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Renowned Jewish Writer Reads Poetry to Students

Mr. Charles Reznikoff, renowned Jewish poet, read selections from his published and unpublished poems at Stern College on February 5. Before an audience of approximately 50 girls, Mr. Reznikoff mixed his short witty poems with his longer meditative and religious works.

Just this past year Mr. Reznikoff was awarded the annual poetry award for his *By the Waters of Manhattan* by the Jewish Welfare Board in honor of Jewish Book Month. A native New Yorker, Mr. Reznikoff's frequent topics include the residents, transients and scenery of the City. He spoke about the scraps of paper, for example, as being "blown about the street, you would be cherished I suppose, like a bank note."

Two short pieces which brought sighs from the audience are: "Holding the stem of the beauty she had as if it were still a rose."

The second poem would have been more effective, said Reznikoff, if he had not worn a yarmulka:

"My hair was torn in the wheels of a clock from my head—see, I am bald."

Among Mr. Reznikoff's religious poems is a group on the fall and winter holidays (Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Chanukah) and another group on the spring holidays. "Kaddish," inspired by *Kaddish Dr. Rabanan*, is included in Mr. Reznikoff's book.

New Soc. Professor Added to Faculty

Dr. Milton Barron, Stern's new sociology teacher, has come here with a wealth of experience. A graduate of Yale, Dr. Barron is currently chairman of the Sociology Department of City College and has taught at Cornell, Syracuse, Columbia, NYU and Bar-Ilan Universities.

Dr. Barron has written many articles and book reviews and has had six books published, including *People who Internarry*, *The Juvenile in Delinquent Society*, and *American Minorities*. In his spare time, Dr. Barron enjoys gardening, listening to music, and fishing. He and his wife have one son.

Dr. Barron says that he feels at home at Stern because two of his former pupils at Bar-Ilan are here and his former rabbi from Connecticut, Rabbi Faivelson, is a fellow faculty member.

STUDENTS VIEW HABIMAH

Stern College will hold a theater party to see the Habimah performers on Tuesday, March 10. Sue Blumenthal, chairman of the party, which is exclusive to Stern students, announced that 73 tickets had been sold. The play will be "Each Had Six Wings".

In an informal interview after the program, Mr. Reznikoff said that he likes to walk and read the Bible in Hebrew for pleasure. He called the new JPS version of the Bible "abominable." The poet's favorite writers are Frost and the "early" Pound. He said he doesn't "think much of the other modern writers." Mr. Reznikoff strongly believes in reading authors in their native tongue.

Mr. Reznikoff, who studied law at New York University, revealed during the evening a reading knowledge of several languages. He said he wished his Hebrew were better. When commenting on his evening at Stern, Mr. Reznikoff said he was especially pleased to read his work here because he could include many more Biblically based works than normally.

Classes Arrange Purim Chagigot; 2 Co-ed, 1 Stag

Stern will celebrate Purim with three Post-Purim Chagigot. Plans for the all-girls Chagiga, Freshman-Sophomore Chagiga, and Junior-Senior Chagiga, which will take place Wednesday, March 4, Sunday, March 8, and Saturday, March 7, respectively, are in progress. The chairmen and members of the various committees and sub-committees are exerting every effort to insure the success of their programs.

Karen Steinman and Shirley Fink, chairmen of the all-girls Chagiga, have arranged for it to take place in the school auditorium the Wednesday evening following Purim. The program for the evening will be a series of short skits to be presented by representative members of each class. Entertainment will be followed by refreshments of donuts and cider.

The freshman and sophomore classes have united in the preparation of a joint Chagiga whose respective chairmen are Rachel Vitsick and Jackie Friedman. The Chagiga, scheduled for Sunday evening, will be held in the school auditorium.

A unique program for this social is being organized by Eve Posnansky '65, and directed by Seymour Syna. Social hour and refreshments will follow. Only boys who have received invitations will be permitted to enter. Donations of \$1.50 will be accepted at the door.

The Junior and Senior classes have also joined forces in planning a combined Chagiga. Chairmen Nechama Hilewitz and Risha Goodman have revealed that entertainment will be provided by our Dramatics Club in their presentation of "The Ugly Duckling," by A. A. Milne. This will be followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Hear Stern at Noon Today

Today at 12 noon, the "Jewish Home Show" will once again be host to Stern College on the occasion of Purim. The show will be heard on WEVD, 1330. Mrs. Ruth Jacobs, emcee, will talk with Prof. Ruth Kisch, music teacher at Stern, about the various trends in Purim music throughout the ages. Mrs. Isaacs, Dean of Women, and Dr. Dan Vogel, academic dean, will then speak about Stern College. They will be followed by two students, Naomi Fuchs and Barbara Hollander, who will discuss the history and customs of Purim. The Stern College Chorus will also render a number of Purim melodies.

Dr. Isaacs Takes Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Moses Isaacs, professor of chemistry at Stern, will be leaving shortly to do research in Paris at the Bibliothèque Nationale. Mrs. E. Isaacs, Dean of Students will take a leave of absence to go with him. Dr. Isaacs' sabbatical is the first he has taken since he began teaching at Yeshiva University in 1923.

Dr. Isaacs is going to Paris to consult works on the history of disinfection, a topic in which he has long been interested. The written works are found only at the national library of France. The papers are in French. However Dr. Isaacs is fluent in the language and has published his doctorate in French.

While in Europe Dr. and Mrs. Isaacs plan to visit at least London and Switzerland. Dr. Isaacs' research may also take them to other parts of Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Isaacs will leave shortly after Passover and may return in time for Stern graduation this June.

Observer Relates Editorial Switches

With the arrival of the second semester the *Observer* has found it necessary to undergo several changes in staff. Naomi Minder will serve as Editor-in-Chief; Esther Yablok, Assistant Editor; Dvora Minder, News Editor; and Liza Wallach, Business Manager.

Dvora, a junior, assumes her position with a broad journalistic background having been Editor-in-Chief of her high school newspaper and staff reporter for the *Observer* in her previous years at Stern.

Liza, a freshman, worked on her high school newspaper. She has gained her position by demonstrating a willingness and effectiveness in securing ads.

Editor Naomi comments that she hopes "the new editorial staff and alteration of positions will provide for a more efficient, effective and realistic fulfillment of duties by all."

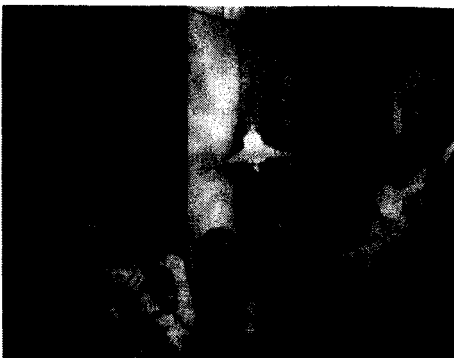
"Violence in America" Discussed At Forum

by Rosalie Landesman

"Violence in America" was the topic under discussion at the Student-Faculty Forum, Wednesday night, February 12. Approximately 50 girls attended. Faculty participants included Mrs. Kerber, history; Dr. Goodman, science; and Dr. Greenstein, psychology. Student speakers were Karen Steinman, soph-

Concluding that by making death impersonal, death is hidden as a factor in life, Karen explained that "because we hide death, we lose the idea of life." Dr. Greenstein, the third spokesman, hit on a note of "optimism."

"Violence has always been a tradition in American life," he



Forum participants engaged in active discussion; from l. to r. Dr. Goodman, Miriam Radinsky, moderator, Karen Steinman, Mrs. Kerber, Phyllis Corbett, Dr. Greenstein.

omore and Phyllis Corbett, junior. Miriam Radinsky, senior, was forum moderator.

After a definition of violence given by Miriam, Mrs. Kerber, the first speaker, gave this historical background to violence in America:

"America has always been surrounded by the myth of the 'Promised Land,'" she noted. "We tend to believe that any violent just couldn't occur here. This thought, usually attributed to the immigrants, can be traced further back to the accounts of travelers in the fifteenth and sixteenth century."

Mrs. Kerber explained that violence was acceptable for social purposes.

"Genocide was characteristic of a darker side of American History; one generation after the Gold Rush, only 50 Indians from a California tribe were left out of an original 8000."

Postulating that "frustration leads to aggression," Mrs. Kerber emphasized that Americans are not exempt.

"Within the American experience," she concluded, "we are, therefore, not coping with isolated acts like Oswald, but rather a theme of violence which is not part of a reform movement."

Karen Steinman confirmed Mrs. Kerber's conclusion in her delivery.

She centered her comments upon the conditioning of the American people to violence through television, radio, movies, and children's games of violence.

"The 'bad man' is a de-personalized victim of whom we never see much. The youth only see the pleasure of delivering the blow—not the pain of receiving it."



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began. "This can be seen especially by the popularity of the cowboy hero."

"But there are two types of violence: abnormal violence which can be defined as a crime for which one is arrested, such as murder; and normal violence

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Native Frenchman Teaches History

Mr. Jacques Szaluta, a native of France, is now teaching the Survey of Western Civilization at Stern College. He replaced Miss Horowitz who was recently married and moved out of the city.

A 1959 graduate of N.Y.U., Mr. Szaluta received his M.A. from Columbia University. Presently, Mr. Szaluta is completing work at Columbia for his Ph.D. in Modern European History. Mr. Szaluta's doctorate work centers around the topic of Marshal Petain. Last year on a New York State Fellowship, Mr. Szaluta spent six months doing research work in France.

Mr. Szaluta has travelled extensively throughout western Europe. He also lived for a while in Switzerland.

The new professor finds the atmosphere at Stern friendly and informal. He feels that the students are "congenial and eager to learn."

When asked what he liked most about Stern, Mr. Szaluta replied that he felt everyone "seemed to be your friend and out to help you in every way possible. Even the people in the cafeteria are so interested in your welfare, that they help you select your food."

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Stirring Courtroom Drama Viewed At Stern's Annual Theater Party

by Ellen Schultz

A brave contingent of Stern girls and their dates ventured through a snowstorm to the Longacre Theater on February 15 to witness a stirring courtroom drama, "A Case of Libel." The play adapted by Henry Denker from the book *My Life in Court*, is an elaboration of one chapter from the book, a partial autobiography of the famed Hollywood lawyer, Louis Nizer. "A Case of Libel" is the story of Nizer's involvement in the Quentin Reynolds-Westbrook Pegler libel suit, as attorney for Reynolds, the plaintiff. Reynolds was a highly-regarded war correspondent during WWII and cited for his courage under fire. After the war, his stature as a news commentator and literary critic was widely praised. But it was his misfortune, in his capacity as a book reviewer, to praise a highly critical biography of Westbrook Pegler. Pegler was a political commentator for the Hearst newspapers, well-known for his vitriolic attacks on anyone or anything, even faintly resembling a liberal. His column regularly blasted the Roosevelts as communist-inspired, and heaped vicious abuse upon progressive ideas and individuals. Here was a man whose unfounded charges, of the worst kind, were read daily by 15 million Americans. This was the man of whom Quentin Reynolds ran afoul. (Mr. Pegler, incidentally, is presently a pamphleteer of the John Birch Society.)

since the outcome can be guessed, if not already known to the theater-goer. We know, for example, that Reynolds' impassioned plea for help will convince the reluctant Nizer to take the case. Many will remember the outcome of the trial, yet the play remains an excellent work on the strength of the dialogue and the character portrayals.

Van Heijn takes the part of Louis Nizer, and is said to render a faithful copy of Nizer's personality, speech habits, and mannerisms. It is a masterful performance by the veteran actor, blending just the right amounts of forcefulness, anger, and compassion. The attorney's summation to the jury is well-written and is delivered magnificently, climaxing the action.

John Randolph as Reynolds (Dennis Corcoran in the play) has a role much poorer in dialogue content. We get to see only a little of Corcoran as a man, outside of his determination to stop Pegler (Boyd Bendix in the play), played by Larry Gates, from printing his foul abuse. The latter, remarkably well-portrayed, has many lines which probe deeply into the

character of this man, Pegler, exposing him as obsessed with sin and evil, convinced that the insidious communist influence is everywhere — especially among the intellectuals — and responding to the call of his country in rooting out the depravity in our midst.

הבימה

מאת הרות ישינת
 הבימה, התאטרון הלאומי, ישראל, יופיע ברחבי ארצות-הברית במשך חודש והאביב של שנה זו, מודעת בנו לשלשן הופיעו בעונות האמריקאית בזמן האחרון. מה היא הבימה? איך נוצרה ולשם מה? התאטרון העברי הראשון בעולם נוצר כחובוט של חנוך ומה, מורה לעברית ברוסיה. הופעתו הראשונה בשנת 1913, בויהו, לפני המהפכה העזיזי האחר-החשיפה ער סך את קהל הנוצנים אשר מיפע לא פלא הופעתו הבהנה עברית, סירי לאחרי לחותה זו, עברית השקטנים החמורה, אך החלמה שוב אחרי השש שנים, תחלת נהלה של זמן. הדיחה ככרת תחנה לאומנים בשנת 1918 על-ידי קוסטסמנין סנספילכי, קת, אחד מגדולי התאטרון הרוסי, שחקן, תמורה, הבימה" הופיעה בפעם הראשונה במוסקבה, ובמשך השנים הבהות השחקן התאטרון התפתח תחתו זה המנסה על האמן הרוסי אשר לא שפע ער אשר ראה לנגר עיניו חומר מרעם.

Letters

Dear Editor:
 I read with a shudder of horror and perhaps of romantic excitement, that RS 51 has become a required course at Stern College, a course required of all Stern women, married, engaged and bachelorettes as well.

There are several reasons for such a course maintaining its voluntary nature. First, the course deals with personal and intimate topics which are treated in a detailed and practical manner. For many women about to be married it serves the invaluable purposes of overcoming shyness in discussing sex and orienting them to the holy Jewish attitude. It gives them the specific knowledge necessary to planning a holy and happy wedding night and a life of *K'dusha*. However, these topics are not pertinent to the single student who has no immediate plans of matrimony. Certainly she should not be forced to attend. It is necessary that every graduate of a "Yeshiva" for women should know of the existence of *Taharat Hamishpacha* and its philosophical implications. But detailed, practical and specific knowledge is necessary only for those on the verge of marriage. The broad philosophies and general aspects of *Taharat Hamishpacha* are covered in other RS classes and in Ethics.

The obligation of a married student who has already made her religio-sexual adjustment, to take RS 51 at Stern is obviously ridiculous.

To many women at Stern a course in the intimacies of married life in its practical details is best conducted with a Rebbitzin, Rabbi or relative. To others, such a study has no value unless undertaken with their fiancé.

Let RS 51 remain a *R'shut* not a *Chov*. Let its small, close class continue to serve the needs of the interested student.
 C. Meyers

בשנת 1922 הנועה, הבימה" לירי שאו אמורה בהנעת, ה"רובי", הצגת בולמוז או אשר תחלה לתיאטרון שון של עבר ומזה, וכיום היא משפיעה קהל נכבד בניוירוק רבתי.

בשנות 1926-1981 יצאה הלקחה מרובים לסירי בארצות-העבריים, מה, למרות שההחלפה האירה להם שנים בכל ארצות העולם, החליטו השקטנים להתיישב בארץ-ישראל בה רווחת השפה העברית, על"י מאמצים בכירים והסכמה כספית מקהילות אירופה וארצות-הברית, הולנדית הלקחה להשיג את האירוע, וכשנת 1981, התקיימה הבימה את ביתה לארץ-ישראל.

כל תחלה קשה, וכי גם התיאטרון עבר תחלה אשר זה שאר כל לבס את עימי כמולותו, תחל בקשיים רבים. המבנה בארץ ערין היה בתחילתו, שמינרת לשקטנים אך היה קיימת. והגניז אשר שמש התיאטרון הירי דענו, למרות הכל התפתחה הבימה התיאטרון וכבר הופעל בארץ עברית למען קהל עברי, עתה ואילך השתמשה הלקחה לא רק במחזות ומוחזאים יהודיים, אלא גם ביצירות של ימים, תרבותיים, וארצות זרות. בשנת 1953, תרגל יום-הולדתה העשירי-המש, השתמנה, הבימה" בלביה פאר שהוקם בייחוד עבודה בתיאטרון זה, עובדה מענינה היא בניו המועצה העירונית.

באביב של שנת 1948, בעת הכרות עצמאות מדינת-ישראל, סיריה הבימה בארצות-י. בתור הנוצ האמטנית היא שנת סמעה הרמינה החדשה, הישנה, הבימה" את המחזות האהובים, ה"רובי", ה"נועם", והנובט והתנובת היתה להבהג, אמריקה אצעה אל לבה את השקטנים. היום, הבימה" תופסת סמום רכי ערך ב"חיים הישראליים. בניו הבימה" אשר מנוססם בכבוד נכבד התרבות במדינה, וההצגות מופיעות בשני אולמות מלאים ער אפס סמום. ישראל מוקיפה נכסים בעלי-ערך. הגנות על מחרת השפה העברית, הופעות בתפוצות העולם, התיאטרון בעל של לאומי — כל הנתשם למופם של מופם אמנים ורוסי אשר בקשר להיותו את השפה העברית התקיימה בחיים ההודיים בכלל ובתיאטרון התיאטרון במ"ם.

Condolences

The Jewish Community lost two very dedicated members with the passing of **Hagoon Rav Kalmanowitch, z.l.** and **Rabbi Nachum Stepanyk, z.l.** Both of these men inspired and taught many **talmidim** and strengthened the ideals and accomplishments of Torah Jewry.

Rabbi Avraham Kalmanowitch, z.l. was a **gadol ha-dor** He will always be remembered for his tireless efforts for the **Vaad Hazalah** during World War II. He founded the **Mirer Yeshiva** in the United States and in his capacity as **Rosh Yeshiva** he guided his **talmidim** in the ancient tradition of the famous **Yeshiva Mir**.

It would be impossible to measure the amount of time and energy that **Rabbi Nachum Stepanyk, z.l.** poured into Jewish education. He was a devoted teacher and an advisor and friend to his students. His love for Israel and his ceaseless endeavors for Torah Judaism are an example for all others to follow. We mourn with our sister school, **Teachers Institute for Women**, the loss of their beloved teacher, and we join **khal Yisrael** in mourning the loss of these two irreplaceable personalities, each a **tzadik** in his own right.

Complications

One of the most effective ways of winning a battle is to present a united front against the opposition. All forces put aside petty differences and unite for the common cause. The students at Stern College are prevented from dealing with their problems in such a manner because of the restrictions which were imposed when the school was founded. Student Council has no authority to discuss problems of Stern College which in any way involve the dormitory. Consequently, the solutions to many problems and situations with which both Dormitory Council and Student Council are concerned are complicated by red tape, overlapping committees, and a lack of coordinations in an effort to reach the same goal. All students are affected by the personal guidance program, which is inadequate, the Shabbat situation, the sphere of religious activities, and the many lesser activities that come up during the year, because such situations cast a reflection on the name of Stern College. We see no reason why matters affecting the entire student body cannot be brought for discussion before Student Council, the representative body of every aspect of student life in the college. We strongly urge, therefore, that the original regulation prohibiting the discussion of matters pertaining to the dormitory be reconsidered and rescinded.

Commendations

The Observer is pleased to note that the Committee on Academic Standing has wisely decided to postpone the rule for double cuts. We are sure that the student body is appreciative of the fact that the Committee took into consideration the unique problems of the Stern student when they made their decision. We hope that this spirit of cooperation will continue.

Mazel Tov

- Engagements:**
 Joyce Cohen '59 to Aaron Weitz
 Susan Mitchell '61 to Dr. Richard H. Ascher
 Arlene Silver '62 to Dr. Willy Lehner Y.U. '59
 Esther Gordiner '61 to Ira Freeman
 Carol Keller '64 to Sherman Chottiner
 Martha Schack '64 to Rabbi Hershel Fieller
 Ina Singer '66 to Jay Dreznick
 Miriam Fleming, secretary, to Modechai Mintz
 Freyda Weinreb '65 to Rabbi William Shimansky Y.U.
- Marriages:**
 Deenie Sigler '63 to Auri Spigelman Y.U. '62
 Susan Matkowsky '63 to Rabbi Shmuel Blum
 Marilyn Patt '66 to Marshall Gross
 June Rhodes '64 to Rabbi Jack Rosenberg
 Alice Savitsky '65 to Norman Novick Y.U. '63

Israeli Corner:

The Newcomer

by Elena Segelejn

I worked as an assistant to an archeologist. With whom did we work? With Asulin, Shushan, and Maman. Foreign names. Nobody knows these names. You can see them in every place in the country. In the Maabarot, in the new Shikunim, near the window of the unemployment office. Aged Jews, bent backs and wrinkled faces. Silent people. They wear the same clothes they used to wear in the Atlas mountains or in the Kurdistan mountains. Rough hands that can't feel the smoothness of a glass. Me? I am the university student, an intellectual. I am the boss. I also have bosses, but these people don't see them. For them, I am the boss. I tell them what to do. They do it. In silence. All day long. Dig in the black hard soil. To discover a wall about which they know nothing. Nobody told them. They are too busy in their work. They have to bring the 10 pounds (approximately \$3.30) home to the children. And they have many children. They are as grey as the earth. Nobody knows the extent of their intelligence. They sign their names with finger prints. But every morning they pray.

Every day they come to work. They dig. They find potcherds and put them away. At the end of the day they collect the potcherds in a sack. Asulin found a big dish, a dish completely intact. At the end of the day he broke it and put it into his sack. I yelled that he shouldn't do it. It was too late. He said that the dish was too big and he couldn't fit it into the sack. I explained how important these dishes are to glean information of the past. He understood. Understood that according to this we can know our forefathers' way of life. I think that since then he works more willingly. He, the unskilled worker. The one that was never taught in school. He who is low in spirit. The quiet work-

er, who does his work without a question, without an argument. He felt things in his heart more than an Israeli Bonds' speaker.

They look grey every day when they go home. A large group of pushing people into the last bus to the Shikun. I walk slowly. My home is here. In a hotel. How many troubles they have. The month will end and with it their work. And again waiting near the unemployment-office-window. I don't have troubles. I can go on. Not here — somewhere else, or else or else. I have a lot of work. In every place there will be found people to work for me. Workers from the unemployment office. Asulin, Maman, and Shushan.

We talk a lot. We give orders. Show conclusions. The rough hands do the work silently, without publicity, without prize. Ten pounds for a day's work. When this work ends, they wait in line for the next. They build the country. They make things possible. Not me. Not the professor. No matter how much we talk. How much we show off. They do the work. They don't have glory. They don't have anything. Only a day's meager salary.

Boro Pk. Weekend Held for Dormers

A Boro Park Weekend was held for dormitory students February 21-22. Fifty students of Stern were accommodated by the alumnae of Yeshiva University and members of the community.

The program consisted of an Oneg Shabbat and speaker Friday evening at the home of Rabbi & Mrs. Harry Wolberg. Shabbat morning the girls davened at the Shomrei Emenah Congregation. A kiddush followed in honor of the Stern College students.

Dormitory Activities

New Housemother

Mrs. Bertha Wolkenfeld has recently been selected as a Dormitory housemother for week-ends. Mrs. Wolkenfeld was born in Germany, later went to London, England during the war, and then came to America in 1949. She is the mother of two married sons.

Even though Mrs. Wolkenfeld has had much suffering because of the war, she enjoys life and loves to meet and see people. When asked why she came here, Mrs. Wolkenfeld commented, "I want to be with young people and do something for them."

Elections

Elections were held Wednesday evening, February 12, for vice president of the Dorm Council. Helene Landgarten was elected to take the place of the outgoing vice-president, Gale Davis.

Second semester floor chairmen were also announced recently. They are as follows: Third floor—Pearl Marcus and Shira Keller. Fourth floor—Geri Smolevitz and Chava Potashnick. Fifth floor — Rochelle Sperling and Sylvia Levinson, and Sixth floor — Judy Minchenberg and Felice Zimmern.

Fire Drill

Thursday evening, February 13, a buzzer sounded and all students evacuated the dormitory building for a fire drill in which local firemen took part. On each floor of the dormitory, several girls were assigned as fire squadrons to lead the others out of the building. This is done in order to avoid congestion and maintain order in the event of an emergency.

Thank You

A special note of thanks goes to Elaine Feigenbaum for her more than generous assistance with the Purim issue of the *Observer*.

Spotlight:

Incoming Students

The Office of Admissions announces that there are eleven incoming students for the spring semester. Stern College gains more of an international representation by these new and returnee students, for the majority hail from a foreign country.

Miriam Lehman arrives at Stern from the exact opposite direction of the southern neighbors. Miriam comes from Montreal, Canada, and enters as an upper freshman after having spent a semester at Hunter. Last, but not least, of the for-



Anna Fischmann of Guatemala pauses from her study of posters publicizing cultural activities available in New York City.

Countries "South of the Border" claim the largest number of the incoming group: Hedy Gedallovitch, Colombia; Anna Fischmann, Guatemala; Deborah Shapiro, Argentina; and Lily Mandel, Peru. All the girls, with the exception of Lily are entering Stern for the first time. Lily returns as a junior after having spent a semester in Israel. Hedy previously spent three months in New York as an exchange student two years ago. A prospective psychology major, she hopes to become a psychologist in her native Bogota. Anna Fischmann has followed the natural path paved by her sister, Eva, a junior, in attending Stern. She comes from Guatemala City and plans to study bio-chemistry.

foreign arrivals is Ruchama Ephradi from Israel. She has studied two previous years in Israel and is a psychology major.

On the domestic scene (in more ways than one), two former Stern College students are returning after a three year interval. Mrs. Rosalie Baumrind Elis is returning as a senior. She is a sociology major and, incidentally, the mother of two boys aged 3½ and 2. Rosalie managed to keep up her schoolwork in the three year interim by taking courses at Brooklyn College. Mrs. Elinor Kaufman Vorchheimer returns as an upper junior. She is a major in education and the proud mother of a 3-year-old girl. Formerly of Baltimore, Maryland, she now resides in Washington Heights.

Upon asked why she transferred from Brooklyn to Stern, Miriam Josovitz, a native New Yorker replied, "Brooklyn was too big and I just felt like another number . . . when asked to register for a course, names weren't used, merely your number." Miriam is returning to familiar surroundings having attended Esther Schoenfeld.

Other incoming students include Esther Spenciner, a New Yorker and Harriet Mandel, from Cleveland, Ohio. Harriet, a member of the Sophomore class, spent a semester in Israel.

The new enrollment coupled with the loss of graduating seniors Susan Molk and Sema Greenwald brings the total enrollment to approximately 316.

Landesman Attends Student Newspaper Confab in D.C.

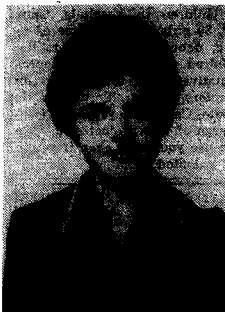
by Miriam Landesman

The Sixth International Affairs Conference for College Editors took place in New York and Washington, D.C. from Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 1964. Approximately 400 editors of college newspapers participated in the conference held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York and in the West Auditorium of the U.S. State Dept. in Washington.

I attended only the Washington part of the conference as a representative of the *Observer* staff. Sessions began Monday morning 9 A.M. in the beautiful W. Auditorium of the State Department. One of the speakers noted that this conference was an indication of the stability of our government. He explained that few countries in the world could invite 400 students to their capitals at one time in one place without fear of revolution.

Dean Rusk began formal sessions with a talk on foreign aid and the nature of international problems in which the U.S. is involved. The Secretary's speech was the only one given that day, the content of which was to be used only as background material not to be attributed

to him directly. Judging from the number of misquotations one finds even in regular press, Secretary Rusk's position is understandable. I was surprised that others did not protect their information in this way.



Governor W. Averell Harriman, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs was the second speaker. He was warm and spontaneous; his talk on the split in Communist ranks was very informative and inter-

persed with humor. Governor Harriman spoke of basic differences between the Communism of the two countries and U.S. policy towards Communist countries.

The Deputy Administrator, Agency for International Development, Frank M. Coffin followed Governor Harriman with a discussion of U.S. foreign aid, its goals, the cost to the U.S. taxpayer. Mr. Coffin also discussed the implications of Soviet aid which is politically motivated. Mr. Coffin's talk was the last of the morning session, and we were free to roam the building during our lunch hour.

Harlan Cleveland, assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs began the afternoon session. He was followed by Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, G. Mennen Williams, who reminded me of the stereotype of a politician. The last speech was delivered by Robert J. Manning, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs who spoke about the responsibility of the press in the free world.

From the State Department we boarded buses for the White House where we were received

by Mrs. Johnson for a reception in the East Room. She greeted us warmly—as one might imagine a good Southern hostess to welcome guests at her home. She presented Hal Holbrook who acted out selections from Mark Twain. His excellent performance was interrupted for a few minutes by President Johnson who welcomed us and expressed the hope that we students learn, see, and improve ourselves during our stay in Washington. Following the performance the group adjourned to the East Room for a reception.

This stimulating excursion into the world of those who govern us and decide the policy which directs much of our future was a rare profitable experience for me, as a voter in the coming election, and of course as a citizen of the U.S.

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Frosh Weekend, Class Sales Highlight Student Activities

... and there was singing, and there was dancing, and the noodle soup was alright ... that was at the Freshman Weekend, February 21-22.

Approximately 60 girls, commuters and dormers, assembled at the school Friday night to partake of the first Shabbat meal. Rabbi Shmidman, Religious Studies teacher, welcomed everyone, after which a Dvar Torah was given by Tzipora Kanatopsky. An Oneg Shabbat followed the Birchot Hamazon in the student lounge.

After Shabbat services at Young Israel Synagogue lunch was served at the school. The singing and Shabbat spirit pervaded the meal. Deborah Weiner, Freshman class president, spoke to the class during the meal. Commuters, who were staying at the Martha Washington Hotel, retired with the dormers to the Prince George Hotel where Shalosh Seudot was served later in the student lounge.

At Shalosh Seudot, Rabbi Shmidman spoke on the Torah portion of the week. Skits were presented and Susan Harris, chairman of the weekend, spoke to the class.

A Freshman Social was the event for Saturday night. The program included entertainment by a Yeshiva Band, and a skit about the Beatles. Those who participated in the skit were Naomi Avrutick, Heni Fink, Gittel Ramras and Sheila Stein.

Fund-raising projects for the Freshman Class are being head-

ed by co-chairmen Elieh Wright and Geri Smulevitz. Such plans as the sale of knit caps and school stationary and having a bowling party are under consideration.

Susan Harris was chairman of the Freshman Class Dvorn-Commuter Shabbat Feb. 21-22. The weekend was highlighted by the Saturday evening social.

Junior
Another dorm-commuter Shabbat is planned for the Junior Class on March 20-21, since their first one was so successful. A Melavah Malkah will be held on Saturday night, March 21.

The annual Junior Class Book Fair, headed by Rachel Solomon and Vivian Eisenberg, will come to Stern the week of March 9, and will remain for one week in the student lounge. Books of every type will be sold for reasonable prices. President Barbara Hollander "hopes to see everyone at least once in the lounge that week."

Senior
Judy Marton is chairman of the Senior Class fund-raising project of selling Barton's Candy for Pesach. The stocking sale was profitable since the class made over \$50.00.

A dorm-commuter Shabbat is planned for March 6-7 under the chairmanship of Elaine Steinberg.

Malkie Gluck, editor, "expects this year's yearbook, *Kachaviah*, to be the best ever put out." Many ads have been sold but they will still be sold for some time.

Thirty-Seven Pints Donated For Stern's 2nd Annual Blood Drive

The annual Stern College blood drive was held on Thursday, February 13, in the student lounge. Sheila Snyder, general chairman, announced that 37 pints of blood were donated by students, faculty, and staff, and 13 girls were rejected. Reasons for refusal of a potential

donor include low blood pressure, anemia, too low or too high temperature, or a very recent disease. One Red Cross nurse remarked that this rate of rejection is quite normal for a girl's college.

Class chairmen included Natalie Klein, seniors; Sue Blumen-

thal and Fritzie Schultz, sophomores; and Susan Harris, freshman.

Last year 38 pints of blood were donated and 13 applicants were rejected. A major deterrent for giving blood is the age limit of 18, and the need for parental permission. The blood chairmen "urges girls to donate blood to the Red Cross at its building on Amsterdam Avenue when they become of age."

Stern College maintains a blood bank so that any student, faculty member and employee of the school and their immediate families may draw blood in an emergency. The Student Council, sponsor of the drive, also allocates blood to other people in cases of emergency. Participation in a blood program could save a family an enormous expense when transfusions are needed.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile makes daily visits to factories and other schools. A general comment by the Red Cross staff was that Stern girls were on the whole more polite and cooperative than students at other schools.



American Red Cross nurse Miss Czabarnock looks on at the smiling face of Esther Yablok at the annual Stern College Blood Drive.

Blame Science for Violence

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which is a socially approved act of violence, such as presenting medals to the pilots who dropped the A-bomb."

Remarking that the forum topic was provoked by the Kennedy assassination, Dr. Greenstein said that this was the first assassination in America after which no "witch hunt" followed, i.e., no specific group was "hunted." He explained that the act, after extensive investigation is seen to be a single, isolated, meaningless act of violence.

"I am encouraged by this lack of violent emotion on the part of the American people; rather it was a sense of guilt that engulfed all.

"Because of the anti-bomb and civil rights movement," he concluded, "Americans have begun to seriously think about violence."

Phyllis Corbett, the fourth speaker, took a view contrasting to that of Dr. Greenstein. Concentrating on the civil rights issues, she cited the violence present in such acts as refusing a Negro a hotel room.

"It seems that the Negro is responding to these aggressions with non-violence; but for how long will they accept the situation as it is?" she concluded.

Dr. Goodman, rather than concentrating on violence in America, took a stand "as a scientist" to defend the sciences against the accusations of violence caused by the creation of the atomic bomb.

"Science is based on the respectability of phenomena," he

explained. "It has no predilections for violence.

"It was left to the physical scientist to decide whether the bomb should be used or not; then science is blamed for its evil effects. Was it fair to set the scientist in such a position because he created the bomb?"

Dr. Goodman concluded that "more harm is done with not-violent violence such as starvation and over-population than with the atomic bomb."

After the speeches, questions were asked by the audience.

The first question asked was directed to Dr. Goodman. "Has the scientist no moral responsibility for what he has created?"

Dr. Goodman answered by using an analogy: since the scientist created the auto, should he give licenses?

Dr. Greenstein defined hate in answering a question asking its causes.

"Hate is a form of aggression arising from frustration. This is always dangerous.

Karen Kermaier, forum coordinator made arrangements for the program sponsored by Student Council.

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Fellowship to Dr. Goldstein

Dr. Doris Goldstein, of the history department at Stern, has recently been granted a fellowship by the American Council of Learned Societies, for the academic year of 1964-1965. During her leave of absence from teaching, Dr. Goldstein will do research work for a book tentatively entitled *The Role of Religion in the Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville*. She plans to do research in the Tocqueville Archives at Yale University and in various libraries in Paris, as well as in New York City.

Dr. Goldstein has also published two articles, which have served as preparative studies for her book. The first article, "The Role of Religion in the Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville," was published in 1960 in a journal called "French Historical Studies." The second article, "Tocqueville's Concept of Citizenship" was published this month in a journal, "Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society."

Dr. Goldstein received her B.A. in 1948 from Queens College, her M.A. from Smith College the following year, and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in 1955.

Psych. Soc. Dept. Tea

The faculty members of the psychology and sociology departments will meet with prospective majors in these subjects at an informal tea, Thursday evening, March 5th at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria.

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Yavneh Pres. Relates Plans

The Stern College branch of Yavneh will function primarily in the future to implement the activities of the Social Action Committee of the National Organization. Bernie Kaplan, chairman of this committee, discussed this matter with members of Stern Yavneh at a meeting late last semester. It was felt that Stern could make a significant contribution in this area. Many of the traditional functions of Yavneh, such as procuring kosher facilities, arranging minyanim and seeing that tests are not given on Shabbat, are not relevant at Stern.

Stern Yavneh is currently working on several projects:

1. Russian Jewry: A letter calling attention to religious intolerance in Russia is being prepared. Copies are to be made available for each student to send on to her hometown newspaper. Arleen Osband and Marcia Frank are heading the project.

2. Stern students will participate in a project to bring Purim to children in hospitals. Thus far, 30 girls have volunteered to sing, dance or just talk to the children on Purim day. Representatives from all the Yavneh chapters in the city will participate. Cecile Meyers who is in charge of this project said, "We can use your help even if you're not talented."

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Occupational Therapy Discussed

Mrs. Adelaide A. Deutsch, an associate in occupational therapy at Columbia University, spoke on the meaning, purposes, and future in physical and occupational therapy during club hour on Feb. 13.

Stressing occupational therapy, Mrs. Deutsch explained that this science uses activity, arts and crafts, sports, music, and many other forms to hasten the healing process of patients with either physical or mental disorders.

The aim in occupational therapy is "to treat the person as a whole," not just his injured part. Mrs. Deutsch described the therapy clinic in the hospital as "an oasis in a sterile hospital."

Anyone interested in this field can apply for summer experience in occupational therapy by March 2. These programs, available in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, are open, due to the limited facilities, ONLY to students with a possible interest in this field. Information can be obtained from the Stern College Office.

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