dean Dr. Avery Horowitz.

Ms. E. Feldman and Ms. Mogilner, two adjunct professors in political science replace Dr. Ruth Bevan who has taken a sabbatical year. Additionally, three other adjuncts were hired as Economics teachers.

Dean Horowitz noted how every year "a certain amount of turnover is expected and not everyone can be replaced by full professors since it is very time consuming to do a search."

Dean Adler took issue with the idea that adjuncts who replace professors on sabbatical are inherently no good. Citing a study which found that teachers' abilities usually peak after seven to ten years, Adler noted that sabbaticals are "especially important in a small school" to provide the professors with a "*shana aleph*," a period of free time for their own pursuits.

Looking to the future, Dean Adler remarked that Adjunct Sociology professor Jacob Lindenthal will be giving a course on the Topics of Internship, and that Jeffrey Gurock, Professor of Jewish History, will be giving a course on Reconstructionist Jews.

YCSC Allocates Clubs Budgets for Coming Year

BY DANIEL RUBIN

The YCSC Executive Board has designated over \$90,000 between 50 clubs, societies, and journals at its annual session of reviewing, cutting, and allocating student council funds. The remaining ten thousand dollars will be spent on the Chanuka Concert, Purim Chagigah, and other YCSC-sponsored events.

YCSC President Josh Fine adds that this year's budget will be a "rolling budget," meaning that clubs could receive more funds later in the year if deemed worthy by the Board. These allotments will be decided upon by the Board, which will reconvene every two-and-a-half months to review the performance of each club and observe whether or not they are properly taking advantage of the money they were allocated.

While most clubs generally received the same amount of money as they did last year, some club Presidents were visibly miffed at their allocations. Richie Grossman and Shimon Oppenheim, co-presidents of the Culture Society, had requested \$2050 in their budget proposal to buy tickets for Broadway shows like "The Tempest," for which they had already set a date to attend. The money would then be reimbursed to YCSC once students attending a show would buy their tickets. Grossman and Oppenheim were "tentatively told" by Fine that the Society would receive \$1050, still enough money for a couple of shows. However, they were subsequently allotted a mere \$50, just enough to pay for signs to be posted around campus. "It (the Society) can't work like this. We can't buy tickets without money up front, and we can't expect anyone to give us twenty dollars for a ticket when we don't even know what show we're seeing," said Grossman.

Also disgruntled by his apportionment

was Eytan Marcus, Editor-in-Chief of the Yeshiva College Medical Journal. Marcus explained in his proposal that the cost of two journals, including production and office costs, amounts to \$4750, toward which the SCWSC would allot \$1000 and the Dean's Office would kick in \$2000, leaving a request of \$1750 to YCSC. The Journal was allotted \$820 by YCSC, less than half of what Marcus had requested.

"I'm not happy about it," Marcus said. "There isn't an equal distribution of funds." Marcus expressed hope that the Dean's office would cover the rest of the expenses.

A little more understanding of his meager allowance was Nick Muzin, founder and President of the new Community Literacy Club, a group which will soon foray into the Washington Heights community and attempt to teach its denizens how to read and write in English. Muzin had requested \$700 in his proposal to pay for books and other materials, but was also allotted just \$50, again just enough to post signs around campus. Said an upbeat Muzin, "I understand that YCSC can't go ahead and pay for the books. I'll just have to find another way to fund my program."

On the brighter side, J.J. Sussman, co-founder and President of the new "Round Table Discussion Group," managed to cop \$150 out of YCSC's Budget to pay for refreshments. The group meets informally every night after night seder in Morg 518 to discuss whatever is on their mind and generally vent their frustrations peacefully. Sussman also plans to rent out the new and refurbished Morg Lounge three times a semester for formal group discussions. Some other clubs that were awarded significantly more money than they received last year include the Computer Science Club (\$845 - \$1100), YCDS (\$17,500 - \$19,000), the Jewish Affairs Committee (\$200-\$500), and WYUR (\$4,215 - \$5,675).

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Confusion Surrounds Club Status of YCDS

BY ARNON STORFER

For many years the Yeshiva University Dramatics Society was considered by many to be the largest club under the umbrella of Yeshiva College. But these days calling YCDS a club might be a mistake since it is being offered as a one credit college course with "club status," entitled *Theater Workshop*. At this point in time no one knows what to call the society- not its members, and certainly not the Yeshiva University administration.

The turmoil over the status of the dramatics society began in the spring semester of 1994 following the release of the YCDS production of *Lips Together Teeth Apart*, a play dealing with the dual personality inherent within each person. The play contained overtones about homophobia and homosexuality. In what appeared to be an effort to prevent a re-occurrence of the type of negative publicity that ensued, the Yeshiva University administration assembled a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of Academic Standards. Its purpose is to review potential scripts submitted by the YCDS faculty advisor, Dr. Anthony Beukas, and to recommend revision should the committee deem it necessary.

According to Martin Tollinsky, President of YCDS, the committee's emergence did not come without compromise. YCDS requested that the maximum credit allotment for *Theater Workshop* be increased from one to three credits. In addition, Yeshiva College Dramatics Society would leave the status of extra-curricular activity, or "club", and become an official course. Their request was denied.

During the fall semester of 1994 students enrolled in *Theater Workshop* were allotted up to three credits based on the nature of their involvement in the productions. The next semester the Curriculum Committee met and concluded that allowing *Theater Workshop* receive three credits would undermine the legitimacy of the speech and drama major and minors, since a student involved in just four productions will have earned him a minor.

Therefore, the Curriculum Committee adjusted the maximum allotment to two credits.

When students enrolled in the theater course at the beginning of this semester, they were shocked to find out that *Theater Workshop* had been reduced back to the original one credit, and "club" status. Tollinsky relates how the chaos surrounding the issue of credits has left potential actors hesitant to participate in YCDS, as they fear they won't graduate with the correct number of credits.

But the uncertainty of credits is not the only unaddressed issue plaguing YCDS. In becoming an official course, as thought to have happened in fall 1994, YCDS should have been able to permit students on academic probation to participate in plays, for according to university policy, students whose grades are below standard are only denied admittance to extra curricular activities.

In last year's production *Conversations With My Father* one student was indeed found to be on academic probation during the final weeks of rehearsal. True to its new status and regulations governing academic courses, the student was permitted to continue in the production.

Seth Dimbert, stage manager for both *Enemy of the People* and *Conversations With My Father*, pointed to the Yeshiva College administration as the source of the confusion. Dimbert said, "There is no communication. Where as one committee might determine that more than one credit be given to a student for working on a play, the information never filtered down to the registrar... no communication occurred."

Dr. Beukas declined to answer questions regarding the current state of YCDS, stating that he had not received the notes from the latest meeting of the curriculum committee nor from any deans who have been discussing the issues. Professor Beukas did mention that a meeting would be arranged following the holiday vacation, in which he, the dramatics society, deans of the university, and the curriculum committee, would be able to iron out everything.

Holocaust Conference to be held at YU in October

BY ELLI GANCHROW

YU will be sponsoring a Holocaust seminar entitled "Journalism and the Holocaust 1933-1945." Set to take place at the midtown campus over October 22-24, the program will detail the destruction of the European Jews in the Second World War as reflected in the media.

Among the scheduled speakers are Marvin Kalb from the JFK School of Government, YC and New York Times alumnus Ari Goldman and current New York Times reporter and O.J. Simpson expert David Margolick.

The conference will be divided into three sections. Section one will delve into American Journalism at the time of World

War II, analyzing the articles on plight of European Jewry, and American Jews' response to them.

How the Nazis and their allies used propoganda in the media to step up their war against the Jews will be analyzed in the second section.

The final section will be a study on how the Jews who were stuck in Europe, especially in the ghettos, used clandestine newspapers to let the world know what was happening to them.

One of the chairmen of the event, Professor Jeffrey Gurock, urged YU students to attend and raised the possibility of renting a bus for student of interest level is high enough.

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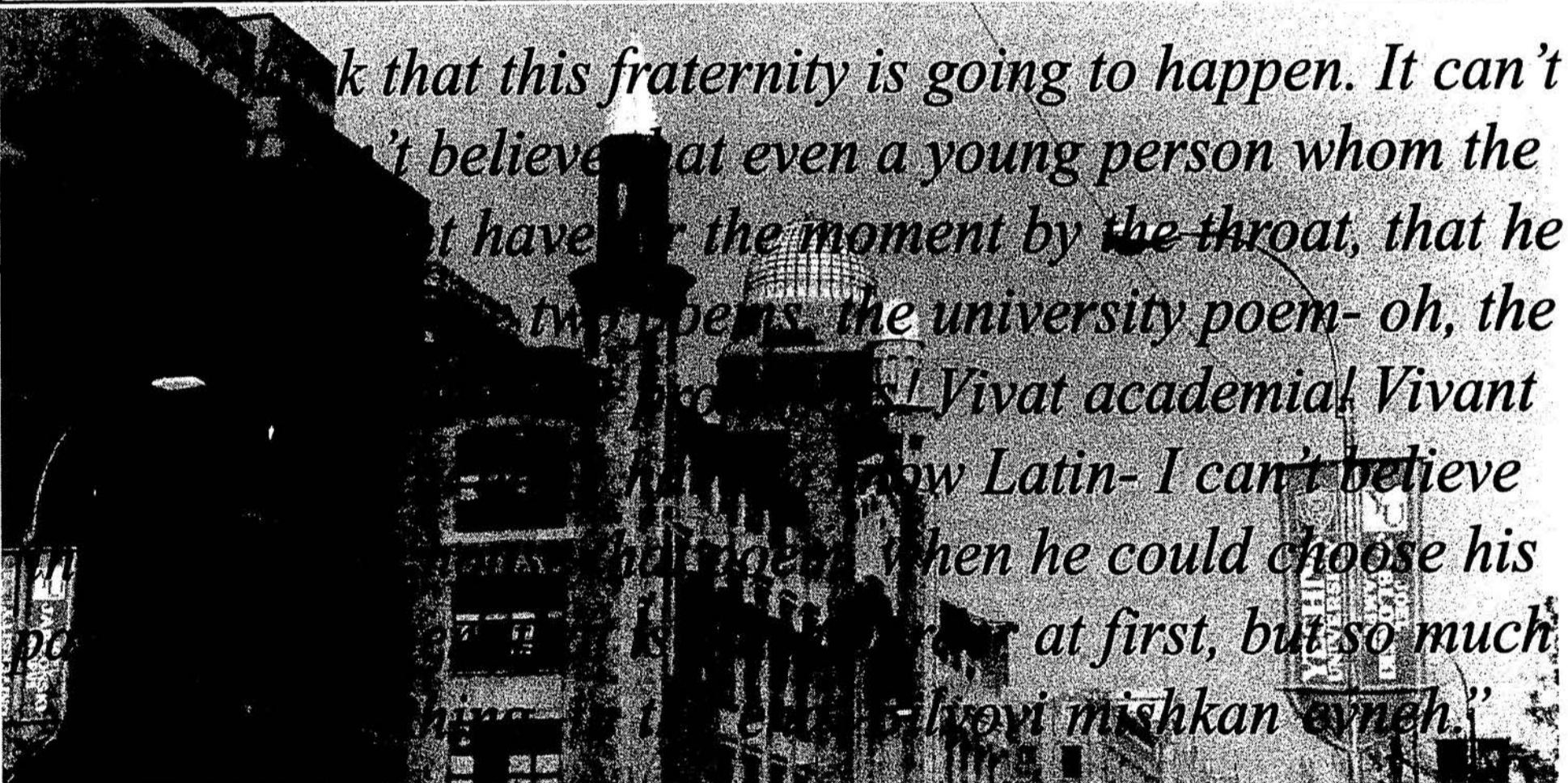
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“You Don’t See the Tears Because I’ve Cried Myself Sick Already”

Rav Aharon Kahn’s Powerful Assault on the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity

Transcribed by David Swidler



Morai Verabosai: Chodesh Elul is almost at an end. We stand at the portals of Yomim Noraim. What I say to you, believe me, was composed leshaim shomayim; was reviewed by myself leshaim shomayim. And I stand here before you with an absolute commitment that what I have to say is truly leshaim shomayim. That does not mean that I cannot err. Nor does it mean that I cannot be misconstrued. Both you and I have to be mispallel at the outset: I, that I am not nichshal, and you, that you truly understand.

The Rambam tells us in Hilchos Teshuva Perek Gimmel: Af al pi shetekias shofar berosh hashana gezeras hakosuv, remez yesh bo- What ever the gezeras hakosuv, we can find a remez in the blowing of the shofar. Kelomar- what is that remez? What is that reminder?- Uru yeshainim mishainaschem- you who are asleep, wake up from your slumber- Venirdomim, hokitzu mitardaimaschem vechipsu bema’asaichem- Search, examine your actions- vechizru bitshuva- and

return, do teshuva- vezichru boraachem- and remember your Creator. I’ve always had a start when I read these words, because the sequence is jarring for the mind that’s trained in the meticulous seder of the Rambam (This is the legacy of the Rov z”l in the entire yeshiva). How can you do teshuva and then remember hkb”h? Chizru bitshuva vezichru boraachem. It should have said, lichora, the reverse: wake up from your slumber, examine your deeds, remember hkb”h, and return in teshuva to him. What then shall we make of these words in the sequence that the Rambam presents to us- vechizru bitshuva, vezichru boraachem- do teshuva, and then remember your Creator.

In the sequel to Yomim noraim, we’re going to have the great yom tov of Succos. And during that yom tov, on a shabbos, we will lain Koheles. There’s something at the very end of Koheles that kept coming to mind when I read these words of the Rambam, over and over, and finally something happens and an association is

formed: vezichru boraachem- Why davka “remember your Creator?” Why not “zichru Elokaichem,” or “zichru hkb”h,” or any other term of reference? Why, “remember your Creator” - “zichru boraachem?” And I felt compelled to come to the following conclusion: that the Rambam here means to convey to us a very special sense -not, “remember the Ribbono shel olam” - “zichru boraachem” leads us, as if by the hand, to that posuk in Koheles: “Zechor es borecho biymai bechurosecho” - “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.”

Life, whether we like it or not, eventually piles upon us burdens and travails, pains and sufferings, and we, boy do we, cry out to hkb”h. There’s nothing like a little macholoh, chas vesholom, rachmono litzlon, to send us running into the bosom of hkb”h: “Ribbono shel olam, help me!”

But we are all well. We are in the exuberance of youth! We don’t even know what it means, that we may not even have

a tomorrow. Youth is only tomorrow! Youth is springtime! Youth is Shir Hashirim! Youth is excitement and enthusiasm! The world- if you’ll pardon the trifus of the metaphor- is your oyster!

Rabbosai: we get older; we have families- we have responsibilities; we have children- we worry about their health and their development; we worry about promises and hopes and yearnings that we have had for them that need fulfillment, and it doesn’t always happen, certainly not the way we imagined, or hoped. And we cry to Hashem. And we know that He is there! But in our youth? Who knows? On the occasional moment, an MCAT, an LSAT- “Ribbono shel olam, I need you on this one!” - but the thought itself makes us laugh! And the rest of the time we are well- we are of limb and of vigor- and the Ribbono shel olam is somewhere: somewhere else. We daven; we learn; and there’s a Ribbono shel olam somewhere- out there. We acknowledge

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that Hashem sustains our very breath of life, but who takes heed of the inherent frailty-the existential frailty-of our existence, in our youth? That is the meaning of this Rambam: what is teshuva gemura? A teshuva with all your capacities intact, to do the same avairoh- and yet we withhold, we refrain, we withstand the temptation. You cannot do that kind of teshuva in old age. In old age, we have admitted, we have capitulated, we acknowledge the Ribbono Shel Olam by default, we have to have Him in our equation! We simply cannot live without Him anymore. We are too weak, we are too humble. But "bimay bechurosecho" there has to be the challenge of "zechor es borecho." That is the meaning of this Rambam: Chizru bitshuva- what kind of teshuva?- a teshuva of "zichru boraachem!" When we still have time to ignore, chas vesholom; when we still have the capacity to misunderstand- that's when hkb"h has to be remembered: in our youth! That is the teshuva of "vechizru bitshuva vezichru boraachem."

But Koheles' request, that we remember our Creator, is very heavy. Hashem asks, of course, that we take up the yoke of

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Torah Umitzvos, even when we are young- but the yetzer hora has other plans: "Semach bochur beyaldusecho" - "Rejoice, O youth." - "you're young." Coaxing and prodding and threatening and cajoling- here pushing, there pulling (if you'll forgive me, here rushing, there hazing). He sings, this yetzer hora, indefatigably, the song of youthful exuberance: Live it up! Enjoy! Sing, dance, drink, enjoy the pleasures of the flesh; take it all in- life is a celebration. In a thousand ways the yetzer hora argues his point. It's an ancient song, but somehow nobody ever gets bored hearing it: Eat, drink, and be merry. And he, too, is a masmid, this yetzer hora- and suggests, and warns, "don't lose a minute- don't waste a breath- there's so much out there for the taking! The world is a rich tapestry; a bounteous weave; a sumptuous feast; a smorgasbord of infinite possi-

bility."

"Become intoxicated with the sweet pleasures of life. Drug to a higher consciousness! Transport yourself to Xanadus of sybaritic splendor."

The yetzer hora says, "you can have it all."

You know that chachomim had a thought for a moment, to sequester Koheles- to banish it from the canon of the chof daled kisvei hakodesh. For this very posuk: "semach bochur beyaldusecho." Until they understood that this is the etza of the yetzer hora. How so? Because then Koheles adds the critical words: "Veda"- know- "ki al kol aileh yeviacho Hoelokim bamishpoht." Know that for all of this, ultimately, the Ribbono Shel Olam will bring you to judgment.

The reckoning comes. And if you think for a moment that the yetzer hora is your friend, think again. Think again. If you listen carefully, if it's as quiet as it is now, you can hear his peals of laughter as he goes all the way to the bank with your neshomos in his pocket for deposit.

Lest we remind the yezer hora of our religious imperatives- of such things as mitzvos, notions of ol malchus shomayim- he has armed himself in anticipation with a complete arsenal of weapons. His weapons come in all shapes and sizes. Tzad hashoveh shebohen- the common denominator of them all, is one: Torah is a bore, mitzvos are a chore, and as far as ol malchus shomayim is concerned, instead, I offer you unfettered pleasure. And the pheromones are so attractive; and the spring of our lives so rich with licentious possibility. Later, says the yetzer hora; time enough for malchus shomayim later. Time to be bored to death later. Ve'al kol aileh yeviacho hoelokim bamishpoht. He's stolen your youth, the yetzer hora. He's taken the very best years: the shteiging, years of growth in Torah and Mitzvos, years of enthusiastic devotion to Hashem and to his people.

No place looks more desolate than the ballroom after the dance is over; the nightclub, when after the sun has already risen, the garbage is being swept up. And where are the patrons? The drunken sots whose eyes cannot tolerate the sun that has already risen, streaming in through the drawn curtains. Oh, how the Rov, zichrono livrocho, used to describe this in his teshuva shiurim: baboker, in the morning, betzais hayayin- when the wine recedes. The yetzer hora has made of you an emperor for a night. And has woven a gossamer fabric of nothingness which you have rushed to put on! So you have adorned yourself of these emperor's new clothes, and it is almost too late when the dawn breaks into our troubled slumber and declares: the emperor is naked- completely and absolutely naked!

College. Our Yeshiva College. My Yeshiva College. I cry for your possibility. Even in this eleventh hour, there's so much possibility. You could be a very special place. There's nothing the yetzer hora delights in more than the expression, "hagam lichbosh es hamalkoh imi baboyis." To desecrate the kedusha in its place. In the place of kedusha! That is the image, ultimately, of "he'emid tzelem

b'heichol!" That is the image which is described in the gemoroh in maseches Yuma, and which has its echo today in the Tashlich travesty. Chazal tell us in maseches Yuma, daf chof, that like the kohain godol who was kept awake on the night of Yom Kippur by people gathering around the Beis Hamikdosh, so, too, bigvulin, there was such a custom. And it led to terrible deeds, as men and women mingled in this gathering together. The night of Yom Kippur! This is the yetzer hora's delight! When I was a child, I remember- how could I forget?- there was a break on Yom kippur, and everybody piled out- out of the shul, and onto Broadway. And on the corner of Broadway and 101st St., there was a Davega store- an outlet for televisions. And they kept the televisions going 24 hours a day as an advertisement, even when the store was closed- which it was, for Yom Kippur. And it was the World Series! And the same people who said, "Oshamnu, bogadnu," -who said, "Al chait shechotonu," -who said, "vechol"- the whole world- "ya'avrun lefonecho"- pass before you, for judgment-

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"kivnei maron." "Kevakoras ro'ehedro!" But there was the break! And it was the World Series! It was the Yankees! And oh, the yetzer hora was in delight. You go to Tashlich. And the Vilna Gaon, in his time, warns: what is Tashlich? "Vesashlich bintzulos yom kol chatosom." It's one of the most serious moments! The imagery of Tashlich- the imagery of casting off avairos; of becoming new and fresh and different! But the yetzer hora- he sees his chance! Get together- mingle a little bit! Never mind Rosh Hashonoh- never mind Yom Hadin! Never mind Yomim Noraim! Go! Enjoy! Have a break from the severity of Yomim Noraim! And the kol hashofar peals into the dark emptiness and begs, "zichru boraachem!" But there's no one to listen, because they've all gone to the party.

This is the yetzer hora's bread and

butter. This is his delight- in the mikdosh! In the mikdosh. In the mikdosh of Tashlich; in the mikdosh of Yom Kippur! A tzelem b'heichol!

Yeah. There's nothing more exciting to a yetzer hora than an Alpha Epsilon Pi. In the mikdosh. It's not enough that it's in NYU; or in the 30 or 40 or 50 other institutions- it has to be in the mikdosh! Otherwise, we cannot live.

But doesn't it have merit? Value? Pur-

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pose? Fraternity! Collegiality. Camaraderie! Aren't those very good words? They sound so happy, and so real, and so purposeful, and so great! These are the terms of the French Revolution- Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite, yes?

Egalite, Fraternite. Brotherhood! These are the term of assimilation; of intermarriage; of abandoning Hashem for empty promises and false hopes; these are the terms that broke down the walls of the ghetto and didn't leave klal Yisroel behind! And the banner of "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite" broke those walls and left empty bodies, soulless, who had no connection to the Ribbono shel olam whatsoever. And a Moses ben Menachem Mendelssohn can have a grandson- composer as he was!- who's not even Jewish. Rachmono litzlon.

Or, perhaps, the image is an error. Maybe we should reclaim a different salutation: Comrade! Now there's a word for you- comrade, tovarich! Ah! In less than a life span- less than a life span- see if you can accomplish that- Comrade Tovarich destroyed tens of millions of bodies and countless more souls, and cripples a huge segment of our people, whose neshomos we struggle almost in vain to reclaim.

Or perhaps the image conjured up for us by the nimble pen of Alexandre Dumas- remember? The Three Musketeers! (you must have read at least the comic) All for one, and one for all: All for one in debauchery, and one for all in swords-

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manship. Or, to put it in more Jewish terms, All for one in [the violation of] Lo Sinaf," and one for all in [the violation of] Lo Sirtzach."

And tell me something. You know that Rav Moshe Feinstein- it's in a teshuva somewhere [Yoreh Deah I,223]- writes that a certain sefer makes the point that Moshe Rabbainu did not immediately break the luchos when he heard from Hkb"h, "laich, raid, ki shichais amcho."

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Why? Because when you see something with your own eyes, that's me'orer your hergesh infinitely more. When he saw with his own eyes "ki shichais amcho," then he broke the luchos. Reb Moshe said no, it cannot be. Chas vesholom. If Hkb"h says, "ki shichais amcho," he sees the hashchoso with his eyes- then and there! Hkb"h says it! it's the ultimate truth- it's the ultimate validation. He doesn't have to see it for himself- he has already seen it for himself, in the words, "ki shichais amcho." So then why didn't he break the luchos after all?

So Reb Moshe offers an astonishing perception. It's quite possible, he said, that hkb"h said "ki shichais amcho," that they made the egel. But he didn't tell Moshe Rabbeinu of the mecholos! The dancing! The living it up! The licentiousness! That he didn't tell Moshe Rabbeinu about. So Moshe Rabbeinu thought to himself, there's still hope. I'll go down, and I'll be masbir to them. And he came down. It's not an inyan to break luchos! You try to be mashpia- you try to explain! Why break luchos? Until he saw the mecholos! When he saw the mecholos he said, "it's impossible- I can't break through- there's no one to talk to- there's no one to explain anything to! The yetzer hora has them! They're not mine anymore!" And he takes the luchos and he smashes them. It's pilai p'loim.

Rabbosai, we yidden are now reading, "atem nitzovim hayom kulchem"- you

are all there, every one of you. Is that not the ultimate camaraderie? The ultimate bond? Kulchem? Atem nitzovim hayom kulchem? We need to be taught by goyim how to declare comradarie? I can't believe it. We, who in a few days- it's just a few days- will cry out, "veye'osu kulom agudoh achas la'asos retzoncho belairov sholaim." One band, one group, one union, one chevra, one brotherhood, one fraternity. We need a goy and a goy's way? It's mind-boggling! Rachmono litzlon! We're abandoning our mother- the Aybershter should forgive me, in front of the Aron kodesh- we're abandoning our mother for a prostitute! Look what we're doing! We have an entire Torah that teaches us brotherhood and fraternity. What are we giving it up for? For what?

I was preparing the notes. I sat in the shiur room a few hours ago, pondering- worried sick about the sudden success of the yetzer hora! And one of the talmidim- he's not a talmid of mine in the shiur- comes in and he notices I have the blue book- that's the book- the handbook- of this fraternity. I read it from cover to cover. You have to do your homework, Rabbosai. I don't want chas vesholom that someone should come to me the next day and

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say, "Rabbi Kahn, you spoke, and you spoke, and you spoke- a lot of words (a lot of big words)- what do you know about this fraternity? How do you have the chutzpa?" I read the whole book. Cover to cover. Certain sections I read several times. And you know why? Because I could not believe my ears! You know why I couldn't believe my ears? Not that that book exists- but that anyone in his right mind could bring into a yeshiva, whose values are ancient and profound, the *Shtus!*- the assumption that they have something to teach me!

But they do! Because on page 74, I learned something. I learned about Acquaintance Rape. I kid you not. "Acquaintance Rape: rape is forced sexual... against the will of the victim. It is by far the most prevalent serious violent crime committed on college campuses. In a recent na-

tional survey..." etc. etc. etc... What's their point? Vos is dos nogaiah this fraternity in particular- this Jewish fraternity in particular? I mean, this is not a sociology book- otherwise I would have had to pay ten times as much for it. what is the point, Rabbosai? What is the point? I'll tell you their point: A good frat... a good brother doesn't behave that way. That is the point. I kid you not! "Peer pressure can exert a powerful influence on behavior. Men should be encouraged to look critically at peer pressure and how they respond to it. Pressure to 'score' may cause men to question their own values and limits. Such pressure may create the expectation that members of a particular group are sexually active..." I can't even go on. It's so beneath us. It makes me want to vomit. This is for a college campus, yes: where the problem is a serious problem; this is for a person who has no Torah, no mitzvos, and the fact that he's a Jew is a marginal reality and plays no role whatsoever in his thinking, in his value system- he is one big cheftza of a goy!

I cannot believe that there is a talmid- no matter how he defines himself, and no matter what he is doing with his life, but if he is here, and he has so much to learn and to discover about who he is, and what he was, with the "Atem nitzovim hayom kulchem" agenda- that he could throw that all into the waste basket: all of those seforim; all of the chovos halevovos, and the sha'arei teshuva, and the Rambams, and the Ra'avads, and the R' Akiva Eigers... and instead, lift up this, his new Five Books of Moses. I just can't believe it. I am mamish speechless- I can't believe it! Before the book, I had a different drosho entirely. The maskono was the same. But the content was different. I just can't believe it! I'm telling you, if you want, we'll pass it around, you don't have to trust me- there's no way in a million years, if I had the mind of a Sholom Aleichem, I could not have conjured this up. It has to be real! No one could have imagined this! I have to be taught that it's gentlemanly not to assault a woman?! Rachmono litzlon! How can you sing an Aishes Chayil Friday night and join such a fraternity? It's impossible!

Chesed! I read the whole book. Avrohom Ovinu and the midas hachessed was not mentioned even once. The closest I got was Charlie Moskowitz. He's one of the founders, NYU chapter. I can't believe it, I just can't believe it. I cannot believe it- I was looking for the word "Torah." Somewhere- towards the very, very end- I got to the Constitution. I read that, too. Even though the fine print tested my eyes sorely. And somewhere, buried in there, there is something: a member has to believe in God. It doesn't say which God, but he has to believe in God. Doesn't have to be Jewish.

This talmid of our yeshiva whom I befriended- a wonderful, sweet fellow, beautiful neshomo- he says, "oh- heh heh- you saw the book!" Just like that. From a distance. "Oh, I used to be a member. We had an Arab, too." They had an Arab. He believes in God, probably more than the rest of them. "Real animal house!" And then he said goodbye to me and he went

on his merry way. Now, I'm not exactly sure what he had in mind. He saw that quizzical look on my face, and he said, "you know, the movie!" I still don't know what he had in mind. But I can tell you one thing: I know what he has in mind!

Actually, the handbook didn't give me that sense at all. On the contrary- it says, black on white: No Acquaintance Rape.

We need to borrow someone else's bylaws to teach us "ahavoh vechavoh vesholom vereyus," which is said under the consecration of a chuppah, in the bonds of ahavoh? We need someone to teach us "achainu kol bais Yisroel" that we say every Monday and Thursday in shul- in this Beis Medrash and in all the other botei knaisiyos on campus- of which, boruch Hashem, there are many? Achainu kol bais Yisroel- we need to be told "brotherhood" when we know, "bonim atem l'hashem elokeichem?" And we learned the Rambam, "Im lo yerachem ha'ach 'al ha'ach, mi yerachem olov?" "Ki kol Yisroel achim haim!" I need a fraternity to teach me achva?? To teach me brotherhood? Rachmono litzlon! It boggles the mind! There's nothing to say! There's mamish nothing to say! You don't see the tears, because I've cried myself sick al-

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ready. I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe what my eyes saw. I can't believe what's happening- to your yeshiva! All of you! The ones who want to join, the ones who don't want to join, it's your yeshiva! How could you do this to your yeshiva? A tzelem b'haichol! How could you run to bankrupt sources for funds? How could you, who have a rich uncle, run to someone who's penniless and ask him to help you out?! It boggles the mind!

There is only one, and there always will be, only one initiation rite: and that's kabolas haTorah and shmiras hamitzvos; there is one and there will always be one motto, and that's "Mi LaHashem Aylai;" there is one and there will always

Sichat Mussar

Transcribed from a speech delivered on Monday, September 8

be one password, "Hashem Hu HoE-lokim;" there is and always will be one purpose: la'sos retzoncho belaiyov sholaim.

It's, I know, way past the time allotted to me. But I beg your forgiveness and crave your indulgence—just another point:

We cannot deny reality, and nor do we have a right to—nor should we. It's a big world out there. And the Yidden who are assembled here on campus come from that big world; some with more Yiddishkeit, and some with less. What about those students who are more comfortable in the lounge than in the Beis Medrash? Cut them off? Cut them out? Those who do not yet have the vocabulary of kedushoh; whose shabbosim are not yet divrei Torah and zemiros; whose table is not a tisch; whose bris with Hashem is a confusion, and his commitments are in disarray; is it any wonder that he remains hungry? Even as he is here with us? Is it a wonder? That in his sleepwalking he wanders where he doesn't belong, and thinks it's home, because it's familiar to him, maybe more than the Beis Medrash? What is our great yeshiva doing for him? Especially since, there's a good argument to be made, that he was lured here with promises of fun and games, of the thrills of the hedonistic New York and an exciting social world? What are we going to do with the student

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who is not yet a talmid? Who does not yet have a rebbe? Are we going to throw him out like so much garbage? Are we? Can we? Dare we ignore him? Dare we violate "lo sa'amod 'al dam reyachoh?" But I'll tell you one thing: if our agenda is kiruv, pure and simple, we will fail, and we must fail, and we deserve to fail. The fellow in front of you is a bosor vodom, I mean, a tzelem elokim, a real, living, thinking, breathing person—just like you. And Rabbosai, it has

"Give the yeshiva a chance. Give yourselves a chance. Seek out the truth. Seek out the true wellsprings instead of the empty pits ... We abandon wellsprings of living water that keep bringing forth life. For what? How could you do that?... Fight it! Resist it! Insist- but insist on the right things! Fight for the right things!"

already been said by greater than myself: "hevey mitalmidov shel Aharon—" we started with sequence, and we end with sequence—"hevey mitalmidov shel Aharon, ohaiv sholom verodaif sholom, ohaiv es hab'riyos um'korvon latora." It does not say, "mekoraiv es hab'riyos latora veohavon." I am not going to charge a price—namely, that person's absolute religious commitment—before I say I want to have anything to do with him. I dare not! And who am I to charge that price when I know that *one little twist* in the pathway—from the ghetto of Vilna, where my father was led to be shot three times, and was saved miraculously—to Lodz, where my mother was killed—to Prague—to New York—what little twist of events, and I would have been that fellow! What, it could not have been? Look at my cousins, and you shall see. Where do I have the chutzpa to deny him the absolute right to be what he is as a human being? As a person who feels and thinks and wants and craves? And what does he crave, after all, the same fellow who wants the fraternity here? He does not find brotherhood here! He doesn't understand "zechor es bor'echo biymay bechurosecho." And you can't blame him. Because no one taught it to him. And if someone tried, then he failed, and if someone succeeded, he forgot! But he's there in your daled amos, and that's where "lo sa'amod" begins. We're so busy being mekoraiv everybody that we've forgotten that behind that agenda there's a human being!

And I'll tell you something: I fault first and foremost the administration. This is not a political statement, and chas vesholom it should be misconstrued. You have to spend the money. You have to have the facilities, the personnel—you have to do whatever it takes to make them hear and see and understand. For so many years in the midbor, and Moshe Rabbeinu tells b'nei Yisroel, "...velo nosan lochem aynayim lir'os veoznayim lishmo'a 'ad hayom hazeh!" What do we want from them? We spend so much money—it's the old vort, "making the campus pretty."

Where are all the mashgichim? Where are all the people who are "with it," and aware, and dynamic, and real, that they can relate to? That they can hang on to? That they can see the real fraternity in front of their eyes? So they don't have to go to the empty wastebaskets and pull out the blue books, and read page 74.

Don't establish it [the fraternity]. Give the yeshiva a chance. Give yourselves a chance. Seek out the truth. Seek out the true wellsprings instead of the empty pits. "Osi ozvu mekor mayim chayim lachatzov lohem boros boros nishboros asher lo yochilu hamayim." "Kishtayim ro'os oso 'ami..." Not only do we abandon the Ribbono shel olam, but where do we go? To page 74! Boros nishboros—broken cisterns, that cannot even hold water. We abandon wellsprings of living water that keep bringing forth life. For what? How could you do that? Because you're uncomfortable you commit suicide? Fight it! Resist it! Insist- but insist on the right things! Fight for the right things!

In the late middle ages, there were great universities in Europe. Bologna, Paris—all of them—and in those universities, there were students getting drunk on a daily basis. How do I know? Because they left a legacy, besides their skulls and their bones. They left a legacy: thousands of drinking songs. Thousands. And people get doctorates for them. Translating them, explaining them, inside, outside—good, solid doctorates (listen, anything for a parnosoh). One of them, "Gaudeamus Igitur", is very famous because Brahms-Johannes Brahms—wrote a piece of music that's very popular: the Academic Festival Overture. "After delightful youth, after troublesome old age," goes the poem, "the Earth will cover us all." "Gaudeamus Igitur": "Let us therefore rejoice, for it will soon come to an end, the Earth will cover us all." In those days they still spoke Latin in the colleges and universities. The debauchery was identical, however. It was the same

page 74, except then it was being recommended. In Tzfas, there was the mechaber of the sefer charedim, who also was busy writing poetry of love, and he wrote a poem that had the words in it, "nafshi cholas ahavosecho." My soul is lovesick for you, Hashem. And you know that poem. You sing it every Shabbos: *Yedid nefesh ov horachamon*. And he wrote another poem that nobody knows. But part of it became a song, and it goes by the words, "*bilvovi mishkan evneh*" I will make for myself within my heart, a *mikdosh*, a *mishkon* to Hashem. And there I will sacrifice a korbon to Hashem.

Rabbosai, this yeshiva is a Yeshiva University. There are times when I am very excited about the idea; there are many times when I am absolutely mindless with pain. I don't think that this fraternity is going to happen. It can't happen. I can't believe that even a young person whom the yetzer hora might have for the moment by the throat, that he can't see that of the two poems, the university poem—oh, the poem speaks about the professors! *Vivat academia! Vivant professores!* You don't have to know Latin—I can't believe that

"We're abandoning our mother- the Aybershter should forgive me, in front of the Aron kodesh- we're abandoning our mother for a prostitute! Look what we're doing! We have an entire Torah that teaches us brotherhood and fraternity. What are we giving it up for? For what?"

he would choose that poem, when he could choose his patrimony, a poem that is much harder at first, but so much more...everything, in the end. *Bilvovi mishkan evneh*. Where are we? That is the question: in Bologna? Or in Tzfas?



Arie Pelta, President of the Israel Club addresses the gathered students

Hundreds Gather In Urgent Israel Update

BY ERIC ASHKENAZI

Students from both YU and Stern College packed Ruben Shul this past Wednesday, September 20, to hear Rabbi Herschel Reichman, MYP Rosh Yeshiva and part time resident of Shilo, Israel speak about the current situation in Israel. The crowd also screened two videos related to the current situation in the Holy Land.

The first video showed Israeli police and Army units beating Jewish protesters who were demonstrating against the current government's stance on the peace process. In the second video, the crowd saw statements made by Yasir Arafat, who was calling those who perpetrate acts of terrorism against Israel "martyrs," and stating his desire to wage a "jihad" against Israel until Jerusalem becomes the capital of an Arab state.

Rav Reichman told the group that the main problem facing Israel is not a conflict between Arabs and Israelis but rather a conflict between Israelis and other Israelis. He stressed the fact that prior to Rosh Hashana the entire Jewish community must strive to eliminate strife within the community, and promote a greater feeling of *achdus* between fellow Jews. Rav Reichman also urged

students to write to President Clinton and their congressional representatives to voice their displeasure with the current direction of the peace talks.

The gathering was in response to news reports that the Rabin government is considering turning over Hebron to the Palestinian Authority. Arie Pelta, President of the Israel Club and organizer of the event, stressed that the Israel Club was interested in providing "facts, not politics" to YU students. He hoped that the event would serve to inform the YU community about the current situation in Israel.

"There is a serious lack of knowledge among YU students about the situation in Israel," Pelta said. To illustrate this apathy towards Israeli affairs, Pelta cited the fact that posters announcing tonight's event were torn down to make room for signs touting the candidates running for student council positions.

Many students, while troubled and disturbed by what they heard and saw, found the event informative and enlightening. Pelta hopes that this event will lead to a more active role for YU students "the future leaders of the Jewish community."

YU Remains on AAUP Censure List

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According to English professor Dr. Joan Haahr, president of the YU AAUP chapter and a leader in the teacher's crusade, the salary dispute reflects a more fundamental disagreement over the role of professors in an academic institution.

"The administration doesn't quite understand what a university is all about." She points out that in other institutions, faculty members are integral in the decision making process. At YU, however, critical decisions are made unilaterally by upper-level administrators like the president and vice presidents.

But other faculty members point out that YU looks inclusive by comparison to other universities.

"There are many schools where

most teachers never see the president or vice-presidents," said Biology Department chairman Dr. Carl Feit, who is also a member of the AAUP chapter.

Teachers who have joined the YU chapter of AAUP say that while the national board of AAUP welcomed them, YU, along with about twenty other schools, remain on the organization's censure list. The condemnation stems from an incident occurring over fifteen years ago, where three YC professors charged that the administration released them without just cause.

As for the prospects that the AAUP chapter will positively impact on teachers' salaries, Bartholomew is optimistic, but restrained.

"I can only hope," he said.

BMP Independence Still Undermined

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

As the second semester of its existence commences, the newborn Beit Midrash Program is struggling to secure its identity among the three other larger Jewish studies programs by creating a distinct student council.

Currently subsumed under IBC leadership by administrative decree, BMP students are petitioning student council leaders and deans to permit elections of a separate BMP presidium immediately in order that it be regarded as an independent program.

BMP, a program which concludes at 1 p.m. like JSS and IBC but involves MYP-style *chavrusa* learning and shiurim, consisted of only twenty students in Spring 1995. In the past three weeks, however, that number has all but tripled as the BMP blend increasingly finds favor in many students' eyes. The result has been the struggle for greater representation in the form of its own student council. Should that council become reality, it will be the sixth overlapping student government structure after YCSC, SSSBSA, SOY, IBCSC, and JSSSC.

Size and money the concerns

Besides fears over the consequences of adding another such structure, the issue of BMP's relatively meager size has cast aspersions on its attempts to create something official. At several recent meetings between the five student council presidents - YCSC's Josh Fine, SSSBSA's Sam Wald, IBC's Richie Grossman, SOY's Hillel Cohen, and JSS' David Merklin - and University Dean of Students Efram Nulman, the issue of BMP's size has been discussed.

Although Fine, along with the other four presidents, approves of the BMP Student Council plans, he noted that SSSBSA was not granted official status until it represented over one hundred students. Nowhere, however, is it written that a minimum of one hundred students must exist before representatives can be elected.

Budget matters have also pervaded the BMP dialogue. Nulman's additional concerns lie in the fact that all student activity money has already been allocated to the various councils and clubs. Even if funding became available for a separate BMP council, it would hardly be enough to support significant, year-round programming because allocations are based on the size of the student body.

But according to Elie Borger, a BMP student who organized a petition calling for the formation of a BMP Student Council, lack of funding was never a motive in calling for change. Rather, it was recognition of BMP as "an independent, bona fide Jewish studies program." The petition, delivered to the student council presidents, stated that "now that the program has grown tremendously, we feel it is crucial that we are given equal representation."

Decision expected tomorrow

Indeed, Fine, Cohen, Merklin, Wald, and Cohen all concurred at a September 20 meeting of the Student Life Committee that BMP should be granted independent status. Nevertheless, Nulman deferred the final decision-making. The five presidents will meet with Nulman to discuss the matter once again tomorrow, and a definitive ruling on whether or not there will be a sixth president is expected then.

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Message From the SSSB President

Dear students,

After getting the year off to a successful start with the Student Reception, we are now looking forward to a Sy Syms student Shabbaton at Stern over the weekend of November 4. Effort has already been put into the plans in the hope of ensuring a fantastic Shabbat. Our guest for the Shabbaton will be one of America's funniest rabbis, Rabbi Neil Fleischman. The weekend promises to be

both fun and relaxing, and it is my hope that all will attend.

As plans for the program remain unfinalized, please feel free to speak to myself or Andrew Davidson if you have a new or interesting idea that you feel would be worthwhile and enjoyable.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year. Best wishes to all students during the Fall semester.

Sam Wald
SSSB Student Association President



Sign-in table at the Sy Symms School of Business Reception

SSSB Hosts Student Reception

BY ANDREW DAVIDSON

The annual SSSB Student Association student reception was held on Tuesday night, September 12. The event was enhanced this year by several modifications in the program schedule. Rather than subjecting the student body to numerous speeches by the various club leaders, the program allotted a shorter amount of time for presentations, and a greater amount of time for students to individually pursue their own interests.

The reception, which was headed by SSSB Presidents Sam Wald and Barbara Pollack, featured SSSB Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll who welcomed students to what he hopes will be an enjoyable and prosperous year. Wald began the evening by briefly introducing his board and each club leader, and concluded by thanking all those who have made his job that much easier thus far.

The real draw of the evening, however, was the mysterious 'free gift' that was promised to each student who at-

tended. As the formal presentation ended, a table was set up with the 'gift', to be distributed as students left. Most seemed pleased with the business folders, and one student commented, "it will help me be more organized for future interviews."

Before exiting, students were urged to mingle and gather information about clubs or programs that may be of interest to them. Representatives from the JBS, AMA, the Investment Club, and the new SSSB newspaper, the *Exchange*, were available to answer any questions which students may have had. Leaders of the Big Brother Program and the Tutorial Service were also present trying to recruit new blood.

With more than 250 students present at the reception, Wald was "pleasantly surprised that so many students were willing to give of their time for the school," and hoped that the student body, both uptown and downtown, would, "continue to support the various clubs and services that have come to be expected of Sy Syms."

High Anxiety: Accounting Interviewing Takes Its Toll

BY BENJAMIN SCHMUTTER

The onset of every school year seems to bring with it an atmosphere of tension that pervades the classroom, the dorm room, and especially the fourth floor of Belfer Hall. There, the anxiety of recruitment reaches its climax as the interview process for accounting positions begins.

Suddenly, many students are discovering second homes at the Office of Placement and Career Services, with their newly-adopted parents Adrienne Wolff, Hal Tannenbaum, and Naomi Kapp. Almost every spare second seems to have been replaced by workshops and seminars. When others finally catch a glimpse of their long-lost friends, their faces seem to bear the weight of the world as they iron out the wrinkles of their suits and personalities, mumblings about Big Six firms from their lips.

Adrienne Wolf, Assistant Director of the career office, warns students to keep things in perspective. While the job market is more competitive than in years past, the placement office has maintained remarkable success in placing SSSB students. Of the thirty-five accounting se-

niors in last year's graduating class, approximately 50% of them landed positions in Big Six firms.

In response to concern over the large turnover rate in these firms, however, Wolf is quick to point out that the number is inflated by those who use these firms as training grounds. She notes that even in competitive markets, those who work hard and possess the determination to go through the often frustrating recruiting process usually find their efforts rewarded. However, she urges sophomores and juniors to shed their ambivalence towards the on-campus recruiting process: "You would be surprised how many faces recruiters remember after seeing them at three years worth of events. And it certainly does not hurt to go through the motions of recruiting before actually recruiting."

Avi Gruen, a senior accounting major, emphasized that it is "very stressful to know that the next few weeks will directly affect my career path," but concluded by saying, "A touch of worrying is healthy. However, an excessive amount will only damage the situation."



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JBS: Still Relevant?

BY RAPHAEL C. GROSS

The SSSB Joint Business Society is desperately seeking its niche in an increasingly diverse SSSB student body and among a growing number of vibrant clubs within the Sy Syms Student Association.

The JBS sleepwalked through the 1994-1995 year, two semesters best noted for the January graduation of the club's president and the ensuing disbandment of the group. With poorly defined objectives for the 1995-1996 academic year, unimaginative programs, no operating budget, and miscommunication between the society and all levels of the SSSB hierarchy, the JBS is simply trying to survive.

The Joint Business Society functions as an umbrella organization for all non-accounting business majors in Yeshiva University. Included in its detail are four SSSB disciplines: finance, marketing, management, and MIS, coupled with YC's economics. In its original form, JBS concentrated the resources of the newly de-

veloped SSSB majors and served as its mouthpiece in the new business school. The JBS also served as a counterweight to the Accounting Society to ensure that SSSB functions would not be dominated by a strong accounting presence.

JBS President Shlomo Drazin explains that as long as some business students are not represented by major-sponsored clubs, the Joint Business Society plays a viable role on Main Campus. But with the advent of an American Marketing Association chapter, and strong interest in the Investment club, new groups are usurping JBS's role in the Sy Syms Student Association and making the society increasingly less relevant to the average business student.

Responsibilities reduced

Traditionally, JBS has coordinated the Sy Syms Big Brother Program, through which new students are paired according to major with seasoned upper classmen for guidance in course work, manag-

ing schedules, and selecting teachers and extracurricular activities. This year, the project was removed from the JBS's jurisdiction and placed under the control of Bennett Schacter, the SSSB treasurer.

Sam Wald, President of the SSSB Student Association, explained that the Big Brother Program is an integral part of making new business students comfortable in their new environment. Based on JBS's recent track record, he questioned whether Big Brother would be more effective under their control or his own. According to Drazin, JBS control of the Big Brother Program was not even brought to his attention this year.

Morg Mart in Jeopardy

Questions were raised early this semester over JBS management of Morg Mart, the small grocery store operating in the basement of the Morgenstern Residence Hall which has traditionally been the JBS's other pet project. Morg Mart has carved out its market of disgruntled Caf Card holders by offering them many Caf Store favorites at greatly reduced prices. In addition, its location has attracted a large number of Morg residents who have

little interest in venturing outside in their pajamas to get a late night snack. Despite its marginal success and some student support, the store has not opened yet this year, and was originally going to be run by the Accounting Society or closed altogether.

Drazin explained Morg Mart's importance to SSSB and the entire student body. Besides offering an alternative to the Caf Store, it gives students first-hand experience operating a small business by allowing them to manage employees, track inventory, and market the store's products. Furthermore, it enables non-accounting majors to "compete" for business with the late night Caf Store, which is run by the Accounting Society.

Drazin attributes Morg Mart's slow start to problems between JBS and the Office of Facilities Management, which has yet to produce a key to open the location. The JBS has also been unable to secure a temporary loan from YCSC to fund start up costs. Drazin, in his budget proposal to YCSC, had requested some funds which would be paid back to the YCSC treasury as soon as Morg Mart breaks even. While noting that a profitable Morg Mart could be used to fund future JBS events, he stressed that as long as Morg Mart could hold its own, its value to the student body should be measured by the business experience it gives to managers and employees.

Other fund raising ideas include opening a concession stand outside the MSAC during Mac games, which might be run as a JBS-AMA joint venture. Drazin is certain that this idea will face opposition from YU Food Services and the Accounting Society.

The JBS plans to inaugurate a seminar on business and halachah which would be open to all YU students and taught by the rebbeim on a rotating basis. This series would expand the bi-annual business and halachah lectures, which have been a SSSB staple for years, and give students more direct and frequent contact with rebbeim in discussing issues that face religious Jews in the business world. Drazin also desires to bring in outside executives to lecture about their respective fields. However, he claims that his efforts have been stymied by the both the Sy Syms Student Association and the Office of Placement and Career Services, which maintain firm control over the nature and number of speakers business students will hear.

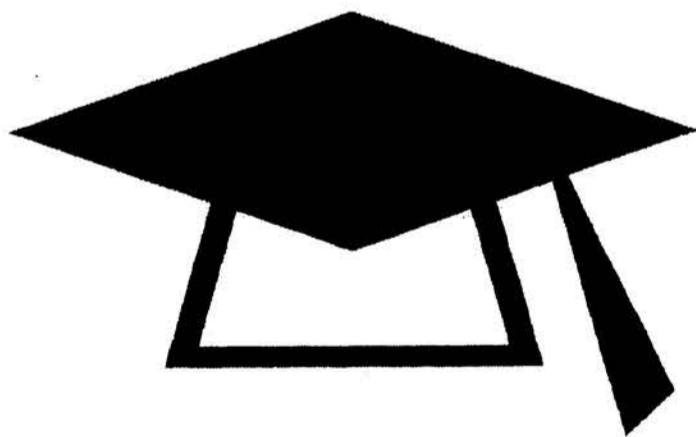
The JBS President also voiced his opposition to what he sees as the Accounting Society's virtual hold on the Office of Placement and Career Services. Drazin complained that he never received a congratulatory phone call from the office upon winning his election nor has he ever been asked to work closely with them on any Sy Syms projects. He asked, "Why don't teach of the other business majors have a 'Big Six Night' equivalent? Why haven't I been asked to participate in any mock interviews?"

On the positive side, JBS is excited about participating in the new Sy Syms newspaper, *The Exchange*, which will be published twice a semester and replace the annual *Sy Syms Business Review*. The JBS section will be topic-specific by featuring articles on one major per issue: finance, marketing, management, MIS, and economics. It will also include a briefing by Drazin on upcoming events involving JBS.

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Fraternity Leaders Agree to Re-think Position in Light of Rav Kahn's Message

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"I was incredibly moved," said a fraternity leader who wished to remain anonymous. "Most of the brothers listened to the tape and were also moved."

But the leader insists that "we're doing exactly what he expects of Jewish boys;" he pointed out that among the planned events are no parties, only celebrations consistent with Torah values. In fact, one celebration is intended to further religious goals.

"We're planning a learn-athon for Aseret Y'mei Teshuva," he said. And the pressure from Kahn and other MYP roshei yeshiva, members say, was not even necessary - plans were in the works for the program long before the brouhaha.

But he does promise to keep an open mind, and he hopes students, faculty and administrators will do the same. "We're looking at our positions again, said the leader "That's not to say the frat is dead. But we're listening."

Kahn spent most of the lecture con-

demning the presence of a fraternity at Yeshiva and urging students of all stripes to repent in this critical time period on the Jewish calendar. But in a remark which caught many students off-guard, he offered an explanation for the formation of the controversial group on the YC campus.

"I fault first and foremost the administration. This is not a political statement, and chas v'shalom should be misconstrued. You have to spend the money. You have to have the facilities, the personnel. You have to do whatever it takes to make them see and understand."

While many students were impressed with Kahn's presence and respected his firm stance against the fraternity, they disagreed with his idea that more mashgichim would change things significantly. "I don't think the issue is that simple," said one YC sophomore.

Medical and Law School Admissions Holding Strong

BY EZRA TUCHMAN

Despite worsening odds, Yeshiva University students have, for the most part, maintained an extraordinary rate of acceptance, particularly at the nation's most prestigious and highly competitive schools.

In recent years, the academic community has witnessed an explosion in the number of students applying for admittance to law and medical schools. In response to this deluge of applications, schools have been forced to raise their standards and tighten their admissions policies. This "tightening of the belt" has limited enrollment at the countries better universities to an elite few and has forced the remaining majority to reevaluate their employment goals.

Consider the results of last years applicants to law school. Out of the 52 students, 37 at YC and 15 at Stern, 48 received at least one acceptance into an American Bar Association accredited law school. Still more impressively, a total of 23 students gained admission to Harvard, Columbia, and NYU, three of the countries most prestigious institutions.

Undergraduates who applied to medical, dental, and podiatry schools met with similar success as nearly 83% of applicants were accepted. While the percentage is slightly lower than it has been in the past, it is still three

times better than the national average.

Both Deans Michael Hecht, pre-law advisor, and David Weisbrodt, pre-med advisor, repeatedly stressed that this past year's results were not out of the ordinary, but rather were indicative of the standards of excellence established at the University over the past twenty years. As Dean Hecht explained, "Baruch Hashem, YU students have done extraordinarily well at elites schools. We have developed a close relationship with these schools and are considered a major feeder school to Columbia and NYU. In this business, history is important."

In addition, Dean Hecht stressed the significance of the University's dual-curriculum in the admissions process. He reiterated his belief that Talmud study has the "unanticipated but very real benefit of sharpening the skills which law schools test for." "Simply put", Hecht quipped, "Talmud study is chashuv in Academia."

While the statistics and percentages of past years may be of little value to students applying to medical and law schools this year, they certainly can take comfort in knowing that they have the full support of a "business" that has been extraordinarily successful for over two decades. Those are pretty good odds no matter what game you play.

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Concerns Raised that Honors Program Will Cause Divisiveness

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honors shiurim given in MYP. Dr. Lee, who drafted the committee's proposal, currently teaches Freshman Honors English, a writing-intensive course required for all Distinguished Scholars. The course serves as a model for the Honors College.

Dr. Lee insisted that the proposal is "very, very preliminary" and added that the program is "not going to happen without a major donation." In fact, Vice President Schwartz is currently taking the proposal to major donors. Schwartz is adamant that the Honors College will not be a drain on YC's budget, but will instead have its own sources of funding. In addition, Dr. Lee mentioned that the Honors courses will be taught by newly-hired professors, so that YC does not experience a drain of teaching talent to the Honors track, leaving adjuncts to teach the regular courses.

Contributing further to the expenses of the program is the possibility that all honors students will be given high-powered Pentium computers for internet-based research. Dean Adler mentioned the possibility of using the computers for molecular modeling in physical chemistry as well as to create a 'virtual writing center.'

To many students, the honors track seems like it would add an unbearable strain on an already oppressive dual curriculum. To allay these fears, Dean Adler insists that the program would not require more time, rather, it would just make better use of the available time. Furthermore, honors students would be required to spend one summer at YU, preferably before their fresh-

man year, to begin pecking at their program load.

Student leaders have raised concerns that the program will enhance the education only for a select few, while lowering the level of the regular college by robbing it of its best students. Senator Steven Greenfield charged that the honors college would cause a schism between the students by creating a clear divide between the top students and "everyone else." Adler counters these notions by maintaining that the honors track will be open to non-honors students, much like the Judaic Studies department in which students "enter MYP for a semester, and then go back to IBC."

"Sure, I worry about it," said Adler, "But we owe it to the Jewish nation to produce more intellectuals. The People of the Book have become the People of the Pamphlet. We are eroding our intellectual base with too much professionalism."

With this in mind, Adler hinted that the new honors program would not necessarily be geared toward pre-med or pre-law students (who compose the majority of YC). Rather it would cater to students who are in search of a solid liberal-arts education for its own sake.

Although the committee has yet to vote on the proposal, the implementation of the honors program, at least in part, seems assured. Dr. Schwartz emphasizes that he is "very optimistic about this program. It will lead to a significant enrichment of the curriculum for all students. It's a win-win situation."

Carmy Analyzes Rav's Approach to Halacha

BY CHAIM LAZAR

The Yeshiva University's Torah U-Madda Project got off to a roaring start this year with a fiery discourse from Rabbi Shalom Carmy, which at times sounded like an attack on the Torah U'Madda philosophy.

Rabbi Carmy, Professor of Bible and Philosophy at both Yeshiva College and Stern College, addressed Rav Soloveitchik Ztl's approach to "Pluralism and the Category of the Ethical". Carmy began by maintaining centrist-Orthodoxy's mantra that Halakha and ethics do not always coincide.

"Actions which may be in accord with the letter of Halakha, can nevertheless become reprehensible because our moral judgment condemns them."

Backing up this idea, Carmy cited the recent misuse of *Kiddushei Ketana*, in which a Montreal man married off

his young daughter to an unknown man in order to get back at his estranged wife. By the same token, "many duties enter Halakha through the side door of ethical intuition, (via *ve-asita ha-tov ve-ha-yashar* and other similar principles), and morally repulsive actions are contrary to the will of G-d even when the formal Halakha doesn't rule them out." The bulk of the lecture was devoted to investigating various models of interaction between ethical categories and religion (Halakha).

Then, Rabbi Carmy declared that ethics cannot retain its unique authority unless it is tied to the religions. As the Rav taught and wrote, even important ethical values must take second seat to pure Halacha. "One of the major failures of Modern Orthodoxy," stormed Carmy, "stems from a unwillingness to practice this gesture of withdrawal."

Tennis Team Looks Promising

BY RONNIE SAMET

If you add infinity to infinity, what do you get? Infinity. If you add six incredibly talented rookies to eleven undefeated Conference champions what do you get? The 1995-96 Yeshiva University Tennis Team!

With ten returning players from last season's championship team twenty newcomers competed for no more than eight spots. The tryouts, conducted on the third and seventeenth of September, displayed athletes really competing as if they were YU pre-med students fighting for a spot in medical school.

"It was really competitive," remarked one student, "and I was pretty nervous throughout." Although this player did secure his place on the team, ten solid sophomores were turned down. Second year Coach Jonathan Bandler, a captain of the YU tennis team in the late 1980's, claimed that it was truly difficult for him to make the cuts. "I was very impressed with all the new talent," he said, "and I believe that the new players will intimidate the returnees to work harder for their rankings!"

After last year's spectacular 9-0 season, this year's squad realizes the tremendous expectations demanded of them. In spite of this, all members of the team are confident and enthusiastic about bringing home another winning season. The three co-captains, Gabe

Slotnick, Avraham Ciment, and Michael Pfeifer have already guaranteed repeats of last year's performance, yet they all agreed that it will take hard work, dedication, and self-confidence to achieve this feat. Ciment noted that they have "a great team with a deep bench," and Pfeifer added that the "team chemistry is fantastic."

The mixture of experienced winners and promising stars, coupled with an outstanding personal coach truly guarantees another successful year. Besides the captains, other returnees include Tzvi Zilbershteyn, Jon Heller, and Daniel Wolfson, along with Avrom Elbaum, Daniel Kraft, and Ari Ciment. Second year players, Ronnie Samet and Ari Hirt, will be joined by their Los Angeles brothers, Shai Samet and Edon Hirt who both show much potential as rookies. Other new talent have come from Bennett Schachter and Jeff Rothman, in addition to Doron Katz, and Indiana super sensation Josh Hasten. Although this seventeen member crew is an already powerful unit, last year's top-seed, David Samet, may also add his winning skills to the team. (Yes, he is another brother.)

With five players from Los Angeles, the phrase "Repeat" and the hopes of "Three-peat" are more than familiar. Thus, it is not a surprise for Coach Bandler to ensure another great year. "We are all one big family," he said, "and we hope to bring home once again the league title!"

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COUNCILS

Dear Fellow Students:

Shabbat on campus has begun to generate great enthusiasm among students and the first two Shabbatot have been very well attended and were extremely successful and rewarding. The Shabbat Enhancement Program has already contributed to the elevation of the Shabbat environment in our community. As we look forward to spending more Shabbatot together at the University, we need your assistance to ensure the success of these programs. In order for the appropriate preparations to be made for each student staying with us on Shabbat, it is essential that we know in advance how many students are planning to stay.

The Shabbat Enhancement Program's reduced student rate of \$5.00 for the Shabbat meals is only for those students who follow the program's procedures and sign up during the appropriate time period. Anyone signing up for Shabbat later than Wednesday evenings at 8:00 P.M. will not receive a Shabbat Program stipend and will have to pay the regular student rate of \$15.00 plus a \$5.00 late fee.

We look forward to your participation and cooperation.

Thank you.

Hillel Cohen President, SOY

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SPORTS

Macs Basketball: A Pre-Season Preview

BY DANIEL WOLFSON

After struggling last year with only eleven players and various injuries, Coaches Johnny Halpert and Steve Post chose fifteen Maccabees to represent the Yeshiva University basketball team for the 1995-1996 season. Coach Halpert asserts, "the only thing that can beat this year's Macs is themselves." With six new additions and nine returning players, the Macs may surprise a great deal of people this season.

Guards

After a stellar rookie season, starting point guard **Barry Aranoff** hopes to direct traffic for the Macs once again this season. The NCAA division III leading kleptomaniac adds direction and stability to the Macs; only time will tell if he can once again endure the rigors of the one-guard. **Neil Wiener**, one of the six first-year players on the Macs this season is a quick and unselfish point guard who sees the entire court. He has the ball-handling skills that the Macs have long sought after.

Although he is still young, newly acquired freshman **David Neiss** may prove to be the future of the Macs. After a year of varsity at MTA, Neiss' outside shooting will surely help the team. Returning off-guard **Yehudah Halpert** will fill in the missing spot left by last year's co-captain **Or Rose**, who has forfeited his year of eligibility in order to play in Canada next season. And fan favorites **Ira Landsman** and **David "Rudy" Ruditsky** will continue to be the spark and spirit off the bench. The Mac's also welcome back the defensive abilities of fourth-year player **Isaac Neumann**, who sat out last season due to a knee injury.

Forwards

Returning forward and co-captain **Alan Levy** considers this year's team to be "the most talented and experienced team since the 1992-1993 ECAC contending team, which featured the likes of Elisha Rothman, Daniel Aaron and Miko Danan." Alan's speed, agility, and leadership by far comprise the heart of this year's squad. Alan hopes his fourth and final year at Yeshiva bodes to be the most successful of all.

After playing a year of junior varsity basketball at Rutgers University, sophomore **Brian Wein** decided to attend Yeshiva University and join the Macs. This Teaneck high school phenom may be the complete package of basketball talent.

Brian is a strong swingman with good ball-handling skills and his thunderous dunking ability should attract capacity crowds to the MSAC. **Alon Zaibert**, another newcomer hailing from Eretz Yisroel, comes to YU as a junior after having played professional ball for Hapoel Tel-Aviv and most recently for Grossmont Community College in San Diego, CA. After serving in the Israeli Army, Alon should have no problem handling the mere four night practice schedule. Alon has a sweet three-point shot and may develop into the backbone of this year's team.

Three point specialist **Jake Rosenberg** will return for his third and final season as a Mac. His sweet touch and leadership should carry this year's squad. And swingman **Neil Bronstein's** surprising quickness for a big man will have opposing teams fooled when he steps onto the court.

Centers

After an impressive rookie season, **Joel Jacobson** returns as the Mac's centerpiece. His immense frame and strong inside moves will once again give the Macs a convincing front-court. Newly acquired freshman **Alex Shakhmurov** joins the Macs after playing for the Francis Lewis High School championship basketball team. When asked how he feels about the team, this 6' 7" center from Queens, NY replied, "I'm happy to be at Yeshiva this year." Alex came to the United States five years ago and has learned how to play the game pretty well. Alex has a nice baby hook and strong rebounding skills that will surely help the front line. Returning junior **Steven Kupferman** brings his strong low post moves and third-year leadership and experience to the team.

In addition to the six new players, Coaches Halpert and Post additional help on the bench. Assistant Coach **Even Goldstein** will be joining the Macs this season. Coach Goldstein was the assistant coach of the Vermont state high school basketball champions last year at Mount Middlefield High school. Goldstein is also a regular at many of the local summer basketball camps. He is expected to improve the Macs conditioning for the upcoming season.

The Macs are scheduled to participate in the Annual Molloy College Basketball Tournament in Rockville Center, NY on Thanksgiving weekend. They also have a road trip planned against Rhodes College of Memphis during January. The Macs will kick off the season against Emerson College on Sunday November 19, 1995 at 1:00pm.

Basketball Intramural Season Begins

BY JONATHAN NEISS

After an off season without any fear of a potential lockout or strike, the 1995-96 intramural basketball year began with a 120 player draft late Tuesday night. Captain Donny Davis selected S.O.Y. President, Hillel Cohen with the first pick of the draft.

Other first round picks included Ari Rockoff, Hillel Olshin, Ari Eckman, Donnie Appel and Daniel Lowe. In the league's inaugural week many analysts have noted a decrease in talent due to the absence of past intramural standouts - Ari Ciment, Arkady Abraham, and Chaim Zackheim. Nonetheless, this intramural season will hopefully prove to be a great success.

76ERS 33 - CELTICS 30

Opening night featured an exciting and competitive low scoring dual. Despite first-half sloppy play, Shlomie Friedman's 76ERS were able to overcome a late seven point deficit to win. Hillel Olshin and Doug Rothchild led a balanced attack for the Sixers, while Celtic captain Andy Davidson topped all scorers with nine points in a losing effort.

WARRIORS 48 - LAKERS 46

David Wild's crucial free throws with 9 seconds left in the game proved to be the difference for captain David Katzoff's Warriors, as they defeated David Samet's Lakers. Sparked by guard Yechiel Rosman's defensive play the Warriors were impressive throughout the second half. Steven Brandsdoffer and captain David Samet lead the scoring for the Lakers.

GRIZZLIES 47 - RAPTORS 42

This game was a see-saw match throughout. Hillel Cohen, and center Seth Poloner (14 points) helped the Grizzlies prevail. The Raptors were led by Donny Appel and Kenny Ripstein, while Andrew Wurzberger (7 points) was a key contributor off the bench.

TURNPIKES 46 - THIRD WORLD 27

Adam Melzer's Turnpikes led by a backcourt combination of Steven Mandel, Donny Hochberg and Marc Goldberg, crushed Third World, otherwise known as the "Sephardic team," for their first win of the season. The Turnpikes dominated from the opening tip, looking impressive throughout the game.

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