



YU President Dr. Norman Lamm (left) and selected member of the Board of Directors at the inauguration of the new Yeshiva College Christian Club.

## YC Christian Club Finally Pushes Lamm too Far

### New York State Court of Appeals Upholds YU's Decision to Ban Clubs

While officiating at the inauguration of the controversial new YC Christian Club, YU President Dr. Norman Lamm pledged that the time had finally come to put an end to the likes of the Christian and gay clubs at Yeshiva University. Lamm had been forced to officiate at the event because by law he could not even be perceived to discriminate against students expressing their own freedom of religion. Sources close to the President indicate that he finally snapped, refusing to allow the clubs to continue for even one more day

without a fight. The Court battle, however, did not take the shape that most attorneys had predicted. In fact, the courtroom seemed more like a *Beis Midrash* this week as both sides were calling Rabbis to the stand as witnesses and citing various biblical and tanaitic sources.

As if to add insult to injury, the reputed law partnership of Weil, Gotshcal, Manges, et al., longtime representatives of Yeshiva University in its dealing with the various campus gay clubs, refused to represent the

University in its newly court battle. "They're shooting themselves in the foot," said one attorney at the firm who wised to remain anonymous, "So what if Dr. Lamm had to dress up as a Priest—they will never be able to prove that such a club negates the mission of Yeshiva University." Lamm, however, remained unfazed. In a rare interview with the *Commentator*, he commented, "I never had much faith in them anyway ... In fact, I was just on the verge of accepting the advice of a very influential Orthodox

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## Students Seize Academic Reins

Disrupting an already contentious Academic Standards Committee meeting with loud hooting and life-size cut-outs of Rabbi Abba Bronspiegel, YC students won their battle for more control over their education. The committee, threatened with the same fate that befell YC Senior Ikey Sasson last week, voted to eliminate all requirements for graduation, embracing a new vision of educational pluralism that is destined to consign the college to intellectual infamy.

Last week, Sasson, who had lead the fight for an outside credit cap, was found in a ditch in New York's Central Park. He was badly beaten and possibly sexually abused. Letters that appear to read "MYP" were

scratched into his chest with a pocket knife.

Students applauded the committee's action, which included a requirement that all academic and administrative decision be placed in plebiscitary format before a meeting of the full student body, as provided for in Article IV of the YCSC Constitution.

"It's our education. Who needs requirements? Who needs credits? Who needs courses? Who needs a [expletive deleted] Academic Standards Committee to tell us how to get an education?" said one student. "It was not this way in Wolozhin."

YC Dean Norman Adler was more circumspect. "We have the best and the brightest. In thirty

years in chinuch, I have not met a more committed group of students. In how many other universities are nearly all the students bilingual? The university is few hundred years old. The yeshiva is the heir to a tradition that stretches back over three millennia. Yehei sh'ma rabah m'vorach. I'olam u'lolmei olmayah."

YCSC President Joshua M. Fine, who received international plaudits for the newly introduced copped egg and onion at the Second Shabbos Meal, was the ringleader of the protest. "I was elected to fight for one constituency and one constituency only: ONLY FOR THE STUDENTS!!! This credit crap was

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## Mysterious Millionaire Leaves YU \$22 Million in Change

### Jeff Socol's Release Stipulated as Condition Endowment

Last month it was Anne Scheiber, this month the mysterious persona is that of Al Linder. But while Scheiber never stepped foot on the YU campus, Linder has never stepped foot off campus.

In a bizarre and enigmatic turn of events, President Norman Lamm proudly announced last week that Mr. Al Linder, the heavy set panhandler who regularly works the YU benches, has donated his life savings of twenty two million dollars to the university. The endowment designates the monies to be used exclusively for men and specifically prohibits any use for the women of Stern College.

Never trusting a bank or money manager, Linder saved the millions of quarters which he collected in thousands of "I Love NY" caf store bags and stowed them in a hideout he refused to reveal. Therefore, Linder has spent this past month single handedly transferring these bags to the office of Dr. Sheldon Socol, who of course is Jeff's father as well as the Vice President of YU Business Affairs.

Al, who has been asking for tzeddaka from all YU passers by over the last fifteen years, said that he has made several unsuccessful attempts in the past to make this unprecedented donation. He explained that because Jeff Socol ordered all Burn's security guards to disallow Linder from entering YU buildings he was never able to make it up to



Secret Millionaire Al Linder

Rabbi Lamm's office. This past year, however, he was able to sneak past the security guards twice, each time during registration under the diversion created by the chaotic students and faculty who were slobbering over the inaugural registration snack stand that offers potato chips and soda located on the lobby level in Furst Hall.

The first time Linder made it to Lamm's office trying to make an appointment with the president, the secretary Gladys Cherny bounced Al out of the office thinking that he was a beggar asking for another nickel. Gladys was right, Al was a beggar, only this time Al wanted to see Rabbi Lamm function as a

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Dr. Nulman and R. Chaitoff excitedly anticipating the arrival of The Desecrator?????

EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS

# Roll Out Sheldon

For far too long YU President Norman Lamm has insisted on making all decisions himself, often without regard for their impact on the financial health of the university. While we applaud Rabbi Lamm's decisive personality—and appreciate his continued commitment to publicly addressing issues confronting the YU community—it is time to give Vice President for Business Affairs Sheldon Socol a greater voice in university decision-making.

Let's face it: for too long we have allowed academics, rather than economics, to drive administrative decisions. Surely it is a desire for intellectual excellence, rather than the quest for positive PR, that has compelled the administration to pay old, boring professors like the Rostows \$95,000 a year each, *plus expenses*.

Socol has spent so many years on the outs. Toiling on obscurity somewhere in Belfer Hall, he has been virtually shut-out from major administrative decisions, turned to only for guidance on insignificant issues like hiring Facilities Management personnel. It's for that to change.

We are equally disturbed by the inordinate power wielded by Academic Vice President William Schwartz, Esq. It is well known on campus that nothing happens here without Schwartz's say-so. No vice-president should ever have such might veto-power; Socol's inclusion in the decision-making process will ensure that all voices are heard.

Socol faces a number of immediate challenges as he assumes a more significant place in the university's power structure. First, he must put an end to outrageous bonuses for long-time faculty members. And adjuncts making \$1500 per course? Surely that's excessive. Second, student lounges need not be decorated in the manner of Versailles. Plush sofas and goatskin lampshades are simply not necessary. Last, stop the discrimination against job applicants who are related to current employees. There is no reason to continue the policy in not hiring qualified applicants just because their daddys already work here.

As the sainted Rabbi Tarfon said, "The time is short, but the task is great." We are willing to forgo our frequent on-the-record chats with Dr. Socol to allow him greater opportunity to bring his vision of excellence to our treasured Yeshiva.

# The Desecrator

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## YU Pop Quiz (Cheating Strictly Prohibited)

Are YOU cut out to be a YU administrator? Do YOU possess the skill and will to deal with the vicissitudes of academic leadership? Test your administrative mettle- see how you answer the following questionnaire- you could be the next Jeff Socol, or even the next William Schwartz!

1. One year, U.S. News and World Report ranks YU significantly lower than what it is touted to be, academically. Your response:

- "U.S. Who?"
- perhaps the survey has validity, and we'd better shape up.
- it's all because students are earning degrees in only five semesters, an intolerable, blasphemous situation; we'd better keep them here longer, so that they can increase the proportion of YC students on Dean's List to more than two-thirds.
- that the organization that took the survey, an experienced, respected, and journalistically sound national magazine, used criteria that do not reflect accurately true academic excellence.

2. Four students are caught cheating on an exam. You:

- penalize them with at least failure in the course, as printed on every exam booklet issued by the school.
- show your strong disapproval by expelling the offenders, following in the footsteps of such pillars of the academic community as Harvard and Yale.
- establish more efficient methods of monitoring students during exams.
- persuade the offenders to drop the course, and don't even put a "w" on their transcripts.

3. The apartments inhabited by RIETS students removed from the dorms are in disgraceful condition, lacking such essentials as light bulbs, decent plumbing, and effective pest control. You:

- assemble a Task Force to discuss the feasibility of tabling the matter for possible consideration.
- insist that it can't be all that bad; after all, don't some apartments have bathtubs?
- ignore the problem until a number of prominent students make an issue about it.
- all of the above.

4. Generous benefactors endow YU with large sums of money to dedicate campus facilities in the name of family and friends, for noble purposes. You:

- use Klein Hall as a large storage closet.
- keep the gates to Tenzer Gardens locked.
- dedicate a patch of grass as the Danciger Quadrangle and forbid people from walking anywhere near it.
- all of the above.

4 D  
3 D  
2 D  
1 D  
Answer Key

## Corrections:

In issue no. 7, Volume IX the front page article was entitled "Mysterious Millionaire Leaves \$22,000,000 In Will," referring to the surprise donation of Anne Scheiber.

After publication, however, it was discovered that Scheiber actually left YU \$22

Two issues back, vol IX, no. 9 a back page article reported on a security occurrence titled, "Police Mount Effort To Corner Rabid Dog." The article described a series of events which led to the successful cornering and apprehension of a trespasser on the Main Campus. The police officers chased the trespasser around the campus until the chase came to an abrupt end as the trespasser began to fire. The officers seized the moment and fired their tranquilizer guns twice, hitting the trespasser once.

In the original article the trespasser was reportedly a stray rabid dog and not a human. After further investigation it was discovered that the "rabid dog" was in fact a "rabid Stern girl."

Supposedly, the "rabid girl," who requested anonymity, is a senior who no longer could take the pressure of potentially graduating without yet finding her shiduch. On a night when the "rabid girl's" last of her five roommates had got engaged, she went berserk. Mentally lost in her moments of rage the girl boarded the Stern YC shuttle to take out her frustrations on the men of the Main Campus.

On the campus, the rabid girl sprinted towards the Morgenstern dormitory holding a can of gasoline in her hands, intending to burn down the Morg lounge - home of the nightly featured engagement parties. Burns security guards immediately called for additional help when they spotted the girl bowling over every guy in her way while foaming at the mouth. Within minutes approximately 15 NYPD officers appeared on the scene, arriving in vans labeled "Emergency Services." A number of officers, apparently bracing themselves for the worst, dressed in plastic riot gear. After fifteen minutes, the officers detained the girl with the tranquilizer guns. No serious injuries were incurred.



## Message From the YCSC President

After nearly a week of negotiations on my part, which at times degenerated into name calling and back room bickering, I have convinced YC in conjunction with YCDS to allocate over \$16,500 to be spent on a dinner honoring myself.

This dinner, a brainchild of my brain, while providing a public forum in which I will thank myself for the many successful programs which I have implemented; the primary goal of the dinner, though, will be to help more students get involved in YCSC.

Toward achieving this goal I personally set up three more committees to carry out the following functions:

1) One will collaborate with the current food services committee to suggest changes in the menu.

2) Another will search out prominent speakers to sing my praises at the dinner.

3) And finally, one last committee to accommodate those who did not get chosen for the other committees.

The dinner, the first of its kind will hopefully be followed by other such programs created to solely show grati-

tude to the student leaders. Lets face it- I Josh Fine have accomplished so much, yet The Commentator only allots me limited space in which I can praise myself.

Hence, I have the necessity to complement the praise I bestow myself in The Commentator with alternative forms and vehicles of public accolade.

When I look back on my administration thus far, I have a hard time imagining what the students would have done without me. I mean, do you think that Lustman and Habib would have seriously put in the hours which I do? Of course not! Not only do they have lives outside of YCSC but they also lack the genius necessary to have innovated my famous "door to door surveys." (By the way, we are currently organizing a committee to collect these polls.)

In closing, I would like to thank Aha-va Aaron, Ronen Abergel, Debbie Abraham..... Elliot Zwickler, Michael Zylberman, and finally Orly Zylberstein (See Guide to the Perplexed to fill in the middle 2,000 names).

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#### SPRING SEMESTER: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 14** - Rav Mordechai Willig: "Student Cheaters' Sins Must Be Kept Quiet; Only *The Commentator* May Be Publicly Condemned"

**FEBRUARY 21** - Rav Yosef Blau: "The Sefarim Sale Managers Have Integrity Coming Out Of Their Ears. Really. I Promise."

**FEBRUARY 28** - Rav Aharon Kahn: "Travels Outside The Mikdosh: My Summer In Tzfat, My Year In Bologna" (Special Time - 8:45!)

**MARCH 6** - Rav Herschel Reichman: "Secret Codes In *The New York Times*: A Special Investigative Report"

**MARCH 13** - Rav Isaac Sasson: "I Know What's Best For You Beit Midrash People, *Shana Bet* Be Damned"

**MARCH 20** - Rav Yehudah Parnes: "Pre-Pesach Cleaning: Must *Chameitz* Be Obliterated, Eliminated, Or Simply Eradicated? Three *Shittos*."

**MARCH 27** - Rav Baruch Simon: "*Shabbos HaGadol*: The Jews Give The Egyptians A Well-Deserved Punch In The Face"

**APRIL 17** - Rav Norman Lamm: "Anne Scheiber And Rachel *Imeinu*: The Most Significant Women In Jewish History"

**APRIL 24** - Rav Abba Bronspiegel: "'They Scheduled Me Last': The Plot Against Abba"

## 2.6 Year College



## What News?

### OJ to Guest Lecture at YC

The efforts of First Mate Billy Schwartz and his fearless crew to enhance the voyage of academic excellence here at YC have succeeded in attracting yet another superstar to the Main Campus: OJ Simpson will be guest lecturing in Associate Dean Michael Hecht's Civil Liberties course.

Students who thought that Schwartz's recruitment efforts were limited to intellectual powerhouses like Jonathan and Faye Kellerman or young talent like Walter and Elsbeth Rostow were delighted by the news of Simpson's guest lecture. A university-wide press release called the former pro football player's visit "a sterling affirmation of the unique and vital mission of Yeshiva University. OJ Simpson has dreamt of better world for Jews and all humanity. He has chosen Yeshiva to realize that dream."

Hecht was uncharacteristically hyper when he learned that Simpson would be visiting his class. "I don't think I know anyone who has done so much so well," he said. Professor Steven Katz said he was looking forward to a guest lecture by someone "who shares by commitment to the highest ethical standards."

Following his lecture in Hecht's class, Simpson will receive an award from the Israel Club. Club president Arie Pelta says it is part of the Israel Club's ongoing "Salute to Murderers"



Hal's replacement, Marcia Clark

Program.

YC Dean Norman Adler was saying the Shema when this paper attempted to contact him for comment. JSS/IBC Dean Shirley Auslander was also otherwise engaged.

On an interesting note, immediately after O.J.'s departure, Marcia Clark (pictured) was hired to work in the placement office. Sources close to Clark say that she has become addicted to O.J. and is following him around the nation.

### High on the New 'Shabbos Enhancement Program'

The record numbers of students staying in Yeshiva for shabbos this year has been attributed to the much acclaimed Shabbos Enhancement Program. The program, under the leadership of YCSC President Josh Fine, Dean of Students Efreim Nulman, and Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Cheifitz, advertises better food, Friday night tiches featuring cholent, free soda, and guest speakers at the low cost of \$5 per person.

"The program really is not innovative," comments Nulman while sitting in his office on break from his pick-up basketball game in the MSAC. "Truthfully, all we did was wrap up everything which already existed last year in a big package called the 'shabbos enhancement program,' and *voila*, like fools the students think that something is different."

Well, in fact something was different. Last week, the Commentator discovered that the Friday night cholent and free bottles of soda featured at meal time were both laced with illegal narcotics. Sources refuse to identify the exact substance but indeed verified that the narcotic was extremely addictive. Although it is not clear

as to who is directly responsible, inside sources point directly at the wife of Rabbi Joshua Cheifitz. Apparently, much like Jack Nicholson's character in Stephen King's "The Shining," Rabbi Cheifitz was losing all sanity by spending his shabbos in an empty dormitory week after week. After muttering "REDRUM" under his breath and then bursting several times into their first floor Ruben apartment holding an axe yelling, "Here's Joshie," Rebbetzin Cheifitz said that she had enough. Although not confirmed, it is said that the rebbetzin realized that the Shabbos Enhancement Program was a hoax and unless she personally took action the shabbos population would remain hauntingly abysmal. Reportedly she decided to lace the cholent and soda with an addictive substance in a desperate effort to populate the dormitory with students and restore her husband's sanity.

While Director of Security Don Sommers continues to investigate the issue, rumors run abound that Pepe's Pizza Shop is courting the rebbetzin with a lucrative contract to be their new chef.

### Doing Lunch at the Caf: Who is on the Other Side

*Ever wonder who actually eats on the far side of the Furman Dining Hall? Ever speculate about where Bill Schwartz goes with his Bean Soup at lunch? Ever seek to discern exactly why the Dean of Students never eats with the students? In this exclusive report from the far side of the caf, The Commentator allows you inside look at the lunch habits of some very powerful YU personalities.*

#### Bill and Harold

You might as well call it Bill and Harold's Excellent Adventure. Rare is the day that this dynamic duo is not spotted taking an afternoon stroll or sharing a slice in the caf. They agree on everything, especially Dean Adler. Schwartz and Nierenberg are widely regarded as Adler's biggest boosters in the University, working tirelessly to ensure that his initiatives gain the support of administration heavies. Word is they are impressed with his pragmatic approach to academic issues; they have been known to nod in aggressive agreement with Adler during high-level meetings. They can always count on assistance from Schwartz, loyal right-hand man, Jeff Gurock. Schwartz and Nierenberg reportedly prize Gurock's devotion and are comforted by his lack of ties to any other YU administrators. They know they can count on Gurock to provide advice that advances their agenda rather than his own.

While this reporter could not get close enough to their table in the caf to overhear a full conversation, we do have this snippet of conversation.

Schwartz: Academic excellence is a voyage not a harbor.

Nierenberg: Dean Ad Interim: Non amo te Sabidi, nec possum dicere quare. Hoc tantum possum dicere, Non amo te.

Schwartz: As I said, academic excellence is a voyage not a harbor.

#### David, Bruce and Jerry

This trio spells trouble. Observers should not be fooled by Rosen's spartan eating habits, for it masks the skills of a devious spinmeister who honed his p.r. skills in the crucible of the Massachusetts statehouse. With Bobbins, Rosen hatched the Scheiber scam which converted a secret slush fund previously held by Sheldon Socol into a mysterious gift from a reclusive millionaire. Jerry, of Development, serves as chaperone.

#### Efreim and Jeffrey

This pair from the Dean of Students' office exhibits a peculiar habit: student aversion. Indeed, no one can recall the last time they actually saw Nulman or Chartoff speaking with students in the caf. Over oily pizza, they figure out which rodents to unleash on Moshe Kinderlehrer next. In the early part of the year, they sought advice from Sheldon Socioli on how to "eliminate" the Stier problem.

#### Shalom and Company

Peripatetic professor Shalom Carmy never eats on the far side, preferring, instead, to work his magic on unsuspecting students in the other two-thirds of the caf.

#### Jake, Shai and Elena

You think they eat the crap they cook?



### The Future of Centrist Orthodoxy: Yeshiva College Orientation 2010

## YC Holds Dinner in Honor of Students Not on Dean's List

YC Deans and administrators took a lot of heat this semester for having 66% of the school's students on the Dean's List. In the wake of questions about the meaning and importance of the once highly-regarded honor, the administration decided that this year, rather than honor those on the list, they would reward the selfless students who had sacrificed their own grade for the sake of statistical balance.

Despite student speculation that the decision had really been made to cut costs, as they would only have to feed half the number of students, YU administrators stressed the service that these students had provided to the school. Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz explained their reasoning, "Imagine how bad the situation would have been if all of these students had made the list; the embarrassment to the school would have been unbearable."

New YC Dean Norman Adler echoed Horowitz's words, "It is almost as difficult for a YC student to fail a test as it is to ace one. After all, we have only the best and the brightest of the Jewish community here, the future leaders; there are no slackers at YC." Adler continued that he had not witnessed such selfless dedication to statistical balancing at either Penn or Northeastern where students selfishly tried their hardest to get good grades.

Associate Dean Michael Hecht, however, was enraged. The *Commentator* caught up with Hecht while he was lunching with long-time academic standards stalwarts Ike Sasson and Chaim Motzen. "I don't buy it for a second," said Hecht. "The guys here would never do something like that — how would they get into law school." Hecht added that all

of the guys who had been in his classes had made the Dean's list, "And I always get the best."

Mr. Michael Kranzler, newly appointed Director of Admissions for YC and SCW, however, was ecstatic. "I told you so," he gleefully remarked. "All of the students that I accepted are top notch." Kranzler, who had taken criticism for not being able to use the word 'reject' in a sentence without consulting a dictionary, added that he felt vindicated by the new findings. In fact, the admissions office kicked in part of their seemingly endless budget into the event, hoping to recruit some of the students being honored to fill the long vacant positions in the admissions office.

The lavish dinner, which was designed to entice more students into failing courses next semester, was keynoted by an address from YU President Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm. Lamm, who had spent the day fighting gays and Catholics in Court, lauded the students for their devotion. "In times of such need for the YU community, when students are placing their own sexual and religious needs above those of the *tzibbur*, we cannot properly express our appreciation to you, our most dedicated students."

Although he was not able to attend the dinner, Dr. Weissbrot, in charge of the medical school admissions process at YC and SCW was not surprised by the course of events. "I have paid just a little attention to the students with higher grades as to those with lower grades," he commented, "I never play favorites." Weissbrot pointed to the multitude of dissatisfied medical school applicants to drive his point home.

## Roshei Yeshiva Injured in Shemoneh Esrei Collision

MYP Roshei Yeshiva R. Herschel Schachter, R. Herschel Reichman and Mashgiach Ruchani R. Yosef Blau sustained minor injuries last week when their different prayer positions set off a chain reaction of head-on collisions in the front of the Beit Midrash. The accident is being blamed on the anomalous Beit Midrash, which mysteriously faces north, a problem which was compounded by the extreme diversity of opinion which exists in the University in regard to proper prayer direction.

The incident transpired when R. Blau, who faces north but sways forcefully from east to west, brushed shoulders with R. Reichman, who was praying next to him. This caused R. Reichman - teetering up and down uncontrollably at an east-northeasterly bearing - to plow forward into R. Schachter, who was rocking lightly at an 87-degree angle from the Aron Kodesh. R. Schachter was sent spinning into the nearest chest-level shtender, which broke his fall but then collapsed onto a second shtender. The second shtender toppled over and slammed into R. Blau, who was taking his three steps backward after Sh'moneh Esrei in a south-westerly direction.

All three rebbeim were released from Hatzolah's care a half-hour later, but the episode brought to light the halachic rift

which had torn unity asunder.

"When I first came to YU I had no idea what all the different Roshei Yeshiva of this yeshiva were doing," commented RIETS student Baruch Pesach Mendelsohn. "Now I realize that this yeshiva is in reality many different yeshivot compacted into one, disharmonious entity." Burns security guard Juan Velazquez was also mystified by the phenomenon: "Whenever I peered into the study hall during prayer services I always thought that all the students were praying to different gods. Now I realize that there are only two gods in the Jewish religion, like your emblem says. One god of Torah, and one god of Mada. I guess students pick one to focus on."

On Monday, several Roshei Yeshiva met with President Norman Lamm to discuss the situation and several proposals were brought to the table. Among the suggestions was to banish all students not facing north to the Schenk shul in the Scottenstein Center, or to determine posthumously what the Rav would have done - but that possibility produced more disagreeing arguments than participants in the discussion. The idea of immediately establishing a uniform p'sak for everyone in the yeshiva was never mentioned and is not expected to merit discussion for another ten years.

## Students Caught Cheating on MBAT Exams

News of cheating on the MBATs, the exam known to make or break Semicha students, has caused an uproar on campus, prompting calls by left-wing faculty members to abolish the semicha program. Rabbi Chaim Bronstein, who marked the exams, first noticed something was fishy when four students all gave identical answers to a question. The question involved the halachic definition of brain death, and all four students gave Rav Tendler's pshat, over the obviously correct definition of Rav Bleich. Rabbi Bronstein added that the collusion was particularly noticeable, given the fact that only four students took the exam. The four students involved lost their 15% semicha discount at the Se-forim Sale and were ordered to return the pastrami they took from Yum-Yum's.

Rabbi Robert S. Hirt, Vice-President for RIETS, said he was surprised the students resorted to cheating considering the fact that semicha exams are marked so leniently.

"It just goes to show you that semicha students are human," remarked Hirt.

Rav Aharon Kahn, rav at RIETS, commented that the cheating was due to the influence of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, who are known to pass around old MBAT exams on the night before the test.

"This chillul Hashem, ayom v'norah, is due to the influence of - excuse the *tarfus* of my expression - *mesorah*."

Two of the students involved blamed the cheating on poor housing conditions. "We don't have desks, or lighting fixtures, or garbage cans and mops to aid in our studying - as a result we often have to capitalize on the work of others." When asked to comment on the relevance of housing conditions to the cheating, Moshe I. Kinderlehrer, head of Semicha Hous-



RIETS students caught cheating

lounge/Beit Medrash.

Associate YC Dean Michael Hecht said that this cheating is part of the "moral laxity that flowed in pre-War Europe - and continues to flow today - among orthodox Jews."

Said Hecht "I see it all the time when I'm in MTA - rabbeim will go right ahead and take the elevator to the second floor, completely ignoring the rights of the Muss students."

Dean Norman Adler attributed it to the "goyische influences of some of the college professors. When you expose even the brightest and the best to some of the influences we have here in the college, they are bound to slip."

One science instructor, who refused to be identified on the record, explained that "Orthodox males feel an intense pressure to do well on their MBATs so that they can get the top nulpit positions. They don't really

care about the minutiae they're learning, they just want to be done with them as soon as possible so that they can go out and do *kiruv*."

She added that "women I knew at Barnard who are also entering the rabbinate, actually cared about what they were learning," and had an honor code which would prevent them from cheating on an MBAT.



Assistant Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff, while auditing the 1994-95 SOY Se-forim Sale, "Did you get that Donny -- I wanted 2 turkey breast sandwiches on club, with a side of cole slaw. Just tell Yum Yum to put it on our tab, okay GUY?"

## New 'Temporary' Beit Midrash in Brookdale

In an admittedly novel solution to the Beit Midrash overcrowding crisis, RIETS Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blau has announced the establishment of a "temporary" Beit Medrash at the Yeshiva University's Midtown campus. The non-permanent facility is to be set-up in what was formerly the Orange Lounge in SCW's Brookdale Hall.

"We are seeking to be responsive to those students who are frustrated by the necessity of learning in dark, mildewy dungeons. It is our hope that this convenient midtown location, just a few blocks from Macy's and the Empire State Building, will give talmidim a sense of the great emphasis the yeshiva places on providing an appropriate makom Torah for limud haTorah," Rabbi Blau said.

The facility, to be known as the "Chaviva Krausner Davidson Beit Midrash," will accommodate single students in the higher level RIETS shiurim. Administrators hope that the Midtown location, where hordes of shidduch seeking women prowled, will provide the single students with an enhanced opportunity to find their bashert.

"It's kind of like killing two birds with one stone," Blau said, "Guys will learn much better if they know the women are watching SCW students in their later trimesters, I mean semesters, do not need to take a large number of Judaic studies classes in the morning. They will, therefore, be able to provide a much needed stimulus to the bochurim. The social benefit is infinite."

The Commentator has learned that the bochurim learning in the new location will have access to a select number of dorm rooms in Brookdale Hall. Blau said that in planning the new Beis Medrash, RIETS officials recalled YU President Norman Lamm's assertion that many students learn in their rooms. "We want to make this as much like the Main BM as possible, so we are providing rooms for the talmidim to return to during the middle of seder," Blau said.

YC Associate Dean Michael Hecht was impressed with Blau's innovative solution. "I don't think I've ever seen someone do so much so well," he said.

Rabbi Charlop vowed to fight until the end.

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Soon Thereafter Orientation Week Emerged  
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## INITIATION WEEK

*The one and only fraternity at Yeshiva University offers all students (including RIETS), faculty, and Roshei Yeshiva the opportunity to embrace achdus. Simply carry out one of the following initiation tasks and AEP will welcome you with our open arms.*

*\*On Yom Kippur, recite Rav Aharon Kahn's infamous diatribe by heart in a bathtub, while eating a cheeseburger, and wearing leather shoes. According to Rav Kahn, such an act would be like "leaving your mother for a prostitute."*

*\*Burn down the Mikdosh or Main Beit Midrash on Tisha Ba'av.*

*\*Get engaged to the caf girl and hold the party in the Morg lounge without a mechitzah.*

*\*Deflate Dean Hecht's Ego*

*\*Allow us to attach a weighted rope to your body as you stand from the roof of Belfer. It is your job to show faith that we will supply a sufficiently long rope.*

*\*Lock yourself in a room with Rabbi Charlop's secretary until you find out her name*

*\*During the hot summer season, show your chesed by substituting for the 1/9 train elevator man for one straight week.*

## Direct From The Secret Files of Burns Security!

In an unprecedented investigation, *The Commentator* exposes the shadowy world of Burns Security International, a clandestine global network of security professionals linked to the CIA, Mossad, and the underworld. Surprisingly, years of intensive training in interrogation (Sir, can I see some ID?), tenacity (sitting), driving advanced attack units (Daihatsu buggies), and operating mechanized transport utility vehicles with advanced communication devices (vans with cell phones) lie behind every Burns Security badge. At YU, the Burns Security anti-terrorist geniuses comprise the elite *First Team*. Armed with walkie talkies, clipboards, and the rudiments of the English language, these brave men now face their toughest assignment: defending the front-line of American civilization, Washington Heights, against the encroaching jungle. The following are excerpts from a classified report prepared for YU Chief of Security Ronald Winters.

**Date:** September 14, 1995

**Crime:** YU students hijacked the inter-campus shuttle, demanding safe passage to Barnard instead.

**First Team Response:** Fearing the worst, the *First Team* enlists Rabbi Lamm himself in their attempt to avert a crisis. Lamm, flown by helicopter to the scene, explains to the thirteen hijackers that they are jeopardizing the YU motto of *Pru-rah U'Rvu-dah* and face immediate expulsion if they do not surrender. Note: In an ensuing student court trial, the offenders were sentenced to a string of lousy blind dates with Stern girls in overpriced midtown restaurants.

**Date:** November 18, 1995

**Crime:** YU students lip-synced their Belz School of Music "Sabbath I" mid-term.

**First Team Response:** Three crack officers parachute off Belfer onto the roof of Rubin Hall. Using rope, they slid down the side of the building, entering the accused room from the window. Quietly, special agent Rafael located the tape, making sure not to awaken the MYP bochurs sleeping through morning seder. Snipers Cortines and Gonzalez provided air cover. The incriminating evidence was promptly turned over to Cantor Beer for disciplinary action. Note: Large quantities of cups, forks, and knives were also found in a desk drawer, but no additional action was taken.

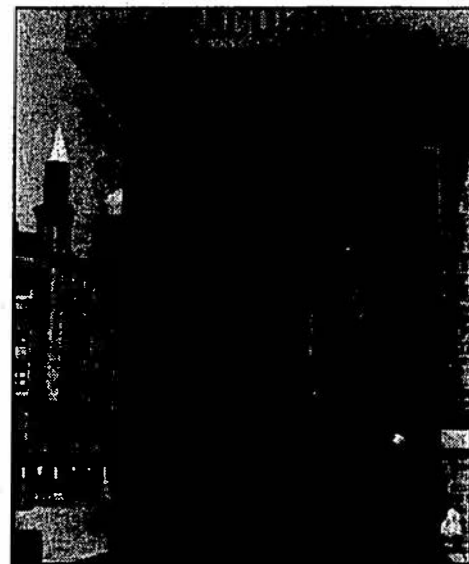
**Date:** November 29, 1995

**Crime:** The Caf's Jimmy wasn't counting the number of onion rings he was serving students.

**First Team Response:** Special agent Juan devised a scheme to infiltrate the Caf and catch Jimmy red-handed. Working undercover, he is currently waiting patiently for Jimmy to repeat his horrific crime. Note: Meanwhile, his cashier disguise has been so successful that he is unknowingly referred to as "The Caf Girl" by many affectionate JSS students.

**Date:** December 20, 1995

**Crime:** YU student found flushing, picking up his paper, and washing his hands (with soap) before leaving a Muss Hall bathroom.



**First Team Response:** The soap dispenser was rigged with a silent alarm. When the perpetrator attempted to repeat this offense, the *First Team* was ready. In less time than it takes to get local van service, the *First Team* flashed their Burns Security badges to onlookers, and seized the perpetrator. Note: The offender was sentenced to instruction lessons in sanitation from YU Food Services and released.

**Date:** January 3, 1996

**Crime:** A Registrar Office clerk was polite, courteous, and helpful to an aggrieved YU student.

**First Team Response:** Special agent Ramirez cited Office of the Registrar Policy # 1233A, Paragraph VII as "just cause" to investigate. The policy clearly states that at no time may registrar personnel come to the aid of traumatized YU students, even if their official transcripts have not been sent to medical school and all registrar fees have already been paid. The *First Team* swiftly moved in, apprehended the culprit, and squeaked out a confession. Note: In a rare interview, Security Chief Winters later said, "We have no place for people like that in our school."

**Date:** January 22, 1996

**Crime:** IBC hacker used the Internet to fix-up "black hat" Yeshivish type girls with "kippah serugah" aliyah-bound Bnei Akiva type guys and vice versa.

**First Team Response:** Agent Santiago, an Internet techie, logged onto the YU system as the alleged offender. Ingeniously, he managed to reverse this impending catastrophe by redirecting the e-mail to their more appropriate destinations. Note: Eight days later, (on a Wednesday night, of course) an engagement resulted. A Morg party, L'Chayim, and wedding shower are being planned. Agent Santiago was presented with a gold watch, the standard shadchan fee.

**Date:** February 18, 1996

**Crime:** In an attempt to impress YU guys surveying a set of Seder Nashim at the Seforim Sale, Stern girl purchases *Shemirath Shabbat* with a rubber check.

**First Team Response:** Tracing the bounced check to an offshore account on the Cayman Islands, the *First Team* learned the girl's identity and recent dating history. She was arrested outside The Gap store near Herald Square. Note: Two new jean skirts and a frozen yogurt container were also taken into custody.

The End.

# Under Relentless Attack, Commentator Editors Reveal Ancient Sources: *Masechet Sefarim*

## הספר נקנה פרק ראשון ספרים ב

הספר נקנה. לבעל: בכסף. מעט והיינו דאמרי אינשי נשעה כל השנה כולה עד מצנע הספרים ואז נקנה הרבה ספרים בזול והיינו דאמרי מוכרי הספרים שבירושלים ארור הישיבה אשר בקשה לאנדי: אבל לא ברוה. שאין גובין מכם מהלוקחין ומששו מפני

האי זר אס: באנשים ובנשים. ביחד אבל לא אנשים לחוד ונשים לחוד: בכשרים. מי שזקק ראשונים ואחרונים וספרי הלכה: בפסולין. מי שזקק תורה ומדע מאח הרב לאס: וברבנים. והס זוכין לדיסקונט כדאימא בגמ': מוכר לו את ספרו. דמלוות לאו ליהנות נימנו: שכן. בעלה: גמ' מצנע הספרים. מקונימיו נראה שהוא משהו נפלא ונורא אבל יש מ"ד בכל יום (מדע יב): שילאין די חוכה קנין ספרים נספרי השכלה בלבד: מחלמוד תורה. כאן המירד ראשי הישיבה כיעול תורה ועוד מניט דבר כזה אלל קריאת המגילה: הגזרים. לכל גזר יש מחשב וקל-סון ודיפר: בנין בלסר. לא ידעמי אין היסירו וראשי הישיבה הקמת בנין כזה נמוך הישיבה וי"ל שהס לא הימחה והבנין עומד זקוף היום בלי הסכמתם: מאלל ומשפה. מ'אס: אס: ארטסקרול. שס בית הולאה לאור של ספרי אנגליט ועורכי ארטסקרול סוכרים שאני וחברי היו כמלמכים כשרפים כחופנים וכחיות הקודש ולכן אני אוהב ספרי ארטסקרול: סקעו. כד'די: והריעו. בישראל ויליגאר: ומקעו. עוד נדדי, אבל עכשוו נדדי הוהב: אנה ה'. הפילה כנגד עורכי עיתון החלמידים שנישיבה: דהרצנת תורה עדיפא. ועשה דהרצנת תורה דוחה לא תעשה דהשגת גבול מפני שמוכרי הספרים כאן כשרים מאל ומצנע הספרים כבר קיים לי שנים ושום אדם לא מחה בידם: הוא עסוק. ראיה מאלן שקנין ספרים גרידא נקרא הרצנת תורה בלי ללמדן: התגונה והמתנבל. נשס קומינטטור והכל אומרים שהיא מלא בושא וכלימה אבל הס קוראין כל מילה ומילה שנה למרום הכל: לגלות את הספר. שהס עוסקים באלף אלפי דולר ואין שום גזר שידע אין לכאר את הדבר: ואין בת מלך וכו'. כשם שאין בנת מלך פגימה ק אין במצנע הספרים פגימה.



נקנה בכסף ובשטר אבל לא בוי"ה קנין ספרים נוהג באנשים ובנשים בכשרים ובפסולין בתלמידים וברבנים המודר הנאה מחבירו מוכר לו את ספרו מקום שנומלין עליו שבר תפול תנאה למוכר לקנות יותר יותר ספרים בול: גמ' תנא העוסק במבצע הספרים פטור מחלמוד תורה ותפילה בציבור מאי מבצע הספרים דתגן שבעת חדשים קודם מבצע הספרים מפרישין תגוברים מבתיהם לבנין בלפור כל שבעה החדשים לא היו מונעין מהם מאכל ומשתה בימי המבצע היו עולין הלוקחין לשם ומלקטין משם מורכיות של ארטסקרול חקעו והריעו וחקעו בכל יום הקיפו את המבצע פעם אחת ואמרו אנא ה' הושיעה נא אנא ה' הצליחה נא: שאלו מוכרי הספרים שבירושלים את רב ויליג והלא כתיב לא תשת גבול ריעך אמר להו שאני הכא דהרצנת תורה עדיפא אמר רב בלאה כל הלוקח ספרים ממבצע הספרים זוכה לעולם הבא דהרצנת תורה הוא עסוק תנינא אמרו כל ראשי הישיבה אלמלא מבצע הספרים של ישיבתנו כבר במלה תורה מעולם צריכא דסד"א רק אם זוכין לדיסקונט דה' אחת קמ"ל: מעשה ובקש עיתון התלמידים המצונה והמגובל לגלות את הסתר ומחו בידם לפי שאין דורשין במבצע הספרים אלא אם כן הוא

הספר נקנה. מסכת זו נכלל בסדר מועד לפי שזמן מצנע הספרים הוא יום טוב בפני עמנו והוא זמן שכל תלמידי ורבני הישיבה מחוקים את עלמם באהבת ספרים ובאהבת קנין ספרים היום טוב הזה י"ט דרצנן הוא כמו פורים וחנוכה אבל יש בו מצות ראיה שחייבין לעלות לרגל אל הישיבה הקדושה ובפרט אל בנין בלפור הקדש קדשים שבה: בתלמידים וברבנים. כמב הרשב"א שיש עוד סוג לוקחים שנאים שמה והס תלמידי הסמיכה שלומדין להיות רבנים אבל תלמידי הסמיכה לא הזכירו במשנתנו שהישיבה גרשה אותם מכנייני הישיבה אל דירות נכרות ועל זה אמרה רחמנא והבנין רק אין בו מים וכדלמר רב קינדללאהראר מים חמים אין בו נשאים ועקרבים יש בו: וחזוברים. פירוש בקועתם שהגזרים שונים מכל אדם שיש להם כיסרים ומימה שגשלהכמי נרמזי הישיבה ראשי שלל תלמיד ותלמיד יש לו כיסר ומשנמי שזה מנהג המקום שס וכשהלכמי עוד ראיתי שיש עוד מנהג. המקום שס נבקר להחפול נמוניים נפרדים אבל לא ביחד וי"ל שהס כופרים במיון של ברוב עם הדת מלך: דהרצנת תורה עדיפא. מימה וכי אין לו חיוב ללמוד אותו הספרים אלא בע"כ קנין ומכירת ספרים כדי נקראת הרצנת תורה בלי ללמדן. עיתון התלמידים. עיקר שנאה הקומינטטור נולדה במעשה שזכרת נבקיך מנטולין (מדע קכא). אימא שס שעורכי העיתון נקשו לעזור את רמאות והונאה במנחנים בישיבה והיה הדבר גלוי שיש רמאות והס כמנו שיש רמאות בישיבה כדי למנוע את רמאות העתידי ולהוכיח את הרמאים בקיום מצות הוכיח מוכיח את עמימן אבל התלמידים קברו שאסור לשפר את הישיבה ואסור לתקנה ואסור להשחיל בעלירה רמאות נמנחנים:

חכם וטבין מדעתו דתגן כל המסתכל במבצע הספרים ראוי לו כאילו לא בא לעולם דכתיב כל כבודה בת מלך פנימה ואין בת מלך אלא מבצע הספרים: בכסף: חייבין לעמוד בתור משתתף ועוד ערכית וכשכותבים צ"ק חייבין לכתוב עליו מספר רישום נהגה גם מספר טלפון ואם לא מחזירים אותו לסוף התור

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

In another emotional and fiery speech two weeks ago before six hundred students assembled in the Beis Midrash, Rabbi Aharon Kahn strongly rebuffed Caf Store management for failing to stock an adequate supply of Diet Peach Snapple, alluding to the downfall of Yeshiva University and the death of its values in a decadent society of the nineties. He also implicated President Norman Lamm and Vice President for Business Affairs Sheldon Socol for "running the school into the ground by denying my MYP talmidim the basic stuff of life."

Dazzling students with his firm command of over two dozen languages, R. Kahn mainly vocalized his emotions in French, Yiddish, Afrikaaner, Portuguese, and his native Mandarin Chinese, occasionally lapsing into English, esperanto, or Ugaritic. Scolding those who have resorted to Diet Lipton Iced Tea or New Square Chocolate Milk in the wake of the shortages, R. Kahn proclaimed, "We're abandoning our mother for a prostitute! Look what we're doing. We have a Snapple that gives us refreshment and nutrition. What are we giving it up for? For what!?"

"It's not enough that there are Snapple shortages in NYU or in the 30 or 40 or 50 institutions - it has to be in the Mikdosh!" R. Kahn exclaimed. "Egalite. Fraternalite. No Artificial Flavors. These are the terms of abandoning Snapple for empty promise and false hopes; these are the terms that broke down the walls of the refrigerator and didn't leave Klal Yisrael behind."

Caf Store managers, many of whom attended the three-hour lecture, were impressed by R. Kahn's oratorical skills but were unmoved by the verbal thrashing. "I can barely even speak English so I really had no idea what he was talking about," said Robert Baghdadi. Speech Professor Anthony Beukas criticized R. Kahn on several points including failure to outline properly and make eye contact with every single member of the audience.

English professor Dr. Will Lee, a perennial foil of R. Kahn's, noted that "at the yeshiva of Wolozin to which my colleague wishes us to aspire, such an outburst would not have been tolerated." Rav

Herschel Schachter complained that R. Kahn, in his address, had violated Article 42a of the YU Constitution, which states that, "Under no circumstance may any Rosh Yeshiva fail to invoke the memory of the Rav at least seven (7) times during the course of a non-shiur public address to members of the University community." Article 42a will expire upon the hundredth yahrtzeit of the Rav.

But at the heart of the issue was the fact that Diet Peach Snapple has been absent from the Caf Store's shelves since late January, a predicament R. Kahn says "he cannot tolerate in Yeshiva College, your Yeshiva College, my Yeshiva College." Lack of the liquid is a "crucial campus issue, even in this eleventh hour. Without Snapple, how can we become intoxicated with the sweet pleasures of life? How can we drug to a higher consciousness or transport ourselves to Xanadus of sybaritic splendor?"

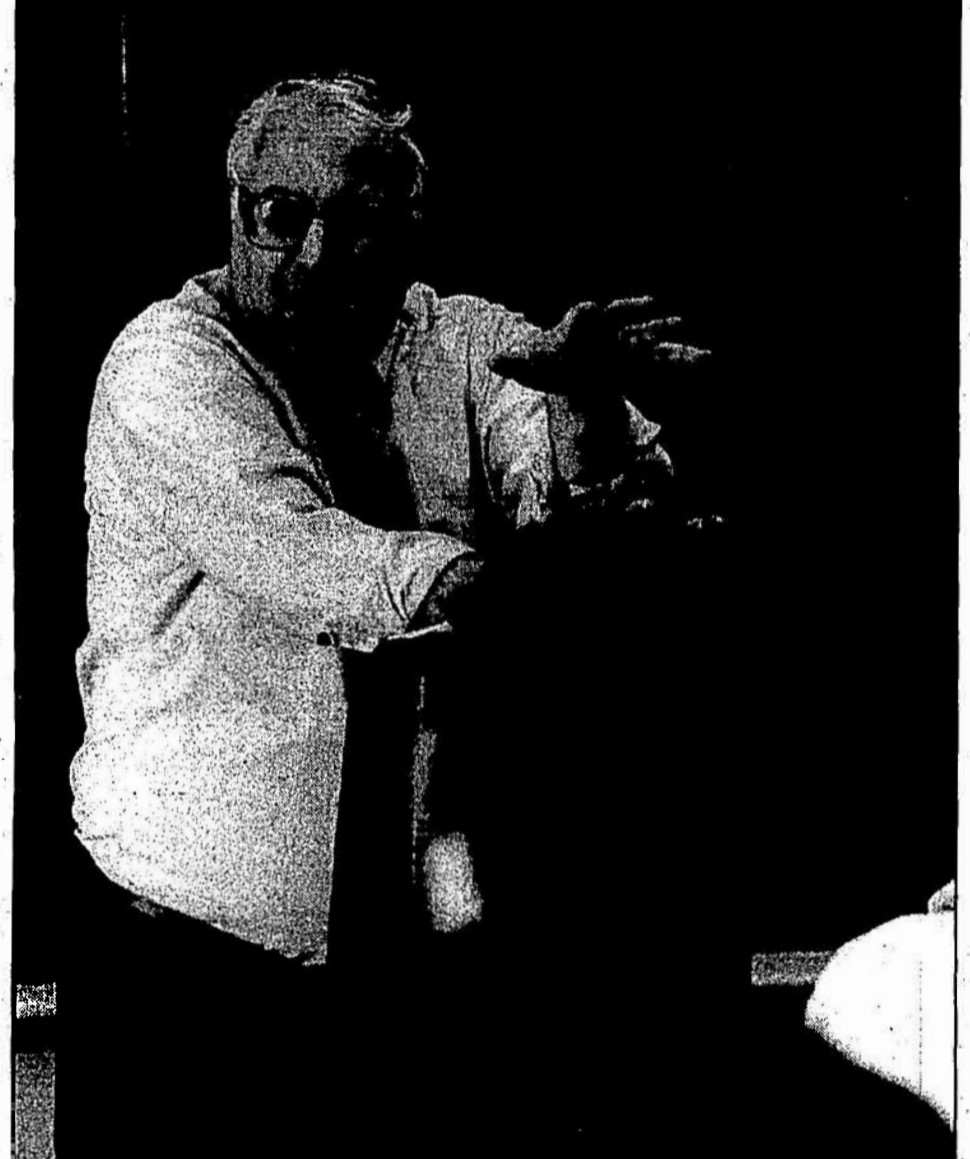
Particularly vexing R. Kahn was a statement he discovered on Page 74 of the Yeshiva University Food Services Manual, in which Food Services Director Jake Lieberman writes that "the improperly stocked convenience store is by far the most prevalent serious violent crime committed on college campuses. Peer pressure can exert a powerful influence on behavior. Pressure to 'stock' may cause men to question their own values and limits. Such pressures may create the expectation that members of a particular group are gastronomically active," R. Kahn read to the students with revulsion. "The Aybershter should forgive me," he continued, "but I can't even go on. It's so beneath us. It makes me want to vomit. How can you say a Shehokol Nihiyeh Bidvaro Friday night and then imbibe such a drink?" R. Kahn asked the audience.

President Lamm, who has yet to issue a public statement about the Snapple shortage, is expected to address the issue at Norm Talks in several weeks. But Caf Store managers say the administration can condemn all it wants, but the reality of the situation will not disappear. "Diet Lipton is here to stay," declared Baghdadi, "and it won't destroy the very foundations of this fine institution."



Oy Vey, not AGAIN!!!

*"I've got a headache THIS big, and it has Commentator written all over it."*  
-- Steven Katz



## ERNST & JULIO

### DOWN BY THE SCHOOLYARD

#### TOP TEN SIMILARITIES BETWEEN Y.U. AND THE MEGILLAH

10. DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO SEE THE HEAD HONCHO WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.
9. MUST LOOK REAL HARD TO FIND G-D.
8. TAKE BOOK OUT ONCE A YEAR.
7. MEGILLAH-HANGING BODIES OF HAMAN AND TEN SONS ON DISPLAY.  
Y.U.-SEVERED, PRESERVED YAD SAMUEL BELKIN ON DISPLAY.
6. GREEN WOMEN WITH MUSTACHES CONSIDERED BAD SHIDDUCH.
5. THEY BOTH ADVOCATE GIVING CHARITY.
4. LEADERS CHOSEN FOR THEIR SHEER BEAUTY.
3. THREE PEOPLE IS THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.
2. A WICKED, WICKED MAN.
1. PERSIAN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT NIGHT.



## A Ketubah In Search of A Wall: The World of the Married that Noam Herrmann Doesn't Want You to See

They resemble the rest of us, blending in with the YU student body. These are the married students in our midst, and like everyone else, they harbor some dirty secrets. Flowery Ketubahs adorn their walls, but more intriguing are the skeletons in their closet.

Theirs' is a world, which, like that of most single people, is rife with hopes and dreams. For some, it's a serene suburban home with three kids in the playroom and two cars in the driveway. Others desire only a closet in which to place their skeletons.

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Yehuda Schwartz has always liked the subways. Growing up, he could think of no greater thrill than recounting the most efficient route from Penn station to 96th Street as he hurtled down Manhattan's West side on the "1."

So when he came to the conclusion last year that his childhood playground would become his adult residence, the shock was not as large as you might expect. After all, he realized, living in the subway was the unfortunate price to pay for living with his beloved Gitty as an undergraduate student at Yeshiva College. For Yehuda and Gitty, the sun rises daily over the Manhattan skyline, but it doesn't illuminate their frugal world. Instead, sewer rats are called upon to accomplish the task.

The couple wed last year, and, realizing that money was scarce, prepared to move in to the "6" station at 31st street. "We figured we'd be close to SCW," explains Gitty, a zoology major at the women's institution. But costs of the move quickly escalated, and the couple concluded that urban living was not within their budget. (31st street is a prime location). They moved to a cheaper pad, at the A stop at 178th street, which was close to YU, and to Columbia Presbyterian hospital, where Schwartz moonlights as a subject for laboratory experiments. (He is afflicted with a rare disease which causes him to repeat the phrase "Why should I have waited when I was sure she's the one," a minimum of sixteen times a day. Scientists still puzzle to understand the condition. Gitty is similarly tormented, leading researchers to conjecture that the malady is contagious). The couple does not wish to remain stagnant; rumors of a posh vacancy at the "Stamford" MetroNorth station have recently circulated, inspiring fanciful dreams in the minds of the young lovers.

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The college experience for Zachariah Bibbelhoffer, YC '96, has altered dramatically from what was a relatively normal junior year. You see, Bibbelhoffer has two roommates, wife Eugenia and son Ahab (lovingly dubbed

"Habbe" by his parents). So instead of awakening at 3 A.M. to the sounds of zealous students enthusiastically debating the finer points of Hegel, he is jolted from a fitful slumber by Habbe, who, needless to say, is not yet versed in the subtleties of classical liberal theory.

While at YU, Zack must compensate for his lack of accommodations, so he wanders the dormitory halls in search of a spare bed that will enable him to catch a little shuteye. Few students oblige, so he resorts to clambering into the cramped recycling bin. His brother Beelzebub Bibbelhoffer (affably known as Belzie) resides in a luxurious Morg suite, but refuses to host Zack. "He's found the one," says Belzie. "Let her buy him a house." As for between-class snacks, most friends deny him the privilege. "He's found the one," said one friend. "Let her purchase him food." And to fill the lulls between classes, Zack often attempts to strike up a conversation with some old high-school buddies, but they remain tight-lipped. "He's found the one," they quip. "Why doesn't he call her to chat?" Bibbelhoffer maintains his composure throughout the daily ordeals - taking solace in Eugenia when waters become stormy.

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The year was 1992, and Katmandu, Nepal was the locale. Studying mysticism of the Far East thousands of miles from home with a famed Buddhist guru, David Schoenfeld didn't intend to encounter his bashert. All he wanted was to create a ball of energy. But fate would have it differently. One morning, as David prepared to contemplate the essence of his soul, Lolita Stoylovich materialized, and David's life hasn't been the same. Now the two find themselves in a slightly less mystical environment, the grimy streets of Washington Heights (although other types of 'highs' are certainly not in short supply.) Schoenfeld's day is rigidly structured - morning meditation at in his Teaneck apartment, a quick magic carpet ride over the Hudson River, and he arrives primed for uplifting courses in Management and MIS.

Asked how married life differs from the freewheeling existence of a YU single, Schoenfeld replied: "Being married presents me with a the unique challenge: Cramming six hours of learning, seven hours of classes, two hours of reading, seven hours of sleep, three hours of household tasks and eleven hours of quality time sitting in from of the tube gaining weight on Lolita's fabulous cooking into a twenty-four hour period. It's no easy task." And with that, the young spouse disappears, like the rest of us, to juggle the many balls in his crowded schedule.

## Observer Snags Journalism Award

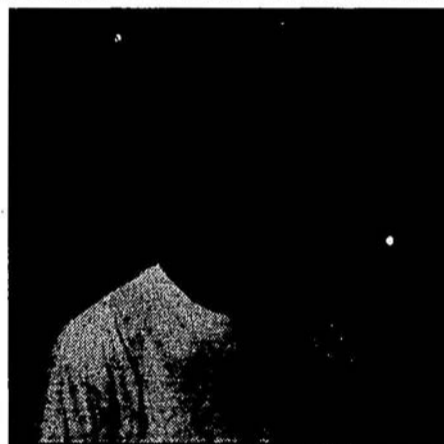
Observer Editor-in-Chief Marcie Schneider recently accepted the first National College Journalism Achievement Award on behalf of her staff at a lavish ceremony at the New York Hilton. The honor, awarded to The Observer for a front-page article entitled "Boisenberry To Be Low-Fat Frozen Yogurt Flavor Of The Week," was "well-deserved," according to Schneider, "because five of our top writers collaborated on the piece, and it was longer than the standard four paragraphs."

The Journalism Award Committee remarked that the frozen yogurt piece was the first front-page article of the year that did not blatantly editorialize. Executive Editor Ziona Hochbaum gleefully pointed out that it was also the first news article this year not to be written in the first person and not to quote the reporter herself in the article.

A second-place finish was awarded to the Harvard Crimson for exposing and solving a campus murder. The University of Pennsylvania's Daily Pennsylvanian won third prize for scooping the Philadelphia Inquirer on the discovery of a CIA mole operating in the area. Award Committee Chairwoman Cynthia McCall told those assembled that "it was a tough choice. We almost disqualified The Observer because News Editor Elisheva Wohlgenuth wrote a Letter to the Editor to herself in the same issue. But in the end The Observer passionately relented because we found its features section so appealing."

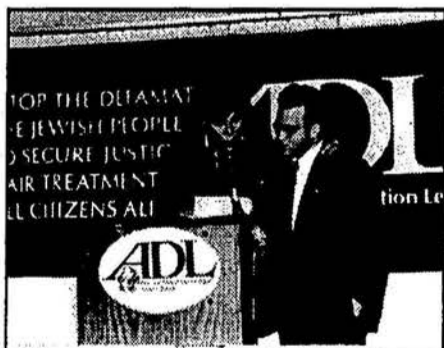
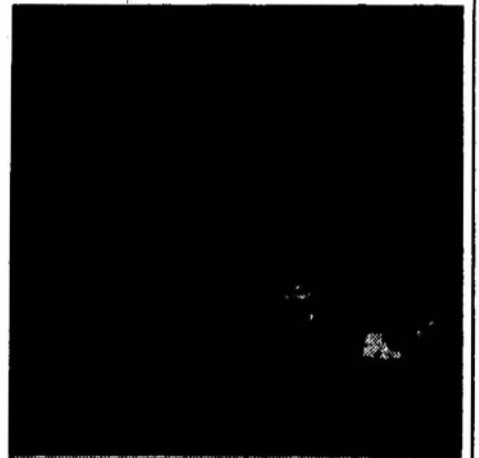
The National College Journalism Achievement Award was founded in 1995 by New York newscaster Sara Lee Kessler, who serves on the board of Stern College for Women. Judges include New York scholars Karen Bacon, Saul Berman, Ethel Orlian, and Norman Lamm.

## Where are They Now? A Glimpse into the Lives of Four Former Commentator Editors-in-Chief



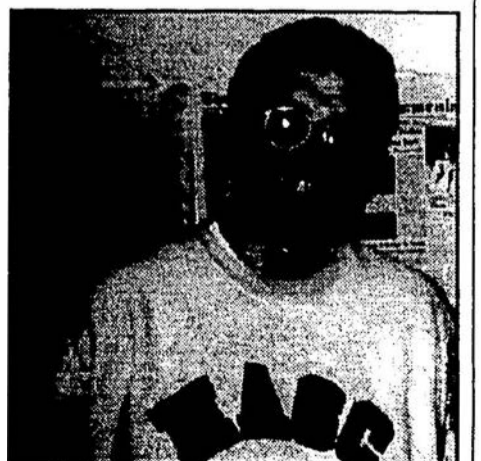
*Michael Eisenberg '92-'93: Married with Children, Living in Israel, Successful Career in Investment Banking*

*Sender Cohen '93-'94: Thrilled to be Single, Living on Upper West Side, Successful Career in Investment Banking*



*Robert Fagin '93-'94: Married with Children, Living in Queens, Successful Career in Finance*

*Moshe I. Kinderlehrer '94-'95: Still Living with Ely Kronenberg, but chairing the Semicha Apartment Task Force!*



## Student Empowerment to Increase Enrollment

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unacceptable. We have finally struck a mighty blow for student empowerment. Our potential is now liberated," he said.

Dov Simons urged an exploration of the root causes of the problem.

### Faculty Reaction Mixed

As word of the committee's decision spread, faculty offered a decidedly mixed reaction. Professor Shalom Carmy interrupted a three-hour lunch in the caf to join an emergency huddle with Sociology Prof Marelyn Schneider. At a press conference, the two pledged not to let their budding romance hinder their efforts to overturn the committee's decision.

Dr. Joanne Jacobson urged all parties to construct a "unified and coherent thesis," while Hebrew instructor Dr. Haim Tawil returned to Israel for consultation with the Shin Bet.

### Israel Study Stressed

Former SOY President Yitchak Edward B. Book said the immediate result of the proposal would be more options for students studying in Israel. "Listen, we're all about *harbatzas Torah*. How can the university stand in the way of a

guy who wants to spend three, four or five years learning in Israel? We have an *achrius* to give a diploma."

Arie Pelta said that such courtesy should be extended to not only to those studying in yeshiva, but to those who protecting Hebron from Arab invasion. "This is not just about peace; it is about peace. We support peace, but we oppose peace. This is the final frontier. Onward Christian soldiers!"

Newly promoted Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler said the move would undoubtedly help recruitment efforts. "All our research has shown that students come here because they can get out faster than anywhere else. Under Dr. Socol's leadership, students can now get a degree faster here than at Tuoro. Now, without requirements, without courses, without rules, without even having to attend—the enrollment numbers will go through the roof.

Dean of Student Efreim Nulman said the proposal was intriguing. "If we can award students diplomas without requiring them to attend classes, then we can enjoy high enrollment without having to provide additional housing.

## Other People's Money

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president and do what he does best - beg for money. On Al's second visit to the office he brought along two 'I love New York' bags filled with two thousand dollars worth of quarters. This time Gladys hurried Al into the President's office.

In a closed door meeting, Linder explained to Lamm that over the past thirty years he has professionalized in what he does best - take other people's money, or what others may think is 'tzeddakah.' During this period he had collected an average of \$2000 a day on way to amassing his million dollar fortune. His record high for one day was a whopping \$10,000 in petty change. Like Anne Scheiber, Linder described himself as a spendthrift, money-saving lunatic who refused to spend a penny.

In just thirty years, Linder's nest egg ballooned to \$22 million. Now, Linder told Lamm that he intended to transfer all his savings to YU since he did not want it to be a lie when he had after all asked people on the street for - "tzeddakah, please." However, *The Commentator* has learned that Linder donated his lifesavings to YU in search for a bigger and greater challenge - to rebuild his empire from scratch by collecting money from the New Square Chasidim. "The YU students were just too easy to fool - but the Square Chasidim, now that's a challenge - I mean just imagine, they don't even fall for the smooth talk of Ryan Karben."

After President Lamm's announcement, there was much speculation that Linder was merely a secret agent of YU planted on the street to suck more money out of the students. Rosh Yeshiva Mordechai Willig, who personally approved

the actions of Al Linder declared that he considered such a theory to be a personal assault on his integrity as well as a display of *chutzpah* for such critics to question the honest intentions of Mr. Linder.

The 'secret agent' notion was rejected, however, when it became known that a clause in Linder's endowment stipulated for the firing of director of facilities management Jeff Socol. During Al's year's of business, Socol consistently refused Linder any shelter in the lobbies of YU buildings during adverse weather conditions. Now Al Linder would have his revenge and at the same time become the hero of all Union workers, Burn's security guards, and YU students.

At first, President Lamm was reluctant to accept the Linder money under such a condition. "If I approve the release of Jeff, then Sheldon will campaign for my release; after all, who really runs this school - Sheldon Socol or me?" asked Lamm.

But soon thereafter Vice-President of Business Affairs Sheldon Socol, a man more spendthrift than Anne Scheiber and Al Linder put together, called the President yelling that he must be 'off his rocker' to even consider refusing the money. "I'll fire my [expletive] son myself, god damn it."

Also stipulated in the endowment is that the money only be used by the men on the Main Campus. When asked for his reason, Linder laughed at the nature of the question and answered, "because it is their money." Dean Adler's reacted to the donation with both disbelief and insight - "you see how successful one can become when he spends more years on campus."

**Mazal Tov to the Senior Classes of YC and SCW on their Upcoming Engagements**

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# Roshei Yeshiva Carry the Day in Court *continued from page one*

Jewish Constitutional lawyer in Washington to find new representation. This is just the straw that broke the camel's back."

Bereft of legal representation and hesitant to rely solely on the wise counsel of Martin H. Bockstein, YU's in-house lawyer, Lamm was forced to seek the services of one Jeffrey Stier, a recent graduate of YU's own Cardozo School of Law. Stier, who has maintained an excellent relationship with YU and its various public relations organs throughout the years, was ecstatic. "I personally never minded the clubs, but if Dr. Lamm wants to destroy them, I'll fight to the death." When asked if he felt up to the task, Stier remarked, "I believe that YU has an excellent case, and besides, not even Ryan Karben can B.S. as well as I can."

Probably the highlight of Stier's case was Rav Kahn's testimony that YU was a Yeshiva and was thus exempt from anti-discrimination laws under the religious exemption in the state code. New York State attorneys, however, were no less

industrious. They called Dr. Will Lee as a surprise expert witness, testifying to his long-held doctrine that YU was neither a Yeshiva nor a University.

The turning point in the case, however, was the testimony of Rabbi Mordechai Willig, who denied any validity to the secular elements of Yeshiva University; Willig was emphatic in his assertions that YU was a religious institution, both in the morning and the afternoon.

In a shocking turn, however, Rav Willig refused to submit to cross-examination, arguing that as a talmid chacham, his halachic and semi-halachic conclusions were not subject to challenge, especially by a 40-year old constitutional lawyer. In an ensuing conference in the Judge's chambers, MYP Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Yehuda Parnes supported his colleague's arguments. "It's a sorry side-effect of modern culture that lawyers think they can cross-examine every witness. Rav Willig cannot possibly be wrong in this matter, he has learned more."

Rav Parnes, however, did not stop there. He argued, in fact, that the court had no jurisdiction at all in this matter, being that the decision to ban the club had been made by Rosh Hayeshiva U'nesiyah, Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm. Parnes argued that not only had Lamm learned more than the judges, but he had even written a book on Torah U'Maddah, and thus there was no room for a judicial decision in this matter.

The Court ultimately decided in favor of YU, reasoning that even if they found YU's action to be against the law, they could never actually write an opinion which argued with Roshei Yeshiva in matter of *Halacha*.

Expert legal commentators herald this as a landmark case that could predict an explosion in the expert-rabbi witness market.

YCSC President Joshua Meir Fine, who had originally chartered the Christian Club and set this month's events into action, was present throughout the course of most of the trial. Although Fine rarely allows his own opinion to be known on controversial matters, preferring to allow his actions to speak louder than his words, *Commentator* reporters were able to nail him down for an interview during a courtroom recess. "I believe that my actions were entirely correct," said Fine. "I mean, if YCSC can sponsor the dramatics society, and spend \$20,000 on what is

really a course just to make the students happy, then I see nothing wrong with allowing students to form a gay or a Christian club here at YC. What is most important is that people get involved—it doesn't matter how, but just that they are active both curricularly and extra-curricularly within our institution."

YCSC Vice President Dov Simons, however, was not as enthusiastic. "I disagree with Mr. Fine," he said.

YC Associate Dean Michael Hecht refused to speak on the record commenting that "there are many here who are more qualified to discuss this issue than I. Now off the record... I have never seen someone do so much so well."

New YC Dean Norman Adler remains in a state of shock. He can be found in his office repeating over and over again, "I never believed that any Yeshiva College student would do anything to hurt this institution... these are the future of the Jewish community, our future leaders..." Adler was especially affected by the turn of events because two of the founders of the Christian club had recently been caught cheating on a bible test. "If only I had been more strict, this never would have happened," Adler lamented.

With the problem of the gays and Christian clubs solved, Lamm says that he can now focus on finding a more suitable solution to the *Beis Midrash* problem.

## On A Serious Note...

### THERE IS NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

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

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

**We would like to remind you:**

- Do not drink and drive
- Beware of hazardous drivers on the road
- Do not over-do the *mitzvah* of "Ad d'lo Yoda", *it is dangerous*
- Spread the word to neighbors and family members

*Best Wishes for a Happy Purim,  
Hatzolah*

# Entire Macs Teams Quits in Midseason Citing Irreconcilable Differences With Coaching Staff.

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