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## Labor Strike Leads to Settlement

By Marcie Schneider

The YU Negotiating Committee and leaders of the 1199 National Health and Human Service Employees Union reached an agreement Thursday, November 9, following a day-long strike and nearly six weeks without a contract. Union members voted yesterday on the settlement.

On Monday, November 6, of office desks emptied, cafeteria crews headed out and librarians left their posts at 2 p.m. Union members implemented a work-stoppage action "to show management that we mean business," said Clarence Barrett, co-head of the SCW strike.

Over fifty Labor Union 1199 workers gathered at 245 Lexington Ave. to protest what they considered to be a lack of cooperation by the YU Negotiating Committee. Workers were striking in an effort to coerce management to rework the language of the job service clause in their contract.

After four meetings with the Negotiating Committee, labor union members thought things had been resolved. "We thought we had a tentative agreement," said Ray Algaram, SCW strike co-head. When union leaders met with management on Sunday, November 5, they brought up the issue of changing the language in the clause. The



Union workers brave the cold for a strike outside SCW last Monday.

Negotiating Committee refused to address the point, Barrett said. Thus the meeting ended in a stalemate at 8 a.m. the following day.

While strikers gathered outside SCW, union organizers Juan Gonzalez, Berta Silver and Tom Winters met with the negotiating committee uptown. Every half-hour messages were phoned in to strikers to inform them of progress.

All YU campuses felt the impact. SCW and YC, both YU high schools, and Cardozo Law School, Hunt operations, maintenance, housekeeping, librarians, and cafeteria and clerical staffs made good on earlier threats to stage a work-stoppage action.

Some of the far-reaching effects of the walkout included the

disruption of a catered dinner planned in honor of Dr. Dov Noy, Hebrew University Professor of Folklore and Hebrew Literature. The dinner had to be moved to Mendy's restaurant for lack of waiters. Prof. Peninah Schram, chairwoman of the lecture, said, "I had a personal anguish and tension because it upset certain plans. You depend on things running smoothly, but this upset the apple cart. As it turned out, though, the logistics worked out fine for us." The remainder of the evening went on as planned.

Union member and plant operator Eduardo Clark delineated the reason for the walkout. "A strike is a way to let management

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## Curfew Imposed Barring Women from YC Caf Store

By Aviva Frohlich

Recently, Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, YC Residence Hall Supervisor, instructed security to enforce a rule barring SCW students from the YC convenience store after 8:30 p.m. Female students are still allowed to congregate in the Rubin lobby, but are not permitted to go downstairs to the store.

The YC convenience store, located in the basement of Rubin Hall, has traditionally been a popular location to spend "caf card" dollars. Known as the "Caf Store," it carries meals, snacks and other items unavailable at SCW's Milner's Mart. The selection, a major draw to students, includes a variety of basic necessities, from ready-made meals to shampoos. Women have often taken advantage of the store's late hours.

Many SCW students feel the newly-enforced rule is unfair. "This is nothing but a double standard," said Halana Krup, SCW '98. "Why is it okay for guys to go to Milner's late at night but not for girls to go to the Caf Store?"

"It's impossible for a lot of us to use up the money on our caf cards without stocking up on food from the store. What are we supposed to do if the store is not accessible to us?" said Jennifer Hellman, SCW '97.

SCW students are still permitted to make their purchases earlier in the evening, but the earlier hour proves difficult to accommodate students. Since the SCW cafeteria closes at 7:30 p.m., the Caf Store was a viable option for late-night purchases.

"A lot of classes don't end until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.," said Shani Pasternak, SSSB '98. "Are we expected to cut our classes just to get to the Caf Store?"

Louise Levontin, SCW '98, stresses the fact that as long as vans are still in service, the Caf Store should be open to SCW students. "I understand that they don't let us go in certain places after a certain time, but the Caf Store should be available to women until the last

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## SCW Explores Health Careers

By Talya Abrams

Although perplexed by the title, many students attended Alpha Epsilon Delta Society's "Allied Health Night" on Monday, October 23. Society president Elana Milstein said the healthy turnout was even better than she'd expected. Five women from various pre-health professions, including optometry, genetic counseling, occupational therapy, nursing and physician's assistant, spoke about their own careers, i.e. what they entail and what the advantages and disadvantages of their lines of work are. "It was very informative about the flexibility of hours each profession allows. Another meaningful issue was that all the speakers were women. They discussed how rewarding each profession is," said nursing major Yael Sudberg, SCW '97.

Freshmen and seniors alike attended the event. Some came to explore career options; others who have already decided on a career

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## SCW Reacts to Rabbi Assassination Special Coverage Inside

### Tone Down Rhetoric, Lamm Says

By Racheli Felsman and Marcie Schneider

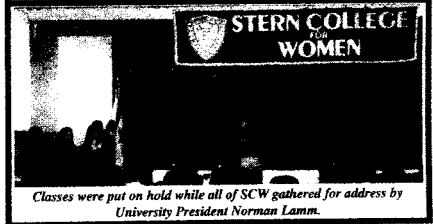
Students, professors and administrators flooded Koch Auditorium at 1:15 p.m. on November 6 for a memorial program for Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin. In an overwhelming turnout, students lined the walls of the auditorium to hear the words of *Rosh HaYeshiva* Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm.

The service commenced with the recitation of *Tehillim*, led by Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel, chairman of the Rebecca Ivy Department of

Jewish Studies.

Lamm was next to address the SCW student body. He began with an explanation of the concept of mourning in Jewish law. He said that in *halacha*, there are two different reactions to death, *aninut* and *availus*. *Aninut* refers to a person's state of mind before the burial takes place. *Availus* begins after burial, and continues for a period of seven days. The difference between the two is that the *onain* is freed from the perfor-

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Classes were put on hold while all of SCW gathered for address by University President Norman Lamm.

## Inside the New Dorm

By Marcie Schneider

The high arches, rounded windows and small square courtyard at 121 E. 29th St. will soon become a familiar sight to SCW students. These architectural accents will greet students at the newly-acquired Schottenstein Residence Hall, Stern's second dormitory.

On Friday, October 20, Dean of Students Dr. Efreim Eupulman, Associate Dean of Students David Himer, Assistant Dean of Students Zeldia Braun and Director of Supporting Service Administration Jeffrey Rosengarten, led student leaders and members of the Student Life Committee on a tour of the building.

Prior to the meeting, administrators had met to discuss recommendations on how to most effectively utilize common space in the building. "We'll match the input from this meeting with input from the administration's meeting and compare," Rosengarten said. "Most importantly, we're looking for your [students'] input."

Students were then led on a tour. At each stop, they were presented with the administration's proposal for space utilization, and an informal vote was taken. No permanent decisions were made.

The building, purchased from the Salvation Army, is actually two distinct buildings adjoined by a bridge, forming an 'H' shape. One side has five floors, and the other, eight. There are connections between the buildings on the first and fifth floors. Each side of the building has one elevator.

The difference between the two buildings is room layout. The Lexington Ave. buildings boasts individual rooms with adjoining bathrooms. In the corners, three rooms share a bathroom. In the 29th St. building, there are communal bathrooms, two per floor. "They're traditional college bathrooms," Braun said. The rooms in this building are a little bigger than in the other.

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# Letters to the Editor

## My Life, My Times

It is time to implement a new policy regarding the distribution of *The New York Times* in Brookdale Hall. Perhaps there is a misconception that the newspapers that sit in a pile next to the elevators are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hopefully, now that you are aware that this is not the case, these actions will not continue.

Students signed up at Student Services and have paid subscriptions to the *Times*, either for a class requirement or for their own edification. Regardless of their motivation for reading the paper, it is their property. When a student who pays for the paper is not able to take one since someone else has already taken it, the person who took the paper is not only being inconsiderate but is also stealing. If a book were left on a library study desk and you were interested in the book but knew that it probably belonged to the student that possessed the knapsack on the seat nearby, would you take the book?

The newspapers are usually stacked in a large pile, depending on the time of morning. Some of the papers, those belonging to students who subscribe directly through the *Times* and have eliminated the school as an intermediary, are affixed with name labels. The rest of the papers are left vulnerable to the hands of any student passing the hall, hopefully working on the honor system in which only those who have rightfully paid are helping themselves to a paper.

I think that it is time that some thought and action go into developing a new system. For I have already been cheated out of my paper several times this year and I am sure I am not alone. One of the guards suggested that a list of the subscribers be given to them and that each morning they would either label the papers or simply keep the papers by their station requiring the subscribers to ask the guards for the paper each morning. The current system of newspaper distribution has failed, and it is time for a change. It is simply not fair to make the subscribers come down and get a paper at 7 a.m. just to assure that they receive what they have already paid for.

Racheli Felsman, SCW '98

## A Disturbing Sign

There seems to be a lack of respect, *derech eretz*, for other students who are trying to organize events, display their accomplishments or even announce the happy occasion of a fellow student's engagement in the elevator. I was very disturbed that when I came back to school this week, among all the usual engagement notices in the elevator, one with a picture of the happy couple had a special note on it not to deface the photo. About a month ago, another sign just like this one was hung in the elevator and someone proceeded to draw all over the picture. I think that it is unfortunate that in a college environment - especially one like Stern - that it is necessary to tell the students to respect one another's freedom and property.

Last year, a terrible defacement took place, ruining an art student's work that was displayed in the school building. This year, I have noticed, besides the defaced engagement sign in the elevator, that the environmental club signs kept being removed from the walls of the dorm and have had to be replaced a number of times.

Whether you agree or disagree with the engagement signs in the elevator, an event that is being publicized or something else that is being displayed, if it is in the appropriately designated sign-hanging area, has a right to remain on the wall. If you don't want to get involved in the event and/or project being publicized or have a problem with the newly-engaged couple, write and get approval to hang up a counter-sign, but do not deface or remove any of the signs that are already up. Even if you don't care about the environment, for example, or about the speaker of the day and the young couple who just got engaged, some of your fellow students do. They have put in time, money and effort on whatever it is that is being displayed. If you don't want to be involved, no one is going to force you, but it is fair to deprive your fellow students of the information for them to make their own decisions? Show a little respect for those that care.

Elisheva Wohlgenuth, SCW '96  
Student Alliance for Global Awareness

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# Speaking Out

Editors Note: This letter was written several days before the assassination of Prime Minister Rubin.

With all these foreign dignitaries in New York City for the United Nations 50th anniversary, crazy things were bound to happen. Banquets, rallies, motorcades, and traffic jams were anticipated, but who would have expected a notorious terrorist and murderer, Yasir Arafat, to be welcomed as a dignitary into America, a country that denounces terrorism? Apparently, there are some Jews who have "forgotten" about the monstrosities that the PLO, under Arafat's leadership, committed against our brethren. A group of Jews actually invited this murderer to speak at their shul on 39th Street and Lexington Avenue on Monday, October 23. Obviously, many people were appalled and horrified, and therefore a demonstration was scheduled.

I went with my friends to show my anger. The rally consisted of about 30 protestors. We were a small but vehement group. We were students, businesspeople, housewives, *bachurei veshiva, rebbeim*, and Israelis. We came together because we all care about the fate of our Home, our Land, *Eretz Yisrael*.

When I saw Arafat come out of that shul, my memory was jogged. I remembered the

terrorism, the bus bombings, and the murders ordered by this man. I remembered the endless pain he caused our people by the deaths of husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters. It is impossible not to feel hatred towards this evil man who can be called the Hitler of our generation.

That night, I attended another rally outside Avery Fisher Hall, where Rabin and Peres were speaking at a dinner for officials of various governments. This time we were protesting Rabin's and Peres' leadership of Israel, asking: How are they literally giving our land over to our enemies after promising in their campaign platform not to do so?

There were more protestors at this rally than at the earlier one. Many people who had come to the protest during the day also came at night. We held up a huge banner that read: THIS IS NOT A PEACE PROCESS. THIS IS A BLOODY PROCESS. We yelled at people passing by who were on their way inside to the dinner. We all stood there united against the forces that are tearing our people apart.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Gaisin, SCW '97

# Thanks For the Visits

I would like to publicly acknowledge the charitable works of the Bikur Cholim Committee of Stern College for Women.

Recently, my father was hospitalized in the Beth Israel Medical Center. The two visits paid to him over that turbulent four-day period by five students from the college had a very positive effect on his temperament as well as on his health. Besides fulfilling the

*mitzvah* for which their society is named, my father's visitors made a *kiddush Hashem*. I would like to thank them both collectively and individually for their help in speeding my father's *refuah*. I am certain that he is not the first person they have so impressed and that he will not be the last. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Shimon Oppenheim, YC '97

## Moving on Up

*U.S. News and World Report's* annual guide to America's best colleges has Yeshiva University talking.

YU has moved up into the second tier of schools in the survey. We're last on that list, but only because it is alphabetical. Our median SAT ACT scores - 1060 to 1310 - are actually the highest of the second tier schools. Another impressive number that even Harvard and Yale can't match is our student/faculty ratio of 10:1, one of the best in the country. YU's per-student expenditure of \$22,199 is also on par with many first tier schools. This includes student activities,

meals and dorming. Areas where YU does not fare as well include graduation rates and an unusually high acceptance rate. Administration officials say that YU's highly targeted applicant pool explains the high acceptance rate. The reason for the low graduation rate is the acceptance of students to YU's Joint Israel Program who do not continue at YU when they return to the U.S.

YU has reason to be proud. But we all know there's room for improvement. Did the magazine ever think of ranking square feet per student?

## Message from the Executive Editor Giuliani's Lesson

By Zion Hochbaum

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was fully aware that his ejection of PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat from a concert for world leaders would ignite controversy. And he was prepared to take the heat.

Statesmen in town for the United Nations' 50th anniversary celebration were invited to a special performance of the NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center. Giuliani said his reasons for asking Arafat to leave stemmed from personal convictions; he believes that an erstwhile international terrorist does not deserve the hospitality accorded an honored guest. He insisted that he never issued Arafat an invitation to the concert. The PLO Mission to the UN then produced a letter to the contrary.

Whether or not an invitation was extended is not the issue. The attacks on Giuliani began before the existence of a U.N. invitation became known. Arab groups, the White House, the State Department, and former NYC Mayors Koch and Dinkins roundly condemned Giuliani for his "discourtesy," while Orthodox Jewish groups rallied - literally - to his defense, praising his courage on the steps of City Hall. (A delegation of SCW students attended the rally.)

His critics are probably right: Giuliani is a lousy diplomat. He is not the kind of person we send to Bosnia to broker a



ceasefire. But what does it mean to be a diplomat? In U.N. parlance, it means cowering before dictators and tiptoeing around time-tables. In American politics, it means standing up for a principle only after you've seen a poll that says you won't be alienating too many people and jeopardizing your reelection. How many politicians today are willing to say - let alone *do* - anything that would invite the scornful criticism that Giuliani unfalteringly withstood?

So whether or not the Mayor had politics on his mind doesn't really matter. What he did was courageous, both as a human being and as a politician. We can agree with him, or we can disagree, but either way - like him - we should not be afraid to take the heat.

## Message From SCWSC President

Fellow Students-

I hope that everyone enjoyed their vacation and that you are finally settling back into your school routines. Now that our year is in full swing I would like to take the opportunity to discuss an issue that is crucial for effective student government.

There are a number of committees and governing bodies in this school that have been created to better serve the student body and address any issues or needs that are important to the women of this institution. As a student leader, I feel that it is imperative that the students and these committees interact in order that we have a productive and constructive year.

The Student Life Committee plays a significant role in dealing with issues that affect student life on campus. The committee makes a strenuous effort to hear all requests and complaints in an attempt to voice to the administration our needs as a group.

The Library Committee, although playing a behind-the-scenes role, is active in improving conditions in those areas, as well as helping the librarians keep abreast of student needs in the library, such as accommodating exam schedules by remaining open extra hours, and pointing out materials that may be lacking, so that the libraries can be a user-friendly area of Stern.

Many of you have probably spent a good deal of time in the Stern College cafeteria, and no doubt have found areas where service could be improved - items that you thought should be available were missing, or maybe there is a particular item that you liked that is no longer on the menu. The Food Services Committee is the vehicle that attempts to resolve these problems and they work along-side the cafeteria staff to help make improvements when feasible.

The Student Senate is another body that plays an important role in student life. Although it is not always obvious, they are integral in helping to design academic policies



that govern SCW.

Each of these groups works closely with the appropriate administrators, who are eager to be of assistance so that our needs can be met.

So what do I want from you? Well, last I checked, I know very few people who are mind readers and I certainly don't count myself among those that claim to be able to, and I think I can speak for the other members of the committees in saying the same for them. If you have a problem, or a complaint, PLEASE TELL US. We are here for you, but we can't address issues that we don't know about. Please contact the appropriate committees and tell them what you think. If you don't know to whom a certain complaint should be addressed, feel free to get in touch with me at any time and I will direct it to the right place.

I'm not guaranteeing instant results, but I can assure you that if a request is legitimate we will attempt to fulfill it to the best of our abilities.

GOOD LUCK on all of your midterms - and relax - if you mess up, there's always finals!

Hana Barber  
President SCWSC

## Message From TAC President

Dear Fellow Stern Students,

This letter is addressed to all the girls who stop me in the elevators, hallways and classrooms to ask about TAC. This letter is for all the new students who have signed up for clubs, but still do not "feel" involved. This letter is for you and your friends to help you become aware of what TAC can do for you!

The best way to find out what TAC is really about is to get involved in all our great programs. There are TAC events that take place in Stern nightly, and everyone should be aware of these wonderful opportunities: Monday - BUDDS, 8 p.m.; Tuesday - parsha shiur, 10 p.m.; Wednesday - Rabbi Hochberg shiur, 7:30 p.m.

Writers are needed for *Bina Yeteira*, and fellow students are looking for tutors on all different levels.

For those who are not so much into the learning programs, extra hands are always needed to raise *tzedaka*, hang up signs and help keep the *beit midrash* tidy. Furthermore, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there is *bikur cholim* at Beth Israel Hospital, and TAC even provides free transportation.

TAC really covers the whole gamut of activities, and we always have a full calendar. For some special events, please refer to the monthly TAC calendar posted on the



sixth-floor bulletin board.

Not only are we busy during the week, but TAC works hard on the weekends. Our Shabbatonim have been HUGE successes. The next TAC-sponsored Shabbaton will be very special. On December 22-23, TAC, in conjunction with NCSY-YACHAD, will be hosting a Shabbaton here. More information will follow, but please save the date!

Now that the year is fully into swing, so is TAC. Don't let wonderful Stern opportunities pass you by. Take up the Torah; take Advantage of the possibilities; take charge of your life... Take TAC!

Rena May  
TAC President

## Message from SSSB President

Hi! I hope everyone enjoyed the Yom Tov break and is ready for the long haul until winter break.

Our annual Career Fair was a great success. Representatives from numerous firms, including Arthur Anderson, Met Life, Grey Advertising, as well as organizations like Ohel Family Services and the *Jewish Week*, attended. I hope everyone gained from the experience as much as I did.

The first annual SSSB Shabbaton took place November 3-4, and featured one of NY's funniest rabbis, Rabbi Neil Fleishman. His entertaining shiur impressed those in attendance.

Good luck to all accounting majors who have begun the interviewing process and good luck to everyone on midterms.

Barbara Pollak  
SSSB President



The TAC Tzedakah Committee is proud to announce that, starting mid-November, we will be selling WEDDING SHTICK. Stay tuned for more details...

...Also, we'd like to inform the SCW student body that as a result of notebook sales, TAC donated money to the following organizations: Hatzolah of Wabington Heights, Shalvah and Count Me In. *Tizku l'mitzvot!*

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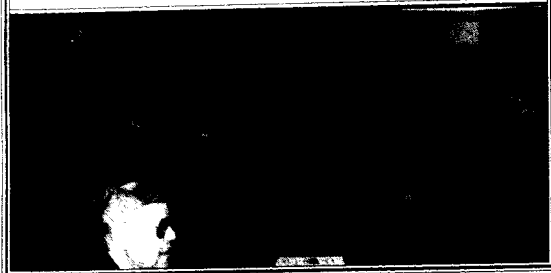
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## Career Fair: Not Just for Sy Syms



SCW and YC students speak with representatives, collect literature and submit resumes at Career Fair '95.



By Kim Ohayon

SCW and YC students crowded into Belfer Hall to explore Career Fair on Monday October 23, sponsored by the Office of Job Placement and Career Services. The fair gave students the chance to find out about various job opportunities. Students met representatives from prestigious firms, asked questions and presented resumes.

Some non-Sy Syms students, under the impression that they were not invited, did not attend. One SCW speech pathology major said that had she not spoken to Naomi Kapp, she would not have known that the Fair could serve her interests. She is thankful that she did attend and give out resumes, because she is now in contact with a potential employer.

Nearly 50 companies were represented, from Grey Advertising to MetLife to the Gap, Russ Toys, and Women in Communications, Inc.

"I was really pleasantly surprised that there were companies representing something else besides business. There were companies there for Psychology majors and health sciences," said Tamar Bomzer, SCW '97.

Some maintained, however, that the event was unfairly geared especially for business majors, as most of the company representatives were from business firms. "The place was crammed with tables," said Sarah Bensimon, SCW '97, a journalism major. "But I only found three tables that were remotely related to my field."

Most students found the Fair to be helpful and informative, even if they were not successful in landing a job. "I'm glad I got to see what's out there," said an accounting major. "Plus, I got a free pen."

Some students felt that the Office of Career Services, wanting to fill the room, neglected to tell non-business majors how few companies would be coming from their major. "Perhaps if the Fair were held at the midtown campus, other companies would have attended," said Naomi Kapp. "But there are more students upcoming."

According to *Yeshiva Today*, the YU newspaper, the margin between SCW and YC students is shrinking, and there are about

only 200 more men enrolled than women.

"It probably depends what you're looking for," said Rachel Hellman, SCW '96. "And since my field is computers and it's a growing field, there were opportunities. But I found it a little overwhelming because I didn't know where to start." Most SCW women were not well directed in finding their way through Weissberg Commons. While students received pamphlets naming the companies, and the Office of Career Services was on hand to advise students in specific majors as to which tables they should visit, a map or seating chart might have been helpful.

"The highlight for me was when a representative accepted my resume and said 'I'll make sure it will get to the right department' or 'this is the address you should mail it to.' That was great," Hellman said.

There was a turnout of 400 to 450 students. Career and placement advisor Adrienne Wolff said that this year saw a much better turnout than previous years. "First of all there is the increase in school size, plus more and more students are becoming aware of the fact that the Placement Office isn't just Sy Syms."

### Allied Health Night

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came to confirm that they had made the right choice. Students learned about which prerequisites they need for particular programs. Many were interested in the salaries earned in various jobs. One student was even so daring as to ask each speaker individually whether she regretted not going "all the way," i.e. to medical school, but, instead, into other health professions that require less schooling. The objective of the society is to stimulate an appreciation of the importance of pre-medical education, and to promote cooperation and contact between medical and pre-medical students. Its organizers hope that through their efforts, students will become more knowledgeable about new and constantly changing health-related careers.

For anyone interested in becoming part of the society, there will be a meeting the second week in November. For further information, contact Elana Milstein or Talya Abrams.

## First Look at New Dorm

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Common spaces whose purposes are still to be decided are located throughout the building.

An eighth-floor room used by the Salvation Army as a reading room may retain that same function as a student study hall. Sunshine spills in through arched windows, brightening up the room. Two side rooms branching off the main study area will probably be used either as group study rooms or as computer printing rooms. SSSB President Barbara Pollak noted that the demand for study halls will be lessened as a result of the privacy of individual rooms. "Study halls won't be needed as much as get-together rooms and group study rooms," Pollak said.

A terrace on the opposite side of the building offers an outdoor alternative for student events or for studying.

Plans to use the larger second-floor bedrooms either to house Shabbat guests or student leaders were discussed. The possibility of transforming them into additional dorm rooms was also considered. "Sometimes space usage depends on enrollment," Rosengarten said.

TAC President Rena May suggested changing some of the big lounges on the second floor into bedrooms to alleviate Brookdale Hall's overcrowding. Nulman nixed the idea on the grounds that, "We don't want to recreate what you feel is Brookdale Hall." Rosengarten added, "We don't necessarily have to get rid of the [independent housing] apartments."

On the Lexington Ave. side of the first floor is a large room with a microphone and raised platform. This room is ideal for lectures and meetings, and could also function as a student lounge.

The building is equipped with a full-size kitchen, capable of accommodating complete catering services. Shabbatonim and dinners may take place there. In the meantime, the dining area will most likely remain multipurpose, doubling as a study hall, meeting room or co-ed lounge. Moveable partitions will serve to delineate purpose.

The basement laundry room is equipped with utility-size washers and dryers, and also contains ironing boards. The proposal to utilize this space for an exercise room may be hindered by the room's design. A low ceiling of service and drainage pipes may not be granted authorization for removal.

Though individual rooms lack air conditioning, the administration is currently exploring options for its installment. Of primary concern is the issue of blocking the windows with the air-conditioning units, stifling outside air and sunlight, as well as diminishing the appearance of the rooms' size.

The faculty, staff, architects and engineers are working together in dealing with two specific categories of work. The first is code compliance and safety. Adherence to fire codes and zoning laws is imperative in the building's remodeling. Also, student-related changes must be implemented. One such technological advance is Category-Five cabling, "which can carry every type of signalling we need to send through it," Rosengarten said. "It enables computers, internet, phones, TV, and it's guaranteed for 15 years. We're also considering an internal phone system enabling intercampus connections."

Not all improvements will be implemented on day one. "It's like buying a new pocketbook - you don't fill every compartment on the first day," Rosengarten said.

Several agenda items were not discussed at the meeting. The questions of who moves in, how, and to what rooms are issues to be tackled in upcoming meetings between the administration and the Student Life Committee. Also, van service is a cru-

cial topic yet to be resolved. "We must be sure of one point - this is a dorm, not an outside apartment," Braun said, stressing the importance of a reliable, workable transportation system. "As a college with two residence halls, our goal is fluidity."

Other student concerns include allocating places for a caf store, a Milner's equivalent and a piano room.

Tuition will not be affected by the purchase of the building. "It will remain consistent with the pattern of tuition increases for national private institutions," Nulman said. Also, fundraising is currently underway. "We're in the midst of fundraising activities," Nulman said. "Areas of the building will be dedicated by people pledging their support."

In light of all the changes taking place, the building is not physically ready for use until September. In addition, Nulman said, "It's easier to have people move in to where they're going to live instead of having people shift and shuffle."

### News You May Have Missed

By Rachel Feldman and Andrea Snyder

#### Chaos at Columbia

Students at Columbia University are confused by an anti-Semitic article published in their student newspaper, the *Columbia Daily Spectator*. The article, written by Samuel Hays, head of the Black Student Union, called for the Milford Man March and suggested Jews to "leave or to rock the boat." The Black Community Students are protesting the article. The article was published in the *Columbia Daily Spectator* on October 23, 1995.

## Caf Store

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van," she said.

Some students were quick to come up with suggestions of their own. Gayle Focker, SCW '96, believes there should be at least one late hour available to women to purchase the goods they need.

"I'm tired of Stern's being second rate to YC. It's not our fault that the facilities are all uptown. What are they going to do next - close the library to us at 8:30 p.m.?" said one SCW sophomore.

Jake Lieberman, YC Head of Food Services, promised to bring up the matter at the next committee meeting. Dean of Students Efreim Nulman also offered to investigate the situation.

Rabbi Cheifetz cited the rule in the student handbook that states that women are all uptown. What are they going to do next - close the library to us at 8:30 p.m.?" said one SCW sophomore.

SCW students who take time out of their schedules for the hour of travel time uptown who used to have the option of shopping in the Caf Store after a *shiva*, a visit to the library, or club meetings find the rule to be intrusive. "I was allowed in the caf store one night, and the next night I wasn't," said Elisheva Wohlgenuth, SCW '96. "It's ridiculous."

## New Freshman and Sophomore Officers Elected

By Susan Jacobs

On Wednesday, September 20 during Club Hour, SCW Student Council held elections for officers of the freshman and sophomore classes. The freshman class elected a full board, while the sophomore class only needed to fill the positions of secretary and treasurer. For the freshman class, Nessa Blum won the presidential race, Elizabeth Renna is vice president, Aliza Koenigsberg is secretary, and Shalva Schwartz is treasurer. Aliza Friedman and Penina Savitsky were elected sophomore secretary and treasurer, respectively.

These elections appear to have been a great surprise to the students eligible to vote. Only 90 sophomores voted in the two contested races (four students ran for Secretary, two for Treasurer). In the freshman class, only five ballots were cast, probably because the four candidates were running unopposed.

Perhaps many students were as confused as Malka Bachakashvili, SCW '99, who said "What elections? When did they happen?" One sophomore said that she would have voted but publicity was lacking. "They didn't publicize when to vote or where to vote," she said. "They just said to vote."

Colorful fliers posted around the school building and Brookdale Residence Hall proclaimed the names of candidates and the positions they were running for, but many students did not feel well enough informed about the candidates and their plans for office. Miriam Ben Ezra, SCW '98, said, "I would like to have known what each individual candidate would have had to say. I would like to have heard a debate about their plans and what they would like to change."

Aliza Friedman, the new sophomore secretary, attended Midreshet Moriah last year, and is from Baltimore, MD. She served on her high school student council as well as the one in Midreshet.

"Because of my previous experience I think I'll do a good job," she said. "I'll take

By Elisheva Wohlgenuth

According to a recent *New York Times* article, human service is the number one occupational field in New York City, and is expected to experience an increase in growth and popularity around the country. Naomi Lazarus, Director of Admissions of Wurzweiler School of Social Work held a meeting with SCW women on Thursday, October 26, about the various graduate programs WSSW has to offer.

Many SCW students attend Wurzweiler after they complete a Bachelor's or on the unique five-year program, which includes three years at Stern or Yeshiva Colleges, Israel included, and then two years at WSSW. Upon completing five years, one receives a Bachelor's and Master's in social work. The only drawback to the program is if one does not complete it, she is left without even a Bachelor's degree.

"It is a gamble worth taking. I don't anticipate anything hindering me from completing the program," one student said. Many others agreed. The joint program begins at the end of the junior year and special courses are required. If a student is apprehensive about entering graduate school in social work, Lazarus assures that academically and in the field work requirement, "Stern students excel. It stems from their open-mindedness, desire to share themselves and the whole *chesed* notion of Judaism."

WSSW offers three unique programs

## Wurzweiler Spreads the Word

which take into consideration every student's needs to make the most accommodating schedule. The first program is called the concurrent program, which runs from fall to spring for two years. First-year classes are in generic social work courses and community. The second year gives students the opportunity to pick a concentration either in casework or community needs.

The second program is called the block program. This was established to aid Jewish students who wanted to study in the Jewish Communal Service program and live outside New York. This program takes three years to complete. Classes are given in New York for an intensive eight weeks each summer and field work is arranged in an agency for the remaining months. Placement can usually be arranged in the U.S., Canada or Israel.

The third option is a plan for employed people. A current job in an agency-type organization would serve as personal field

work, and courses are given Thursday nights and all day Sunday.

"[The meeting] was a very well done presentation, in which all my questions were answered and the expressive warmth shown by Naomi Lazarus towards the Stern students was very reassuring," said Estie Lewkowitz, SCW '96.

Lazarus suggests that students should check out all the schools in the area and look for a school that fits their needs, because social work is a very personal and intimate field and one should practice in the most comfortable setting.

The meeting organized by the Sociology Club "was a great success," said Sociology Club President Chaya Strasberg, SCW '96. "People seemed really interested in this informative presentation about Wurzweiler." Co-President Susan Shapiro, SCW '97 added, "We were very impressed with the attendance at the meeting. It shows that the Wurzweiler program is taken seriously."



After the lecture, students challenge Shetreet (right). From left: Susie Shepper, Shulamit Juni, Dana Schwartz, and Devra Rosenfeld.

## Religion Minister Promotes Peace Agenda in Address at SCW

By Ziona Hochbaum and Elisheva Wohlgenuth

While New York played host to dignitaries in town for the United Nations's 50th anniversary, SCW got a visit from Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs, Professor Shimon Shetreet, who spoke on the Middle East peace process and the future of religious life in Israel.

Shetreet has served as a Knesset member since 1988, and was appointed to his current post last May. Before that he served as Minister of Science and Development and of Economics and Infrastructure. He holds a law degree from Hebrew University and a doctorate from the University of Chicago.

Shetreet addressed the student body very candidly about his personal feelings regarding the peace process. He supports territorial compromise, calling it "a calculated risk we take for peace." Shetreet feels strongly that if the only way to achieve peace is to give over land and leave areas of Israel in the hands of the Palestinians, then that is what has to be done. "Terrorism can be controlled if the peace process exists, but without it at all, the end of terrorism seems unlikely," he said.

Security concerns for Israeli settlers on the West Bank are being addressed, Shetreet said. Alternate roads, bypassing areas coming under Palestinian control, are currently under construction. The road to Beit Lechem is expected to be finished by the end of December, while the new road to Chevron will be completed in March. The cost of peace can be as great as the cost of war. Israel needs \$1 billion for the redeployment of soldiers, relocation of army bases and construction of roads, as well as an additional \$5.12 million in anticipated costs. The Parliament

continues to discuss plans concerning Jerusalem, Maateh Adumim, Gush Etzion, Efrat, Jordan Valley, Ein Gedi, and Beit Sh'an, to try to achieve the best possible settlement gain for next year. Shetreet asserted that Jerusalem will forever remain Israel's capital, and is even expanding its borders to include new neighborhoods.

He denied that there is a civil war erupting between religious and secular Jews in Israel. According to Shetreet, 36% of Israelis define themselves as *masorti'im*, traditional Jews; 12% as *dati'im*, observant; four percent as *charedim*, ultra-Orthodox; and 48% as *chilonim*, non-observant. Repeatedly referring to "Jewish culture," he stressed the need to transmit Jewish values to Israeli youth. Israel's founding fathers envisioned a State both Jewish and democratic. "We want to maintain this equation," he said.

After 100 years of organized Zionism, there are four-and-a-half million Jews in Israel. "If two million would've come in 1948, we'd have the West Bank with no problem. We'd be better off. The boundaries would be different," Shetreet said.

Shetreet urged Diaspora Jewry to form a partnership with Israel, which can be accomplished by going on *aliyah*, making donations and investments and voicing political support. "We should not exchange criticisms but rather try to have mutual respect," he said.

Earlier that week, Congress had passed a resolution to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by 1999, if U.S. security allows. Shetreet urged the audience to voice support for such measures.

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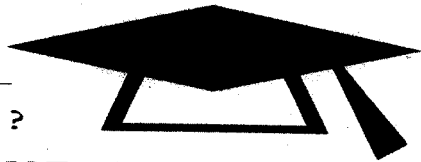
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# Journalists Gather at SCW Holocaust Conference

## Scholars Examine Media Coverage of the Holocaust

By Shani Feld

Every day, journalists make decisions about what information is newsworthy, and their choices directly affect our knowledge of the world. The universal question of why so many people did nothing to help the European Jews during World War II was revisited with that reality in mind at the interdisciplinary Holocaust Studies Conference, "Journalism and the Holocaust, 1933-1945." The conference, which took place October 22-24 at Stern College, was the third in six years to be sponsored by the Eli and Diana Zborowski Chair.

"The timing is especially good," said Dr. Jeffrey Gurock, Jewish history professor at SCW and YC and one of the conference organizers. He pointed out that 1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the Allied liberation of Europe, and that increased attention has been focused on the Holocaust.

Participating scholars attempted to de-

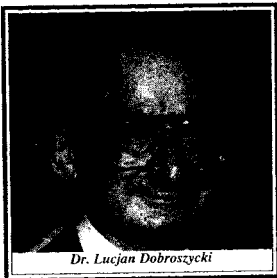
termine how much people knew about the Holocaust during 1933-1945, based on media coverage at the time in Germany, the U.S. and other countries - Axis, Allied and neutral.

Professors from Yeshiva, Harvard and Columbia Universities, as well as American and foreign journalists who reported during the war discussed such topics as: "America's Press and the Holocaust," "Reflections of the Holocaust in the Leading German Newspapers," "What the French Could Know through Their Press About the Arrest of the Jews," "Antisemitism, the Holocaust and the British Press," and "The Clandestine Press in the Warsaw Ghetto."

"Many people feel that what happened in Auschwitz, Sobibor, Babi-Yar, and hundreds of other places in Europe during the Holocaust just affected the Jews, but they are wrong," said Danielle Keats, SCW '97, who attended some of the lectures. "It affected all of humanity. Lessons still need to be learned. That's why seminars... must be given."

The prevailing explanation for the lack of action to rescue the Jews from extermination is that many people were unaware of the tragedy that was occurring. But was this "ignorance" really just another form of anti-Semitism? And, if so, what role did the media play in perpetuating it? These are some of the questions the speakers addressed.

## Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki, Holocaust Scholar, Died at Age 70



Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki

By Amira Rubin

Funeral services for Dr. Lucjan Dobroszycki were held Friday morning, October 27, in Jerusalem. Born in Poland on January 15, 1925, Dobroszycki was a survivor of the Lodz ghetto. After surviving the Holocaust, he went on to author, edit and co-author dozens of books and scholarly papers in Hebrew, English, Polish and German. His works are used in Jewish History classes at SCW. Since 1985 he had been the appointed occupant of the Zborowski Chair at Yeshiva University. He also served as a visiting faculty member at Yale University, the City Universities of New York and the University of Connecticut.

He died at age 70 Tuesday, October 24, at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Manhattan. He is survived by his wife Felicia and daughter Joanna.

## Celebrated Broadcaster Delivers Keynote Address

By Ziona Hochbaum

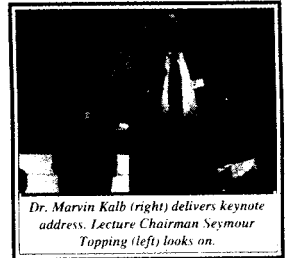
Questions about the Holocaust are always easier to ask than they are to answer. Marvin Kalb noted this at the beginning of his address, calling the Holocaust a subject that "makes pygmies of us all." Kalb delivered the conference's keynote address on October 22 in Koch Auditorium.

His name is familiar to most of our parents, who remember his 30 years in broadcasting - first as chief diplomatic correspondent for CBS and NBC, then as moderator of NBC's Meet the Press. A best-selling author of both fiction and non-fiction, Kalb is now Edward R. Murrow Professor of Press and Public Policy at the JFK School of Government of his alma mater, Harvard University. The Holocaust has personal meaning to him; nearly all of his father's family perished.

According to Kalb, American Jews who followed the Yiddish press and the reporting of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency were among the first to learn what was happening to the Jews in Europe. 20,000 people filled Madison Square Garden in July 1942 to protest the mass killings. But the first reports from Europe of Hitler's announcement of his "Final Solution" were viewed with suspicion in Washington.

By December 1942, it was all confirmed. Nevertheless, coverage was marginalized, Kalb said.

The question is why. Why did the *New York Times* place an article about one million Jews being killed on an inside page?



Dr. Marvin Kalb (right) delivers keynote address. Lecture Chairman Seymour Topping (left) looks on.

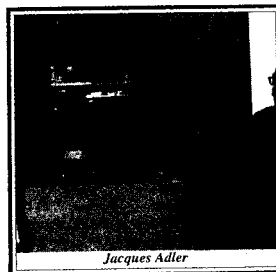
"How could such stories not overcome the front pages of every newspaper?" Kalb asked. He did not equivocate in indicting the *New York Times* for its failure to take the lead in the world of journalism during the Holocaust, as it would do later by publishing the Pentagon Papers. What it did publish was cut and put inside, Kalb said. Certain other newspapers, such as the *Boston Globe* and *Seattle Times*, were among the few in the press to rise above this norm.

Kalb offered five reasons to explain the poverty of media coverage of the Holocaust.

"The Germans used 'the tools of totalitarianism and highly stylized language to hide their intent.' In their vocabulary of propaganda, shipment on cattle cars to concentration camps was "relocation" and gas chambers were "special treatment." This propaganda campaign made its way across

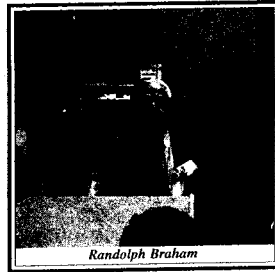
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## Media in Nazi-Controlled Countries



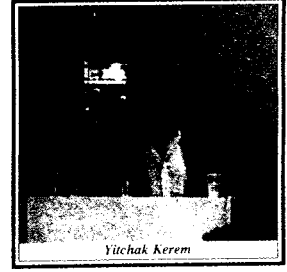
Jacques Adler

In his lecture, Jacques Adler expounded upon the subject of the Jewish press in France, 1940-1944. Adler, a professor at the University of Australia, spoke about the clandestine press, a creation of immigrant Jewry, which made extraordinary efforts to ensure that Jews were aware of and able to get away from deportation. Illegal news sheets conveyed to the Jews the vital information denied them. "Information was a prerequisite for action and ultimately for survival," Adler said.



Randolph Braham

Randolph Braham discussed the Hungarian press, 1938-1945, in his presentation. He said the Nazis placed a strong emphasis on propaganda and began a misinformation campaign, portraying the Jews' lifestyle in a positive light. With the beginning of the implementation of the Final Solution, the press - both Jewish and the opposition - were silent about these events. "Unfortunately, one Jewish weekly was censored, and Jews were misinformed," he said.



Yitzhak Kerem

Yitzhak Kerem, Professor of History at Aristotle University in Greece, discussed the Greek press, 1933-1945. Though there was no press in Athens during the war, pamphlets were distributed urging the population to save the Jews. He said that by the spring of 1945, the press printed the atrocities of the Holocaust, but that people had a hard time believing the stories of survivors. As a result of their not being believed, Jews began saying less. The situation has only recently started to change.

# Shame for What Is, Fear for What Will Be: SCW Responds

## From the Editors...

Ziona Hochbaum and Marcie Schneider

### Why We Mourn

On the last six days of *Pesach*, we do not say whole *hallel* because during that time, the Egyptians - they who had enslaved us for over 200 years - perished in the Red Sea.

Many of us here at SCW did not support the policies of Yitzhak Rabin. We may have felt rage toward him as a leader, and fear for Israel's future under his leadership. Now he lies in his grave. And we dare not rejoice.

Murder is the ugliest crime. Our Torah and our inborn moral centers tell us so. Killing in self-defense is the one exception, but that is killing - not murder. There's a difference.

Yigal Amir committed murder. He got hold of the most lethal bullets there are. He made one attempt, and failed. He made a second attempt, and failed again. There were months in between. But he did not change his mind. He made a third attempt, and succeeded.

Unlike Baruch Goldstein, whose mental state we will never really know, Amir is alive to tell us that he knew exactly what he was doing. He has no regrets. He said he acted "on orders from G-d."

Those words sound frighteningly familiar. That is the language of suicide bombers. It is the teaching of terrorists who believe they will go to Paradise for their actions. It is now clear that there is a hazy line between one act of murder and another.

Of more concern to us at SCW is the hazy line between fervent, vociferous protest and unjustifiable violence. We demonstrated and lobbied, we prayed and cried. Then a fellow Jew murdered a fellow Jew in cold blood. Surely we are not responsible. But turn on the television or just go outside, and you will hear Jews justifying Rabin's assassination, some cloaking their rationale in rhetoric, others touting it with pride.

Must we shoulder any blame? If we entertained - even for a moment - murderous thoughts toward Rabin and his Government, if somewhere inside us - even for a split second - we rejoiced at his assassination, then we must go find that innermost place and rinse it clean. Let our horror that such a thing has come to pass linger with us and protect us from ourselves, that we may remain a light unto the nations.

## SCW Rabin Memorial Coming Together in a Time of Need

By Laurie Gewirtz

Usually, memorial services held for important political figures are conducted by equally important officials. The memorial program held in Koch Auditorium on Monday night, November 6, for the Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, was unique. This memorial was organized, conducted and attended by SCW students alone.

The evening was arranged by Karen Miller, SCW '96, who is the national coordinator of the Lights in Action Jewish Student Movement. This organization promotes pro-active Judaism and Zionism and encourages college students to respond to startling news such as the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin powerfully. To Lights in Action, "powerfully" means channeling feelings of Zionist helplessness toward constructive activities, as opposed to holding angry rallies or demonstrations. According to Miller, an example of a positive activity would be a situation where students are able to vent their feelings of shock, grief and fear without inhibitions. This was the ultimate goal of the student ceremony. The student speakers and audience contributed to this uninhibited expression of emotion.

One of the students brave enough to bare her heart in front of the audience was Rebecca Rosen, SCW '96, who said, "I feel like we're crumbling... I feel lost; I feel shaken; I don't know where to go." The intent looks on the faces of audience members expressed their appreciation toward a fellow student honestly expressing her doubt and apprehension regarding the future of the Jewish people and the Jewish land.

### Lamm Makes Emotional Plea

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mance all *mitzvos*. Instead, he should be concerned with burying the dead. Also, the shock is so great - the impact of the situation is not emotionally absorbed, even though it is intellectually understood. "Until a few hours ago," Lamm said, "we were in a state of *aninut*, the residual shock is still with us. We're left bewildered, grief-stricken and deeply perplexed."

Lamm called on SCW students and faculty to undertake a *cheshebon hanefesh*, "to improve how we are behaving and what we are doing," and to evaluate possible venues for avoiding a similar catastrophe in the future. "I, for one, experience *husha* - shame, chagrin and embarrassment," he continued, "at the thought that we Jews settle political differences behind a gun or dagger." Lamm compared Yigal Amir to Baruch Goldstein, commenting that both "became killers because of ideals."

"It is our responsibility to be responsible," said Lamm, stressing the importance of an environment which is not permissive



"I feel shaken," said Rebecca Rosen, SCW '96, at Rabin Memorial.

The group was then led by a peer in the recitation of *Tehillim*, beginning with verse 121: "I shall raise my eyes to the mountains, from where will my help come?" The rise and fall of the voices while reciting the Hebrew words exemplified the feeling of helplessness expressed by those in attendance. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Israeli national anthem, *Hatikvah*.

During the ceremony, Miller quoted the insightful words of one of her teachers at SCW, Rabbi Saul Berman. "Over two thousand years ago, a similar incident occurred where a Jewish leader was killed by another Jew. That day was commemorated by the *chachamin* as the fast day of *Gedalia*... We too must work together to promote *achdut* and unity after this recent tragic event."

Though a gathering to celebrate a joyous event would have been much preferred, students certainly did succeed in coming together for each other in a time of need.

of violence. It is these surroundings that "turn men into monsters, society into a jungle and civilization into chaos... We must tear down irresponsible rhetoric, and never again call a respectable leader of Israel a traitor, not dare call a person who liberated Jerusalem a Nazi."

Lamm clarified the fact that nothing he said should be construed as condoning or condemning the policies of Rabin, but that we must learn never to savage the personality of a human being. "We have to learn to be a lot more moderate, a bit more mellow and considerate of all our friends," he emphasized.

Rabin, who received an honorary degree from YU, was "a great man whose place in Jewish history is assured," said Lamm. "His life was spent on behalf of his people and his country." Rabin was characterized as the model of "bravery in war and peace," a man "who laid down his life on the altar of peace." Rabin was "a man who possessed courage that will continue to inspire future generations," Lamm said.

## Yitzchak Rabin 1922-1995

-In 1941, at the age of 19, Yitzchak Rabin was asked by Moshe Dayan (a *Haganah* commander) to join the *Palmach* (the fighting arm of the *Haganah*). He was indispensable in cutting off connections between Syria and the Axis-controlled French government.

-In June 1945, Rabin and his forces attempted to free 200 Jews from Atlit, a Jewish refugee camp in Palestine under British control. As a result, he served six months in prison.

-In 1948, during the War of Independence, Rabin commanded the Har-El brigade, and served as colonel in the fight against Egyptian forces.

-By the end of the Six-Day War in 1967, the Israeli Defense Forces had liberated and unified Yerushalayim and reclaimed the Kotel. Yitzchak Rabin was the commander-in-chief who led Israel in this victory.

-In 1968 he was appointed ambassador to the United States.

-In 1974, at the age of 52, Rabin succeeded Golda Meir as Israel's Prime Minister. He was responsible for dispatching the anti-terrorist group during the raid on Entebbe.

-After serving as Defense Minister in a Labor-Likud national unity coalition, he was elected Prime Minister in 1992.

-In 1994, Yitzchak Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize.

(Based on information supplied by the *New York Times*, Sunday, November 5.)

## Students with Family in Israel Express Anxiety

By Jessica Weigus

For most Jews, *motzaei Shabbat*, is a universal time for renewal. A new week full of opportunity, promise and challenge lies ahead. One feels a sense of joy and excitement, as wishes of *Shavua tov* are exchanged.

*Motzaei Shabbat*, November 5, presented a new atmosphere. Fear, disbelief and shock replaced the usual sentiments of content and excitement. A fellow Jew had assassinated the Prime Minister of Israel. This was the news that traveled over phone lines, radio waves and television satellites, and reached the hearts of individuals around the world.

The emotional intensity of the days following this tragedy evoked responses from a versatile group. This group ranged from international dignitaries to rabbinical authorities to fellow students. Despite the different worlds that each emerged from, a common theme united all of their messages. Each expressed despair at the bitter irony of the violent manner in which Rabin's life was ended. "A martyr of peace, a victim of hate," said President Clinton in his eulogy of the Prime Minister. One member of the SCW faculty referred to the life cycle of Rabin as a "psychological paradox." He fought for life in his land, and he died for peace.

The reactions of members of the SCW student body were poignant as well. Those with close family in Israel were especially moved.

Tikva Shachter, SCW '97, was deeply struck by the murder. "For a Jew to kill another Jew on their shared land, despite political differences, should be an unheard of thing," said Shachter. She continued to emphasize this point by relating the e-mail conversation she had with her sister, a Jerusalem resident. "My sister is Chassidic and she focused on the religious aspect of the act of murder. The spilling of Jewish blood is unconditionally horrible."

In addition to the moral and religious ramifications, the political future of Israel was on Shachter's mind as well. "I hope this will not be an obstacle for furthering the security of all those who live in our homeland."

Hindi Deitch, SCW '97, explained how having close relatives in Israel impacted her thoughts. "It makes me feel more removed and more objective, yet less able to relate." Relatives described the mood at *Kever Rachel* as celebratory. The message of these family members living near Ashkelon was one of ambivalence. "On the one hand a Jew killed another Jew and this is devastating; yet on the other hand, it was my family's backyard that was at stake," said Deitch.

"The daily routine has not changed in Israel. There is, however, a different sense in the street - a sense of suspicion toward *Mizrachi* Jews is beginning to develop," said Mira Hellman, SCW '96, quoting her *charedi* Israeli family members. "The fact that someone settled their differences by murder is terrible," said Hellman. The sentiments of

Tova Kaplan, SCW '97, focus on faith for an improved future. "Hopefully things will go on in Israel and we will not lose hope."

Kaplan came to New York from Tzfat and was joined this year by her entire family. "The first thought that came to me when I heard the news was what will happen in Israel. Then reality struck. Someone had violated one of the Ten Commandments. Someone had died." Kaplan added that the murderer did not even achieve any political ends. "Israel is my home and there is chaos and

tension. What will be?"

For Shira Sukanik, SCW '96, the shocking news added an entirely new dimension, because her immediate family now resides in Israel. "After *Shabbat* I was really petrified. I was trying to call my parents and siblings in Har Net and all of the circuits to Israel were busy," Sukanik said. "I imagined civilians uprising. Fear of the unknown is horrible, and the safety of my family was of primary concern." Sukanik's family in-

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Over 50 students gathered for *Tehillim* in the dorm *beit midrash*.

## A Time to Pray

By Shulamit Juni

On Saturday night, November 4, news of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination spread. The Jewish American public was shocked. Although many times in casual political discussions, phrases such as "He should be killed," or "He should be thrown out of office," may have been uttered, people did not necessarily realize the severity of their remarks. Now that the murder has actually taken place, people are in a state of disbelief.

Mixed feelings toward Rabin and his policies have always generated a lot of conflict. The political disputes continue to rage, only now the subject is how to view his death. However, one thing is certain: no one knows what the consequences of Rabin's murder will be.

Fear of the unknown can be terrifying. Israelis ranging from liberal to conservative, religious to unaffiliated, may join together and successfully work out a peaceful solution. It is equally as probable that hostility and hatred will escalate between the opposing groups and cause a civil war.

*Hakol bividae shamayim* - it is all in G-d's hands. Man can never be sure of the Almighty's plan, and therefore there is no course of action that is sure to be the right one. If we pray for the existing Israeli government to fall, the next one may be much worse. If we pray for it to stabilize, the existing problems may escalate to dangerous heights. There is no clear-cut answer.

*Tehillim* was written by King David, a man who knew both good and bad times.

Throughout his lifetime, David channeled his feelings and his anxieties into words that he addressed to G-d. Much like us today, David did not know all the solutions. He had fears and worries, and in his prayers simply related them to G-d. *Tehillim* is not simply an historical account of the travails of Israel's beloved king. It is a timeless treasure passed down from generation to generation to guide us. Its function is to put into our mouths the key words that we do not always have the ability to formulate on our own.

In appreciation of this concept, on Sunday night SCW students gathered in the *beit midrash*. Regardless of their political opinions, and regardless of their personal grievances, 50 women assembled, with *sifrei Tehillim* in hand, to pour out their hopes, frustrations and fears to the only One who really knows what is best.

Karen Adler, SCW '97, and Zipporah Axelrod, SCW '97, heads of TAC's *Tehillim* Committee, explained the uniqueness of this particular gathering. "The verses of *Tehillim* usually recited at times of trouble in Israel were not suggested by Rav Goldwicht for this instance. These verses, 83 and 79, include pleas to eradicate the foreigners who are causing plights in our land. Sadly, this tragedy was caused by another Jew. Our supplications to Hashem had to therefore be of a different nature."

Hoping for solidarity, hoping for peace, hoping for salvation, the fifty students recited five "different" verses in unity.



# Shame for What Is, Fear for

# What Will Be: SCW Responds

## Chaya Strasberg

Some people argue that Rabin's assassination happened because of the finger-pointing and the name-calling going on in Israel today between opposing factions, specifically in the Government. It is not fair to blame this tragedy solely on that. In every country in the world there is political opposition, and there are politicians yelling at each other and blaming each other for faults that they find in their respective governments. This is NO excuse for killing the head of the government with whom you disagree! It's true that this fosters a situation in which people get very tense and angry. But blaming Benjamin Netanyahu for the assassination of the Prime Minister is ludicrous! If some fanatic walks up to President Clinton and shoots him, are we going to personally blame Senator Robert Dole, because he leads the opposition? Yigal Amir is the one to blame - not Binyamin Netanyahu!

Expecting all Jews and Israelis to "come together" and unite because of this, or rather to prevent something like this from happening again, is unrealistic. People are not going to simply discard their political beliefs and moral convictions. No matter how many people may believe in a government and its policies, there will always be an opposition. That's what democracy means.

However, we're dealing with a very sensitive issue here. While different people may feel differently about our Prime Minister's murder, I think that this is a situation which requires a unified response from the religious community. No matter what each one of us feels about Yitzhak Rabin, o.h.m., we must publicly condemn the murder of our Prime Minister by a fellow Jew. Together. With unity. May G-d comfort us, all of us, among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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## Holocaust Conference

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the Atlantic and was successful in fooling many people.

The second reason is political: the Allied goal was to win the war, not to save the Jews. Roosevelt was known to have referred to the Jews as "certain populations."

Anti-Semitism is perhaps the most obvious reason. Kalb cited numerous polls of Americans taken during the war. In one poll, taken just after the war had started, 66% of Americans described the Germans as peace-loving and kind. Another poll taken later found that more than half of the American people did not believe that Nazis were deliberately killing Jews.

People simply could not or did not want to fathom the possibility of such unspeakable evil taking place. "For the past 2,000 years, the Jews had been a 'problematic people.' The Jewish problem was an annoying distraction... One British diplomat was quoted as saying he didn't want his men to waste their time dealing with 'wailing Jews,'" Kalb said.

Finally, Kalb pointed to the nature of

journalism itself, as it was practiced at that time. "It was not an adventurous craft," he said. While journalists today are cynical, obsessed with scandal, distrustful of government and disparaging of politicians, "back then [journalists] marched to the government's beat."

He also stressed that the 1940s were technologically primitive compared to the 90s. "You can't use the same yardstick we use today. What if the journalists [during the Holocaust] would have had satellites, faxes, and CNN? Would things have been different?" Kalb asked. "This game of 'what if?' underscores the difference between the journalism of then and now," he said.

"We have become global couch potatoes," Kalb said, when asked how he explains the inability of even the most comprehensive and explicit coverage to stop mass torture and killings in Bosnia, Rwanda, and Chechnya. We are bombarded with news of evil "either too remote and complicated or too familiar and boring," he said, quoting the phrase that made Hannah Ahrend famous,

## Mira Hellmann

anger over the assassination.

I believe that many students have a seriously flawed set of values. The issue is not whether one agrees with Rabin's policies or political philosophy. Rather, as stated by an employee at the Israeli Regional Office of Development in New York, it is a matter of belief in the democracy of the State of Israel, and the political system by which it is run. The fact that certain individuals feel they have to express their disagreement through murder shows that somewhere we have gone

deadly wrong. I did not write this article to express my political beliefs about the peace process, or any other political policy. I wrote this to bring students of Yeshiva University to the realization that there is a faulty process in our thinking, and it is this mode of thought

## Daphna Fishman

In these days of shocking tragedy, we feel the urgent need to talk - to friends, strangers, teachers and family. We feel the need to hear and listen to words, as words help to fill this terrible, gaping void. This emptiness has opened up in our lives as individuals and as a nation.

Shortly after the emotional and intellectual trauma caused by the heartbreaking event, we gathered in Koch Auditorium to absorb the words of our *Rosh Yeshiva*, Rabbi Dr. Lamm reminded us that the word *Shalom* is not merely a word associated with the views of the left wing, but it is essentially what we strive for. It is even one of the names of G-d. The word *Shalom* is derived from the Hebrew root meaning "complete." Standing among hundreds of my peers, whose political views are most diverse, there was a sense of completeness and unity, for at that moment we all shared the same void.

It is unfortunate that a tragedy must occur to bring us together, and that an event of this magnitude must serve as the impetus for personal soul-searching. The words of Rabbi Lamm continue to inspire within us the need to be introspective and cautious about our intellectual ideals. Each individual must learn to become appreciative of fellow Jews, regardless of the differences that may exist.

mous, "the banality of evil." Most of us do nothing but watch, read, and listen.

Is it the journalist's job to impel us to act? Kalb voiced distrust of civic journalism, a new sub-field in which the goal of news coverage is to get people to take a certain course of action. But he said that journalists "must provide a context for the information," while at the same time retaining their objectivity.

In the end, it was a comment from a Holocaust survivor sitting in the audience that brought home Kalb's thesis. She said, "How can anyone have believed it? We didn't believe what we saw ourselves."

that had caused a peace-loving leader of the State to die. A YC student expressed his belief that the main problem of the Jews today is Sinai Chinam. We are quick with judgement and are too self-righteous to see other people's point of view. Maybe the need for a peace process is necessary to the State's survival, an internal Israeli peace process. Let us try to remember this.

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By Shira Zupnik  
**What is your reaction to Rabin's assassination?**

**Yael Malik, SCW '97:**  
It is very sad that the leader of Israel is dead. It is even sadder that a frum Jew pulled the trigger and killed Rabin. It is wrong for a Jew to kill another Jew. As a result of the assassination, the non-religious Jews will have greater resentment toward the religious Jews. This may lead to civil war.



**Francesca Sorkin, SCW '97:**  
I believe that the Jewish history which we have been taught is that we were persecuted by a non-Jew. It is especially sad that we were persecuted by a Jew. It is especially sad that we were persecuted by a Jew who was murdered in the name of G-d. The future of Israel is uncertain. The future of the peace process is uncertain. The direction the process may take is unknown.

**What are some of the ramifications as a result of his death?**



**Yael Malik, SCW '97:**  
The assassination of Rabin was a terrible tragedy. The person who killed Rabin was very short-sighted. He thought killing Rabin would stop the peace process. This murderer did not think that the country of Israel may continue to exist because of the name of Rabin. The people of Israel might increase the lack of trust between the religious and non-religious.



## Devra Rosenfeld

Several events stand out in my mind. I remember situations I have been in that have, though at the time I did not know it, proved to be the beginning sparks of crucial turning points in my life. These events, of course, were deeply personal. Those times were periods of introspection and *cheshbon hanefesh*, times to take a step back from the trivialities of every day life and to look deep within and ask: Who am I? Who do I want to be? Where should my responsibilities lie?

I am sure that nearly every person has experienced some such incident that made them rethink and redefine their goals and values. Now another event, which is not only deeply personal, but strikes at the heart of each Jew's relationship to his people and to the rest of the nations of the world has triggered, once again, a myriad of questions to which we must find some answers.

The assassination the 12th day of Chesivan, the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, is symbolic of the new level to which we have fallen. It symbolizes the changing relationship each member of the Jewish people has with their fellow Jew.

I do not think I will ever forget where I was and what I was doing when I found out

## Ora Shinnar

The events of *motzaei Shabbat* have caused me to do a lot of thinking, and I think that many of the ideas that my teachers said on the following Monday sum up my thoughts. Dr. Lamm, in an address to the entire SCW student body, and my teachers later on in the day, gave voice to my sentiments.

This is a time for unity, not for division. It is a time to realize that words have meaning, and hate can kill. Whether or not you agree with Rabin's policies, to condone such an act of violence is unthinkable. The fact that it was done by a religious university student should make us hang our heads in shame. No longer does Israel hold a position of the civilized nation among the barbarians.

For years it has been the way of the Arab countries around Israel to kill those they disagree with. Now I fear that the line has been crossed, and in the eyes of the world, Israel is no better. To have a Jew kill another Jew, and to have him believe it was *l'shaim shamayim* is an embarrassment. But this act was not done in a void. For years, the voices of violence have been tolerated by those sympathetic to their cause. It was expected that the Jew would regulate his emotions, and be able to separate words from deeds. But the Jew, too, is human, and so we must take this as a lesson that those on the fringes, of either side, who preach words of hate, must not be permitted a voice at all. They must be silenced even by those who agree with their cause. For these words inflame the feelings of others against the moderate as well. The Jewish people are in shock - but it should not be a shock of surprise or outrage, for it is they who permitted the atmosphere for this deed. Rather, it should be a shock of an awakening from stupor, one who has been hearing the alarm, but ignoring it's meaning. The alarm has been ringing for years; it took the heat of the flame to make us move.

Hopefully, in the future, the fire can be silenced at the sound of the alarm, and not in the blaze of the flame.

## Political Science Professor Myra Eckstein Mogilner

The assassination of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a tragedy for both Israel and the world. It was an evil act of hate carried out by a right-wing Israeli "Orthodox" Jew. The world lost a man who was able to envision and implement a once-unthinkable peace between Israel and the Palestinian people. Israel lost a man who fought for its statehood and its existence, and who was able to extend his Zionist goals into the 21st century.

In a democratic state, such as Israel, indeed vigorous dissents with government policies are not only tolerated but encouraged. It should be made clear that the murder of Rabin was precluded by a viscous rhetoric never before seen in the history of the Jewish state. Rhetoric that calls for the death of the head of the Jewish state, equating him with a Nazi and holding him responsible for the destruction of Israel reflects a moral decay in society. This rhetoric should not be tolerated. Perhaps a lesson which emerges from this horrific act of murder is that we, as Jews, citizens of a democracy and people who care about the moral and ethical values that exist in our world, should strive to eliminate such rhetoric which gives legitimacy to murder and cultivates societal decay.

It is hoped that the vision of Rabin will give Israel, the Israeli citizenry and Jews all over the world the strength to work toward peace with the Arab world, to foster the security of the Jewish state and to rejuvenate the humane and moral code of ethics in our lives.

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## Shetreet's Address

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to preserve Jewish culture in Israel. Shetreet then told how his own children, who attend Israeli public schools, are not attuned to Jewish culture and religion.

Students reacted passionately to Shetreet's address, besieging him with questions. He found little support in the audience for his position. Sara Wolinsky, SCW '96, said, "If the Minister of Religion's children know nothing about religion, how much more so the children of those who are not high up."

Other students stressed the need for an increased backing of the peace process. Tikva Shachter, SCW '97, said, "We should support the government peace process, because it is peace. No Jew should fight another Jew and one should set aside one's own feelings if it is good for the all." She continued, "The Stern student's are always ready to attack, and are not ready to listen with an open mind."

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## The Sound of Music

By Chedva Aufrichtig

The halls are alive with the sound of music. A group of SCW students have formed an a cappella group - a form of singing without musical accompaniment - providing an outlet for those with good voices, and listening pleasure for those without.

The new group, known as "The Belles," was started by Saritte Mitgang, SCW '97 and Randi Sorscher, SCW '97. Both come equipped with plenty of past musical experience, as well as a deep love of singing. Mitgang, an accounting major, was a member of the HAFTR choir, and was also the "Aba" girl from the HAFTR 1 tape. Sorscher, an English Communications major, has been a member of numerous choirs, and has been on the music department staff at Camp Morasha for the past three summers. Together, Mitgang and Sorscher led the Stern College choir last year. I am noting the fact that, unlike other colleges, Stern did not have a vocal group, and cherishing memories of the fun they have had with a capella in camp. Mitgang and Sorscher started "The Belles."

The name appealed to the group's founders for its three-fold message. "We were trying to think of musical instruments. This one was catchy and has a triple meaning: Belle - the sound (like the Liberty Bell), 'Belle' meaning girl, 'Belle' - pretty. And also, of course, Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*."

Try-outs took place before the holiday vacation. The decision was a difficult one, but Mitgang and Sorscher narrowed it down to 16 women, themselves included. Naomi Kimmel, SCW '98, was accepted into the



For Saritte Mitgang (left) and Randi Sorscher (right), a capella co-heads, the piano is strictly a reference tool.

group. "I love singing and I wanted to get involved in as many extra-curricular activities as possible this year. I hope to have a lot of fun with it." Kimmel recounted the excitement of the first practice, which was intended to acquaint the members with the history of a capella. At the end of the meeting they broke into an impromptu rendition of "Va'ar Ha'itit." "It sounded great," Kimmel said, adding that she considered it a good sign for the future.

Practice is held twice a week, one to two hours per meeting. The songs are both English and Hebrew, with an attempt made to avoid the usual, popular songs. Mitgang and Sorscher hope to put on an "Orange Lounge Concert" before Thanksgiving, in addition to performances at the SCW Chanukah and Purim chagigahs.

All performances will be for women only, but not for SCW students only. Mitgang and Sorscher have ambitious long-term goals for "The Belles." "We hope it will go on forever." Who knows? Maybe it will be the first women-only show on Broadway!

## Steel Magnolias Production Gets Underway

By Mira Hochberg

The cast has been chosen and preparation for Stern College Dramatics Society's upcoming production of *Steel Magnolias* is now officially underway. The play might be called a tragicomedy: it follows the lives of five feisty Southern women through laughter and tears. The director, speech Prof. Mark McGovern, has been directing SCW's productions for the past several years, and according to SCDS veteran Ilana Adler, SCW '97, is an "incredible director and mentor."

One cast member described the play as "a perfect combination of emotions," an excellent blend of the "carefree, cynical, and depressing personalities" of five women who "stick together and support each other through good times and bad. The play captures the strengths of each of the women perfectly."

Adler, who appeared in past SCDS productions of "Lady House Blues" as Dot, "the very pregnant one," said that she will again be assuming the role of a pregnant woman, Shelby, in *Steel Magnolias*. Adler, an English major, has always been interested in acting. She realizes however, that pursuing a career in the arts is unrealistic for her. Considering the intense competition in the field, "it is close to impossible to be a religious Jew and an actress," she said.

Another cast member, Emily Arnie Witty, SCW '96, is recording secretary of the SCDS board. The organization is responsible for "bringing dramatic experiences to SCW" and creating an opportunity for many

talented students to express their artistic and musical abilities. Witty is excited about performing in her third SCW production. Previously, she has appeared as Sender Ben Sender in "The Dybbuk" and as Juror #7 in "Twelve Angry Women." Witty intends to pursue a career in education, possibly as an interpreter for the deaf. She hopes that SCW students will not only come see the play, but will also decide "to get involved in the behind the scenes aspects of the play that are necessary in making the actors look good."

Dina Bogner, SCW '97, who will play the acerbic Ouiser in the play, said half-jokingly, "We are having way too good a time as of now. I'm sure eventually we will settle down and really start working on making this play the best SCW has ever seen." Bogner, who is also the costume designer for this production, is continuously inspired by her theater addiction.

Aliza Rabin, SCW '96, SCDS president and a producer of the show, is also extremely excited to be involved with such a great cast and crew. "We are really happy to be performing a comedy this year," she said.

Rabin said she is expecting record turnouts this year because the popularity of *Steel Magnolias* the movie means many students already know and love the story. Other cast members include Sabina Krich, Avital Amini, and Rachel Galitzer.

Tentative performance dates have been set for February 4-8. Men and women are invited to attend.

## ELECTION ANALYSIS

By Leslie Mallin

The excitement is mounting. Most of the players who are competing have already signed up, yet there are always surprises in this game. The fans are waiting in full anticipation. Many have already chosen their favorites, but others will wait until the competition officially begins before giving over their allegiance. No, it is not the Super Bowl, nor the World Series, not even the Olympics - it is Campaign '96, and ready or not - here it comes!

Presidential campaigns are extremely exciting, but they are not just fun and games. The outcome of a Presidential election is a great deal more important than the result of the World Series (the Braves won). As Orthodox young women, SCW students have

a great stake in the election. Presidential campaigns are a great way for ordinary citizens to be involved in the great "game" of democracy, but one cannot root in this game unless one knows and understands who the players are. It is important to know where the candidates stand on such issues as the budget deficit, the future of Social Security, welfare, and Medicare and environmental policy, which will have a profound effect on our lives. For Orthodox Jews, there are other, perhaps more important, issues. U.S. policy towards Israel and other issues of concern to the Jewish community will be determined by who occupies the Oval Office.

## Bob Dole

Robert Dole, the Senate Majority Leader from Kansas, is a man with a mission. The current front runner for the Republican nomination for the presidency has wanted to be president for a long time. He had served as a Senator since 1968 and has unsuccessfully sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1980 and in 1988. Since Dole is seventy-two years old, it is hard to see him. That is, if Dole does not win the presidency in 1996, he probably never will.

Within the Republican party, Dole is considered moderate. In the past, he has been the moderate conservative. He has been the one who has tried to bridge the gap between the conservative and liberal wings of the party. He has been the one who has tried to balance the budget.

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there are instances which in and of themselves can be interpreted as positive or negative, depending on how they are viewed. In recent years the power of the Christian right has greatly increased within the Republican party. This constituency group, which is made up of many of the members of the church and state is quite different from the liberal Americans and is a group that is very conservative in its views. It is a group that is very conservative in its views. It is a group that is very conservative in its views.

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## Suzy Greenman Schwartz: It All "Ads" Up

By Esther Barry

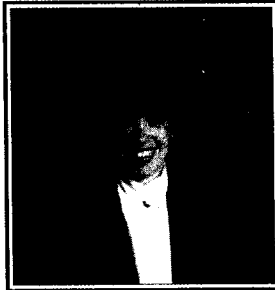
Suzy Greenman Schwartz might be called a walking advertisement for SCW. An advertising executive for BBDO Advertising in Midtown Manhattan, Schwartz had only good things to say about her experience at Stern. She graduated in 1984 with a B.A. in English Communications. At the time, there was no advertising track, so she opted for a shaped major.

"I feel that the shaped major really was very helpful," she said. "Stern offered some really worthwhile courses, and I had a lot of internships, which helped a lot. I didn't even take any courses at F.L.I. because there were such good courses offered at Stern."

Schwartz, who also has an M.B.A. from Baruch College, is a Vice President Account Supervisor at BBDO. She works in the account management department, as a liaison between the agency and the clients.

"My department is really the business and marketing end. We work hands-on with each department in the agency - the creative department, media planning and research," said Schwartz. "We also interact daily with the clients, so we get involved in every aspect of the advertising process."

Schwartz decided upon SCW while studying at Machon Gold in Israel for the year. "I knew that I'd be able to pursue my career goals in Stern," she said, "but I was also interested in continuing my *limudei kodesh*... I thought I'd be happiest in Stern." Schwartz is married and has two children.



But she hasn't forgotten her alma mater. This past year she served on the committee for the SCW's 40th Anniversary Dinner.

"Although some of the faces have changed," she said, "it's still basically the same." Even the problems haven't changed. "One of the major issues in our day was apathy among the student body," said Schwartz.

While Schwartz agrees that there is nothing wrong with traditional career paths, such as teaching, she emphasizes that there is nothing that's out of reach. "It's very possible to have both a career and a family," she said. "There are so many different career paths out there. Just because you don't know so many people who do it, doesn't mean it's not an option. If it's interesting or exciting, you should go for it."

## Sharing Our Simcha on Simchat Torah

By Alison Farbman

"Blanche Schreiber Torah Tours is one of the best programs that we have in our shul," said Rebbetzin Esther Frank of the only Orthodox synagogue in Ellenville, N.Y. She praised the YC and SCW students who gave up their vacation to volunteer in her community. YU students danced and sang with the youth, and enlightened the adults by exploring the joys of the holiday with the mostly non-observant congregation. "[The program] builds a good name for both Stern and Yeshiva, which in turn speaks well on Orthodoxy which our community is not," Rebbetzin Frank said.

"Over this holiday I learned, grew, and felt a great deal of gratitude to the community of for hosting us," said Shari Klein, SCW '98, of her experience in Ellenville this Simchat Torah. Torah Tours sends students to Jewish communities throughout the country. The experiences that each volunteer has are unique. Françoise Sorkin, SCW '97, was sent to her hometown of Syracuse, N.Y., where she lived until she was nine years old. Sorkin said that the community is much more observant than it was years ago. Sorkin said it was important to convey to the youth that "it's cool to be religious." It was motivating to watch the Rabbi interact with the people of his community which in turn "caused us to play on his enthusiasm," she said. Sorkin reflected that "we were distinct individuals there to combine our efforts in order to make the best Simchat Torah Syracuse had ever

seen. I think we accomplished just that," she said.

Another student who participated in Torah Tours is Aliza Kravetz, SCW '97. Kravetz feels strongly that her experience in Boca Raton, Florida, "helped me to reevaluate where I'm going religiously, and the true meaning behind everything I should be doing to get there." Kravetz was joined by Tzippy Pollack, a Queens College student. Since the other Yeshiva University volunteers missed their flight to Florida, Kravetz and Pollack faced the challenge of their mission on their own. When asked about the responsibilities involved in the program, Kravetz said, "We weren't just there to do a job but to try our best to represent a true *bat Yisroel*." Many would envy Kravetz and Pollack for being sent to Florida at no cost. All of the transportation costs for Torah Tours are subsidized, yet Kravetz noted that "it was ironic that we were in Florida because the weather was bad. It was rainy, hot, and humid yet on the inside the shul, one would never know how awful the weather was outside."

Educating non-observant Jews about Judaism is a difficult task, but many students who have led Torah Tours said that one should not focus on the possibility of "doing it wrong," but instead make sure that "it is being done." An important aspect of Torah Tours is the connections that are made between the student leaders and the mem-

## Reflections

### The Legacy of Daniel Frei

By Shulamit Juni

It's ironic how one can sometimes learn so much about life from someone no longer living.

Danny made aliyah from England during the Gulf War, and married his American-born wife, Mara, in Jerusalem. Typical of his spontaneity and enthusiasm, Danny chauffeured Mara out of the *vichud* room on the handlebars of a bicycle, right into the wedding hall. Being true pioneers, the idealistic pair decided that living in an established city such as Jerusalem was not enough to make a difference. So the young couple moved to Ma'alach Michmash, a growing settlement on the West Bank, and channeled their deep love for Israel to help build a thriving community.

It was in this home that Danny Frei, 28, was murdered by Arab terrorists, leaving behind a wife and young daughter. His wife was wounded in the attack, which also took the life of her unborn child. It was for this young soul that Stern College students gathered to pray, just before Rosh Hashana.

Danny, as described by a friend, "had a finger in every pie." His boundless energy and stamina enabled him to take an active role in Sinai, Study Groups, Bnei Akiva, the JFS Givat Washington program, the Teenage Center, Yavneh Olami, Tochnit Shabbat, Zu Artzenu and weekly programs for immigrants and underprivileged children. But his popularity never went to Danny's head. A friend fondly recalls, "Danny never judged people. Everyone was worthy of being his friend, and he always made the lonely feel included."

Friends said he lived his life in a whirlwind. "Always Danny," "Ceaseless Danny," and "Invincible Danny," were coined affectionately to describe him. He organized neighborhood trips and hikes, and coordinated beach barbecues, matzah rambles and car rallies. He built the bonfires, led the singing and knew how to bring a smile to

members of the communities. Students are encouraged to maintain this connection even after returning home.

Iris Ofer, SCW '97, a Torah Tours coordinator spent many stressful hours deliberating over where each group should go. "The rewarding part is afterwards when everyone involved has had fun. The after-effects on both the students and the communities makes it all worth it," Ofer said.

Rivka Ross, SCW '98, part of the Ellenville delegation, stayed at the home of the former Rebbetzin of the shul whose husband passed away last year. Ross recalled the memories that Torah Tours evoked for the Rebbetzin. When her husband became the rabbi of the shul 40 years ago, the Jewish community was booming. They even had to build a new shul to accommodate the growing population. Now most of those people have moved away. "So we tried to recreate the vibrance there once was," Ross said.

everyone's face. He was a man of action. Too often, people with such boundless energy get carried away in helping others, and lose their own footing. But not Danny. He held steadfast to his religious beliefs and refused to compromise his observance. As a young schoolboy, Danny was hospitalized after nearly losing his hand as he ran through a window. His first request after awaking from the anesthetic was for a pair of *tzitzit*. When this extraordinary story was recounted, Danny modestly dismissed it, insisting his first words were "Good morning."

Religion was an integral part of Danny's life. He studied for two years in Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh, and continued to learn regularly with *chasidim* after leaving school. A close friend beautifully articulated that "Danny brought people closer to Judaism just by being himself." He inspired so many people, outrageously disproportionate to the short number of years he had on this earth. His message was the same, despite the audience: we must instill Jewish pride, and a love and appreciation for *Eretz Yisroel*. Danny knew the secret to seeing the good in everything. His contagious optimism spread to all who knew him. One friend remarked, "Danny was the very essence of life itself."

The tragedy of his murder had a powerful impact on many members of the YU community. I asked some SCW students, many of whom knew Danny's sister, Yael. This question: Upon hearing the news of this awful tragedy, did you feel any differently than you have felt when informed of other terrorist attacks in the past?

Nina Ritter, SCW '96: "This one really hit home. I was able to match a face to the name. Danny wasn't just a statistic. Knowing his sister, Yael, made me feel the pain much more. I felt for Yael and for all the family Danny left behind. I felt I understood just a bit more this time about a loved one dying, because I know his loved ones."

Hadassa Mosak, SCW '96: "I first heard the news on E-mail. I was sure it wasn't Yael's brother because the name had a different spelling than the name on my camp list. I was in denial. I couldn't move. How could someone so young die? This particular attack hit me hardest because it was such a sudden death, to someone I could relate to, who had so much more time to go."

Rivki Roth, SCW '96: "When a friend is in pain, I'm also in pain. Knowing how much his sister Yael, who is a friend of mine, must be in pain, makes this terrible event hurt me more than I've felt in the past. The name Danny was one I was familiar with. He was Yael's brother and I can relate to that. Understanding a bit better now what a sense of loss is, I think I will be forced to view all tragedies in a different light."

Michal Werblowsky, SCW '98: "I have the same dream as Danny did. He made aliyah and began his family in Israel. I want to do the same thing. There is no difference between his plans and mine. Yet Danny was killed. It could've been me! This brings the attack home."

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## Mahler Muses SCW

By D.V. Goldring

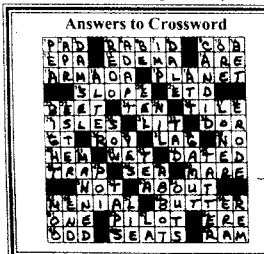
On Tuesday evening, October 24, the English Honor Society held its first event of the academic year. This event was especially important to the SCW student body, because it marked the official birth of an EHS chapter here at SCW. The society welcomed distinguished writer Norman LeBrecht to lecture on composer Gustav Mahler: His Music and His Jewishness.

LeBrecht is a well-known British colonialist, both at *The Sunday Times* and at *The London Daily Telegraph*. He is also a broadcaster for BBC radio. LeBrecht is best known as the author of eight books, the most famous of which is *Utopia: A History*. This extremely talented author has studied music on many occasions and has become the definitive voice on the life and music of Mahler. LeBrecht delighted students with a very interesting presentation of this turn-of-the-century composer, interpreting Mahler's music in terms of his Jewishness.

Mahler was born in 1860 to Orthodox parents in Kalitz, Bohemia. His genius captivated him to the forefront of the musical world. However, in an era of heightened anti-Semitism, Mahler converted to Catholicism in order to advance his career and social status. Mahler went on to conduct some of the most renowned operas and philharmonies in the Western world, including the Imperial Opera House in Vienna, the Metropolitan Opera and the Philharmonic Society of New York. He is also famous for composing ten symphonies and for transforming the art and form of opera. Through Mahler's entrancing and moving pieces, LeBrecht explained the composer's inner religious dilemmas, beliefs and prophecies.

The students enjoyed an opportunity to both hear a bit of Mahler's genius and to learn more about a cultural giant whose talent has had a profound effect on many aspects of modern musical form. Furthermore, LeBrecht gave insights into the Jewish religious fervor that inspired most of Mahler's works, despite his conversion. It was a night of music, theology and oratory.

For EHS President Daphna Frankel, SCW '96, the evening bodes well for the upcoming year's success. "I'm very excited about the EHS's inception at Stern. We look forward to having the student body join us for the intriguing events and programs we have planned," she said. Frankel, who established the club at the Midtown campus, is working in conjunction with the YC chapter, planning interesting and cultural experiences for students throughout the year.



## A Night On the Town



Stern students spent a night meeting the stars thanks to SCDS, which organized an outing to *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, the Tony Award-winning musical starring Matthew Broderick. Afterward, students got a chance meet Broderick and his girlfriend, Sarah Jessica Parker. Stay tuned for more SCDS Broadway nights out.

### Museum Review

## The Jewish Place on Museum Mile

By Ilana Bruger

The Jewish Museum, founded in 1904, is located on Museum Mile, right up the street from some of the greatest museums in the world. The museum moved into its new home at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street in 1992.

When visiting the museum for the first time, it is recommended to start with the permanent exhibition on the fourth floor entitled *Culture and Continuity: The Jewish Journey, Part I*. The objects on display in the first room, found on archeological digs in Israel, were utilized by the Jewish people at different times in Jewish History. Included in the explanation of each artifact is a Biblical source of how this object was incorporated into Jewish life. For example, on display is an Israelite Horned Altar from Megiddo, made of limestone and used in the years 1000 to 900 B.C.E. The altar was used in a local shrine in Megiddo probably to offer animal fat. Make [the altar's] horns on the four corners, the horns to be one piece of it" (Exodus 27:2). In Judaism, the person who seizes the horn of an altar is granted the right of sanctuary from pursuing enemies.

Another room on that floor includes show cases of sacred objects from different countries used on different Jewish holidays. In one case there are about 35 different

## Family in Israel

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formed her that security was tight, yet schools were open as usual. "My father teaches at Bar Ilan, the school of the murderer. He described the campus as being filled with reporters." Despite the fact that Sakenik currently lives on 34th St., she feels that "Israel is my home now. When you know your home is so unstable a new fear of the unknown develops."

menorahs from different countries, mostly from the 19th and 20th centuries. There is a room with a *Shabbat* theme, and on display are the different objects used to observe the day, including *challah* boards, candle sticks, and *havdallah* sets. Other displays had Festival themes. The main purpose of these displays is to show that throughout the centuries, Jews have developed rituals associated with observing the laws set forth in the Torah and have developed objects to be used in carrying out those rituals. Also worth experiencing on the fourth floor is a recorded highlights tour narrated by Dustin Hoffman.

The third floor is the continuation of *Culture and Continuity* but features art by non-Jews as well as Jews who are grappling with the Jewish experience. In their art, one can see the difficulties of interaction between Jews and those around them, including marginalization, anti-semitism and xenophobia. There is a sculpture on display called *The Holocaust* by George Segal. He is an American-born artist who creates one of the most heartwrenching Holocaust images using plaster, wood and wire, although he is not a Holocaust survivor. (During my visit, the second floor was temporarily closed, due to the installation of a new exhibit. It is now reopened, and the exhibit, *Russian Jewish Artists in a Century of Change*, will run until January 28.)

On the main floor there is a fascinating exhibition on view through January 14, 1996, called *A New England Wooden Synagogue: Building Temple Israel, Greenfield, MA*, featuring photographs, drawings and models that illustrate the conceptualization process and design of Temple Israel by architect M. Louis Goodman. He chose to pay homage to the centuries old wooden synagogues of Eastern Europe and their tradition as great works of folk art.

Throughout the months of November

### Concert Review

## Recycling "Led"

By Suzanne Baran

Robert Plant and Jimmy Page may both be over 45, but they are still as vibrant and energetic as they were 27 years ago when they first formed Led Zepplin, along with John Paul Jones and the late John Bonham. Page and Plant's Zoso 1995 tour came to an end as Madison Square Garden hosted their last two shows on October 26 and 27. I was present with an estimated 23,000 fans at the second to last show on October 26. The opening band, Tragically Hip, was anything but, and they played for half an hour. Then the lights dimmed, and the crowd went wild as Robert Plant sashayed on stage and sang "The Wonton Song," while Page belted out the chords on his 12 string electric guitar.

Page and Plant sounded as bold as they did in their younger days when they performed "Whole Lotta Love," and when Plant broke into a Doors chant on "Break on Through," the energy in the stadium could be felt by all. Accompanying Page and Plant were 23 violinists, a dozen drummers, several banjo players, and a hurdy-gurdy soloist. Plant spun around and sang "In the Evening" with effortless gusto.

After two hours and forty minutes, the duo exited the stage despite protest from the audience. In P&P's absence, their 24,000 fans applauded; their lighters aglow. Just when I thought the crowd could not possibly get any louder, Page and Plant came back on stage. The familiar chords marking the beginning of "Black Dog" brought cheers from the enthusiastic audience. Plant and his fans alternated singing verses of the ever popular hit. The final song of the evening was "Kashmir."

Page and Plant embody the very essence of classic rock. They were the "founding fathers" of heavy metal, and will always be known as pioneers of their time. They brought an entire audience of varied generations to euphoria without having to resort to playing their music as if they were still in their 20's. As they sing in "Stairway to Heaven": *The tune will come at last when all are one and one is all, to be a rock and not to roll.* Page and Plant are not old or washed out, they are master musicians who will always be legends.

and December, the Jewish Museum is showing film documentaries about Jewish life in Russia during the 20th centuries. One of the most fascinating is a film by Alexander Askoldov, *Commissar*, which portrays the relationship between a Red Army commander and a poor Jewish family, and their cultural differences.

The film was banned by the Soviet government for over 20 years, resurfacing to great acclaim at international film festivals in the late 1980's. *Commissar* will be shown on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm. The Jewish Museum is open Sunday through Thursday and is accessible by the Madison Avenue bus. For more information, call (212) 423-3224.

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### Theater Review

## Teaching Against the Odds

### The Book That Inspired the Film

by Rebecca Strong

Recently, I watched the movie *Dangerous Minds* only because I had read the book it was based on, *My Posse Don't Do Homework*. Not surprisingly, the book is better. Luanne Johnson, a white ex-marine, tells her own story. Johnson was an English teacher at an inner-city school dominated by guns, sex, violence, and poverty. Yes, she ended up being the hero in her book, but what impressed me was how she gained trust and respect from her students.

These black and Hispanic students hated white society because of the wealth they saw displayed in white neighborhoods. The students especially hated their white teachers because they felt that these teachers did not attempt to understand them or their lifestyles. Originally, Johnson was like the other teachers because she used ancient education materials, books which her students couldn't even attempt to grasp. These were students who had to worry about survival, not basic grammar!

Once Johnson saw that she wouldn't be able to reach her students through archaic teaching material, she decided to try to make connections with her students. Through the connections she made, Johnson was able to bring grammar alive to the students by using examples from their own lives. Johnson made an effort to visit the neighborhoods where her students lived, so she could better relate to them.

The book contains many more stories of Johnson's struggles with her students. Through reading about her daily encounters, I really felt as if I knew the individual personality of each student. The book focused on six students and followed them throughout their high school careers. It dealt with conflicts in the students' lives. For example, did Raul get the money to pay back the street vender before the stolen coat was discovered? Would Nijki be able to complete high school, despite her being pregnant?

The movie showed fewer daily encounters between Johnson and her students and focused more on the culture of inner city youth. Maybe the producers felt that the cultural elements such as music and clothing were important for the movie so the viewer would better understand the lifestyle of the students. However, I feel that the focus on culture detracted from the purpose of the movie, which was to show how a white teacher reached inner city youth.

I would definitely recommend that all students majoring in education read *My Posse Don't Do Homework*. The movie *Dangerous Minds*, which stars Michelle Pfeiffer, did not leave as much of an impact, but it was still a strong film with an important message.

## Like Two Eagles

By Dina Bogner

It is very rare that one finds a play that one can relate to so strongly when, in reality, it has very little to do with one's life. Upon initially reading the play *Like Two Eagles*, by Tuvia Tenenbom, I was so profoundly moved, that I knew I had to be involved in its production in some way. When offered the opportunity to assist the costume designer in a New York production of the play, I readily accepted.

Tenenbom is artistic director of a company called The Jewish Theater of New York at Synchronicity Space, which had its debut production, *Meah Shaarim: One Hundred Gates*, last year. *Like Two Eagles* tells the story of an Israeli baby and a Palestinian baby who are switched at birth by a nun, who claims to have had a vision of the Virgin Mary telling her to do so in order to help the two nations understand one another. The babies meet as adults twenty years later, with the Palestinian baby boy now an IDF soldier, and the Israeli girl now a militant Hamas member. The two fall in love and wish to marry. The height of the drama occurs when the nun returns to tell her story, and the Israeli religious courts, who had denied the "Palestinian" girl the right to convert and marry the soldier, does not know what to do. The play ends with the girl asking G-d if she could continue calling Him "Allah," because that is how she has always known him.

The play consists of many short scenes, all of which are meant to convey to the audience the striking similarities between the Jewish, Christian and Muslim religions. The sheik, nun and rabbi are all depicted as fanatics, leading their innocent young followers to extreme acts. A religious Jew in the audience would certainly be offended by the comparison between a sheik who convinces a young Arab to go on a suicide mission and a rabbi who tiptoes around a cemetery to avoid stepping on Jewish graves.

Since the play was written by a Jew, the Arabs are depicted as much more crazed and violent than the Jews, but the portrayal of religious Jews in the play is highly exaggerated. All the slightly offensive parts of the play, however, are forgotten during the scene in which two masked Arabs attack and kill a young Israeli girl. Even though I had seen the scene rehearsed, and even though I knew the actors, as I sat in the audience and watched the play on opening night, my eyes filled with tears, as did those of all my friends who had come to see the play with me.

I cannot say I agreed wholeheartedly with all the play had to say, and I cannot say it was the most professional Off-Broadway piece I had ever seen, but it was certainly the most thought-provoking. It is important for American Zionist Jews to realize that they cannot possibly understand all that is going on in Israel. One of the play's messages was that it is naive to believe that the Israelis are a totally peaceful people. Some of the soldiers in the play are depicted as bloodthirsty and cold, ready to shoot any Arab for merely hanging out laundry with the colors of the Palestinian flag. Yet Moshe, the play's pro-

tagonist (and the born Arab), is peace loving and gentle.

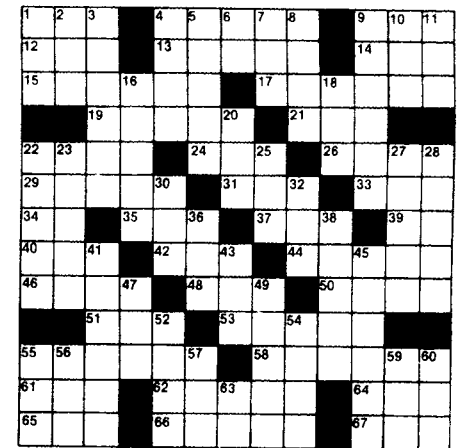
It is interesting to note that *none* of the Arabs seem in the least bit compassionate or interested in peace, but the play does strongly reinforce the idea that young Arabs are brainwashed by their elders with stories of the utopia offered to those who sacrifice their life for Allah.

Political and emotional opinions aside, *Like Two Eagles* was a very good Off-Broadway production. Most of the actors were wonderful, some playing more than one role quite convincingly. The leads were ex-

tremely professional, and really brought the characters of Moshe and Allah (the born Israeli) to life. Robert Kallin, who directed *Yentl* on Broadway, did an excellent job of directing this production, making an often confusing script flow very smoothly.

*Like Two Eagles* ran until November 5th, and therefore those of you who did not catch it missed your chance. However I highly recommend keeping your eyes open for future Jewish Theater of New York Productions, because they will serve to open your eyes a little wider.

## Clued In



### ACROSS

- Cushion
- Mad dog
- Source of corn
- Gov. agency (abbr.)
- Water in tissues
- Plural verb
- Fleet of washings
- The Earth
- Incline
- Departure estimate (abbr.)
- Red vegetable
- "Perfect" number
- Roof covering
- Small islands
- On fire
- Beetle
- Gross ton (abbr.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers
- Fall behind
- Negative
- Cloth border
- Moist
- Old
- Snare
- Ocean
- Female horse
- Negative word
- Approximately
- Service work
- Charmed milk
- Single
- Aircraft operator
- Ever (poetic)
- Strange
- Chairs
- Male sheep

### DOWN

- Green vegetable
- Spring month (abbr.)
- Maiden
- Do over
- Adjust
- Verb
- Valley
- NW state (abbr.)
- Open
- Wager
- Change
- Attached (abbr.)
- Rope-like fish
- Loop in a rope
- Organic compound
- Nothing
- One who avoids people
- Wear away
- Scatter seed
- Small amount (slang)
- Affirmative
- Complete range of anything
- Containing men
- Brewed drink
- Cloth shred
- Hawaiian food
- Monastery superior
- Spigots
- Those not in office
- Cow sound
- Fishes
- Truth
- Age
- Rapid eye movement (abbr.)
- Southern state (abbr.)

# SCW SPORTS

## The Art of the Kick Karate Instructor Sarah Cohen

By Sheara Friedman

Martial arts have been portrayed through the years as magic or mystical doctrine when, in fact, no magic is involved. The karate taught to students today is a combination of art and physical skill developed through hard work and study by dedicated practitioners.

Sarah Cohen, a black belt in Tora Dojo, began studying martial arts as a means of fulfilling her physical education requirement at SCW. After only her first class in elementary karate, Cohen was hooked. "Never in my wildest dreams did she ever imagine that she would teach karate. Least of all at SCW, the school she graduated from in 1980. Presently, she is teaching Tora Dojo in the elementary and advanced karate classes at SCW.

Tora Dojo, which means "The Tiger Style," was developed by Chami Sober. Tora Dojo blends many diverse styles in which Sober previously trained. He has adapted many elements from traditional disciplines to suit his students. His teachings focus on positive values and encourage all students to develop themselves mentally, physically and spiritually.

Tora Dojo has spread throughout the United States at a startling rate. Martial arts, which were originally a sport with Far Eastern religious overtones, have been opened up to the Jewish world thanks to Sober and his many students, including Cohen. Aside from not holding classes on Shabbat or Yom Tov, Sober teaches about "chi," or internal energy, in terms of one's relationship with God. Due to this commonality, Sober's practitioners remain extremely united which only enhances the style and growth of his methods.

Cohen's students at SCW remarked about how much they learn in her class and enjoy each session. Even though the class is taught on a basic level, the students feel they are gaining in their ability to protect themselves as well as enhancing their own physical condition.



Black-belt Sarah Cohen ready for action.

Cohen, a dedicated teacher who came to teach her class at SCW the night of her black belt test, remarked about the fun she has teaching SCW women. She teaches blocks, kicks and punches, and says, "I don't expect them to remember all of the techniques, but as long as they are more aware, that means I've done my job..."

When discussing all that Tora Dojo has provided her with, Cohen enumerated its benefits. Aside from simply making her physically prepared for a potential attacker, karate has provided her with a tremendous amount of self respect, self esteem and self confidence. She has also gained much knowledge of the body, muscle and pressure points. Furthermore, Tora Dojo has acted for her as a stress reliever and calming agent. After a rough business day, she enjoys relieving her tension through Tora Dojo.

People often undertake the study of martial arts with preconceptions. The best advice to a beginner, Cohen said, is to leave all previous notions at the door and enter a martial arts studio with an open mind and readiness to learn. Give yourself time and expect no magic, for there is none in the martial arts, only sweat and hard work, patience and perseverance, and ultimately, great inner confidence.

## ANNOUNCING THE 1995-96 LADY MAC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

November 20	Medgar Evers	Away 8:00
November 27	Baruch College	Home 7:30
November 29	Stevens Tech	Away 8:00
December 4	Brooklyn College	Away 7:30
December 6	St. Joseph's (NY)	Away 8:00
December 10	Wentworth Inst (MA)	Home 1:00
December 12	Mt. St. Vincent	Away 7:30
December 14	Felham College	Away 8:00
January 25	St. Joseph's (NY)	Home 8:00
January 29	Hunter College IV	Home 8:00
January 31	St. Joseph's (D)	Home 8:00
February 6	New Rochelle	Away 7:30
February 7	Brooklyn College	Home 7:30
February 11	Emerson College	Away TBA
February 15	Stevens Tech	Home 8:00
February 22	IAC	TBA
February 25	Tournament	TBA

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## Management and Union Settle

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know that we're being serious." His concerns stem from the fact that with the purchase of a new residence hall for SCW students and the number of enrollees on the rise, workloads are increasing but benefits are being cut.

In a flyer handed out last Wednesday, 1199 members urged YU faculty and students to "do the right thing - don't let your morals be compromised!!" The flyer states that many union members take home less than \$400 a week. They are requesting a job

security guarantee for the bulk of their members, protecting their lives and the lives of their families.

Clark's request is a sincere one. "I pray a lot for the situation. I hope G-d will do good. Something has to come, because G-d is good."

His plea is for an understanding to be reached soon. "I ask for understanding on both sides."

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