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Finally Fed Up, YC Faculty Goes on Strike

University Hires Replacement Teachers

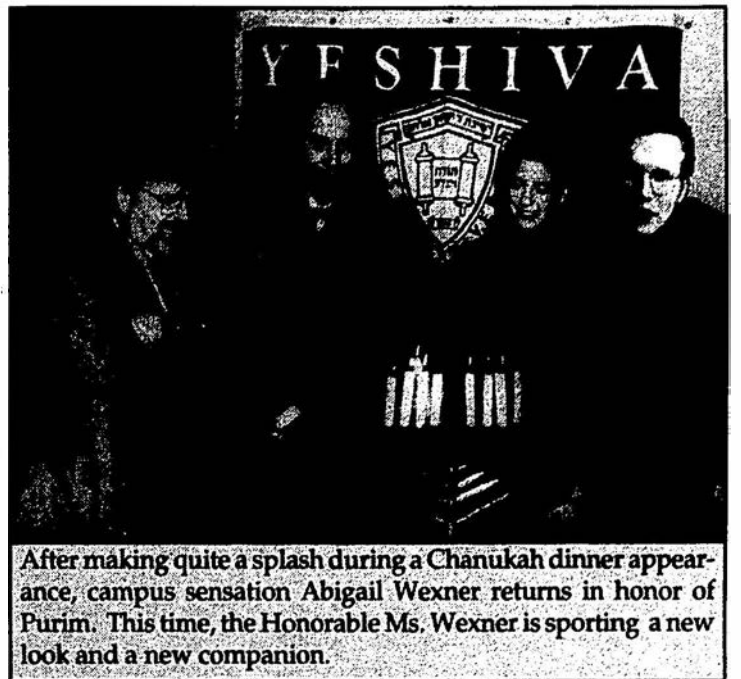
After years of complaining and bitter confrontation, the entire Yeshiva College faculty walked off the job this past Monday morning. In the week following, heated talks between the faculty and administration were held in cities ranging from Washington DC to Phoenix, Arizona. Unfortunately, the talks have subsequently broken down and YC has decided to hire replacement faculty for the rest of the semester.

While faculty have been decrying their low salaries for years, it was an entirely dif-

ferent issue which served as the straw that broke the teachers' backs. The YU administration has repeatedly pushed for a cap on Israel credit and, with the help of a few federal mediators, have passed a plan which would cap the amount of Israel credit a student on the YU Joint-Israel Program could receive at the 32 credits. This would also include any credit taken during summers after high school and in between the Israel year. In an effort to thwart the administration and raise their salaries at the same time, the faculty

have refused to agree to a cap on credit. Many faculty have taken the position that since some of the YC departments are so understaffed, students in Israel need to take courses in the summer at fine colleges such as Ramapo and Kingsborough in order to get the boring introductory courses in their major under their belt. Bible professor, Dr. M.J. Bernstein, one of the strike organizers, explained that the YC faculty has little interest in teaching the often boring intro courses in the department.

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After making quite a splash during a Chanukah dinner appearance, campus sensation Abigail Wexner returns in honor of Purim. This time, the Honorable Ms. Wexner is sporting a new look and a new companion.

Premier Athlete and Derivatives Whiz to Join Faculty

In what is one of the largest curriculum overhauls in the history of YU. Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz has decided to make several important courses available to students. As is his general practice, he came to the decision after consulting with many important figures, the most prominent of which were his houseplants and his pet cat Frisky.

Noting the inordinate amount of free time many students find themselves with at four in the morning, Schwartz voiced strong support for the added options. "Not to use a cliché, but this program is really peaches and cream, the crème de la crème. We found ourselves between a rock and a hard place, between Scylla and Charybdis, with the tempest and the teapot. But any other response would have been like the teapot calling the kettle black."

Perhaps the most significant addition to the revamped curriculum is that of the newly established department to be called "Classes Given by Famous People So We have Something to Put on the Cover Of YU Today." A brand-new idea at YU, the classes are rumored to feature, among others, O.J. Simpson. Simpson

is expected to occupy the Joseph B. Soleveitchik chair in Jewish Philosophy.

When questioned as to the relevance he might have at this institution, Schwartz cited Simpson's experience in dealing with adversity, which he said could be very valuable to the average YU student. Some students, however, disagreed, pointing out that the comparison is not wholly accurate - most YU students don't break rushing records, go on to become spokesmen for major corporations, and then get accused of murder. To which Schwartz responds: "True, but the early bird catches the worm, and a stitch in time saves nine. Besides, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

And in Sy Syms, embattled Barings trader Nicholas Leeson is also expected to give a course, tentatively titled "Let Me Tell You About Getting On the Fast Track."

The proposal has evoked little reaction among students and faculty, mostly because Schwartz is refusing to inform them of the topics of the new classes until after they have completed the final exams. "Confidentiality is of the utmost importance," he commented.

Dean Search Process Keeps Going... and Going... and Going...

BY THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Over cafeteria-baked brownies and cups of soda, the Decanal Search Committee met this Friday morning to discuss the hiring of a YC Dean of Washrooms and Water Fountains. The closed-door meeting, which was chaired by YU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz, was held to discuss and vote on the candidates for the position, which has been left open for the last twenty years, and submit its

recommendation to University President Dr. Norman Lamm.

With the help of few members of the committee, which is comprised of one part-time faculty member, no students, and seven YU administrators, *The Commentator* has obtained the names, social security numbers, credit reports, and tax returns, of the three leading candidates for the position. Expressing shock and dismay at the breach of confidentiality, Dr. Schwartz, following a precedent set earlier in the year, adamantly re-

fused to "confirm or deny that any such meeting" had taken place this past Friday. Schwartz was unable to provide any other details about the meeting. But he did add that "any meeting that would have taken place was productive and fruitful."

Committee members who spoke to *The Commentator* found Dr. Schwartz's denial of the meeting's occurrences somewhat humorous (as did much of the newspaper staff). Explained one committee member, who spoke under conditions of anonymity, "Once a lawyer, always a lawyer."

"Process Reasonable..."

Dr. Schwartz defended the search process and the need for confidentiality in the process. He explained, "We have a number of candidates under consideration and the process is still ongoing. It's important to preserve the principles of confidentiality even when the entire University knows the names of the candidates. After all, as I always say, academic excellence is a harbor, not a voyage. You have to take time, usually de-

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NOT IN THIS LIFE TIME

Hooray! We're working next to those admissions women now.

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EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS...EDITORIALS

Thanks A Bundle

Mostly, we use this forum to criticize. Yes, we concede it, we revel in our brash diatribe, taking inept university administrators to task and pointing out the formidable inadequacies of our student leaders.

The temporal winds of change, however, are blowing. And in the spirit of Purim, we offer our thanks to those who have made YU what it is, this year and always. Here they are:

VP William Schwartz: Boy did you guide that Decanal Search Committee. We're in awe at how you kept the process free from the influence of those who have nothing to do with academics. Also, love the brownies at those Thursday afternoon "open house" meetings. Thanks for the laughs and memories. (Seriously, Norm Adler is a catch. But saying "Sh'ma Yisrael" during a newspaper interview?" Send PR a memo to tell him to stop that stuff.)

YUPR: Congrats on the gay issue. You guys are great! What a job this year. International media attention. A big splash in *Ma'ariv*. Front page of *The Forward*. Kudos!

Dr. Norman Lamm: Your quick and resolute response to the gay crisis is admirable. There you were, as soon as the story broke, articulating a coherent policy and making us all proud.

Norman Rosenfeld: We were fools. You are the genius. How did you know when to jump ship?

Norman Adler: Looking forward to having fun. Can't wait.

Turn 'Em Away

Under normal circumstances, *The Commentator* tries, in this editorial space, to avoid suggestions which skirt reality. Regarding this particular issue, however, we feel that we have no choice but to comment. The dorms are full to capacity and with more students entering than leaving, the problem is clearly one which calls for a solution. Students need their lounge space, and it is unfair to force them to relinquish these poorly maintained and unattractive lounges to a growing population.

We believe we have the answer.

With fear in our hearts, we timidly suggest that YU consider, G-d spare our souls, the possibility of rejecting an applicant or two or three. It is high time for our admissions director to re-evaluate the time-honored and well-documented admissions requirement of a "bris and a mirror." Without intending to give the YU admissions director any heartache, we propose that standards be created for admission into the college. And in what is certain to be a groundbreaking move, rejection letters will have to be drafted. (If no one in the admissions office has ever written one before, call Columbia and have them fax a sample rejection letter.)

Thankfully, with the stiff competition YU receives from Touro, Queens, and Chaim Berlin, our rejects will not fall through the cracks, as they might have twenty or thirty years ago. Our responsibility is not to them, it is for us. While we greatly understand the tremendous difficulty involved in shifting from an admissions policy which emphasizes "numbers" to one which places our interests first, we wonder how our beloved YU administration would feel if those "numbers" started tripling up in their bedrooms, began sharing their bathrooms, and took away their lounges.

Turn em' away before its too late. Next thing you'll know, we'll also be shouting, like our hoarse sisters at Stern, "Buy A Building!"



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About Dumb Stupid Stuff

Making a Point

To the Editor

I am writing this letter to inform you that I have nothing to say. I know, we live in an era confronted with complex issues which threaten to shatter our fragile existence. Just last week someone wrote a letter on how the Caf store ran out of black pens, and someone else expressed how he felt about the Student Senate being one step closer to closing the debate on whether there should be a discussion regarding a possible dialogue between Task Forces. But most people don't even care about the issue they are writing about; they just want to see their name in *The Commentator*. So I am silent. I don't want to pretend that I care about

something just so I can have my name on the floor of every bathroom in YU. I choose not to misrepresent the truth - That's the job of a certain department on the fourth floor of Furst. And I certainly have no desire to share my thoughts about anything of significance that happens at this institution. I do not wish to know why there is so much padding on the walls, nor do I feel like inquiring as to why everyone dresses in white. But I digress. The point is, there is none. Nothing but pure, unadulterated filler for your paper (refreshing, no?) That's it.

Signed
Mum in Muss

In The Dark Over Seder

I am not writing this letter with the intention of embarrassing anyone but I believe a fraud has been committed and I would like to bring it to the attention of the student body. I am an MYP senior and have been in Rav Reichmann's shiur for the past three years. Recently, it has come to my attention that a program is run for "elite" students every morning in two rooms on our campus. I always naively thought that "seder" was the meal that you eat on the first night of pesach - but it seems that it has a whole other meaning.

made to prevent many students from finding out about this program. I asked my fellow students in shiur but not one of them knew anything about this program either. Why were no signs put up advertising this program? When were interviews held? In fact, I only found about this program when I accidentally walked into Furst 301 one morning. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that this program is being run and so many students are excluded. I contrast this with the recent Schick 3-on-3 tournament which was extremely well publicized.

It seems to me that every effort is

WHINING

Dumber and Stupider

Guys, Can't You at Least Try to Keep Up?

To the Editor

As a proud student of Yeshiva University, I am writing to express my embarrassment over the disparate standards of quality that exist between *The Commentator* and *The Observer* this year. Basically, I'm not sure why you guys at the Commie can't keep up with the competition.

I'll illustrate my point. To start with, if you chance upon a good reporter, one who can really cover a story, then *stick with him*. Don't go getting other students involved in writing. Why have three reporters on one page when you can have two or three writing the entire issue? And if you think of a really good caption to go with a picture, make sure that you print it in a font that is really, really small so that not a single person can read it.

This particular point is directed at the Editor-in-Chief. Moshe, if you think of a good issue for an editor's column, don't feel like you should be brief or try to save space. Feel free to take a cue from *The Observer* and fill two columns and then jump it to another page, and maybe you could even double jump it if you have a real winner.

Moreover, and this is perhaps the most important point, did you notice how all the *Observer* reporters interject their own observations and opinions into their news stories? That is what we want to read — enough with all the boring, objective professional sounding news stories that you keep publishing. Make your paper inter-

esting from now on.

And along the same lines, why are you guys always having all of that relevant school news and features in the paper? Maybe you could start having cool features like reviewing Broadway shows, or other forms of entertainment. And maybe you could even have some world news or Jewish news in the paper. After all, you know that we'd much rather get our information from our school paper than some professional, boring, qualified paper like the *New York Times*.

Two more points and then I'll conclude. First, when you write the editorials, do you have to be so logical? Why can't you be convoluted like other papers — it makes your arguments much more convincing.

Finally, is it necessary for you to come out so very damned often?? At least the previous issue of the *Observer* has a chance to decay and disintegrate before I get a new one to read. With the *Commentator*, I barely have a chance to throw the first one out before you shove another one in my face. How fast do you think we read, anyway?

So basically, I think that you guys should either shape up or ship out. If you can't take the heat just stay out of the kitchen, and if you can't do it right, you really shouldn't do it at all.

Respectfully,

Michele Berman SCW 95' RIETS 98' WSSW 97' New School 99'

Can You Pick Up Some Kugel?

To the Editor:

Moshe, when are you coming home? Your little brother misses you.

When you do come home, remember to pick up your suit from the cleaners and can you stop by Meal Mart and pick up some cole slaw and potato kugel for me? Thanks a million. Oh, when you drive home, try not to forget your sister at Stern, like you did last week.

Just a little reminder to you: don't stay up too late working on your news-

paper. You know how I hate it when you come home for Shabbos those lines under your eyes.

Love,
Mom

P.S. Don't forget to call Bubbie and Zaidy. They like to hear from you occasionally. Also, call your cousins. They are beginning to forget what you look like.

P.P.S. I hope I didn't put this in *The Commentator* mailbox. This won't get printed, right?



Message From the Supreme Commander

Men, Attention!!

It is hard to believe but the snow has only fallen a few times. That's how this year feels as I look back on some of its finer and not-so-finer moments.

If I had to describe the way things ran this past semester I would say that everything has been "in-line" for me. Students, faculty members and even Roshei Yeshiva have practically tripped over their own feet to fall "in-line" over the events I've ran this semester. For that, I would like to offer a hearty thanks.

Moving onto the foreign policy arena, I would like to commend myself for doing a great job representing the YC student body at the ongoing Israeli peace talks. I made myself quite clear to Israeli PM Rabin and Yasir Arafat just what kind of peace the student body here wanted. They pledged to work together with me on the issue and hopefully, a separate peace agreement will be signed by the end of the semester, or

at the latest, by graduation. The agreement will entail longer gym hours for the Palestinians and afternoon pool hours for the Israeli settlers, as well as full van service throughout the territories. I fully EXPECT the local media to cover the impending peace agreement.

Again, I would like to thank myself for taking on the tough job of YCSC President-for-Life. I'd also like to thank the YC Alumni Association and President's Circle for forking over thousands of extra dollars to me this year. I look forward to spending their money on something worthwhile, such as the Council for Racial Harmony or even, *The Commentator*.

Sincerely,
"Bill"

YCSC Supreme Commander 1994-
Whenever I Decide to Step Down
Phone: 213-5066

P.S. "Lustman!!! (YCSC Secretary-of-State) Are you getting all this down?"

Mazal Tov to

Josh Hosseinoff & Rena May

Daniel Billig & Laura Gross

The Caf Girl & ????

Steven Kaye & Shirley

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Dean Search Committee

& Bernie Firestone

YC Faculty & Dr. Schwartz

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on their respective

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Jeff Socol Resigns

Decides to Become Cowboy

After a recent two-week vacation to the state of Texas, Assistant Director of Facilities Management Jeffrey Socol has decided to give up a promising career in the YU Administration to become, of all things...a cowboy. The announcement came this week, upon his return to work.

Employees and colleagues in Facilities Management and the entire University were astounded to learn of Socol's sudden career switch. Screams of joy could be heard from the first floor of Belfer and the basements of the Main Building and Furst Hall as union workers from all YU campuses celebrated the news. The reason for the celebrations: happiness that Socol had finally found something he liked doing. As one long-time union worker explained, "I am overjoyed that he (Socol) has found something he likes doing. You could always tell that he never really liked his job here. He was always scowling and looking mean. I never saw him smile, not once."

Local 1199 issued a statement today commending Socol for his brave decision and wished him well in all future endeavors. The statement also noted how the union will "mourn the loss of a worthy adversary" and "will have to struggle to find a new direction and focus with his departure."

Socol, a YC graduate who has been working for YU for most of his professional career, is expected to leave his post early next year, sometime before next year's winter cattle run. A noted environmentalist, Socol was awarded a citation this year for his extra-zealous efforts in recycling newsprint gathered from student and university newspapers on campus security desks.



Jeff Socol calls in to break the good news

Socol Talks

Usually press-shy and prone to forcibly removing reporters from his dank, crowded, Main Building office, Socol was happy to talk to *The Commentator* about his imminent career change. "I can't fully explain it. I was visiting some pasture-land in Texas and fell in love with the way the cowboys man-handled those cows. It seemed a lot more fun than dealing with pesky unions, annoying students, and rude faculty. There is a greater human element, I think, in dealing with cows and sheep destined for the dinner plate. That's what drew me to the job. Other perks of the job are that I still get to carry my gun around all day and I don't have to worry about any of those pesky animals filing suit against me. I'm hoping to find real fulfillment and happiness out there. I believe I will."

Cafeteria Gridlock Sets New Records

Last week at dinnertime, lines in the Cafeteria were backed up by an estimated two hours. The row of hungry patrons, originating from the pizza kitchen serving counter, spilled outside the Furman Dining Hall double doors, spiraled its way up the staircase, and remarkably ebbed its way to the Rubin Hall mailboxes. Jimmy, the cafeteria man, once again was the culprit.

At first, an excessive number of students flirting with the cash register girl was thought to spark the congestion. However, the closer the customers edged towards the front of the line, the more they became aware of the problem. Jimmy Sumdumgoy actually counted each

individual grain of barley as he ladled out the side dish.

It seemed inconceivable that Jimmy would top last year's performance when he single-handedly broke the Guinness Book of World record for the slowest serving time for "soup to go." Jake, the walkie-talkie guy who directs the cafeteria, apologized for the fiasco and placed the blame on a miscommunication between him and Jimmy. "The night before, when I saw Jimmy actually counting out 8 chicken nuggets per student I commended his discipline and even kidded that he should also enumerate the barley the following evening. Evidently, Jimmy did not find anything funny with my remark," explained Jake.

New YU Publication Hits Campus: *Yeshiva This Minute*

In an attempt to more effectively tell the story of Yeshiva University, Director of Public Relations David Rosen, in a university-wide press release issued with Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President for Academic Affairs and written, proofread, approved and validated by Dr. Sheldon E. Socol, has announced that a new publication, *Yeshiva This Minute*, will be distributed by his department.

Rosen expects the first issue of the paper to appear in conjunction with the new Yeshiva College course catalog. In that issue, the university is expected to announce its Third Century Campaign.

Yeshiva This Minute is the brainchild of Director of Media Relations Bruce Bobbins. Indeed, Bobbins himself will have his own column in the paper entitled "What's New At the Salad Bar in the Caf."

Dr. Schwartz says the mission of the latest addition to YUPR's arsenal is simple. "We are a unique institution that is destined to navigate stormy waters. Occasionally there will those who seek to alter our balance, throw overboard our cargo and prune our branches. But Torah U'Maddah is large enough to

house all these views. It is everything, yet not one specific idea. Academic excellence is a voyage not a harbor."

As the title indicates, a new edition of the paper will appear every minute. This is being done, Rosen says, "to keep pace with the extraordinary level of research and scholarship on campus," as well to "send a message to those poor louses at *U.S. News*." *U.S. News* is a publication that Rosen has heretofore dismissed as "irrelevant" for its ranking of YC as 107th in the nation in academic reputation.

Another reason for the peculiarly frequent publication of the new paper is to adequately respond to the challenges facing the university community.

"Every moment is a new challenge," Rosen said, "Not a minute goes by that some radical, right wing extremist does not take us on by questioning the fact that we show nude paintings in our art classes. Through this publication we can respond to those radicals lurking behind the doors of the Main Building."

Distribution of the paper will be coordinated by Jeffrey Socol.

Commentator To Reprint Old Issues

Measure Will Cut Costs

Moshe I. Kinderlehrer, editor-in-chief of *The Commentator*, announced that the bi-monthly undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva University will no longer publish any new issues but will reprint whole editions from the years past instead. Kinderlehrer explained that in a secluded meeting last week high up in the Morg, the paper's governing board unanimously ratified the proposal to recycle old editions.

Feature Editor Aristotle Hirt, the brainfather of the proposal, who sparked the "Recycling Fever" when he republished an old feature story on sleep, explains that all the news and features

stories at YU have already occurred and have been written about numerous times. "After reading over *Commentators* from the past sixty years our entire staff was disheartened to discover that we simply have been regurgitating old news," notes Hirt.

The roles of *The Commentator* editors will now be reduced to filing through antiquated issues until they find the copy which best fits the time. Kinderlehrer refused to detail as to which issues will be reprinted although he did state that articles on Torah U'Maddah, faculty salaries, the role of the YU Senate, and the cafeteria food prices are sure to be in print once again.

*Last month, you missed the tachanun,
but missed the drink
PURIM: ADAR II
The Sequel
This time, it's for real.*



Rosengarten seems ecstatic over his new decision

Citing Talmudic Dictum, YU Abolishes Van Service

On April 1, the Department of Safety and Security will halt all van service for rebbeim, kollel members, their wives, and their children, announced security chief Donald Summers at a recent board meeting. Summers explained that the move is "merely the reinstatement of an age-old principle in Talmudic law." Summers, who learns *Daf Yomi* with Vice President for Business Affairs Dr. Sheldon Socol, discovered the statement of *Reish Lakish*, "Rabbis do not need protection," on *Bava Basra 7b*.

"In keeping with the rich tradition of the Jewish people, Dr. Socol and I decided it would only be appropriate for us to put this wise principle into action. It will educate our student body and give our rabbinic staff the opportunity to follow Talmudic law to the letter," Summers observed. Jeffrey Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Services Administration, also defended the ending of protection for staff members and their families. "Rabbis receive their protection from above and not from mere flesh and blood," he said. "Why should YU interfere with this heavenly expression of love?"

Socol, who was using a Soncino translation of the Talmud for the chavrusa, was unavailable for comment.

In response to criticism from families that he is ignoring their safety, Summers noted that he was not the first to invoke the gemara in *Bava Basra*: "I have ample precedent for my actions. During the Crown Heights riots Mayor Dinkins took a broad interpretation of *Reish Lakish's* statement and refrained from sending in police protection for days." Despite Summers' precedent, area families are not remaining silent.

"This is tantamount to a slap-in-the-face," fumed R. Meir Goldwicht. "This heartless shift in van policy is borne of pernicious intent to torment the hard-working, red-blooded Americans that comprise the faculty here. It is a *davar pil'ay p'layim*."

One More Minyan Banned

Continuing his effort in strengthening morning seder, Rav Yitzchak Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani of MYP, officially disbanded the 7:45 Main Beis Midrash *shacharis* minyan claiming that the elongated minyan persistently drags past 9:00 AM, the time at which morning seder should begin. "How could a minyan based on the principle of missing morning seder, possibly be allowed to exist?" Rav Blau logically questioned.

The minyan, which has been meeting for the past hundred years, consistently draws a mixed crowd of numerous Rebbeim, RIETS students, and MYP students living in all three dormitories. However diverse these congregants may be, they all share one objective - undermining the 9:00 morning seder.

Starting with *Bircas Hashachar* at 7:45 AM, the *Shliach Tzibur* utters a lengthy *Korbanos* and *pesukei dezimrah*, failing to reach *Yishtabach* by 8:30 AM. After the *Shema*, the *Baal Tefillah* refuses to proceed until hearing Rabbi Blau's "*Adoshem Elokeichem Emes*," only to realize after ten minutes that Rabbi Blau davens in the 7:45 Rubin shul, not in the Beis Medrash. At 8:45, the minyan finally reaches *Shemonei Esrei* but will only begin *chazaras hashas* when each and every person is finished; this poli-

cy poses itself as a serious problem, for many times one or two individuals compete as to who can better pretend that they are saying a longer *shemonei esrei*. The winner is always the one who successfully falls asleep standing. Finally, the minyan nears its conclusion at the inconceivable 9:15 AM. "By the time they eat breakfast and read the New York Times it could be a quarter to ten before they make it back to the Beis Medrash - and this is on days of not laning the torah," emphasizes Rav Blau.

The minyan joins the late 8:45 Rubin minyan on a list of confiscated minyanim whose charters directly conflict with morning seder. When asked about the frequent tardiness of his own 7:45 Rubin minyan Rabbi Blau acknowledged the problem. "My minyan has also become a great concern and is currently being evaluated for disbandment. One solution may be to import the *Baal Tefillah* from the Morg 8:30 minyan - the only minyan whose congregants arrive to seder on time," asserts Rav Blau. However, if need be, Rav Blau vows that he would not hesitate in obliterating all *shacharis* minyanim in order to achieve optimal 9:00 AM morning seder attendance.

Nulman Forces Gay Club to Remain Open at Cardozo

In a surprise move, YU Dean of Students Efreim Nulman took action to prevent the closing of the Gay and Lesbian society at YU's Cardozo Law School. In an exclusive interview, Nulman told *The Commentator* that during the time that he was unable to play basketball due to injury, the gay issue was the only thing that kept him occupied all day. "I'm not sure I could live without it," he said. His sentiments were echoed by Public Relations mogul David Rosen.

In a rare personal interview, YU President Dr. Norman Lamm appeared to concur with Nulman's position on the issue. He said that as a Jew he could not condone the club, as a university president he could not condemn the club, and as an individual whose normal duties consist mainly of fund-raising and making speeches, he could not possibly allow such an exciting and engaging issue to be ended so soon.

Reactions to the move have varied. MYP Rosh Yeshiva Rav Aharon Kahn refused to comment, saying that he had already made his opinions clear in last year's *Commentator* "and it sounded a lot better in French," he said. He did

concede that, still, *chacun a san gout*.

Dr. Will Lee, temporarily silenced by Rav Kahn's deafening response, also preferred not to comment on the issue. He did recommend, however, that whatever it decided, YU take an active role in dealing with this issue, "To use a passive voice on this issue is basically to commit a grave error."

Perhaps most interesting was the reaction of Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz. He refused to confirm nor deny the fact that he was asked a question, but he said that had he been asked a question he would not have had a comment. When pressed, Schwartz pointed out that Nulman's decision was reasonable. "Academic excellence is a voyage, not a harbor and the gay issue can easily be seen as the wind that powers our sails," he exclaimed.

Currently, YCSC President Daniel Billig was unavailable for comment. Sources close to the president report that he is investigating means of asserting his authority over the club. Rumor has it that Billig has even threatened to fire Gay and Lesbian alliance president Karen Marcus if she doesn't allow him to sit in on meetings.

As you read this issue you will find that one of Dr. William Schwartz's favorite lines is, "Academic excellence is a voyage not a harbor."

Dr. Schwartz, we love the sentiment, but we found the REAL quote for your reference, "Civilization is a movement and not a condition, a voyage and not a harbor."

-- A. J. Toynbee in Reader's Digest, 1958

So best wishes, Dr. Schwartz, and use it well.

Mashgichim Nowhere to be Found

Faster than they arrived, they departed. In a devastating blow to MYP, Rabbi Zevelun Charlop, dean of MYP and RIETS, shamefacedly announced the sudden resignations of the Yeshiva's brand-new mashgichim. Apparently members of this "attendance task force" are abandoning their posts to accept positions on Wall Street.

After *The Commentator* printed an article last semester divulging information regarding anonymous MYP students working during seder time, Rabbi Charlop vowed to uncover the identities of 'Daryl,' 'Tim,' 'Tony,' and 'Ivan.' He understood that unless he publicly unmasked these nameless morning businessmen, all future hopes in bolstering seder attendance and implementing mandatory MYP credit would be jeopardized.

Rabbi Charlop extended the mashgichim's duties beyond the call of the Beis Medrash and adjacent rooms to also include monitoring various corporate offices in downtown Manhattan in search of unfamiliar MYP faces. The team of mashgichim led by Rabbi Jeremy Weider would take attendance in the Beis Medrash and set out for Wall Street by 10:30 AM. After a daily patrol of Merrill Lynch & Co., the supposed hideout of Tony, the mashgichim would routinely scour other financial institutions in quest of Daryl and Tim.

Two weeks ago the mashgichim managed to locate one of the MYP seder violators. While roaming the halls at Merrill Lynch, Rabbi Jeremy Weider overheard a young man's conversation. The young businessman was pleading with his officemate not to tell the managing director that he arrived to work that day at 9:30 AM instead of the expected 9:00 AM. Instantly, Weider, identified the lad as 'Daryl' the MYP student and immediately handcuffed the bandit.

Before the mashgichim were able to deliver Rabbi Charlop's prize, the managing director of Merrill Lynch halted the party. Apparently, Daryl had become so valuable to the company that Merrill Lynch was willing, at all costs, to retain his services. On the spot, the company offered the mashgichim high-paying corporate jobs on condition that Daryl's identity not be revealed. After about three seconds, all three mashgichim accepted the offer.

"There was no question in my mind to take the job and money," commented Weider. "Talmidim are voicing the opinion that I should not abandon the Torah. But the truth is, I already did on the day we were elected mashgichim. In fact, since the start of the fall semester I have not learned a stitch of Torah."

Fifth Jewish Studies Program Unveiled

In a stunning announcement yesterday Dr. Sheldon Socol introduced the notion of a fifth Jewish Studies track. Rabbi Dean Zevulun Charlop stated that "one must change one's tactics every ten years if one wishes to maintain one's superiority." Furthermore, he continued that "Although there has been much confusion in recent months over compulsory credit in YP, the religious convictions of JSS... breakfast donuts, the early success of GBMP (now known as BMP) and the status of gays at Cardozo, I feel that all B'nei Hayeshiva should be given the opportunity to interact with appropriate "partners" (chavrusos).

The program known as LYFJ (Love Your Fellow Jew) will run from 9-10 am, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will include special classes in both Halachah (civil rights law) and Machshavah (The philosophy of homosexuality). Both of these innovative courses will be taught by Dr. Anthony Beukas, in the way that he and only he can and will be allotted one credit. When informed of the plans for the new program, Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, in perhaps the harshest reaction of his tenure, muttered, "This may be the beginning of the Churban of THIS Yeshiva." While some students noted concern over which yeshiva Lamm was referring to, Dr. Will Lee expressed disbelief upon learning that a yeshiva actually exists on the Main Campus. YCSC Big Cheese Daniel Billig called the program a sham and demanded to know "why can't these 'guys' get in line?"

The University community, still reeling from Rabbi Shach's attempts at excommunication were dealt yet another blow later in the evening when Rabbi S. Kleinbaum of Beit Simchat Torah, a RIETS dropout, called for a protest of the new program at the Benjamin L. Car-

dozo School of Law. Stating that another track will only increase divisiveness in the Yeshiva, Kleinbaum challenged Charlop's competence saying, Do you have to keep on doing, until you know what to do and how to do it?" SOY President Yitchak Book commented that, "if that Ros-ha Yeshiva is against it, I oppose it as well." He added, "we should do only those righteous actions which we cannot stop ourselves from doing... after all we're all about Harbotzas Torah and Achdus."

Continuing his strong tradition of being sensitive to the needs of the MYP Dean, Vice President of Academic 'Affairs', Dr. William Schwartz defended DZ Charlop saying, "We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."

In the early morning aftermath of this disturbing revelation, it seemed that Charlop might attempt to reverse his decision. However, in an open interview with *Commentator* staff at 9:15 am, Charlop stated that "Perhaps, reasonable people can reach different conclusions, but I don't see my decision as an unreasonable one per se. On the other hand, people can reasonably disagree with me, so there are reasonable arguments to be made on both sides." He then informed the reporters present that they had been marked absent from morning seder.

When made aware of the tenuous position that Charlop has now assumed, noted campus 'figure,' Hon. Abigail Wexner advised, "One half the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too quick and not saying no soon enough." IBC President Adam Cohen could not be reached for comment.

"In all things, we learn only from those we love."

-Michael Jackson, RIETS Chaver

Seventh Jewish Studies Program to Take Root

On February 31, in a bold move, Yeshiva University formally announced yet another Judaic Studies program: the Star Trek Sochnis Torah. Scheduled to begin next Monday night, the aim of the new program is, in the words of the Mashgiach, "to broaden the horizons of our Talmidim, to boldly go where no *Bachur* has gone before."

The STST, the brainchild of Rav Yirmiya Teveriah Spockenstein, differs in many areas from the "traditional" learning styles of MYP, BMP, IBC, JSS, FAT, O.J. Kolllel and KFC in a number of different ways.

"We hope to utilize new advances in technology to be at the cutting edge of Torah science," said Rav Spockenstein. "To start out, we will begin by holding seder in the new Multimedia Beis Medrash housed in Morg lounge. That is where we are currently giving the *Shiur K'lali* every Monday at eight." Rav Spockenstein said that the Sochnis will hopefully be moving to the Schenk Holo Beis Midrash in Schottenstein. "Unfortunately, there seems to be a problem. The room is filled with supplies."

"Nonsense," replied Jeffrey Rosengarten, "The boxes are merely a projected illusion. The place really looks like a nice Beis Midrash."

The Sochnis will be studying the recently discovered tractate "Madda," which, according to Rav Brons Spiegel "is as great a work of science fiction as has ever been written." In some of the more advanced Shiurim, the Rabbeim have the option of demanding any ten Trek Pocket Book texts, all available in most dorm rooms.

The announcement of the Sochnis drew mixed feelings from the adminis-

tration and faculty. Rav Nachum Lamm stated that he did "not feel that the Sochnis would emit a therapeutic mist that will provide solace for beleaguered minds and tormented intellects." Rav William Schwartz insisted that the Sochnis was a "reasonable decision reached by reasonable people in a reasonable time." Rav Kahn insisted that "Mukk' shakh 'akh Madda nakh' mukh. No chakh' chakh."

"Although I can understand Rav Kahn's objections," responded Rav Spockenstein, "I feel that the new program would help a lot of the students that feel alienated by the other, more serious courses. After all, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few- or the One."

Classes for the STST will meet at night, starting with a *Shiur K'lali* from 8-9 on Monday. Students are then encouraged to debate the minutest points of the shiur to absurdity. Supplementary courses to be offered in the program include Halacha, Talmud, Hashkafa and Bible; this semester's offerings are Lifnei Iver and the Ferengi. The Vulcan Derech in Talmud, Seven Minor Bajoran Prophets, Existentialism in the Philosophy of Captain Kirk and The Book of Jonah, which, Professor Chang insists, is best studied in the original Klingon.

The Sochnis is expected to draw about 150 Talmidim in its first week. Tension has already mounted between those students who wish the school to follow a more traditional derech and those demanding an up to date, modern philosophy which will prepare the next generation of Torah scholars.

What's Going Through Their Minds?

In a new feature, The Commentator brings you the inner thoughts of those who make the news at the exact second their picture is taken:

Rabbi Sacks: G-d, that chair is small. Do they really expect me to sit in it for an entire morning?

Guterman: That costs \$1 million?!? Imagine if I had ordered the full-sized version.

Dr. Lamm: Add that \$850,000 to the Swiss Bank Chair Embezzelment fund, and that brings it to...

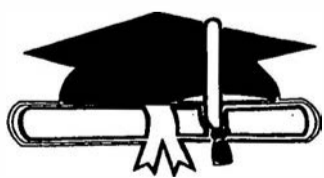


left to right: Rabbi Yonason Sacks, Abe Guterman, and Dr. Norman Lamm.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 11:00 AM

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HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR
COMPLETED GRADUATION KIT
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IF NOT, DON'T WORRY. NO ONE CARES.

BUT JUST FOR FUN, WALK INTO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, ASK
TO SPEAK TO RABBI EDELSTEIN, AND WHEN HE COMES TO THE
DESK, SCREAM REALLY LOUDLY,

"CAN I PLAY ATARI NOW?!?!?"

ERNST & JULIO BACK IN THE SCHOOLYARD

"Do you think we should spell out 'no marzipan' in the Megillah, or is it self-understood?"

—Mordecai Hayehudi

Like all good efforts of the past, I've come back to make an easy buck. Thanks for your generosity, Mr. Kinderlehrer. Nothing like a little "competition" to get the creative juices flowing. Oh, darn. Some creative juice just spilled. Hope it doesn't stain my cape.

I'm back to once again spread mirth and merriment from Hodu until Koosh. I was thinking of calling the column "Son of Ernst & Julio." On further consideration, however, I felt that might be more appropriate for my Cardozo column.

As Jews in America, we clearly do not live in a vacuum. Lucky for us—the hum of the motor would probably drive us batty. This year, I was profoundly affected by the confluence of the Jewish and solar calendars when Martin Luther King Jr. Day fell out on Tu B'Shvat¹. I had a dream...about buxer².

But I have suffered my share of food nightmares, too. I was in one of those swanky uptown restaurants enjoying a leisurely meal with a lady-friend. Suddenly, two waiters collided, lofting the hair piece of one in a high arc extending from his newly displayed scalp to my

plate. I looked up to my date and said, "Funny, I don't remember ordering the toup de jour." She gave me an odd look, I think because she doesn't know French. It was then that the apologetic maître de pulled the rug out from under me. Attempting to smooth over the situation, he asked me to sympathize with the waiter. I guess I can feel for him. You have to hate it when you find a food in your hair.

Talk about sympathy. Finished? Then I'll tell you about an uncle of mine whose medical practice recently went under. Perhaps "Kiss your hemorrhoids good-bye" wasn't the best choice of slogan. Now he's thinking of opening a Jewish old age home. I'm trying to convince him that "Elders of Zion" might not be the way to go on this one.

I close with a sincere tribute to the fine editor we all have in Mr. Moshe Kinderlehrer. Surely his keen sense of humor and high below-average intelligence will lead him to find this piece worthy of his—no, *our*—esteemed periodical. Happy Purim, Moish. Happy Purim, everyone.

All the best.

¹Jewish Arbor Day

²brown inedible boomerang-like matter

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Torah U'Maddah Journal Cancelled

In response to "severe backlash from students and faculty members," Yeshiva University board members voted last week to abruptly end publication of *The Torah U'Maddah Journal*, which was introduced in 1989. The journal, brainchild of YU President Norman Lamm, has come under attack in its short lifetime for its perceived "sophistry and embarrassing attempt at intellectualizing Torah concepts," as Dr. Jacob J. Schachter, editor of the Journal, noted in a statement.

According to sources, The Torah U'Maddah Journal's goal of celebrating "the interaction between Torah and general culture" had been unable to support a dedicated readership. Board members observed that articles such as "R. Sa'adyah Gaon's Pelvic Bone (Carl Feit, 1990)" and "The Brady Bunch; An Halachik Perspective (Karen Bacon, 1992)" had only succeeded in lessening appreciation of such an interaction.

Another reason for the abrupt cancellation of the 1995 edition of the Journal is that it would have contained several controversial pieces, including one in which R. Ya'akov Elman hypothesizes that Dinah, daughter of Jacob, subscribed to the Keynesian school of economic theory. Schachter also noted that R. Elman's 320-page manuscript "was just too darn long." In addition to the Elman enigma, editors

feared that R. Shalom Carmy's essay, "Rashi and Stalin," would not be well-received by the YU community. After the Carmy article was rejected, editors unexplainedly and unanimously rejected an article submitted by R. Shach entitled "Torah U'Maddah, R.I.P."

"The 1995 Journal, had it come into existence," Schachter explained, "would have been too skimpy and would have detracted from our worthy cause instead of furthering it." The only article the governing board could agree on printing was one by Rabbi Lamm himself: "Congenital Venous Malformation and Post-Kinetic Respiratory Failure as Depicted in the Tosafist Oeuvre."

Yeshiva University faculty members conceded that the Board's decision reflected a growing disillusionment with the Torah U'Maddah philosophy itself. As such, many rebbeim welcomed the move, although MYP Rosh Yeshiva R. Aharon Kahn conspicuously asserted that "the cancellation of the [Torah U'Maddah] Journal represents a major setback for us rebbeim, who try to provide our talmidim with the best of both worlds." English professor Dr. William Lee was also troubled by the sudden decision. "Now YU students only have the Beis Yitzchak to turn to for truly meaningful reading, *chacun a son gout*," he said.

INTRODUCING: FIRST EVER COMMENTATOR PERSONALS

HAFTR/Michlala/March of the Living/HASC/SCW/SSSB woman seeks Morasha Kollel/MTA/KBY/NCSY/MYP/RIETS man for fun, adventure, and maybe even marriage. Box #34.

CHIVALROUSSMICHASTUDENT interested in woman for basic cleaning, cooking, child-bearing, etc. Windows a must. Will supply an apartment in Washington Heights. No picture necessary. Box #15.

M.I.S. MAJOR engaged in cyber-search for MIS major, MRS minor proficient in all basic IBM and Mac programs. Windows a must. Mesorah from INF1020 and 2822 greatly appreciated. BOX.COM@MOSHE.

GUSH GUY engaged in quest for deeply meaningful and intellectually fulfilling relationship with enlightened yet subservient woman. Sense of humor optional. Minimum SAT score: 1320. Box #63.

ALIYAH-MINDED philosophy major seeking in-laws with minimum \$400,000 net worth, \$200,000 in liquid assets, and diversified portfolio with beta coefficient of 0.75. Daughter optional. Box #55.

DOCTOR'S SON needs materialistic bride with whom to share extravagant June 4 wedding in Houston Astrodome. MBD and Avraham Fried will provide the entertainment, Gottier the 16 bridesmaids' dresses. Chupah designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Box #89.

DESPERATE SSSB JUNIOR is 20-years-old and still not married! Help me correct this sorry situation before I turn 21 and lose all hope of finding my help-mate! Box #12.

CHOLOV YISRAEL GAL looking for dedicated masmid; tzitzis out but no payos. Light-blue shirt OK. I'm willing to wear a snood. Box #45.

DRISHA DAMSEL in distress! Searching for a man to spend hours with taking apart a Rambam, a man with whom I can take long, moonlit walks on the beach analyzing a Reb Chaim, and for whom I will watch the children once a week so he can go to a shiur. Perhaps you're the man who won't be alienated by my superior talmudic knowledge and skills. Box #248.

SLEEPY YC SOPHOMORE needs good excuse to be excused from classes. After the engagement party, the presents, and the semester, we'll call it all off. Join me for a scam that'll fool 'em all! Box #18.

WURZWEILER WOMAN looking for that special someone, male or female. My interests are nuclear physics, tennis, and Liberace. I look forward to discussing my past sexual encounters with you on the same campus where the word of G-d is studied daily. Box #3.

I TOOK THE MCAT last month and my score should be arriving any day now. Take a gamble with me - it could pay off! Box #94.

STERN SENIOR who was accepted to Barnard seeks a YC senior who was accepted to Columbia for a lifetime of crying over spilt milk. Box #10.

POLISH Stern student who hates waiting 6 hours after eating meat seeks man of Dutch descent for years of enjoying ice cream on shabbos. Box #5.

COMMENTATOR EDITOR looking for woman on Observer governing board for hours of heckling, as well as a lifetime of vicious insulting and cynicism. All in the spirit of friendly competition, of course. Box #24.

The upholstery in the back seat of my 1993 LEXUS LS400 has recently been shatnez-tested. Come check it out! Box #67.



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**Seniors: Worried About Jobs?
Well, You should be.
There are thousands of Yeshiva College
graduates in high places
across the country.
Unfortunately, we don't know a single one.
We can get you into the top firms.
But when the guided tour is over, so are
your chances.
Call us. Please.**

Karben on Karben

Long a leader in both the general and campus communities, YC junior Ryan S. Karben has drawn words of praise and expressions of awe from individuals the world over. He sat down last week with Commentator News Editor Ryan S. Karben to discuss himself.

RK: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

RK: I am glad you asked that question, because I think it goes to the heart of what this experiment in government of the people is all about. You know, I was talking with my good friend Nelson Mandela recently, and he feels pretty much the same way. I mean, look at the transformation in South Africa—huddled masses who for so long yearned to breathe free. You can't help but be amazed. One man who came to symbolize a struggle. For decades, he languished in a dark cell, but remained a light to his people. And we are all warmed by that glow.

RK: You are very involved in politics. Everyone knows you serve on the Planning Board of the Town of Ramapo (pop.

97,000) and everyone knows you get a lot of press. And everyone knows you were CBS News Radio 88 and Channel 9 News this past summer discussing your law to ban adult bookstores from residential area. What drives you?

RK: Well no one drives me yet, I am just starting out in the business. (Mr. Karben chuckled to himself for approximately ten minutes before regaining the composure to respond). Where was I? Yes. It stems from my deep seated belief in *tikun olam*, our mandate to mend the world. You know, I was talking with my good friend George Pataki the other days and he feels pretty much the same way. We are a nation of immigrants. Millions the world over came to the shores of this country with hopes, aspirations, dreams, visions of a better life for themselves or for their families. We are the heirs to that legacy of hope. My good friend David Dinkins, who, you may know, used to be the mayor of New York, tells a story: Some of us came over on the Mayflower. Some of us came on rickety crafts from Europe. Others came in the hulls of slave vessels. But irrespective of the ships upon which we came, we're all in the same boat now. And I think that goes to the heart of it. Academic excellence is a voyage not a harbor.

RK: Do you really believe that?

RK: I think so, but can't be sure. I think it was my good friend Ralph Waldo Emerson who said "consistency is the hobgoblin of simple minds." I mean, look at my good friend Bill Clinton. Yes, I think he's the messiah and has been painted into a corner by the radical, right-wing, Bible-thumping, chest-beating, fence-jumping, race-running, lap-swimming folks. But, you see, that is not even the issue. The issue

is who we are and what we stand for. How each one of us in our own lives can make a difference in the history of the world. Robert Kennedy, who, sadly, did live to become my good friend, said "Every time one man stands up against injustice, he send forth a tiny ripple of hope. And when millions stand up, they create a wave that can knockdown even them mightiest walls of oppression." And that's why there is only one Yeshiva University. I could have gone to a more prestigious school. I didn't come for the Max Stern, which mind you, was supposed to be a big honor, but turned out to be \$5000, which was doubled to \$10000 for every one who got here after me, which is serious money, not that I am resentful. I don't get mad, I get even. The point is that Torah U'Maddah is the new creed for all humanity. I read my good friend Dr.



Dr. Lamm's book. I think he and Michael Lerner are the prophets of the next century. I welcome them. They have made a profound contribution to our understanding of

it all. All that will have to wait till I have breakfast, lunch and dinner with Rabbi Cariny next week.

RK: You were recently awarded the John F. Kennedy Award for Service to Humanity. How does that make you feel?

RK: Listen. I knew Jack Kennedy. I worked with Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. And I am no Jack Kennedy. Seriously, it is very humbling. But, upon reflection, I could not think of a more worthy recipient. I many ways I am the new leader of our generation. I am bright, as I am sure you already know. I am involved a serious, stable relationship with my high school sweetheart. So this is not so much an award, it is an award for all of us who care deeply about the future of the world. I was talking with my good friend Mother Theresa the other day and she thought pretty much the same thing.

RK: But how do you find the time to do all the great things you do? I mean, I am just in awe of your accomplishments. You must have touched millions, if not billions, of lives!

RK: It's natural talent, I guess. There is no reason for others to feel bad that they haven't reached the heights I've attained. They never will. And it's not like there's anything wrong with that. L'chaim!

RK: Closing thoughts. How can we become the next you?

RK: A little bit of hard work, a little bit of common sense. And a lot of humility. My greatness is that I don't seek *kavod*. Low profile. Behind the scenes. Quiet in class. That's the secret.

RK: Thank you for your time.

RK: Pleasure. That's all off the record.

The Yeshiva University Purim Story

A One Act Melodrama

(The scene is the weekly meeting of undergraduate administrators of Yeshiva University. The administrators have just finished congratulating themselves for having added two nationally acclaimed scholars to the faculty roster as Gottesman Distinguished Visiting Lecturers. In their tireless effort to boost YU's seemingly ailing academic reputation, the administration is brain-storming on improvements to MYP. The new YC Dean, Dr. Norman Adler, will be joining the meeting momentarily.)

A: Where is Dr. Adler?

B: He's busy discussing Torah U'Maddah with Burns Security.

C: In other words, he'll be up in a few minutes.

D: Whoa! The Gottesmans are getting us *real* professors! Wait till I tell *U.S. News*...

B: Let's hope the students make better use of the Gottesman Visiting Lecturers than they do of the Gottesman pool.

C: I have the solution to our academic woes. It'll raise our standings in *U.S. News & World Report* by sixty notches...

A: What is it?

C: We need a real hot shot to come speak to the students.

A: Yeah, *we've* all heard Bob Dole, Colin Powell, and Dan Quayle at the last few Hanukkah dinners. Hey, *we've* even given Quayle a Doctorate in Humane Letters. Where else could a man like *that* get a Ph.D.? He can't even spell potato!

D: Those dinners are only for wealthy men and their very beautiful wives. Who else can afford \$500-a-plate-gigs?

C: We need to raise YU's academic standards and restore confidence in our leadership. We don't want what's happening in Rutgers to start here too. Haven't you all read what Kinderlehrer's cronies wrote in the last issue of *The Commentator*? Don't you ever read *The Observer*?

A: I never read *that* rag. And my Commie subscription ran out because I haven't paid my alumni dues.

D: What do you suggest?

C: Now I know that this may sound crazy when you first hear it, but let me finish before you say anything. The way to get our undergraduate department back on track is to hire the Reverend Jesse Jackson as a maggid shiur for MYP.

A: I must be going crazy. I thought you said we should hire Jesse Jackson as a Rebbe.

C: That's right. That's what I said. Let me explain. I saw him on TV last night. And it dawned on me. He's a good speaker. He's an activist. He'll teach Talmud. He'll be the Uptown version of Rabbi Avi Weiss.

B: The talmidim will never fall asleep in shiur again!

D: Plus, he'll satisfy our affirmative action problem. The EEOC keeps on bugging us that our faculty composition doesn't reflect the demographic realities of the city. And a Rav Jackson won't call New York "Hymie Town."

A: Just hold on. We don't need another black Rebbe. Three is the limit! Rav Bronspegel, Rav Parnes, Rav Kahn...

D: And he's not even Jewish! He's a Reverend...

C: I know that, I know that. Ah, but he's a Reverend without a lifetime contract. We'll tell our boys in PR to notify the press that this is our contribution to ecumenism in the world.

A: How much money will it take to get Rav Jackson? It better not take a bite out of the endowment.

B: Don't worry. I don't think it will cost more than that silly multimedia room. And what a better investment! Jackson's not only a good PR stunt, he'll actually get used.

A: We'll have to clear it first with our attorneys. After that Gay & Lesbian debacle, I'm sure you'll all agree that we must consult with our Halachic, I mean, legal authorities, before determining our religious traditions.

D: But Jesse Jackson doesn't even speak Hebrew! He can't read a daf of Gemara!

B: No problem. We'll give him an Arts scroll. He'll be just fine.

C: Maybe in a few years we can make him a Rosh Yeshiva.

A: Wait a minute, everyone. We're going to *force* talmidim to take Rav Jackson for credit. The man is a fraud!

D: How dare you speak that way about our newest MYP Rebbe! And as for the *mandatory* credit, don't worry about the talmidim. They won't know about it until *after* it clears the Academic Standards Committee, anyway.

C: Then it's settled? I'll make the arrangements ASAP.

B: He'll need his own parking spot and a current ID sticker.

D: The faculty basketball team is going to love this...

(New YC Dean, Dr. Norman Adler, enters)

New YC Dean: Good afternoon everybody.

All: N-O-R-M-!

New YC Dean: Great news! I just hired Gangsta Rapper Tupak Shakur to teach Sense of Music next semester. Yassir Arafat and Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman have been booked to "team-teach" the Friday morning Contemporary Problems in Terrorism class.

D: Wow! You're really adding to the diversity of the faculty. But what do you suggest to make up for our shortage of qualified Bible teachers?

New YC Dean: I'm glad you asked me that. We may be able to get internationally renowned Bible scholar Nechama Leibowitz to teach RIETS/MYP in the afternoon.

A: A woman in RIETS. I love it! I love it!

B: This will get those feminists off our backs for good.

C: Things are sure changing quickly around here...

The End. Happy Purim Everyone!

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English
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chidushim on Masachet
Maddah. Students will
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completely different
versions sometime this
month.**

<p>ב</p> <p>מדע</p> <p>מפסיקין. פ"ה מלימוד התורה וא"ת והכתיב והגיה בו זמנם וליה וכתיב בשבן ובקומין ו"ל דלמדון מדע לרבות להבין והגנם התורה מדלמד כלכות (פ"ח מ"ח) משה קבל תורה ומדע מסיו ומסרה ליהשע ויהשע לפלשו ופלישו לקאטו וקאטו לקיקקורד וקיקקורד לר"ם ור"ם ועוד ו"ל דמדע פרישט מסלמוד תורה דנשים חייבות כמדע מדלמדין נבמה מלבישין (מס' שידוכין ד:.) אמר ר"ל פ"ה פתחה כחמדה זו חממה יזינה וחורם חסד על לשונה זו</p>	<p>פרק ראשון</p> <p>כל</p>	<p>כל יום</p> <p>כל יום ור"ם. סמוך למטה קטנה: מפסיקין. מלימוד התורה: מדע לא ידעמי אך לפרש: מארבע ספות. משום הדור מזה: גמ' מדע כפי המדה. אבל אם כבר קבלו המסורה ממגריהן נ"ל דלפילו ר' גולחישו מודה לר"ם שלא כפי המדה: קובעם לעברים וכי"ל נ"ל דוקא לפני חכמים:</p> <p>עד כאן פירוש רש"י וז"ל מכאן ואילך פירוש רבינו שמואל ב"ר מנחם</p>
<p>מורה זו עממים: מדע. אורי"ה הרכה נכתב בדבר הזה ויש אלף אלפי אלפים שיעות בפירוש המילה מדע ולא ר"ת לראשון בדבר דלים להכחש משמעות בזמן הזה כדמק כלס אין אט מריין (ר"ה כב:) נראשונה היו עסקין קלם כמדע משקלקלו האמוראים המקיט שיהו למדין תורה כלל אם כל</p> <p>היום ס"ל: אפילו עני שישראל לא י"ן. דמקא דעסק דלימודם עני לא השיבא מדע דלין ירו מפגם ללמוד כישיגם רביע ימק אלמק בניו יזק קמ"ל דלפטר לו כבר אילן ור"ם הא אמריין אין מורה כמורה ארן ישראל אין מדע מדעם סוף לארן ו"ל דכר מפרשיין שמדע כל דהא עדישט</p> <p>ממורה לסוד: ארבע ספות. פ"ה משום הדור מלוי ולי נראה שרק ענה טובה קמ"ל</p> <p>משמט: שלא לשמה.</p>	<p>יום סמוך למגתה מפסיקין ולומדין מדע ר' גולדויכט אמר ב"ו' שעות אפילו עני שבישראל לא י"שן ער שילמוד ולא יפחתו לו מארבע כוסות של קאפי ואפילו מן הקאף סמור: גמ' אמר ר' שמידמן מרלוקת מיום ב' ועד יום ה' ש"ק סבר מדע לא בעי החמדה ור' גולדויכט סבר מדע בעי החמדה אבל יום א' וערב שבת דברי הכל תודה אמר אפילו מעלות השרר ושבת מאי תגינא שבת קובעת לחכמת יונית א"ד שבת קובעת לעברית וביביל: תנא מעשה וכו' רב לאם וסיעתו בלילה ולא חזו שום תלמיד עסוק בתורה פתח ואמר דבחדריהן מתעסקין והא אמר רב יודיה אמר הרב כל מקום שאמרו חכמים מפני טראית העין אפילו בחדרי חדרים אמרו שאני הבא דבאין עושין לשמה מייד אמר רב יהודה אמר הרב לעולם יעסוק אדם בתורה ומוע אף על פי שלא לשמה שמתוך שלא לשמה בא לשמה אמר רב שכור פוק תגי לברא לא נתנה התורה רשות לכל בן אדם לפתוח ולדבר בשם הרב: אמר רב ברנשפיגל, כשדבקו במדע עברנו אדאודייתא ואדנביאי ואדכתובי אדאודייתא דכתיב ואת זכר אל תשכח משכבי אשה תועבה היא ואדנביאי דכתיב</p>	<p>כל יום ור"ם. סמוך למטה גדולה מן או דילמא סמוך למטה קטנה מן כדלמא כערי ספסס (ספס' קו.) ומסבירא דממשה קטנה עסקין דלמא לקמן כשמעמין דס"ק סבר מדע לא כפי המדה וא"כ כפי לו זמן מועטם למדע: מפסיקין. מלימוד התורה: מדע הקוטרום לא ידע אך לפרשה אבל ראשי פסם אמר ג"דל נשם תורה ומדע נגמח ספריס וממה א"י כשמה וספשי ולא מלמדי שום בן אדם שקורא הג"דל הזה חקן אסוד וכי ספר מורה וזמנו המכשר ודלמדי אינש קול מכשר מכשר ואמר אין שום אדם שקורא המכשר: קאף סמור. שמעמי שהמק ספויס שם טילה ארבע שקל נשקל הקודש: כי"ל מלקו כה בית שמאי וכ"ס הלל כנקץ מבטלין (לקמן קל"א.) אם כי"ל היא תורה או אם כי"ל היא מדע ולמסקנא אמרש שם היא פירוש של שמיים: מדע לשמה. פירוש אם להבין יפסופה של יסם:</p>
<p>מילמ דהרז גופיח אמר כפ"כ דכרסם (ד"י.) כל השוק כמדע שלא לשמה שם לו שלא נבדל ואורי"ה דהסם מייד כישיגה קולג' אבל הסם מייד כמי פייחם. וכדלמך רב ויליג מאי מדע פרנסה.</p> <p>מלקו הראשונים אם עיקר המדע היא ישיבה קולג' אוסיי פייחם ואומר ר"ם דלם הוא חוזה להסמין עכשו, פי פייחם עדיף אבל אם הוא חוזה לחסם עד גיל עשרים, ישיבה קולג' עדיף:</p>		

Seeing such ancient sources for my theories lifts a great weight off my shoulders; I no longer feel like I'm living a lie.
-- Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm, Author of *Torah U'Maddah*

I have finally found Marey Mekomos for my Purim Seudah Shiur
--Rav Herschel Shachter, Rosh Yeshiva , MYP

I rescind the Cherem. Yeshiva University is Vindicated!
-- Rav Shach, B'nei B'rak, Israel

On A Serious Note...

**THERE IS NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT MEDICAL
EMERGENCIES**

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

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

We would like to remind you:

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

Best wishes for a happy Purim!

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Students Sick of Dean Issue

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cedes, for the academic process to be allowed to work properly. And when the decision will come down, it will have been a most reasonable decision reached by reasonable people in a reasonable time. I think that is reasonable enough."

Schwartz Body-Slams The Commentator

At the meeting, which Schwartz still refused to confirm he had ever attended, Schwartz sharply reprimanded the Committee members for leaking vital information about the candidates and *The Commentator* for publishing the candidates vital statistics. He noted that there was no reason for *The Commentator* to print the height and weight of the candidates for the position. "By publishing their medical reports, a chilling effect is introduced into the process. Qualified candidates with weight problems will now be afraid to meet with the Committee, fearing that their weight will become fodder for the student media."

For the last twenty years, the position has been filled by a maintenance worker from the Sy Syms School of Business,

Dean Ad-Interim Dlorah Grebnirein. He expressed his optimism at the prospect of a permanent dean, stating that he felt "pretty certain" that a dean will be hired before his retirement from SSSB. "I am prepared to help the University in any way I can, be it fixing faucets or fixing faculty," the temporary Dean noted.

Student Reaction

Students on campus were generally positive to reports that a dean was being hired. However, many questioned the need for the newspaper to cover the issue, which some regarded as insubstantial. "Why doesn't the paper deal with the really important issues on campus such as the size of the chicken nuggets in the Caf on Sunday night?" questioned one YC early admissions freshman.

YC senior Yosef Crystal noted wryly, "I don't stay awake at night thinking about the fact there is no dean. Sooner or later, a dean will show up and take over. As long as he lets me study quantum physics in relative peace, I'm sure he'll be fine."

Dr. Lamm is expected to hand down a decision on the issue in a couple of years.

Faculty Mowed Down Outside of Furst Hall

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"We only want to teach the advanced subject matter, Yeshiva College is no place for fluff courses like Intro-to-Bible. We want to have some real scholarship introduced here."

In order to entice students to remain at Yeshiva College during the tenure of the replacements, YU has lowered its tuition to levels reminiscent of college tuition in the 1950's, estimated at somewhere between \$50-\$100 per semester. Administrators hope that the prices will make a semester at YU too cheap to pass up.

The replacements began their terms on a somewhat comical note, as some had difficulty filling the shoes of their striking predecessors. For example, Dr. Hurvitz's replacement in the bible department was somewhat surprised to be handed an attendance sheet with 50 names on it, even though there were only 10 students actually in class. Dr. Rosenzweig's replacement was even more surprised to have his students hand him a copy of the final exam that he was expected to give, along with the set of answers that he was expected to accept. The professor replacing Dr. Will Lee handed back a set of papers to his students, only have the students return the papers to him with lower grades for themselves, because they were uncomfortable with receiving such high grades so early in the semester.

As the Spring 95' semester nears

the its midpoint, no end to the current strike is in sight. Striking YC faculty formed a picket line this week outside Furst Hall and attempted to prevent students and replacement faculty from entering the building. Members of the YC English department tried to form a human chain outside the entrance of Furst Hall, but their attempt failed as Burns Security forces brutally severed the chain with the help of two Daihatsu mini-pickups. More violence is expected in the coming weeks as Rabbi Sholom Carmy, a Bible and Philosophy faculty member, is scheduling a two hour sit-in during lunch-time in the Cafeteria. He will be delivering an address on the metaphysical and philosophical implications of the YC strike.

Students have been deeply affected by the faculty walk-out. Yosef Crystal, a double major in Mathematics and Chemistry, lamented the loss of the faculty. "My 4.0 is in serious jeopardy because of this. These replacements haven't taught since the days when a B was considered average," Crystal indignantly noted. Other students were concerned about the diminishment of the quality of the education. Commented one anonymous YC junior, "I used to cut classes knowing that I was missing important stuff. Now, with these guys, cutting has lost all its appeal. I'm going back to class until the strike is over."

The Loved Triangle

What is the hamantasche tradition? An age-old question, likely older than the cal hamantaschen themselves. Indeed, who among us can detest, at least once in our lives, having raised a hamantasche to the light, gazed at it lovingly, and whispered to it, why a *triangle*?

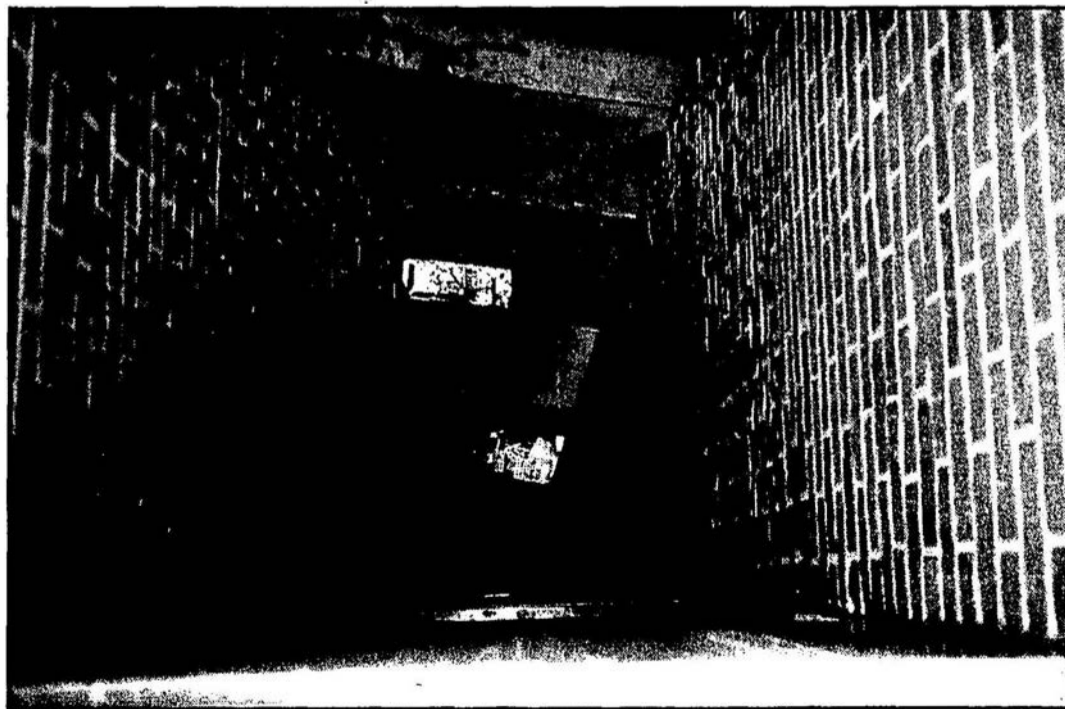
I recently posed our question to a sagely man known to wax nostalgic about Haman's ears. He looked into my big brown eyes and said, "My son, I will share with you the answer, a tradition that has been in my family for centuries."

Cream sugar (1/3 cup), vegetable shortening (1/4 cup), margarine (1/4 pound), and orange rind (1 tsp). Gradually add flour and salt alternately with juice. Chill dough, then roll on floured surface. Cut into 3 inch rounds. Fill with filling of your choice. Moisten fingers and pinch edges together to form... *triangle!!!* Bake on greased cookie sheet in oven 20-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Until golden brown. Golden brown.

I love that sagely man who answered our question. Like a hamantasche filled with a thick, gooey lekvar that squirts out when you squeeze hard... or should, if the hamantasche is fresh... the sagely man gave forth his knowledge when pressed.

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