Koch Conveys Anger and Pride

by Michael Eisenberg

Former New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch delivered a spirited talk which addressed a range of topics including politics, race relations and Jewish pride. A crowd of over 600 students, alumni and faculty attended the event which followed a dinner in Koch’s honor.

The colorful ex-mayor, described by YCSC President Avi Steinlauf as “one of America’s most quotable mayors,” dedicated the first part of his speech to the Crown Heights incident and what he termed his “righteous anger.” Koch related that in the minutes preceding his remarks, he discussed righteous anger with Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik, who was sitting in the front row.

Calling the Crown Heights riots a pogrom, Koch lamented the state of the Justice System as well as Mayor David Dinkins’ response to the chaos. “We have to worry that a jury will exonerate a Black because they’re afraid of a riot. Some system of Justice!” Focusing on Dinkins, Koch stated, “Many people believe, I believe, that the Mayor [Dinkins] was responsible for three days of rioting.” He emphatically added, “He [Dinkins] said that it was a police decision [to refrain from enforcing the law], baloney!”

However, Koch also faulted the Jewish community, “I am trying to convey to you righteous anger,” he said. “There should have been 45,000 at the Crown Heights rally. I didn’t see the Jews from Manhattan there . . . There were no members of Congress there. . . I am filled with righteous anger.”

Pressing his point further, Koch commented on a statement made to him by a Jewish community leader, who said that hasidim shame the Jewish community. The former mayor exclaimed, “You dog! They don’t look like you; they don’t dress like you, but they are you.”

Student Simcha Axelrod questioned continued on page 6

Task Force Investigates Low Enrollment

by Ari Rosenstein

In response to a report on admissions, President Dr. Norman Larman appointed a task force to investigate dwindling enrollment at YU. The Task Force, headed by Dean of Students Efrem Nulman, was commissioned to survey the entire scope of Yeshiva College and to develop recruitment strategies.

According to Nulman, President Larman requested that the Task Force, which turned in its confidential report last week, “analyze and evaluate the college and its programs . . . look at the entire operation, and rerecommend courses of action for change.”

Although Nulman would not comment on the reported low enrollment figures, he insisted that the Task Force was not specifically formed to analyze enrollment, and that it would have been commissioned regardless. “All colleges should have long and short term plans,” he said, “to achieve not only immediate goals, but to improve the future as well.”

Nulman maintained that the commissioning of the Task Force would still be appropriate even if the college was “bursting at the seams.” However, Associate Director of Admissions Michael Kranzler admitted that there has been a steady erosion of admissions over the past few years. Whereas over 900 students enrolled in YC in 1988, approximately 800 enrolled this year. Kranzler stated that especially in a time of recession, when YU is receiving lower government funding, steady enrollment is crucial for the University.

Nevertheless, Kranzler contends that the low enrollment figures are not necessarily cause for alarm. He maintains that “many variables,” such as the current recession and the increased popularity of Israeli yeshivot are affecting admissions. The actual number of new students at YC has not decreased significantly, but since more students are continued on page 10

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A Word from the Chairman
Anger Without Agression

The recent "not-guilty" verdict in the trial of Lemrick Nelson, the acquitted suspect in the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, stirred many strong emotions in the Jewish community. Accordingly, everyone is certainly entitled to his personal opinion and individual reaction.

However, Rabbi Avraham Weiss, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies at Stern College, overstepped the bounds of right and entered the realm of wholly unacceptable behavior. On the night of the verdict, Rabbi Weiss and several of his supporters traveled to the Crown Heights area where they were among the few who demonstrated violently. There, Rabbi Weiss physically attacked the news crew of Lou Young of WNBC News/New York which was covering the Jewish community's reaction to the verdict.

This type of behavior certainly does not reflect the principles of Judaism. Aggression is most often not the best answer to a problem. "Lo k chol ya'avor ve-ki'innor be'ch'lyil Hashem." Not the hothead combat, nor through force, but through my presence, said God.

Through his aggression in the aftermath of the Crown Heights verdict, Rabbi Weiss caused a chiddush insham, managed to augment anti-Semitism and furred hatred, all without any apparent gain. Devotion to important causes is admirable, but Rabbi Weiss' expression of commitment is unbefitting for a God fearing Jew.

Gracelness at Gracie

The American Justice system has spoken, like it or not. While we are entitled to disagree with the acquittal of Lemrick Nelson, we must accept it, as it stems from the due process of the American judicial system. The Constitution mandates that an accused has the right to a jury trial by his peers. Lemrick Nelson's peers happen to be six Blacks, four Hispanics and two Whites who found that there was reasonable doubt as to whether he murdered Yankel Rosenbaum. That is the law; a jury must believe beyond reasonable doubt that the accused carried out the alleged crime.

While justice might have been served in the courtroom, City Hall reeks of injustice and insensitivity. New York City Mayor David Dinkins' callousness and insincerity has further exacerbated tensions and calls into question his ability to lead this city. Instead of taking an evenhanded approach to the Crown Heights crisis, Dinkins revealed, through his non-actions, anti-Semitic leanings. New Yorkers in the Jewish community have long felt that they are invisible outside the safe confines of City Hall crying meekness and prejudice. Following a national election that presaged a trend for change, whether for an alumnus, a community member or an outsider, whether for an emergency operation or just to help meet monthly expenses, the recent "not-guilty" verdict in the trial of Lemrick Nelson, the acquitted suspect in the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, was a clear indication of the level of interest and participation.

The Pictorial will return next issue.

Learning Aides

One of the most typical characteristics of our people is the capacity to give when a fellow Jew is in need. Nowhere is this more evident than in the YU Beit Medrash. In order to relieve the unfortunate distress of others, Mashgiach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blass frequently turns to tzedakah for assistance. Whether for an alumnus, a community member or an outsider, whether for an emergency operation or just to help meet monthly expenses, the response to his post-Maariv appeals is always remarkable.

It is not the amount collected that is so exceptional, but the manner in which the money is contributed. Without fail, students immediately, and without deliberation, cover the central bima with bills. Without hesitating, students take a minute out of their learning to donate what they can. From an honest and heartfelt sense of community responsibility, each request is greeted with consideration and enthusiasm. The YU student can always count on the good of the "community," defined as broadly as possible. This is the natural outgrowth of the Torah U'Madda philosophy. (In his second Torah U'Madda lecture Rav Aharon Soloveitchik called upon YU to open a school of government for this reason.)

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The concept of working for Tikvah and Tishri Olam animate us and our life philosophy (see D. Shatz 3 Torah U'Madda Journal 98), then working in politics - where ideas become actions and reality - should be considered seriously by the YU student. The Torah's rights (both Jewish and Christian) have been muscle flexing in politics for some time. The YU community should contribute its strength, voice, and insight to the polis as well.

Sincerely,

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现场, 我们的一个学生在那里...
I found myself agreeing with Mr. Aziz. If you have no interest in that type program, perhaps YU is not for you. I am interested in those classes that federated from his astonishing intellect and perspective, I find Mr. Aziz’s comments particularly offensive. Never in the ten years I was at YU, or in the four years that Rav Schachter, was the concept of “making lots of money,” or “contributing to the Alumni fund” ever broached or attributed any major significance. It seems that so many of the positions that Aziz’s fulsome are rarely been approached by any YU representative soliciting funds for YU.

Mr. Aziz’s statements regarding Rav Blau are similarly faulty. I will not go into great detail on this point here; suffice it to say that Rav Blau’s remarks with a defense. Aziz’s fallacies are readily evident for anyone to read.

Finally, Aziz’s remarks concerning Sammy’s study prove that his ignorance is indeed knowledge. I recommend that Sammy take a few philosophy and ideology courses (and maybe some English classes for good measure) before he tries to take and abstract comments made by Dr. Lamm and apply them to his warped philosophy. By imputing the words “don’t worry everything willno longer be as you expect it to be” he is nothing but a little kid who is arguing about the nature of Jewish history, Aziz not only demonstrates disdain for his university of choice and its leaders, but in addition, illustrates a lack of intellectual sophistication, which is nothing short of contemptible.

In no way is YU perfect. I’m sure it has its share of those that students judiciously raise. I would be the last to deny that there are problems in the way of the system of which we receive. However, why can’t we emphasize the positive aspects of Yeshiva. Instead of focusing on the bad points.

Many students here seem to feel that they have made a compromise in coming to YU. By taking the “easy way out” and not entering the “real world” of a secular college, they feel that they are missing something important. No doubt they are. I think many of us are far too close-minded and naïve; but the easy way out! By choosing YU we are choosing a double curriculum, and whether you are MYP, IBC or JSS, you are devoting yourself to as many hours of class as any other student in any other University in the country.

These are more because we value our Jewish heritage and want to learn more about it and are willing to put in the hours and effort to accomplish our goals. Is this reason to put ourselves down? No, but developing our very own “Yeshiva culture” and YU as much as you are willing to put in. If Mr. Aziz has not grasped that concept yet, then the direction he is looking for may well be elsewhere.

Ari Weisbrot
7C’90

YESHA Responds

To the Editor,

“Extremist-right-wingnationalism...cultlike mentality, ignoring all realities...self-righteous moral superiority...and implicit generalizations of the Israeli Right seem as if they were picked from a list of popular media stereotypes. Top this off with a gratuitous attack on the Israeli leadership and a belittling of the valiant and courageous efforts of fellow Jews for Jesus, a missionary cult committed to leading Jews to stay from derekh Hashem. For a second I thought I was reading an essay by Shmuel Aloni, but alas, it’s an essay by my third floor neighbor, Eric Creizman.

Creizman states that his purpose is to establish that the ideas of granting Palestinian autonomy and “land for peace” are not only legitimate, but may even be indicative of a true Israeli patriot.” Unfortunately, he dedicates practically his entire piece to bashing the “cult-like tactics” of the Right rather than defending his point. Creizman bases his only argument on a poll of I.D.F. generals who claim that Israeli’s security would not be compromised by a withdrawal from Judea and Samaria. This outdated suggestion of “land for peace” was even abandoned by the Labor party in favor of a revamped Likud autonomy plan in their securing of a 1992 election victory.

In an oversight ill-suited to a religious Jew, Creizman neglects to consider our patronal heritage as a rationale for remaining in Judea and Samaria. Perhaps the Left’s Menachem Begin argued that since Zionism’s original claim to Palestine is based on a right to return to our Biblical homeland, any surrender of the next time Mr. Creizman would like to express his opinion on the activities of his fellow Jews he will abandon his slanderous polemics and engage in free and open debate.

Eric Weisberg
Y.C. ’93
Co-Chairman, Student Action for YESHA (STAY)

Redirecting Aziz

To the Editor,

I’m writing to wish a yascher kochacha to Eric Creizman on his insightfully op-ed “YESHA—Y.U.’s PC.” I’d like to add a few comments to his otherwise superb article.

Rabbi Leibiter’s lecture I was approximately one enthusiastic activist. Waving a long list of students eager to help the cause of the yeshivah in Yehuda, Shomron, and Azza, he asked me if he could approach by one enthusiastic activist. I was approached by one enthusiastic activist. I was asked by Rabbi Leibiter that I refused, but I was shocked and dismayed at the enthusiasm with which he was received; not because I think that political activism is a bad thing, or even that I disagree with the cause of the Yishuv. Rather, I was worried about how easily students, eager to express their wonderful Zionist feelings, were won over by Rabbi Leibiter’s arguments.

Rabbi Leibiter insists that in the past elections, “the parties to the right of the Likud increased their representation by including the seats of the ideologically right National Religious Party (Mafdal) in the pre-election right wing. But included in them in the post-election right wing, but included in them in the post-election right wing.” Later, on page four of his essay, he asks, “What is it about the idea of land for peace which the average Israeli finds so appalling?” He neglects to mention all of the recent Israeli public opinion polls which show the Israeli public increasingly open to the idea of
Deli Kasbah 

Open Uptown

Deli Kasbah, located on Amsterdam Avenue across from Tannenbaum Hall, opened two weeks ago at the old site of Deli Kasbah. However, the restaurant has been much slower than Dery anticipated. Thus far Yeshiva student turnout has been much slower than Dery anticipated. Sunday, November 15: YC and SSSB Open House Uptown Campus, 9:00 AM

Tuesday, November 17: SSSB Speaker - NY State Office of the Comptroller Better Hall, Room 411, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18: Men's Fencing Meet vs. Alumni and 21: Men's Wrestling Meet MSAC, 2:00 PM

Friday, November 20 and 21: JCC Residence Halls Shabbat Program: Rabbi Mayer Schiller, TMSTA, Speaker

Sunday, November 22: Men's Wrestling Meet vs SUNY Farmingdale MSAC, 2:00 PM

Monday, November 23: Morg Mart--New and Improved

The Joint Business Society (JBS) run Morg Mart, now offering sandwiches from Time Out Pizza, has reopened under the management of YC senior Dov Schreier and SSSB junior Avromi Friedman. According to Schreier, Morg Mart's prices are now ten to fifteen percent lower than the Caf Store's on most items. Urging students to do their late night shopping at Morg Mart rather than the Caf Store, Schreier explained that in addition to its lower prices, all of the profit goes back into the students' pockets. Additionally, Schreier hopes that the newly installed video game machines in the lounge adjacent to the Mart will help business. Schreier explained how Morg Mart can make a good profit despite its low prices. "The only overhead we have is the cost of the machines which we own and maintain," Schreier explained. "We'll make a profit on the machines while also making a profit on the food and drinks." Morg Mart will be open Sunday through Thursday, from 10:00 pm until 1:00 am. These hours are flexible and, if students express an interest, can be extended.

--Ari Listowsky
Insects and Drugs

Dr. Jerald Meinwald, a professor of Chemistry at Cornell University, delivered a Wednesday, November 4 lecture entitled, "The Chemistry of Every Day Insect Life." The lecture is one of a series of discourses delivered by renowned scientists and sponsored by Dr. Ira Kukin, Vice Chairman of The Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. The Chemistry Department sponsored a dinner which preceded the lecture. Dr. Lea Brown, chairwoman of the SCW Chemistry Department, introduced Dr. Meinwald who then delivered a lecture on the chemistry of insectile, and drugs in insect life. Professor J. I. Borowitz, chairman of the SCW Chemistry Department, later commented that Dr. Meinwald was among the pioneers in the field of the chemistry of insectile, a relatively new area.

Daniel Hakimi, President of the YC Department, stated, "It was a great success, mainly because many students found the topic both unique and genuinely interesting."

---Patrn Farzenfar

Halloween Disturbances at the J.C.

by Ari Listowsky

Saturday October 31, Halloween afternoon, at 4:33 p.m., two Hispanic brothers were gunned down near Morganstern Hall, on the corner of Laurel Hill Terrace and 186th street. The two murderers, dressed in white, drove up to the brothers on motorcycles and opened fire with automatic weapons discharging at least 20 rounds.

According to police sources, the brothers were pronounced dead on arrival. The police are still investigating, and, as of yet, have no suspects. On the street, rumors are circulating that the men were stealing from local drug dealers or were involved in some police activity. The police officers, who did not want to be quoted because of department policy, said that although these murders should concern YU students, it is unlikely that such an incident would occur on Amsterdam Avenue. Nevertheless, they did recommend exercising caution when walking around the neighborhood.

In a considerably less severe Halloween incident, four teenagers wearing masks threw a bottle at the glass front door of Time Out restaurant while shouting "ghouls". Some students and security chased the vandals but could not catch them. The glass was quickly replaced and according to manager Roli Shmulvich, the vandals escaped to a store on the time of the incident, "Time-Out is still in business and better than before." The police, although not officially notified, explained that the vandalism was probably not directed specifically at YU or Time Out; rather, it was normal Halloween night mischief.

According to Chief of Security Don September, Halloween itself was relatively calm on Halloween night, with the exception of some minor egg throwing incidents.

In the midst of these events, a group of green and orange bugs crawled up the legs and arms of some students on campus, causing a stir among the student body. The bugs, identified as fruit flies, were common on this time of year and were likely caused by the warm weather and humidity.

---Avigdor Butler

NYPD Gets Student out of a Jam

by Eyal Feller

During the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 28, a 5th floor resident of Daniel Hakimi's dormitory pinned three fingers of his left hand under his dorm room door.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, was sitting on the floor near the door at approximately 2 AM, when his roommate unwittingly pushed open the door from outside. When the trapped student's roommate was unable to free the entangled hand, he called Burns Security and Hatzolah, both of whom responded quickly. After it became evident that they too could not lift the fingers off the student, the Emergency Services Unit of the New York Police Department was summoned. The student was eventually freed by the ESU after about an hour.

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---Avigdor Butler

Students Join Executive Council

On Tuesday, October 27, the YU Executive Council met for the first time with student representatives from YC, SCW, and YU graduate schools in attendance. YCSC President Avi Steinlauf was the YC representative and Junior Hadley Korzen represented SCW.

Many important topics were addressed at the meeting, and according to Steinlauf, the student representatives were encouraged to participate. YU's financial situation was updated; Einstein reported a decrease in its debt, while most other schools saw an increase in theirs. Other issues discussed at the meeting included the recent strike of Union 1199 at Einstein and this year's enrollment figures which fell far short of expectations.

Steinlauf found an upbeat note after the meeting, maintaining that "the student body will now have more direct contact with the Administration and will be capable of expressing its opinions more directly."

---Avigdor Butler

Investment Challenge

Challenged

Two contests for the aspiring stockbroker began recently at YU, the annual AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge and the brand new YU Investor Challenge. In the former, students are given the opportunity to manage an imaginary portfolio, with the option to buy and sell stocks on all the major exchanges. The Joint Business School sponsored AT&T Challenge started two weeks ago, with each participant given a fictional $500,000 portfolio to manage through the end of February. In this game, for a fee of $49.95, fifty-one YU students are competing against thousands of college students nationwide, with over $200,000 in cash and prizes to be won.

The other investment game was initiated by YC senior Doron Storfer. The YU Challenge is charging only $5 to enter the contest, but offers a more limited selection of stocks and less money for the winner.

Nevertheless, Storfer maintains that students have a better chance of winning his contest because of the limited number of participants. Storfer expects 25 to 40 students to participate in the YU Challenge, which will end May 1.

---Laci Greenspan

Nobel Laureate Discusses Radiation

On Monday, October 26, approximately 405 SCW and YC students assembled to hear Nobel Laureate Dr. Roslyn Yalow deliver a lecture on Radioimmuno Assay. The lecture, accompanied by slides of graphs, charts, and various other data, and entitled "The Modern Day Misconceived Fears of Radon and Other Radioactive Substances in Our Environment," was sponsored by Sigma Delta Rho.

Dr. Yalow explained that society has overreacted to the levels of radioactive substance, such as Radon in our environment, nuclear reactor failures, and over-exposure to X-rays. One of many examples she cited was the false prediction that thousands of people would develop leukemia from the nuclear fallout blown across Western Europe after the Chernobyl disaster.

After maintaining that activities such as smoking and flying present greater dangers than radon, Dr. Yalow concluded by recalling how she used to handle radioactive substances without protective gear.

Dr. Yalow received her B.A. from Hunter College in Physics and Chemistry in 1941 and her Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from the University of Illinois in 1945. She has received a staggering 31 honorary doctorates, including one from YU. In 1979, Dr. Yalow was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine for the development of Radioimmuno Assay, and in 1988 she received the National Medal of Science. Dr. Yalow is presently a faculty member at Columbia University.

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Halachic Men Speak About Wall St.

by Jeff Waldman

Over 40 students came to hear the YU Torah U’Madda Project presentation entitled, "Halachic Man Goes to Wall Street," on November 5. The event, which took place during club hour in the Rubin shul, was moderated by the Director of the YU Torah U’Madda Project, Rabbi Nathaniel Felgo. The speakers included Rabbi Yeshiva Rabbi Yaakov Neuberger, Jay Pomerenze, a Vice Chairman of the YU Board of Directors and Rabbi Yaakov Bergman, also from Bankers' Trust. Rabbi Neuberger spoke first, discussing the Halachic ramifications of "free enterprise" in the business world.

According to Rabbi Neuberger, the Torah recognizes "supply and demand theory," but nevertheless imposes restrictions on "free enterprise" in some situations. Then, Pomerenze and Bergman related their experiences as Orthodox Jews working on Wall Street. Both agreed that it is far easier for a kippa-wearing Jew to be hired nowadays than it was years ago. Today, executives simply want results; whoever can provide the best results will be hired. Pomerenze and Bergman admitted, however, that many conflicts still exist for Orthodox Jews in the business world. As an example, they discussed the halachic problems regarding travel across the international dateline in relation to Shabbat observance. They also described the philosophical conflicts which can arise from regular interaction across the international dateline.

The first place NYU team receives an automatic entry into the upcoming national computer programming competition. President of CompuSci Joseph Steinberg, who captained the sixth place finishing team, stated that YU "has a good chance of an even higher finish in next year's competition."

Koch Speech

Throughout the Tuesday night address, sponsored by the President's Circle, Koch beseeched the crowd to take pride in their Jewishness. "It is obligatory to stand up... The word Jew is pejorative now... Why?" He commented that while Jews represent a relatively small segment of the world's population (0.33%), they have given the world many of the greatest figures in history. Koch asserted, "the word Jew for me is a great word!"

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Please submit all letters and Op-eds to our box in the lobby of Furst Hall, to the left of the elevator.

We welcome your opinions.

From the Chairman's Desk:

State of the Senate

by Matthew Harris

Charged with the mission of improving the academic and social atmosphere of YU, the 24th annual YC/SSSB Uyup Senate has already convened several times this term. Hopefully, this report will inspire students to take an active role in bettering YU by presenting innovative ideas to legislate for consideration.

The Senate has recently discussed several proposals; below are a number of them.

In an effort to enrich our curriculum, the Senate passed a proposal entitled Dean's Courses. The proposal encourages the Dean of each college to invite faculty to suggest ideas for experiential courses. "He promised that he would especially promote courses which aim to integrate various disciplines, implement non-standard teaching methods such as team teaching, or generate interest among students.

Secondly, the Senate is seeking financial support from the President's Circle, a group of alumni who sponsors campus events, to establish an annual award. According to the plan, the winner selection would be based on the general interest of the entire student community at YC/SCW/SSSB. Thus, it would also provide us (men and women) with additional opportunities to interact with each other.

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Sephardic Students Allege Bias

By Adam J. Anhang

A series of recent incidents have prompted some normally reticent YC Sephardic students to privately voice complaints of ethnic bias against Sephardim by Ashkenazic students, faculty, and Administration. Although most of the allegations center around events that might be explained as inadvertent misunderstandings, other incidents have been interpreted by some Sephardim as examples of overt prejudice.

October 29, 1992

Several Ashkenazic students attended the 10:00 p.m. Sephardic Maariv minyan. Sephardic students within hearing range of the Ashkenazic students, including Sephardic Club secretary Samson Hakimi, President of Sephardic Club, "can understand why some Ashkenazic students would feel uncomfortable davening in a Sephardic Minyan," citing differences in nusach between Sephardic and Ashkenazic practices.

October 26 & 27, 1992

The Bernard Revel Graduate School (BRGS) held two symposia, one at YC and one at SCW, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Entitled "Intellectual Creativity in a Community in Decline: 1391-1492," the symposia featured a combined total of five noted academics in the field of Sephardic studies, yet none of the speakers were Sephardic. Furthermore, although YU's Sephardic community received symposia invitations, no representative of their community was invited to speak in any capacity. This caused some Sephardic students to complain of insensitivity on the part of conference organizers; said one YC Sephardi, "Did someone have a Sephardic conference and forget to acknowledge the Sephardim?" Acting BRGS Dean Arthur Hyman explained that because the symposia was academic in nature, the sole concern of organizing committees was to invite speakers who could fulfill the literature requirement, said Afshin Serels (Associate Director of the Institute and faculty adviser to the Sephardic Club).

September, 1992

A group of Persian students were speaking Farsi in an elevator in the two weeks before the symposium. Some Ashkenazic students entered the elevator on the ground floor. After listening to the Farsi for about 10 seconds, one student turned to the second and said, "Dann Iranians. Why can't they speak English like everyone else?" Sephardic students allege that some Ashkenazic students have used this particular slur on at least two other occasions, and report that some Ashkenazic students have made derogatory comments regarding specific Sephardic customs.

Rabbi Serels believes that while Sephardic students must make a greater effort to acculturate and integrate into the YU community, Ashkenazic students must make a greater effort to familiarize themselves with Sephardic customs and Halakha. Moreover, according to Serels, Ashkenazic students must understand the Persian tendency to use Farsi, given the difficulties involved with learning a new, difficult language like English, as well as the tendency of immigrants to socialize with people from their own ethnic group. Nevertheless, some Sephardic students acknowledge that using Farsi might be perceived as uncomfortable and suspicious that they are being made fun of by the Farsi speakers in their native tongue.

Spring, 1992

Approximately 25-30 students signed and submitted a proposal requesting a course in Persian literature to YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld. The request was subsequently denied, causing many Sephardim to allege that YC administrators are discriminating against Persian students. "Russian students can take Russian literature and be exempted from the YC literature requirement," said Afshin Razi, "Why shouldn't Persian speakers be able to fulfill the literature requirement?" Razi also believes that there would be sufficient interest to warrant a Persian literature course even if it did not fulfill the literature requirement.

Rosenfeld categorically denies that his decision was influenced by ethnic bias. He notes that students in the past have received credit for Persian literature courses taken at Columbia graduate school. With reference to the literature requirement as it is administered at YC, Rosenfeld said that as a "mainstream university" we still focus on classical western culture in the core requirements. That is not to say that we don't or won't offer non-Western courses. It just means that we prefer to have the literature requirement satisfied in a western language like Russian, French, Latin, Greek, Spanish, etc. In any event, just because students ask for a course doesn't mean they'll get it. While we make every effort to accommodate student requests and satisfy student interests, the course has to make academic sense as well.

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Fighting Jewish Poverty: The Challenge To The Jewish Community

by William E. Rapfgot

Millions of Americans, and probably a quarter of a million of them Jewish, are poor. Recently, at a wedding in New York, nearly all the guests were there not as invited guests, but to beg for money. They are probably the first in a long line of poor people who, who, for whatever reason, need money. And yet, because of the way our society is structured, it is difficult to help them. The Jewish Community Relations Advisory Board has historically given short shrift to those poor, the American Jewish community adapted from his remarks to the National Conference on poverty. We are, to be sure, rightfully overrides the relatively small percentage of poor Jews with their economic condition. Combine the psychological stigma of combining the American Jewish community

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The Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz reports (11/5/92) that in 1991 562,000 Israelis, 234,000 of them children, lived under the “poverty line”. In the vicinity of Bennett Avenue, employee training and retraining for only a short distance from Yeshiva University, we find Jewish refugees, who need our support, but for whom we are not doing enough. The “shame of poverty” does not belong on welfare. As a result, nearly 50 individuals were there, not as invited guests, but to beg for money.

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Plans Progress For Student-Administration Retreat

by Gene Alperovich

After a series of preliminary meetings throughout the beginning of the school year, student leaders and University Administrators have begun concretizing specific plans for a student-administration retreat scheduled for Monday, November 30.

The full-day conference, which will be held at one of several proposed off-campus sites, will include YU President Dr. Norman Lamm and other key administrators, as well as the presidents of all student undergraduate governing bodies and other students. It will focus on a broad variety of issues, including student-administration communication, University decision-making processes, and the general "change of attitude" which must occur if students and administrators are to mend the rift which has been a troublesome aspect of University life over the past year.

Following a November 4th planning session, attended by Dean of Students Efrem Nulman, YCSC President Avi Steinlauf and SCWSC President Adeeva Laya Graubard and others, all parties expressed satisfaction with the progress of conference preparations. At this latest meeting, the objectives of the approaching retreat were definitively agreed upon. The participants will seek to "establish an expectation and clarification of the roles, responsibilities, and tasks" of the various members of the YU community, "examine all existing methods of interaction between the administration and the students," and "form a joint decision making process for issues that affect students," such as curriculum and supporting services.

Throughout the conference, Dr. Gene Bucchin will be present to mediate the proceedings. Bucchin, a highly regarded expert in human resources and management, helped establish the agenda for the conference during several meetings with the two parties.

As the retreat draws closer, administrators and student leaders have expressed confidence that the conference will yield a constructive outcome. Though neither side is promising the resolution of specific points of student-administration contention, both see this conference as the beginning of a "very positive working relationship." SCWSC President Adeeva Laya Graubard stated that she is "very encouraged by the progress through the preliminary meetings" and hopes "this feeling of optimism will carry through the retreat."

Low Enrollment

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spending their freshman year in Israel, fewer students are enrolling as freshmen in YC.

Nulman explained that the task force's report consists of two main sections which discuss the areas analyzed and the specific recommendations of the Task Force. The second section, which is in narrative form, explains all proposed changes and improvements in YC's program and recruitment tactics. Nulman explained that the Task Force had to "provide the background to rationalize these changes in a historical and philosophical context."

In related development, Kranzler stated that for the first time, the Admissions Office will be distributing forms explaining financial aid opportunities available to students at YU. He noted that many students coming from middle-class families who cannot afford tuition are unaware of the financial aid opportunities available to them. In fact, 75% of all YU undergraduates are currently receiving some sort of financial assistance. Kranzler hopes that increased awareness about financial aid, as well as more recruitment of students in Israel, will increase next year's enrollment.
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by Yisroel Holcer

Approximately 175 students crowded into Morg Lounge on November 4 for the year’s first session of Dome Talks, entitled “Love, Dating, and Marriage.” The Talks were organized by Director of Residence Halls Rabbi Joshua Chetutz, with panelists Rav Mordechai Willig and Rav Reuven Fink, and Mashgiach Ruchani Rav Yoel Blau as moderator.

Rav Willig, in his opening remarks, highlighted the importance of speaking in a dormitory setting, as opposed to a classroom, since the topics of discussion were relevant to all YU students. Additionally, he noted that the session would be governed solely by halachic perspective.

The first scenario discussed the halachic permissibility of inter-gender platonic relationships. Additionally, the panelists addressed the necessity to reveal expectations, if one party’s expectations of the friendship are greater than the other’s. Rav Willig addressed the second question (Rav Fink stated that it is “Gerusn Daus,” theft of knowledge, to lead-on a “significant other,” or anyone else for that matter.

Regarding platonic relationships, in a situation where the relationship will not lead to marriage, Rav Moshe Feinstein, Z”L, states that it is a Torah prohibition. This prohibition is not limited to speaking about subjects containing improper innuendo; even “innocent” talk, such as the election results, politics in Israel, education, etc. is not permitted. Moreover, a “healthy” male cannot technically carry on a platonic relationship with a female because of his natural attraction to her.

Rav Fink addressed the next topic, relating to the pursuit of a relationship devoid of attraction for the female (he does not think she is beautiful) despite the fact that she is the “perfect” girl with “perfect” characteristics. Rav Fink stated that one must first ask, “What is beauty?” For many people, physical beauty is on top of the “wife wish list.” Yet, when one meets a gorgeous girl and learns that she has negative midos, she is suddenly not so glamorous. Conversely, a girl who isn’t physically attractive, but possesses the same goals that a Ben-Torah has, instantly appears more enchanting to the beholder.

Furthermore, according to Rav Fink, one must bear in mind that physical beauty eventually wears off, whereas internal beauty remains. Rav Fink stated that this always leads to countless violations of Lashon Hora, and is a breach of modesty as well. Pertinent common sense questions are permitted, such as the height of the woman being discussed, and “if this is beauty?”

Similarly, in a circumstance where one is considering marrying an inter-religious Jewish woman, “yet,” it is marriage “Al Shem Sofo,” based on a projection, Rav Willig drilled home his point with an emphatic “Don’t.”

Finally, the panelists discussed the halachic ramifications of consulting friends to glean information on a prospective shidduch. Rav Fink stressed that this always leads to countless violations of Lashon Hora, and is a breach of modesty as well. Pertinent common sense questions are permitted, such as the height of the woman being discussed, and “if this is beauty?”

Throughout the two hour discourse, Rav Blau offered insights, and the panelists fielded questions from the audience. Maariv followed, and the Rebbeim remained behind to answer additional student inquiries.
"My Mom, she thinks all I ever do is go through phases. You changed your major again? Now it's Ethnic Dance Forms? When are you going to come to your senses and pick something sensible? (Sigh) Well, I guess it's just another phase. So I told her, 'Give me a break Ma. I mean I kept the same phone company all four years... She was impressed.'

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method for Persian students to satisfy the literature requirement in a less demanding manner than if they were required to take classical English literature. "There is tremendous pressure on these guys to get as high a grade as possible in order to gain admittance to medical school," said one Sephardic student, "and a Persian literature course may have been used to avoid a 'B' or a 'C' in English literature. Also, many Persian students attended university in the Middle East before immigrating to America, and may have already taken some duplicate Persian literature courses that YC would be unaware of because transcripts aren't readily available."

In addition to these incidents, some Sephardic students have cited certain YU policies and decisions as insensitive to the general concerns of the Sephardic student body.

Academic Life

Given that one out of every six YC students is Sephardic, many students believe that there is a definite need for more Sephardic courses and more Sephardic professors in both the secular and Judaic programs. Currently, only one course in basic Sephardic customs is given by Rabbi Serels in JSS; there are no courses in Sephardic customs or halakha given in IBC. In YC, certain Jewish History courses do touch on the Sephardic experience during the Golden Age in Spain, but according to Rabbi Serels, these courses "generally stop with the expulsion from Spain and nothing more is heard of Sephardic Jews."

Furthermore, with the exception of the "(1471) Jews in the Middle Ages" course in the Safra Institute of Sephardic studies, the YU Undergraduate Catalog lists no Jewish History courses devoted exclusively to Sephardic history. Sephardic student leaders note that even these two courses are given infrequently.

Hyman unequivocally denies any ethnic bias. Said Hyman, "I want to state categorically that we're trying to get the very best people here, regardless of ethnicity."

In addition, a long standing concern of the Sephardic community at large has been the lack of a Sephardic Rosh Yeshiva in the MYP program. Sephardic Club President Hakimi believes that there is "demand, both from Sephardic and non-Sephardic students, for a Sephardic shul, a regular shul, just taught by a Sephardic rabbi."

...As Commander use the Shul to hold meetings, and many students complain that the Rubin Shul is in use. Should the situation demand action, I am prepared to act quickly." Other students question why the Sephardic Shul should be recorded especially if Rubin Shul is also used for many activities including studying.

Student Life

A number of Sephardic students have privately questioned why more dorm counselors are not of Sephardic descent. Some blame the place on an application process that allegedly penalizes Sephardic applicants for "not being able to relate to both Ashkenazic and Sephardic students." And despite two Sephardic dorm counselors in the Rubin dormitory, Iranian students complain that there is currently no Iranian dorm counselor. Rabbi Cheifetz unequivocally denies that dorm counselor selection is influenced by ethnic background in any way. "I would not assume at all," stated Cheifetz, "that a student is Sephardic that would affect his performance with non-Sephardic students at all." In outlining last year's selection process, Cheifetz pointed out that "We had many, many fine applicants. . . . last year alone, we had 27 applicants for 16 positions, and almost every applicant would have made an ideal dorm counselor. Unfortunately, difficult decisions have to be made as to the candidate's experience and application. All selections were based on merit. While we certainly do not have an affirmative action program for Sephardic applicants...

...As a general rule, when discussing these incidents and issues, Sephardic students tend to view them as stemming from ignorance of Sephardic tradition and culture, rather than deep seated racial discrimination. Accordingly, Serels and Hakimi believe that increased public awareness of Sephardic culture will do much to ease tensions between YU's Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities. Other students, while open to increased student knowledge of Sephardic culture, believe that Sephardic students are reading non-existent ethnic bias into a series of isolated, unrelated incidents. Still other students believe that "some Jewish students are getting political correctness" taints many of the Sephardic students comments, in the process obscuring a few of the legitimate concerns.

Whatever the case may be, the many symposia, conferences, and lectures held to mark the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain have done much to publicize Sephardic heritage. Hakimi hopes to continue building mutual respect between the two ethnic groups by sponsoring Sephardic speakers and by holding joint events with other student clubs. "Above all," said Hakimi, "it is my goal to promote achdus, avodas yisroel, and shalom between the two ethnic groups."
"You know, it's so ridiculous. If I don't call my
parents every Sunday at exactly 5 o'clock,
they think I was kidnapped by aliens, or
something. Anyway, one Sunday me and
Mark, we decide to take-off and checkout
the city. So we're hanging out and I look at
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argument. I do not believe that these individuals are representative of YU political thought on this issue. While I personally am against the idea of land-for-peace, I would not declare a supporter of the idea a heretic, nor do I think most of my ardently Zionist friends would regard the person as a "self-hater". It is very unfortunate that there are some people who regard their ideological opponents as "heretics" and, like Mr. Creizman, I abhor that attitude. However, I do not see that attitude as falling under the aegis of PC. In fact, when an Israeli Club member I was duminzing with last year suggested that a left-wing or left-leaning figure in Israeli politics be invited to speak at YU, although it was already very late in the year, the idea was considered, although unfortunately not implemented due to bad timing. I believe that most of my friends would welcome such an event, even if they didn't share the opinions of the speaker. That is the antithesis of "Political Correctness."

But that is only part of the problem of Mr. Creizman's argument. He suggests that the "right-wing nationalists" are based on some "radical philosophy" that pays little attention to facts, some of which he presents in his article. Unfortunately, the 'facts' he uses are fallacious.

1. I challenge Mr. Creizman to show me a source indicating that the "majority of IDF generals not only agree that an Israeli pullout from much of the territories would pose no security threat, but these generals actually support land-for-peace" (emphasis added). Also, while the Israeli public may or may not think of the small number of generals who do believe this as "pansies" (this is pure conjecture), it is not my impression that that is the opinion of most American Religious Zionists, in YU or otherwise.

2. There is a problem with the implication that all those Israeli soldiers who put their lives on the line for Israel in spite of their belief in land-for-peace are 'martyrs', as if they are comparable to the young men who went to Vietnam in spite of their opposition to the war. First of all, many of those who vehemently oppose the right-wing policy refuse to serve, accepting the correlative jail sentence as the price that must be paid. Second, they would be serving the required amount of time in the army anyway, regardless of what the policy of the government on land-for-peace is. Not only that, but in all likelihood their lives would be much more 'on the line' if they were to risk being in the territories.

3. The last problem is not so much a factual error as a flaw in reasoning. Mr. Creizman accuses the right-wing "extremists" of hypocrisy in that the Israeli electorate chose to throw out the right-wing. Likud government in favor of the liberal Laborites, taking away the Diaspora right-wingers' "you don't understand because you didn't live here" excuse. It has been argued rather convincingly on all sides (and Rabbi Leiter based his discussion of the Labor government on this argument among others) that the reason the Labor party was elected was because for the first time in Israeli political history, the election was not a one-issue contest. Rather, the electorate was in favor of Labor because Labor promised to do a better job of absorbing the massive aliyah and fixing the economy. This argument is especially convincing when it is considered that for the first time in fifteen years the Labor party deleted the 'land-for-peace' formula from its platform, replacing it with the Likud-created concept of 'autonomy', however nebulous a concept that may be. And even that does not take into account that of not knowing when it's time; others will not have that luxury... This will prevent me from reaching the point where I don't know if I should be standing up or sitting down.

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Blank Retiring

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He explained that the new laws will make it illegal to terminate a professor's employment on the basis of age.

As a result of this change in the regulations, all private colleges will be forced to retain aging professors whose teaching abilities may be diminishing. Brenner emphasized that this will not present a problem. "Professors are professionals who know when they are no longer capable of teaching properly," he said.

The University must, however, find a way to retire faculty who unfortunately lose their competence due to age but do not realize themselves. Blank remarked that being retired by the University "prevents me from making the mistake of not knowing when it's time; others will not have that luxury... This will prevent me from reaching the point where I don't know if I should be standing up or sitting down."

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At the top of the league are the 3-0 Celtics. Jerry Rosenberg’s gamble, picking Jason Horowitz late in the draft, is paying off dividends. “Horoz” is currently leading the league in points and Eddie Markowitz has added to the Celtics offense as well.

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Ranell Weil, appear to be a force. Another rookie displaying leadership qualities is the Bulls’ Chaim Schiff, who along with Rock Harrow and Yoav Citron form the core of the pesky Bulls. Noam Cohen has been the hot player on the hot team, the Heat. Noam’s skill on the fast break, coupled with Burton Katz’s defensive leadership, has made the Heat dangerous.

Rounding out the rest of the league is the Suns, led by Matt Klein’s offensive prowess, and the SuperSonics. The SuperSonics’ Jeremy Bandeliera has been named co-captain of the Yeshiva Harriers.

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The November 1 invitational featured representatives from cross-country from Polytechnic, Yeshiva, Stevens, and N.J.I.T., all I.A.C. schools. Billed as a Halloween invitational, it was a day that saw all eight Yeshiva runners win medals for their performances. It was a first for the cross-country team, featuring fine runs by Eric Ovits, Barry Sirote, Chaim Motzen, and others.

This year’s team is believed to be the first men’s cross-country team in the past seven years to be awarded prizes at a distance event.

Below are the times of the Yeshiva students who finished in the top 20:


Macs Preview

by Yoni Epstein

In any sport, two criteria must be met before players are successfully molded into a team. The first is the delegation of responsibility and the second, and sometimes more unpleasant of the two, is cutting the team down to players that the coaches feel will best complement each other.

Josh Dobin and David Cohen have been named co-captains of the Yeshiva Macs for the 1992-93 season. Each, in his own way, promotes cohesiveness on the squad. Though both excel, neither is a world-class athlete. However, they compensate with their intensity and work ethic, raising their level of play in specific facets of the game.

Dobin’s obvious strength lies in his long range shooting. As a reserve in years past, Dobin was summoned for instant offense, usually in the form of perimeter shooting. In order to flourish as a complete player and a leader of the team, he must be allowed and encouraged to drive, in order to set up his shot. Unfortunately, in years past, he has run up and down the baseline looking for "byes." If the coaches have enough faith in Dobin to name him co-captain, let’s hope they have enough faith to let him fully utilize his talent.

On the other hand, Cohen is more of a defensive specialist, though he is hardly a slouch at the offensive end of the floor. Cohen is deceptively quick and understands defensive positioning well and is repeatedly called upon to shut down opposing teams’ stars. An excellent floor leader with a good head for the game, Cohen works the ball well and forces opponents to respect both his shot and his drive.

The Macs rounded out their fourteen man roster with Junior Israel Wallach (former M.T.A. standout) and freshman Isaac Neumann. Wallach brings a great jumper, a left hand that is probably better than that of most natural lefties, and the ability to create opportunities at both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. Look for Wallach to have an immediate impact. If given the chance, he will quickly move up the ranks of the Macs.

In Neumann, the coaches believe that they have found untapped talent. He is unquestionably raw, but the coaches like the fact that he will play a full four years for the team.

Good luck to all the Macs in their November 30th season opener.