Students Respond to Kahane Killing

Mourn, Pray at Shooting Site

by Shlomo Zwicker

The shooting death of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of Israel’s far right and founder of the Jewish Defense League here in New York, sent a shock wave throughout the Jewish community. A hero to some, a pariah to many, Rabbi Kahane was a consistent source of controversy for SSSB students, as where he often lectured.

Upon word of Rabbi Kahane’s tragic death last Monday night, numerous Yeshiva College students gathered at the scene of the shooting, offering mournful prayers of Tehillim to memorialize the slain Jewish leader. At approximately 11:00 pm, students set out for the sight, motivated by the need to present a Kiddush Hashem before the public, by countering the possibility of disgrace by other groups.

Waving large Israeli flags in a show of support, the students first held their vigil in front of the Marriott East Side at 48th and Lexington, the sight of Rabbi Kahane’s killing. They then proceeded to Bellevue Medical Center at 27th Street on the FDR Drive in a show of solidarity, deploring the violent murder of the Jewish leader.

At the hospital, students were met by leaders of Kach International, an outgrowth of the banned Israeli political party founded by Rabbi Kahane, who threatened the students with physical violence. Kahach leaders argued that those individuals not associated with Rabbi Kahane had no right to speak, and threatened to “break your legs” if any individual attempted to speak with the press.

According to student leaders, their focus in gathering at the scene was to prove “that although not everyone agreed with Rabbi Kahane’s ideas, he was a leader of the Jewish people, and therefore we mourn his death.”

Rabbi Kahane and his political ideology were a frequent cause of conflict at Yeshiva University. March 9, 1990 was Rabbi Kahane’s last appearance at YU. Speaking at the Midtown Center, Rabbi Kahane entertained the subject of “Ol Malchut Shamayim,” discussing the status of Arabs according to Halacha. Although sponsored by student organizations at Stern College, his presentation stirred controversy when another student publication, Hamevaser, delivered a strong editorial opinion, claiming Rabbi Kahane “does not deserve a platform at our institution.”

Putting aside the issue of free speech, the editorial read, “We... distinguish between allowing his position to be discussed, considered, and judged, and overtly strengthening his position by associating his name with that of YU.”

The controversy leader in fact danced before YU, deeming the corrupting influence of Western culture on pure Torah thought. Rabbi Kahane presented that view at a February 14, 1989 lecture at YC, entitled, “A Perspective on the Halachic status of Non-Jews living in Israel.” YCS sponsored the lecture only after both the Israel Affairs (now defunct) and Political Science societies refused to connect themselves with the speaker.

Regardless of the apparent coldness between Rabbi Kahane and YU, Rabbi Kahane had quite a following at the Uptown Campus, as students reportedly turned out in large numbers to hear his opinions. The 1989 lecture took place before a packed crowd at Rubin Shul, at which fifty people were turned away. The February 21 issue of THE COMMENTATOR quoted then YC junior and Kach activist Shmuel Speiser as saying, “Obviously, many students...”

Securing Economy Scares SSSB

by Neil Toczynski

The nation’s current economic slump could spell trouble for SSSB students attempting to enter the field of accounting. The weakening economy is making it more difficult for accounting firms to sell their services. The firms, in turn, are cutting down on the number of new recruits they hire per year.

An article appearing in The New York Times on Monday, November 5th, stated that many firms are hiring fewer college graduates and naming fewer partners. J. Michael Cook, chairman of Deloitte and Touche, one of the famed “Big Six” accounting firms, explained that “Today as much as half of your work is nonrecurring, so our practice is much more sensitive to the economy than it was ten years ago.” What this sensitivity means to the accounting firms is that “When it [the economy] slows down, we slow down,” said Cook.

Jonathan Pittinsky, President of the SSSB Accounting Society remarked that, “At this point we are being told that is more difficult to get a job.”

These gloomy forecasts have come at the height of the interviewing season. The last four weeks have seen many suits and dresses entering Belfer Hall for interviews with a host of accounting firms. Ira Jaskoll, the Assistant Dean of SSSB legitimized these fears, saying, “As to the number of people being hired - that will be down, depending on the size of the firm and its income.” However, according to Jaskoll, SSSB has taken steps to prepare for this.

“We have expanded. This year we are bringing private firms and government agencies out to conduct interviews for accounting positions. In the past this hasn’t been a major area, but now we are suggesting that students pursue multiple areas of accounting.”

According to the New York Times article, only two out of the Big Six accounting firms report estimated increases in the hiring of new recruits. Deloitte and Touche estimate hiring 320 fewer recruits, and Ernst and Young report 150 less new jobs available.

1,400 Protesting Zionism Is Racism

by Andrew Goldsmith

More than 1,400 students from around the country gathered at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza by the United Nations to mark and protest the 15th anniversary of Resolution 3379, which denigrates Zionism as a form of racism.

The rally also launched a student-led campaign nationwide to repeal the resolution, initiated by the Arab states and passed by the UN General Assembly on Nov. 10, 1975. The Yeshiva Student College Council was one of a number of sponsors of the rally. Others included the North American Jewish Students Network and Bnei Akiva of North America.

Cries of “Shame on you, United Nations!” echoed through the crowd as Uriel Saviar, Israel’s consul general in New York, addressed the rally.

“Where was the UN when Israelis were murdered in Jerusalem?” Savir asked, referring to recent stabbing attacks against Jews in Israel’s capital.

He called on the students to show their support “not only in the streets of New York, but in the streets of Jerusalem.” Students greeted the invitation with chants of “This year in Jerusalem.”

As the enthusiastic crowd roared its approval, student activists tore apart a large UN body’s “moral bankruptcy regarding Israel.”

“...it is not the Jewish community, it is not Israel, it is the UN...”
Waiting for Nothing

Everyone is sick of the cafeteria—eating in it, reading about it and yes, writing about it. But the caf is playing a waiting game with students, and the students are losing.

Getting a "meal" in the caf is literally a waiting game as lethargic checkout lines pile up and snake through the entire area. There are rarely two cashiers on duty during the busiest hours. Held up in line, students chronically arrive late to class, bypass hot dishes for a cold turkey sandwich.

Cafeteria officials are unabashedly striving to have the entire student body committed to the YU meal plan. The caf cannot handle this present burden. Increased volume will only exacerbate this unacceptable situation.

Case in point: Although the SOY Shabbat was a great success, it was almost impossible for students to get a "meal" in the caf. Cafeteria officials are unabashedly striving to have the entire student body committed to the YU meal plan. The caf cannot handle this present burden. Increased volume will only exacerbate this unacceptable situation.

Registering Our Complaints

Sometimes university spending must be questioned. While the newly renovated Deans' offices look modern and well equipped, the Office of the Registrar remains cramped and crowded.

Once again, administrative decision makers seem to be calling college students the step-children of the "Yeshiva family." To really benefit students, the office of the Registrar should have received a similar facelift long before the Deans' offices. As students progress through their college careers, their Registrar's office becomes the most frequently visited room in Yeshiva Hall. Course changes, grade changes, application deadlines and other important matters all must be handled in this congested office. These offices are only rarely visited in comparison.

Unfortunately, severe overcrowding only makes scheduling difficulties and complicated procedures more intolerable for all involved. The fact that Registrar workers must regularly trudge downstairs for registration clearly, highlights aAvrum.Aaron,HayyimAngel,JonathanTIUpper,Feafiires:-, · .. : , .

conditions? Only the administration knows.

The sound of silence

To the Editor,

The allegations of physical and verbal abuse, overzealous dorm room searches, rampant disregard for students' privacy, and grossly unprofessional behavior on the part of security personnel pose sufficient reason to Yeshiva College students to merit an investigation by independent counsel.

Apparently, the administration finds the inquiry conducted by Mr. Bockstein, YU's legal counsel, adequate. I vehemently disagree. According to THE COMMENTATOR, Bockstein, YU's legal counsel, could not find any wrongdoing on the part of security. Bockstein claimed that he determined this after intensive discussions with security personnel and administrators. Yet remarkably, he only spoke briefly to the many disciplined students, and never interviewed the many student eye-witnesses. Bockstein said that he had not received any reports of physical threats or verbal abuse by security personnel. Is that not what the University engaged him to investigate? What did he, in fact, investigate? Furthermore, Mr. Sommers, Chief of Safety and Security, conducted his own investigation and apprised Bockstein of his findings. If Bockstein never heard of reports of misconduct, what then did Sommers discuss within? The administration has mistakenly attempted to quickly quiet any implications of this incident. Their attitude of "forgive and forget" will not further the goal of shalom b'ayit. In fact, if the administration finds misconduct true, then ignoring them will only allow and possibly even encourage recurrence of such behavior. The administration's response until now has demonstrated that they are not interested in conducting a thorough investigation. Students must demand that the University engage independent counsel to investigate this incident. Should the independent investigation find wrongdoing, then students must demand swift action to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

RESPONSA

If, however, the investigation finds no misconduct, then the YC community can securely "move beyond this incident." The University can no longer bear the burden of a flawed evaluation of the findings by both students and administrators.

Daniel Maimin
YC '88, RIETS '92

Any students who witnessed or experienced verbal or physical abuse by YU security should contact: YCSC President Steven Felsenthal (MC2185) or Security Council Chairman Daniel Silverblatt (MC502). All valid complaints will be directed to Mr. Bockstein.

Defusing the Debate

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to your misleading editorial "Acting Against Activists" which criticized the way Fulani was handled at the Gubernatorial debate.

By using the limited space of an editorial, it seems that the editors of the COMMENTATOR were rushing to make their point. They seem to have overlooked the fact that the results of the debate were the result of a thorough evaluation of the findings by both students and administrators.

Daniel Maimin
YC '88, RIETS '92

Selling Styrofoam

To the Editor,

I would like to express a certain amount of disappointment with your recent editorial "Caf Prices Top..."
by Jerrold Rapaport

Money Over Morals

When he vetoed the proposal to restore the Hurva synagogue, because the new height of the building would be higher than a Dome of the Rock. When Jewish graves were discovered on the Mount of Olives beneath a section of the road to Jericho in 1973, Kollek portrayed strongly-founded Jewish values and respect for the Jewish dead by demanding that the road be re-opened, regardless of the graves below. In 1968, when modern-day Jewish hero defended our identity and religion by blocking the Mormon expansion center on Mt. Scopus? Teddy Kollek, Why has Yeshiva University chosen to honor this exemplary individual at the Chanukah dinner? Everyone knows the old and true adage that "actions speak louder than words." Here at Yeshiva, we are taught through the words of our faculty and administration to uphold Torah values and tradition, and to steadfastly defend the rights of our religion and our people above all else. The actions of our administration, however, transmit an entirely different message. By honoring Mr. Kollek at the Chanukah dinner, YU endorses him as one to be respected and emulated, one whose deeds and morals should be mimicked by Yeshiva students, though they be in direct conflict with what we have been taught by word of mouth. By honoring a man who has been so anti-religious for so long, Yeshiva has shown where religion truly rates in the large scheme of things. It is okay then, evendesirable, that we go out into the world and turn our backs upon the religious values that we have learned. We can build roads over the graves in which we have laid our Torah ethics to rest, honor other religions above our own, mollify and glorify other peoples at our people's expense.

Yet, maybe I misjudge you, Yeshiva. Maybe your choice of dinner honoree was not meant to be taken so seriously by such a student as I. Perhaps you have chosen Mr. Kollek less as a moral example to students and more as top billing to launch YU's $400 million fundraising campaign. If that is truly the case, then I apologize for my earlier rash objections. Yeshiva's real message is clear. In this materialistic world of buying and selling, bids and takeovers, nothing is free from compromise. Even our morals are for sale.  ●

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The Yeshiva College Philanthropy Society took its biggest step forward under its new administration, launching the Russian Resume Service. The program was held on Sunday, November 4, in Furst Hall. Under the direction of YCPS vice-president Ben Wiener, twenty-two student volunteers worked hand-in-hand with over fifty Russian Jews, writing and arranging respectable resumes for job applications.

All volunteers attended an introductory seminar given by Yeshiva University’s Career Counselor, Ms. Naomi Kapp, who provided them with a keen insight into the challenges which Russian immigrants face in marketing their skills in capitalist America.

The program opened at 4:00PM with words of introduction from Ms. Kapp, after which the Russians were paired with the volunteers. Before long, the room was buzzing with activity as the Russians related personal histories to the students, who took note of their background and experience. By 6:30, the students had prepared over forty rough drafts of resumes, and many remarked that they were extremely impressed with the credentials of the people that they had interviewed.

The importance of Sunday’s program was assessed by Ida Desyatnik, along-timesneighbor of YU, and herself a Russian immigrant. She explained that eight of every ten Russians graduate higher educational institutions and never have to find their own jobs, as the government assigns them with employment upon completion of their studies. Monday’s program therefore sent the participants on their way with smiles on their faces, and a new feeling of hope amidst what others might be hard times. Not only were the day’s events a learning experience for the Russians and the volunteers, but the Philanthropy Society’s officials were enlightened as well. President Mordy Rothberg noted that “With Russians coming in from five or six different communities, we were encouraged to see how combining our modest efforts had such far-reaching repercussions.”

Said Vice-President Wiener, “This program proved that we’re not just a run-and-bottle organization . . . Besides providing a needed service to Russian Jews, I think today showed the YU community what we’re capable of accomplishing, and we are grateful for the opportunity to play such an important role while getting the students involved in causes they may not otherwise get involved in.”

Rothberg added that the Philanthropy Society is depending on continued student involvement to achieve further successes such as this one in the upcoming months.
by Hayyim Angel

Rabbi Meir Kahane was a radical, a lunatic. A man possessed by remarkable hatred, bordering on insanity. He was a racist, a terrorist, a human animal. Kahane used a facade of religion as a means for giving credibility to his terrible ideology. His views were hated by Jews, and non-Jews alike, and for good reasons. Rabbi Kahane instilled a sense of pride in many Jews. He fought those who hate Jews with a passion. He woke the world up to the plight of Soviet Jewry, and there are now thousands of Soviet emigrants who will always be thankful to Meir Kahane. The phrase “never again” echoes in the minds of many Jews, whether they experienced the Holocaust or not. Jews are now more active, more willing to stand up to their enemies.

Who was Rabbi Meir Kahane? How do we, as 20th-century Jewish Americans with a strong sense of democracy, but also as Jews imbued with a powerful love for our country and people, deal with a figure like Kahane?

If you would ask people who knew Kahane what he was like as a private person, you would get rather startling responses. Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler, Rosh Yeshiva in MYP and Professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva College spent many of his summers as Kahane’s next door neighbor. “He was a gentle, considerate individual, who had a mission which took precedence over his personal life,” said Rabbi Tendler. “He certainly had no streak of violence in any interpersonal relationships.”

Kahane also used his charisma to attract many Jews who had strayed from the faith. “His influence helped turn some of these people into his most loyal cadre,” said Rabbi Tendler, who himself is very active in Kiruv work.

Zvi Borstein, president of the Israel Club at Yeshiva, remembers Kahane as a regular guest of his family. “He was a soft-spoken individual,” recalls Borstein. Kahane would often discuss his views at the Borstein table, saying that “what other Jews think, I say; it is important for there to be someone who says it.”

If Kahane was such a wonderful human being, what energy possessed him in his public life? Did he reign insensitivity to his cause? Dr. Chaim Sober, head of Torah Dojo, the international Jewish organization for learning self-defense, said “there is Kahane the idea, and Kahane the human being.”

“He had to stay in the newspapers all the time, so he had to become more extreme.”

In other words, Kahane felt it was necessary to become more radical and outspoken since only then his message would be heard.

Kahane’s radical views did communicate with the inner feelings of many Jews. “He made a tremendous contribution,” remarked Dr. Sober, “in the sense that he touched our deeper feelings - what we would really want if there were no America.”

A student, Jadey at Stern confided, “I don’t disagree with Kahane’s general ideals, I wouldn’t mind if there were no Arabs in Israel.” Though not a Kahane, this student leader feels Kahane’s plan will become viable if all other attempts for peace fail.

Despite the fact that, according to Rabbi Tendler, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein spoke Kahane’s Jewish Defense League ("with pride and hakarat hatov when Kahane set up his organization to protect Jews," Kahane’s major flaw was that he lived in a dream world. Although his Halakhic arguments might have been technically correct, “he failed to make the distinction between Halakha and Halakha L’Ma’aseh,” said Rabbi Tendler. “He didn’t have the support of the Gedolei because he assumed the Halakha must necessarily be applicable.” Rabbi Tendler feels the Jewish people have a higher moral standard to live up to, and the implementation of Kahane’s plan would be unjust. Dr. Sober called Kahane’s ideas “an adolescent dream. That’s what makes Superman so popular.”

Dr. Sober criticized Kahane’s preaching violence to the masses. “When civilians get violent," said Sober, "the whole scene gets messy. It’s like starting a fire with the intent of burning two rooms, not realizing that there’s a boiler next door. As a result, the whole building explodes." Haphazard violence will only escalate our troubles.

Now that Kahane is dead, the Jewish community has to consider the following implications: “Before Jews open their mouths at rallies, they must remind themselves that they have to be willing to die if necessary,” warns Dr. Sober. Zvi Borstein feels that “people who did not follow him are going to understand the strength of having a leader such as Kahane because the extreme always makes an impression.”

Rabbi Marc Angel, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, issued a statement saying that Kahane’s death will "strengthen the movement which Kahane headed. Kahane had long argued that Jews cannot trust Arabs. The assassin, in the minds of many, will have justified Kahane’s ideology.”

Who was Rabbi Meir Kahane? He was a man with a childish dream; he saw the simple truth without putting it into a proper context, be it Halakhic or political. However, he was not altogether wrong. The world does not always listen to polite requests for justice. Especially when it comes to Kahane.

Rabbi Tendler said that “Kahane’s radicalism is better termed stark realism.”

Jon Greenblatt, president of NYSIPAC at YU, commented that “Israel is surrounded by radical Arabs; we too needed a radical rabbie-rouser on our side.

“I don’t think anyone will replace Kahane.”

Rabbi Kahane’s primary objective of transferring the Arab population.

Despite rejections of his ideology, many YU students found themselves in agreement with Rabbi Kahane’s call for action. They saw Rabbi Kahane as a voice that sincerely seeks solidarity. “Never Again” is not simply a rally cry, but as a reality. On the same premise, YCSC sent two bus loads of students to Rabbi Kahane’s funeral in Brooklyn, at which YU Rabbi Tendler and Bonzerofficiated and delivered eulogies.

Students React

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wanted to hear Rabbi Kahane.”

Rabbi Kahane’s “ArabProposals” had already been the target of literary pens, as students and faculty alike questioned the halakhic standpoint of his contentions. One Hamevaer article, written in December, 1985 by Rabbi Shalom Carmi, attacked a Kach cry to dismiss Arab workers from Hevron. Another 1985 article, an outgrowth of yet another lecture at YU, halakhotically responded to Kahane Lectures on Territories

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because of a misunderstanding, a quote concerning YFS’s Public Relations Department was erroneously attributed to YCSC Vice President David Borowski, in actually, the PR Dept. was extremely helpful in publicizing last year’s Freedom Express Rally in Washington.
Five Steps to the Holy Land

by Donny Posey

You are planning to make Aliyah, but have no idea what to expect. However, the process can be financially and emotionally straining. The move can be overwhelming, especially if you are not prepared. In this article, I will help you understand what to expect for the first year. The following are five points that will help you be prepared.

1. Scout out the land. It is often that people who make Aliyah come in with unrealistic expectations that they have had in Israel. Says David Edges, the Assistant Director of Tikkun Olam, “The first thing I tell people about Israel is that it is not perfect.” Immigrants come to Israel with the expectation of living in a country that is perfect. However, it is not that way. There are many things that you will have to get used to, including the weather, food, and language.

2. Make a timetable. Set a definite number of years that you plan to stay in Israel. In this time, you must make the necessary arrangements, or risk losing your passport. The government allows the new citizen a time period where they can enjoy a number of benefits. Your privileges include being in the military, with a reduced tuition, in the army, or free, and a number of government loans for home and school. The government carefully counts the number of days allotted to each citizen, with most robotic adopting for three years. However, the government “frees” the citizen once the immigrant enters the army. The most important advantage is the citizens, including his time spent at yeshiva, and also the process of naturalization. It takes three months for naturalization and for the army to draft an individual before entering the five year hesder program, including his time spent at yeshiva, and also the process of naturalization. It takes three months for naturalization and for the army to draft an individual before entering the five year hesder program. In this time an American must make the countdown once the immigrant is clear of all complications. It takes three months for naturalization and for the army to draft an individual before entering the five year hesder program. In this time an American must make the countdown once the immigrant is clear of all complications.

3. Network. The people who can best inform you about making Aliyah are new immigrants who made Aliyah themselves. Different organizations send people to the US solely for the purpose of recruiting. These organizations inform potential Olim of current trends in Israel. They can inform you about everything from appliances to employment. Just ask around. Friends and family who have made Aliyah or live in Israel can also be important sources of information. Get their feedback on what to do and more importantly what not to do.

4. Involved. Many immigrants find that the most difficult aspect of making Aliyah can be social problems. Leaving family and friends behind is hard. Surround yourself with friends who also have Aliyah as an important priority in their lives, so that you can make the move together. This can make your absorption to Israel society much easier.

5. Keep a sense of humor. It is often that people who make Aliyah come in with unrealistic expectations that they have had in Israel. Says David Edges, the Assistant Director of Tikkun Olam, “The first thing I tell people about Israel is that it is not perfect.” Immigrants come to Israel with the expectation of living in a country that is perfect. However, it is not that way. There are many things that you will have to get used to, including the weather, food, and language.

Machal: Army Before Aliyah

by Dev Chetla

Young immigrants to Israel can fulfill their obligatory service in a number of ways. Many religious immigrants opt for the Chabat Shalvim program, which allows the participant to travel to Israel with a religious counselor. The counselor will help the participant find a job and help him settle in. The participant will then live in Israel for a year or two, and will then be allowed to go on to the next stage of his life. This is a very popular option among young religious immigrants. Other options include the Tikkun Olam program, which allows the participant to live in Israel for a year, and then go on to the next stage of his life. However, this option is not as popular among young religious immigrants. The most popular option among young religious immigrants is the Machal program, which allows the participant to live in Israel for a year or two, and then go on to the next stage of his life. This option is very popular among young religious immigrants.

Tehilla: Tapping a Valuable Resource

by Tommy Weinberger

The Jewish Agency’s aliya policy was based on a simplistic belief. According to many sociologists, the community in Israel presently live with a negative bank account, yet they are not aware of its implications. Some sociologists argue that the school’s political views may not coincide with the parent’s. According to Aharon Yavetz, a new generation will continue to flock to the land of milk and honey. Will I fail once more? The Jewish Agency’s aliya policy was based on a simplistic belief. According to many sociologists, the community in Israel presently live with a negative bank account, yet they are not aware of its implications. Some sociologists argue that the school’s political views may not coincide with the parent’s. According to Aharon Yavetz, a new generation will continue to flock to the land of milk and honey. Will I fail once more? The Jewish Agency’s aliya policy was based on a simplistic belief. According to many sociologists, the community in Israel presently live with a negative bank account, yet they are not aware of its implications. Some sociologists argue that the school’s political views may not coincide with the parent’s. According to Aharon Yavetz, a new generation will continue to flock to the land of milk and honey. Will I fail once more?
Fulani Fuels Uprow

by Jonathan Greenblatt

YU's Rubin Shul was the scene of controversy Tuesday night, October 23, when the College Republicans and the Political Science Society co-sponsored a Gubernatorial Debate. The candidates, representing independent parties, discussed campaign issues and fielded questions from the racially mixed audience.

Many of the views expressed were not strange, or particularly disturbing to student ears. The Libertarian candidate, Cary Johnson, favored cutting spending at the top of the issues and fielded questions from the bureaucracy. The Conservative representative, Bob Unger (substituting for Ted London), maintained that taxing prosperity decreases it and subsidizing failure, by spending on homelessness and unemployment, increases it. However, some views, especially many of those espoused by Dr. Leonora Fulani of the New Alliance, were controversial if not incendiary to the students in the audience. Fulani constantly maintained that Minister Louis Farakhan and Reverend Al Sharpton are the most important black leaders in America today. She further contended that Farakhan is not an anti-semit, that his statements are often taken out of context and that the government of Israel is a fascist regime.

Following the debate, a heated argument developed when several students surrounded Dr. Fulani and condemned her for being anti-semitic and anti-white. While Tzvi Borenstein, one of the interviewees, contended that Dr. Fulani was mendacious, believing it necessary to break the debate up. His action angered the debaters, particularly Dr. Fulani, who protested vehemently. Rumors of a physical fight quickly passed through YU, but were soon dispelled. 

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-- that requires the repeal of 3297," said Rep. Bill Green (R-NY).

"Zionism is equal to Judaism, and anti-Zionist is anti-Semitic," said Rabbi A. n., a}_{famous leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, and a long-time instructor at Stern College. "If Hitler walked into the UN today," said Weiss, "he would receive a standing ovation."

One student demonstrator, Joseph Bensmihen of Montreal, noted that "it is no coincidence that this perverted resolution was passed when former Nazi Austrian President Kurt Waldheim was secretary (general) of the United Nations."

The students also unofficially rededicated United Nations Plaza as "Zionism Freedom Plaza" with a new street sign, as hundreds cheered and sang "Am Yisrael Chai" (The People of Israel Live). YCSC President Steven Felsenthal said, "It is essential for Jews to stand up and let the world know that we will not stand for a double standard."

Eli Wurtman, vice president of the Students Network, said, "We're here to raise the voice of moral consciousness and stand up for morality in the UN."

"If the UN is to assume the role of peacekeeper for which it was created, then this immoral lie of 'Zionism is racism' must first be stricken from the public record," he said.

Students from as far as the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Georgetown University in Washington and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., traveled to New York to take part in the rally, which was followed by a march of solidarity to Israel's UN Mission.

Although Yeshiva College leaders could not be reached for comment, the turnout from Yeshiva University was disappointing, in comparison to the previous year's protest. Only three out of five buses scheduled to leave from the main campus were filled, while the overall turnout of 1400 was far below the 3000-5000 organizers were hoping for.

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bonds among people planning their paths to Israel. Often, future olim feel odd and alone because they have chosen to make aliyah; the large turnouts at these conferences alleviates these fears. Guest speakers deliver reports on economic, religious, and political issues as well as other topics concerning Israel.

Focusing on matters of concern to people making aliyah within the year, Tehilla Chugim offer forums on issues such as shipping your household to Israel (to be held November 17) and guidance from veteran olim on schools. Attendance at the chug in New York numbered over forty people.

With the understanding that it is easier to absorb information together, a Tehilla network that work with future olim. In 1987 Tehilla received the Speaker of the Knesset's award for Quality of Life recognition of it's work with Religious Zionist Aliyah from the free world. While 1987 was a strong year, this year Mr. Alswang is predicting an all time high for religious aliyah from North America. Despite a lack of promotional activities, the Tehilla office is flooded with calls.

According to Mr. Alswang, while students in Yeshiva and Stern College can find support for aliyah through various campus organizations, after graduation Tehilla becomes essential. As Mr. Alswang explains, "All the chomer for aliyah is documented, it's already here." In the words of successful olim who are now members of the Tehilla volunteer network, "Tehilla is the best friend you can have here." Participants on a pilot trip stated that Tehilla enabled them to have realistic expectations of Israel and noted that it "seems to be a lot of opportunity here." When asked to explain Tehilla, Jay Shapiro, a senior executive with Israel Aircraft Industries and a Tehilla network volunteer, stated, "People helping people, that's what it's all about."
YCDS Play Portrays Quadraplegic

by Stephen Buch

Dr. Anthony Beukas, Professor of Speech and Drama has this semester’s YCDS production of Brian Clark’s Whose Life Is It Anyway? well under way.

“Actually, the production was organized in detail by the end of last semester,” says senior Ameri Rand, Beukus’ Assistant Director. Adds Rand, “I’m very pleased with the cast.”

Beukus describes his fall cast as “more sophisticated.” He notes that while he has a younger cast, “They are very enthusiastic and competent, all gifted and experienced group of young people, some of whom have done professional acting and modeling and have toured in shows.”

Whose Life Is It Anyway? is about a man who becomes a quadraplegic because of an accident. According to Beukas, the play focuses on his “determination to decide for himself, in the legal and medical professions, apart from the religious issues, his right to life.”

Adam Schorr, a senior in his second year with YCDS, feels that “The play is about a fight for personal dignity, about a man’s attempt to control his life, his destiny when he can’t control his body.”

Dr. Beukus further maintains that Yeshiva University students should see the play “for academic exposure to ideas not necessarily explored in their classes.” He also describes the plays “An art form on a campus that doesn’t have enough art.”

Rand puts it differently. “It’s nothing more than a means to stimulate someone to think of things about which we don’t want to think...The play is about a man who is an artist deprived of his mankind, his being, because of his paralysis.”

Randishon the cast highly, while noting his concern for each student. Stark launches his affiliation with YCDS and his acting career by playing Ken, the lead character. Pointing out the difficulty of the role, Randishon the actor’s “painful,” “exacting,” “buried from the head down.”

“I am pleased to see YCDS addressing real issues.” said Speech and Drama major David Silverblatt, adding that he believes “The professionalism and zealousness of this year’s production staff promise a stellar presentation.”

Performances run from Saturday, December 15th through Thursday, December 20th at the Schottenstein Theatre.

Meanwhile, student interest in and appreciation for YCDS continues to increase, perhaps in response to the success of last semester’s Dreamwalk. Indeed, a storm of activity and praise still surrounds the Dreamwalk, an original play by YC senior Andrew Goldsmith, the first YCDS play to ever compete for the Regional Championship in the American College Theatre Festival. YCDS is currently seeking to recast several Dreamwalk roles.

The play is faring very well in the American College Theatre Festival. This contest consists of a four stage competition; Dreamwalk has already passed through the first two of these stages and is presently competing at the regional semi-finals. Yeshiva now joins four other colleges, with Goldsmith’s Dreamwalk having edged out over 100 other Eastern seaboard productions.

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The Tillen Program
Outreach for the Elderly
by Jonathan Taub

The Ivan L. Tillen Program for Special Services for the Jewish Eldery, also known as project SAGES (Strengthening Another Generation through Education and Service) seeks to continue to successfully aid the elderly residents of the Washington Heights-Inwood area.

Started in 1984 and presently sponsored by Yeshiva University’s Wurzweiler School of Social Work, the program has grown steadily since its inception and has been a tremendous boon to the homebound aged in Yeshiva’s, and other, neighborhoods. The program is named for the late member of YU’s Board of Trustees, who was tragically killed in a plane crash in Ethiopia in the summer of 1989.

There were fifteen students in the program when it first began six years ago. Professor Bonnie Beck who supervises the students in the program and meets with them for bi-monthly seminars on aging, last year, over 70 students participated.

“The purpose of the program,” explains Beck, “is to make our students more aware of ageism, and to transform their attitudes. In doing so, older people’s attitudes change as well.”

Students visit the elderly in their homes, most of whom are Holocaust survivors, on a weekly basis during the academic year. “Each student has a completely different experience,” say Professor Beck.

It depends on the chemistry between the two people involved. For instance, there are those elderly who can’t walk, yet are very intellectual. Students will discuss current events, Bible, and Literature with these older people. One YC student went to a concert with his older friend; another saved his older friend’s life. Each student captures his or her own talents in working with the elderly.

Students from the High School, College, Stern College, and RIETS all participate. Many RIETS students have chosen to enter Wurzweiler’s joint clergy program as a result of their participation in the Tillen program, according to Beck.

Sue Lutnick, a RIETS student, calls the program a “very beautiful project where one learns that age really doesn’t make a difference when people come together.

Those interested can contact Professor Beck at 960-0830.
The Commentator

Me & My Car

by Ezra Kahn

One never forgets his first... car that is. Can you picture it, standing sleekly, shiny, and new? Can you feel the power of the engine as you press your foot down on the accelerator? I cannot. My first new car was a 1979 Chevy Nova with eighteen pounds and three hundred miles on it. While it may not have been a Ferrari, it was dubbed by friends as the perfect YU car. What, you ask is the perfect YU car? Contrary to popular belief, the area around campus is not as safe as one might think it is for parking. The perfect YU car is one that does not scream "steal me!" The Nova fit that criteria perfectly. A dull camel color with just the right amount of rust carefully placed throughout the body surface. No fancy emblems, hubcaps or hood ornaments to lure car thieves, while inside one could find a steering wheel, gear shift, a speedometer, and the lone feature, an AM radio.

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Molding the team to be a force on the mat are coaches Neil Elman and Nathan Schwitzer. Two of last season’s stars, Brian Ostrow and Yitz Schefres, have been selected to serve as captains for this season. One can see their true value to the team by watching Brian and Yitz drill the wrestlers relentlessly for hours on end.

The wrestling Macs are showing determination as never before, and they should be very strong contenders this season. Wrestlers who will make their presence felt are Seth Gerzberg, Tzvi Nussbaum, and Elfy Zinker. Although relatively unknown last year, they should perform exceptionally well this season. The first home match is against Manhattan College on November 20 in the Max Stern Athletic Center.

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The October 28 meet at Van Cortland Park was hosted by Yeshiva University. Four schools, including Stevens Tech, Polytech, and John Jay, participated. The YU Harriers placed second to Stevens Tech, with 11 runners managing to complete the hilly five mile course. The Harriers were led by Eric Melzer who finished the race at 34:09, closely followed by Shaya Cislag at 34:58. The YU record is currently held by Naphatli Levin who ran an outstanding 31:32 just one year ago.

Coach Stanley R. Watson commented on the success of the team. "I feel that since I have been here, I have had high expectations at the start of the season. I took over in 1987 and have the records to show that there have been improvements every year. I commend all of the Harriers."
Yeshiva Sports

Pirates Remain Undefeated
by Ronnie Aranoff

At the conclusion of six weeks of play in the Yeshiva University Intramural Basketball League, only one team, the Pirates, remains undefeated at 4-0. Last week, the Pirates defeated the Friars by a score of 55-52.

The Friars blew a 14 point lead in the first half and fell into ninth place with a 2-4 record. Captain Jeff Mor buried five three-pointers, including a game winner with 1:30 left. He led his team with 21 points. This game was special since it marked the return of Barachi Cohen from back surgery as he posted nine points in the second half. The Friars received an outstanding performance from sharpshooting point-guard Dov Deutsch (20 points). Yehuda Blinder had 17 points for the Friars.

In other action, the Orangemen (2-3) defeated the struggling but talented Green Wave, 43-35. This game featured the once undefeated Panthers against the pre-season favorite Wildcats. The game was close throughout the first half, ending in a 19-19 knot. However, in the second half, the Wildcats showed their superiority and defeated the Panthers 44-36. The Wildcats once again maintained balanced scoring led by Ranon Mann (14 points) and Kenny Helfer (13 points). David Gellman added tenacious defense in the closing minutes to seal the victory. Scoring leader Daniel Loskove was held to a measer 11 points.

The Redmen upped their record to 3-2 with a 43-37 win over the slumping Eagles. The Redmen used the fast-break very effectively and sealed the victory behind Yitz Stern’s 19 points and Gilad Ottensoosser’s 12 points. Barry Gellman had 14 points and Daniel Goldberg had 10 points for the losing Eagles.

Since it is now halfway through the season, many teams are wondering who will make the playoffs. Commissioner Eric Melzer has decided that seven teams will make the play-offs, and the first place team will receive a bye.

Crystal Ball: How the Macs Will Fare
by Eric Melzer

With the rapid approach of the 1990-1991 Yeshiva University basketball season, the Macs have begun scrimmaging against different opponents. So far the Macs’ pre-season schedule has included games against Queensborough, Elizabeth Seton, Lehman College, and Nyack. Taking into consideration their scrimmages, numerous practices, and analyzing their opponents in the Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the following analysis and predictions regarding the 1990-1991 YU Macs can be made.

Guards:
Few teams in either college or professional basketball can boast asolid three-guard rotation. The Macs are blessed with a four-guard rotation which consists of Eric Davis, David Ehrman, Gregory Rhine, and Elisha Rothman. Although all four of these guards are extremely well rounded, each one of them specializes in a different area. Davis is an awesome penetrator, Ehrman is an excellent outside shooter, Rhine plays tenacious defense, and Rothman is a very accurate passer. The Macs also have role players David Cohen, Josh Dobin, and Matt Klein to provide scoring and defense off the bench.

Fowards:
The Macs are strong at the small forward position, but are lacking at power forward. Miko Danan, Avrum Aaron, and Seth Cohen can all shoot well from the outside and are ideally sized to play small forward. However, power forward posts up inside, while Danan, Aaron, and Cohen primarily play outside. A possible solution is to play Jon Rosner and Tzvi Himber or Rosner and Hillel Goldscheider at the same time to eliminate any problems of being undersized.

Center:
Jon Rosner is one of the top rebounders in the IAC and consistently scores in double figures. He is very difficult to stop because of his strength and size. Backups Hillel Goldscheider and Tzvi Himber both display an intimidating presence and shot-blocking ability on the court.

Speed/Size/Strength:
Between Davis, Rothman, Klein, and both Cohens, this team is extremely quick. In fact, this team is so quick that many of the other IAC teams will be watching the explosive Macs fast-break, led by Eric Davis, from the other end of the court. Size could be a problem, however. If an opponent has two good big players, the Macs will face difficult match-up problems. Nevertheless, the Macs are a very strong team and will gain the upper hand in rebounding against opponents who are equally sized or slightly bigger.

Intensity/Attitude:
The Macs are a very intense team, especially on defense. To increase the intensity, the coaching staff installed a 1-1-2-1 half court trap known as the “T”, which has been very successful in the preseason.

There are still problems, however with the team’s attitude. The team gets along fine with the coaching staff. Yet, certain players still care more about their personal statistics and playing time than if the team wins or loses. This selfish attitude must disappear immediately or it will generate disharmony and fighting.

Environment:
The fans will play a key role in the success or failure of the Yeshiva Macs. Other IAC coaches have often labeled YU fans “the sixth man on the floor”. If loyal supporters fill the Max Stern Athletic Center for each and every game, the Macs can go undefeated at home this season (including a victory over New Jersey Tech).

Prediction:
In light of the depth that this team has at every position except at power forward, it is reasonable to believe that the Macs will post a 16-6 record this season and will be 8-3 in conference play. The six losses will come against: Western Conn., New Jersey Tech, Mt. St. Vincent, NYU, Barry University, and Baruch. Look for the Macs to finish third in the conference behind Western Connecticut and NJ Tech, and as a result, play the first round of the IAC playoffs at home.