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Dole Backs Israel at Hanukkah Dinner



SCW Students lighting menorahs in front of 34th Street

By Michele Berman

In his first New York metropolitan area speech since the election, Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole expressed concern for the "peace and security" of Israel and delineated the foreign affairs agenda of the Republican-controlled Congress at the 70th annual Yeshiva University Hanukkah Convocation Dinner.

"While much pressure has been made and pressure for even more progress is great, Israel still faces many very serious threats," said Dole in remarks to a group of some 1,000 business and Jewish communal leaders.

Dole described future foreign relations with the Middle East from the Republican perspective. "Republicans believe foreign assistance should first and foremost promote the security interests of the United States. And most of us believe assistance to the Camp David countries of Israel and Egypt clearly just do that."

The senator, who received a Doctor of Humane Letters from the University, was vocal on the topic of relations between Israel and the United States. He said, "Simply put, we have no closer ally than Israel. And there can be no doubt that U.S. assistance to Israel has advanced our shared interests and values in a region unfortunately not noted for freedom and democracy." He said that the progress achieved in the Middle East has been secured only "because the United States and Israel have stood together, and only because Israel has remained strong and secure."

The audience applauded Dole's conclusion that "now is not the time to reduce U.S. assistance to Israel. As Israel continues to negotiate with Syria and with the Palestinians, no one should doubt for a moment the full commitment of the United States to the security of Israel."

Dole named Arafat's lack of

control over Palestinian extremists a prime cause for Israel's "very difficult position." He also listed provisions for "economic opportunity" for Palestinians living in Gaza, which included the development of businesses and jobs as well as the reconstructing of its infrastructure.

Agreements with Syria, Dole pointed out, "are very far away." He stated that within Syria's occupation of Lebanon, Hezbollah plots terrorist activities, and that until Syria ends "Hezbollah's freedom ... one has to question the Syrian government's commitment to real and lasting peace." He said, "Peace with Syria will only come after Assad demonstrated through deeds ... and not words ... that he has made a real decision to pursue peace as a strategic course, rather than a tactical opportunity."

When discussing the UN arms embargo, Dole equated Bosnia with Israel in that both are independent countries.

Approximately 40 student leaders also attended the Dinner helping to robe and disrobe the honorees as well as light the Hanukkah menorahs.

"[Dole] made very definitive political definitions," said Junior Class President Ilana Barber. "He didn't just philosophize about [the fact] that Israel has a right to defend itself."

TAC President Dassi Billet alluded to Dole's choice of topics. "He didn't have to discuss Israel so much but he chose to speak about Israel," she said.

"I think the things Dole said were very well-articulated. I only hope as Incoming Senate Majority Leader he will hold true to all that he said," said SCWSC Vice President Sarah Altman.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also addressed the audience by video, paralleling the holiday of Hanukkah with the University. He described the light of Hanukkah as

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By Michele Berman

As December 1, World AIDS Awareness Day, passed virtually unnoticed on the undergraduate campuses of YC and SCW, the Social Dimensions of AIDS class, a part of the Wurzelweil School of Social Work, was denied permission to run an educational AIDS program for YC and SCW students, in what Dean of Students Efreim Nulman explained as a result of their lack of experience and YU students' ingrained attitudes and beliefs.

"I didn't feel it was useful for college age students ... The time to begin education is in grade school. Values are well in place by college," said Nulman. "Education and information is a part of the puzzle but doesn't always solve the problem. Values and behaviors are the hardest things to change."

Nulman also pointed to their lack of experience. He said, "With all due respect to them ... I don't think they have the experience [to run a program on AIDS]."

The conflict arose after

Wurzelweil students, in a class called "Social Dimensions of AIDS," were assigned a project by Professor Adele Wiener, assistant dean of Wurzelweil, to educate a body of students about AIDS. The class chose to do their project on the undergraduate schools YC and SCW, and went to Nulman to ask his permission.

Nulman said that their target audience was not a good choice, and that they should educate a different student body outside of Yeshiva. "We have a very well-educated group of undergraduates. They come in with an education. They're not ignorant, [but] intelligent, well-read ... Our student population has a great sensitivity to [people with diseases] and certainly to those with AIDS."

However, the Wurzelweil students disagreed with Nulman.

Adeeva Laya Graubard, SCW '93, graduating Wurzelweil '95, said, "One of the real reasons why I wanted to do the program at Stern was ... [because] I graduated from Stern and really didn't know anything about AIDS. A lot of the students who are in Stern either fall

under two categories: know about AIDS and will actively look for information, or are totally ignorant about AIDS."

She added, "I think it's very important as people who are going to graduate college and hopefully come out as knowledgeable people to learn about it, and there are very few places that Stern offers so students can [take to] learn about AIDS."

In response to Nulman's views that education should start at a younger age, Graubard said, "Better late than never."

Graubard said that the program the class would have done would have been "tailored" to the needs of the group and would have "encompassed the type of people who would be there, their values, the values of the school." She said, "... we wouldn't have been hurting the integrity of the school by what we would have been presenting."

Nulman said he understood this but also felt the Wurzelweil students didn't have the experience, nor could they offer a pro-

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Absence of The Guide Leaves Students Perplexed

By Elisheva Wohlgenuth

The long awaited 1994-95 edition of *The Guide to the Perplexed*, the YU telephone directory, is nowhere to be seen, with only four weeks left to the Fall semester.

Rena May, SCW '96, co-editor of *The Guide*, said, "The Guide is not any later in its distribution this year, but since school started in October it just seems that way. *The Guide* always is distributed about 60 days after the school year begins."

The impatience of the student body is reflected in unconfirmed rumors circulating SCW. *The Guide* was rumored to arrive for distribution before Thanksgiving weekend and supplemental rumors claimed that copies of *The Guide* were being held in an undisclosed place on the Main Campus.

When the editors of *The Guide*, May and Josh Hosenhoff, YC '95, were questioned as to its whereabouts, both denied such rumors and said that the whole thing was preposterous.

However, this year's *Guide* was scheduled to go to the printer on October 31, which would have allowed enough time for it to be distributed before Thanksgiving. *The Guide's* Layout Editor Shani Dubinsky, SCW '95, said that was the original plan, but *The Guide* was detained and did not go to the

printer until mid-November.

Though the start of the Fall semester began a month late, Hosenhoff admitted that *The Guide* was still later than it should have been. He said that it would arrive at the latest by Dec. 11 or 12 but hopefully Dec. 7 or 8.

May and Hosenhoff attributed many of the problems due to finances. They said that last year a debt of \$1500 was left to be paid for *The Guide* to the printer, leaving only \$8500 for this year's *Guide*, causing a change of format to be instituted. Hosenhoff said this caused many technical problems. He said that they discovered that hard page dividers with tabs, the format they wanted to use, would have cost a lot more. He said, "... and if we didn't have the debt from last year we would have been able to do that."

Hosenhoff said that besides technical problems, there was a lack of advertisements, which, he said, "I had to do that myself."

Another problem was due to incomplete data entry on the part of certain staff and board members. Dubinsky and Rachel Helfman, SCW '96, were entering data on October 30th on the Main Campus. "We were supposed to be doing layout and we were entering. Instead, data of teacher's hours," said Dubinsky. "Most of it was stuff that we could have done over

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The Search For Academic Space Continues

By Michele Berman

In an informal "open-ended session," YU President Norman Lamm expressed his efforts in finding academic space for SCW students.

"We're trying very hard," said Dr. Lamm.

Though SCWSC President Laura Gross emphasized the need to keep the search for dorm space at the "forefront," Dr. Lamm said, "Right now our priority should be academic area and to decompress that point."

Dr. Lamm, who spoke with approximately 20 SCW and YC student leaders on a variety of issues relating to the University, agreed with Gross that more dorm space is needed, yet said that the apartments alleviate much of these problems.

Dr. Lamm named the B. Altman building and an undisclosed building on Lexington Avenue as prospective sites for future academic space. He said, "We're actively pursuing that area."

Gross asked if the extra space would allow for more courses to be offered, and Lamm expressed his hopes that it would.

However, Dr. Lamm was very empathetic to the SCW students' pleas for more dormitory space, and said that the future space was financially secure. "I really sym-

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From The News Room...

An Art Department Left Faded

By Cheryl J. Langner

Students are outraged as the SCW Art Department battles against the absence of its department head, the small art faculty and cramped conditions.

Art students are complaining that the art department at SCW is understaffed, with three art professors teaching all of the studio and history courses. In addition, working conditions in the art studio are far from desirable, leaving students to work in close quarters on a myriad of projects for painting, drawing and design classes as well as independent studies. Supplies, easels, still lifes and light sources, all delicate and necessary, are piled on top of the other, leading at times to the disturbance of student work.

In addition, Professor Gardner, head of the art department, is going on sabbatical for the Spring Semester, 1994.

intermediate and advanced painting and one will be teaching art history.

When asked whether the incoming adjunct professors are signaling the growth of the art department, Gardner seemed skeptical, but said, "We're always looking for a window of opportunity."

Sculpture, a studio course conducted by Gardner in the Spring semester, will not be given this Spring because of her absence.

"Our art department, teeny as it is, is only going to be minimally affected," said Gardner.

The art department, though small in size, is large in stature at SCW. Student work can be seen on display in the Dean's office, the Office of the Registrar, the cafeteria and throughout the 10th floor of the school building.



The Crowded Art Department

Sara Rosman, SCW '96, said, "We'll miss [Gardner's] guidance and expertise, and we hope that when she returns, something will have been done about the crisis concerning the art studio."

Students upset with the conditions of the art studio are currently circulating a petition to bring attention to the needs of the art community at SCW.

Two adjunct professors will be filling in for Gardner. One of the adjunct professors will be teaching the studio courses of

"I see a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and talent at Stern College. I also see toleration and goodwill with the obstacles that have to be overcome," said Professor Trenk, who teaches Drawing and Advanced Drawing.

The sabbatical will have Gardner "sequestered away in my studio." She plans to spend the time on her own works, in contrast to supervising student works during her studio art classes, and her teaching of master works in her art history courses.

Open House at Stern Receives Mixed Reactions

By Gila Reinitz

The recent Stern Open House for prospective students for the 1995-96 school year was "larger than ever before," according to Rabbi E. Kanarfogel, dean of Judaic Studies.

Dean Karen Bacon said that this increasing number "reflects the fact that we have a wonderful institution."

A main concern expressed by parents was the transferring of Israeli credit. Kanarfogel reassured parents that transferring credits would not pose a problem for students. Kanarfogel also explained the BA/MA Judaic Studies programs.

Another concern among parents was the rate of acceptance to graduate schools from SCW and SSSB.

Students were also given the opportunity to question student leaders, including

SCWSC President Laura Gross, TAC President Dassi Billet and SSSB President Judith Schluskel, on the nature of the student body and student activities.

Gross found that the high school students were "very interested in getting involved in student activities. They asked questions about the athletics departments and various clubs."

Parents were able to address key administrators in an open forum session. Administrators included Bacon, Kanarfogel, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz and SSSB Dean Dr. Harold Nierenberg.

The open house ended with a tour of the school building, in which parents and students were able to see both classroom and dorming facilities.

New Computer Supervisor Projects Bright Future for SCW

By Cheryl J. Langner

The SCW computer room is in need of changes and improvements, according to Dr. I. M. Martin, the new computer supervisor for SCW.

Martin said that although the computer room is well managed and maintained, improvements could be made by upgrading the environment and acquiring additional terminals and printers.

There are currently three terminals with Windows, MS Word and Printshop. Martin predicted that there will be an upgrade to Wordperfect 6.0, and that Yeshiva University will get a network license for the program.

"My gut feeling is windows will probably be in the network. I'd imagine within the coming year," said Martin. "Because if we're going to send SCW women out into the business environment, they need windows skills to play the game in the marketplace."

To accommodate the classes conducted in room 315, Martin expected that within the next year, the older computers, with low density drives and old PS2s will be replaced, and additional printers will be included in the new hardware purchase as well.

Martin said he felt that students should take care of the machines currently at their disposal, and warned them about misuse and its consequences. The major problem in the computer center is eating and drinking at the terminals, and Martin explained that students are the ones who suffer from their carelessness.

"If coffee falls on the keyboard, it will cause errors in transmission between the keyboard and the system, even occasional

loss of electrical continuity, and lack of response from the terminal," said Martin. "This is more than likely with machines used for email, which can be frustrating to students because the system is slow to begin with."

"I know, student have little or no time to eat, but they have to respect the machines at their disposal or else there will be none to use."

The biggest problem Martin sees is that students are not even aware of most of the programs available to them through the system and are unaware how to use software programs such as WP, Lotus, dBase, Sidekick and Wordstar. Martin is currently working on a list that will make information about these programs available to the students, as well as setting up tutorial programs at the Computer Center.

Becky Schmelzer, SCW '96, said of the Computer Center, "I don't have access to a computer in the dorm, so the Computer Center is a great benefit to me. What makes it even more indispensable is knowing that if I have any problems, the computer center supervisor is available to help me."

Martin, who has a PhD in Chemistry from University of Massachusetts, has taught at quite a few universities, among them Hofstra, St. John's, the CUNY system and Cooper Union. He has taught a computer instruction course at FIT, and word processing courses at Technical Career Institute.

Martin is available for questions and software problems in the Computer Center, at the extended hours of Tuesday through Thursday, 11-12am, 1-7pm.



Student Leaders Dassi Billet, Judith Schluskel, and Laura Gross at Open House

Where's The Guide?

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the summer, if it was given to us to do."

May concurred this and said that much of the research was done over the summer by the women on the editorial board and that the men were supposed to continue entering the data. However, she said, they did not do it, "and therefore," she said, "we couldn't incorporate all of their hard work into the final Guide."

Another issue that May pointed to was

a conflict of personality between the two editors. She called her co-editor a "very independent worker" who "didn't want to inform me of issues or give me responsibility." She said, "He didn't want to delegate responsibility to his co-editor or the rest of his staff who were eager to work. He took on too many responsibilities and was not able to accomplish them all within the set time."

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Class of 1995 Yearbook Costs are Down and Benefits are Up

By Amira Rubin

The editors-in-chief of the 1995 *Kochava*, the SCW yearbook, recently announced plans to make changes that would alleviate the high cost of the yearbook as a response to mounting student complaints.

Students have expressed concern about being able to afford the yearbook and raise sufficient advertisement money. Laura Gottlieb, co-layout editor, said that she had "been getting feedback from the senior class and many people are not willing to pay \$200 per book." "We're trying to fundraise to lower the cost, but we want people to realize that it is expensive to put out a yearbook," said *Kochava* Co-Editor-in-Chief Dafna Kalish. "In the past, most of the money has come from ads."

"Every senior will receive a letter with deadlines and how to get ads, including how to make sure you are not double dipping into advertisers," said Kalish.

Lisa Schwartz, Kalish's co-editor, added, "We will be having at least three fundraisers, starting with a class of '95 t-shirt." This is the first time that fundraisers will be used to alleviate the high cost of the yearbook. Schwartz explained that "people

came to us [about the price] and we reacted."

Another goal of this year's staff is to get the yearbook out earlier. Kalish and Schwartz are aiming to complete it by early or mid-summer. Schwartz explained that "[the class of] 1994's yearbook is still not done."

Other changes will include a new theme and layout. "The theme is currently in development but will basically be about women," Schwartz maintained. The staff plans to have a combination spread, entitled "Yesterday and Today," drawing from art, prose and poetry from SCW alumni. They will focus especially on alumni who have daughters in this year's graduating class.

"We're revamping the layout," Kalish added, "with original art for the divider pages between the sections."

This year, students were also given more choices regarding the location of their informal pictures. Students had the option of taking pictures at Central Park, near the Plaza Hotel, South Street Seaport and Herald Square. "I liked having the options," said Shani Dubinsky, SCW '95.

Kalish is aiming to "make a yearbook that basically anyone can pick up and smile."

has been a recurring problem. Emma Mallin, SCW '96, said that "in one class the teacher got so frustrated he started throwing crumpled up pieces of paper at the motion sensor." Unfortunately, objects thrown towards the switch are not strong enough to register the sensor, and cannot trigger the lights.

Emily Beth Shapiro, SCW '97, had a similar experience. "The back lights went out and the professor just kept going." However, Shapiro's attitude is one of acceptance. She said, "In the beginning it's annoying, but you get used to it. Everyone takes a double take and the light goes back on."

Besides lights shutting off during classes while a room is occupied by many students, when a student studies in the school building at night alone in a classroom or in the art studio, the sensor may turn the lights off. This can prove dangerous to student safety.

Adena Mendelson, SCW '95, was studying in a classroom by herself and when she sat down "the lights went out and I was sitting in the pitch black. Every ten minutes I had to get up so the lights would go back on."

In the art studio, where a student needs light to mix colors and avoid disturbing other people's work, the system can be very disruptive. Deborah Grunberger, SCW '96, was painting intricate details on her painting when the lights went out. "I had to keep going back and wave at the sensor. I tried throwing papers at it, but it didn't work."

The computer room is subject to many of these "black outs" in the evenings, when students are sitting and typing at the terminals for hours, moving minimally and not stimulating the sensors. Some have suggested that the sensors should be delayed an hour in classrooms open at night, especially during finals.

According to Jeffrey Socol, associate director of Facilities Management, the lights are set to go off every 15 minutes "but it's adjustable if it's brought to my attention."

Currently, the sensors have only been installed in classrooms, but there are other concerns. If added to other rooms such as Koch Auditorium, the cafeteria or Brookdale Hall, this could lead to transgressions of Shabbat.

The positive aspects concerning the sensors include energy conservation, limiting environmental pollution and saving money.

Some students are pleased with the sensors. Leora Samuels, SCW '95, was walking into a classroom, and "my hands were too full to turn on the switch but then I walked into the classroom and the light turned on. I never thought those sensors would come in handy!"

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Lights Out: New Lighting System Problematic for Students

By Amira Rubin

The lighting system in SCW classrooms, which was upgraded this Fall semester in an attempt to conserve energy and save money, is causing some frustration among students.

By late November, the YU Department of Facilities Management installed Two-level Auto Manual On Wall Switches in most classrooms, a lighting mechanism that turns on automatically when sensing motion. The new system has been causing problems for students, however, such as when the automatic lighting turns off during class.

The Department of Facilities Management distributed a handout detailing the aspects of the sensors, but students have found the information in the "User Guide" inaccurate. The pamphlet claims that the "lighting control device detects the ... absence of people in a room and automatically turns off the light when the room is unoccupied." But in actuality, the sensors turn off the lights if there is no movement within sensor range. At times, students sitting and taking notes in class fall outside the sensor range, and find themselves sitting in a dark classroom.

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Intolerance of AIDS at YU

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gram that combined *halacha* and medical data. "We're not opposed to people talking about AIDS and sensitivity to AIDS, but the *halachic*, psychological and medical [sides] need to be addressed." He said someone like Ray Tendler would be better suited to speak on this topic because of his knowledge in both *halacha* and biology.

However, Nulman said, "If students of YC and SCW come [to me] and want to have a program [on AIDS], we'll have a program."

Nulman added that, "A good majority of [the YU] student body are not going to be engaging in practices that put them at risk."

Weiner commented on the administration's attitude on the student body of the undergraduate schools. She said, "... many other schools have felt that it's something that needs to be dealt with and I'm not quite sure in terms of the student body what one group of people are saying about how the students behave and how the students are actually behaving, if those two realities are 100% congruent." She pointed to the fact that there may be those SCW or YC students who will be marrying those outside of the YU community "who themselves may have a history which they may or may not have told the person about."

Weiner added that the undergraduates at YC and SCW are going to go on to professional schools and will be working with different people. Weiner added, "They're going to have to work with lots of people who are HIV infected. I really don't believe there's any working environment that you can even think of that's not going to have HIV infected people in it."

The Wurzweiler students said they felt that the undergraduate students needed to be more empathetic and tolerant of those suffering from AIDS, that it's not simply a gay disease, and that they, too, can get it.

Graubard said, "They are not just a group of people who we can say forget about

them, throw them away, they are not worth our helping. But they are individuals, they have parents, they have siblings, they have friends, they have lovers."

According to Simcha Rosenberg, Coordinator of the UJA Federation AIDS Project, there is estimated to be in the New York Metropolitan area, at least 15,000 Jews infected with HIV, and though she said they didn't know how many had died from AIDS, she did say that it is estimated to be in the thousands. Rosenberg also said her only firm statistic was from a 12-month period from 1991/1992 where over 7,300 core Jewish households, meaning that they are definitely Jewish, used AIDS services just within that 12-month period. Charles Berman, one of the Wurzweiler students chosen to speak to Nulman directly, said sarcastically, "In the Orthodox community and in Yeshiva University there is no domestic violence, there's no sex, there's no drug use, and the Orthodox institution's responses are commensurate with that. They are not ready yet to admit that there is a problem."

Berman added that there is a common link often made at YU exclusively between AIDS and homosexuality. "I would gage the institution's response to the fact that were it not homophobic we would be doing the same type of AIDS prevention with Orthodox sensitivity than any other institution of higher education is doing."

Karen Marner, Wurzweiler '95, said, "I think it's really sad that a group, speaking of the Jews as a group that has been oppressed by so many different cultures for so many different years, is sitting here looking down upon other ... people."

Mickey Ronen, Wurzweiler '95, said, "I think these students living in a microcosm are going to realize one day that somebody they know is going to be affected somehow personally and that's what will instigate them to finally come out and have a voice."

Marner said that the presentation would have included issues dealing with discrimi-

nation against those with AIDS. She said, "You wouldn't discriminate against someone because they had cancer. But people, because they have AIDS, are discriminated against" Berman said, "Very often in the more religious community there's a *sha still* approach, meaning that this problem does not affect the Jewish community."

Berman stated, "We, meaning the society and Yeshiva University and the Jewish community, is not where it should be almost 15 years after the discovery of the disease in terms of prevention, in terms of education, in terms of awareness and in terms of tolerance."

Dole Stresses Support for Israel



Senator Dole Speaks at YU Hanukkah Dinner

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symbolic of Jewish freedom. Rabin linked this freedom with Israel. "... the State of Israel is a situation in which there are no Jews under oppression, under the deprivation of their rights to practice their religion and the right to leave countries that are anti-Semitic or hostile to the Jewish people." He said, "The gates of what used to be the Soviet Union, Syria, Yemen, are opened to the members of the Jewish community to leave freely these countries, that for so long we could not achieve it!"

Eight other honorees were presented

with doctoral degrees at the Dec. 4 dinner held at The Waldorf-Astoria, including Leslie Wexner, founder and chairman of the board of The Limited, Inc.; Miriam Glaubach, YU benefactor, Louis Bernstein, YU professor emeritus and alumnus, Gladys Ritter Livingston, Albert Einstein College of Medicine benefactor, David Zysman, YU vice president for development; Morry Weiss, YU trustee and chief executive officer of American Greetings; Zvi Kolitz, noted author and lecturer; and Jeffrey Steiner, YU benefactor.

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By Rinah Cohen

Words of hate are thrown back and forth between two ethnic groups who may have more in common than any other two groups in America. Is there a solution for the constant strife between Blacks and Jews? Is there a way to break through the wall of hatred which gets taller and wider each day?

Professor Peninnah Schram took part in a special program on Nov. 2 designed to open up a dialogue between two major populations at Hunter College — Blacks and Jews.

The event was arranged by Rabbi Judy Brazin of the Hunter College Hillel. Brazin felt that through an exchange of traditional Jewish and Black stories the groups could gain a further understanding of each other without the viciousness that normally accompanies debates between Blacks and Jews.

Linda Humes, a Black storyteller, was contacted also, and she and Schram began discussing ideas of what they wanted to convey through stories. Passing up shared themes of slavery and freedom, they each decided to tell a story which would depict the values of their groups. After those pieces,

they decided to create a story dialogue in which they would go back and forth, sharing a number of stories with similar themes from each culture. This would show the similarities of the groups through story for "we are human and we belong to a human family with different details," Schram said.

Through storytelling, Schram, head of the SCW Speech department, has found a medium with which to communicate a way to breach the gap where misunderstanding and dispute lie. Schram said she felt she had found an effective way to communicate the ideas and val-

ues of a group, while staying away from conflict. "Whatever differences there might be get highlighted more beautifully and in a non-threatening way so we can be open to hear each others' stories."

The hour and a half performance was well received by the mixed race and age audience. A 20-minute question session followed where Humes and Schram answered a variety of questions about crossing themes and what makes a story "Jewish" or "Black".

Schram stressed the importance of such programs in creating friendship and understanding "between different ages, generations, cultures, nationalities and religions." Stories, she said, are a perfect way to meet the special values and ideals of a group while also stressing the elements within their culture that they share.

Schram immensely enjoyed taking part in this program but she also expressed the wish that it was a much more common occurrence.

"There are isolated experiences ... but it's not happening enough and we need to do it with different religions and cultures."

Through storytelling some of the doors have been opened. Now all we need to do is walk through.

Seventh Floor Heaven

By Marcie Schneider

With almost as many buttons as can be found in the cockpit of an airplane, and enough sound waves to reach from here to Kalamazoo, there exists in the Stern school building a room equipped with state-of-the-art multimedia components.

The seventh-floor room contains some of the most sophisticated equipment on the market. "Currently we have the ability to present and record audio information. There's a fairly sophisticated cassette recorder with the ability to record class and play back anything. We use 1/2-inch videotape for professional information, used primarily with educational media," Jeffrey Rosengarten, director of Supporting Services, said.

The multimedia equipment enhances the classroom structure. A laser disk player,

CD ROM and a 486 multimedia computer can also be found in the room. Devices such as overhead, digitize transparencies as computer images.

Presently, teleconferencing capabilities are possible. Any audio source can be transmitted via telephone lines. Group conference calls take place in the room. "We are now in the process of discussing with some cable companies the possibility of transmitting even a picture of the class."

The room is used for three primary purposes. Regular Stern classes are scheduled in the multimedia room. The room is also used for seminars and special uses. A recent example is the use of the room for an Open House presentation. In addition, the room is used as a meeting room for board members. "Official university business is carried out in board meetings where multimedia equip-

ment is used," said Rosengarten.

"A committee was drawn up recently, primarily an academic committee. They make evaluations of judgment on what needs to be added or changed ... The room is built in a modular way so that components can be easily added ... Capabilities will be added as we need it and as technology changes,"

shouting "Good Answer" while cheering and jumping up and down.

And so a second letter was sent to the Cohen family informing them that they passed this second tryout. Their names were put into the contestant pool. The family is now waiting to hear if a family has been found to be their competitors. If such a family is found, Rinah, her brothers and sisters-in-law will be flown the following week to Los Angeles for three days and two nights to be on the Feud.

The format of the Family Feud has changed since the tryouts. The original host, Richard Dawson, after a short departure from the show, has reestablished his position. Moreover, while in the past there have been five family members on each team, the limit is now four relatives per team.

So what does one do while they await to hear from the Feud? She said, "My family and I are extremely excited. The whole process takes a long time. Besides the current wait, we had to wait four months between each tryout. But the second the show calls us, I am sure we will break out!"

Rinah continued, "I would be very nervous just being on television, but just one such experience would be something we will always share. Getting on the show would definitely be an experience my family and I would never forget. I think that our chances at winning are very good, but we are not interested in the money. We want to be on the show and just have a good time."

The Cohen family had a wonderful time

Aaron Heller Remembered

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a coma for over a year before he passed away. In addition, Aaron, who was the same age as my brother and in the fifth grade with him, was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. He was out of school for almost five months before getting the disorder under control.

Though Aaron never got to know my brother, after he passed away, Aaron became my brother inadvertently, without either one of us knowing it. We became better friends over the years and probably became best friends over the last six years. While I spent a year in Israel, we kept in touch by writing letters. But our years that we spent in Yeshiva University together were by far our best. Since both of us were Sociology majors, we took a number of classes together. I spent virtually half of my time in YU in his room.

While he was one of my best friends, our relationship did not become complete until one month before his passing. Sure we could always talk about almost anything. The key words here are ALMOST ANYTHING. There were two things that we just never talked about: girls and his family life. I never asked him about his personal life because he always seemed to act indifferent

ment is used," said Rosengarten.

"We're not looking to just have a lot of toys."

to me whenever I talked briefly about mine. I never had a problem telling Aaron about my dating experiences and girlfriends. But after a while I just stopped talking about it because it seemed that he was not interested.

Then something happened on the night of October 18. Aaron called me to tell me that during the summer he had been dating someone and neither of them told anybody about it. He had been seeing her and then things didn't work out and he was so depressed that he began pouring his heart out to me. He then told me that he remained friends with her and that it was she that told him to talk to me about this.

Until this point, he had felt that he couldn't talk to anybody about it. He then told me something that I will never forget for the rest of my life. He told me that for years he had looked up to me like an older brother. He looked at me as a role model and said that I was a great example for him to follow. My heart soared when I heard this. This came from a guy who would never say a sentimental thing to anybody.

That Friday night, he came over to my house after dinner and we talked from 8:00pm until 2:00am about his social life, problems and his family life. That night, I

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Rosengarten said, "We're not looking to just have a lot of toys."

"To my knowledge, the room is being used by a cross-section of users. What was planned is being carried out," emphasized Rosengarten.

Dr. Lamm Speaks to Students

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pathize with you... I've raised a good part of the money for it."

Another issue raised at the meeting was the Hedi Steinberg Library. Besides lack of studying space and the inconvenience of two separate libraries, TAC Vice President Liz Jarrett described the card catalog system as outdated. Dr. Lamm said, "We're very close to receiving a grant for automating the library."

SCWSC Vice President Sarah Altman raised concerns about the search for a theater for SCDS productions. She said, "We have to start from scratch. We have to build a stage and bring in bleachers and we are limited to using only one set." Dean of Students Dr. Efram Nulman and Assistant Dean of Students Zeldia Braun said that 15 different locations were looked into in terms of a theater "to see if we could find something in the vicinity." They said, however, that it was problematic for students because of the location's inconvenience.

The 45-minute meeting, which took place at Dr. Lamm's Upper West Side apartment on Dec. 6, was followed by a dessert reception where students could interact socially with Dr. and Mrs. Lamm, Nulman, Braun, Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz and Assistant Dean of Students Rabbi Jeffrey Chaitoff.

A Late Guide to the Perplexed

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When asked about this, Hosseinoff admitted, "... I took on the responsibility myself. I am not a team player. Certainly it could have been done better." He said, "From the start, I tried not to make the same mistakes that were made last year."

May said she left many unanswered messages on her co-editor's machine. Hosseinoff admitted, "I am rather hard to get in touch with sometimes."

The Guide's editorial board was supposed to pick up The Guide from a printer

A Brother Lost

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felt like I had bonded with him like I had never bonded to anyone before. My relationship with him was now complete. I could now talk to him about EVERYTHING.

The next few weeks were ones that I will never forget. He had been happier than he had ever been and so was I. I had felt that my friendship with him had reached new heights.

When I first received the call about Aaron's passing, I felt like someone had torn my heart out. I had just lost my closest friend, my brother. That's what he was to me. This hurt me more than the passing of my brother 10 years ago. I had never cried as hard or as long as I did when Aaron passed away. This was the biggest tragedy that I have ever had to endure. It wasn't just that I had lost him, it was the timing that was even worse. We had just had the best MONTH of friendship that we had ever had. But it was just a month. Just when he finally opened up to me, he was taken away. This is what hurt the most.

Tales of a Lost Town

By Gila Reinitz

Professor Yaffa Eliach, creator of the "Tower of Life" exhibit in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington and author of *Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust*, shared personal stories and memoirs with approximately 100 students and guests in a moving and inspiring lecture and slide presentation on the Holocaust, as part of the Morris Epsstein Forum on the Arts.

Among the first pictures that Eliach showed at the Nov. 21 event was one of herself on her last day as a free four year old. The picture of happiness and youth was interrupted "by the Germans entering our town that same day and taking us all away," said Eliach in her presentation, entitled "The Tower of Life: Restoring My Vanished Shtetl." She said, "This was the last picture

my grandmother ever took of me or of any one."

Eliach also showed several pictures of her mother, who had been shot after the liberation right before her eyes. Her mother she told the audience, fell on top of her while holding her baby brother "whom the Nazis had cruelly shot immediately before shooting my mother."

A modern-day Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, Eliach lived in a cave for two years as a child. In the cave, her parents taught her to speak Hebrew, say prayers and learn *Tanach*.

Eliach did not begin to teach the Holocaust until 1969 when she returned to Europe to visit her hometown of Aishashuk and found that there was not even a remnant of the shtetl she had fled in the 1940's. She said

that it was difficult to reproduce what she felt upon returning to the shtetl where she was born. Eliach became determined to document what she could about the one small shtetl and preserve its memory through pictures, diaries and other memoirs.

She passed around a postcard depicting her "Tower of Life" exhibit during the private dinner preceding her presentation. She also shared some very interesting stories about the clever ways in which Jews immigrated into various countries without proper papers during WWII.

Eliach carefully supervised the placement of the photographs in her "Tower of Life" exhibit. "It is imperative that the photos remain together in one tower, as they represent one town, one group of people," she explained. "In doing this, I feel that I've brought a Jewish town back to life." The photographs extend below the foot-bridge between the two walls and all the way up to the ceiling where a sunroof allows in minimal light. The onlooker is surrounded by the faces of the shtetl, as though he is a part of it.

Professor Peninnah Schram, who helped organize the event, said, "[Eliach] brought the people from [her] shtetl to us in a personal and meaningful way and we now carry them in our memories too!"

Eliach left her audience with a powerful message. "My father's advice to me was 'study, study, study and be proud of who you are.'" When asked why she took upon herself the task of collecting over 6,000 photos and other memoirs, Eliach explained, "The greatest gift of my life is that I am Jewish."



Yaffa Eliach Speaking at SCW

in Brooklyn, using Dubinsky's car, during the week of November 28th, but Hosseinoff was unable to be contacted, and the 1994-95 directories were not picked up.

Efforts to get YCSC President Daniel Billig to aid in the process of facilitating The Guide and act as mediator between the two editors proved fruitless, according to May.

Though some students are perturbed by the delay in the distribution of The Guide, quite a few are just downloading it from the Internet. "It doesn't make much difference when The Guide comes out," said Sary Langner, SCW '96, "because all the information is on e-mail anyway."

Play in Progress

By Gila Reinitz

"FEED ME!!!" growled Sabina Krich, SCW '97, in the midst of a rehearsal for the student-run production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. She portrays an obnoxious, man-eating plant in the upcoming SCDS women-only musical.

Not only is the musical being directed by the ever-energetic and talented Sarah Altman, SCW '95, who directed last year's sold-out, women-only musical, *The Mikado*, but an amazingly talented cast has been selected. Characters include Avital Amini, SCW '96, who gained fame in last year's *Mikado*, as the multi-faceted, schizophrenic Pooh-Bah. This year, she will portray the puny, but good-hearted, Seymour. Dafna Kalish, SCW '95, who last year played the lead role of Nanki-Poo in *The Mikado*, will play the tyrannical and money-hungry Mushnik will be played by Rinah Cohen, SCW '95. And Rachel Yunger, SCW '95, is taking a turn from playing the ditzzy juror

in last year's *Twelve Angry Women* to taking on the part of the sadistic dentist, Orin Scrivello. There are also six Shoo-op girls who represent the soul of Skid Row, and carry the play along as they sing and dance during many of the scenes.

Altman is excited about the play. "Everyone is very energetic and *Little Shop* is a fun production to do. It's got great songs with lots of humorous lyrics every step of the way."

President of SCDS, Rachel Yunger, said, "I've never worked so hard, yet at the same time enjoyed myself so much...choosing *Little Shop* was a great decision. Everyone is giving their all and I'm certain that it will be a huge success."

Little Shop of Horrors will run from December 18-21 at 8:00pm in Koch Auditorium. Tickets are \$7/\$8 at the door and are available at the Office of Student Services - 340-7715. See posters around school for student ticket locations.



The cast practicing for their upcoming musical

SCW SPORTS



The Lady Macs Team

"Way to Go, Lady Macs!!"

By Phyllis Roth and Sarah Altman

The Lady Macs have done it again. Entering with a two-game winning streak, the Lady Macs participated in the Cardinal Classic Tournament in Boston, December 2-4. The tournament began with the Lady Macs defeating Mass College of Pharmacy. During the game played at Emmanuel College, the Lady Macs took on what looked to be an uphill battle.

The Lady Macs were trailing throughout the entire first half of the game. They only hit 30% from the foul line and were down by three at the half. During half time the team discussed some critical adjustments that were to be made in order to win the game. The second half showed the team switching to a tight man on man defense. The change was a success along with hard work and easy turnovers resulting in key baskets.

With eight minutes remaining, a transition took place and the game took a shift. The final score of the game was Yeshiva 70, and MCP 46. This was the highest scoring game for the Lady Macs. The lead scorers of the game were Rebecca Bienenstock with

36 points, Batsheva Lazar with 14 and Jessica Pancer with 12.

The second game of the tournament was played on Sunday. The Lady Macs took on Lasell College from Newton, Mass. The Lady Macs led throughout the entire game. The team as a whole stepped up and played big for the Lady Macs with teamwork and dedication. Led by strong defense and aggressive playing the Lady Macs easily defeated Lasell 61-46.

The Yeshiva College Macs, who also participated in the Tournament, came in second place.

After the second game, a Trophy was presented to the Lady Macs for winning the tournament and for coming in first place. Batsheva Lazar was named Team MVP, and Rebecca Bienenstock was named Tournament MVP.

Coach Nancy Kaplan summed it up, "I was very happy with the improvement that the team showed and especially pleased with how hard the team worked and how different people really came through. It was a total team effort!"

King's College Spoils Lady Macs Home Opener

By Rachel Hellman

The Lady Macs home opener ended in disappointment on November 16 as King's College was victorious by the score of 50-36. The Lady Macs were led by high scorers Rebecca Bienenstock, 17, and Batsheva Lazar, 8.

The Lady Macs' defense was able to

hold the opposition to 50. On the other side of the ball, the offense showed spurts of life but was not able to sustain the pace through the entire game. King's College was able to control the boards and run the fast break.

The next Lady Macs home game will take place December 7 against Saint Joseph's.

Ready for Boston

By Sarah Altman

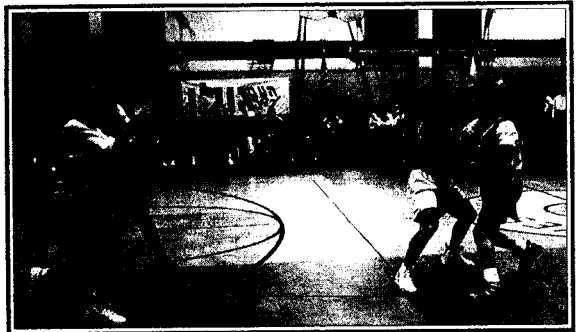
The Lady Macs headed to Stephens Tech on Nov. 30. After a close first half with the Lady Macs ahead by 1 point at halftime, the women soared ahead, outscoring Stephens Tech 27-12 in the second half. According to co-captain Sharyn Berezin, "We started off slow, but managed to stay on top and come away with a very important win." Despite what many felt was a poorly officiated game, it ended with a huge 40-26 victory for the Lady Macs.

The team played well together led by captain Rebecca Bienenstock's 18 points. Bienenstock, along with rookie Mindy

Greszes, impressively anchored the team at point guard. Rookie Batsheva Lazar shot well, adding 8 points. Veteran Jessica Pancer had an extremely strong game at shooting guard, small forward rounding out the crew.

The strong showing by the Lady Macs and all around good play has boosted the teams morale and has the team excited for a repeat of last year's successful 6-2 season.

This victory, following an earlier victory against Baruch, saw the Lady Macs going into a tournament in Boston with a two game winning streak. The tournament took place Dec. 1-Dec 5 at Massachusetts Pharmacy.



The Lady Macs Playing on to Victory



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