CBS Features Stern; Dr. Belkin Interviewed

On WCBS-TV's "Way To Go!" Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, called Stern College "an evolution" within the chain of tradition, not "a revolution." He spoke with Dr. Ormond Drake, host of the program, on the occasion of Stern's Twenty Anniversary.

Dr. Belkin explained the academic programs at Stern College and how they have evolved over the past 20 years. He discussed the importance of providing a balance between traditional Jewish education and modern academic pursuits.

Max Stern Is Special Guest At 10th Anniversary Dinner

A dinner honoring Board Vice Chairman Max Stern and a reception for faculty members and students highlighted Stern College's Twentieth Anniversary. The Chabad dinner for Mr. Stern will take place December 13 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Chairman of the event is Trustee Ludwig Friedland.

At a reception at Stern on December 27 will be members of the faculty and administration who were on the original staff of Stern College. Special guests will be Prof. Rachel Whitman, visiting professor of the arts, and Mrs. Max Stern, former director of the library.

The book "The Architecture of the American Synagogue" by Prof. Williamson, who has been at Stern since 1954, is an authority on the subject of Jewish art and architecture. A former curator of the Jewish Museum in Berlin, her book Synagogue Architecture in the U.S. was published in 1955.

Four Ayalons Spoke At Chanukah Socials

The Four Ayalons, internationally knownators, appeared at the Annual Chanukah Socials last weekend. The original group presented by the group speaking each institution for the High Holidays and ceremonies and

Russia: A Personal Account Delivered By Rabbi Felman

By NAOMI MEYER

Rabbi Dr. Mayer Felman, rabbi of the Jueden Center Synagogue of Flushing, addressed the student body on Tuesday, November 24, during club hour in the auditorium. Rabbi Felman visited Russia this past summer, from July 15 to August 1, as the representative of the Synagogue Council of America. Accompanied by his wife, he visited the cities of Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev. The main purpose of the visit was to speak with the chief rabbis of the Soviet Union in reference to the main problems faced by the Soviet Jews.

Rabbi Felman started the lecture with a comparison. He stated that the Russians are treating the Jews just as the Syrians did in the time of Judah Maccabee. The Russians are trying to debase Jewish life, to diminish the spirit more than the body of Israel. Stalin tried to physically destroy us, but Khrushchev, was like the Syrian. While the Russians are trying to debase Jewish life, the Jewish religion is especially exposed. The Baptists, Methodists and Greek Orthodox are given the opportunity to print their Bibles and religious articles, whereas the Jews are not.

There are no kosher butchers in Russia and Soviet Jews cannot slaughter cattle of their own, which is strictly forbidden for Jews. And that is why there are no graves in the Soviet Union. In the city of Kiev, there are no graves. There is a grave for our ancestors under which some of our modern-day Jewish martyrs lie. "One can readily see the Kishinev Hashomer," Rabbi Felman said with such emotion.

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Dr. Samuel Belkin with Ormond Drake, host on WCBS-TV's "Way To Go!"
R.S. — Hebrew Placement Inadequate

Students entering Stern College are required to take an examination testing their knowledge of Hebrew. Prematriculation oral interview is a member of the Hebrew Studies department are the criteria for placement in one of the four levels of Hebrew Studies. The degree of facility with the subject matter taught in R.S. courses, e.g. laws and customs, are barely taken into account alongside the students' students whose Hebrew is good because they studied Hebrew as a language in public school or participated in a summer Ulpan-type course are placed in an advanced Jewish Studies level, although they may know little in the areas of halakhah, dinim, and Jewish customs. And vice versa, a girl with a poor background in Hebrew may be placed in a Religious Studies course far below her level.

It seems that currently a girl can find her appropriate Hebrew level due to the scrutiny of students by their respective Hebrew Studies teachers. Yes, a girl's Religious Studies level is not given equal attention. Students in the A level should have their own studies class, open to students with a very limited background in Judaism. The presentation where girls in Groups A and B are combined is coupled with the attempt of Stern to reach each girl at her own Jewish level. When such a mixture of girls exists, the Stern girls are not satisfied, and the "A girls" will suffer likewise. Since an initial difference was made between Groups A and B groups, why lump these girls back together?

In addition to the placement dilemma in the Jewish Studies department, another problem exists. That is the size of classes.

Stern boasts a small student body—yielding smaller classes than other schools. We see small classes in Mathematics, in English, in Political Science, but not too small in Religious Studies.

At Stern, the only college of its kind, the most intimate classes must be in its unique field—Jewish studies. Especially during the freshman year, a Stern girl requires more attention and individual guidance in Religious Studies than she does in another academic subject. We hope the classes will decrease in size as the school increases in enrollment. This adjustment also will expedite placement of girls in the proper level of Studies. Since there will be more classes, a girl hopefully will be placed in one of the classes closely suit her needs.

Rav Chaim Mordechai Katz, Z.T.L.

With the passing of Rav Chaim Mordechai Katz, Z.T.L. Reish Yeshiva of Telos in Cleveland a few weeks ago, the American Jewish community mourns the loss of an outstanding Torah scholar and leader of our day. Twenty three years ago, after the destruction of the Telos Yeshiva in Lithuania by the Nazis, Rav Katz, together with his brother-in-law, Rav Eliezer Meir Block, Z.T.L., fled to the United States where they re-established the Yeshivah of Telos in the City of Cleveland, Ohio. There, the Yeshiva has grown and flourished during the past twenty years under the guidance and direction of Rav Katz, Z.T.L.

With the loss of Rav Katz is most keenly felt by his family and students, all of Klill Yisrael is affected by his departure. "Mah parah aduma mishpecha, min tahshish mishleiv". Just as the Red Heifer is an atonement, so too, the death of the righteous is an atonement for the sins of Israel. If the prophet is one of the great sages of our people is viewed as an atonement for our sins, it is also then to be taken as an indication of the need for the inspection and perfection of the fulfillment of the mitvot and commitment to the philosophies of Judaism. In our teaching and proper living, we take upon our hearts his message in shortly after Chanukah, the festival of Rededication, and in our preparation of theTelos Yeshiva to Vabadah, establish a monument to the life of a great Talmid who has departed from our midst.
Swimmers Splash Serenely
As Bowlers Have A Ball

By JOANNE HOFFMAN

During the past eleven years, the Yeshiva University Community Service Division has met with tremendous success in its efforts to introduce thousands of teenagers through-out the United States and Canada. The primary reason for this success is Torah Leadership Summer Seminars sponsored by Yeshiva University. At these seminars, high school youth spend five to ten days in a religious environment. A large range of students are available to attend, and instruction about everything from diners to Talmudic problems and questions. A great majority of the seminar participants come from observant backgrounds. Very often a young person will save a seminar with a new perspective on Jewish values and a closer involvement to pursue and practice the ideals of Judaism. Concrete evidence of seminars success lies in the fact that many of the girls of the freshman class at Stern College are former seminar participants. In addition, the majority of the summer advisory staff are students who attend Yeshiva University and Stern College.

One score and seven years ago our parents brought forth upon this continent a new college, conceived in Judaism and dedicated to the proposition that there should be a study forships and attend college classes in the same edifice.

We are engaged in a great undertaking, testing whether this college, or any other college as conceived and so dedicated, can long continue. It is a great privilege that we have the opportunity to do so. Now we are engaged in a great undertaking, testing whether this college, or any other college as conceived and so dedicated, can long continue. It is a great privilege that we have the opportunity to do so. It is in this spirit that we dedicate ourselves to the Jewish spirit, to the survival of the eternal spirit, to the spirit of devotion, to the spirit of teaching. We must not forget that we are here dedicated to the survival of the eternal spirit. We must not forget that we are here dedicated to the survival of the eternal spirit.

The Flame's Strength
A flame may be extinguished by water, but when we put the water into a pot, and place the pot under the water, the flame will survive. And many have said and many have said the same thing: the waters of assimilation will survive the Jewish spirit.

But battery itself negates to battery as a battery, and many have said and many have said that the flame of Judaism burns brightly, the waters of assimilation will survive the Jewish spirit.

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By TOBY CHASKIS

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Girls swim in 23rd St. pool.

Tennis club has been in the pool, the girls forget completely about school, and you can hear their anxieties and frustrations going by way of the splashes. Our instructor, Miss Ohr, is teaching the non-swimmers and is an excellent, graceful swimmer herself. However, for those who want to learn the art of synchronized swimming, they must paddle around by themselves and learn by trial and error, or dunking, I should say.

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ESP Expert Entertainers At Sophomore Class Social

A new slant on entertainment at a Shem social came at the Sophomore Class Chagiga, Saturday night, November 21. Marc Reynoht performed feats of mindreading, prediction, graphology, and ESP (extra-sensory perception). Mr. Reynoht, who works before Greenwich Village audiences, called for audience participation during the evening and left many girls and their guests baffled. Birte background music accompanied the performer who was introduced as an entertainer of the year 2000.

Mr. Reynoht "was not concerned whether the audience believed in his super-natural powers." His aim was to entertain. He said: "Just as the radio transmits the voice, television the picture, the mind transmits the thought."

Leach Laiman co-ordinated the affair and later entertained by playing fingerpicking on her guitar. The "Autumn Festival" theme was carried out in the orange, brown, and yellow decorations as well as in the leaf-shaped cookies.

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Faculty Footnotes

Dean Dan Vogel was guest speaker at a breakfast on November 15 honoring Rabbi Solomon E. D. Friedman of the Glenwood Jewish Center. He reviewed The Chosen One, a book by Harry Schmuck, in a recent edition of The JWB Circle.

Professor Rachel Wischnitzer, professor of Fine Arts during the evening. Dr. Vogel opened the celebration at the JWB Circle. Professor Wischnitzer recently reviewed Maria and Reina of Burnham's Wooden Furniture, a recent number of the New York Historical Society.

Dr. Raphael S. Weilchberg had an article "Open the Heights of the City" in a recent issue of Hadar. He is giving a lecture on the history of the Second Commonwealth in the Young Israel of the City, the New York.

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CRUCIAL CHANGES IN AMERICAN JEWRY: OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR HARMAN

On Thursday night, November 19, Ambassador Avraham Harn on spoke to an audience of students and faculty at the Board of Higher Education. The board was held on the YU campus as part of the celebrations of Shem's first decade of existence as a college.

The Ambassador analyzed the crucial changes which have been taking place in American Jewry during the last decade. Four main factors were expounded for the shift of status of the Jewish people in America. They were: economic success, social integration, the spirit of independence, and the emergence of a Jewish Interest as an independent country.

Coexistence and not sub-mission to external trends and movements, has become the new norm of Judaism. He said that we have become modernized, yet the dangers to our existence are still presented. We must strive to build up our inner strength. In this effort, Shem College plays an important role. There is no other college, especially created in the present, that will prepare the young generation for citizenship in American culture.

Myra Lee Heads Yavneh Officers

This year's Yavneh officers are: Myra Lee, president; Arlene Olsch, vice president; Gail Schuchter, secretary, and Arlene Press, treasurer.

The Yavneh calendar will be filled this year by a series of lectures by prominent Jewish thinkers from the New York area. The weekly lecture at the College's "The Fulfillment of the Diaspora on American Culture."

For more information, please contact the college's office or visit their website.

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LINGUIST ENTERS HONORARY SOCIETY: JACQUES POULJOU LEADS CEREMONY

In his address, Dr. Vogel opened the celebration of the election of Dr. Alix Krakowski, French instruc-tor at Shem, to the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, as one of its "Chaveliers." About fifty people were present to join in the celebration. Dr. D. Bell spoke as the representative of the Shem College French Department. She congratulated Dr. Krakowski's nomination to this bilinguial group.

The highlight of the event was the formal inauguration of Dr. Krakowski into this international bilinguial group. M. Jacques Poujol, the Deputy Cultural Counselor of the French Embassy, conducted the ceremony.

Monseigneur Poujol addressed Dr. Krakowski as "the living link between France and Shem College." He traced the origin of the award back to Napoleon 1. The word "Palmes" stood as a symbol of victory in the Greek period. M. Poujol cited Dr. Krakowski's contributions to French culture and education.

There were many distinguished guests present. Monsieur Bernard Malandin officially represented President of France. Dr. Farciel, a visiting professor of Yeshiva College, represented the college. Henar Scheir represented the national Jewish honor society, Pi Dalia Phi, and George Bierg represented the circle of students of Yeshiva College.

The celebration was attended by many students. The Ambassador of the State of Israel was also present.

In conclusion, the event was a great success, with many students attending and enjoying the music and company of the newly appointed Dr. Krakowski.

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