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Pictured L to R: Dr. Norman Lamm, President Yeshiva University; Ora Rutner, President Stern College Student Council; Amy J. Mehl, Editor-in-Chief, The Observer; Mr. David Yagoda, member Stern College Board of Directors. In front of the new, recently renovated Hedi Steinberg Library Feb. 16th.

Phase One of New Library Complete

by Nechama Goldman

Mauve wall to wall carpeting, dusty rose chairs, new xerox machines and study areas greeted students returning from vacation. In place of the old Periodical now stands a spacious, airy addition to the Hedi Steinberg library.

Everything is new and freshly painted. Two rooms in the back of the new wing have been built to facilitate students' needs for studying in groups.

A room was built solely for the purpose of xeroxing, with a change machine capable of changing \$1 and \$5 bills as well as sophisticated photocopy machines. Large new card catalogues and study carrels were delivered last week. A lounge area was set up with comfortable sofas for napping, snacking, and chatting.

Professor Edith Lubetski, head librarian, revealed that several years ago Stern requested additional space to meet the growing requirements of the college.

"Students needed more of everything," she said, "from space for studying to xerox machines to new books."

"Midterm and final times were a nightmare for both students and librarians," said Beverly Raskin, SCW junior. "Long lines for the copier and crowded study areas often resulted in headaches, irritation, and tension that led students to look elsewhere for quiet places to study."

The library's needs were reviewed, commented Lubetski. It was agreed that more room was needed to house the Stern library. A generous gift from David Yagoda, member of the Stern College board of directors, provided the financing to initiate the library's renovations.

A major force behind the new library's installation, Jeff Rosengarten, explained how everything fell into place. Meetings began about two years ago between Professor Lubetski, Dean Bacon, Mr. Rosengarten and other members of administration.

An architectural firm was hired to draw up blueprints of the ideas the management had devised. The prints were reviewed by YU's Doug Rogers and Jeff Sokol. Recommendations were made and plans were finalized. The renovations were to take place in three phases.

Originally the library was to be completed in September 1988. It was decided that a state of the art heating and ventilation system would be installed. This system led to several delays. However, when finished, it will be possible to circulate air in Koch Auditorium as well as throughout the various wings of the library.

This system will enable the library and technical staff to measure the exact amount of air, heat, and temperature needed for a given area.

Mr. Rosengarten is very proud of the craftsmanship the YU staff has put into the library. "The work was done almost exclusively by YU maintenance men. Our staff has grown to a point where they can handle major construction."

Presently, the first set of renovations have been completed. The administration was anxious to surprise the students with the new facilities by the time vacation ended. Reference materials have been moved from upstairs to the downstairs, now called the North Wing.

New chairs, tested last year by students, have just arrived. The index section is more organized

and makes it easier to locate books. The carrels provide a large degree of privacy for students sitting next to each other. The study rooms provide comfortable and spacious areas for reading out loud.

"The whole set up is more efficient," says librarian Naomi Bricker. The librarians are happy in their new environment. Sara Leah Gross, noted that "women have special needs aesthetically. It is much more conducive for women to work in a physically attractive environment."

Ms. Bricker pointed out that the work that went on over vacation was tremendous. "There was a great rush to finish everything before school resumed," she said.

Dean Orlan is delighted with the new library. She feels that the students have been taken very much into consideration. A lot of sensitivity to Stern women's needs went into the planning. "I hope students take advantage of it."

There are still more renovations to come. The library has been engaged in expansion of their Judaica Collection for their last year and a half. This year a monetary gift donated by Murray and Linda Laulicht, has given the library opportunity to expand further and results are beginning to show on the shelves.

A new Periodical and Audio Visual Room is being set up a floor below the new North wing. It will house all back issues of periodicals, microfilm, microfiche, more study areas, and hopefully, record and cassette players.

Shelves from upstairs are going to be spread out over the three floors that will soon house

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Collegiate Law Student Speaks Out on Bernard Goetz Case

by Clara Goldberger

On Tuesday (February 21), the Annual Morris F. Busch Forum of the Arts was held. The guest lecturer was Professor Bernard Fletcher, the Bernard Professor of Law at Columbia University. He spoke on the topic of "Reflections on the Bernard Goetz Case: Secular and Jewish Law."

Professor Fletcher followed the Goetz trial very closely and wrote a book on it entitled, *A Crime of Self-Defense: Bernard Goetz and the Law of Trial*.

The Goetz case brought forth many of the problems that concern contemporary American society. Among these are survival in an urban setting, racism, the criminal justice system and community rights versus the rights of individuals.

On December 22, 1984 Bernard Goetz went to the 67th Street subway station in New York City. He approached a group of four teenagers and said "Give me \$5" as Barry Allen moved in towards Goetz. Goetz responded with "What did you

say?" Goetz then fired his .38 Smith & Wesson revolver.

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"Those punks got what they deserved," were the words of defense witness Andrea Reed. However, the prosecution did not believe that Goetz was justified.

What are the chances of individual survival without personal danger to himself? What is the

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Stern College Students Offered the Chance of Dorming Off Campus

by Beverly Raskin

Stern College has, for the first time, polled a sample of juniors to find out if they would be interested in independent off-campus housing for the fall of 1989.

This was in anticipation of an even larger freshman class due to the 20% increase in students this year, and the 10% increase in applications to SCW.

The students answering the questionnaire were asked to specify which area of Manhattan they would prefer: the East Side Stern vicinity or the West Side Lincoln Center area.

This revolutionary step stems from the overcrowded dorm conditions of the past fall. Hene Kupferman, resident advisor of Brookdale Hall, SCW's dormitory on 34th Street, reported that the dorm was filled to capacity this year.

Rooms that previously held four students are currently housing five students. All 362 beds in the dorm were occupied this past fall.

The underlying reason for the growth of the student body, according to Judy Falcin, director of Admissions, is attributed to Stern's reputation as a more selective and academically challenging school.

Rebecca Stannard, an assistant Admissions director, added that the growing interest in continuing one's yeshiva education into the college years has drawn more students.

Other signs of SCW's growth are reflected in increased student selection and other signs. This semester, for example, a third section of art history has been added, as well as additional biology labs and another section of English composition.

In some cases, class size was simply increased to accommodate the additional students at Stern College. Biology for example, for example, has increased from 18 students in the spring of '88 to 28 students this spring semester.

Moreover, the administration has increased the number of students. Other signs of growth are a marked increase in the number of overbooked dormitory rooms.

One of the most significant indications of growth is the Stern College expansion. Students and faculty had themselves advised to move up against the odds and were trying, in vain, to find a new site.

Elvynne Friedman is a frequently used source for news. Friedman was one of the first to hear about their lunch to class, and must first survive the campus trip.

The actual size of the expanding freshman class is somewhat thin point. Yet, one thing is for certain — enrollment is on the rise.

Responding to these changes and the growing needs of the student body are the proposed plans for additional housing.

Editorial

Shabbat Complaints Unfounded

The quality and availability of the Shabbat programming at Stern College was recently discussed at this year's Academic Standards Committee meeting.

Complaints were voiced by a few SCW students attending the meeting concerning a lack of a congenial and spiritual atmosphere on Shabbat.

Students who go home every Thursday night and return Sunday afternoon or late evening, should perhaps try the dorm once in a while before judging for themselves.

If indeed, the programs, meals and sponsoring clubs are found to be boring and uninspiring, students may very well make alternate plans. For those who have stayed in the dorm and found it an experience they have no wish to repeat, we now urge you to give it another chance.

Great lengths are taken to provide SCW students with a pleasant Shabbat atmosphere. Usually, unless it's before finals or reading week, Sheldon Kupferman, director of Shabbat planning, sees to it that a YC/SCW society or club is sponsoring a particular Shabbat.

In fact, his calendar is booked at the beginning of the year, and a printed schedule is posted in the dormitory by the end of every week.

Michael Arzouane, a YC junior, assists Sheldon every week with supervising the food's distribution, and books rooms for YC students at the Bedford Hotel, located within short walking distance from SCW.

The last two weeks, for example, drew over 100 YC and SCW students for the YC/SCW Sephardic Shabbaton, and almost an equal turn out for the joint Fine Arts Shabbaton.

These Shabbatonim and others like them, feature custom planned meals, guest speakers, Divrei Torah, an Oneg Shabbat Friday evening, visits to NYU Hospital and an optional Saturday night event.

It is not necessarily the responsibility of this University to provide entertainment every Shabbat; nevertheless, special efforts are made to ensure regular minyanim, made up of YC students, along with three Shabbat meals.

For \$14.00, an SCW student is entitled to three Shabbat meals. The cafeteria will even remain open without the sponsorship of a club if only 25 girls sign up for meals.

Unfortunately, many girls staying at the dorm anyway, choose to stay in their rooms and arrange to share meals with friends.

This is of course up to the individual, but it is a sad commentary on a school composed almost totally of Orthodox, Sabbath observing young women, that those staying in the dorm, prefer to remain holed up in their rooms for the duration of Shabbat.

To these girls, we say, come and join the Shabbat program. If you think it can be improved, tell the students in charge. If the meals don't meet with your standards, see if they can be changed. But don't complain about the lack of a Shabbat atmosphere at Stern College, when you do nothing to contribute to it.

Mid-Term Exam Suggestions

With mid-term examinations fast approaching, pressure is understandably mounting as students and teachers struggle to complete material on time. In many ways, this time of year is more difficult than finals, since students must find time to study between regularly scheduled classes. With this in mind, THE OBSERVER would like to air the following suggestions in the hopes of relieving some of the customary "mid-term pressure."

Grades received from mid-term examinations often have a considerable effect on final grades, and should be treated as such. It is only fair that students be notified of these marks within two weeks of the test, so that they may react accordingly. The practice of returning mid-terms after final examinations is obviously unfair; students must be granted the opportunity to improve their grades or, if need be, P.N. their courses.

Likewise, it is unreasonable to make up exams which take more time to complete than a course's allotted hours. This is especially true since other professors must review material for their own mid-terms during school hours. Had mid-term examinations been intended to occupy additional class periods, a regular test schedule would have been implemented as during final exams. A mid-term examination is not intended to be, and shouldn't be, as lengthy as a final examination.

We strongly recommend that professors keep a back-up copy of all mid-term marks. The few minutes it takes to xerox a page of grades might make all the difference in the event of misplacement or theft.

One last suggestion is to make exam questions available to students upon receiving mid-term grades. The currently popular practice of returning test answers without questions is of no service to students who wish to review their mistakes.

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SCW's Library Needs Finally Recognized

The Observer would like to extend thanks to the individuals responsible for providing SCW students with an updated library facility on the first floor. By supplying students with a new library addition, many problems discussed in recent issues of *The Observer* have been addressed. We are grateful to those who were instrumental in responding to the following demands:

Expanding the library to provide extra space for study.

Lessening xeroxing problems by installing newly-updated machines in a separate room.

Providing sound-proof rooms within the library for group study when others are trying to concentrate.

Creating an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere for those who wish to study in the library.

Supplying soft furniture to those who wish to read in comfort — or take a nap between book chapters.

We are grateful to those who worked hard to ready the library in time for spring semester. The Observer would especially like to recognize Mr. David Yagoda, Member of the Stern College Board of Directors, for his assistance in this project. We look forward to seeing the library renovations fully completed as planned.

Letters

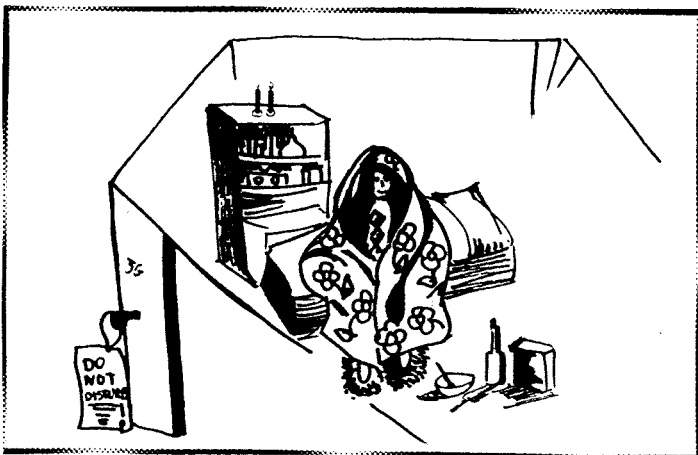
Hamashkif Apologizes

To the Editor:

The editors and staff of Hamashkif apologize for any misunderstandings concerning the article "Sheker Hachen Vehevel HaYofi," that appeared in the last issue of Hamashkif. The article was supposed to represent a comical view of a freshman's first trip down to Stern.

In no way was it meant to offend or attack anyone. We apologize for poor judgment and hope that nobody was hurt.

In addition, we invite Stern students to participate in future editions of our paper. Hamashkif Editors and Staff



The Staff of The Observer extends its condolences to Dean Karen Bacon, Dr. Jeffrey Gurock and Mr. Lenny Brandwein on their recent loss of a loved one.

Opinion

Are Students getting a Third-Rate Food Deal?

by Tammy Berkower

This fall, the Nu-Wave Express was introduced in the Orange Lounge of Brookdale Hall, and the Vending Cafe on SCW's first floor was updated with a larger selection of food. Both were meant to be convenient, quick means of providing dinner and snacks to SCW students.

The benefits of the vending machine dinners, however, are few. Both vending cafeterias supply limited selections of food, often found to be of inferior quality. Saran-wrapped, microwaveable TV dinners are no substitute for regular hot food services.

There are over 35 evening classes offered at SCW, yet the school cafeteria closes at 2:30 p.m. Students in class all day until 9:00 p.m. have little time to prepare a meal or run for a quick bite at local kosher restaurants. Those who do find time to eat out must deal with a burdensome expense.

In the school building's updated Vending Cafe, it is

difficult to purchase a wholesome and appetizing meal. The microwave meant for heating up the few "meals" available is outdated and frequently burns food. The change machine is usually "temporarily out of service" after 5:00 p.m. Often, students attending late-night classes must go without food or eat a candy bar for supper.

Although the Nu-Wave Express was established with the consultation of the presidents of SCWSC, TAC, and SSSB, student dissatisfaction is apparent. One upper sophomore remarked, "I feel like a rat scrambling for food." Her roommate, a junior, added, "My mom went to school here when there was a meal plan. I skip meals because I do not have the time to shop for food."

SCW Food Services has attempted to solve these problems by instituting special "food nights" in the Orange Lounge, such as a Soup and Salad Night. These evenings, organized by Adam Heyman, manager of the Nu-Wave Express, have been welcomed by SCW students.

However, these evenings are too few to satisfy the demand, and do not help those students who must spend their evenings in the school building.

Claudine Sokol, a junior at SCW, along with other students, recently took action in response to the complaints of the student body. She established a Food Committee to bring the students' needs to the attention of the University, and is currently campaigning for the support of a meal plan. A petition to restore the SCW cafeteria for dinner was circulated, and received over 200 signatures.

It seems obvious that a change is in order. The vending machines should merely be a pleasant addition to the food services. The wide array of snacks and drinks are popular among dorm residents and should be available for late night study breaks.

It is the responsibility of the University to provide, at the very least, adequate meal services. Currently, both the Nu-Wave Express and the Vending Cafe do not satisfy these demands.

YC and SCW Student Leaders Sound Off at UAC Meeting

by Cindy Schlanger

SCW and YC student leaders were recently invited to a meeting of the Undergraduate Advisory Council's Committee on Academic Affairs.

The UAC was formed three years ago and it is made up of three committees: Student Life and Placement, Administrative Procedures, Environment and Facilities, and Academic Affairs.

While the UAC is only an advisory committee, several of its suggestions have already been implemented by the University. The shuttle service between the uptown and downtown campuses was one such suggestion. Another was the creation of the Board of Directors for Stern College.

In addition to student leaders, the meeting was attended by Committee members as well as University officials. The meeting was chaired by Nachum L. Gordon, and began with a lengthy discussion of Shabbat programming on both campuses.

There appeared to be a consensus among YC students that there is a severe lack of adequate Shabbat programming uptown. Programs are either non-existent or uninteresting, and fail to attract a variety of the student body. A similar complaint was voiced by some Stern students, who complained that Shabbat programming at Stern is either uninteresting or repetitive.

However, there were students who also expressed a great deal of satisfaction with the Shabbat programming at SCW. After spending a lengthy amount of time on this topic and others relating to student life at YU, the committee discussed several issues pertaining to academic life.

Committee Chairman Nachum Gordon discussed a

report that the committee will be issuing concerning JSS, YC's James Striar School, which the committee called the best and least known program at YC.

Continuing in this vein, Judaic Studies problems were voiced by SCW students about the elementary level courses.

Students on the elementary level of Judaic Studies are locked into three courses a semester which they must take, unlike the students at other levels who have a variety of classes to choose from.

Another issue raised was a feeling that religious guidance is lacking for girls coming into Stern with little or no yeshiva background.

Another topic discussed at length both at a dinner held before the meeting, as well as at the meeting itself, was the topic of teacher evaluations. This has been a longstanding gripe of YU undergraduates; they have no way to evaluate teacher performance and the classes that are taught.

The Council is run through of Dr. Herbert C. Dobrinsky's office, Vice President for University Affairs. The Council and its committees were formed in order for the University administrators to gain a better understanding of and to improve the undergraduate schools. While the committee said that they would take this and all other suggestions under advisement, the committee is only an advisory one and doesn't have the power to implement its suggestions.

Yet, as Chayala Gottesman, SCW Junior Class President said, "This meeting was an extremely important one because it provided students with an opportunity to express their opinions about undergraduate life at YU in an open forum."

Computer Majors at SCW Cannot Compute

by Yaffy Kletzel

The SCW student who wishes to major in computers finds herself confronted by many hardships. Aside from the required three math and eleven computer courses, the student is unnecessarily forced to schedule her work around that of the computer room's schedule.

Any student who wishes to use the computer must do so before midnight, when the security guard forces everyone to vacate the room. While this is an inconvenience to all, it most harms the student enrolled in a computer course.

For students using the computer merely as a word processor, the option of a typewriter still exists if she does not complete her work in the allotted time. Yet, for one working on a program, the computer is a necessity. There is no substitute.

YC computer majors do not encounter even a semblance of the problems facing SCW students. The computers uptown are available to a student 24 hours a day. The SCW computer major, however, can not work round-the-clock.

Since the computer room is only open a few hours after classes end, there never seems to be any quiet in the room. Thus, the SCW programmer patiently awaits the silence that never comes. She is unable to think in the confusion, and constantly

must stop her work to aid other students.

If the computer room were open later, silence would inevitably set in, and serious students would be able to concentrate.

Concern for student security prevents extension of SCW computer room hours. The ideal solution to this dilemma would be to install an entire computer lab in the dorm for all the students' use. However, undoubtedly lack of funds, space and computer guidance would prevent such an endeavor.

A compromise might be to install several computers, able to log into the YU network, exclusively for computer majors' use. Located in one of the study halls, they should be made accessible through passwords given only to those students enrolled in computer courses. Such a setup would eliminate computer abuse, and would enable computer majors to complete work on time.

The time has come for YU to pay attention to the difficulties encountered by SCW computer students. If the computer department is to expand and attract students, it must project a positive image. Hiring solid professors is not enough; a system must be implemented where the University enables computers to service those who need them most.

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on your engagements

**The Staff of
The Observer invites you
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**Guests include:
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and
Jonathan Mark
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The Jewish Week**

35 High School Editors Visit SCW and YC to Learn About Journalism

by Rochelle Newman

A conference on the moral and ethical values affecting Jewish journalists was explored by approximately 35 Yeshiva High School Editors from all over the United States and Canada.

Prominent Jewish journalists from print and broadcast media, also joined the conference. This featured seminars and lectures at which writing and reporting skills were discussed by University professors and student editors from all the Yeshiva University undergraduate papers.

The goal of the conference, according to Judah Harris, Assistant Director of Admissions of Yeshiva, was "to provide communication skills for the visiting students and to convey the idea that a communications career is possible for them despite possible religious conflict."

The conference began last Thursday at Stern College with the New York Times religion editor, Ari Goldman, who spoke on world communications. He encouraged students not to give up a career in journalism because of religious conflict. He said that if it is a "passion" it is a field that should be pursued.

Following Goldman, Elka Schmidman, a SCW senior majoring in history, spoke on "Knowing Your Reader." Schmidman posed various examples of news stories and demonstrated the proper way to present them to various audiences.

During dinner later that evening, the editors from the Yeshiva and Stern College Newspapers and journals discussed the purposes of their papers and the problems of combining schoolwork with the tremendous responsibilities involved in running a college newspaper and periodical.

During Friday's seminars, Elliot Mogin, who wrote the screenplay for Superman I and II, spoke. Shoshana Leibler, a former newscaster for WINS

Sara Lee Kessler, an anchorwoman for WWOR-TV, (channel nine news) to view and discuss her widely acclaimed "Israel at 40: The Dream, the Reality."

This broadcast was the winner of the of the International Film and Television Festival Award for the Best Coverage of a Continuing News Story. Ms. Kessler spoke to the students

obtain information for a story were discussed.

"These questions will be explored from the point of view of Halacha," explained Harris. The media representatives related personal experiences of how they have handled conflicts between their religious beliefs and professional responsibilities.



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about television news reporting.

On Sunday morning, a panel consisting of Abe Rosenberg, president of the Association of Orthodox Jews in Communication, and television co-producer of WCBS News at noon in New York, Irene Klass, Women's Editor of the Jewish Press and Susan Rosenbluth from the Jewish Voice of New Jersey, discussed "Religious Observance and Professional Responsibilities: Is there a Conflict?"

The entire conference was coordinated by the Office of Admissions at Yeshiva University and the Torah High School Network, an affiliate of the University.

"We want to expose these students to the challenges of being an observant Jew involved in media as well as provide them with technical skills needed in the field," said Jeffrey Lichtman, executive director for the Torah High School Network.

SSSB Honors Nobel Prize Winning Economist

by Naomi Leiser

Nobel prize winning Economist Dr. Franco Modigliani, the University's first Ira and Doris Kukin visiting Professor of Finance, spoke at a dinner given in his honor earlier this semester, sponsored by the Sy Syms School of Business. Held at the Weissberg Commons in Y.C.'s Belfer hall, it was attended by over 100 faculty and board members, most notably, Dr. Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, Dean Schiff and Dean Jaskol of the Sy Syms School of Business, Hal Beretz chairman of the SSSB board and Dr. Kukin who is on the SSSB board.

Dr. Modigliani delivered a 40 minute talk on Corporate Debt and Leveraged buy outs. His speech was augmented by a series of tables and graphs which he had enlarged and illuminated on the wall. Modigliani spoke clearly and concisely. Although his voice was low and at times difficult to hear, he appeared to have everyone's rapt attention. A few people even took notes.

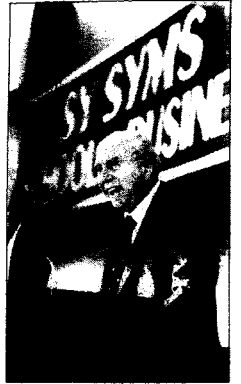
The dinner, which began at six o'clock, was a low key affair despite the big names which attended it. The dinner itself was preceded by drinks and hors d'oeuvres. By seven p.m., most people were seated, group photos had been taken, introductions made and hands shaken.

At eight p.m., the cutlery ceased its clatter and the official business was begun. By nine most of the tables were clear and dessert was being served. Only a few people, mostly students, remained to partake in the coffee and cake and especially to be allowed the opportunity of addressing questions to Modigliani. Modigliani himself did not leave until close to ten, having spoken with all those who wished to question him.

Student response to Modigliani has been positive, though only 25 YC students are enrolled in the course, and of those 25 a

few are expected to drop.

Students feel it is a tremendous honor to have Dr. Modigliani, who also teaches at M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Business, and



Dr. Franco Modigliani

feel challenged by the heavy course load. Modigliani himself is happy to be at Yeshiva University and was looking forward to the upcoming semester. Commenting after teaching his first class at YC, he said, "The students indicated an interest and there were good questions. There were also a good number of wrong answers."

Unlike the YC students who are buckling down and getting ready to tackle the ten page syllabus their renowned professor assigned them, Stern students seemed destined to repeat the much heard complaint, "It just isn't fair."

However, student action did not stop there. Emboldened by Modigliani's quiet and friendly manner, a few SCW students approached the professor and together they reached a satisfactory if not truly balanced agreement. Dr. Modigliani agreed to take a taxi down to Stern once or twice this semester and to spend an hour or two over lunch talking with interested students.

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L to R: Jeffrey Lichtman; Judah Harris; Penirah Schram

Radio in N.Y., spoke about radio reporting. Heidi Tenzer, editor of Jewish Action, the Magazine of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in America, spoke about producing a publication.

The Shabbos part of the program included Rav Aron Kahn, who lectured on the importance of prayer as communication. Saturday night, the students visited the home of

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Spotlight On Women of Achievement Profile: SCW Alumnae —First in a Series—

by Amy J. Mehler

Monday through Friday, clients hire the Mitchell Ascher Advertising Agency for the creative solutions Mrs. Susan Ascher, as President, can provide.

But it's her two collegiate children, husband and alma mater who receive her attention and devotion seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Few alumni have impacted on the quality of education, facilities and perpetuation of the

for the school. She said simply, "the school needs it."

Such altruistic gestures are nothing new for this Stern College alumnae.

After graduating from SCW with a B.A. in Chemistry in 1961, Mrs. Ascher was accepted to the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia.

She had only completed a week, when her father suddenly passed away. Mrs. Ascher decided to teach instead, and transferred to Columbia University where she earned an M.S.,

long, arduous hours she was spending over her Chemistry work.

She laughed as she recalled how he felt it was his obligation find her a date. Mrs. Ascher said he was a much better administrator than Shadchan.

Mrs. Ascher admitted that it wasn't always because of her personality that she was able to establish a good rapport with her professors.

"While taking advertising courses at Parsons to complement her burgeoning Fifth Avenue Advertising Agency, she ran into trouble when a client asked for a media plan.

Having no idea how to begin one, she approached her professor, who was a top executive at Lever Bros.

Mrs. Ascher was surprised when he refused to show her, claiming professional reasons. Therefore, when he agreed to go over the basic principles and show her some of his own over lunch a few days later, she was curious as to his change of heart.

To her astonishment, the professor told her that when he reviewed her resume, and found that she was a Stern College graduate, he immediately changed his mind. He said he would be happy to work along with a Yeshiva University graduate.

"The name of Stern College really does mean something in the 'real world,' Mrs. Ascher confided.

"I found that when I got out of Stern, and started competing against the students at Columbia, I was as well if not better prepared."

One of the proudest moments Mrs. Ascher remembers is moving her daughter Pia into the Brookdale Hall dormitory this spring. One of the saddest moments will be the day when her daughter, too, leaves its halls to enter the working world.

The biggest consolation, of course, she said, "is knowing that the lessons of Stern College will always remain with you."

Kahane Delivers Shiur at YC Campus Before Packed Audience

by Amy J. Mehler

Rabbi Meir Kahane, whose Kach Party was banned from running in the Nov. '89 Knesset elections, delivered a shiur on the Jewish moral and halachic obligation to defend and reclaim the land of Israel. The speech was delivered before a packed audience Feb. 16, at Yeshiva College's Rubin Shul.

Citing biblical events with their midrashim, along with such Rishonim as the Rambam, Ramban and Rashbam, Kahane classified the recapturing of lands not currently under Jewish control as "a war of obligation." He noted that this duty superseded one's self preservation of life, as well as the observance of Shabbat and Yom Kippur.

"War by nature is dangerous," Kahane said. "It's absurd to say it's a mitzvah to go to war except when it's dangerous. In this case, the danger is pushed aside, not the war."

Kahane defended his position by upholding G-d's honor as foremost in importance. "Jewish defeat in the eyes of non-Jews means Hashem is weak or doesn't exist."

"Hashem gave us Eretz Yisrael," Kahane said, "It's not within our power to give it up."

Kahane, who is in the United States preparing for a hearing in May that will decide the fate of his American visa, was invited to speak by Shmuel Spizer, a junior and Kach representative at YC.

Spizer said he arranged the date and lecture through YC's Israel Affairs Committee, which is presided over by Ronnie Kastner. However, Spizer was told the Friday before "that the committee didn't have anybody to introduce the speaker."

He then approached Mordai Leifer, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council. Leifer gave him the Council's approval and agreed to sponsor the event.

Kastner said that Spizer had not gone through the Calendar Committee and had failed to take into account another lecture featuring Israeli journalist,



Pircha Lottner. The event was sponsored the same night by the Israel Affairs Committee at Stern College.

"The reason there would not have been someone to host the event," insisted Kastner, "was because neither myself nor Moshe Fuksbrumer, Vice President of Israel Affairs, could have been there." Spizer just went ahead and told us this was the only date Kahane could come; he did not take into consideration previous commitments."

Certain comments made by Kahane during the question and answer period following his address alluded to apparent internal difficulties he encountered before coming to speak.

"I had real trouble speaking here tonight," Kahane said sarcastically. "It's a tragedy I'm not the widow of Sadat, or the head of Israel's Labor Party."

Kahane was referring to the invitation YU extended to Jihan Sadat, wife of the late Anwar Sadat, and Shimon Peres, then foreign minister of Israel, to speak at the 1987 Hannukah Dinner.



Pia and Susan Ascher

spirit in their undergraduate colleges, as Susan Ascher has.

"My mom is one of the most energetic people I've ever known," says her 18-year-old daughter Pia, a freshman at SCW. "She's on the go every day, and does everything to perfection."

Mrs. Ascher didn't waste any time after joining the Stern College Board of Directors established last May. She organized a four-person film crew to video everything from classrooms to dorm rooms, in order to capture the essence of life at Stern College.

According to Mrs. Ascher, it was a feeling she wanted the film to convey: "a feeling of friendship and atmosphere of warmth that is in the school."

When the idea of a video was initially rejected because of its prohibitive cost, Mrs. Ascher volunteered the services of a crew she had worked with before on several projects.

Her effort stemmed from a desire to do something lasting

and met her husband, Richard, a young dentist.

Following commencement, Mrs. Ascher spent a few years teaching Chemistry and high school science in Yonkers.

Teaching and taking care of her young son David, now a senior at YC, soon became too much of a drain on her energies. Mrs. Ascher decided to stop teaching, and in her spare time, volunteered in the science laboratories at SCW.

As a Chemistry major, Mrs. Ascher enjoyed an unusually close rapport with her professors.

"The school was so small then, it was much easier to develop intimate relationships with the teachers," she said. "Dr. Friedland, then head of Biology, was a particular role model for me. I always felt like I could do whatever I wanted; become anything I wanted."

Dean Rabinowitz, then a Chemistry instructor, was another favorite of Mrs. Ascher's. She recalled how the Dean took pity on her for the

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Anti-Jewish Hate Groups Come In All Shapes And Sizes

by Gila Iskowitz

The mid-70s saw a revival of racist and anti-Jewish groups which gained momentum from America's economic slump and the war in Vietnam. Since 1984, however, the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups have been experiencing increasing fragmentation resulting from the arrests of key leaders as well as crippling fines.

While this fragmentation weakened the more established groups, it also gave rise to the emergence of many new radical groups who, desperate to restore power to racist movements, resorted to violence.

against Blacks, Jews, and other minority groups. They are best known for their evening escapades when, cloaked in white robes and hoods, they burn crosses and terrorize the homes of the victims of their hate.

Among their more successful rallies was the one in Chicago, two summers ago, which was organized by a faction of the Tusculum based Knights which boasts approximately 100 active members. The rally attracted a crowd of over 500 sympathizers and was the scene of some ugly racial incidents.

intended to recruit new members of Mid-West farmers into the Identity movement.

The violence of the movement was illustrated by Jim Ellison, leader of the Identity group known as the Covenant, the Sword, the Arm of the Lord. Commenting on the death of Gordon Kahl, an active member in the movement who was killed

shaven headed youths ranging in age from 13 to 25 who sport Nazi insignia and preach violence against Blacks, Hispanics, Jews, Asians, and homosexuals.

At first glance, the Skinheads may appear to be merely an outgrowth of the punk movement, and indeed, not all Skinheads qualify as racists. However, they are all easily identified by their unusual appearance. Taking their cue from their English counterparts, Skinheads shave their heads, display tattoos with Nazi or Satanic symbols, wear jeans, suspenders and "Doc Martins" (heavy English style boots), and listen to loud rock music.

Typically, they prefer music promoting the theme of "white power" and listen to groups such as "The Final Solution," affiliated with a Skinhead group in Chicago calling itself, "Romantic Violence."

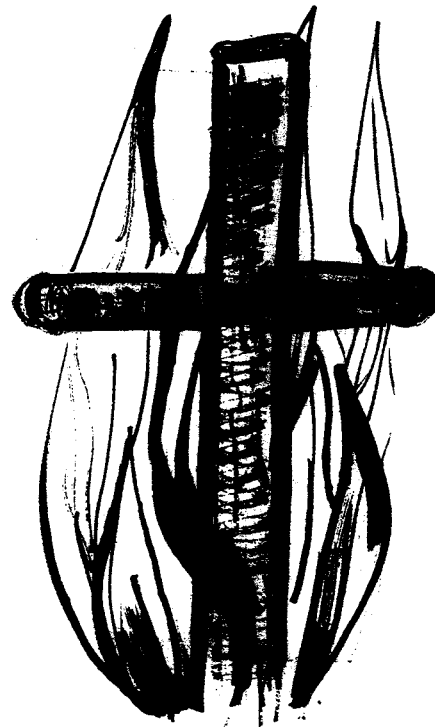
An offshoot of the White Student Union, the Skinheads continue to affiliate themselves with a variety of neo-Nazi groups, as the older groups seek to tap the energies and hatred of the young Skinheads and enlist them into their own thinning ranks.

WHITE Aryan RESISTANCE

The White Aryan Resistance (WAR) currently maintains the strongest ties with the Skinheads. The Skinheads have appeared as guests on WAR's cable TV program "Race and Reason," shown in some 20 cable markets in various parts of the country.

Tom Metzger, host of the program and leader of WAR, is instrumental in publicizing the Skinheads' activities and drawing new members through publications and phone messages. Metzger has often praised Skinhead violence, calling them his "frontline warriors."

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IDENTITY MOVEMENT

Anti-Semitic Incidents On The Rise Across United States

By Banji Latkin

A Brooklyn Synagogue was vandalized in September. Six Torahs were burned, swastikas were spray painted all over the outside of the building. Because of the age of the vandals, they weren't given a jail sentence.

In November, Doni Greenblatt, a 19-year-old Yeshiva University student, was stabbed on YU's campus. That attack was also committed by young vandals.

While American Jews were commemorating the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, over 60 anti-Semitic acts were reported. Anti-Semitism is not something new. Jews have often been the scapegoats, harassed, and the targets of violent attacks. Things are getting worse.

There were 823 incidents of anti-Jewish vandalism committed in 1988, according to a report recently released by the Anti-

Defamation League. That figure was up from 694 in 1987. The report also revealed that there was an 18.5% increase in anti-Jewish incidents such as arson, swastikas painted on synagogues and school buildings, threats and assaults.

The report also stated that there were anti-Jewish incidents on 38 campuses in 1988, as opposed to only 14 in 1987.

Though violent acts may cause physical damage, they do not tell the whole story. Literary and verbal damage may be equally as harmful. A recent article published by the ADL reports that the use of the term "JAP" as a racial slur has been steadily increasing. On college campuses such as Cornell University and SUNY Binghamton, degrading articles and "Jap Jokes" were recently published in student humor magazines. The jokes which originally began as good natured humor

(What do Japs make for dinner? Reservations) have evolved into blatant insults (What do you call six Japs face down in a pool of water? Astart).

T-Shirts with slogans such as "Jap Busters" and "No Japs Allowed" are being manufactured at an increasingly large rate on these and other campuses.

Louis Farrakhan, probably the most well-known among blatant anti-Semites, is also encouraging campus anti-Semitism. He has appeared as a speaker on many college campuses nationwide. When speaking at George Washington University, he used phrases such as, "I'm a victim of your bigotry, how can I be a bigot?"

While Farrakhan spoke inside, students demonstrating his visit outside were assaulted by member of the "Fruit of Islam," a radical group that serves as Farrakhan security

by Deena Yellin

Anti-Semitism runs deep in the human experience. It has commanded the attention and the energies of experts in psychology, sociology, religion and politics. The phenomenon is not fully understood but it seems that human beings require some avenue of release for their frustrations.

Through a combination of variables, including coincidence and historical forces, the Jew has often been the focus of aggression. Even today, in our modern technological society, anti-Semitism is a reality, even among educated circles. What is the root of this ugly disease and what is the solution?

According to Mordechai Levi, the head of the Jewish Defence Organization, ignorance isn't the cause of anti-Semitism, but rather, "When the times get rough, people get rough...the answer to anti-Semitism is to physically fight back."

Levi believes that Jews should know how to defend themselves. "The bully picks the victim," says Levi, "and the Jew should stop being the victim." Levi points to the recent stabbing at Y.U. as an incident of blatant anti-Semitism in which Y.U. students should have played a more active role.

"The answer to anti-Semitism is to physically fight back."

Susan Green, the director of Services of the Coalition of Soviet Jewry, believes that anti-Semitism has been "long bred in the Soviet Union since the revolution in 1917 when the Bolsheviks took over and Communism and religion didn't mix."

Officially, anti-Semitism is against the law in the Soviet Union, explained Green, "but it's masked as anti-Zionism so it's really the same thing."

Why They Hate Us

Previously, anti-Semitism was propagated by official sources in the government said Green. Now, because of Glasnost, there's more coming from individuals as opposed to officials.

"Increased efforts by law enforcement authorities to apprehend perpetrators, strict enforcement of anti-bias crime statutes, community counteraction and informational programs to alert the public to the dangers of racially or religiously motivated crimes as well as expanded educational efforts in the nation's schools to combat

Since there is more freedom now in the Soviet Union, Green said, people are more free to speak out and express opinions so there are more hate groups.

Regarding solutions to anti-Semitism, Green says, "I don't believe that a solution is possible. It is something we've been looking for for 2,000 years."

Abraham H. Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, claims that one major factor which contributed to the 1988 upsurge in anti-Semitic incidents is "the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza...a total of 117 incidents were linked by their perpetrators to the Intifada—accounting for almost 1 out of 10 of the anti-Semitic incidents in 1988."

Another contributing force was the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht. According to Foxman, "More than 60 anti-Semitic incidents involving anti-Jewish graffiti and threats were reported during the week of November 6-13 from all parts of the country in connection with observances of the anniversary of the Nazi destruction of synagogues and Jewish property in Germany and Austria. This compares with about 15 such incidents a week during most of the year."

Foxman pointed out the ongoing need for "...vigorous counteraction efforts by law enforcement officials and community, educational and religious leaders." Foxman sees the solution to anti-Semitism as

prejudice and strengthened security measures by Jewish institutions."

Rabbi Saul Berman of the Judaic Studies Department at Stern College points out that "it is vital to draw a distinction between socio-economic anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic violence." According to Berman, the tradition of European anti-Semitism is anti-Semitic violence whereas the tradition of

Berman claims that the Jew is different religiously and culturally, and that we hold ourselves apart. In terms of finding a method to eliminate anti-Semitism Berman says that "It's not necessarily something we should strive to eradicate," because in doing so, we may eradicate our own identities. Rather, we should strive to "keep the consequences of those things (meaning anti-Semitic activities) as subdued as possible."

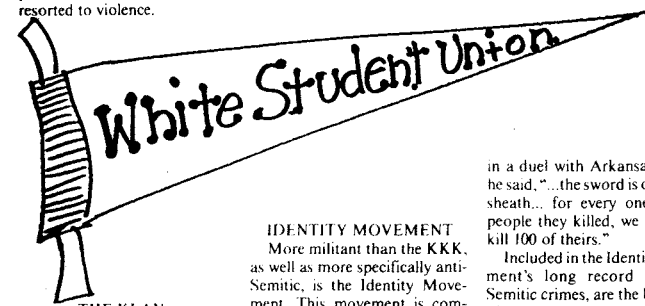
"Anti-Semitism...is not necessarily something we should strive to eradicate."

American anti-Semitism is primarily socio-economic with occasional outbreaks of violence.

"Whether the two forms of anti-Semitism are both outgrowths of the same cause but to different degrees, I don't know," says Berman. However, he believes that the two forms have to be viewed and responded to

White Aryan Resistance

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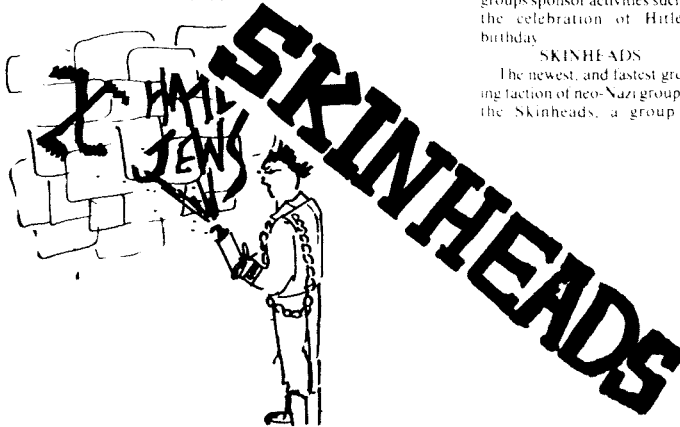
THE KLAN

The Ku Klux Klan is composed of three national organizations: The United Klans of America, the Knights of the KKK, and the Invisible Empire. The first two are based in Alabama and the third is stationed in Connecticut.

The Klan continues to operate mainly in the same states of the Old Confederacy where it was founded following the Civil War. The Invisible Empire, with 1,500-2,000 members is the only national Klan operating outside of the South, and has members in some 21 states.

The most active state in recent years has been South Carolina, where Klan leader Glenn Miller has been very successful in recruiting new Klan members. Miller is now in prison facing a variety of state and federal charges, and his organization, now calling itself the Southern National Front, will try to recover from his absence.

Since the Klan's revival in the mid-70s, reaching its peak membership in 1981 and steadily declining ever since, it has been involved in many racial rallies and violent activities directed





NYC Department Store Windows Forecast Spring Fashions

by Jordana Margolin

The air is dry and cold and the trees are bare, but department store windows are in full bloom with flower-strewn patterns, and the hot pinks and brilliant reds of Spring fashions.

The windows of Bergdorf Goodman, Lord and Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's and B. Altman's, forecast fabrics that loosely tuck, drape and wrap around the body.

Fashions are taking new directions in color and cut to suit every mood, occasion and personal taste.



Lord & Taylor window

THE JACKET

This Spring, the jacket plays a major role. Its lengths will range from the hipbone on down. At Bergdorf's, located at Fifth and 60th St., a Grainfranco Feine long jacket flings loosely over the body. A silky blouse, with its excess fabric intertwining around the waist, is worn underneath.

Displayed in Saks, on Fifth Ave. and 50th St., a beige jacket is an optional addition to a mixed green and creme printed dress.

Squared jackets are offset with a black skirt and fluorescent belt. A striped blue and white jacket is picked up by a navy skirt, while a black polka dotted jacket looks sleek with a black pleated skirt.

POI KA DOTS

Polka dots are dotting everything from sportswear to formal wear. At Bergdorf's, Donna Korman's black polka dotted scarves tie around the head, and are worn with white sailor-collared suits.

One of the more elaborate styles is a blue dress dotted with white, which begins with ruffles at the neck and finishes with flounces at the bottom.

Valentino's blue cropped jacket appearing in Bonwit Teller's window, is dotted in

beige with the matching skirt gathered in pleats. The bit of blue silk thrown casually over the neck gives the outfit its finishing touch.

FLOURESCENTS

In addition to polka dots, fluorescent are flourishing. Straight dresses come in a vast array of hot pinks and oranges. Fluorescent yellows and pinks are shaped and swirled into one dress like puzzle pieces.

Under Macy's giant pink panther at the corner of Broadway and 34th St., windows show colors in "Signs of the Times"—the new wave of fashion sportswear. Tie-dyed fabrics, denims and t-shirts are entitled "flower" power. A potpourri of flowers and smiley faces appear on everything, including skirts. The dominant color of black is embellished with peace symbols and beaded necklaces.

MIX AND MATCH

At B. Altman's, located at Madison and 34th St., a mellow mélange of colors in shades of pinks, peaches and greens are currently displayed. Beige and cream sweaters with vests or blouses are matched with floral printed skirts. The skirts are molded into different lengths, some billowy and black, while others are cream and navy.

Navy is cut loosely in Charlotto Veuville's creme de la navies at Lord and Taylor, at 39th and Fifth Ave. Here navy and black are combined into the same outfit, and navy dresses are ornamented with hats and scarves.

In addition to navy, Lord and Taylor displays a collection of fine, assorted knits in America's patriotic colors of red and white. Included in this collection, is a polka dotted dress with a black belt and jacket lined with white. White, short and long sleeved sweaters are stitched with fine, glittery gold stripes.

A long, rich red knit skirt is ringed with white, as its white knit sweater rises to the neck. Variations on this theme are reversed stripes and colors with cuffed sleeves, and ornamented with gold chains and emblems.

CONTRASTS

Spring is the time for dark and light contrasts. White skirts are worn with black shirts and white shirts are worn with black skirts. Jennifer Jones has designed a tennis outfit of stark lights and

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The Critics' Choice: The Vote Is In —

Recently 40 SCW students were polled for predictions on who would win the Academy Awards. The results were as follows:

Best Actor Nominations

- 1) Edward James Olmos — "Stand and Deliver"
- 2) Max von Sydow — "Pelle the Conqueror"
- 3) Dustin Hoffman — "Rainman"
- 4) Gene Hackman — "Mississippi Burning"
- 5) Tom Hanks — "Big"

And the winner is...Dustin Hoffman with a 90% vote.

Best Actress Nominations

- 1) Glenn Close — "Dangerous Liaisons"
- 2) Meryl Streep — "A Cry in the Dark"
- 3) Jodie Foster — "The Accused"
- 4) Melanie Griffith — "Working Girl"
- 5) Sigourney Weaver — "Gorillas in the Mist"

And the winners are...Jodie Foster and Glenn Close, who tied with a 30% vote for each.

Best Supporting Actress Nominations

- 1) Sigourney Weaver — "Working Girl"
- 2) Joan Griffith — "Working Girl"
- 3) Geena Davis — "The Accidental Tourist"

- 4) Frances McDormand — "Mississippi Burning"
- 5) Michelle Pfeiffer — "Dangerous Liaisons"

And the winner is...Michelle Pfeiffer with a 33% vote.

Best Supporting Actor Nominations

- 1) Sir Alec Guinness — "Little Dorrit"
- 2) Martin Landau — "Tucker"
- 3) River Phoenix — "Running on Empty"
- 4) Dean Stockwell — "Married to the Mob"
- 5) Kevin Kline — "A Fish Called Wanda"

And the winner is...Kevin Kline with a 58% vote.

Best Picture Nominations

- 1) "Rain Man"
- 2) "Mississippi Burning"
- 3) "Dangerous Liaisons"
- 4) "Working Girl"
- 5) "The Accidental Tourist"

And the winner is... "Rain Man" with a 63% vote.

Original Song Nominations

- 1) Bob Telson — "Calling You: "Bagdad Cafe"
- 2) Carly Simon — "Let the River Run: "Working Girl"
- 3) Lamont Dozier and Phil Collins — "Two Hearts: "Buster"

And the winner is...Carly Simon in "Working Girl" with a 53% vote.

Best Costume Design Nominations

- 1) Deborah Nadoolman — "Coming to America"
- 2) James Acheson — "Dangerous Liaisons"
- 3) Jane Robinson — "A Handful of Dust"
- 4) Patricia Norris — "Sunset"
- 5) Milena Canonero — "Tucker: The Man and His Dream"

And the winner is... "Dangerous Liaisons" with a 75% vote.

Best Original Score Nominations

- 1) John Williams — "The Accidental Tourist"
- 2) George Fenton — "Dangerous Liaisons"
- 3) Maurice Jarre — "Gorillas in the Mist"
- 4) Dave Grusin — "The Milagro Beanfield War"
- 5) Hans Zimmer — "Rain Man"

And the winner is... "Rain Man" with a 55% vote.

Best Original Screenplay Nominations

- 1) Gary Ross and Anne Spielberg — "Big"
- 2) Ron Shelton — "Bull Durham"
- 3) John Cleese — "A Fish Called Wanda"
- 4) Ronald Bass and Barry Morrow — "Rain Man"
- 5) Naomi Foner — "Running on Empty"

And the winner is... "Rain Man" with a 45% vote.

"Golem! Danger, Deliverance, And Art"

by Jordana Margolin

It happened in the middle of the night, in a dark and tumultuous time for the Jews of Sixteenth century Prague. A mysterious creature, known as the Golem, was created as a last hope to save the Jews from the raging pogroms destroying Jewish life.

The Golem, a male mute formed out of clay, was invoked by the kabbalist, Rabbi Loew, who lived and taught in the city of Prague. The Rabbi, who was believed to be inspired by God, was believed to have created the Golem by repeating certain Hebrew verses, thereby magically stirring the clay form into a living being.

Some versions of the story, however, tell of the destruction and unhappiness the Golem brought upon the city of Prague. "Golem! Danger, Deliverance, and Art," an extensive exhibit now at the Jewish Museum, sheds new light on this figure cloaked in mystery.

The show, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, explores the concept of a Golem as examined by historians, shaped by artists and pondered by scientists.

Over 200 objects of art based on the legend are included in the exhibition.

In a section of contemporary art, the Golem is presented

through unique shapes and motions. Howard Lerner's Golem is made from oil, paper bags and twigs. Others are constructed from red pigment and wax on masonite, duplicating the texture of clay, the Golem's original substance.

Benjamin Levy's drawing depicts the Golem as a kind of wind-up man. In a series of charcoal and chalk lithographs on paper, Hugo Stern Prag recreates a vivid image of the Golem in the dark and narrow streets which belong to Prague.



Some works, like Michael David's, identify the Golem with a swastika. Through his depiction, this symbol of birth had also become a symbol of destruction.

The Golem also had its effect on the performing arts. The Yiddish poet H. Levick, authored an original dramatic poem telling of the Golem and his relationship to the primitive aspects of man. The poem is on

view with the original set designs used in a production of this play.

Eugen d'Albers opera, Der Golem, a libretto by Ferdinand Lion, is displayed with a charcoal costume design and a photograph of a scene from the opera.

Among the vast collection of literature on exhibit, is an arrangement of Marvel comic books entitled, Strange Tales Featuring "The Golem; The Thing that Walks Like a Man" and a listing of a Golem in The

Monster Manual of "Advanced Dungeons and Dragons."

The wide assortment of books encased in glass are authored by such writers as Isaac Bashevis Singer and Elie Weisel.

One magical section is a mystical attempt to understand how the Golem was initially created, suggesting the power of the oral Hebrew word. One can see and feel the elements of earth, water, and fire, as well as

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Dr. C. Silver Returns After A Year Sabbatical

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series focusing on new or returning professors.

by Naomi Leiser

Often, the failure of students to get to know their professors is their own loss. Unbeknownst to students, many professors lead exciting, interesting lives beyond the classroom.

Dr. C. Silver, a member of Stern's English department, returns this semester from a year's sabbatical. Dr. Silver, besides teaching, has written one book and edited three others. She has also co-edited a book on slang with Dr. Neaman, another English professor at SCW.

They recently added two sections to this book, one on the language of jobs and the other on the language of medicine. Dr. Silver has also written and published numerous essays and articles. A fifth book for which she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities is due out shortly. She spent the greater part of her sabbatical researching and writing this book.

Dr. Silver's field is Victorian Literature, and although much

on this particular subject. She is particularly interested in, "the subterranean beliefs of the culture and how they develop in ways which reflect the societies own biases."

An example of this is the story of the Faerie Bride. This story, which resurfaced in England in the 1880s, is about a faerie who marries a mortal man she eventually leaves. It is significant that this story, which appears in paintings and stories, resurfaces as society becomes embroiled in a debate over womens' rights.

The importance of popular culture, Dr. Silver asserts, is that the patterns and motifs which appear over and over are those which society found important. Thus, through its examination, we can gain an understanding of society's concerns.

Most of Dr. Silver's research had to be conducted in England, where she spent a great deal of time. Although she had no real vacation, she did enjoy the time she spent in England and the opportunity it afforded her to attend the theater.

Dr. Silver also took the time to finally become acquainted with the Word Processor.

"Writing and researching is a rather lonely pursuit," said Dr. Silver, so she welcomes what she refers to as the "invigorating quality of teaching" and the opportunity it gives her to interact with students.

However, teaching has interrupted her research, since none of her classes are at all related to her topic. Also, this semester has proven to be a difficult one with a sharp increase in the size of her classes, an increase she attributes to the growing student body here at Stern.

Dr. Silver faults the school for not providing its faculty with more research leaves. Research is an integral part of a professor's job, she explains. Although she does not feel pressure from the school to publish, she notes that the process of research and writing keeps one fresh and alive intellectually.

The classroom, she says, cannot replace the stimulation of developing new ideas.



Dr. C Silver

of her teaching has been in unrelated areas, her books tend to focus on this topic. In the past she has done a lot of work on William Morris who, although best known as an author, was also a poet, painter, fantasy writer, interior designer and Socialist.

In her next book, rather than focusing on literature, Dr. Silver explores other aspects of Victorian culture. The book, a study of the Victorian fascination with faeries, will extend into the areas of painting, popular culture, anthropology and folklore.

Although books have been written on Victorian Fairytales, Dr. Silver's will be the first book

Prof. Ruth Erikson Joins Sociology Department

by Rita Ackerman

Professor Ruth Erikson has recently joined the Sociology Department of Stern College. Professor Erikson attended the University of Chicago on a Latin Scholarship. She then attended the New School for Social Research on the Herbert Lehman Fellowship in Sociology.

For nine years, she was the Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department of Long Island University. Professor Erikson has also taught sociology and criminology courses at C.I.V. Post, Rockland College,

and Nassau Community College.

When asked how she feels about teaching at Stern, Professor Erikson says the students are "intellectually oriented and have more candle power" than most students she taught. In addition, Professor Erikson admires the students for their "good set of values and personal ethics."

As for what she hopes to accomplish, Erikson wants students to develop and learn from her while, at the same time, she hopes to personally learn from the students themselves.

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Hate Groups Thrive

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Some Skinheads are attracted to KKK events as well. At first, the Skinheads were dismissed as a bunch of kids who took out their frustrations in an anti-social manner; however, as the number of Skinhead-related racist crimes increase, police forces across the country are acknowledging the threat they pose.

Their anti-Jewish offenses have taken the form of murders, beatings and synagogue vandalism throughout the United States.

The highest level of Skinhead activity, as well as the most criminally violent, has been in California (followed closely by Florida); however, Skinhead

activity has also been reported in at least 20 other states.

WHITE STUDENT UNION

Less specifically, neo-Nazi is the White Student Union which operates on college campuses. Its messages of "death to non-Aryans" are said to be frightening in their popularity.

Gregory Withrow, WSU spokesman to the Aryans National Conference in 1986, declared: "Men, women and children, without exception, without appeal, who are of non-Aryan blood shall be terminated or expelled. The next line of leadership shall be a generation of ruthless predators that shall make past Aryan leadership and warriors seem pale by comparison."

Another strong force on college campuses has been the voice of Louis Farrakhan who blames Jews for much of the Black community's misfortunes. He also denounces Zionism, calling the Jews in "Palestine" anti-Semites, and the Arabs the true Semites.

Other anti-Semitic hate groups include the National States Rights Party which promotes Hitlerian philosophy. Its purpose was defined by leader J.B. Stoner, "We are in this campaign to free White America from Jew tyranny." GANPAL (German American National Political Action Committee) and NDF (National Democratic Front) are only two more names in a sea of anti-Semitic hate groups.

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YU's Merit Scholars Attend Special Torah U'Mada Retreat

by Esther Strauss

Imagine for a moment that you are an Orthodox psychologist employed by a Community Mental Health Clinic. You have been asked to counsel a married couple with their problems. An hour before your scheduled meeting, you discover that the husband is Jewish and the wife is Catholic.

Do you ignore the couple's intermarriage and help them to the best of your ability, or contrary to your professional values, deliberately misguide them, possibly breaking up their marriage?

Stern and Yeshiva College Merit Scholars, who attended Yeshiva University's first Torah U'Mada Scholars Retreat this month at the Riverdale Jewish Center, were asked the same questions as part of a group discussion of actual case studies.

The program, based on the theme of Torah and Psychology, dealt with the integration of Torah and secular knowledge in contemporary society.

The program was sponsored by the Bruner Foundation, and was brought about by the work of Dean Hecht, Associate Dean of Yeshiva College; Dean Nulman, Dean of Students; Mrs. Braun, Director of Student Services; Rabbi Freundel, Yeshiva College Pre-Rabbinic Advisor; and Mr. Chaitoff, assistant to the Dean of Students.

As with the case study presented, there were no right or wrong answers and no individual case was resolved. However, according to Mrs. Zeld Braun, Director of Student Services, and one of the organizers of the retreat, that was not the intention.

"The purpose was to provide a scholarly experience for the students... for them to learn and exchange ideas and thoughts. If students felt it was time well spent then it was a success."

The panel discussion which opened the program began with Dr. Joel Comet, a practicing clinical psychologist and former counselor-advisor for Yeshiva College, who spoke about, "Integrating the World View of Torah and the World View of Psychology in One Person." He suggested using psychology as a tool for changing behavior patterns to fit halachic behavioral standards.

Following Comet was Dr. Isaac S. Herschkopf, a psychiatrist in private practice in Manhattan and clinical instructor of psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine. He spoke about differentiating between "Neurotic and Healthy Religious Practice." He explored the fine line between devotion and obsession in religious practice.

Dr. Yitzchak Handel, the final panelist and director of the David J. Azrieli Graduate Institute of Jewish Education and Administration, discussed "A Torah View of Psychology."

He said that although both the Torah and psychology are from Hashem, the Torah "can-

not be scotch-taped to fit psychology."

He said that psychological methodologies, contrary to the Torah, are not automatically condoned under the edict of "Rapho Yerapeh," thou shalt heal, because of their therapeutic goals.

The keynote address was delivered by Rabbi Michael Rosensweig, Rosh Yeshiva at the Yeshiva Program/Mazer School of Talmudic Studies, on the value of nature and the secular world to the religious Jew.

Although the immediate topic of Torah and Psychology was only directly related to a few students attending, the topic's relevance to Orthodox professionals in every field was clarified by Dean Nulman who moderated the group discussion.

He explained that in any profession, incidents will arise which will pull a person between professional and Jewish values until one is forced to confront a course of action.

Miriam Segal, a junior who participated in the program, had contemplated this issue previously. "I want to go into law, but there are possible problems in that area too."

Simmy Mirvis, an attendant freshman interested in foreign policy, had also considered the problems of integrating Torah with his profession. "There may come a time when I could help Israel even though it's not in the interest of the United States."

The students questioned felt it was time well spent, and said they would gladly attend programs of this nature again. They also had one request in common that a subject other than Torah U'Mada be their focus.

At this point there are no plans for a second seminar for merit scholars.

Yeminite Culture Explored at SCW

by Debby Aharon

"Two hours devoted to Yeminite Jewry? How will they do it?" Such questions circled the Stern College campus ever since the yellow pamphlets bearing the announcement of the Second Annual Yeminite Cultural Festival, debuted.

On Erev Shabbat, Dr. Isaac, Director of the Institute of the Semetic Languages from Princeton and a Fellow of Harvard University where he taught for eight years, honored the shabbaton with a detailed talk about the Yemenite people, their culture, music and language.



Shepardie women in Yeminite dress

The festival took place from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. The chairman of the organizing committee, Rabbi Zecharia Najjar, planned a week dedicated to Yeminite Jewry. The week was devoted to the development of a better understanding of the Jews of Yemen just as over a month ago, a week was devoted to Spanish Jewry.

The Sephardic Club, one of the most active clubs on campus, adjusted the theme of its most recent Shabbaton to link with the theme of the week. The result was a Shabbaton called "Yeminite Delight" that 140 students attended.

SCW and YC Board members put much effort into coordinating the schedule to maximize the Yeminite experience. The presence of Rabbi and Mrs. Najjar and Prof. Ephraim Isaac added to the spirit of the weekend, said Sarah Feinberg, a Stern college sophomore.

Dr. Isaac's Yeminite and Ethiopian attire introduced the students to a way of dress unfamiliar to American society.

The evening continued with a brief storytelling of Operation Magic Carpet, the exodus of Jews from Yemen to Israel in 1949. The cafeteria was decorated with an educational display of posters and photos of the Yeminite exodus.

The evening ended with a group discussion of the controversial issue of integration between Sephardim and Ashkenazim. The coordinators made the effort to enhance the level of Sephardic cultural awareness. They emphasized the diminishing existence of Sephardim by bringing forth alarming statistics.

For example, studies in a book on Sephardic culture by Dr. Herbert Dubrinsky, President of Yeshiva University Affairs, show that 79% of non-

Syrian Sephardim integrate within the Ashkenazic community.

The highlight of the Yeminite Shabbaton was on Shabbat. The regular Kriah was supplemented with the Aramaic version. After each passuk, Elan Yaish, read the Targum interpretation as it is written in the Yeminite book, the Taj.

Moreover, the regular Shabbat lunch menu was exchanged for Sephardic delicacies which ranged from various cultural backgrounds. To compliment the Yeminite menu, Rabbi Najjar delivered a D'var Torah incorporating some of the special Yeminite customs.

Ruthie Gabay and Jason Ohayon, presidents of the Sephardic club attributed the success of events such as the "Yeminite Delight" Shabbaton "to devoted and motivated students and to the insufferable patience of Rabbi Serels, the club faculty advisor."

The Yeminite Week that began with this Shabbaton, ended with over 500 people attending last Sunday's Yeminite Cultural Heritage Festival. Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Ben Yishai Jamil introduced the Chacham Dr. Solomon Gaon who opened the afternoon's program of speakers. He was followed by Yoram Ben Shalom, the Knesset advisor to the Likud Party and Dr. Chaim Tawil, professor of Isaac Breuer college.

Dr. Tawil gave a description of the early Yemenite settler in Jerusalem. He spoke of their suffering, unemployment, lack of housing and food, and poor

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SCW Students Lend A Hand to the Elderly

By Ita Benjamin

Stern students involved with Project Sages reached out to Senior Citizens on Sunday February 19 by sponsoring a luncheon for their elderly beneficiaries in the Orange Lounge of Brookdale Hall. Project Sages, also known as Ezra, is an organization that helps the elderly of the Lower East Side of New York. The luncheon, arranged by Bonnie Beck, stemmed from the desire of the older members "to get out into a different environment," said Heidi Rosen, a junior at Stern College. "Many of them don't leave their homes very often," explained Renee Brody, a sophomore at Stern College. Batya White, a junior agreed and added, "It was an opportunity for the girls to show their elders where they live."

After formal introductions took place among the luncheon participants, the senior citizens joined Stern students in the singing of traditional Jewish folk songs. A light dairy lunch was served shortly after the conclusion of the singing. Melissa Bauer, a sophomore at SCW, gave a D'var Torah based on tractate Rosh Hoshana in which Chazal have stated, "In the same generation when the great listen to the small, the small will listen to the great." She concluded that the young, on their way to being givers, end up on the receiving end.

After lunch, young and old participated in a mock Donahue show hosted by Chani Rutner, a junior at SCW. The panel consisted of two elderly ladies and two young women and dealt with generational changes, con-

trasting the young people from years ago to the young people today. Questions ranged from life before television to dating dilemmas. The most popular question was how these women met their mates. Some met through town matchmakers while others met their husbands on their own. Another striking difference students found was with clothes shopping. Several elderly women claimed they bought only two new articles of clothing a year.

Chani Rutner, junior at SCW, commented, "Everyone at the luncheon participated and had a wonderful time." Batya White added, "It was nostalgic for the older women and interesting for us, seeing how things have changed in the past 50 or 70 years."

SCWSC

Dear Students,

I'd like to welcome you back to the spring 89 semester. The next few months should be the most exciting months ever; Student Council has a number of events planned.

First, I'd like to commend Adam Heyman the director of the Nu-Wave Cafeteria. With the addition of an ice cream freezer, a juice machine, hot food, and other innovations, the Nu-Wave Cafeteria is a more enjoyable place in which to dine.

We have recently opened up a Stern College Student Council "Box Office." Student Council has procured tickets (at discount prices) to many Broadway shows. In Jan. and Feb. students went to see the musical sensation "Into The Woods."

Other upcoming plays are "Les Miserables" (we will run it again in March), "Eastern Standard" and "Born Yesterday" (to name a few).

Students will be given an opportunity to meet the cast of "Born Yesterday." Look for signs advertising these plays or for more information see Cindy Schlanger, the Corresponding Secretary in 3F or Heather Rush, the Recording Secretary in 8F.

Furthermore, Student Council will hopefully be sponsoring a Mets game and a day in the park later on in this semester. Please hand in your student activity forms to Batya Rozwaski in 18A as soon as possible.

I advise students to begin thinking about Student Council elections. Elections will be held on April 6. More information will be posted in the beginning of March.

Save May 8 for the Student Council End of the Year Dinner. As always I would appreciate any comments or suggestions that you have. I wish you good luck throughout the semester.

Sincerely,
Ora Rutner
President, SCWSC

New Library Opens Spring '89

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peners and water fountains, to plants and typewriters. Debbi Aharon, a SCW student complained that there was not enough room to seat all of the students trying to use the lower level of the library. She was upset with the hassle she was given when trying to take a book from the new wing to the old library.

Jeff Rosengarten expressed a concern over the windows in the study rooms. The enormous windows are designed with wooden arches. However, because of their large size, they are a security risk.

In addition, the rooms are much more affected by the draft than the rest of the library. Ideas are being explored to remedy both problems without interfering with the beauty of the windows.

In general, attitudes are of satisfaction and anticipation for what the new renovations will yield. Says Sara Bayme a SCW Junior, "The new library adds a whole new dimension, making studying a more enjoyable prospect."

Golem Exhibit

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hear the eerie recitation of recorded letter combinations believed to have been used in bringing the Golem to life.

Earth is used because "adam," meaning man, was born from the "adama," or earth. The Golem is animated by the Hebrew word "emet," meaning truth; but by omitting the first letter, the word "met" remains, signifying death.

In another area stands a pyramid structure where one looks beneath a green light to a hologram spelling GOLEM. The Hebrew letters G-O-L-E-M can be twisted to spell Tselem, or God's image. This may represent the hidden potential within each individual to express his divine inner self into external creativity

and beauty.

When the Golem's task of avenging the deaths of Jews was over, Rabbi Loew, according to legend, eliminated the Golem's powers. The clay form was buried under old books in an attic in Prague that remains forbidden to enter.

Did a Golem really exist? Was he a deliverer or a destroyer? "Golem Danger, Deliverance, and Art" is only a key to understanding the answer.

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sombre darks. The top black half is complete with a hood and looks cool with a pair of dark shades. Black skirts are flouncy, involving many gathers at the waist on up to the torso. They are teamed with white cropped blouses.

HATS & SCARVES

Straw hats are flat and will be found either all in black or with white stripes. Bloomingdales, on Third and 60th, has an exotic collection of hats and scarves. The multicolored hats are adorned with red ribbons and flowers as well as strands of beading. Hats are also contorted into many shapes in pastel

shades of blue and green.

Among the varied styles are Victorian, Oriental and Indian. At Bergdorf's, the straw hat is tucked into a triangular shape resembling a hamentashen and has a blue bow on each side.

SHOES

To complete the look of this season are shoes which offer a wide range of choices. There are Mary Janes on heels, and shoes in red leather or soft black fabric with a cut out heel. Others consist of black suede fabric revealing most of the foot. Black and white sandals criss-cross in the front and are studded with rhinestones.

WYUR On Its Way

by Ita Benjamin

"Good evening and welcome to WYUR." Yeshiva University students may soon be hearing those words again.

The new WYUR is on its way, station officials report, "with more great shows and more good times than ever."

Due to technical trouble with the station's broadcasting board, programming has been delayed. The station manager, Jeff Sarasohn, says he hopes the problems will be fixed in time to get a good deal of programming in this semester.

In contrast to previous years, when the station broadcasted mostly classic rock, this year will have many new programs introduced. Anxious listeners are advised not to panic; there will still be classic rock and sports shows.

Those people who desire more, can tune in to the comedy show, movie reviews, or one of the four new Hebrew programs. Talk shows are scheduled, which plan to interview deans and administrators with listener calls.

Top 40 and New-Wave music are intended, as well as an experimental heavy metal, neo-classical program. If all goes as planned, as station officials are sure it will, we may see the return of the morning program.

The goal of the variety is to get more of YU listening. "Yeshiva University has many different sects. If we make WYUR sound like Z100, people won't listen to us. After all, they can get Z100 in stereo," explains Shmuel Katz, program director of WYUR. "We want something to make people say 'Hey, this is interesting.'"

A number of live remotes are also being planned. Included are broadcasts from Brookdale, Morgenstern, and Rubin Halls, Bernstein's and for Purim, a pasta party at YC's pedestrian mall. Album raffles are also in the planning stages.

A Halachik Look At The Goetz Case

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line between self-defense and reckless punishment?

Professor Fletcher laid out three different theories of self-defense. He then compared them to the legalities of self-defense in halacha.

The first is the concept of self-defense as punishment to the aggressor. Is attacking a person who asked you for \$5 justified? It seems as though Goetz took an excessively harsh stance under the circumstances.

Furthermore, the youths' status as "punks" seemed to justify the "punishment" Goetz saw fit to enforce. Was this a legitimate method of defense?

The Talmud in Sanhedrin Perek Shmini deals with the issue of a thief who breaks into someone's home. The thief is judged according to his purpose. One who sneaks into a home to steal under the cover of night is considered a hazard even if he is unarmed. The owner has no idea whether the thief has a gun or not, and thus has the legal right to go as far as killing the intruder to protect himself. In such a case, self-defense is viewed as a form of punishment.

In other words, the one being attacked is allowed to use self-defense to punish the attacker.

Fletcher noted that this is a view foreign to secular legal philosophy. Self-defense and punishment have always been viewed as two different elements.

The Goetz case was a break with this idea. Goetz came along and suggested that self-defense and punishment can be one and the same.

The second theory of self-defense is as an excuse. In other words it is a reaction to an extremely violent moral wrong.

Fletcher cited the example of Pinchas killing Zimri and Cassi. The Mishna stresses the passionate nature involved in the killing. It was a situation where Pinchas was acting in extreme zealotry over a moral wrongdoing that was affecting a whole nation. There was no chance for rational deliberation. They do not advocate this sort of action.

The third theory of Self-Defense is Justification. Fletcher said that each individual is considered an island unto himself. Each human has his own autonomous space according to Fletcher. To what extent does the autonomy one possesses affect one's public behavior?

"Self-Defense comes through in the Talmud as a natural right," said Professor Fletcher. It is simply assumed that one can take steps to protect oneself if there is a possibility of danger. This stems from man's individual right to exist.

Through a detailed comparison of contemporary legal ethics and Talmudic law, Professor Fletcher discussed the ethical and moral problems posed by the Goetz case.

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Yemenite Delight

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sanitary conditions. Dr. Tawil also emphasized the present day crisis of Jewry still stranded in Yemen. He appealed to the public to do their best to increase governmental awareness of the plight of these Jews through letters.

After a brief word from Dr.

Herbert Dobrinsky, the afternoon proceeded with entertainment from the Moshe Ariel Dance Group, who depicted a Yemenite wedding. Yoel Sharabi, a renowned Sephardic singer, concluded the program with musical renditions of favorite Yemenite tunes.



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