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## Golda Meir Evokes Overwhelming Response At YU Convocation Ceremony



Yeshiva University President Dr. Samuel Belkin (r.) accepts gift from Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir at luncheon following convocation ceremony.

It wasn't what Golda said to the overflow crowd at Lampport Auditorium on the morning of March 8, but how she said it. In fact, if the Israeli Prime Minister was to have said nothing at all, she would have commanded the same respect, admiration, and love from every one of her listeners as she did by addressing the captivated audience on that occasion.

Accepting the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters bestowed upon her on the thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Belkin's service to Yeshiva University,

### Rabbinat Examined At Y.U. Seminar

By Harriet Reznick  
"The Authority of the Rabbinat in Modern Times" was the theme for this year's Rabbinic Alumni of Rabbi Isaac Eliehanan Theological Seminary Spring Conference. The all-day meeting was held at Yeshiva University on Wednesday, March 28.

Among the speakers at the sessions were Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Meyer S. Feldblum, professor of Talmudic Literature at Bernard Revel Graduate School, and Mr. Max J. Etra, chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees. On the program also was an informed session between student leaders and Rabbis, Rabbi Herbert C. Dobrinsky, Associate Director of Rabbinic Placement, Community Service Division and Director of Sephardic Community Activities, and Rabbi Ephraim S. Kolatch, Honorary President of Rabbinic Alumni were honored at lunch and dinner respectively.

The two main topics of discussion were "Jurisdiction and Limitation of Rabbinic Authority in Contemporary Legislation" at the afternoon session and an "Evaluation of 30 Years of Dr. Belkin's Presidency" at dinner. The Rabbinic Alumni Fund Report was delivered by Rabbi Myron E. Rakowitz, Chairman of the Fund. The day ended with a response by Rabbi Kolatch to a presentation by Rabbi Max Hoch, President of Rabbinic Alumni.

Mrs. Meir thanked all those concerned first in Hebrew and then in English. She proceeded to enumerate the values of educating

## Tay - Sachs Disease Expounded Upon; Vital Medical Information Given To Students

Club Hour of March 28 was devoted to a discussion of Tay-Sachs disease by Mrs. Fran Berkowitz, a psychiatric-social worker with the Tay-Sachs Research Project at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, and Dr. Daniel Amsterdam, who is closely associated with Tay-Sachs research at Kingsbrook. Also present were Dr. Bruno Volk and Dr. Larry Schneck of the Tay-Sachs program.

Calling Tay-Sachs disease "one of the liabilities of our heritage" (eighty-five percent of Tay-Sachs carriers are Jewish), Dr. Amsterdam presented some of the medical facts concerning Tay-Sachs. Tay-Sachs is a genetic disease caused by the absence of the enzyme Hex A, which is necessary to break down fatty substances or other cell products. According to demographic evidence, one out of thirty Jews of Ashkenazic descent is a Tay-Sachs carrier. There is a one out of 900 chance of a union between two carriers, a one out of four chance that such a union will produce a Tay-Sachs baby, and therefore a one out of 3600 chance of a Tay-

Sachs baby being born.

At birth the baby appears normal, but by the time he is six months old, his physical and mental capacities begin to deteriorate. Death occurs by the age of four. A simple blood test will determine whether or not a person is a carrier of Tay-Sachs. Amniocentesis, inspection of fetal fluid for the Hex A enzyme, will determine if the fetus will develop into a Tay-Sachs baby. Dr. Amsterdam feels that the best cure for the disease is prevention, easily accomplished by informing individuals of the genetic information they carry.

Mrs. Berkowitz spoke of her two-fold job which involves helping families with a Tay-Sachs child to plan for the child's care, and helping prospective parents understand their genetic information. She advises people to avail themselves of Tay-Sachs testing facilities in order to avert the devastating psychological and economic disasters of Tay-Sachs disease. She stressed that the results of Tay-Sachs testing are kept strictly confidential.

A short film strip depicting the

true story of the plight of the mother of a Tay-Sachs child was shown. Tay-Sachs testing facilities will be available at Stern College on April 11.

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## Study Days Proposal Rejected, New Scheduling Plan Approved At Faculty Assembly Meeting

The Stern College Faculty Assembly approved a new scheduling plan and rejected a proposal to extend study days to a full week at its March 29 meeting.

A Senate proposal to change the academic calendar to thirteen weeks of classes and one full week of study days, such as is now in effect at Yeshiva College, was rejected by the faculty after much discussion. The current study days system, which provides for fourteen weeks of classes and three days of study days, is still in effect.

During the discussion concerning scheduling, it was noted that many students experienced great difficulty this year because of the erratic and often conflicting arrangement of class hours. It seems that numerous students have the bulk of their classes on one day (this year, it is Thursday for most students) causing an

imbalance and often a heavier than necessary course load. An ad hoc committee consisting of administrators, representatives from the Office of Student Services, and Student Council had been designated to further investigate the problems of course scheduling.

Originally, the ad hoc committee studied a proposal that classes be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, and/or extra hours needed to fulfill the required number of hours for any individual course. This proposal was not accepted by the faculty, and the committee invited further suggestions.

Since that time, approximately seven alternate scheduling plans have been brought to light. The most feasible plan was determined by a majority decision at the faculty meeting of March 29. All recommendations were presented to Professor Silverman, who reduced them into graphic form by drawing up sample schedules. The accepted schedule is a pattern which permits a combination of courses which meet three days a week and two days a week. Classes scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays will only meet on those two days whereas classes will meet three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 (Continued on Page 2)

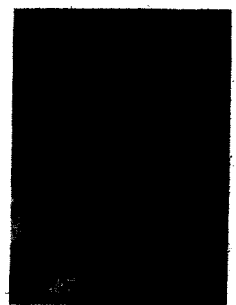
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Firstly, there is an attempt being made to work out a more organized schedule of courses: courses of the same subject would be given at the same time to create less conflicts in students' schedules. Secondly, a new catalogue is being printed. At present, there is no current catalogue, despite the fact that it is an important part of internal and external university relations. Thirdly, and perhaps most important of all, the Registrar's Office will be open to student ideas, and anyone who wishes can feel free to stop in.  
Right now, Miss Colodner is working on a part-time basis, and is in her office Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

## Library Display Features Faculty Publications

A collection of Stern College faculty publications will be on display in the library until the Passover vacation. The exhibit will include books, articles, and reprints.

The arrangement was begun by library assistant Miss Malampud with the help of Mrs. Kaufman, under the direction and supervision of acting Librarian Mrs. Edith Lubetski. After Passover, the exhibit will be moved to the periodical room, where it will be on permanent display until the end of the semester. Although memos

have been sent out to all members of the faculty, to date only the following faculty members have contributed:

- Rabbi David T. Bleich-Philosophy
- Rabbi Dr. Gerson Appel-Philosophy
- Dr. Simeon J. Krumboltz-Chemistry
- Mrs. Edith Lubetski-Library
- Rabbi Dr. Alter B.Z. Metzger-Judaic Studies
- Dr. Noah Rosenblum-Hebrew
- Dr. Betty Rosoff-Biology
- Mrs. Peninah Schram-Speech
- Rabbi Dr. Melch Schachter-Philosophy
- Dr. Dan Vogel-English
- Prof. Chaim I. Waxman-Sociology

## A Yes For The Test

With a Tay Sachs testing program at Stern College scheduled for April 11, a considerable amount of controversy has developed concerning the halachic feasibility of a Yeshiva University-based testing plan. After discussing the issue with members of the rabbinic faculty at Stern and Yeshiva Colleges as well as with representatives of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center's testing service, *The Observer* suggests the following:

Although critics do not favor a Stern-based testing program in conjunction with a medical center which includes abortion guidance within its Tay Sachs screening services, we feel that such a union is the only feasible way in which adequate testing can be carried out. Practically speaking, proper genetic counseling is available only in conjunction with an institutionalized testing program, and the Kingsbrook center is the only one offering such a service in this area. Equally important as the availability of medical advice is the halachic guidance offered by the SCW Judaic Studies department, guidance which students will be strongly urged to take advantage of.

It can't be overemphasized that the main thrust of a screening program located at Stern College is to provide halachic guidance and therefore avoid the breaches of halacha which will occur in the absence of early identification of carriers and if religious guidance is not provided. In addition, screening of possible carriers before marriage will hopefully prevent many situations in which two carriers might marry. Genetic guidance provides a variety of information in addition to that of abortion information - analysis of the chances of giving birth to a diseased child, provisions for the care of a Tay Sachs baby.

As to the value of the program's establishment within the Yeshiva University community, there is no doubt that Yeshiva and Stern College students are within the best age bracket for this type of testing. Dating takes place throughout the college years, often resulting in marriage between dating partners. Discovery of a recessive Tay Sachs trait in an unmarried college student is far less tragic and easier to adjust to than the discovery that a beloved child is the victim of the disease. Furthermore, the only way to dispel the psychological stress that occasionally occurs in some carriers is through competence and psychological counseling, a service that is usually not available if testing is done through private channels.

Considerable steps have been taken by the organizers of the current testing program to guarantee privacy and confidentiality. Testing will be done privately, with a brief medical history taken along with a blood sample. Students will receive their test results two or

three weeks after the program date, and all results will be mailed at the same time. If a student's test shows positive results, she will not be told that she is a Tay Sachs carrier, but will be asked to come to Kingsbrook for more, conclusive screening. If a student is positively identified as a Tay Sachs carrier, she will be invited to utilize the genetic, psychological and halachic guidance available. Student immaturity will be the only barrier to the confidential nature of the testing procedure. For this reason, students are urged to keep the results of their tests, whether positive or negative, to themselves.

We of *The Observer* realize the inherent value in the Tay Sachs screening program developed by Stern and Yeshiva Colleges and applaud the student councils and testing committees of both schools for their efforts. We urge every student who feels that the test results will be of possible use to take advantage of the program. A minimal donation of \$1 will be requested, the hours and location will be convenient, and the benefit which will be derived from the testing will be invaluable.

## Observers Needed

Do you have a nose for news? How about a creative touch or a lot of enthusiasm? Whatever your talents are, *The Observer* staff will welcome your participation during the coming year.

Our search has begun for qualified students who wish to assume positions on our Governing Board or merely join one of our many staffs. If you wish to be considered for an editorial position, submit the following to Editor-in-Chief Sherry Scheinberg in room 12D or room 1C by April 10: Your name, year in school during 1973-74; position you desire and two alternative requests; and reason why you feel qualified and suggestions you might have.

Don't be discouraged from applying if you think you lack adequate experience for an editorial position. There are openings on our Technical Board, for which prior experience is sometimes not necessary, as well as openings on our Associate Board. In addition, we welcome new additions to all of staffs anytime during the year.

Whether your interests are literary or artistic, or if you feel you are a dynamo of enthusiasm, you will find a place on *The Observer* for you. You may join it for want of a creative outlet, or because you need an "in" for graduate school, or merely because you like to discover the role a college newspaper plays within Yeshiva University. In any case, your experience as a member of the newspaper staff will prove to be one of the most educational, exciting, and interesting aspects of your college career.

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## Letters To The Editor

Ed. Major Responds.

To The Editor:

In response to Deborah Hollenberg's letter in the March 8 issue of the *Observer*, I would like to say that the girls of the Education Department noticed the paragraph in the letter specially devoted to them.

We feel that Ms. Hollenberg showed poor taste in singling out sixteen Education majors out of a senior class of one-hundred ten girls. Ten Ed. majors attended the meeting and four are commuters.

I also felt that Ms. Hollenberg spoke from a lack of knowledge concerning the girls in the Education Department. In the first semester of my Jr. year, I took twenty-one credits, I held two jobs, and I planned a wedding. I still had time to participate in Senate, to attend Student Council meetings, and to help produce *The Observer*.

In my senior year as a student teacher, I do not have time to participate in school activities. The responsibilities and pressures student teachers have are difficult to understand by one who has not student taught. Teaching is not an 8:00 to 3:00 job. We must take time to plan lessons and to unwind from the emotional and physical strain. We must attend evening classes, do our regular homework, and then get enough sleep to face the next day.

Before you judge Ed. majors so harshly, perhaps you will visit my second grade class Ms. Hollenberg—I'll be there until June 29th. P.S. Graduation day is June fourth.

Noreen Paiken Reeback  
Apprentice Teacher

Dress Code Revisited.

To The Editor:

Last year, the dress code of Stern College was revised to include the wearing of slacks in the school building. The logic behind this stemmed from the indifference of personnel in enforcing the first code, and from the students' demand for the freedom in choosing an appropriate school wardrobe.

After much debate, the proposal of revision was finally passed. No longer could one demand that on Halachic terms, pants, as beged eish (man's clothing) were prohibited, for modern styles had been adapted to the woman.

Thereupon, the new code came to life. Girls no longer had qualms about wearing pants as long as the teacher didn't object and as long as the pants were not of "working clothes" type. To these girls, wearing pants is permissible according to Halacha.

Yet, where is halacha when, after an elapse of time, girls go out to men's clothing stores and buy men's pants and no longer stress the previous prohibitions of beged eish? Where has one's consciousness of tzniut gone? It is time to reexcess our attitude toward the dress code.

Rachel Stern

## The Shattered Looking Glass

# Campaign '73

—by Sherry Scheinberg



Today, the annual election campaign for Student Council officers begins. While it is too soon to review the current year in retrospect, if the race for 1973-74 officers is any reflection of student activity in the past, we won't even have enough candidates to warrant an election.

An election season far removed from the political battlefield might have been a point of pride for the proper girl's finishing school of yesterday. However, an uncontested election has no place in a woman's college today. The May 3 vote should be accompanied by well-developed campaigning, heavily contested officers, and candidates who are sincere enough about assuming an office that they make a strong effort to win the election. While at all of us would rather avoid the name calling and dirt that are often present in other college elections, we should realize that politics does not always connote something unpleasant. An election in which does not always connote something unethical. An election in which candidates must be dredged out of corners and cajoled or begged into running is more unethical than any well fought for political victory.

There is, undoubtedly, an abundance of qualified SCW students who could easily assume positions of leadership and responsibility. Unfortunately, most of them chose not to, whether it is from fear of losing an election, laziness, fear of being overburdened with work, or a belief that any effort by students to improve Yeshiva University is futile.

The first three "excuses" are the lamest ones any person could possibly give. The last "reason" for not seeking office, although it seems very valid and very true, would be the remark of a student who really does not understand the intricacies of student government.

Change at any established institution, and especially at Yeshiva University is not the result of spontaneous bursts of energy and effort. Rather, it is the result of long term planning and work. This is as true in the case of student implemented change as it is in the case of administrative reform. A student body cannot fall to pieces one year, build itself up the next, only to fall down in the following year and expect any concrete results. Nor can it expect a sudden outcry of dismay voiced during December, to be the result of five teachers or a sudden

alteration of the University budget.

Our school building was built because of student pressure exerted over a long period of time. The altered religious studies requirements resulted from more than a year of joint student and administrative planning. Senate did not evolve on its own, but two Student Councils meeting with faculty members developed the concept into reality. Any future improvements students can hope to make in the college or university status quo will only come about after months or years of continuous effort.

This year, a handful of student leaders turned Council into a well structured, organized body that is responsive to the needs of Stern's community. This entire year of work will have been in vain if next year's of the Stern College student body refuse to seek positions of leadership, we may as well pack our bags and find another college, because if the students themselves are not interested in maintaining SCW as a viable institution, we can't expect the Yeshiva University administration to care administration to support Stern College any longer.

## Faculty Accepts New Schedule

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to 1:00 o'clock but only twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday after 1:00.

Dean Mirsky outlined the inconveniences of the approved program. Extended periods might make it difficult for students to end classes early in the day. He also

noted possible faculty dissatisfaction over having to work four days a week, many having to teach on Fridays. Yet, the approved plan has definite advantages, namely a reduction in scheduling conflicts and an increase in students receiving their first choice subjects.

# Halachic Implications of Tay Sachs Testing Examined By Two Prominent Y.U. Rebbeim

Rabbi J. David Bleich

Rabbi Moses Tendler

by Susan Metzger

Editor's note: The SCW Tay Sachs testing program will take place on Wednesday, April 11. Although many of the views of SCW's Rabbi J. David Bleich were printed in a previous OBSERVER and were the impetus for our editorial on page 2, we are printing the following to reiterate many of Rabbi Bleich's points concerning the halachic implications of Tay Sachs testing. The article below is an excerpt from Rabbi Bleich's article in the Summer 1972 issue of TRADITION magazine.

The elimination of Tay Sachs disease is, of course, a goal to which all concerned individuals subscribe. However, the means by which this desideratum is to be attained require halakic review, all the more so because the active participation of the rabbinate has been solicited by concerned medical authorities. An article by the present reviewer, outlining the halakic ramifications of the testing program, appears in the Tammuz 5732 issue of Or HaMizrah.

The obligation with regard to procreation is not suspended simply because of the statistical probability that some children of the union may be deformed or abnormal. While the couple may quite properly be counseled with regard to the risks of having a Tay-Sachs child it should be stressed that failure to bear natural children is not a halakhically viable alternative. (See Igrot Mosheh, Eben ha-Ezer, no.82).

Of at least equal if not graver concern is the proposal that fetal monitoring be performed with a view towards termination of the pregnancy if the fetus be identified as a victim of Tay-Sachs disease. The fear that a child may be born physically malformed or mentally deficient does not in itself justify recourse to abortion. At present amniocentesis cannot be performed prior to the fourth or fifth month of pregnancy. All authorities are in agreement that at so late a stage in pregnancy abortion is permissible only if continuation of pregnancy constitutes a threat to the life of the mother. In situations where amniocentesis is performed for purposes of diagnosing a condition for which a medical remedy is available, e.g. blood group incompatibility which can be treated by exchange transfusion, the physician is not only permitted but is obligated to perform the amniocentesis, even repeatedly. However, amniocentesis carried out solely for the purpose of diagnosing severe genetic defects such as Tay-Sachs disease serves no therapeutic purpose. Since the sole available medical remedy following diagnosis of severe genetic defects is abortion of the fetus, which is not sanctioned by Halakha in such instances, amniocentesis, under these conditions, does not serve as an aid in treat-

ment of the patient and is not halakhically permissible. Initiation of this procedure in the absence of a therapeutic goal poses as a pointless medical risk to both mother and fetus and also constitutes an act of chavalah-an unwarranted assault upon the mother.

Blood testing programs as a screening method for the identification of carriers of Tay-Sachs disease are certainly to be encouraged. However, sensitivity to the dictates of Halakha, which precludes both abortion and a sterile union, would indicate that the most propitious time for such screening is childhood or early adolescence. Early awareness of a carrier state, particularly when determination can be made on mass scale and accompanied by a public information campaign would contribute greatly to alleviation of the gravity of the situation.

On Tuesday, March 27, Rabbi Dr. Moses Tendler spoke at Stern College on the issue of the Tay Sachs testing program to be held at the school on April 11. In his discussion, he included the more general problem of halacha to interpret the moral and ethical potentials of medical issues and hence to come to a definition of man, his responsibility to his fellow man, and his basic "inalienable rights." Rabbi Tendler emphasized the need for the Jewish population to adhere to the halachic viewpoint on these issues, as halacha speaks to each individual Jew and directs him towards proper ethical conduct within and despite the perversions of modern society, whose ethical climate now deems abortion, once considered to be murder, a natural right of women.

Rabbi Tendler feels that the power of halacha is majestic and that Stern College and Yeshiva University, who wield this power, should have "palatial atmospheres." Thus, with regard to the problem of genetic counseling, specifically with regard to Tay Sachs testing, utmost prudence must be used. The testing itself is questionable on halachic grounds, and even if it is permissible, the problems of who should be involved, when testing should be done, and how it should be accomplished are of equal importance and complexity. The rabbi stated that according to the Shulchan Aruch, one must check into the health status of one's future mate. Hence it may even be an obligation to take a Tay Sachs test, however, he feels, if one is not ready to chose a mate because of age or emotional state, it would be impractical and psychologically burdensome to be required to take such a test. "There is certainly no need to add indignity to the pains of growing up." Certainly, public testing of Tay Sachs disease under the educational sanction of Stern College would, according to Rabbi Tendler, cause undesirable social pressure to be tested and would also breach the realms of individual privacy and of "kvodah bat melech pima," or tzniut.

In light of our society, Rabbi Tendler also feels that Tay Sachs testing under the auspices of Kingsbrook Medical Center corrupts the "palatial" walls of Stern College. The Kingsbrook organization sanctions not only Tay Sachs testing, but also amniocentesis and abortion, which are clearly halachically forbidden. Certainly the efforts going into the raffles and drives for funds to subsidize the testing program (Rabbi Tendler feels, could go into other, more clearly permissible and laudable projects).

Finally, Rabbi Tendler impressed the student audience with the idea that halacha in our modern society may have one hand tied in dealing with the issue of a Tay Sachs child. Why should a child not be given the opportunity to live, even if it is only for six months? Indeed if our society would sanction such an idea, a Tay Sachs fetus would not be automatically aborted, and the rush for Tay Sachs testing might not be so great.

## Y.U. Dedicates Own Museum Adds New Dimension To University

by Judy Kleinerman

A higher institution of learning cannot be defined in terms of formal classes alone. With the formal dedication of the Yeshiva University Museum at a dinner Sunday, April 1, a new dimension to the educational scope of the University has been added. The museum, endowed by Erich and Ludwig Jesselson, is located on the ground floor of the Mendel Gottesman Library at Amsterdam Ave. between 165th and 168th streets, at the Washington Heights campus. Contained in the museum are exhibits concerning Jewish art, architecture, history, and cultural identity.

The specially featured permanent exhibit of the museum, a collection of model synagogues, is entitled "Synagogues through the Centuries." Noted for their architectural, artistic, or historical significance, the synagogues were duplicated in smaller scale expressly for Yeshiva University by Display Craft of New York. Last fall the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art displayed eight of these models in a previous showing. Among those synagogues depicted in the Y.U. Museum are Dures Euepros, Syris, third century; "Ari," Safed, Israel, Sixteenth century; and Touro, Newport, Rhode Island, eighteenth century.

Each of the models has been created to achieve the greatest possible likeness to the original synagogue. Consequently, most of the models have been cut away to show the intricate interiors, as can be exemplified by the "thumb rail-size" portrait of George Washington hanging in the model of the Touro Synagogue.

In addition to the models of the synagogue, the exhibit area also contains books, artifacts, and ritual objects collected from private sources as well as other museums pertaining to synagogues. Archaeological finds from the excavation at Dura-Europos as well as a half scale recreation of the brightly-colored fresco-paintings from the same synagogue are also featured.

The museum also offers an analytic map relating to the synagogues, an 80-seat room designated for film purposes, areas for temporary exhibits, and sound and screen programs on Temple and Synagogue history.

A temporary Passover exhibit is featured at the museum in honor of its opening. Ceremonial objects, rare and eccentric haggadot, and other seferim are included in this display.

Museum hours are from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and by special appointment. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children.

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# SWC Jewish History Dept. Awakens Ethnic Consciousness of Students



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Know Thyself " An aphorism coined by the philosopher Socrates can be applied to the study of Jewish History. In today's ethnically conscious society, it is important for every Jew to know where he came, what his people

have accomplished and suffered and how to apply this knowledge to proper use.

A comprehensive grounding in related areas of study is essential. This would include an appreciation for philosophy, theology, Sociology, as well as various languages such as Hebrew, Yiddish, French, German, and others. It is obvious that a knowledge of these languages is important in order to study the source materials in their original forms so that one doesn't have to rely on someone else's sometimes prejudiced translation. Jewish History is not a study by itself but requires a combination of many skills.

What can a person do with a major in Jewish History? Although not a major field of study at Stern, Jewish History forms an integral part of the Hebraic and Judaic Studies majors. A Bachelor's Degree enables a person to teach on the high school level and/or to pursue further study towards a Master's degree or doctorate. As a new ethnic consciousness grows, so

does a desire for people with a well-rounded background in all forms of Jewish studies to teach on the college campus. The opportunities are growing rapidly as more schools add Jewish Studies departments. Also, there are opportunities for research and a growing demand especially in the areas of Soviet Jewry, the Holocaust, and the establishment of Israel. There are availabilities to work in publishing houses for books and magazines.

Jewish History can be a truly challenging field but in order to succeed a person must possess patience, understanding, and the ability to take facts, figures, and ideas and translate them into an understanding of a people's philosophy and way of life.

## Jewish Reaction To Community Deterioration Examined At Yavneh Symposium

by Tammy Fredman

When, if ever, should Jews abandon their communities? This was the question that was raised and discussed by four prominent Jewish figures at a Yavneh sponsored symposium held at Yeshiva College on March 6.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, David Fisch, Executive Director of the Jewish Defense League, Herman Cahn, a member of the Breuer's Kehilla in Washington Heights, and Rabbi David Schnall, assistant professor of political science at Staten Island Community College who replaced Rabbi Schrage, the founder of the Maccabees, all expressed their individual opinions on the topic. Although no final conclusions were reached and the speakers differed as to the means of combatting the problem, ranging from direct negotiations with city officials to mass sit-ins, all voiced the view that there are no set ground rules telling one when to leave or remain in a community and that behavior in such cases is merely relative to that individual situation.

Perhaps the major cause for Jews deserting their fellow Jews

and their communities is, as Rabbi Bernstein said, that "Jews just haven't learned to stick together." To combat the problem, strong political pressure on the part of all Jews should be employed.

Advocating political pressure in addition to more direct action such as massive marches of protest against various city housing projects, Mr. Fisch outlined the JDL's outlook on the subject. Mr. Cahn was of the opinion that no initiative should be taken by Jews of a community without first approaching the *rosh kehilla*, or if he is lacking, a *rav*, who will decide on a course of action.

Rabbi Schnall appropriately concluded by stating that there is room for both violent and peaceful political action in combatting the problems of Jewish communities. Most of all, however, one must be aware that these problems exist.

## UJA Drive Nets \$1095 Funds Will Aid Needy Poor

by Judy Friedman

To date, the Stern College chapter of the United Jewish Appeal has raised \$1095 in contributions and pledges. Although this total does not exceed the amount contributed last year, UJA workers note that the students and faculty who responded to the drive contributed generously.

All money raised in the campaign goes directly to the United Jewish Appeal to be used for immigration, absorption, housing, and education of Jews in Israel and in other countries where Jews are in distress. It had been suggested that the monies raised in the UJA drive be donated to religious organizations so that the Jews in Israel, especially those in migrants who have recently arrived, could be exposed to and

benefit from Orthodox Judaism. UJA members note that this suggestion is not feasible because the money was donated solely to the appeal and cannot be diverted to other organizations without the permission of the donors. In addition, UJA funds are not funneled merely for religious objects and ceremonies, but to help poor Jews obtain the skills to support themselves and to provide poor and immigrant Jews with food, a home, Hebrew instruction, and guidance.

The annual campaign kickoff began on March 5, with an ice cream party in the Orange Lounge. Contributions for the ice cream party were made by Mr. Marty Goldberg of Wakefern Foods, Mr. Jules Rose and Mr. Ed O'Flarity of Sloan Supermarkets, and Mr. Stuart Rosen of D. Roden Baking Supplies. Miss Ella Tamshie, a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union and Coordinator at the Student Committee of UJA in Greater New York City, spoke of her dramatic escape from Russia and the extent to which the UJA assisted in it.

### Rings and Things Engaged

Engaged

Lori Fried '75 to Kenny Schrier  
Karen Cochlin '75 to Michael Skoba  
Barbara Perlman '75 to Michael Frogel  
Dorrit Wollman '75 to Yaakov Rothstein  
Leslie Hettelman '75 to Jeff Silverberg  
Caryl Schacter '75 to Bob Gluck  
Gabi Freudenbergler '75 to Gene Wasserman  
Shoshana Newman '74 to Sonya Ganger  
Jackie Rooder '76 to Marvin Binstock  
Judy Brun '73 to David Wisotsky

### Married

Rochelle Bernstein '71 to David Shmuckler  
Tova Horowitz '76 to Ricky Goldstein

### Births

Huttie Ramraz Pomrenze - a girl

## News Briefs

### Council Election Set For May 3.

The election of the Student Council Executive Board for 1973-74 academic year will be held on May 3. Council President Shirley Stark has reminded students that nominations for officers will be accepted until April 13, and may be placed on the sign on the Council Bulletin Board.

Elections for class officers and senators will take place on May 10. The application for these nominations is May 4. No student on probation may run for any council on class office.

### Tay-Sachs Testing April 11.

Tay Sachs testing of Stern College students will take place on Wednesday, April 11, hours to be announced. A minimal fee will be charged each student who wishes to be tested. Genetic counseling and medical information will be available for all students both at the tests and when the results are returned. Further information can be obtained from Shellie Black in room 12E.

### Many Stars at Techia Concert.

Techia will sponsor its first benefit concert on Saturday, April

7, at 8:45 p.m. in Lampport Auditorium. Funds raised will be used to subsidize students participants in the Techia summer program to aid Russian in Israel. Tickets can be bought from Judy Kleinerman in room 3A and Debbie Sternberg in room 10D. The concert will feature a number of musical groups and performers, including Mizmor Shiur, the Bat Kol, Tzachi Ben Ari, Yidd Singers, Cantor David Werdyger and his son.

### Seminar Advisors Sought.

Applications are now being accepted for advisory positions at forthcoming teenage Torah Leadership Seminars. Forms may be obtained at the Youth Bureau-Furst Hall-Room 419.

Interviews for advisors will be arranged upon receipt of completed applications.

Students (currently sophomores and above) who are interested in serving at Summer Seminars should apply without delay.

Seminar programs will be taking place in the following locations during the last week of August—the East, Central East-Canada and the Northwest.

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