Board Preserves Revel School

32 Courses To Be Offered:
$2.5 million in "Secure Commitments"

by Michael Eisenberg

Following three contentious months of student protests, the YU Board of Trustees has voted to maintain the Bernard Revel Graduate School with thirty-two courses. The decision, coming on the heels of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee recommendation that the University adopt the Task Force's minimalist position, ends months of student activity.

According to a University press release, "Revel will now operate on a basis of a plan that was developed by a blue-ribbon Task Force of faculty, students and administrators..."

that was formed earlier this year by Dr. Norman Lamm, University president.

Additionally, the statement claims that Lamm has "succeeded in securing commitments from the philanthropic community totaling some $2.5 million towards a $3 million goal." Furthermore, the Board of Trustees has authorized the establishment of a board for the Bernard Revel School. Concurrently, Lamm announced the appointment of Dr. Anthony Hyman, senior professor of Philosophy, as acting dean of the school. Businessman and Board member Irwin Shaprio has been named founding chairman of the Revel Board. Other members of the Board include: Ludwig Braverman, Walter Feder, E. Billi Ivry, Ludwig Jesselson, Mordechai Katz, Martin N. Kaufman, Lamm, Manfred Lehmann, Rabbi Hasel Lasko, Samuel Sebba, Joel Stern and Moshe Talsansky.

Student leader Hillel Noywetsky said, "The Board's decision reaffirms the centrality of Judaic studies for the mission of YU and acknowledges its significance for the Jewish community. Hopefully, adequate funds will be raised to restore the full complement of BRGS offerings and incorporate additional courses in Machshevet Yisrael."

The New Revel Plan

The plan the Administration is now outlining, containing thirty-two courses, deviates slightly from the Task Force's minimalist position. The Task Force recommended sixteen courses in March. It continued on page 12

Morg Thief Apprehended

Students in Dismay as "Friend" is Exposed

Thousands of dollars in cash and credit cards were stolen from students on the third and fourth floors of Morgens Estonia Hall, leading to the arrest last Wednesday of a frequent visitor to the dormitory, a man of large build, blonde hair, and a southern accent. This episode comes just one month after a former Burns Security Guard was apprehended for committing a series of burglaries in Muss Hall. YU Chief of Security Don D'Amico explained that the visitor had borrowed money from his friends under false pretenses. He also stole money and credit cards from the unlocked rooms of students who had left for Shabbat. Some residents insisted that the individual is a "kleptomaniac in need of medical attention."

The thefts occurred over three weekends in March. It appears that the visitor came to visit several friends at Yeshiva; none of the hosts had any reason to believe that he was a thief. They allowed him to stay with them for Shabbat, signing him in as a guest. The visitor made it a habit to sleep in the fourth floor lounge. A YU maintenance worker cleaning up the lounge noticed the visitor's clothing, realized that someone had been sleeping there, and asked students on the floor if they knew who owned the clothing. Amiel Lindenbaum, a fourth floor resident who was present at the time, helped the maintenance worker search for some identification. To their astonishment, as they emptied pockets, they found dozens of credit cards featuring various names. They also found the missing wallets of two third-floor residents and immediately called Security. Security arrived, and, according to Sommers, "sat on the clothing until he returned, then...they nailed him."

Surprisingly, just two days after his arrest, the visitor returned to YU. He was spotted in the fourth floor lounge and was charged with trespassing. As a result of the thefts, Shmuel Hook, who was robbed of $140 in cash and significantly more in credit card charges, explained that, "I never used to lock my door when walking down the hall...now I'm a fanatic about locking it."
Forcing It Down Our Throat

The proposed $300 increase for the Food Service’s Mandatory Meal Plan is made by a group of individuals who evidently have a preset agenda, in which student satisfaction plays no part. Adding $300 to a plan resisted from its inception, in order to maintain the viability of an overcrowded and overpriced cafeteria of second-rate quality is unethical, manipulative and indicative of this administration’s sense of priorities: the institution over the students it serves. Perhaps, if the members of the Subcommittee were themselves forced to participate in the plan, their recommendation would have been realistic or compassionate.

The objective of Food Services should incorporate both food and service. In effect, when the compulsory plan was initiated the Administration nullified the foremost protection of such an objective: the boycott. If the Administration wants business for its ailing cafeteria, let it improve standards to lure customers, and not force already dissatisfied students into paying even more for what they do not want.

Like the Revel issue, the final decision lies in the hands of YU’s Board of Trustees. Only they can save next year’s students from $300 worth of unwanted, mediocre food. We must make our voices heard, and now. Otherwise, the plan will quietly be adopted and next year’s tuition will feature an additional $300. The Commentator joins YCSC in calling for student protest in the immediate future.

Culture Shock

While YU certainly advocates taking advantage of the best secular culture has to offer, we must always remain within the parameters of halacha. Culture cannot be used as a guise to contravene normative halachic prohibitions. Consequently, we were most disturbed to discover that a YCSC club, the Cultural Society, sponsored a “cultural” event wrought with issurim. Over two nights, one hundred students joined the Cultural Society on a trip to the Broadway musical Miss Saigon, a performance employing scantily clad women in sexually suggestive postures and actions, and defying explicitly proscribed behavior. Aside from the aveirot and the insensitivity towards the pervasive halachic attitudes of YU, the sight of thirty YU yarmulkes at such a performance is a chillul Hashem.

We are not spying or condemning people’s private activities, although we should hope that a YU student’s actions adhere strictly to halacha. Nevertheless, it is unathomable that YCSC, an official organ of YU, should approve and sponsor such events. Our student body is quite diverse in its religious adherence, but our official and preferred posture should never violate our halachic traditions.
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By the candidate who makes promises, some impossible to keep? Does administrative for your approach, it's not THAT big a deal - So you're saying it's important, but crucial? Get real. To the Editor,

Engagement parties. They are an integral part of the “YU Experience,” at least for Juniors and Seniors. It’s an incredibly unique way of celebrating an upcoming marriage in a Jewish environment, with close friends and family, and “laiedback” dancing. I love to see these simchas take place just as much as anyone else, I just hate that they take place in the lounge of my dorm.

In this school, which is densely populated by New Yorkers, I, being of the “out of town” constituency, don’t view Purim as a dance marathon, but rather a temporary lodging place. I don’t routinely retreat to home on Thursday nights, not to return until Sunday night. I live in this building on weekdays as well. As a result, I would have limited choice: either dance in the Beit Midrash cannot accommodate the mass of people that attend every year. If you dance for more than ten minutes in the Beit Midrash, it can become hazardous, as I have witnessed people faint over past years. I just don’t understand the logic of YU in the fact that Purim has at least triple the amount of people attending, in contrast to the Yom Ha’atzmaut Chagiga, which takes place in Belfer’s Weissberg Commons. If God forbid there was a fire here on Purim, hardly anyone would survive.

Another concept that disturbed me absolutely was that YU decided to have separate refreshment rooms for men and women, besides the usual separate dancing and entrance areas. As far as I’m concerned, this is getting a little bit out of hand! Why suddenly this year was it decided to do this? If YU wants to ban the men and women from speaking to each other altogether, they should just have a separate chagiga on each campus; men in YU, girls in Stern, respectively. I guarantee you that the women would appreciate this as three-quarters of them are spending their evening at the end of the entrance due to lack of space for them. This was evident from the fact that approximately two-thirds of the women and one-third of the men left early (and I can tell you that it was not because of the snow storm). A Purim Chagiga can be a place to socialize wrong with that.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sephardic Club Event at Stern Draws 80

Approximately eighty YC and SCW students gathered in Koch Auditorium on March 12th for a pre-Purim event sponsored by the Sephardic Club. The event began on a somber note as all of those assembled commemorated the recent passing of Menachem Begin, as well as the deaths of four Jewish girls who were caught and killed in Lebanon as they tried to escape Syria in 1974.

Coby Noy, president of the Sephardic Club, opened the proceedings and introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Israel Miller, YU's Senior Vice President. Dr. Miller discussed his own personal relationship with Menachem Begin and eulogized the former Prime Minister of Israel as a true hero of the Jewish people. A moment of silence was then observed, followed by a memorial prayer led by Rabbi Mitchell Serels, YU's Director of Sephardic Programs.

The second half of the evening took on a more festive air as the students moved from Koch Auditorium to Jerusalem II restaurant, where they enjoyed an hour's worth of music and dance.

Two New Food Stores on Campus

In approximately one month, two new food markets will occupy the vacant Amsterdam Avenue storefronts previously occupied by Grandma’s Cookie Jar and another small business. According to construction workers remodeling the old Grandma’s, the store will become a fresh produce and natural grocery store. The other will be a Chinese food enterprise. As yet it is unknown whether it will be kosher.

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While the new traffic light at 185th and Audubon may prevent cars from whizzing through the intersection, we will need something else for the flying ammo. On March 16th, a drive-by-shooting left one Washington Heights native wounded in the arm and shoulder. Additionally, on opening night of the YC Dramatic Society’s new production, Police apprehended a suspect at this same intersection as he was fleeing from another shooting on St. Nicholas Ave.

Project 1 Organizes Student Chessed

Project 1, a program designed to provide community services on Purim and thereafter by asking students to volunteer one hour of their time, commenced its activities last month. Efforts included the collection of charity for the poor, delivering Mishloach Manot on Purim morning, reading of the Megilla for sick people, and inviting guests for the Purim seuda.

Created by the Philanthropy Society and its founder, second year RIETS student Daniel Wolff, Project 1 was not intended to be associated with YCPS so as not to deter students not enrolled in Yeshiva College.

"It was meant to be a University-wide project," Wolff started, "not specifically tied to any particular school. We didn't want students outside of YC to think that they couldn't be involved." Ironically, because the publicity fliers listed no campus organization, students hesitated to volunteer. There was little response at first, although by Purim over 65 people had registered for the assorted services. Reflecting on the success of Project 1, Wolff commented, "It indicated hope for a larger project in the future and was successful on its own because we were able to match up people and their needed functions with the volunteers."

Additionally, with the help of his brother Josh, the Vice President of YCPS, and YCPS President Morry Rothberg, Wolff intends to continue Project 1 in the future with larger programs. Newspaper and can collections, food delivery for the homeless, a "chauffeur" service for people in wheelchairs, and a tutoring program for children in Jewish or Hebrew subjects are only some of the services Project 1 hopes to continue until Pesach with some continuing specifically for the holiday.

If enough people volunteer, Project 1 will then become a monthly rotation, with students participating in a number of possible volunteer projects.

SSSB Drops Prerequisites for Six Intro Courses; Liberal Arts Students Welcome

Beginning next year, all undergraduate YU students will be permitted to register for SSSB introductory courses in Management, Marketing, Management Information Systems, and Business Law without prerequisites. In the past, most YC students have refrained from taking SSSB courses as electives or correlates because of the Accounting and Economics courses which were required as prerequisites.

The six SSSB courses which will be affected by the policy change are Principles of Management, Principles of Marketing, Management Information Systems, Legal & Ethical Environment of Business, Business Law I, and Business Law II.

YCSC Raises Funds for Ambulance Corp

YCSC sponsored a March 12th fundraiser for Hatzolah, organized by Sophomore Class President Richie Maron. Hatzolah, the Jewish volunteer ambulance corps which serves the emergency medical needs of our community, requires these funds in order to maintain equipment and supplies. With the help of Assistant Dean of Students Jeffrey Chaitoff, who was set up in the lobby of Furst Hall for one afternoon. By contributing over $1,000 in just four hours, the students, faculty and administration of YU helped make this year’s fundraiser the most successful in recent memory. "I was amazed how much money we collected in such a short span of time,” commented Maron. Anyone who did not have a chance to contribute can contact Maron by contacting either Richie Maron in Rubin 306, or Jeffrey Chaitoff in Furst 413.

Drug Raid Leads to Arrests of Area Residents

Shortly before 8 a.m. on March 31st, armed NYPD officers and members of the Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT) outfitted in bullet-proof vests raided an apartment at 505 West 187th Street. According to an officer on the scene, the early morning raid resulted in eight arrests, the confiscation of four kilograms of cocaine, three grams of heroin, $20,000 in cash, and three guns: a .357 magnum, a 9mm, and a .380. The building, which is directly opposite the 187th Street entrance to Tannenbaum Hall, was surrounded by the officers for well over an hour as they searched for illegal narcotics.

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In another effort to maintain the roof, Jablonski Campus, the wood benches and tables on the pedestrian mall are being replaced. The benches and tables have also been deteriorating over time, due to the weather and, after factors. The project is expected to be as soon as the weather permits.

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Dr. Harold Nierenberg, dean designate of SSSB, explained that the courses “have been restructured in order to make them more readily accessible to all undergraduate students at YU.” Nierenberg explained that YC and SSSB students will be able to use these courses to explore the possibility of a business career, to prepare for business or law school, to prepare for an administrative position, or simply to broaden their educational experience with electives in business.

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Admissions Office Improves on YU Image

As part of an ongoing effort to attract students, YU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions has been improving its correspondence and recruitment procedures.

According to Director of Admissions Michael Kranszer, "YU competes for students who generally also apply to two major university groups: the Ivy League colleges and the state schools. The Ivy League schools have obvious academic appeal but are near Jewish; the state schools have been improving academically and are much more affordable. However, admission officials in each of these two groups share a common perception that YU students are making their schools by presenting attractive, professional images. "It is in this area," Kranszer said, "that YU's Admissions Office is steadily improving."

To that end, Kranszer has changed YU's application deadline from April 15 to February 15. "This alleviates the overcrowding problems," said Kranszer. "First, it puts us in the same deadline ballpark as Ivy League schools [who set a January 1 deadline], allowing us to compete more successfully for students applying to colleges like Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Penn. Second, in forcing students to make an easier decision about applying to YU, the new deadline will actually improve YU's image as an "also ran" [second choice] college. Also, the Admissions Office now guarantees decisions within thirty days."

Kranszer also claims to be making greater use of the wait list for borderline students, and said he will "enact a difficult fiscal times to increase the pressure to admit more tuition paying students, Kranszer believes that quality students attract other quality students. Although Admissions statistics for 1992 are not yet available, Kranszer presented figures showing an overall rejection rate of approximately 10% in 1991, he predicted that percentage will increase this year. Moreover," said Kranszer, "the actual rejection rate is much higher than 10%, and the process cannot be designed to withdraw their applications if rejection seems likely."

In fact, Kranszer claims that "these students comprise a significant political coalition. Comparing the situation of Esther with contemporary political issues, Rabbi Dr. Charles B. Kranzler recalled Mordechai's scolding of the Queen, declaring that if the Bush administration refuses to grant loan guarantees to Israel, "such a "hatazla" ("relief and salvation") will surface from another source, perhaps from "another administration within the year," pointing out the threat to the incumbent's presidency.

Following Mincha, students were asked to sign petitions declaring their "unequivocal support for the inalienable right of Jews to live anywhere in their historic homeland, Israel." Organizer has thus far collected 500 signatures, in addition to the over 1500 letters sent by YU students to Congressional representatives and Senators over the past two weeks.
The decision to discuss an individual's behavior is one that requires a great deal of thought. Our purpose is neither to poke fun, nor to malign. The issue we discuss below relates to the efficiency and atmosphere of every aspect of Yoshiva University.

The appearance of this article is prompted by a strong contention, frequently voiced, by students, faculty, employees, and administrators. With this objective, the editorial board consulted with a rabbinic authority as per halachic considerations.

In the past, The Commentator has received many complaints regarding the brusque behavior of Jeffrey Socol, Associate Director of Facilities Management. Until now, we passed them off as isolated incidents. However, there has been a recent abundance of grievances from students, faculty, employees, and administrators. Everyone is concerned with the Socol's behavior and has asked The Commentator to investigate many of the episodes.

A YU student and MTA computer room attendant Egon Brenner has been one of the individuals involved in YCSC. He began searching the rooms of Strenger Hall, the MTA computer room, for toaster ovens. He immediately asked Socol to investigate. When the guard turned Mr. Socol down, Brenner, who was a YU Vice President, called Socol's office, explaining that he was doing a service for YU, but ended up being treated like a criminal and was denied access to all rooms. An administration representative tried to mediate between the YCSC crew and Socol, but Socol wouldn't budge.

According to eyewitness accounts, one of the video crew members stated that he was a YU Vice President, a fact which has led some to believe that Socol's behavior over the years has come from students, faculty members, and even administrators, many of whom are understandably reluctant to tell their stories publicly, fearing some sort of retribution for being amiable and even developing friendships with students, while concurrently executing their responsibilities effectively.

In addition, too long. The problem has to be handled on a regular basis. Job pressure does not prevent individuals such as Don Sommers, Jeffrey Rosenberg, and the security guard from being amiable and even developing friendships with students, while concurrently executing their responsibilities.

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The incidents described here represent only a fraction of the many similar complaints about Mr. Socol’s behavior over the years. These have come from students, faculty members, and even administrators, many of whom are understandably reluctant to tell their stories publicly, fearing some sort of retribution for being amiable and even developing friendships with students, while concurrently executing their responsibilities effectively.

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**Dorm Talks Draws Crowd**

**by Jay Bailey**

Approximately forty students heard insights from Rabbis Abba Bronspiegel and Michael Shmidman at last week's Dorm Talks in Rubin Shul. The topics, titled "On Language," "Settling Down Dorm Talks" and "Da'at Dorm Talks," were introduced by moderator Rabbi Joseph Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani of YU.

The first question posed to the panelists was: why do we draw the line when we define "nivul peh" and "lilu sela," of interest, and in what way does it fit into our lives.

Rabbi Shmidman, stressing the importance of language as the fundamental characteristic that is uniquely human, he then presented various examples of situations where chazal used euphemisms place of "unacceptable" language. He related that note of none of these examples were "dirty" or "obscene," the issue is against "inappropriate language" and there is no set form of words, but in dress, gestures, and even courtesy. He stressed that taking on customs like "slapping five" in place of the traditional handshake is a way symbolic of our accepting the decision of "some fellow on the Chicago Bulls or the Knicks" who decided that this is the way we give a "yashar koach." Last, the absence of words like "please," "thank you," or an action such as holding the door. These are basic courtesies that we use as Bnei Torah.

Quoting the Rabbeinu Yona, Rabbi Bronspiegel began with the story of a Cohen, who used language involving the phrase "tail of a lizard" to describe a situation involving the lechem hapanim. He was subsequently investigated, and it was discovered that he was in fact not a Cohen.

"Thomas hearings," complete with offensive language from supposed leaders of society; to return from yeshiva and communicate a "holier-than-thou" feeling is to deny those who raised you people with two different perspectives. The rabbi who are not actually arguing.

Rabbi Shmidman added that there is almost unkown in the YU community. He explained that he prefers the term "Da'at Torah" as it is almost unknown in the YU community. Rabbi Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani of YU.

Rabbi Shmidman addressed students in Rubin Shul, for you, your attendance demonstrates that you are part of the community. Rabbi Bronspiegel addressed the last question dramatically. In response to the question [paraphrased] How does one deal if someone, when your one's learning, experience and opinion differ, he asserted that "to know my knowledge is almost unknown in the YU community. (He explained that the term "Emunat Chachamim.")

Rabbi Bronspiegel cited cases (e.g. Mordechai) where g'dolom made questionable judgements and where list were not only consistent in asking and accepting the word of his Rabbi, on a Da'at Torah issue there is more flexibility in solving the problem. He related to an instance in Israel where the Brisker Rav did not deal with a Jerusalem hotel putting in a mixed swimming pool, but fought tooth-and-nail to prevent a new Sandeshin from being established.

The first was a complicated situation with various approaches, while the second was completely anti-halacha. He stressed that the responsibility of the posek lies in determining the kind of she'elah being asked and answering accordingly.

Rabbi Blau concluded the discussion with a brief explanation of the conditions under which people may ask for themselves. He maintains that if one has learned the Gemara, the Rishonim, and all the elements that went into the Mishna Brura, and is confident that the rules apply to a particular situation, then one may decide. But the moment that a hint of doubt enters, rather than try to creatively derive the answer from a single sefer (Mishnah Brurah, Shulchan Aruch, etc.) we must go to someone who has the background to do so.

Summing up the session, Rabbi Blau noted that "It is interesting to listen to people with two different perspectives who are not actually arguing."
President. He should be someone whose
role of the highest ranking student
council elections on the brain. While it's
involve. The following is my heavily
biased account of the duties (practically,
not constitutionally, speaking) of the
YCSC Executive Council.

President - The decision maker. All
things said and done, this is the major
duty of the highest ranking student
leader. Some decisions are trivial and
insignificant, others are imperative and
above the lap of the
insignificant, others are imperative and
whom you have confidence to prevail
leader.

advocate, he should be someone in
you choose the most qualified and the most
right man to pull off this challenging plan
new projects arise. Since much of YCSC's
duties involve allocating funds, it is
essential that these funds are monitored
scrupulously.

Secretary - ???, No, those question
marks are not typing errors. While this
task of the VP in order to reduce the
bureaucracy involved in running events.
As a result, this position remains
essentially undefined. The secretary
should therefore have a clear vision of
precisely what he plans to do with the
job, which should include picking up
the slack on specific areas that he sees as
lagging behind.

Pay attention to all the candidates'
propaganda, but look beyond that to the
people themselves to see who will really
come through and who is just a big
talker. With any luck, we'll vote not
merely for five competent individuals,
but five guys who will work well together
as a team.

President of SSSBSA: Ofer Naor

by Joshua D. Goldberg

Political analysts predict a smooth
ride for Ofer Naor in his race for SSSBSA
President. Naor, an Accounting major,
running unopposed for the position;
two possible competitors decided to run
for other positions due to personal
conflicts. He feels that running
unopposed will be greatly beneficial to
his position. Rather than shutdown the
sure-thing election, Naor promised
to campaign anyway in an effort to reach
out to SSSB students.

When asked about his qualifications
for the job, Naor called attention to his
experience within the system. His role
as a member of the YC/SSSB Uptown
Senate Task Force on SSSB and hands-
on experience running the Accounting
Department's tutoring service, coupled
with a close friendship with this year's
president, Laizer Kornwasser, has
taught him how to interact with students
and work within the organization of
SSSB.

Plans for next year emphasize student
involvement, including class
representatives and a suggestions box.
He stressed that interaction with a new
dean, open to new ideas and activities,
will be essential for a successful year.

YCSC Vice Presidents

by Stephen P. Davidson

In the race for YCSC Vice President, two
candidates, Avraham Cohen and David
Saffra, are vying for the office currently
occupied by Steven Uddan. The candidates
bring interesting ideas and varying levels of
experience to the table.

Cohen, a JSS student majoring in
Economics, said that "There are two big
problems affecting YC and Stern.
The first, dealing with YC alone, is the lack of unity
between the yeshivish YF group and the JSS,'less frum' crowd." Cohen suggests a
program that would bridge the two crowds,
such as "staging events that would draw all
types of people, or having a Beit Midrash
program with VP guys assisting others who
need help." Cohen maintains that he is:
the right man to pull off this challenging plan
because as he points out, "I am part of both
crowds. I fit in with everyone."

Vice-President, Liberal Arts - The
events coordinator. Beyond the
Chamaka Concert and student parking,
the VP is responsible for assisting all
class councils, clubs and societies in
running events and programs. He
should be energetic, know (or at least be
able to research) the history of the Yeshiva
University, and enjoy dealing with
people. Ideally, the VP should
complement the positions which the
President lacks, to ensure that various
interests are not overlooked.

Vice-President, Business - The
SSSBSA President. Yes, he does serve
many YCSC executive council, although
a quick look at past yearbooks will show
you that this seldom actually occurred.
Thus, in addition to a vision for SSSB, he
should also have in mind plans for
improving the entire campus.

Treasurer - The accountant. I cannot
stress the importance of this position
enough. The back bone behind YCSC.
He should be either a) someone who
loves book-keeping, orb) someone sharp
enough to never allow himself to fall
behind. He should be able to not only
track every penny YCSC has spent, but
also give accurate fiscal projections as

Saffra, a Political Science major in MYP,
quickly points to his vast experience in all
areas of student activity. "Having been
involved in numerous school activities,
Saffra is currently a student Senator, president of the Poli Sci society, Business
Manager for The Commentator, and
Undersecretary General of the Yeshiva
University Network on Model United
Nations. I have found that it is extremely important to
have a clear and knowledgeable
understanding of the activities and what
goes into their organization. Student council
elections offer the student body the
opportunity to decide who will represent
them-who will act as their voice. The proper
role for a member of the student Council is
be aware of the wants and needs of the
students and not his own personal agenda.
Therefore, as an example, I would allow
students to choose for themselves the
performers for the Chanuka Concert and
other activities."

This position is simply fundamental to
cabinet activity; the man who holds its
integral to student life, and it is worth your while to
talk to the candidates so that you can make a
responsible choice.

YCSC Treasurer

Avi Speiser - Accounting Major
Experience:
Sophomore Class Treasurer
Junior Class Treasurer
Yacht Cruise
Sterm Shabbaton
Jackie Mason Show
Blind Date Night
Undergraduate Security Committee
Circulating Editor for the Guide
Freshman Orientation
Ticket Sales, YCDS

Bruce Tager - Accounting Major
Experience:
Manager of Caf Mart
Treasurer for Phi Beta Lambda
Teacher's Asst., Stats for Bus.
Student Tutor for Accounting
VC Volleyball Team

On these pages you will find information on many of the candidates running for the YCSC Student Council of
1992-3. Reading this is only the first step, however. Please join us tonight for the Annual Candidates
Debate in Rubin Shul at 10:30. There, you will hear provocative questions and discussions in order to help
you choose the most qualified and the most appropriate man for the job.
Baruch is perhaps our most unique candidate, his platform being, "I have had a lot a good ideas that people didn't take seriously because I look different... there's no fun on campus; it's dull and boring."

Some of you may remember Baruch from a large birthday party he threw for himself at El Batura, a local meringue establishment. He also worked on the Pickle Sale for the Environmental Society. On a more personal level, he has done advertising for his friends' campaigns in the past and he boasts a collection of 3,000 antique ties that he has accumulated from old men in his shul. He claims it is the biggest collection in Staten Island.

Herfeld cites his creativity, demonstrated in his redecorating the bunks in Camp Moshava. In addition, he "advises" his friend Seth Gerszberg in various enterprises. Once, they sold rocks from a Moshav and claimed they were from the Berlin Wall, thereby making many people "very happy." They also built a house on the back of a truck on the way to Florida. His interest in archaeology and pottery led Baruch to work on his current project, painting a large pot in his room.

His campaign promise is to fulfill all the promises of his opponents. "After all," he explained, "they are all valid ideas and there is no reason not to take them."

When asked about a possible weakness, he admitted that he is in some ways unorganized, but he is not worried as the Treasurer will take care of finances, phone calls, and the like.

Perhaps his most dramatic plan is to fight for women to be allowed in the dormitories. "If people think they can control themselves they have a chance. It's not a halachic problem." This issue will obviously stir up controversy, to say the least. Baruch added that he thinks that Rabbi Cheifetz acts too much like a "technocrat" rather than an adviser.

Baruch favors a multi-colored poncho around campus, and sees nothing unusual about wearing what he wants. Most of his clothes are multi-purpose, he noted.
Lamm Delivers Yahrtzeit Shiur to Capacity Crowd, Discusses Anger
by Michael Eisenberg

Making thinly veiled allusions to student protests against the restructuring of the Bernard Revel Graduate School, President Norman Lamm delivered his annual shiur commemorating the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Spector and Dr. Samuel Belkin, entitled, "Anger and Its Correlates in Halachic and Mussar of Judaism," to the Rabbinic Alumni and student body.

Speaking to a capacity crowd in the Main Beit Midrash, Lamm discussed the sugya in Masechet Shabbat dealing with one who rends his garment out of grief or anger on shabbat. He offered three alternate interpretations to explain Maimonides' seeming omission of the Gemara's final answer that one who rends his garment out of anger is considered to be an idol worshipper. Upon concluding his halachic analysis of the sugya, Rabbi Lamm expounded on the ethical underpinnings of the character trait, anger.

Quoting from Maimonides' Hilkhot De'ot, Lamm explained that anger is one of the two character traits on which one does not take the middle road, but rather distance himself from it greatly. Further, he pointed to the midrashic tragegory of the serpent, stating that one much like the serpent often couches his egotistical and repugnant anger in idealism and "noble causes." Commenting on the mussar section of the shiur, YC senior and first year semicha student Simcha Axelrod stated, "I thought it was very skillfully done. He didn't mention Revel once but he mentioned it thousand times."

President of the Rabbinic Alumni, Rabbi Bernard Rosenweig stated that "the average member of the Rabbinic Alumni found it [the shiur] very edifying and food for thought."

expanding air-time from 8 hours daily to 24 hour programming, and the possibility of FCC licensing.

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to eliminate the vending machines at SCW for the summer months, leaving Azriel students with no on-campus food services. Also tabled were the elimination of Sunday meals and weekday breakfasts, pending further investigation.

Recommendations of this Subcommittee still must be approved by the University's Board of Trustees.

"Keep the mandatory meal plan at $1,000 and compete like any other business for the remaining market share," maintains Kornwasser. "Let the students decide where they want to spend their money!"

by Joel Haber

Between 50 and 60 students attended the March 10th inaugural SSSB Trustees Forum hosted by Josh Weston, chairman and C.O.O. of Automatic Data Processing. Speakers included Alair Townshend, publisher of Crain's New York Business, Alan Belzer, president and C.E.O. of Allied-Signal Corporation, and Sy Syms, who made a special guest appearance. The goal of the program was to give students the opportunity to learn about various fields from insiders; the speakers discussed their particular companies and respective industries.

Ms. Townshend, a former deputy mayor of New York City under Ed Koch, entered the publishing field with no prior experience. Crain's had been looking for someone with a strong management track record as well as an individual who was "New York-minded." They wanted their publisher to be able to sell New York as a "dandy place to do business." She noted that her job as a publisher focuses primarily on the business side of the periodical without too much emphasis on the editorial side. Nevertheless, she works closely with the editor to create the magazine's image.

Townshend discussed the relative benefits of various careers in publishing, focusing on jobs in sales, marketing/promotion, and circulation. She pointed out the excellent opportunities for men in sales as well as the fact that it is a good way to "get a foot into the door of the industry."

The publishing industry has changed in recent years, according to Townshend. She noted a rise in niche publications aimed at more specific 'target audiences.' Townshend attributed this to the increase of new ad mechanisms which give advertisers more options and therefore make it tougher for print, radio, and television to attract advertisements.

Mr. Belzer began by citing the overwhelming success his company has consistently enjoyed as a chemical producer. Allied-Signal was #36 on this year's Fortune 500, had sales of $12 billion, and earnings from continuing operations of $342 million. The company's three major fields are aerospace, automotive, and engineering materials (industrial chemicals).

Belzer stressed Total Quality Management (TQM) as the path to success in business. This includes "excellence as a way of life," the supremacy of the customer, continuous improvement, and the effort to involve every employee in the decision-making process as much as possible. He emphasized commitment, passion, aggressiveness, and maintenance of contemporary skills as crucial for success in business.

Mr. Weston, the forum's host, told the students that his experience in the mail order business gave him insight which helped him in ADP's computer payroll business. In terms of strategy, he noted that "you must believe you can be number one and then earn that distinction. He stressed the importance of long-term client relationships with an ongoing revenue stream.

All of the speakers felt that one should not be afraid to switch companies or careers after a few years, as did Townshend and Weston. They felt that one should also examine the flexibility which any job offers.

The speakers also said that they considered experience more important than salary in choosing a first job. Mr. Syms, a YU Board member, felt that monetary concerns should not hold much weight in decisions regarding first jobs and Belzer added that the "money will take care of itself."

In the next forum, on April 6th, Weston will host Michael Goldstein, vice chairman of Toys "R" Us, Robert Levenson, senior executive vice president and C.O.O. of Medco Containment Services, and Gordon O'Brien, senior vice president of Human Resources for Schering-Plough Corporation.

Students Hear from Executives at SSSB Trustees Forum
SSSB Emergency Meeting
by Joel Haber

Due to overwhelmingly poor job placement among graduating seniors, the Sy Syms Placement Office held an "Emergency Meeting," on Thursday March 26, during Club Hour. While the SSSB administration maintained that the meeting was merely called to stress the importance of proper preparation in the job search, many students felt that the administration was "blaming" the students for the low rate of hirings. SSSB Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll claimed the meeting was called to bolster student morale and out of concern "that enough of the students were not taking their placement as seriously as they should." Initial complaints related to certain people arriving late for interviews, coming unprepared, or only preparing at the last minute. Recruiter feedback was not as positive as it had been in previous years, striking an alarm within the Sy Syms Administration "vis a vis the business community." Jaskoll felt that it could have a negative impact on the "perceived nature of the school" and could therefore affect those students who were taking their job search seriously. He urged people who are not serious not to "go through the motions." Jaskoll also pointed out that many students were not doing any legwork on their own, but were merely relying on the SSSB Placement Office. Many, he claimed, do not check newspaper classified sections for job offerings. He added that there is nothing wrong with a liberal arts major pursuing a career in business. Nonetheless, he reassured the SSSB students that "They don't pick people just by GPA." More important to the firms, he alleged, are a student's practical knowledge and interviewing skills.

Another student charge was that the school is not willing to list alumni to the fullest potential. Students alleged that alumni were only being contacted about jobs in their specific departments. Instead, many students suggest, alumni should be asked to make contacts throughout their firms.

Jaskoll claimed that alumni are not usually in a position to hire. Also, the Administration felt that the constant prodding of alumni for job placement could hurt their utility for fund-raising. However, he added, the office follows up, both in writing and over the phone, on all leads regarding an alumnus who may want to help.

To reassure students who were taking their job search seriously, Jaskoll pointed out that as firms make their decisions later and later each year, people have been receiving offers later and later. He also suggested that students make themselves more visible around the Placement Office, update their resumes, and let the office know that they are available.

He apologized for the perception of the meeting as an accusation and admitted that he might have come down too hard. However, Jaskoll added, the timing was right, coming just before Pesach. He suggested that over the holiday vacation students complete a cover letter, respond to ads in the newspaper, and go on informational interviews. He additionally advised "networking" wherever a student spends his vacation. "The lobby of the Laromme is a great place to network over Pesach vacation," said Jaskoll.

Finally, Jaskoll stated that SSSB had 80% placement last year while many of the other schools were happy to get 30%. "You must be in the right frame of mind to be successful. If you are not in this frame of mind, deactivate yourself and wait until you are."
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courses per semester totaling thirty-two. However, the present administration plans to envision fourteen courses per semester plus an additional four courses to be given during the summer in conjunction with the Harry Fischel School. Task Force Co-Chairman Dr. Sid Leiman commented, "It's a little below what the Task Force wanted as a minimalist position but we live in a world of compromise. The total package, the new Board and a dean we want, is welcome. We need Administration, faculty and student to build from here."
Sy Syms Visits JJC

YU Business School board member Sy Syms visited the uptown campus on March 23 for a tour of the Caf Store and Morg Mart. Afterward, Mr. Syms talked with the SSSB presidents as well as the managers of the two stores and Stern College’s Milner’s Market; they discussed possible ways to improve sales and service for the three businesses.

Laizer Kornwasser, president of SSSB, expressed gratitude and hopes that Mr. Syms will reciprocate and invite SSSB students for a tour of his stores and an explanation of his company’s techniques.

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Shea Farkas, president of SOY, felt that the Chagiga was “a great success, adding to the raucous and feelings of the day’s events.” Nevertheless, Farkas, who is also an EMT, expressed concern that the overcrowded Beit Midrash posed a serious safety hazard. Although no one was seriously injured this year, Farkas noted that in the past some people had to be brought to the hospital for injuries sustained due to the overcrowding. Regarding the suggested move to Belfer Commons, Farkas responded that “there’s a good case to be made both ways, but for next year I would recommend moving to Belfer because safety has to supersede sentimentality.”

The overcrowding was especially severe for the women, who had less space to begin with. Since YU policy is to not let students from Stern into Rubin or Morgenstern Halls on the night of the Chagiga, women who wanted to leave the Beit Midrash had to stay in the equally crowded refreshment and coat rooms or go outside in the ongoing snowstorm. Susan Schlussel, president of SCWSC, described the crowded Beit Midrash as “unbearable,” complaining that “there was no room to dance.” Schlussel hoped that the Chagiga would be moved to Belfer next year.

Faith Chudnoff, President of TAC, disagreed, saying, “I’d rather be a little crowded in the Beit Midrash than move to Belfer; it would take away from the spirit of the Chagiga.”

Rabbi Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani, explained that “we have a lot of factors to balance,” regarding the debate over whether to relocate the Chagiga to Belfer. “We don’t want to lose the atmosphere of the Beis Medrash,” said Rabbi Blau, noting that “the Beis Medrash represents the essence of the Yeshiva.” On the other hand, he admitted that it becomes physically impossible to keep the Chagiga in the Beit Midrash, a move to Belfer might be necessary. Rabbi Blau stressed that since the Chagiga is a SOY event, students themselves must make the ultimate decision regarding the crowding problem. As an alternative to moving to Belfer, Rabbi Blau offered the possibility that “it may be the time to evaluate if the women should have their own Chagiga at Stern.”
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Macs End Season on a Downer
by Eric Melzer

On March 2, the Yeshiva Macs played their final contest of the 1991-92 season versus the N.Y.U. Violets at Madison Square Garden. The game marked the first time that Yeshiva played at the "old" Garden on Fifty-Third Street. The Macs had not played at Madison Square Garden since 1957 when they played at the "old" Garden on Fifteenth Street. Twenty-five hundred fans attended the game, held prior to a Big East Conference matchup between the St. John's Redmen and the Georgetown Hoyas. The Macs knew that they were clearly facing an uphill battle against a dominant opponent. Earlier that day, the N.C.A.A. had invited N.Y.U. to their annual Division Three Tournament by virtue of N.Y.U.'s outstanding 23-3 record.

As expected, N.Y.U. won handily 84-47, but it was reasonably close after the first half. Miko Danan (21 points) hit a long-range three pointer at the buzzer to cut the Violet lead to fourteen (37-23). After the break, however, N.Y.U. displayed its overwhelming size and strength and coasted to victory.

On March 1, Madison Square Garden honored legendary Yeshiva coach Bernard "Red" Sarachek on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the YU game at Madison Square Garden. Most of the members of the 1957 team, known as the Mighty Mites, were present and came on to the court to honor their former coach. Coach Sarachek, however, was not present due to illness.

Despite this landmark event, many students were quite upset regarding the game at Madison Square Garden. Some complained that certain faculty members actually discouraged their attendance at the game since tipoff was at 5 P.M. (during class). Others expressed their displeasure at the Garden itself. The Garden security forbade students from sitting at courtside during the Yeshiva-N.Y.U. game despite the fact that almost all of the seats were empty. Students were even threatened by Security Guards that they would be ejected from the arena if they persisted in attempting to sit closer to the court. A few students even felt they were being treated in a discriminatory fashion, allowing N.Y.U. students to sit at courtside, while forcing Yeshiva students to sit in the stands. In any event, both Yeshiva and N.Y.U. students held Third Promenade tickets.

The Macs finished the season at 13-10. The leading scorer by points was Miko Danan (34) and by average, it was Daniel Aaron (20.4). David Cohen led the team with assists, averaging 5.2 per game, while Daniel Aaron led in field goal percentage (58.7%) while Miko Danan bested all in 3-point field goals made (48). The Macs outscored everyone by 0.8 points but were outrebounded by 7.4 rebounds. These figures tend to indicate a season of mediocrity, but in light of the multitude of injuries, it was a reasonably solid season. The Macs thank the 1,705 fans who attended the games this year, both at home and on the road.

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Senate Update

Many students at YU seem to know very little about the YC/SSSB Uptown Senate and what it has accomplished this year. Regrettably, it took a recent article in The Commentator to give students their first inkling that a Senate even existed. However, the Senate is an extremely important institution at YU; it is the only forum where faculty, staff, and administrators sit together bi-weekly to discuss academic issues.

The Senate has already discussed next year's undergraduate academic calendar and a motion was passed urging an earlier start to the school year. While any motions the Senate makes are non-binding on the administration, they are usually closely adhered to. Other calendar options which have been debated include scheduling both the Spring and Fall final schedules to allow vacation on Memorial Day, an earlier graduation date, and the completion of Spring finals before Shavuot.

Another issue which has been discussed by the Senate is the improvement of student/faculty interaction. A Task Force has been established to investigate the issue, and they have drafted letters to YCSC clubs and YU faculty urging closer faculty involvement with student events. Possible options for the future include dinners, meetings of all students and faculty within a given major, and the establishment of faculty interaction with students as a precondition for tenure.

This year's Senate has made a number of major changes which will hopefully benefit the institution for the future. In the past, the Senate has spent two to four meetings planning an agenda for the year. This year, however, the Senate has voted on a rolling agenda. In simple terms, this year's agenda will carry over to next year. A number of Task Forces have been established which will continue to function into next year. These include task forces on the English composition requirement; a re-evaluation of the number of credits granted for AP's, CLEP's, Israel and transfer credits; the SSSB curriculum.

In an effort to achieve greater recognition on campus, the Senate has made attempts to advertise its meetings. Joshua Pollack, secretary of the Senate, has posted minutes of every meeting on campus several weeks after the most recent meeting. Additionally, he has established a space on the Yeshiva College bulletin board specifically reserved for the Senate. A list of all senators, as well as the minutes of the most recent meeting, has been posted in this space. Says Pollack, "It is extremely important for students to know what is going on at YU. The Senate is a critical forum for debate, and students must know what is discussed in its meetings."
YU Invites Eight High Schools to Basketball Tourney

by Eric Melzer

Yeshiva University hosted its first annual Bernard "Red" Sarachek Basketball Tournament last weekend from Thursday March 26th through Monday March 30th. The tournament was run by the YU Office of Admissions and the YU Athletic Department. Three teams from the Metropolitan area and five teams from other parts of the country participated in the weekend festivities. From New York, MTA, HAFTR, and Ramaz attended, while the out of town schools included YULA, Valley Torah of Los Angeles, Hillel of North Miami Beach, Hebrew Academy of Montreal, and Block Yeshiva High School of St. Louis.

Most of the tournament was sponsored by a majority owner of the New Jersey Nets, who is a parent of an MTA student. At the conclusion of the tournament, the players and coaches on all eight teams were given complementary tickets for the New Jersey Nets versus the San Antonio Spurs at the Meadowlands Arena. "It's a really special thing because we don't even have a professional team in St. Louis," remarked Aaron Topper, a forward from Block Yeshiva High School of St. Louis.

Each of the eight teams played four games in the Max Stern Athletic Center in the five tournament days. MTA defeated HAFTR in the tournament finals, 45-43 as MTA Captain Barry Aranoff connected from eight feet with two seconds remaining in the game.

Sunday March 29th marked the tournament's real high point. After the second basketball game, Macc Basketball Coach and Tournament Coordinator Jonathan Halpertheld a basketball clinic together with Red Sarachek for the members of all eight teams. In the evening, the tournament held a banquet. The keynote speakers were Lou Carnesecca, Men's Basketball Coach of the St. John's Redmen, and Willies, Reed, Hall of Famer and General Manager of the New Jersey Nets.

The tournament was named for Bernard "Red" Sarachek, former coach of the Yeshiva Macs who were then known as the Mighty Mites. Sarachek was recently inducted into the New York Basketball Hall of Fame.

Volleyball Macs Try a New Approach: Winning

The 1992 Volleyball Macs did something that no previous YU volleyball team had been able to do: win matches. With a strong starting lineup and a solid bench, the Macs were able to tie the school record for team victories with six.

The Macs' success this season can be attributed to many factors. First, the Macs changed their defensive strategy. They had only two players returning, up to the usual six. This enabled Coach Omar Vargas to utilize his strongest defensive players, Jeremy Bandler and Avi Steinlauf more frequently. Also, the team as a whole had a lot of playing experience. Many of the players were second or third year veterans. Finally, the Macs were dedicated. They played each game with all of their heart and gave 100% effort in whatever they did.

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Tennis Team Holds Its Own

by Andrew Sicklick

Behind the leadership of Coach Robert Wind and Captains David Boim and Brian Kalb, the YC tennis team opened their season with an exciting victory over Pratt Institute. After Victor Boletsky, Avi Bauml, and Ari Pinchot won their singles matches, YU won two doubles matches, tying the meet at four games apiece. The tie-breaking match ended 8-1. The "Captain Duo" asserted themselves as the elite players in the league and easily won their doubles match. Kalb also posted a dominating straight set victory. Rookie sensation Jordan "Barn Barn" Sudberg cruised 3-1 record. Captain Kalb feels that "This season produced many outstanding fencers. Unfortunately, these players were greatly missed and Boim handed over to the usual six. This enabled Coach Omar Vargas to utilize his strongest defensive players, Jeremy Bandler and Avi Steinlauf more frequently. Also, the team as a whole had a lot of playing experience. Many of the players were second or third year veterans. Finally, the Macs were dedicated. They played each game with all of their heart and gave 100% effort in whatever they did.

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