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DEDICATION OF BEIT MIDRASH FACILITY CELEBRATED President Lamm Attends

By RENA REINHEIMER

The students of Stern college proudly celebrated the addition of the new *beit midrash* at a club hour *chanukat beit midrash* on Wednesday, December 2.

The program, sponsored by SCWSC, SSSBSC and TAC commenced as TAC President Nomi Dworken greeted the students, and introduced YU President Norman Lamm, who subsequently addressed those assembled. To conclude the event, SCW sophomores Rebecca Wolf and Dassi Billet organized a *siyum* of the Rambam's *Sefer Mada*. "We chose *sefer mada* because *hilchot talmud torah* are in it," asserted Billet. Students volunteered to learn portions of the work by signing up on lists posted around the school and dormitory buildings. According to Wolf, the students "responded enthusiastically."

The dedication represented the

culmination of efforts on the parts of the Student Life committee, administration, and student leaders to bring the idea of a *beit midrash* to life. These efforts, said Dworken, were carried out "quickly and efficiently over the summer with

great results." Many of the funds for the new facility were donated by the President's Circle, an alumni organization. In addition, the class of 1967 contributed their anniversary gift toward the purchase of *sefarim*. These donations

were supplemented by money raised by TAC through notebook sales, Rosh Hashanah card sales, and various raffles.

In an exhibition of their enthusiasm about the new facility, the President's Circle held a dedication of the *beit midrash* on Thursday, October 29. Their plaque is now on display in the *beit midrash*. The recent dedication "represented the students' excitement and their appreciation of the new *beit midrash*," commented Dworken.

Positive student reactions are apparent in the widespread use of the *beit midrash*. "It is very en-

couraging to see that people come in to learn and daven," commented Jewish Studies Mentor Rabbi Daniel Greenwald. SCW senior and co-chair of the student *beit midrash* committee Kesari Ruza described the pleasure she felt upon witnessing Rabbi Weiss' *gemara* class taking place in the *beit midrash*: "To me this is the optimum use of the *beit midrash*; where *shur* and *seder* can go on and you can walk around and not find a seat because everyone has a *chevruta*."

Deena Frank, SCW sophomore

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The *Beit Midrash* filled to capacity as students celebrate *siyum* organized by TAC. Dr. Lamm spoke.

Two Hurt as Woman Shatters Window at Brookdale

By CHAVA BOYLAN

On Wednesday evening November 12, an enraged and seemingly disturbed woman rammed her hand through the window of Brookdale Hall's front lounge, shattering the window closest to the door.

SCW freshman Michelle Plotkin and her visiting brother, Moshe Plotkin, who were sitting in the lounge at the time, sustained minor injuries. Approximately a dozen people were in the lounge at the time of the incident.

According to Ms. Plotkin, "We noticed that a woman was looking in at us. Suddenly she smashed her hand through the window. Glass went flying everywhere. We ran out to get security. It was only afterwards that I noticed the cuts on my leg." Moshe Plotkin was cut on the face.

Immediately following the incident, SCW security supervisor Louis Gonzalez scuffled with the woman and restrained her until the police arrived. The assailant was brought up on

charges of assault, reckless endangerment, and criminal mischief.

According to Gonzalez, the woman was at first yelling antisemitic slurs but waited calmly once she was restrained and did not put up a fight when the police arrested her. "She had something against the Jewish people but I don't know what it was," Gonzalez said.

Although the police recommended against pressing charges, Don Sommers, YU chief of security, instructed the Plotkins to do so. "We wanted her off the streets," Sommers said. "We worry about the security of the students. This way a judge will decide where she should go." Sommers added that the woman was "obviously crazy."

A trial date is set for December 17.

"I was very happy with security," commented Plotkin, while admitting that she was "nervous at first" to sit in the lounge after the incident.

EMPLOYEES RALLY AS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SLAG

By ELANA HARTSTEIN

Approximately 15 Yeshiva University employees staged a rally outside the Stern College building at noon on Tuesday November 10. Organized by their Union, the 1199 National Benefits Fund, the demonstration was designed to tell the Yeshiva University Personnel office, "we are here to bargain in good faith and want management to do the same."

The employees, who donned stickers proclaiming, "United we all win," seek higher wages, improved conditions, educational benefits, protection of medical benefits, job security, and health and safety. Rallies were held at SCW, YC and Cardozo Law School from 12-2 p.m. An additional rally was held at the main campus in Washington Heights from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Employees handed out fliers to students because "we wanted students to be aware of what's going on," said Chris Aybar, SCW cafeteria employee.

The demonstration was prompted by the October 1, 1992 expiration of the employees' three-year contracts. As of December 1, after two meetings with the management, no new contract has been negotiated. According to Aybar, one of four delegates to the negotiations committee, "we want to get them to sit down and negotiate. So far they haven't said anything except we have a defi-

nit." The other delegates are electrician Eddie Valley, painter Clarence Barrett, and plumber Tyrone Simon.

Some employees complain that workers at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine received a better contract than is being offered them.

A librarian who spoke on condition of anonymity due to "rumors of them being a bit harsh up there," claims that the library staff feels it is difficult to keep good workers because of the lack of a "solid contract." Librarians find it time-consuming to constantly train workers due to the high turnover rate, especially as the Middlestates report stated that YU libraries are already understaffed.

An office worker, also wishing to remain nameless, explained some proposals which were submitted. The current policy permits employees to leave work 2.5 hours prior to sundown on the eve of a holiday. Yet, on Fridays they are not allowed to leave until 2:30, thereby causing a problem for Sabbath-observing employees during the winter months. They wish to leave earlier and make up the extra time during the week. Another point of contention is that workers feel there should be a form of tuition reimbursement and a fund for training.

At the second negotiation meeting, held November 18, the University negotiators suggested that the "Union seriously reevaluate

their economic demands" for the meeting scheduled for December 2.

In a November 30 memo entitled, "Update on Negotiations" sent to all members of the University community, Director of Supporting Services Jeffrey M. Rosengarten, wrote, "The Union's initial demands are, of course, unrealistic." The Union terms would increase the University's deficit to three million dollars over contract period of three years, he claimed.

The major sources of funding to the University are philanthropy and student tuition. Rosengarten noted that in recessionary times, tuition cannot be raised significantly, nor can philanthropers be asked to donate more.

As is true in past negotiations at YU and other institutions, there is a possibility that "during negotiations there may be a variety of Union job actions that may disrupt normal operations."

Rosengarten assured, "We are prepared to effectively deal with such contingencies and will not allow the actions of some to override the welfare of their fellow workers or other members of the University community." At this point, said Aybar, there are no plans for a strike.

Rosengarten concluded that "We continue to pursue good faith negotiations with the Union and are hopeful for a quick and fair resolution."

Student - Administration Retreat Deemed Success

Follow - Up Being Planned

By RACHEL SCHENKER

The overwhelming feeling of all who left the student - administration retreat was that "we have to get together and do this again real soon," said Sylvia Haber, SCW junior and vice president of SCWSC. The events of Monday November 30 were the culmination of planning, consultation, and meetings that have been taking place since June of this year.

Fourteen senior college and university administrators and 24 undergraduate students gathered at the Clinton Inn in Tenafly, New Jersey to partici-

pate in a program which, in the words of its Planning Committee, "represented a new initiative aimed at improving relationships and attitudes between administration and students."

Students Matt Harris and Pamela Schlanger clearly outlined what the grievances were. Harris spoke of student alienation and estrangement and low faculty morale. He proposed that these problems could be easily solved through more effective communication.

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EDITORIALS

The First Step

We did not all go on the Student/Administration retreat. The feedback that we have heard and witnessed firsthand, however, has impressed us greatly. Our opinion of the endeavor from the beginning was a bit skeptical, to put it mildly. Imagine our genuine surprise and pleasure when we were given reports of its productivity. Students returned smiling, minus the attitude of another nine wasted hours. Administrators too had only positive things to say about the events of the day.

The planning that has gone into this event has consumed many people for many hours. Their hard work apparently paid off. The retreat has served to reenergize the active community and to give them a goal that they consider worth striving for.

Can we all be invited next time?

It's Clean-Up Time

All of today's talk about cleaning up the environment, controlling pollution, and recycling is commendable. Awareness of these issues at SCW is on the up also. In view of this sensitivity, the situation here at the Midtown Center is even less understandable.

We refer to the mess we continually encounter in each classroom. Soda cups, food containers, imphy wrappers, and napkins litter the floor and surfaces of practically every classroom.

We refer to the state in which people leave the cafeteria. Students eat and run. The amount of tables that are abandoned with trays and garbage piled up on them is reprehensible.

We refer to the tumult that the OrangeLounge is left in after a heavy television night crowd. Candy wrappers, popcorn bags, and empty soda cans abound and no one stops to clean it up.

According to Sam Mandelbaum, supervisor of housekeeping services at the Midtown Center, every classroom after the first period is left in a virtual pigsty. In the cafeteria, extra help needs to be hired to constantly clean up after us. In the dorm, our living space is being left in shambles by no one but ourselves.

It is inexcusable that grown women do not have the decency to clean up after themselves. Save the planet, clean up New York, but please - start by cleaning up after yourselves here at SCW.

Taking Faculty Roll

In one day last week, three professors were absent. For students, most classes permit two absences - but even when they are not there, teaching is not noticeably disrupted. When an instructor is absent, however, not only is teaching suspended, but make-up time is often demanded of the students and scheduled during Reading Week.

Obviously, when the cause of the absence is a personal emergency or health-related, the absence is understandable, if not optimal. But when the cause is related to a given professor's other activities and obligations outside of Stern, it communicates a shuffling of priorities that the student often finds baffling.

Attendance at Stern is noticeably high. We fear, however, that professors who miss a substantial amount of class time might be imparting negative messages about priorities and responsibilities to their students.

We would appreciate faculty to be sensitive to this issue.

Remember - Appearances Count


To the Editor:

As a Student Bar Association (student government) Senator and member of the Food Committee at Cardozo Law School, I read with great interest the recently published Observer articles relating to food services at Stern. The food problems at Stern are typical of those present at Cardozo and at other schools in the Yeshiva University system. You are certainly not alone.

While the current food related problems are truly annoying, this is no excuse for the comments

contained in the "editors note" which appeared following a "letter to the editor" written by Pamela Schlanger, Chair of the Stern Food Services Committee. The comments allege that the food problems at Stern are the result of inaction by Ms. Schlanger and the committee - a totally false and unfounded implication. Placing such skewed comments at the tail of a letter is tantamount to an attack on the letter's author - an unfair, and abusive use of editorial discretion.

Using your flawed logic however, any student blame is equally yours as you personally have been a member of this committee for three years. I doubt that any of the blame for food services trouble lies in the hands of students. Through my experiences I have actually come to expect hearing the familiar "well, THAT won't change"



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LETTERS

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the Editor. It should be remembered that the opinions expressed in these letters reflect only the views of the signers and are not necessarily endorsed by THE OBSERVER, the student body, the faculty or administration of YU. Readers are invited to respond to these letters as well.

when dealing with university level bureaucracy. Unfortunately, hearing these words is not about to change either.

As the editor of a school newspaper, it is your obligation to inform the student body of the realities of their situation. It is certainly not your place to mislead them as you have done here. You must remember that the paper belongs to THEM, the students - not YOU, the editor. The reality is that the primary purpose of a student committee is to make suggestions to the university administration. Let us not kid ourselves. While they are often responsive, the university is under no obligation to listen to us and as student leaders we have all personally experienced the administration at times ignoring suggestions that appear to make good - practical sense. We just have to keep trying, because often we are heard. At those times the "time-consuming" meetings prove worthwhile. It is due to no fault of any student that the food problems at Stern (or Cardozo) have not improved at a rate to our liking, to imply otherwise is to lie. It is certainly not the fault of students like Ms. Schlanger who give of their limited free time in order that conditions may be improved for the whole of the student body.

It was undeniably cruel and unethical of you to place your statement where you did with no notice to or request for response from Ms. Schlanger. The proper place to air your gripes is in the form of an editorial concentrating on the one and only source of the problems - the administration. Ms. Schlanger deserves an apology from you directly and from the

editorial board of The Observer. Even if you did not intend a personal attack on her - you made one. Remember, appearances count.

Todd B. Sherman
 Student Bar Association Senator
 Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Unprofessionalism in Editor's Note

To the Editor:

As a fellow Yeshiva University student, I was greatly disappointed in the unprofessionalism displayed in the Editor's Note to a letter from Pamela Schlanger, SCW '94 ("Unfair Allegations," *The Observer* letter, November 12, 1992).

Your introduction to the "Letters" column "encourage[s]" readers to submit letters to the Editor. In superseding Ms. Schlanger's letter with an extremely sarcastic, cynical note, you neither added information to her comments, nor encouraged future readers to submit letters. Ironically, on the same page of *The Observer*, your editorial stated that you were "Desperately Seeking School Spirit" in attendance at Lady Mac basketball games. It is precisely the type of school spirit displayed by your editorial comment to Ms.

Schlanger's letter that you seek to avoid at your basketball games.

As to your comments about sitting on the Food Services Committee, as a student of Cardozo, I am fully aware of all the food problems you speak of, even more so. I've eaten in the Stern Cafeteria, and found the food and its choices to be far superior to Cardozo's. Not that I am complaining. As a former member of the Food Services Committee, I chose to take action rather than complain. While you may find editorials and articles in the Cardozo Law *Forum* deriding the food here, you will rarely if ever see a comment deriding the food committee. Under the chairmanship of Cindy Schlanger (SCW '90, CSL '93), our food committee is working *with*, not against, our administration to improve our food services. The committee is composed of graduates of Yeshiva University undergraduate colleges as well as graduates of other universities. Instead of complaining that answers of "well, THAT won't change," (Editor's Note, Nov. 12, 1992) our committee responds, "what can we do to help?" This is a far more effective response, and will do much more to improve conditions than writing complaints in the newspaper.

To be an active student takes a lot of time and generosity of spirit. The type of spirit and caring shown by students such as Pamela Schlanger is to be applauded, not criticized. As the editor of a student newspaper, you too show involvement and caring for your school. I only wish that you should choose to use your creative energies for a

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

On Beit Midrash Envy

Dear President Lamm,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming to our chanukat beit midrash last week and for recognizing the room as an outgrowth of "student agitation." The beit midrash is indeed a priority in the minds of many SCW students, faculty, and administrators, and, in this regard, the dedication was the culmination of what many people have worked very hard for.

One thing, however, did bother me about your remarks. You stated that our fight for the beit midrash was due to 'beit midrash envy'. If mere beit midrash envy were involved, we would have fought for a swimming pool of our own, athletic facilities worth showing on the PR video, and a Schottenstein Residence Hall, if not a Schottenstein Student Center.

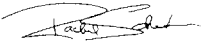
But to attribute our battle for the fulfillment of the original Stern College mission to beit midrash envy is unfair. Even though you proceeded to legitimize it by saying that envy, normally a bad thing, was used in this instance for a good and just cause, I still take issue.

I don't see it that way. I see the struggle for the beit midrash as an example of how many different people can come together and work in unity when they share common goals. I see the reality of the beit midrash as the epitome of our vision of Stern College, as well as its future possibilities.

Happily, we are all secure enough in our roles as women and confident enough with our priorities that envy was not the motivating factor in this instance.

In the spirit of mutual respect, I just wanted to set the record straight. I am aware of the great respect in which you regard us as learning women and I did not want others to walk away with a different impression.

Respectfully yours,



Rachel Schenker

more worthwhile purpose in the future than castigating other students who choose to get involved.

Kimberly A. Levine
Cornell University '89
Cardozo School of Law '93

Editor's Note: I apologize to Pam Schlanger and anyone else I might have offended. At the same time I want to point out that it was in no way an attack on her; I know how hard she works - and how hard I still work on the Food Services Committee.

Transmitting the Word

To the Editor:

Seldom have I read a letter so full of emotion yet clearly thought out and concisely written like that of Ms. Reiss (Observer, 16 Cheshven, 5753, p.8). Her words are inspirational, linking those of us mired in the dark depression of Galut with those brightened daily by the "light of revelation that is omnipresent in the fabric of Eretz Yisroel". The psychological and sociological phenomena that confront an individual in their "study abroad" in Israel are generally over-

looked in comparison to the moral-religious changes that more-often-than-not are the immediate products of the year. Eretz Yisroel is more than a mere religious experience; it is truly an (perhaps, the) experience of a lifetime that cannot be forgotten. Adulthood can hardly be the same after such a year of "soul searching." Usually, however, only in retrospect can students appreciate all the phenomena that accompany their year(s) of study in Eretz Yisroel. That Ms. Reiss expresses this appreciation while still there testifies to an incredible understanding. Kudos to her for presenting most of the significant issues in so thoughtful a manner.

The editors of The Observer, might I add, are likewise to be commended for starting this column that was, alas, terribly overdue. Surely they merit that which R. Yehuda HaLevi guarantees in his epilogue to Sefer HaKuzari: "Also one who arouses in peoples' hearts a love for this holy place is worthy of reward without doubt and brings ever closer the era of the coming of He whom we expect (i.e. Mashiach)."

Yisrael Dubitsky

OPINIONS

Protection Through Prevention

By MICHELLE BERMAN

In the movie "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Jonathan Silverman complains to the camera about the lunacy of his parents, claiming that it surfaces whenever a disease comes up in conversation. When they mention the word "cancer," for example, they do so in a whisper, as if saying the word aloud would automatically give them the disease.

In today's society, we may not whisper the word "cancer," but we definitely do not vocalize it.

When I look around at the students of Stern College, I see many women running off to health clubs and gyms. They stay away from fattening foods and high-calorie goodies. Many buy only the best skin creams and the highest quality hair products.

But these same women never consider cancer as something pertaining to them, nor do they think of protecting their bodies from its fatal hands.

According to the 1992 "Cancer Facts and Figures," a pamphlet put out by the American Cancer Society, about 83 million Americans now living will even-

tually have cancer. This is about one in three people. Over 8 million Americans alive today have a history of cancer, and this year about 520,000 will die from the disease. That's an average of 1,400 people a day.

As defined by the ACS, cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread is not controlled, it can result in death. Cancer is caused by both external and internal factors. The external ones include chemicals, radiation, and viruses. Internal ones include hormones, immune conditions, and inherited mutations.

As women, we have to contend with some cold, hard facts. Approximately one out of every nine women will develop breast cancer, an estimated 4,400 women will die from cervical cancer in 1992, approximately one out of every 70 women will develop ovarian cancer, and an estimated 5,600 women will die from uterine and endometrial cancer in 1992. These statistics do not discriminate.

But there is no reason that we

cannot protect ourselves. Early detection drastically reduces one's chances of death from cancer. Regular mammograms, routine breast examinations, pelvic examinations, pap smears, and frequent check-ups with a gynecologist are all ways one can save her life.

Though cancer has become one of the most familiar diseases to us, we still feel it is much too distant to touch our own lives, to affect the people we care about, and to eventually take many of our loved ones.

But after losing my mother, *aleha hashalom*, to uterine cancer, I cannot remain detached about the disease. People will eventually realize that cancer doesn't stop killing until we stop fearing.

In my mother's memory, I know I must educate myself and others to eliminate this fear before it eliminates more lives. We cannot be afraid to ask questions, become informed, and appreciate essentially what we're all striving for - the continuation of life. (For more information about this subject just call 1-800-4-CANCER.)

Somalian Crisis and Student Awareness

By LAURA GROSS

Each morning, a large stack of New York Times is delivered to Brookdale Hall. Throughout the day students can be seen reading the paper or watching segments of the news on television. But how much of what is occurring in the outside world penetrates the doors of SCW?

In early November, an informal poll was conducted around school to determine students' awareness about the Somalian crisis. Out of 80 students questioned, 64% had heard of Somalia. However, out of these 51 students, only 35%, 18 students, were informed beyond the basic facts of this international crisis.

For the 14% who were unsure, YES, Somalia is a country. It is in the same geographical region as Ethiopia and Kenya. It is on the East Coast of Africa on the Indian Ocean. Like the rest of the area, Somalia is suffering from draught and famine.

Somalia, however, has an additional problem aside from the obvious lack of rain and food. The population of Somalia is divided into clans and subclans. When General Mohammed Siad Barre, president of Somalia for 21 years, was overthrown in January 1991, war broke out between the various clans.

The clans who are currently in control of the country are also in control of the limited food supplies. Various world relief groups such as United Nations Children's Fund and CARE,

have been coordinating their efforts to provide provisions and medical aid to the impoverished majority. However, as soon as relief arrives, it is immediately confiscated. According to the N.Y. Times, a subclan under General Aidid's power, is responsible for the pilfering of supplies.

Although many supplies have been airlifted to Somalia, there are no viable means to monitor the distribution and insure that the people receive the food. According to a recent editorial in the N.Y. Times, the U.N. "is too feeble to escort the food to those starving."

Due to the dangerous conditions, relief agencies are becoming anxious about remaining in Somalia. The private organizations are unwilling to stay unless the U.N. is there to give support and provide protection for the workers. The primary shortcoming is the lack of trucking services and other on-ground help to transport and distribute aid.

The United Nations is currently extremely active in its attempts to provide succor for the people of Somalia. Presently, there are 500 Pakistani soldiers in Mogadishu, the capital. The arising controversy evolves around the question of sending American troops to Somalia.

Mr. Anthony Lewis, a writer for the N.Y. Times, believes that a few thousand well placed troops would be the best solution,

not to settle the warfare; but to protect relief operations.

Mr. Fred Cuny, an American expert involved in the Somalia relief effort, believes that outsiders should not get involved in these age old feuds between the clans. He suggests that troops should secure a few areas of severe famine and make a safe zone for the relief agencies to provide aid. The troops will not be involved in the ongoing war. Their sole mission would be to protect the aid organizations and insure that the supplies reached their final destination.

President Bush wants the U.S. and other world powers to send help in the form of troops, however, opposition is brewing in Congress.

Of the 80 students polled, very few were cognizant of these facts, much less the affects it may have on our society. Recently in the dorm elevator a plea for financial aid in Somalia was posted. The notice, sponsored by the Jewish Coalition for Somali Refugee Relief, claimed that the world was ignoring the Somali cry for help.

Kesari Ruza, SCW senior, attended a meeting for college students interested in political affairs. She said, "There is not much the individual can do aside from giving financial aid. The power is in the U.N. However, it is definitely crucial for people, especially students to be aware."

AROUND THE CAMPUS

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Tuesday, December 8
1 p.m. - Rebbetzin Henkin Nishmat
8 p.m. - Speech Arts Forum Panel

Wednesday, December 9
2:30 p.m. - "Biblical Law and Other Legal Codes" Dr. Barry Eichler
Torah U'Madda Project
8 p.m. - Psychology Club Movie Night
8:30 p.m. - Lotus Tutorial

Thursday, December 10
8 p.m. - Fine Arts Society Sponsors trip to The Secret Garden
8 p.m. - SCW Basketball: SUNY Maritime Home game/ WANC

December 11 - 12
SCW Community Shabbaton Rabbi Avi Weiss, speaker, a Hebrew Institute of Riverdale

December 12 - 17
YCDS Play, The Rainmaker

Monday, December 14
8 p.m. - Speech Pathology Club Event
8 p.m. - SSSB Reception, Belfer Hall

Tuesday, December 15
Dr. Josh Bacon to deliver shiur. Details to follow.

Wednesday, December 16
8 p.m. - Freedom of Inquiry: A Student Discussion and Symposium
Torah U'Madda Project Lecture

Thursday, December 17
SCWSC/YCSC SPONSORED
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BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

December 18-19
SCW Shabbaton at Stern sponsored by Dramatics Society

December 19 - 22
SCDS Play, The Dybbuk

December 19 - 27
Chanukah

Sunday, December 20
TAC sponsors Russian Carnival

Thursday, December 24
Blood Drive at SCW

Still In Action

By TZIPPY TISCHLER

In a moment of inspiration last year, Eli Kagan, then a senior at SCW, decided that something should be done to involve as many Jewish students as possible in celebrating Chanukah. In just ten days, she and nine friends pulled together a program. The result was the assembling of three hundred people at Washington Square Park that gathered to light Chanukah candles, dance with a band and celebrate the festival of lights. The offshoot of this event was the formation of Lights in Action.

The creation of 10 college students, Lights in Action (LIA) endeavors to make Jewish collegiates aware of their Judaism and to fight the staggering statistics of assimilation among the Jewish people. Almost 600,000 Americans born or raised as Jews deny their religion.

"We try to get non-affiliated students to simply think about what it means to be Jewish," says Jasmine Conen, SCW senior and a founder of the organization.

Since its initial event, LIA has been reaching thousands of Jewish students across North America by sending them provocative Jewish literature. Included in its first mailing last year were a very emotional letter written by Rabbi Kook addressed to "the Jewish people" and a pamphlet on how to fight anti-semitism; the mailing reached 50,000 students. The second mailing, sent to 55,000 people, contained a guide for the holidays and a gigantic calendar of important Jewish dates and quotes.

Money to print the mailings is privately donated; the second mailing was made possible by Mr. Michael H. Steinhart. Plans for a third mailing, this time including a cassette tape with Jewish music and Israeli songs,

are currently in the works.

LIA hopes its mailings will rouse Jewish college students - there are 400,000 in North America - and trigger their realization that their Jewish identity extends beyond fighting anti-semitism. The organization has currently established (and is constantly updating its list of) contact people at 83 college campuses across North America; the representatives are responsible for distributing the group's literature. To find Jewish students to serve as contacts LIA obtains lists of Jewish students by searching through college enrollment records and Hillel house directories.

LIA is a non-profit group that is unaffiliated with any political party or religious organization. The organization currently consists of fifteen committee members; five of the original ten founders have made *aliyah* but still remain active in the organization. LIA needs assistance to continue reaching Jewish students. Anyone interested in receiving material, donating money to LIA's efforts or helping to spread the light should contact Rachel Goodman at 545-9846 or Jasmine Conen at 725-7103.

The Shadow Program: No Obligation Career Choices

By JENNIE SHAPIRO

The Shadow Program was implemented in the spring of 1992 to address the problem of uncertainty students face. This innovative program offers students an opportunity to experience a typical day on the job in professions which interest them.

Arlene Goldman, who recently joined SCW's Board of Directors, proposed initiating such a program after becoming aware of students' discontent with the limited career counseling available at SCW. She presented her idea to the Student Council Executive Board and class boards, who immediately formed a committee to get the Shadow Program off the ground.

Interested students may approach committee members at any time during the year to be set up with a "shadowee." According to current committee member Pamela Schlanger, students this year have requested to be placed with professionals in fashion merchandising, occupational therapy, and accounting, among other fields. The list of potential "shadowees" was compiled last year, and consists of alumni and others affiliated with Yeshiva University.

"We set up basic guidelines for students," explained Schlanger. Shadowees are advised to dress appropriately, prepare specific questions to ask, and send a thank-you note. Questions often include concerns about the problems encountered as an Orthodox Jew or as a woman. Professionals can also recommend specific courses which would be helpful in his or

her specialty.

"Our main rule is you cannot ask them for a job. This way, we keep our professionals open and willing. They realize we're just here to get an inside peek, to test-run a career," said Schlanger.

This year's Shadow Program

committee includes Schlanger, Naomi Lebowitz, Amy Bodoff, Leora Zucker, and Chani Pearlman. Schlanger urges, "If you're interested in finding out more before you graduate, before you finish all your courses, come to us!"

Posters Removed from Campuses

By RACHEL SCHENKER

The Stern College Dramatics Society removed all advertising posters for their upcoming play, *The Dybbuk*, from circulation on both campuses due to a naked woman pictured on it.

When the poster had originally been approved by drama director Rina Elisha, it had been done so via fax. Due to the unclearness of this sort of copy, she allegedly never knew there was any nudity on the poster.

Posters that had been hung up last Monday night started being removed on Tuesday by men on the uptown campus who were offended by the inappropriateness of the picture.

Designer Anthony Bagliani was contacted on Wednesday morning by SCDS Treasurer Amy Bodoff, SCW junior, in order to ascertain what the graphic actually was. He confirmed that it actually was a naked woman.

Bodoff explained that no member of the Dramatics Society ever proofed the poster because the director approved it on her own.

All posters were subsequently removed and replaced by new posters, designed by SCDS Vice President Judi Goodman, by the next day.

Chava Sussman, SCW junior and president of SCDS, said that the Playbill has also been revised.

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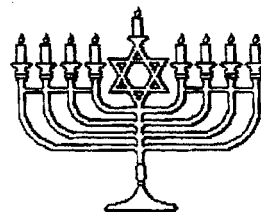
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AROUND THE CAMPUS

A Chanukah Fiesta

By RENEE GLICKMAN

Stern College's annual *chagigah* on December 1 marked the beginning of student Chanukah festivities. The *chagigah* in Koch Auditorium was sponsored by TAC and the two student councils.

As in previous years, the Chanukah bash attracted more than 300 participants. Shulamit Katz, SCW senior, and Yaffa Zweig, SCW sophomore, were the official coordinators of the event. The festivities included dancing to the "Shpielks", a band starring Avrami Saks and Eli Katz; a *tzedakah* auction chaired by Rachel Levitt, SCW junior; a series of comedy routines performed by various students; a *d'var torah* by Beth Rothenberg, SCW senior; and a performance by the SCW choir. The highlight of the evening, generating many laughs, was a comedy rap performance by

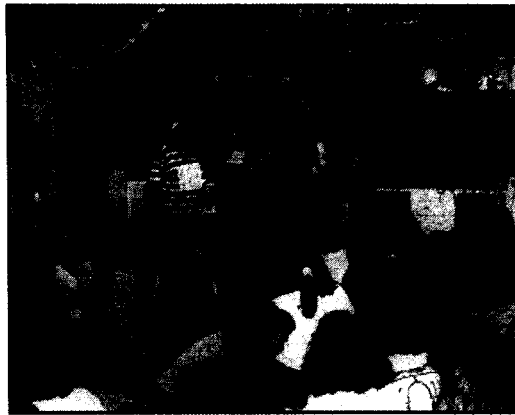
Beth Lieberstein, SCW senior and vice-president of TAC, and her back-up group.

Many students expressed surprise that the *chagigah* was not scheduled on Chanukah. TAC President Nomi Dworkin, SCW senior, explained that Koch Auditorium is not available for the *chagigah* during Chanukah due to the scheduling of the play.

Lieberstein commented on the success of the evening: "all different aspects of Stern came together in one room for the same reason," she stated.

Rebecca Ehrenpreis, SCW junior, remarked, "I truly enjoyed myself. The music and food were great and it was nice to see a diverse crowd of students coming together." Junior Jodi Rechtes echoed Ehrenpreis' remarks and added that "especially the *ruach* was great."

Photo Credit: Yaffa Chertok



Beth Lieberstein's *Kol Isha* and The Isur M'Diorita's perform The Stern Girl Rap at the Annual Chanukah Chagigah.

SCW Opens House

By ILANA BACHMAN

On Sunday, November 22, 1992, the Office of Admissions of Yeshiva University held its annual Open House. All prospective students of Stern College for Women and Sy Syms School of Business, and their parents, were invited to attend the program. Approximately 150 high school juniors and seniors and their parents spent the day learning about all that Stern has to offer. Nine Stern College students, directed by SCW seniors Shani Falk and Jodi Goldman, all wearing identical grey Yeshiva University sweatshirts, helped run the program and make it a memorable event.

The program began with registration in the lobby at 9:30 a.m., followed by refreshments served in Koch Auditorium. At 10:00, Michael Kranzler, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, greeted the students and their parents. A brief video was shown, featuring different aspects of academic and dorm life at Yeshiva University. From 10:15 to 11:15, the students and the parents heard from three speakers: Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel, Chairman of the Rebecca Ivory Department of Jewish Studies at Stern College spoke about the Jewish Studies opportunities available to the students at Stern College; Dr. Harold Nierenberg, Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business, spoke about the different available business options; and Dr. Karen Bacon, Dean of Stern College spoke about "Exploring the Liberal Arts and Sciences". Miriam Hanon, SCW junior, one of the Stern College hostesses said, "I really enjoyed hearing the administration talk about the different opportunities Stern offers to it's students. I also thought the video was both informative and entertaining."

At 11:15, the students and parents had the opportunity to attend

sessions dealing with a variety of subjects. One session was held in the new *beit midrash* and dealt with the various student activities available at Stern College. Various student leaders were present to speak and answer questions. Tamar "TK" Kirschenbaum, SCW junior and a representative of the athletic department, spoke about the variety of athletic opportunities available at Stern, including the basketball and tennis teams, yoga, jazz, ballet, and swimming. Adeeva Laya Graubard, president of SCW Student Council, spoke about the role student council plays in student life. Nomi Dworkin, president of the Torah Activities Council, spoke about the different chesed activities and programs that make Stern College unique. A second session, titled "Choosing a Career", was led by Naomi Kapp, Career Guidance Counselor. The third session, called "For The Parents Of The Prospective College Student", was held in the Dining Hall.

At approximately 12:00, all participants of the program had the opportunity to walk around Koch Auditorium and speak to representatives from almost all the departments of Stern College and Sy Syms School of Business. Lunch in the cafeteria followed, where Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Yeshiva University was available to answer any questions.

An optional session called "You Can Afford YU" took place after lunch. The program ended at 2:00 with student guided campus tours that departed every 15 minutes from the lobby of the College building. The tours included visits to the different rooms of the school building and the dormi-

New Course Offerings for Spring '93

Jane Hansen Among Exciting Additions

By TZALCHA ROSEN

Jane Hansen of CBS Morning News will offer a course in Broadcast Journalism at SCW in spring 1993. Hansen "is a well-known television news personality," according to Dean Karen Bacon, and will be an exciting addition for students interested in Journalism.

According to Dean Ethel Orlian, Hansen's course is but one of the "exciting additions" to the spring 1993 course offerings. In addition to the introduction of a business minor for liberal arts majors in conjunction with SSSB, several departments are adding new courses.

The history department is adding two new courses, both to be taught by Dr. Jeffrey Freedman: Modern Germany and History, and History of the Family. Dr. Laurel Hatvary will teach a course in American Film and Society, and the Political Science department will offer a course in Process and Politics, taught by Dr. Blanche Blank. A course on Sociology and Religion will be taught by Dr. Roberta Farber.

In Biology, a new course on infectious diseases will be taught by an adjunct professor, Dr. Charles Goldberg. The psychology department will include a course on learning, given by Dr. Joshua Bacon. Dr. Moshe Sokolow will offer Arabic, formerly a full year course, in one semester. Persuasion and Debate will be added to the Speech department, and Dr. Haym Soloveitchik will teach a course on Customs of the Land of Israel.

Orlian expressed her excitement over the new additions to the curriculum, calling them "stimulating for...[the faculty] and for the students."

tory building. Brenda Wurzbarger, SCW sophomore, and a student hostess said, "I think that almost every person who attended the Open House gained a lot and learned about the many positive opportunities that are available to the students at Stern College." Falk commented, "It was the most successful Open House that I've been to and I really enjoyed being a part of it."

YU Implements Business Minor

Liberal Arts Majors Now Have SSSB Option

By DASSI BILLET

Sy Syms School of Business is now offering a business minor for SCW and YC liberal arts majors. It is effective immediately, said SSSB Dean Harold Nierenberg. The new minor is designed to "enrich [students'] understanding of business, enhance their marketable skills, broaden their career possibilities, and add depth to their undergraduate experience."

To be credited as a business minor, an SCW or YC undergraduate must complete 18 credits from a 24 credit-modified-business core. Students may choose from an array of classes, including Accounting I and II, Finance, Marketing, and up to six credits in elective business courses. No prerequisite courses are necessary.

Nierenberg requested that all interested students file a declaration of their minor with the Office of the Dean of SSSB. He stressed that the declarations do not obligate the students in any way, but are merely means of keeping track of the students so the Dean can address each one's individual needs. The students minoring in business will be taking courses with regular Sy Syms business majors.

The new business minor was established "in response to student demand," says Nierenberg. He is excited about the program. "It provides more options for YU undergraduates, both men and women, a wider scope for enhancing their educational experi-

ence." Nierenberg says that students will find the business background they gain from the minor useful in most of their chosen fields. The minor can also be helpful to students who decide later in their college careers that they are interested in business. With the minor, they will not have to spend extra time in college, because it will give them the basic background in business they are looking for.

The new SSSB minor has been generally well received on the SCW campus. Amy Bodoff, SCW junior, plans to file a declaration of minor immediately. "I'm excited because when I realized I'd like to go to law school, it was already too late for me to enter SSSB and still graduate on time. This minor is a great opportunity."

SSSB has also just announced that business majors will have the option of participating in any liberal arts minor. One SCW/SSSB student who is minoring in biology was happy to receive this news. "Allowing us a liberal arts minor helps us become educationally well rounded," she said. "Right now, no one field of expertise is an assurance. We should not have to concentrate all of our skills in one area. We should be able to gain as wide a background as possible in all areas so we have the best possibilities of getting the job we want."

PORTRAITS

THE DANCER: LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

By SARA KLEIN

Hadassah Segal lives in two worlds. An alumna of Maimonides, Orot, and Barnard, with a degree in Jewish history, she is very much a part of the young Jewish community on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. She is unique, however, in that most of her time is spent somewhere else -- in the world of dance.

Segal started dancing as a child, and at age twelve was enrolled during the summer at a professional dance school in Boston. At this point, while all of her peers began to pursue professional training in New York, Segal remained in Boston, as she was rooted in her community and in her day school. This put a frustrating end to her dancing, but it was temporary.

At seventeen, when she went to study in Israel at Orot, Segal discovered what she had been

seeking - a way to merge her Jewish identity with her enormous dance talents. At the Bat Dor Institute in Tel Aviv, she encountered other individuals who shared her culture and her religion, who had the same schedule as she did concerning shabbat, and who were also motivated and gifted performing artists. Segal says that this experience "pulled things together," and enabled her to return to America intensely focused on a dance career.

One of her role models, Ruth Goodman, the director of the National Israeli Dance Institute, became a major contact upon Segal's return. Goodman put Segal in touch with an Israeli folk dance company which employs dancers for various performances and benefits. Segal says that she enjoys doing work where she can express her Jewishness, and often serves as

the interpreter of Jewish themes to non-Jewish dancers. Segal continues to freelance in performances with different tempo-

rary companies, of both Jewish and modern dance orientations. As Segal puts it, this is how she "pays the rent."

Her real goal, however, is to become employed by a repertoire company, a professional dance group which salary's its performers as full time employees, and involves intense choreography with high caliber master dancers. To prepare her for this type of atmosphere, Segal now studies two renowned modern dance companies, Jose Limon and Paul Taylor. Segal especially identifies with Limon's method of dance, which involves a great deal of spiritual, uplifted movement, and a passionate emphasis on gesture. As in all modern dance, the torso is the focus of the drama, but Limon also concentrates heavily on the hands and facial expressions. Because it is so humanistic and inspiring, Segal

finds this method the best medium for her to express herself as an artist.

Segal sees her career as a dancer as an ongoing process, and looks back on her early struggles as part of this phenomenon. She still has frustrating conflicts with performances on weekends, as she has made the decision to be a part of the dance world; and yet strongly maintains the importance of keeping shabbat. Another dilemma of Segal's lies in her desire to contribute to the Jewish community, but her unwillingness to compromise dance quality toward achieving this purpose. Ultimately, Segal wishes to raise Jewish art to the highest professional level. Toward this end, she says that she sees herself ending up in Israel, where she can be a full member of both her professional, artistic world and her cultural one.



Segal performing a Sephardic wedding dance at performance for the Yiddish Cultural Institution, in commemoration of the 500th year since the expulsion from Spain, Pesach, 1992.

Besamim Sponsors Student Works Exhibit

Bridging The Gap

By CHERYL J. LANGNER

In recent years, there have not been many opportunities at SCW to access the vast creative talents of SCW artists. Other than last year's private showing of Yonina Grushko's paintings at the YU Jewish Museum, the various walls of the school building are the only displays of student work available at SCW. To address this problem, Besamim has begun to bridge the gap between SCW's literary and artistic talents and their audience by reviving and expanding the literary and arts journal. This year, Besamim has taken another step in the right direction by broadening its scope to include the revival of the annual Student Works Exhibit.

The week-long exhibit in Koch auditorium opened on November 9, with an address presented by Professor Laurel

Hatvay. Refreshments and background music were provided for the sixty students, members of the faculty, administration, and outside guests who attended the opening. Tours of the show were conducted by Besamim board members, and many of the artists were present to provide commentary on their works. Guests at the opening caught first glimpse of the selected paintings, drawings, sculptures, poems and prose of over thirty SCW artists and writers. Professors Cohen, Gardner and Trenk had graciously donated pieces of their work for the exhibit as well. To provide SCW students greater access to the exhibit, a majority of the works remained on display throughout the week.

Response to the presentation was overwhelming. Many students took time out of their mid-term schedules to view the works,

and most were unaware of the vast talent at SCW. "I was very impressed by the exhibit," said Michelle Benoff, SCW junior; "There are many talented and creative women at SCW, and I'm glad there is a channel for their work to be viewed and appreciated."

"It was a beautiful exhibit that presented a varied amount of work from a large and varied group of students," said Naomi Bennett, SCW sophomore. "The combination of artistic and literary works presented a well rounded view of the talent at SCW."

Professor Trenk, who teaches drawing at SCW, lauded the exhibit as a wonderful idea, and explained that the show provided a "valuable experience for artists. It served as a rehearsal for future exhibits in their careers, and presented obstacles that may arise both in the organization and preparation of a show or gallery."

The students and administration were not the only ones who enjoyed the show. Jocely Clapp, of Bettmann News Photos, one of the largest and most prestigious archives in the country, attended the show's opening. Clapp praised the exhibit as "lovely" and "a great idea", and is "looking forward to future exhibits."

Mandy Bachrach, one of the artists whose work was displayed said, "Some of my work has been informally displayed in the building, but I share the view that SCW artists have little opportunity to get feedback on their works. The Student Works Exhibit enabled others to view some of our work, and it helped us get reaction and criticism from our peers. For this reason, the exhibit was a suc-

cess."

Leah Frenkel and Judi Goodman, presidents of Besamim, are pleased with the presentation. Says Frenkel, "Besamim revived [the exhibit] in order to bring the artists and their audience together. The feedback the artists have received and the interest Besamim has sparked has proven that SCW is extremely interested in the works of its students, and that is very encouraging to the artists and writers here."

The 1992 Student Works Exhibit provided a creative outlet for the various artists whose work was displayed, and a welcome break from hectic schedules for SCW students. Though

it was a great success, the Besamim board announced that, for now, the presentation will remain only an annual event. Artists and writers can still find their audience by submitting works for publication in Besamim's Journal later in this year. In the interim, the cutting edge of art and writing at SCW is available for public consumption on the Caf, office, and Art Studio walls, and at the weekly Creative Writing Peer Group meetings. All interested art and literary connoisseurs are invited.

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CULTURAL ARTS

Temima Goldberg: Journalist in the Making

By JUDITH SOLOMON

Temima Goldberg, SCW freshman, is certainly unique. Before attending college, she spent two years working as a full-time journalist.

Goldberg began corresponding from Israel in January 1991 for the *Intermountain Jewish News*, a Jewish weekly based in Denver and serving the Rocky Mountain area. Last year, she accepted a position as a full-time staff writer for the paper. Now in New York, she remains a correspondent for the paper.

When hearing her accomplishments praised, Goldberg smiled, a bit embarrassed. She explained that her venture into journalism was not a matter of conscious planning.

After graduating from Beis Yaakov of Denver in June 1990, she had no career goals in mind. She certainly never thought of being a journalist.

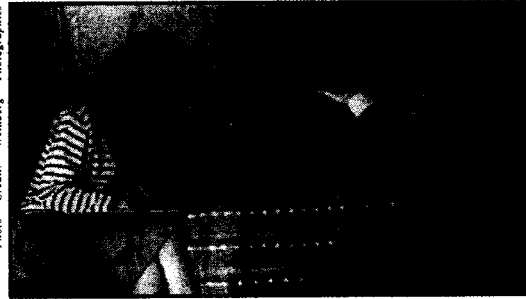
"My family has been in journalism for over fifty years, in the

After the war, Goldberg decided not to return to the seminary. She took a full time job in an *ulpan* at Horeb High School, teaching Hebrew to immigrants. "It was great to know that I was contributing to Israel at a time of need," said Goldberg.

She remembers her war correspondence with fondness. "That was a real special time; to be able to go through the war with Israel...and still let people in the United States know what was happening. In my columns, I took more of a human interest angle."

When the war ended, Goldberg continued to send columns to the paper. At the end of the year, she was offered a position as a full-time staff writer at the *Intermountain Jewish News*.

"At that point," said Goldberg, "I really had a love of writing. But it was a different kind of writing...All my writing so far was correspondence, and it was from Israel, and I love *Eretz*



Goldberg interviews the famous artist, Yaakov Agam.

Intermountain Jewish News in Denver," Goldberg said. "I had no interest in going into the family business."

In the autumn of 1990, Goldberg went to Seminar Yerushalayim, a seminary in Israel. When it was apparent that the Gulf War was imminent, and with much of the school gone, she left the school to stay with family friends in nearby Efrat.

The morning after Iraq's first scud attack on Israel, Goldberg spoke with her father on the phone. "We had this whole conversation about what the night was like...I didn't realize but I must have been detailing the whole war experience on the first night. And I didn't know that on the other side of the phone he was typing away."

Four days later, her father called back and asked her if he could publish her conversation in the *Intermountain Jewish News*. Goldberg agreed. Then, at the request of several editors, she became a foreign correspondent for the paper. From that point on, she sent weekly columns detailing the situation in Israel.

Yisrael."

Staff writing, she admitted, was a different experience altogether. "In Israel, I was so glad to write about *Eretz Yisrael*, or the *medina*, or the people...And so coming back and getting assignments about people you don't know is different."

But Goldberg said she enjoyed the challenge. "I was covering all this new territory that I'd never touched before...That's where I started to learn. I was constantly discussing things with editors, constantly seeing how they were doing things." A small note of wistfulness crept into Goldberg's voice. "This year I don't have that."

Goldberg is shaping her major at SCW with an emphasis on Middle East studies. She noted that she misses Israel daily. "I aspire to be working and living there."

Even at this stage, Goldberg has begun to prepare herself for that goal. Stressing the importance of both Arabic and Hebrew for any journalist in the Middle East, she is currently taking an Arabic course at Columbia Univer-

The heaviest woman in New York is in the harbor. She has a thirty-five foot waist and weighs 450,000 pounds. The Statue of Liberty was built in 1886; it was a gift from the people of France. The Ellis Island Immigration Museum attempts to capture the anxious feelings of the 12 million immigrants who docked there. The museum has two theaters showing the touching film, "Island of Hope, Island of Tears." It also contains a huge exhibit of old photographs, clothing, maps, and heirlooms which are tangible links to this time period. The Immigrant Wall of Honor lists over 200,000 names, including those of Kennedy and Berlin. To get there, take the one or the nine subway from Penn Station to South Ferry and Battery Park. Then take the Statue of Liberty Ferry over. Tickets cannot be reserved, but call ahead for sailings. "Keep the Torch Lit" and call (212) 269-5755.

Adults of all ages, the circus is in town. The Big Apple Circus is currently thrilling crowds at Lincoln Center. This year's circus theme, "Goin' Places," is a celebration of travellers in children's literature. Paul Binder, the Founder and Artistic Director of the circus, states that "the main clown's spirit of adventure sends him through a universe of exotic people who present themselves for his amazement and your pleasure." The circus fills two entertaining acts. It is a one ring circus.

She is not worried about her Hebrew, though, because after spending the first twelve and a half years of her life in Israel, Hebrew is one of her first languages.

Goldberg radiated an intensity when she talked about journalism. But she got equally passionate when she discussing her work in outreach. She works once a week in the Hebrew Culture Club, a program sponsored by NCSY. The club, she explains, teaches public school kids Jewish values.

Last year Goldberg received public recognition, becoming the youngest person to win the Boris Smolar National Award in American Jewish Journalism, given by the American Jewish

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Skating, Boating, Sailing, Bowling and Animal Tricks

By BETH GREEN

so you can take everything in. The circus members come from as far as Mongolia and as close as Brooklyn. Sadly, the circus leaves January 10th, so hurry there. Almost every seat is a good seat, so don't worry. Tickets range from \$10-\$45. Call (212) 721-6500 for more information.

5-8pm). Games cost \$3.35 at night and are a full ten cents cheaper during the day. It's located on 42nd St at Port Authority. If you are really smart you'll ask the van to take you there. Call 268-6909 for details. Rumor has it Billy Baldwin hangs out there.



Tucked inside the mini-city of Port Authority is a bowling alley. Leisure Time Bowling is a safe oasis inside P.A. They have 30 lanes and video games. You should really only go with people whose mood won't be determined by their score. Leisure Time is open from 10am - 11pm (beware of league nights, usually

ice-skating at Rockefeller Center is in every third movie about New York. You too can join in this experience for the price of a movie (and a drink). The rink is kind of small, but the experience is mandatory for city dwellers. Like everything in the city, you pay for the location. Sessions are \$7 without rental, on weekends it's \$8. Call for session times (212) 757-5730. Another alternative is the Wollman Memorial Rink in Central Park. Admission is \$5 without rental. Lockers and lessons are available. The rink is located at 62nd St mid-park. Dial (212) 517-4800 for more information.

The most comprehensive guide to movies, galleries, theaters, and other events can be found in *LISTINGS* magazine. It is a weekly publication which lists over 1,000 entries. *LISTINGS* is available at newsstands throughout Manhattan, including the one at Madison and 34th. The magazine is only a dollar, and Stern College's Miss Michele Berman is an intern.

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Goldberg's friends are proud of her. One friend, who did not want her name to be mentioned, said "Not every student is capable of doing that."

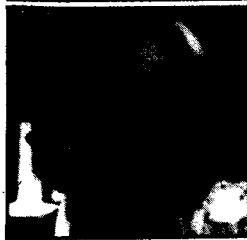
Goldberg's sister, Tehilla Goldberg, SCW senior, also voiced her admiration. "I thought it was neat that she discovered this thing that she was interested in and that she'd like to pursue it." She smiles and says jokingly, "As long as she writes all my papers."

But, in a more serious tone she said, "I'm very proud of her."

Goldberg advised aspiring journalists to "always, always, al-

ways read. Never stop reading." She pointed out that even a daily paper like the *New York Times* can provide a lot of information on news reporting. "There are so many different writing techniques to learn and writing styles to see and differentiate from reading."

No matter what happens, Goldberg advised, there is one axiom every journalist should remember. "Never give it up." Through the trying circumstances of the Gulf War, through the trials of her first year as a journalist, Temima Goldberg never gave up. That is perhaps the most obvious reason for her success.



Wiesel Delivers State of World Jewry Address

Give us the world for one generation. I promise that when we give it back it won't be in worse shape.

By CHAVIE LEVINE

"Who are we, Jews today, in a world which is so un-Jewish? What is the lesson we [have] received [from the past]?" Let us try to make a cheshbon hanefesh (account of the soul): taking stock and letting us see where we are today," began Elie Wiesel in his presentation of The State of World Jewry Address at the 92nd St. Y on Thursday December 3 at 8 p.m. Thirty YU merit scholars were present at this public forum.

The annual State of World Jewry Address commenced in 1980 for the purpose of examining the condition and situation of the worldwide Jewish community; to analyze its social, political and spiritual arenas. Each year, the Address is delivered by a prominent Jewish figure. Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, professor at Boston University, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, over 80 various other awards, and honorary degrees from more than 60 colleges, delivered the Address this year, as he had previously in 1986.

Wiesel emphatically stated that questions facing us Jews in the Diaspora, and in Israel, are the same ones which our fathers dealt with. Jewish History, he stated, is a cycle; similar events recur time and time again -- only "the distance between them changes," said Wiesel.

Internal problems which have constantly threatened Jewish existence, remain unsolved and undiminished. Pointing to the current increasing number of mixed marriages, Wiesel indicated that this problem of assimilation is not a new threat facing Jews today; rather, it is one which has plagued the Jewish nation since the inception of its nationhood. And therefore, Jewish survival is as much of a mystery today, as it has been in the past.

Contact between Jews and non-Jews has existed for centuries, and Wiesel stated that "The Jewish tradition stresses a freedom of conscience: a Jew chooses to be Jewish." Judaism allows its people freedom in their undertakings. Wiesel supported

this by drawing on past incidents involving Jews actively choosing one path over another. He spoke of Jews choosing between Moshe and Korach; those deciding during the period of the Babylonian exile, whether to follow Ezra and Nechemiah to Jerusalem or to remain behind in Babylon; and Abravanel choosing to exile himself and not to convert to Christianity during the Spanish expulsion of 1492.

Wiesel indicated that Judaism places an emphasis on choice, and Jews must choose to be part of their community, in order to retain their Jewish identities. However, he pointed out that during the Holocaust, the enemy removed this element of choice, as is the case in all atrocities and incidents instigated and executed by antisemites. And, this, too, is a problem which has existed for centuries. As Wiesel stated, "...No other hate has such a past as the hate of the Jew...Antisemitism today is a problem which the Jewish community cannot not face."

Criticizing world leaders who neglected to aid the Jewish victims during the Holocaust, claiming they were not sensitive to the Jews' suffering, Wiesel was adamant in stating that it is our duty to provide aid for and all suffering victimized souls.

Wiesel spoke of his recent trip to Yugoslavia, whose purpose was to help out the victims of torture and suffering, and provide support for them. As he said, "I cannot suffer in his place, but I can be present at his suffering."

Observing the situation at hand and regarding it as similar to the Holocaust, Wiesel said, "War is a farce; war is a tragedy... What will be done to Jews, will somehow be done to others... If we are celebrating the sanctity of life, we must celebrate it everywhere..."

"War is when adults fight and children die," he asserted.

Reflecting on the past, and looking ahead to the end of the century, Wiesel maintained that it is incumbent upon Jews to enlarge their field of vision and take an active interest in their environment; in both its social and political aspects, as well as internally reflecting.

As a Jew who is so involved in Jewish life, Wiesel stressed that it is imperative that all speak up in a civilized manner when offended, and not resort to shouting and violence. Jews must preserve their identity and their memories. Wiesel asserted that "I do have faith in the Jewish community in America and in the whole world." He claimed that there are dedicated Jews; those who are true to themselves and interesting in preserving their tradition, and therefore the Jewish nation has been and will continue to be eternal.

Wiesel concluded by saying that the most important issue facing Jews in the next few years, which must be prioritized and dealt with, is that of creating and maintaining a cohesive Jewish community.

Observer: What's the nature of the lawsuit you are filing against the City of NY, the NY Police Dept., the Mayor and the former police Commissioner?

Norman Rosenbaum: In broad terms, it's a civil rights suit which is based on the actions of the authorities - and I use that across the board to cover all the defendants who either jointly or severally violated by one means or another the civil rights of those plaintiffs who are listed - the plaintiffs include the estate of my late brother, the Crown

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Heights Jewish Community Council, and a number of Crown Heights residents... ultimately the aim of it is to compensate them for damage and loss and to obtain a court injunction preventing the same decision-making or the same type of action from occurring in the future. As alleged in the suit, the authorities predicated their action or their lack of action by way of favoring one group - namely the perpetrators of the violence over the Jewish community.

Observer: What is the immediate goal of the lawsuit?

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Rosenbaum: It is another avenue pursuant to law which will enable the Jewish community of Crown Heights - which includes my late brother - to obtain justice. It gives them [the plaintiffs] certain powers under the Civil Rights statute to obtain information and to obtain answers to questions which have so far gone unanswered in regard to the action or lack of action of the authorities during the Crown Heights pogrom.

Observer: How would you respond to the Mayor who denies instructing the police to hold back, although he does accept responsibility for the tactical errors in judgement made by the police?

Rosenbaum: First of all, I believe he's playing with words because in essence either he is accountable or he is not accountable - but as he has admitted, he is accountable as the mayor of the city. Second - in the course of his saying that there were "tactical errors" - he's not talking about an error of judgement which was corrected when it was realized that it was not working - we're talking about a deliberate decision-making process which went on and which put into play certain actions which favored one group above another - the disadvantaged group was the Jewish Community of Crown Heights and those who were favored were those perpetrating the violence... this went on for four days and three nights. The end result being that now when the mayor of the city says that there were "tactical

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errors" - what he is doing is not addressing the fact that indeed, what occurred, was a level of violence and atrocities which was condoned and facilitated by...virtue of this decision-making process. I don't accept that as an excuse.

I find that he is avoiding the issue of justice and shirking the real accountability and real responsibility. Unlike the Tomkins Park incident where "tactical errors" were made and people were brought to account immediately and similarly after the police demonstration at 1 Police Plaza where he called it a riot; here he has called it a disturbance - and he took action to ensure that those people were disciplined and the appropriate charges brought against them.

Observer: Why do you believe the Mayor restrained the police in the hours following Gavin Cato's death?

Rosenbaum: I'm told that it was political - originally I couldn't identify with what it meant to be

"political" - coming from Melbourne, Australia. I didn't know what that means - you take an action which is either right or wrong - you look to enforce law and order, and protect the safety

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of individuals... I understand this to mean that the mayor perceived that if indeed he did stop law breakers - who happen to come from one segment of the community - that community would react adversely in a manner which would be detrimental for him at the next election and consequently there's that perception that not withstanding what's right and wrong, he had to do what was perceived to be politically expedient.

Observer: Herbert Bloch, assistant to the Mayor, maintains that although you had the opportunity to voice your objections to the Mayor's actions, you did not do so when you met with him. How do you respond to this claim?

Rosenbaum: I had a conversation with the mayor about ten days after my brother was murdered... I immediately raised with him in the course of that conversation the reports that we

I came with a number of questions and he avoided the issues totally, and while it was congenial in nature, I went away with these questions unanswered.

had received from a variety of independent sources which said two things - 1) that the police had stood back and allowed my brother to be murdered and 2) that the hospital had allowed my brother to bleed to death. At that point in time, we found these types of reports to be totally unbelievable and we really felt that the people were embellishing or exaggerating and it was my parents' and my combined belief that these types of rumors should be quelled immediately, not wishing to in any way impugn the fine reputation of either the policemen or alternatively the hospital staff. We made no allegations... and he (the mayor) appreciated the fact that we weren't making any accusations... Really the reports we were getting were just so preposterous that we couldn't identify them with New York City 1991. He said that he would look into it (these reports) and about two weeks later he followed up with separate letters


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to both my parents and I, and he again put into writing his condolences and reiterated that he would look into those matters I'd raised with him. I heard nothing further from him in the two months that followed, so when I met with him at Gracie Mansion on the Sunday prior to when he

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left for South Africa last year, I raised these matters with him... I came with a number of questions and he avoided the issues totally, and while it [the meeting] was congenial in nature, I went away with these questions unanswered.

At this stage [when I met with him at Gracie Mansion] there were already the reports from the New York State Health Department, the Hospital Commission and the president of the New York City Council, Andrew Stein, which showed that the hospital had failed to treat my brother in a proper way and indeed he had bled to death. What's followed since then has been the disappearance of 911 tapes, the trashing of our reward posters and a totally inadequate investigation. There's been no reward offered (by the city) until


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the acquittal of Lemrick Nelson, and Mr. Block, come out and say this now [that I didn't raise these issues] is preposterous. His meek and mild words now, in some way trying to indicate that this is a new issue, is ridiculous. I'm a polite person and I've tried to be as polite and courteous in pursuing these issues as I possibly can. They've failed to address them. Mr. Block should go back and examine the facts carefully.

Observer: You've stated that the New York Board of Rabbis' support of the Mayor in this case is a part of a "whitewash." How have other Rabbis and community leaders responded to this incident?

Rosenbaum: I have a broad spectrum of support coming from all areas of the community, not just the Jewish community, but across the United States - I've received literally thousands

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of cards, letters, faxes, and phone calls of support for not only myself but for the Crown Heights Jewish community. Within the Jewish community I'm proud to say that again I've got broad support - very strong support certainly in the Orthodox, and there have been other areas of both Conservative and Reform Jews who have stood out with their support as well. From all corners, people who have stood up proudly in the past to support civil rights and human rights are here to be counted again. I find the position adopted by those who have come out in support of the Mayor to be abhorrent... to be pandering to the politics of the day.

When the NY Board of Rabbis came out in support of the Mayor they were in fact endorsing the failure of his authority and his police force to adequately protect the Jewish community and to allow 3 days of atrocities and violence to go on without due protection being

given to the Jewish residents... these people [NY Board of Rabbis] should hang their heads in shame.

Observer: In your opinion, what should Jewish leaders be doing right now?

Rosenbaum: These people should be calling out in the strongest possible way, within the law and peacefully, that justice be done.

Observer: What do you make of the response of local politicians to the incident?

...These people [NY Board of Rabbis] should hang their heads in shame.

Rosenbaum: On April 5 of this year at a rally for justice held at City Hall, I first called for a federal investigation. At that time we had initial support from a number of politicians, not just at the city and state level, but indeed across the U.S. Since then I am proud to say that the level of support on a political level has not known political boundaries... people recognize what the true issue is, and that it is an issue of justice which is equally applicable to all citizens.

Observer: What are your expectations of the state/federal investigations of this case?

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Rosenbaum: I hope and I am confident that the investigators will undertake a full and comprehensive investigation, something which has not been taken to date, and that they will identify the wrongdoers and prosecute them accordingly.

Observer: Do you believe that Lemrick Nelson murdered your brother?

Rosenbaum: Yes I do.

Observer: For how long will you remain in NY addressing this case?

Rosenbaum: As long as it takes.

Nature of Lawsuit Explained by Rosenbaum

Dinkins Inaccessible for Interview

By ILANA BRESLAU

In an effort to provide accurate and balanced coverage of the handling of the violence in Crown Heights, The Observer attempted to obtain interviews with Norman Rosenbaum, who is outraged over the lack of a thorough investigation into his brother's murder, and with Mayor Dinkins, who steadfastly defends his actions in the case. An interview with Rosenbaum was arranged, however, while Herbert Bloch, assistant to the Mayor, agreed to an interview, he was inaccessible at the time this paper went to print.

According to Rosenbaum, despite seemingly conclusive evidence that Lemrick Nelson murdered Yankel Rosenbaum, a jury acquitted Nelson of the charges brought against him.

Currently, federal and state investigations are underway to determine if Yankel Rosenbaum's civil rights were violated in the Crown Heights riots. However, members of the Jewish community and others maintain that there remain unresolved issues.

These people are demanding justice and are calling for an independent investigation into the entire incident in Crown Heights, beginning in the hours after the August 1991 accidental killing of Gavin Cato through the three days of rage that followed. Jewish leaders question why the police were not restraining rioters; further, they challenge the Mayor's dismissal of the incident, believing Mr. Dinkins to be diverting the focus of the issue from one of justice to one of race-relations.

A lawsuit has been filed by the estate of Yankel Rosenbaum, the Crown Heights Jewish community and residents of Crown Heights against the city of NY, the Mayor, the NY police department and the former Police Commissioner, based on the action of the last mentioned authorities.

Although Bloch asserts that the "notion of the lawsuit... is patently untrue," Brooklyn Councilman Noach Dear and Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind are hopeful that the lawsuit will reveal the truth and will keep the incident alive and within public purview.

Upon returning from a protest at a major re-election fund-raiser for the Mayor, Hikind vows to continue an "ongoing battle" to demand justice for Rosenbaum and for Crown Heights.

"Jewish honor was disgraced... it's the responsibility of each of us to do what we can," he says.

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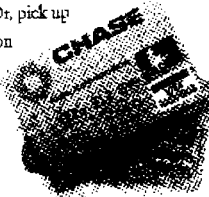
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POLITICAL TALK

EVIAN CONFERENCE 1992?

By CHAVA BOYLAN

"They got everyone out...and lined us all up along the edge of the road. They chose about 250 people....They started taking people by threes, and we heard machine-gun bursts along with pistol shots."

This narrative is 24-year-old Semir K.'s eyewitness testimony of a 200-person massacre, allegedly perpetrated by the Bosnian Serb militia this past August, as reported by *Time* magazine (October 12). The author miraculously escaped.

The slaughter described above is but one account of the horrors presently occurring in what used to be Yugoslavia. In the year-old civil war between the former Yugoslav republics, the Serbian army has been charged with "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims from their territory. Atrocities have been reportedly perpetrated, however, by both sides.

The proper response of the Western World to this war is a topic of much debate. Some advocate sanctions against Serbia, which, in fact, are presently in place. The UN has sent aid. Some advise military intervention.

One thing, however, is clear. Silence and inaction in the face of genocide is unacceptable.

In a Nov. 9 Op-Ed piece in *The New York Times*, Senior Columnist Flora Lewis asserted that world Jewry has a "special responsibility" to rally for this cause.

"Jews...don't need new descriptions of concentration camps... Major Jewish organizations around the world have the structure, experience, leadership, means and political influence to rescue these people now and arrange at least temporary resettlement," Lewis wrote.

She also posited that helping persecuted Muslims in Yugoslavia might help Israel in the current Middle East peace talks: "For the sake of Jewish-Muslim reconciliation... Jews should sound the trumpet. They cannot be silent," she concluded.

"Ethnic cleansing," as Lewis pointed out, is not a foreign concept to the Jew. Jews have experienced the results of worldwide passivity. This is why Jewish groups have already spoken out against the horrors taking place in Yugoslavia.

Lewis ignores the current ef-

forts of Jewish groups. More importantly, however, she errs in her basic assumption that a history of persecution somehow mandates the Jews, more than other nations of the world, to "sound the trumpet" in the fight against the oppression. The Jews are but one of the nations of the world upon whom this responsibility falls.

Indeed, if a "special responsibility" falls on anyone, it is on the nations of the world who did nothing 50 years ago in the face of Hitler's "ethnic cleansing." It is the Western World's chance now to prove itself.

In 1938, the Allied powers met in Evian, France to discuss the German Jewish refugee problem. While recognizing the problem, no country was willing to offer refuge. Hitler took this conference as a signal to go ahead with his sinister plans.

Although the situation in Yugoslavia is somewhat different, similarities to World War Two abound. The lesson is the same. There are 1.5 million refugees from this war. The Western World now has a choice: to learn from history or to allow history to repeat itself.

Message Madness

By B. CHEZNA GREEN

I wonder what Alex Bell would have thought of answering machines. Answering machines have changed the rules of established telephone etiquette. The recorded message has become an insight into the personality of the person who records the message. There are eight basic categories of messages. People who don't have the nerve to make their own message are deleted from the Pasture's observations.

The **Formals** have messages that repeat the phone number you just dialed. They tell you nobody is in and remind you to have a nice day. These generic messages are produced by people who are expecting a business call or some other humorless person. Formals are sometimes mistaken for **Parental Pleasers**.

Parental Pleasers make their messages with their parental units in mind. The recording is usually succinct and conservative in nature. The voice is even and the words are enunciated clearly. They fear criticism from their families, especially their brothers, the most willing critics. **Parental Pleasers** sometimes experiment with their machines, but they basically all sound alike. They can attempt to be creative and state that they are, "in the library" or are, "studying for exams."

Travellers have messages like: "I've gone back to Memphis for break..." "I've gone to Monsey for Shabbat..." They are not trying to impress you with their active ways, but are feeling you out for comments in the message you will leave. **Travellers** are simply verbalizing their pleasure of leaving the Apple.

People who change their machines at least daily are called **Updaters**. They subject the innocent caller to play-by-play updates on their lives. These messages include their current whereabouts, what they are doing and where they are doing it. They are brief and say something like, "I've gone to see Aladdin so I won't be

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home until ten." For some reason, these people are obsessed with their answering machines and are constantly changing its messages. **Updaters** were very popular in high school and haven't yet gotten over it.

One of the most annoying genres of answering machine recordings are the **Music Players**. This is especially true if the music is playing before and after a monologue. The music is usually too loud to hear and basically sounds like loud static. Creativity points are given to those individuals who tie in their message to the tune and to those who compose their own music.

Liars are basically wishful thinkers. When you get a machine that states, "I'm suntanning on the roof..." and it's December, you know you've reached a **liar**. **Liars** are not trying to insult your intelligence; they use their machines as ways to transport themselves out of their humdrum or stressful existence.

Tricksters are out to make a fool out of you. **Tricksters** all have the same message, "Hello...Hello... I can't hear you...Hello." It's so unoriginal, yet it works.

The most vile of all machine people are the **Screeners**. This group selects the calls they will answer and which they resign to the abyss of recordings. A long distance call will usually break the most ardent of **Screeners**. This selectivity can be taken in two ways. If they do pick up the phone when you are leaving a message, at first you are flattered, but that shortlived feeling passes when you realize that you are friends with a **Screener**.

Most people switch off between the different categories. People waste a lot of time making and remaking their messages. I guess you have to decide if your machine is functional or entertaining. Functional is boring, yet entertaining ones fall flat or get old. So at the end of the period, you know what to do. Beeeceeeppp!



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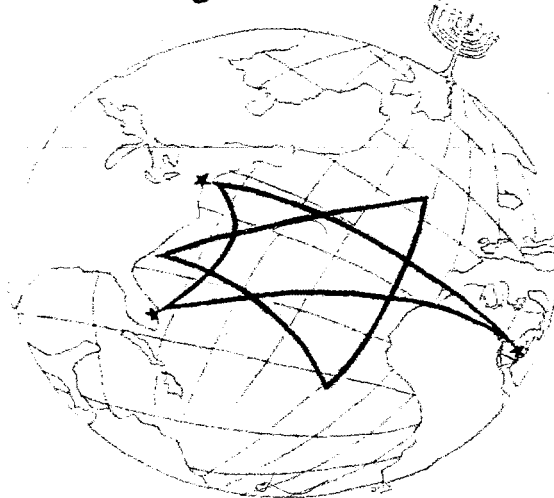
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Women: A Vital Part of the Process

The Year of the Woman

By LAURIE KATZMAN

Election year 1992 has been coined "the year of the woman," with a growing number of women running for and winning positions in Congress. The expression characterizing the '92 election suggests that this is the year of women's awakening to issues and also the year of the nation's recognition of women's significance in the political process.

Ever since women won the right to vote in America they have been a politically active group (especially in the past twenty years) forming many feminist groups and organizations and rallying for various causes. Yet, few have actually made their way up the ranks to prominent positions in politics. In the 1990 election, women won seats in only 3% of the Senate and 6% of the House of Representatives.

Women see gains in Congress

However, during the past year, several women transferred their strength and energy into political power. In the November election 117 women ran for seats in Congress, far exceeding the 77 women who ran in 1990.

Ten women ran for their first time in this year's Senatorial election. Four won, thereby tripling the number of women senators from two to six. In the House, the number of women rose by two-thirds from twenty nine to forty-eight. Additionally, state legislatures and local offices have seen a tremendous increase in positions filled by women.

Thomas hearings energize women

The Clarence Thomas hear-

ings are thought to have galvanized many women to run for office in the past election.

About a year ago, the nation tuned in to their televisions to find the Senate Judiciary Committee, composed of a 14 all-male panel, deciding the validity of the sexual harassment charges brought by Anita Hill against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

Women across the country believed that a more representative committee - one which would have included women - would have found Thomas guilty of the charges. When the committee yielded its decision many women perceived the need for their greater participation in Congress.

In the past, lack of funds was a major obstacle in women running successful political campaigns. However, with growing discontent with the results of the Thomas hearings, vast donations have been made toward women's congressional campaigns.

Women focus on important issues

In addition to women's stronger campaigning, because of the poor state of the economy, voters were perceived to be looking for candidates who would focus on domestic policy - including unemployment, health-care reform, deficit-reduction, and edu-

cation. Female candidates were seen as those who could make the government work for ordinary people.

For example, Patty Murray, the Democratic Senator-elect from Washington, portrays the image of "just a mom in tennis shoes." She, however, is not a newcomer to politics after having already spent a number of years on her state legislature.

Females are pro-choice

Although the newly-elected Congresswomen hail from diverse backgrounds, one position that they all maintain is a pro-choice stand.

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MEDICAL RESEARCH: DOES IT FAVOR MALES?

By LISA STATMAN

Women's health concerns in general, and heart disease in women in particular, are not getting the attention they deserve at the National Institutes of Health.

Over the past several years, most medical research has been conducted on middle-aged white males because it is the most visible, and seemingly, the most "homogeneous" group.

The results of research on men is then applied to both men and women, and the same drugs are used to treat both sexes. Physiological differences, however, make this dangerous, explained Pat Schroeder, Co-Chairwoman of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues and Congresswoman of Colorado. Women have fluctuating hormone levels and more body fat, and therefore absorb the same drugs in the same amounts differently than do men. In women, the drugs used to treat men may also cause fetal damage, but there is little actual knowledge of what kind of damage can result because they are seldom the subjects of research.

In 1981, the NIH conducted a major study on the prophylactic effects of aspirin in combating heart disease. Over 22,000 people were tested, but all were male. Charles H. Hennekens, who led the study, admitted that he had originally intended to in-

clude women, but logistics and expenses made such a project impossible. He explained that since women develop heart disease about 10 years later than men, an extremely large sample would have had to be used, making the undertaking too large for the NIH.

Nevertheless, the results of the project are applied to both genders. And because women are known to develop heart disease later in life than do men, people tend to think that women are less affected by it. Heart disease is still regarded as a "man's disease" when, in fact, half of the people who develop heart disease are women.

Only 13 percent of the NIH's research is dedicated to women. They have no obstetrics or gynecology division, while they do have a department of urology. William F. Raub, the former director of the NIH, conceded that the organization had neglected women's health issues, and that it would try to make changes in the future.

Since the landmark aspirin study, the NIH has recognized the need for supplementary research on women, and in 1986 it instituted a policy for the inclusion of women as subjects for medical research.

In subsequent years, the Congressional Caucus on Women's

Issues, a group that tries to force the NIH to be even-handed in its research, attempted to follow-up the NIH's enforcement of this policy, by seeing how much of its money was actually spent on women's research. The General Accounting Office, investigating the NIH's implementation of the new policy, found that the NIH did not adequately enforce it. In response to these findings, the Office of Research on Women's Health was formed under the auspices of the NIH.

Since then, Bernadine Healy, who became the NIH's first woman director in 1991, has continued to direct more attention toward women. In her first year as director, she launched a \$500 million study of women's health issues.

Without proper legislation, however, the ORWH may lose its momentum and recede into the background of the NIH. It has yet to receive legal authority from Congress. Advocates fear that until that happens, women's health concerns will remain a secondary issue.

In the meantime, the ORWH has made few strides. While it has pushed for the women's health cause, it will take years before it can compensate for the NIH's previous neglect. For now, women can only push for legislation and wait.

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By SHANA BAK

Looking for a place for Shabbat? Why not stay right where you are? According to shabbaton coordinator Mrs. Ilene Himer, shabbatonim at Stern College have become more popular than ever. Not only has there been an increased student turnout, but more clubs and groups are increasingly expressing interest in sponsoring shabbatonim.

While Stern College women stay in their dorm rooms for Shabbat, Yeshiva College students are put up in the Bedford Hotel. This hotel is owned by a Yeshiva University alumna, Mr. Arbesfeld, who does YU the service of putting up the first ten men for free, and charging minimal fees to the remainder of students. The hotel is conveniently located on 40th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues.

Shabbatonim are sponsored by one or more clubs. Meal tickets can be purchased during the week in the cafeteria. The cost for three Shabbat meals is \$15. A speaker is invited to address the guests after the Friday night meal. The talk is followed by an *oneg shabbat*. Rabbinic Intern Rabbi Moshe Gordon leads the davening and addresses the guests before *minchah* on Shabbat afternoon. *Divrei torah* are presented at the meals by students, often the heads of the sponsoring clubs. Shabbat afternoon activities are planned occasionally, and most shabbatonim include Saturday night activities.

The first shabbaton of the '92-'93 school year, Orientation Shabbat, took place September 5-6. The shabbaton was attended by over 100 Stern women, including the heads of Stern College Student Council, Sy Syms Student Council and the Torah Activities Council.

Also in attendance were the peer advisors for Orientation and most of the Student Council Board.

Rabbi Tzvi Flaum, *mashgiach ruchani* and professor of Judaic Studies at Stern College, attended the shabbaton and addressed the guests Friday night on the topic of 'The Dynamics of the *mitzvah of talmud torah*,' and again before *minchah* on Shabbat on the topic of 'The *halachic* Parameters of Human Compassion as seen in the Concept of *tzar baalei chayim*.' *Divrei torah* were presented at each of the three meals by the heads of the three student councils. Shabbat afternoon, a number of students walked to NYU Hospital to visit Jewish patients. Saturday night, the women went to see Laser Rock, a sound and light extravaganza at the Hayden Planetarium.

The next shabbaton, which took place on September 19, was co-sponsored by the Israel Clubs of Stern College and Yeshiva College. The Shabbat guest was Mr. Matt Zieper, AIPAC (American Israel Political Affairs Committee) Field Organizer, who addressed the guests on the topic of pro-Israel activism. Post-meal entertainment was provided by a group of students who presented a Jewish version of The Flintstones. A *dvar torah* was presented by Jodi Goldman. Co-Chairwoman of the Education Committee.

The third shabbaton was jointly sponsored by Stern and Yeshiva Colleges Chemistry Clubs and Sigma Delta Rho. Dr. Richard Weiss, adjunct assistant professor of biology at Stern, attended the shabbaton, and addressed the guests on the topic of Medical Ethics.

The fourth shabbaton of the year, which took place on November 14, was sponsored by Stern College's Student Council, the Torah Activities Council and Sy Syms School of Business Student Council. In attendance were about 90 Stern College students, who had the pleasure of hearing Shabbat guest Dean Karen Bacon speak about 'The Search for Gene Defects...Is it Good or Bad for the Jews?'

If attendance is a measure of success, then the jointly sponsored Yeshiva College and Stern College Sephardic Clubs' shabbaton, which took place on November 21, was indeed a great success. The shabbaton was attended by over 140 students of various backgrounds. While the overwhelming majority were, as one might have expected, students of Syrian, Persian, and Moroccan descent, there were also a number of Ashkenazic students in attendance. Joining the students for Shabbat was Rabbi Mitchell Serels, Director of Sephardic Community Programs at Yeshiva College. Rabbi Serels addressed the students Friday night on the topic of Sephardic *minhagim*, specifically the reading of the Torah, *megillah* and Chanukah. And in order to preserve the authentic Sephardi flavor, the *tefillot* were conducted in *nusach sefarad*. On Shabbat afternoon, about 25 students walked over to NYU Hospital to visit Jewish patients.

A Shabbat at Stern College is not only convenient - it is also a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Mrs. Dvora Gordon describes her *Shabbatot* at Stern as "a totally different experience - the same 34th Street and the same school building feel completely different from during the week." Adds her husband, "The learning that takes place over Shabbat puts everything in more of a *Torah* light than during the week - it gives you a connection with school that could not be achieved during the week."

The next shabbaton, which will take place on December 5th, is sponsored by the Freshman/Sophomore Classes. Shabbat guests are Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Suzanne Cohen, Tanach teachers at Stern College and Bat Torah Academy of Suffern, respectively. Rabbi Cohen's address will be entitled Rambam on Personal Torah Ideals. Other upcoming *shabbatonim* will be sponsored by AIPAC, Observer/Commentator, and the Stern College Dramatics Society.

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Frozen Yogurt: The Bare Facts

By YAFFA SCHINDLER

You see it in the caf, in the elevator, in the halls, and on the streets. Frozen yogurt has taken over. But is it as good for you as you think it is?

Well, that depends on how you think of it. Real yogurt contains "live yogurt cultures" called *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus*, which, although harmful-sounding, are actually the main reasons yogurt is considered a health food. These two bacteria contain an enzyme that helps break down lactose so often that even lactose-intolerant individuals who cannot drink milk can eat yogurt. Yogurt also combats digestive tract infections, and is rumored, although it has not yet been proven, to lower cholesterol, improve the immune system, and prevent the formation of carcinogens in the body.

Okay, so frozen yogurt is just yogurt that they put in the freezer, right? Come on! When was the last time you ate something that tasted good that was really good for you? Frozen yogurt was first introduced in 1972, but it was not successful because it had that tart "yogurt" flavor. Now, frozen yogurt is not allowed to ferment as long, making it less acidic, and therefore sweeter. But the trade-off is that it also contains much less fermented yogurt culture. So, forget about the bacteria benefits.

Frozen yogurt is not a health food.

But, don't despair, there is also good news. Frozen yogurt provides you with almost the same amount of calcium and protein as regular yogurt, and compared to ice cream, frozen yogurt wins hands down. It gives you the same nutrition as ice cream with much less fat and fewer calories.

Calorie and fat content in frozen yogurt depend on the brand. Vanilla and fruit flavors made with low or non-fat milk are the lowest in calories and fat. Stay away from cream, whole milk, or hydrogenated vegetable fats. Although a normal serving of yogurt is about six ounces (3/4 of a cup), many yogurt brands list their fat and calorie contents based on a serving of three ounces, so beware. Also be careful of what goes on top of your yogurt. You'll bring the fat and calorie count back up to ice cream level with chocolate chips, or even something as innocent as nuts or shredded coconut. Instead, try toppings like strawberries for Vitamin C and fiber, or bananas for Potassium.

So, go ahead, eat your frozen yogurt! It's better than ice cream. And even though it's not quite as healthy as regular yogurt, that's okay. Did you really want to eat live bacteria anyway?

The Year of the Woman

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support a pro-woman bill than their male colleagues. In addition, three quarters of male state legislators said that the presence of female colleagues increased their awareness of how legislative issues affect women.

Clearly, like Carol Moseley

Braun, a Democrat from Illinois who is the first black woman in history to win a seat on the U.S. Senate, the growing number of women elected to Congress is setting a precedent for future elections.

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Turkey Honored at YU

By PEARL KAPLAN

As part of this year's commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, the Sephardic clubs of YU sponsored a night dedicated to remembering and honoring Turkey for aiding and maintaining peace with the Jews over the last 500 years. Approximately 30 YU students attended the event on December 3 in Koch Auditorium.

The Turkish ambassador, Teufik Saracoglu, who had been scheduled to speak, was unable to attend. However, the Deputy Consul General of Turkey, Ugur Ariner, was present, as was the Director of the U.S Information Center of the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul, Susan Barocas.

"The purpose of the evening was to thank the Turkish Gov-

ernment for the 500 years of good life in their country and to show the favorable life the Jews of Turkey lead today," explained Naftali Haleva, one of the coordinators of the night's program. Haleva, who is currently studying at RIETS and Azrieli Graduate School, is the first and as yet the only student from Turkey at Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Mitchell Serels, Director of Sephardic Community Programs, introduced the program, emphasizing the importance of not only remembering our past enemies, but of recognizing and acknowledging our friends.

The highlights of the program were a film depicting the richness and vitality of the Turkish Jewish Community, and the re-

citation of a Prayer of Thanksgiving composed by the Chief Rabbi of Turkey, Haham Basiligi David Asseo.

Haleva described Turkey as "a land of tolerance and love, without antisemitism, intermarriage, and assimilation." He further stressed "that it is very important that all Jews recognize Turkey as the only country that opened its doors and welcomed Jews 500 years ago at the time of the Spanish expulsion, and again 50 years ago when Jews were fleeing the Holocaust."

The night of Turkish commemoration was among a chain of events at Yeshiva University and throughout the Jewish community in honor of the anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

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and co-chair with Ruza expresses optimism concerning the appearance of the *beit midrash*: "The shelves are filling up, and we received a new 'mizrach' sign that was brought back from Israel." Frank also noted various other signs around the *beit midrash*, such as a "zemanai tephillah" sheet and a reminder to say "mashiv haruaach," printed and put up by Rabbi Greenwald. Chessed opportunities as well are made available through the *beit midrash*, as both a *tzedakah* box and a

"*rephuah sheleimah*" list are present for use.

The *beit midrash* is considered a significant achievement by faculty members and students alike. Rabbi Flaum, Mashgiach Ruchani of SCW, reflected that the *beit midrash* is "a very beautiful accomplishment, showing the importance of *talmud torah l'nashim* to student body and administration." Rebbecca Wolf maintains that "as an incoming student, I can't even picture Stern without the *beit midrash*."

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DR. JOSH BACON: AIMING TO CHALLENGE

By DANIELLA GOLDBERG and MALKIE MUFSON

Dr. Joshua Bacon first became interested in psychology while studying at City College. After graduation, he went on to New York University Graduate School, where he was privileged to work on his dissertation with Dr. Lloyd Kaufman, a well known psychologist in the field of perception. Bacon then continued his research at Swathmore University where he worked with Dr. Hanz Wallach, a world-famous psychologist in the area of perceptual learning.

In 1976 Bacon began his teaching career in Boston at Tufts University. He had already received tenure there when SCW came recruiting in 1984.

Why did Bacon choose to leave his teaching position in Boston for SCW? "There is a special importance to being part of an institution which recognizes the value of a Torah

U'Madda education for women," explains Bacon. He believes that the survival of the Jewish community is dependent upon this principle.

"The lessons of Jewish life are not just to do, but to ask why and how. In this way, Judaism and science converge; they both search for the truth through the question and answer process," maintains Bacon.

What he hopes to achieve at Stern is to effect awareness of the importance of challenging through questioning. "It is not the specific content of what you are learning, but rather the common element of the learning process that is important," adds Bacon.

He applies the question and answer process crucial to the study of *Talmud* to the study of psychology, and encourages his students to do the same. "The *Talmud* is a book of questions and answers, and the answers are not definite answers; rather they lead to more questions.

"It is crucial to ask questions and attempt to find different ways of understanding subject matter," explains Bacon. He therefore encourages students to take active roles in the learn-

ing process by challenging both themselves and their professors. What Bacon sees as most rewarding in a student is one who applies and integrates the mate-

rial learned in class to all aspects of her life. Bacon finds experimental and cognitive psychology to be the most enjoyable classes to teach, because he finds that they not only create an awareness in students of the world around them, but also instill in them a desire to question and challenge themselves. "Through this, students can alter their perception of themselves and their environment," says Bacon.

In Bacon's view, research is a key aspect to teaching, because it contributes to his own development and brings new ideas into the classroom. He conducts research in his labs at both SCW and YC, where he focuses on memory and cognitive processes. He works with students who express an interest in extra-curricular psychology projects.

He especially encourages those interested in graduate school to become involved in research with him, and to take ad-

vantage of other internship programs. Bacon is pleased that an increasing number of students are choosing to pursue careers in professional psychology during his years at SCW.

Bacon recognizes the special challenges that Jewish women face. "At Stern there is not only a strong value placed on education, but the students are encouraged to maximize their potential in every aspect of life. At the same time, they strive to be accepted by society, particularly by the Jewish society, as professionals, and simultaneously deal with the struggle of having a family and raising children," remarks Bacon.

He believes that the only way for Jewish women to live up to their potential is if they are properly prepared to deal with real-life issues while still in college. "It is imperative that each teacher communicate an awareness and thirst for facing challenges," he asserts.

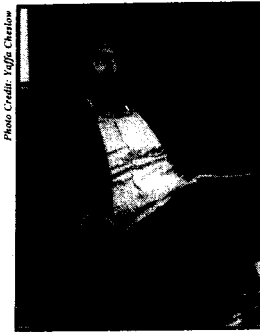


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Results of Retreat Lauded By All

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He spoke of three levels of communication: awareness, a deeper understanding, and the cross-generational exchange of ideas. He spoke about moving away from the paternal relationship students have with administrators to a modern-day doctor/patient relationship, where the more knowledgeable doctor shares his expanded information with his patient in order to enable him to make the most informed decision for himself.

Schlanger succinctly outlined the practical problems many students seem to be having, including bureaucracy, funding, academic advisement, availability of central administrators, career advisement, scheduling conflicts with different school calendars, and space problems for the women.

The specific objectives of the retreat were an outgrowth of the schism that had widened between the student leadership and administration over the past couple of years, and coming to a head last year.

The goals laid out for the participants included the establishment of a clarification and expectation of roles and responsibilities of different people toward each other; the examination of current methods of communication and the improvement thereof; the examination of the various decision making processes for issues that affect different levels of the university; and the provision of some sort of mechanism that would monitor the effectiveness of such improved

communication and insure that the outcomes of the retreat were followed up on, both short and long term.

Outcomes

Throughout the course of the day, these objectives remained top priority and all participants remained focused on the main points. At the closing session, the following were agreed upon:

- A steering committee, made up of four students and three administrators, would review the various recommendations that were presented and begin to follow-up where possible.
- Committees that already exist that are capable of taking immediate action would begin to do so.
- A follow-up session for the beginning of the spring 1993 semester would be planned in order to continue and expand the dialogue.
- Issues that are still of concern to students would continue to be brought to the powers that be.

Recommendations

The group, broken down into four more focused subgroups, split up the material that needed to be discussed in order to deal with everything effectively. Each subgroup made recommendations on the facets of the university it studied.

Topics that were addressed included the effectiveness of the Student Court uptown, and whether one should be implemented downtown; the success of the Student Life Committee downtown, and the viability of its formation uptown; the Calendar and planning problems that are run into by not consulting all school calendars, and possible solutions, including one University-wide calendar; the lack of faculty input on the Orientation and the possible inclusion of professors in the planning stages.

Groups discussed the problems with the Food Services on both campuses, the effectiveness of the Student Senates, the problems with

parking on the uptown campus, and the problems that have been arising with the Undergraduate Security Council.

The Resident's Council and President's Council (not a typo) were also evaluated, as was the Library Committee and Beis Medrash committee. The granting of full rights to those students already serving on the Executive Council was also discussed.

Resolutions on all the above recommendations are being followed up on very quickly, according to Dean Efreim Nulman, coordinator of the retreat and head of the planning committee. "This is as much about following up successfully as it is about the initial retreat being successful. The retreat cannot be considered a success until it is followed up properly. That's what we're doing now," explained Nulman.

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