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Voluntary Learning Program Sponsored By TAC And SOY Draws Enthusiastic Acclaim

A joint SOY-TAC Torah Study Program attracted sixty or more Stern students to the first evening of classes held Thursday, March 5th. On both Monday and Thursday evenings thereafter, classes led by advanced students in YU's Semicha program will be held between the hours of 8:45-9:45 P.M.

The program is planned to meet the needs of all Stern college students regardless of Hebrew back-On Monday five classes are held simultaneously. Thev 1) Chumash — Fundamentals 2) Chumash - Advanced 3) Hal-Fundamentals 4) Hala-- Advanced 5) Pirkei Avot, On Thursday the same schedule



Photo by G. Landgar Jack Wolfish conducts class.

of courses is repeated and an additional course in Navi for advanced students is offered.

The main educational objective of these classes is to provide stuwith the experience of Torah learning through close analvsis of texts. The project phasizes Torah learning as a deep intellectual experience. To date many school courses in Jewish studies have underplayed the significance of textual reading skills and have emphasized broad philosophic concepts. However, participants in the project believe that women must be trained in the reading of texts and that conceptualization be based on such read-ing. The skills derived in the close analysis of Halachic works and the Biblical Exegesists will remain as valuable tools which the student can put to use in independent study.

The participants in the program Thursday night voiced the hope that faculty and administration will be encouraged by this manifestation of student participation in deepening intellectual participation of Torah. The program has generated new enthusiasm in the student body. All are concerned about the sense of unity of purpose which should be a part of student life. One of the main purposes of the program is to foster a sense of friendship between students who are seperated by class and Jewish studies background.

The instructors who have kindly given of their time have af-firmed that knowledge of the Torah is to be shared with others. Those instructors who taught on Thursday evening were impressed with the interest of the students and their active participation in class discussion.

Flight Cancellations, Air Attacks Condemned in Pro-Israel Rati

time in his college career has gone to some sort of rally or dem-



onstration However, the student demonstrator who comes to a rally to yell "Poo-Poo Pompidou!" is

went on behind the scene.

A look at Stern's picket of BOAC airlines on February 25 illusrates the point. The original idea was to have ten girls every hour picket in front of BOAC to protest airline cancellation of flights to Israel because of Arab terrorist attacks. Several students had canvassed the dorm door to door enlisting volunteers.

Picketing began at 2 p.m. when group of twelve marched from the dormitory up Fifth Avenue to 53rd St. Upon arriving at BOAC, two of the leaders entered the building to inform the manager of the cause of the picketing. He was quite sympathetic, and said he would be happy to cooperate.

Police had been notified, and the few who appeared on the scene did not seem to object to the proceedings. They were most con-cerned with when the picketing

The nickets marched in elongated circle, carrying signs reading "Do the Terrorists Rule the Skies?" and "Is This Any Way To Run the Airways?'

The picket was orderly and silent. Once the line was drganized, latecomers fell in step. By 3:30, 70 Stern students were picketing BOAC, distributing leaflets and answering the questions of

Picket Information Center

Only one hour before rush hour on Thursday, Feb. 26th, a crowd estimated at between 800-1900 people, mostly students, picketed in front of the Arab Information

Committee Urges Expansion Toward Maximum RS Program

The first full meeting of the enlarged committee on Judaic studies was held Wednesday, March 4. Dr. Gersion Appel's opening statement clearly defined the functions, means, and goals of the committee.

Dr. Appel stressed the importance of this opportunity to shape the future of Stern and Torah education. He reported that the Judaic studies faculty has already met to discuss the issues and that students should do likewise, to develop ideas that may be channeled to their representatives.

The premise of the committee, said Dr. Appel, is that Jewish studies are the prime reason for the existence of Stern College, The present curriculum is inadequate and needs improvement and expansion towards a "maximum" program.

Three subcommittees formed to examine specific aspects and make recommendations to the whole committee, The admissions and qualifications study group in-cludes Rabbi Morris Besdin, director of the James Striar School, Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz of Erna Michael College, and student representative Chami Chinn, Rabbi David Bleich, and Rabbi Norman Lamm will assist Dr. Appel in a study of the optimum program. The goals of Jewish education at Stern will be studied by Rabbi Bleich, Louise Horowitz, Chaya Spatz, and Chami Chinn.



Rabbi Weiss addresses rally

Center, at 405 Lexington Ave.,

The rally was planned by the Ad Hoc Committee Against International Arab Terrorism, an organization composed of students and faculty at Stern College, Yeshiva College, National Council of Synagogue Youth, and other groups throughout New York City.

The rally came in the wake of the disastrous and fatal explosion of a Swissair airliner bound for

Dr. Belkin Meets With Student Reps: **Questions Posed, Conflicts Resolved**

"We wanted to put everyone together in one room so that students could get a response to whatever questions they still had Our most important need is communication." Dr. Israel Miller opened a meeting of twelve YU administrators and student representatives from RIETS, SOY, EMC, and SCW with this statement of purpose.

The March 5 meeting held at the home of President Samuel Belkin aimed to dispell some of the mistrust between students were outraged at receiving allegedly inaccurate answers to basic questions, and administrat-ors, who claim they always endeavor to answer questions accurately and honestly.

Student leaders' first query concerned the catalogs recently published for both YC and Stern. The basic issue in the Yeshiva catalog was its failure to mention that all men are required to enroll in a Judaic studies program while at-tending YC. The Stern catalog did not list the exact requirements in the field of Judaic studies, and simply stated that students should 25-41 credits in "Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cul-

Dr. Belkin assured students that the catalog changes had not been intended "to lower the standards of the University." Furthermore, according to Sidney Schutz, general counsel. YII had not tried to hide the fact that it had a dual program. The new wording represented merely a routine updating of language. "We are bringing the catalog in line with what a lib-eral arts college should be," Mr. Schutz said.

Typographical Error

As for the listing of 25-41 credits, instead of the required 55, of which 45 count toward the B.A. at Stern, it was suggested that a typographical error might have

supplement to each catalog will be issued as soon as forms listing Judaic Studies requirements are approved by Albany.

A question was posed regarding

an ad Yeshiva University had placed in the New York Times. It described YU's undergraduate divisions as "colleges for men and women. Varied programs in the arts and sciences leading to Bachelor's degrees. Wide range of ma-jors. Residence facilities." Underneath the heading Yeshiva University, the ad featured a stylized version of the letters "YU.

Sam Hartstein, director of pub-lic relations explained that neither the ad copy, which does not men-tion that religious courses are offered, nor the lack of the Torah U'mada insignia implies change in YU's commitment to the dual program.

As the discussion turned to constructive suggestions for improvement of the dorm atmosphere, two major recommendations made. It was suggested that at least one mashgiach ruchni to counsel boys on religious and moral issues should be assigned to every dorm. Eliyahu Safran, former president of SOY, suggested that, in addition, Roshei Yeshiva spend six hours with their students should be encouraged to offer guidance.

representatives Administrative reacted favorably, saying that "the idea has merit" and that it would given consideration.

Dr. Miller concluded by expressing the hope that students considered the answers given them satisfactory, and that the sense of unity and communication inspired by the meeting would

New Building

Stern's new 12 story classroom building is proceeding on schedule toward completion. The major work should be completed by early June. At this time the construction crew will begin to concentrate on extensive of the existing building. Both buildings should be ready for use during the fall semester.

Construction of the building began less than a year ago, on March 24. Yeshiva University had-accepted a bid of \$3,288,000 from the construction firm of Miller and Raved, Inc. six days earlier. The contract allowed 500 days, or approximately 16 months, completion of the structure.

Ready In Fall At present, most of the brick-

work has been completed. Lethers and plasterers will shortly beterior walls, Electrical equipment and plumbing facilities have al-ready been installed. the old building, preliminary

plumbing and wiring work has al-ready been done in preparation for the conversion of the third and fourth floors into laboratories. If the renovation proceeds at its present rate, classes may be forced to vacate the building during June. Finals would be con-ducted in rented quarters or in the new building if a temporary permit of occupancy can be ob-

MAKING AN EFFORT

The first night 60 students were present. By the second time the program was held, its reputation had spread, and an additional 96 women were in attendance.

What type of Stern activity could possibly have achieved such overwhelming success immediately upon its inception? It would seem impossible that any voluntary class or lecture requiring regular attendance by those who already carry an academic load of 18 or more credits could attract so large a crowd. Yet the program of Jewish studies begun by the Torah Activities Committee with the help of the Student Organization of Yeshiva achieved this remarkable record.

Credit is due everyone who played a role in setting up the program. It seems almost superfluous to praise the students of Rabbi Soloveitchik's shiur who came to Stern well prepared to instruct classes. It is they who were largely responsible for the greatly increased attendance on the second night of the program. for those who had been present on "opening night" gave rave reviews of each of the classes.

The Observer especially lauds the insight of the Torah Activities Committee, which, with the invaluable advice of Mrs. Tova Lichtenstein, chose a well balanced program of study geared to give every student an opportunity to learn Torah lishma, for its own sake.

Let this program and Stern's overwhelming response serve as an example of the enthusiasm which can be generated among girls on all levels when a course fulfills their intellectual and religious needs.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The policy recently established by the Student-Faculty Dress Code Committee is a result of the demands of the entire student population. The creation of such a joint representative body was requested by the students and nominations for election were open to all. Once the committee was formed, the final decision was decreed by a democratic

Just as the law-making body was accepted, so must its laws. Now that rules of dress have been defined, it is not in our jurisdic-

tion to ask why they were reached. Unfortunately, definition does not suffice for all students. Certain insolent rumbles of "catch me if you can" remain in the atmosphere and are blatantly manifested by dishonoring the newly established code.

Disappointing though it may be, direct enforcement of the dress code is necessary. The efforts exerted in establishing the recent policy have no significance as a written statement alone. The Observer therefore urges the faculty to unconditionally ask students to leave classrooms, library, cafeteria, and lounges if they are wearing pants, shorts, sleeveless clothing, or attire of indecent length.

BUDGET BLUES

The mid-year financial squeeze is now in progress. Student Council, operating on a budget of slightly over \$11,000, is being pressured from all sides as the chairmen of the many spring activities put in requests for funds.

Student Councils of all the undergraduate schools, signed an agreement last year establishing a fixed budget for each division, based on enrollment. Even when the proposal was adopted, the budget was extremely tight. Although the agreement provided for slight increments in the allotment over the next three years, it was clear that inflation would cause costs to rise faster than the allotment, placing a still greater strain on the budget.

Why the student council presidents signed such a self-limiting agreement is not clear, but how the bill passed is a matter of record. At Stern, the proposal was railroaded through Student Council with the representatives ill informed as to its effects. At YC, the President signed the bill after it had been voted down by the Council.

As a result of the limited funds, Stern Student Council found itself hopelessly short of funds by the end of last year. Bills were left unpaid during the four month summer vacation.

To prevent \bar{a} similar pile up of debts this year Student Councils of all the undergraduate divisions must meet immediately with the administration to draft a more equitable system of allotment. Stern and Yeshiva cannot be bound by an unfair agreement passed without adequate discussion of the issue.

Letters To The Editor

BILL OF RIGHTS

To the Editor:

I would like to complain about teachers who think that they have the right to penalize students for cutting classes. The penalty for overcutting, if the student is not already entitled to unlimited cuts, belongs only to the registrar. No teacher, including a language teacher, has a right to lower a student's grade, because of cutting.

All students, according to a recent report of the Student-Faculty Committee, have recourse to complain to the Dean about this.

An Angry Student

SAVE A LIFE

To the Editor:

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It is of utimost importance that one recognize the value of money given for the mitiva of pudpon shiringan, the riseaue of the impressored In addition to large, much publicized organizations, there are small individuals who are very effective in rescuing and educating hundreds of children Through their direct confact and concentrated effort, they have added newcomers from many countries and established schools in Irrael thereby saving children from adoption by missimaries.

One such individual is the Sekultier Rebbes a man who was

rescued from Russia only a few years ago. Few of us seem to hear cries of anguish and pleas for help from our more unfortunate brothers around the world, but the Sekulner Rebbe is sensitive to these cries.

The Sckulner Rebbe presently has schools in Jerusalem, Beer Sheba, Yavne, Petach-Tikva, Ashdod. Holon, and Meiton. He teaches his young students "Torah Im Derech Eretz," traditional Jewish values and vocational skills. Hundreds have thanked him for their rescue from countries which suppress religious feeling.

It is up to the Stern student body to help Money is desperateby needed, now. With our support another person can be freed, and another child rescued from certain spiritual death. Simply shouting that Jews be released is easy, and it can help. But financial assistance, although quiet, is guaranteed effective.

Chami Chinn

FASHION FARCE

To the Editor

I am panting away to know who is supposed to be enforcing the new dress code.

Curious (vellow)

MEETING THE NEED

To the Editor:

There was a need at Stern College; it has been satiated. A girl who was only permitted to take two R.S. courses — (one being the Hebrew language), had a need to learn — to learn what she had presumably come to Stern to learn — Judaism.

I would like to commend both T.A.C. and Yavneh, for the extracurricular courses offered on Halacha Chumash, Pirkei Avot, Navi, and Philosophy based on Kuzari

The courses' subject matter is good, and the boys from the different Shiurim are excellent. Both of these organizations have taken vital steps towards the improvement of Stern College.

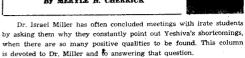
I only hope that next year, (G-d willing), the courses will be offered on a purely supplementary level. I hope that Stern College will have included in its curriculum enough satiating courses, to have elevated its level to one in which the R.S. courses are great

Extra-curricular courses would be something special — not the dire necessity they are now.

Louise Horowit

Why Do They Act That Way?

RV MERVLE H. CHERRICK



What positive aspects are there? Even as an often critical student leader I have no difficulty answering the question. The events of the past few weeks, for example, speak well of the Stern student body. Two girls began a program to help underprivileged New York youth through a tutoring program. One hundred fifty flock to extra-curricular classes in the chumain, tanach and halacha study programs. Others assume a role of leadership in organizing rallies against Arab terrorist air attacks. In short, significant numbers are not content to merely join a program, class, or demonstration. If there is a cause that deserves support, but that has not yet been organized, someone is always ready to devote time to it.

On the positive side, we might also note several major contributions made by the SCW faculty in the recent past. In the English department, faculty initiative brought student and alumni representatives to departmental meetings. As another example, when the facultystudent committee met to discuss the issue of teacher and course evaluation, faculty members pushed most actively for an evaluation at Stern. They noted the differences between the better organized, more objective studies and those conducted haphazardly, and offered advice as to which could be used as guides in setting up an evaluating system here.

The administration's foresight and desire to communicate more closely with all members of the University community has been demonstrated in its policy on several current issue. This too deserves a prominent place on the list of positive aspects of YU.

At Stern, the establishment of a committee to evaluate the R.S. department merits recognition. Although the committee was initially greeted by students and faculty alike without much enthusiasm, its opening meetings proved that Dean Mirsky had chosen well qualified representatives of the faculty at Stern and at Yeshiva to participate in the study. Most important, while the group is empowered only to study the issues and not to enact the changes it recommends, the administration has voiced its intention to base major innovations on the findings of the committee.

On the university level, we can point to the recent meeting of Dr. Belkin and eleven other administrators to answer the questions of student leaders. Regardless of the issues discussed or the conclusions reached at last week's conference, its overall purpose was accomplished. For the first time, the frustration of those who make frequent rounds of every office in search of information was recognized. Dr. Belkin's conference with students represented a sincere effort to demonstrate that there are solutions to university problems, and that administrators are eager to communicate these solutions to students. Dr. Miller, in particular, took special interest in assuring that each representative was satisfied with the response he received.

There are many other achievements on all levels of the university that might be mentioned. But these few suffice to prove that positive innovations do not go unnoticed by the student body. Each achievement received wide publicity, and any student could, and most did, appreciate their merits.

To return to Dr. Miller's question, when students seem to make a special effort to isolate everything that needs improvement, they do so in the firm conviction that this constructive criticism promotes further progress.

If there were no recognition of what is good at Yeshiva, there would be no incentive to work for further reforms. Students would have no reason to believe that any amount of complaint or protest would produce results. As long as there is progress to provide impetus, criticism will be common. The only alternative is to establish a system where there is no innovation, hence criticism is futile. Given these two possibilities, I will hope for continued constructive criticism.

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JDL: ANSWER OR CAUSE?

JDL Institutes Policy Of "Active Persistence"

out of them. Now I say NEVER AGAIN. It used to be, you hit a Jew, he turned the other cheek. We are saying, you hit a Jew, you gonna be hit back." (Newsweek,

Jan. 12, 1970). Steve Abyans, a member of the year and a half old Jewish Defense League, was speaking. The organization itself claims to be committed to turning back "the lackeys of tyranny, and the running dogs of extremism" who attempt to destroy "that America dedicated to democracy and freedom, to equality and reasoned debate, to measured progress through compromise and give and take."

Why was such an organization founded? The JDL issued a manifesto explaining its goals and methods.

"America has been good to the Jew and the Jew has been good to America. A land founded on the principles of democracy and freedom has given unprecedented opportunities to a people devoted to those ideals. It has been a fruitful partnership; the land and its Jewish citizens giving of themselves, the seeds of responsibility giving forth the fruits of right

"America finds itself suddenly threat-ened by the clear and present dangerous alliance of political extremism and racist militancy. The consensus that was the hallmark of past stability; the reasoned evolution that marked the steady progress of the past; the orderly change and spirit of decency and compromise that made this the envy of the denizens of anarchy, inslowly and not so slowly eroded .

"The nation as a whole is menaced, its citizens in all its areas stand to lose their precious heritage

Creation JDL

"But for the Jew it is doubly difficult. The Left seeks not only to destroy demo cratic liberties but to forceably assimilate the Jewish heritage. In addition, it has a special place in its parthenon of enemies for the State of Israel which has been relegated to the camp of 'imperialism' and is consigned to the trashheap of history, comes the 'national liberation.'

The Jewish Defense League was created because we think that the American dream is worth saving and can be saved. It was called into being because there is an immense power latent within the vast force of American moderation and decency. It was formed because the American Jew unrepresented by the bureaucratic organizations who presume to speak for and who, by inaction and misaction alike, have done him terrible disservice -- possesses a wealth of resources that can be thrown into the breach. It was conceived because the forces of hate and tyranny are not yet so strong as they are loud, not yet so overwhelming as they are brazen."

The goals are glorious, but the methods are controversial. The JDL prides itself on its show of force on several occasions. Last year, armed members of the league arrived in uninvited force in front of Temcongregants from Black Militants.

another incident, an attack by JDL protestors on Neo-Nazi counter pickets carrying signs such as "Gas the Jews" re sulted in the hospitalization of eight anti-Jewish pickets.

More recently, in the JDL's vigil for Soviet Jewry conducted during the last 100 hours of 1969, 27 demonstrators were arrested when they attempted to cross police barricades at the Soviet Mission. An additional 14 were arrested for other actions, including painting the slogan "Am Yisroel Chai," on the walls at the Tass News Agency, and on a Russian airliner, handcuffing themselves to the nosewheel of the plane.

On a daily basis, the JDL has a squadron of patrol cars and foot patrolmen canvassing Jewish neighborhoods in various areas Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan. The league claims that police protection not succeeded in protecting Jewish residents from attack by members of the surrounding ghetto communities.

"Is this any way for a nice Jewish boy The JDL answers its own ques-

"Maybe. Maybe there are times when there is no other way to get across to the extremist that the Jew is not quite the patsy some think he is.

"Maybe there is only one way to get across a clear response to people who threaten seizure of synagogues and extor-

tion of money. Maybe nice Jewish boys do not always get through to people who threaten to carry teachers in pine boxes and to burn down merchants' store

"Maybe some people and organizations are too nice. Maybe in times of crisis Jewish boys should not be that nice. Maybe — just maybe — nice people build their own road to Auschwitz."

Other Jewish organizations answer the The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, for example, stated that carrying baseball bats and chains, standin phalanxes, like goon squads, in front of synagogues, are no less offensive than white wearing robes and hoods . . standing in front of burning crosses." (Newsweek, Jan. 2, 1970).

Theodore Bikel expressed a common anti-JDL sentiment in a letter to the editor of the New York Times (Oct. 7, 1969).

"During the long history of the Jewish people we have faced anti-Semites, anti-Zionists, Jew-baiters and Jew-haters. We have fought them and we survived. But we did so on our terms; we never allowed ourselves to become like our enemies, unintelligent and unreasoning hate-mongers.

"History will tell that what the Jews of New York City — indeed the Jewish
people as a whole — can least afford are club-swinging vigilantes, even when they call themselves such self-righteous names as the Jewish Defense League."

Pollack Believes JDL Alienates Society; Method And Philosophy Based On Error

By Gina Zweig

a totalitarian state, protest often results in death. In a country such as the United States, on the other hand, freedom of speech and the right to assemble are integral parts of the democratic sys-

group that professes to destroy anti-Semitism.

According to JDL philosophy, ociety is degenerate. We cannot society is degenerate. expect the civil institutions set up to maintain law and order to accomplish their task. JDL's answer to the problem is to go into the

"Am Yisroel Chai," scrawled on the wall of a Russian airline ticket counter by JDL members, is typical of actions Dr. Pollack denounces.

Through abuse, however, these rights may result in harm rather than good, Dr. Alan Pollack, professor of history at Stern, that such is the case with the actions of the Jewish Defense

In Dr. Pollack's opinion, the JDL's violence alienates the people whose support is needed. In this organization, the "cry of wolf" is heard too often. JDL might be needed if the United States should return to a system, such as Mc-Carthyism.. But while the United States' legal code exists as it does the defense league merely builds animosity among Jews and non-Jews alike. This is ironic in a slums and take the law into its own hands. Dr. Pollack claims there is error in both the method and the philosophy.

Violence Breeds Violence

When a JDL fighter enters into a confrontation with a slum resident, no matter who is in the right, violence will result. The error in the method is that JDL activity to stop violent crimes against Jews only begets further violence. The philosophical error stems from the supposition that society is degenerate and the police cannot be expected to protect the public. If this were true, the police would not intervene even

when violence occurred, and JDL fighters would be butchered.
"G-d help us all," Dr. Pollack exclaimed, "if JDL tactics lead to JDL philosophy."

Dr. Pollack considers the actions

of JDL members a method to vicarious thrills. If they are condoned or ignored, it is only because most of the Jewish community does display responsible attitude. The community defends JDL members when necessary to present a united image to the non-Jewish world,

The Jewish Defense League has often pointed to Israel's militancy as an example to be followed. This is not a justified parallel, Dr. Pollack feels. While Israel is fighting for its life with no allies, the Jewish community in America has supporters. Our allies are those interested in maintaining the present society.

Moderation

If our society, at some time in the future, becomes totally inter-ested in self-dstruction, JDL's brand of activism will prove justified. As presidential candidate Barry Goldwater said in the 1964 election, "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice." But Dr. Pollack believes that given the present situation, more moderate means can accomplish the same goals the JDL claims to embody. Overreacting will not solve any problems. It will just alienate the non-Jewish community.

The greatest danger, Dr. Pollack says, is that JDL activists encourage counter extremism. "Extremism only breeds extremism. Once embark on extra-legal matters to save legality, you are going to give up the principles you work for. That automatically leads to terror."

Rabbi Kahane Defends JDL Tactics: Believes Active Protests Essential In Battling Increasing Anti-Semitism

By ELLA K. SHAPIRO

Why the JDL? What purpose does it serve that organizations such as the American Jewish Congress or B'nai B'rith couldn't accomplish? Rabbi Meir Kahane, executive director of the Jewish Defense League, approaches the question from a historical stand-

Twenty eight years ago. American Jews learned of Auschwitz. Their leaders came to Washington requesting that the United States bomb railroad lines in an effort to stop the daily passage of cars loaded with human freight, "There was no question of Jewish rights — the question was solely of Jew-ish lives." The request was denied; Roosevelt refused to take action.

The leaders of the American Jewish community went home. The Rabbis made fiery speeches from their pulpits to convince their congregations of the tragedy evolving. Rallies were organized, netitions were run off and handed out among Jews. Even so, for all their feverish work the only result was that Jews told Jews how serious the situation was and noth-

What could they have done? "They ought to have gotten Jews to sit in front of the White House to stop traffic. The Jews care all right," says Rabbi Kahane, "they just don't care enough. They're hung up on respectability. But the really cares, enough to get arrested.

"I have four children who will ask me about Soviet Jewry just as my generation asks about European Jewry." Jewish Defense League action, Rabbi Kahane feels, will enable him to answer with clear conscience.

While other organizations, such as the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, make admirable at-tempts to call attention to the plight of Russian Jews, they cannot through their demonstra-tions attract world attention to their cause. But the JDL, Rabbi Kahane says, has succeeded in thrusting its cause before the eyes of the world. As an example, he



.IDI, making the news.

cites the JDL's disruption of a concert by the Russian orchestra, part of a cultural exchange program. To obtain a promise that no future programs would be interrupted, Producer Sol Hurok promised JDL leaders an appearance on the nationally televised David

Instinctively, all Jews agree that they must help one another in order to survive, but why the JDL method of armed confrontation with members of the Black mmunity? Rabbi Kahane him-(Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

Friendy Fritz Stern down

By GINA ZWEIG

The ups and downs of Stern College are best depicted by the elevators in the dormitory. Any student who is able to withstand frustration soon becomes acclimated to the ordeal of riding on the clevator.

There are many stages to the basic initiation, and if a student is not totally floored by them, she comes out a stronger person. The main strategy consists of taking one step at a time. Since Stern students have been conditioned by the administration to limit their perspective, this method is quite successful

The trial begins as a cluster of students wait for the elevator. As it gradually descends, floor by floor, the awaiting cluster grows into a mob. Each descent instills tension in the girls, as they prepare a strategy to outsmart their opponents and dash into the elevator. Some of the more aggressive girls band together with their more docile companions, so they too may receive the benefit of "making it." Finally, the elevator arrives. Phase one has ended.

The girls lucky enough to enter may now proceed with phase two. Once inside the elevator, the first maneuver is to outsmart the poor losers on the outside who consistently push the up button so that the elevator door will not close. There are two methods of counteraction. If one of the ladies inside the elevator has good vocal chords, she can scare the loser into submission. If not, constant pressure on the close button inside will achieve the desired result.

After the door has closed, bets are taken as to whether it will go up or down. The winners of this bet get to step on the toes of the others. Sometimes, this unwritten rule is not heeded. Consequently the maxim "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game," takes on new dimensions, as a platform heeled shoe digs into your metatarsals.

The third phase is now ready to commence. The buttons to the floors have been pressed, and the people who get off first have all been shoved to the back of the elevator. The door opens. Shouts of "excuse me" can be heard. Amidst them, a thin wail of 'You're stepping on my maxicoat" is heard. Herein lies poten-tial success for the aggressor. She

will have succeeded if the next day, the girl comes into the elevator with her maxi transformed into a mini

By this time, the elevator has been emptied, and, once again, slowly begins its descent. Now, further frustration is encountered. While the student waits, she uses her ingenuity to guess which ele-vator will come first. She chooses the right one, figuring she can't be wrong. However, as the locked elevator whizzes by, she realizes the fallacies in her reasoning. Patiently, she awaits the left elevator, as it plods its way down, floor by floor. Finally it arrives. and the girl naively asks, "Going down?" The lucky people inside

girl enters and descends. She has almost arrived. Success is in the offing. The door opens on the first floor. The students attempt to leave. All are successful, except for one unfortunate girl. As she goes out, the next shift, forcing its way in, pushes her into a corner, and, once again, up she goes. She gets off at the first available floor She decides to take more drastic steps. She heads for the

Protestors Condemn Air Attacks

(Cotinued from Page 1, Col. 5) Tel Aviv on Feb. 22, All 38 passengers and nine crewmen on the Zurich-Tel Aviv flight were killed. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist splinter group based in Jordan, proudly claimed credit for the disaster. Other Arab groups denied any relation between the explosion and terrorist activities.

The stated purpose of the demontsration was "to mourn the in nocent vitcims of Arab terrorist crimes, to protest against Arab governments which harbor these criminals, and to arouse world public opinion, the UN, and res-ponsible governments throughout the world to demand an immediate international air boycott of Arab countries which are aiding terrorists."

The marchers chanted songs of peace and songs proclaiming faith in the existence of G-d and the in the existence or G-d and the people of Israel, such as "Lo Yiso Goy el Goy, and "Am Yisroel Chai." The participants shouted in unison "Peace Now" and "Stop Air Attacks." Forty-seven girls carried signs bearing the names of those forty-seven who died in the explosion one week before.

There were no counter-demonstrations at the scene of the rally. However, fliers proclaiming the innocence of the Arab Palestinians Commandoes in the recent acts of terrorism were distributed.

After several hours of picketing, the crowd walked to the Isaiah Wall at the U.N. Standing beneath the wall bearing the in scription "Nation shall not lift

sword against nation," the dem onstrators listened to brief words by Rabbi Avi Weiss. Jews will if they must, he proclaimed, but they will not remain silent. Rabbi Steven Riskin expressed the inequities of treatment to Jews and deplored the U.N.'s arbitrary Rabbi Martin Gordon chanted Keil Moleh Rachamim.

the elevator reply "yes" as they press the close button. The frus-trated girl outside waits for the next elevator Finally an elevator comes. The

incisive humor, like Dr. Strangelove, or feel disillusioned with the way the government is being run, go see Jules Feiffer's "The White House Murder Case" at Circle in the Square. It will reinforce your suspicions, but entertain you in the process.

By BETTY COHEN

If you want to hear some clean,

The President and his Cabinet are in conference to discuss the war in Brazil. Where it is, exactly, no one knows, except perhaps the First Lady who is listening at the door. The major topic of dis-cussion is the use of KBR, a noxious gas which paralyzes without discretion.

The scene alternates between the battlefield and the President's office. While the soldiers display the slow, deleterious effects of the gas, the President and his Cabinet engage in pointless debate. They play a game of "hot potato" trying to determine who sent the gas to Brazil in the first place. The greatest concern, to save face, is echoed on the battlefield. Lose a few legs, paralyze your hands or your left side, if you prefer, but don't lose face

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The Cabinet decides to delay informing the American public of its use of KBR. After all, only 750 suffered the fatal effects. The parallels with the Bay of Pigs, the My-lai massacre, and countless other recent events are ob-

In an effort to depict the short-comings of the Cabinet, Feiffer



aul Douley and Peter Bonerz in "The White House Murder Case"

shows the roles turned. The Secretary of Defense has little power, while the pragmatic Post-master General, artfully played by Paul Benedict, has far greater control over policy.

The President's wife, played by Cynthia Hale, deserves acclaim. Biting and a bit terse in her hu-mor, she obviously runs the show.

Throughout Feiffer's play the humor is caustic and incisive, but as we leave the bite subsides. So subsumed are we in the fatality of war that human life is rendered meaningless. Only our paper commercialized image remains.

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March 12 - Mr. Abraham Carmel will speak on "Can We Convert Jews to Judaism" on Thursday night at 7:00 in Koch Auditorium.

March 17 - The Forum of the Arts will present Dr. Alfred Werner, Art editor and critic, who will commemorate the 300th anniversary of Rembrandt's death. The topic will be "Rem-brandt, the Bible and the Jews." Tuesday, March 17, 8:00 p.m. at Koch Auditorium.

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Shalit Decision Sparks Debate

The real question behind the phrase "Who is a Yew" is whether a man is Jewish by nationality or whether "religion is the content of the nation." So explained Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg, professor of history at Yeshiva University, at a Vayneh-sponsored discussion on March 5 in Koch auditorium, He proposed a detailed analysis of the highly volatile issue which has recently become ignited by the Shalit court decision in Israel

Professor Greenberg commented on the criticism of the court decision and, essentially, on the nature of the controversy. Greenberg of the controversy. Greenberg showed distaste for the tone and aggressive nature of the criticism voiced by the Orthodox (Dati) Jews. "We react by screaming," he says, "at a time when Israel's security is in danger." Overreaction to the issue served to weaken Israel's united image. Dissent "should not have been blasted in

Criterion for Definition

In a highly analytical approach, Greenberg focused on the prol lem and the issue, that of Shalit being married to a non-Jew and demanding that his children be registered under the nationality of "Jewish." Greenberg defined two categories of criteria for determining Jewishness: 1) the objective category, where balacha rules that only a child born of a Jewish mother, or one who has undergone Orthodox conversion is a Jew and 2) the subjective category, where man can define for himself what Jewish. Shalit, Greenberg stressed, didn't deny the objective criteria but merely claimed that halacha had lost its meaningfulness to most Jews, that "it would be unjust to force an objective category which no longer exists.' The process of secularization in

fested itself in the conservative and reform movements today. The religious content, for many Jews, has been destroyed. Yet, there has never been a total rejection of religion in the state of Israel.

But the court could not afford the luxury of dialectics. Nor could it disregard the question of nationality and religion and create the status of "Israeli." Greenberg observed that the majority of non-Jews do not want to be cut off from the religious structure, that they want to leave "religion open to them." Furthermore, Russian Jewry would give up all hope of obtaining this classification if one had to reside in Israel to be included.

The 5-4 decision underscored the difficulty of finding a clear cut solution. Greenberg believed that the majority of the court was wrong. They attempted to "make simple what is mysterious and complex." The non-religious Jews were not prepared to repudiate or accept religion as nationality. But the court was right. Rabbi Greenberg stressed, in struggling to add a new dimension, a new category

Jewishness. The existence and need for halacha cannot be denied, but in addition to the traditional category, there must be a new classification for someone like Shalit who shares Jewish destiny, "who is morally tied to Ju-

The Subjective Consideration

The pluralistic morals, Greenberg believes, must be confronted. There is a need to close the gap between so-called secularism and religion, to develop orthodox con-clusions which "considers those who lived through fire and hell.'

Until such a time, the state of Israel will enter into a dangerous schism, Greenberg expressed his desire to avoid overreaction, and to make concession where necessary. "I would have gone to Shalit and told him, 'If you press too hard your children may not marry mine. Ask your wife to convert. I will make it easier.' Shalit would have refused on principle and yet I would have registered his children as Jewish. I believe that for the sake of the Jewish people, he would have had them converted."

Laws of Gastronomics **Determine Fate Of Foes**

By LOIS SCHWARTZFARB

As the war in Vietnam lingers on with no solution in sight few-Americans are expressing an active concern. The great distance separating Southeast Asia and the U.S.A. partially explains why the war does not seem a reality. But, when a hattle is wored on the home front, people are forced to take a stand. Each individual must act according to his own science.

A great price war is currently being fought in the vicinity of Yeshiva University. It began with the appearance of the fierce aggressor — (K) Nocki-Nosh (even the name arouses terror). This enemy invaded Washington Heights, promising two hamburgers and a soda for one dollar. The fearless foe boldly challenged prospective customers to prove that their hamburgers were not: a) 100% all beef — 3.2 oz., b) U.S. government inspected, c) fresh daily, and d) specially cooked, in sec-

The danger that would be created by the emergence of (K) Nocki-

Nosh threw Alexander's into a panic. Taking the defensive, the establishment that had served meat balls and spaghetti to the celebrated Herman Wouk retaliated by cutting the price of its frankfurters to a mere twenty-five cents. The other participants in this price war executed several other; sly maneuvers. Chopsie guaranteed a free soda with every two slices of pizza.

But, Chopsie and the Spoon have little chance of surviving the grave effects of the war, They are



financially Alexander's or the Nosh, and they are losing customers fast.

The outcome of this highly com petitive price war will depend upon the people of Washington Heights. The establishment that wins the greatest patronage will be the victor. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, Is the way to his stomach guided by his moral conscience?

Will customers remain faithful to the older establishments? Or will YU'ers sacrifice ethics for cheaper prices? If they do, the Vietnamese slogan "Better Red Than Dead" (or vice versa) may be forgotten for the immortal words . . . "Better Fed Than

JDL Places Jews First

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) self decries the extremism of the Black Panthers, particularly their brutal murders of police. Vet he believes that "in an age of confrontation, confrontation is the only way to get things done." The Panthers are misguided in that they see as their oppressors the Jewish merchants and the Jewish landlords and make them a scapegoat for their misery, and a tar-get for bombings and burnings,

It is this anti-Semitism that

Kahane categorically denounces: There is no such thing as being a little anti-Semitic. To be a little anti-Semitic, is like being a little bit pregnant. You don't create anti-Semitism and you fight it

only by standing tall and proud."
Kahane criticized Jews who march for every non-Jewish cause to win the respect of the Christian community. A Jew who gets kicked in the head at a civil rights rally and stands up smiling has to be a fraud, he says. No one subjects himself willingly and without ulterior motives to such torture Perhans one of the most impor-

tant observations Rabbi Kahane makes is that in recruiting members for JDL on various college campuses he found that students alienated from the Jewish mainstream and lately embroiled in SDS activity, the Biafran Cause, and a million other non-Jewish issues, are rallying to the JDL. "We are finally giving these Jew-ish students a Jewish ideal they can admire and identify with Jews want to be appreciated and that's why they are always joining demonstrations for everyone want respect, not love, and you don't get it by asking for it, but by self-respect."

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Sandra Listernick

name of Lady Bird Johnson, The scholarship is awarded yearly to a senior sociology major at Stern. The recipient selected by the department this year is Sandra Lis-

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Yeshiva was playing the school they call Drew Yeshiva's winnings at three,

numbered few But for the opponents winnings

would be new

To Madison, N.J. our team took

The campus was spacious, pretty

Our team found the gym, and marched bravely inside.

It was warm up time, and Drew "rocked 'n' rolled"

The seats of the gym were solidly sold And up dribbled Y.U. "tall" and

Y II didn't come on shivering cold They made five points as I am told. But wait, as the story shall soon unfold

Just as the game was building up tension

Along came the cheerleaders and stole their attention

The obvious consequences I shudder to mention.

Drew as a team was not very strong

Their winnings were zero all season long

But now they were proving the statisticians were wrong.

For Drew had cheerleaders as their secret weapon

And Y.U. all over themselves were suddenly steppin'

And up dramatically jumped the



He let out a sigh and a sorrowful wail

'Alas for us, our school is all male" He moaned for he knew they

For don't we all know the moral of the story

That the basketball team's only

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Messiah must himself redeem all

the netzezot from the klipa. The

Messiah must throw himself into

sin, the klipa, thus making the highest type of person into the worst sinner. This is the concept of a "holy sin."

The "holiest sin" of Shabbtai

Zvi was conversion. However, this

act disillusioned his followers.

Many Rabbis, notably the Vilna Gaon, felt that Hassidism would

become too mystical and opposed

In the next session, Rabbi Lamm

will discuss the Baal Shem Tov.

founder of Hassidism. The class is held in room 407 at 5:20 P.M

the movement.

Neighborhood Youth Corps

What's that? It makes vou sad to look? It should - your inaction helped to put them there. If you want a change, you have to act. A number of us have decided that we've had enough of the "happi-ness." We are now forming the Stern College for Women Neighborhood Youth Corps so that we can do our share to help alleviate

these urgent problems.

On Wednesday evening, March 4, 1970, a meeting of the newly formed Neighborhood Youth Corps was held, during which the de-tails of the program were presented. The program itself, to begin within two weeks, will involve six through twelve year old chil-dren from P.S. 40, an elementary school on First Ave, and 20th St. The program is being set up with the cooperation of the vice princinal and the head of the special education department at the school.

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Students who bypassed "An Evening on the Harp," Feb. 26th, the last in the concert series at Stern, missed a program which could best be described as a rare pleasure

Robert Barlow, a soft-spoken and smiling student of the Juilliard School of Music, presented an interesting close up of the capabilities of the harp.

Mr. Barlow played nine brief selections ranging from a medieval piece transcribed from music for the lute, to the popular "Shadow of Your Smile." One of his selections was a piece composed by Mr. Barlow's father to be played concurrently with a cacophony of tape recorded claps, croaks and

music. Mr. Barlow said. "This is the way music is going. I hope it comes back."

Between pieces Mr. Barlow ex-plained the function of the harp, na instrument costing anywhere from \$3,000-\$6,000. He demonstrated the seven pedals which set the strings to the different notes on the scale and the three levels (flat, natural and sharp) of each

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