Kinderlehrer Elected New Editor-in-Chief

by Robert Fagin

In a decisive vote by members of The Commentator's Board taken last Tuesday night in The Boardroom on the third floor of the Schottenstein Student Center, current News Editor Moshe I. Kinderlehrer was elected Editor-in-Chief for next year, Volume 59. Features Editor Sid Singer is slated to become the newspaper's Executive Editor.

Kinderlehrer, a resident of Kew Gardens Hills, brings a wealth of reporting knowledge to his new position and is known for his extensive coverage of campus news. "He has a nose for news, and the ability to get the big story," said Sender Cohen, outgoing co-Editor-in-Chief. Indeed, Kinderlehrer has covered such events as the annual Chanukah Dinner, the return of rainforests to the South American rainforest, and the Hachnasat Sefer Torah in memory of the Rav. He also broke the story of the new program which allows high school students to participate in college classes. "There is a certain thrill in breaking a story, talking to all the players involved, and in a sense, really being influential in what takes place on campus," said Kinderlehrer.

Kinderlehrer has already begun to assemble his staff, and will utilize the ample summer break to plan for next year. "Robert and Sender did a tremendous job this year," said Kinderlehrer, "but we'll try hard to find a way to make The Commentator establish an even stronger connection to the general YC-SSSB student body."

Yeshiva Sues Major Benefactor

Yisroel Holzer

Perhaps the first thing one notices when driving up Amsterdam Avenue or down 185th Street are the colorful banners fluttering from numerous lamposts, proudly bearing the name of the benefactor for whom the Washington Heights campus is named: Joel Jablonski. Jablonski's name also appears in numerous Yeshiva University publications, including catalogues, stationery, press releases, campus newspapers, promotional materials, and menus.

But things may change in the near future. According to the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, which represents YU, on March 27, 1990, Yeshiva University and Jablonski, a native of Poland who became a successful real estate executive and art dealer, entered into an agreement in which Jablonski stipulated in his will an irrevocable bequest to YU amounting to 35% of his entire net estate. The parties estimated that the bequest would have a minimum value of six million dollars, and Jablonski agreed that he would not change the will so as to diminish the bequest. The will came in addition to a one million dollar pledge made by Jablonski (six hundred thousand of which has been given so far) to have a chair in Talmud named in memory of his parents.

In return, YU acquiesced to four items: (1) It would designate the Washington Heights campus as "The Joel Jablonski Campus of Yeshiva University," and erect appropriate lettering to that effect in prominent locations on the uptown campus. (2) If the Washington Heights campus were to relocate in the future, YU would designate another comparable campus as the Jablonski Campus. (3) Such a designation would be permanent for as long as Yeshiva University exists. (4) YU would list, as appropriate, the Jablonski Campus in its publications.

Yeshiva University maintains that they have held up their part of the agreement, but Jablonski has informed Yeshiva University that he has changed his will and reduced the bequest to Yeshiva.

Zysman Announces Retirement

David Zysman, Vice President for Development of Yeshiva University, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 1994. He has held this position since March 1983. Prior to coming to YU, Mr. Zysman was the founder of the State of Israel Bonds, and also served as its national director. Under his guidance, over four billion dollars of bonds were sold. He has worked for State of Israel Bonds for thirty-two years.

As Vice President of Development at YU, Zysman was responsible for the fund raising for all divisions of the University. He attracted many new contributors to YU, and has secured tens of millions of dollars in donations. In an interview with The Commentator, Zysman noted that YU has "done extremely well in the past 12 years, we now have a large endowment fund, and are envied by major Jewish universities and institutions." Zysman headed the Centennial Campaign of YU which netted over $100,000,000. He also played a key role in the founding of the Stern School of Business.

Zysman added that "I have worked since I'm 15, and I've reached the age where I feel that I want to spend the rest of my life working for YU in a consulting capacity, writing my autobiography, and traveling throughout the world and being particularly active in Israel." He said that while at YU, he worked with great chairmen such as Herbert Tenzer, Ludwig Jesselson, [and] David Gottsman. He also stressed that his years at YU "have been the happiest years of my life, I love my work and I always have".

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Yeshiva ratifies new YC curriculum

Returning Students have option of "Grandfather Clause"

by David Kelsey

On April 6, after a three week delay caused by the Passover vacation and "dimension and time constraints," the Yeshiva College faculty voted to accept the Curriculum Committee's proposal for new curriculum requirements in its entirety.

Under the new general course requirements, students who enter YC in the fall will be bound by the new curriculum requirements, but returning students will have the option of following either the current requirements or the new requirements. The only exception will be in the Bible Department, where no student will be able to follow the old Bible requirements due to changes made earlier this year whereby two-credit courses will be the only course offerings. If a student has completed four years of Bible for a total of five credits, he will only be required to take one additional Bible class, not two. This, is, technically, a compromise, as all incoming YC students are now expected to complete four courses, totaling eight credits, in order to graduate.

The new requirements allow students a larger selection in the survey courses needed to fulfill the first English literature requirement. Students will now be able to fulfill the first literature requirement by choosing from English 2003, 2004, 4201, 4202 or a foreign literature. The second literature requirement for literature students complete freedom to choose any literature course offered by the YC English Department.

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A Salute to Rabbi Israel Miller

As the testimonials on these pages attest, Rabbi Israel Miller is indeed a well-known and well-loved figure on the national and Jewish political scenes. What is most impressive about Rabbi Miller is his complete dedication to a single cause—the well-being of the Jewish nation. Millions of people retire each year; only a handful can say that they worked for the benefit of others rather than for themselves. In our world of placement offices, LSATs, MCATs and CPAs, Rabbi Miller represents an ideal—one of selflessness and devotion, and the understanding that the goodness of the whole is far more important than the benefit of the individual. He is a role model for us all.

What About Student Input?

Students have long requested a voice in university decision-making. The search for a successor to YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld offers the perfect opportunity to develop a process that allows for substantial student input. Sadly, those students who will have to live with the consequences of the search committee’s decision have been effectively locked out of the process.

Of the nine members of the search committee appointed by Academic Vice President William Schwartz, only one is a student. And that student, YCSC President Danny Gurell, is graduating. Hardly a reassuring message to returning students who have a vital interest in the selection of the new dean.

While Gurell’s advice is valuable, it is not enough. Vice President Schwartz should move swiftly and name two additional students to the committee. There is no shortage of students who both appreciate the importance of academic matters and understand the impact of personnel decisions. To limit student participation to one graduating representative is unacceptable.

The new dean will lead an institution in transition, and therefore must have the confidence of the students to implement needed changes. A search process that does not aggressively solicit input from students who will attend YC during the coming years simply lacks credibility. And a search without credibility ultimately undermines the effectiveness of the chosen.

On Roshei Yeshiva and Yom Ha’atzmaut

The recent event held in Weissberg Commons to celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut was a resounding success. Hundreds of students came from around the tri-state area, Rabbis Miller, Blau and Goldwicht were there, and... no other rebbeim. What kind of message is being sent to the students of Yeshiva when only one of the Roshei Yeshiva joins them in celebrating such a significant day. We are sure that the rebbeim have no lack of concern for the welfare of the State of Israel. We only ask that they recognize the importance of visibly demonstrating this support together with their talmidim.

RESPONSA

We Thought We Were Marching

To the Editor,

In a notice circulated last Wednesday by the Office of the President of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Lamm affirmed that “Yeshiva’s commitment to Medinat Yisrael is firm” and that the Yeshiva views the festival as “a transcendent chessed Hailem in our time.” Consequently, we are surprised that a final examination has been scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 P.M.—the same time as the Salute to Israel Parade, a community-wide show of support for Israel. Only one year ago, senior members of our Administration demonstrated their appreciation for the importance of this parade by leading an effort to resolve the controversy surrounding it. And, after an agreement was finally reached, a senior faculty member quoted by The Commentator exhorted students to “make it their business to go to the parade... and show a strong commitment to Israel.”

Several students have asked the Administration to reschedule the final, but, citing time constraints, the Administration has refused to do so. While we appreciate the difficulties inherent in rescheduling the final at this late date, we nonetheless urge the Administration to correct its mistake. One possible solution (that would have to be retroactive to the affected students before being implemented) would be to give the examination later that day, perhaps in the early evening.

Whatever the outcome, the Administration needs to publicly explain its position on this matter. Because, in preventing its students from participating in this year’s Salute to Israel Parade, the Administration is working against some of the students’—as well as its own—most fervently held ideals.

Evan Kroll YC ’95
Joseph J. Sussman SSSB ’96
Jeremy Spierer YC ’95

Mazal Tov to Commentator Managing Editor Noam Novick on his Engagement to Tova Rapp
Duped by Who's Who

To the Editor,

Baruch Goldstein's act elicited a number of responses in a previous edition of The Commentator. One letter, however, requires a response. Mr. Pittinsky's question: "Are some of our Roshei Yeshiva condoneing this?" raises one of the many chiyuvim which condemns such a practice. We are a people, we are Jews, and we must view everything within the confines of the Torah without considering the "morals" of our time and place.

There are many countries around the world whose morals can not tolerate the ritual slaughtering of animals, yet the Torah requires such a form of killing in order to eat meat. That the Torah requires such a shechita by definition makes it moral and ethical regardless of what the world thinks. Furthermore, there are people who view the general eating of meat, as well as circumcision, as immoral, but again our one and only standard for defining morality is with the definition outlined by the Torah. Lastly, fifty years ago in Europe, it was considered ethical and moral to kill Jews. We, therefore, see that throughout history the morals and ethics of the goyim have changed from time to time and place to place. It is only we who, because of our timeless Torah, whose ethics and morals have remained consistent throughout time.

Therefore, in response to Mr. Pittinsky's question: Yes, we are to view murder with the exact same Talmudic analysis with which we view the separation of milk and meat because as Bnei Torah we must view everything only through the eyes of the Torah and halacha whether or not it seems or feels correct.

RIETS Student

(name withheld upon request)

Ethics, Halacha, and the Hebron Massacre

Dear Editor,

Our learning Torah yom y'may islaya is with the hope that the Torah will become a part of our personality to the point that all of our thinking will be eternally through the spectacles of the Torah and halacha. All of our actions as well as our thoughts must be based on hashkafos haTorah without regard for the subjective ethics and morals of our gentle counterparts. Mr. Pittinsky is judging Baruch Goldstein's act based on emotions and secular morals of 1994 New York. In this particular situation the subjective morals of the goyim which condemns such a massacre happens to be consistent with the hashkafos haTorah. However, weas "honorees" usually spend $150 on these volumes of "leaders," while an additional $125 will usually get you a "certificate of achievement" suitable, of course, for framing.


Howard Schrzan, MD
YC '74

Save Our Shul

What are YOU doing at 6:30 AM?

If you can volunteer one morning a week (Monday - Friday) to help the Soloveichik Shul (across the street from Schottenstein) make a minyan, you will be savinga shul. There are many chiyuvim who can't travel to another synagogue and need a minyan to say Kaddish.

If you are able to help, please call: Yehuda Stark
Students marching in with flags at the start of the program.

Hundreds Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut at Festive Program

by Gershon Seifras

Two months of planning culminated in a Tunes Yom Ha'atzmaut at Yeshiva University packed with festivities, prayer, and speeches. One of the organizers of the event, Tami Beth Schneider, President of Stern College's Aliyah Club, said that although the planning and organizing required a great deal of work, it was "... a really good experience. We did not have too much trouble; everyone involved really cooperated. Even funds were relatively easy to come by; the Stern and Yeshiva College Student Councils contributed [the] necessary [monies]."

Attended by over five hundred people, the program began at 7:15 P.M. and continued until 1:00 A.M. Among those in attendance were Rabbis Blau, Miller, and Goldwicht as well as Colonel Goren of the IDF. Following a processional, Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller spoke of Yeshiva University students martyred in the Israeli Defense Forces, and recounted the story of a Yeshiva student who was one of the Jews slaughtered in the Hebron Massacre of 1929. Miller also made mention of those Yeshiva students who emigrated to Israel.

Rabbi Meir Goldwicht spoke about the present situation in Israel and about his hope for the future. He was followed by Colonel Goren, a guest of the Aliyah Club.

The speeches were followed by dancing and music by Neshoma Orchestras. Deli Kasbah ran a concession stand, and sold food at half price.

Rav Goldwicht Decides On Another Year

by Uri Schechterman

After much contemplation, Ross Yeshiva Rav Meir Goldwicht has decided to remain in America and teach for another year. Rav Goldwicht stated that the decision was not an easy one for his family to make. "The decision to stay," he said, "was done with the encouragement and direction of one of the Oldei Ha'atzmaut in Erets Yisrael," with whom he is very close.

Rav Goldwicht has had a tremendous impact on the different elements of the yeshiva. He currently teaches three shiurim at YU, IBC, and at Stern, a total of over 190 students. Additionally, he gives a class on the Upper West Side once a week for YU Alumni, helping to reinforce their connection to YU.

Mr. Schottenstein, a first year student at YU who was considering transferring to Queens College, stated that he is staying in YU solely because of Rav Goldwicht. "When I had the fortune to learn under Rav Goldwicht, I decided to stay; such an opportunity should not be missed."

Ph.D. Sklar, a junior at Stern, had mixed emotions about Rav Goldwicht's decision. "My friends, as well as myself, all feel very bad for Rav Goldwicht and his family since we know their... love for Israel, and how much they will miss it. However, we're happy that we'll be able to have him teach at the proper perspective on life."

Over the years, Rav Goldwicht has earned the reputation of being a Rav with a strong bond to his students. "Although Rav Goldwicht speaks mainly in Hebrew, he has a special, almost magical way of relaying his message," remarked Yaron Hirschok, Rav Meir's warmth and accessibility is available not only to his students but also to those in the larger Yeshiva population, "Rav Goldwicht's Friday night shiur is a good example of his ability to see beyond what meets the eye, and inspire scholarship with deep insights into Tanach, Chazal, and the events transpiring in Israel," says Noam Koenigsberg, a YC senior who is not in Rav Meir's shiur.
State Attorney General Speaks to Constitutional Law Class
by Ryan Karben

Tackling topics ranging from Leonard Jeffries to charity fraud, New York State Attorney General O. Oliver Koppell came to the YC campus on Thursday, April 7 to explain to Professor Michael Hecht’s Civil Liberties students the responsibilities of the “people’s lawyer.”

Koppell noted that this is his last year to fill the unexpired term of Robert Abrams. The former chairman of the New York State Assembly Judiciary Committee, Koppell said one of the major issues facing his office is an explosion of lawsuits by prisoners. “We— that is the people of New York— have 65,000 involuntary guests in our prisons. And 28,000 prisoner lawsuits are pending,” Koppell said. He added that he has appointed a special task force to address the matter.

The Attorney General’s office, Koppell explained, has a number of public advocacy arms to help protect state citizens. Furthermore, the Bronx District Attorney has an office to fight gun violence in certain criminal proceedings. Recently, Governor Mario M. Cuomo appointed Koppell special prosecutor in the current YC campus shooting. The woman was sexually assaulted. Her assailants were only convicted of misdemeanor charges in a town court and Koppell is fighting for a tougher conviction.

Koppell spoke with the greatest intensity, however, about current cases that touched on themes Professor Hecht has been writing about: Constitutional Law course. Koppell is currently involved in litigation on behalf of the Kiryat Joel School District in a constitutional challenge to the City University’s right to fire Professor Leonard Jeffries from his post as chair of college’s African-American Studies Department.

Koppell said that Jeffries engaged in “racist and offensive speech” and acted in a “thuggish and inappropriate manner.” Jeffries is known for a speech widely considered racist and anti-semitic, which was overruled by a judge who said the tenured professor could not be removed without the “rancor and vitriol” that comes as “reaction to speech.” Koppell asserted it is “not antithetical to free speech to remove [Jeffries] from administrative responsibility if it is not in the public interest for him to remain.”

With respect to Kiryat Joel, the Attorney General dismissed suggestions that the Orange County, New York school district would be forced to facilitate Satmar religious teaching. He said the school district is a “cultural accommodation” for disabled Satmar children who are ridiculed in the public schools. No religious education is given in the school.

Koppell, who is seeking a full four-year term in the November election, said he has enjoyed his nearly four months on the job, but understands that his office must sometimes defend unpopular cases. “We’re obligated to do what we can to state no matter what, unless we’re sure why so few attorneys general get elected governor.” Koppell quickly added, though, that he was focusing his energies on getting elected to his current office, not in pursuing the governorship.

A $50,000 reduction in the 1994-1995 operating budget of Yeshiva College was announced at a recent faculty meeting. Regarding the cuts themselves, Rosenfeld explained that all Yeshiva University schools were asked to meet certain target budget reductions in order to facilitate the reduction of the general Yeshiva University deficit. Rosenfeld explained that Yeshiva College was able to meet that goal with relative ease due to the relatively lower salary than a senior full-time professor.

Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Yeshiva University, claimed that there is no actual budget reduction, but only “redeployment of assets.” He said that funds saved in teachers’ salaries will be reinvested in programs for the college. For example, the Academic Advisement program. He also claimed that the funds were not being taken away from YC at all. He was quick to point out that in his opinion the changes would not have any adverse effect on YC.

Public School Children Celebrate Jewish Heritage Week at YUM

Approximately 140 Manhattan middle school students attended an educational event at the Yeshiva University Museum on Monday, April 11 that was intended to promote “intercultural understanding by focusing on the story of the Jews of Ethiopia.”

The program was co-sponsored by Channel Thirteen/ WNET, The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, and the Yeshiva University Museum.

The event, which was held in conjunction with Channel Thirteen’s Jewish Heritage Week, included the Ethiopian musical and dance troupe Sudden Teke, displays of artifacts and photographs centering around the current YUM exhibit, “Beta Israel: The Jews of Ethiopia,” and a basket weaving session.

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Despite Intense Competition, Acceptance Rate to Medical Schools Is Steady

by Stuart Milsen

Even though the competition to get into medical school this year has increased as the number of applicants nationwide has reached an all-time high and the quality of the average medical school applicant has improved, Yeshiva University will be sending a graduate to Johns Hopkins Medical School, the number two medical school in the country, for the first time in over twenty years.

Additionally, this year, YU students have been accepted to other top twenty medical schools including Cornell, New York University, Michigan, and YU's own Albert Einstein.

Over 55,000 students applied to medical schools this year for only 17,000 available seats, which is about 6,000 students more than last year. Yet, according to Dr. Weisbrot, the YU pre-health advisor, YU "was able to maintain its quantity of acceptance with a little better quality."

Currently, Weisbrot says, 60 percent of the YU medical applicants have been accepted to medical school, and he expects that by the end of the year, 80 percent will be accepted. "We won't lose any ground from last year, and I am optimistic that someone will be hired by the summer."

Weisbrot explained that, in addition to these high standards, the entire medical school acceptance process is an extremely subjective one. He stated that "once a student is above a certain level, it's hard to predict whether they'll be accepted or not."

To secure spots for some of these applicants who are "on the fence" Weisbrot has visited the admissions offices of various medical schools to find out more about their applications process and demanding answers as to why YU students have been unsuccessful there. The results of these visits seem to have yielded positive results. Three years ago, he visited Columbia and a student was accepted; the following year he visited Cornell which then accepted a YU student, and last year he went to Hopkins and a student was admitted. Next year he hopes to visit Yale and Harvard.

Dr. Nulman, the Dean of Students, feels that the reason the acceptance rate has remained the same as last year even though the competition has increased is because "students are taking more responsibility in getting their stuff together than last year, and we have capable students."

Michael Wiederkehr, the YC student who was accepted to Hopkins, and who is President of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honors Society, feels that there are ways to improve the process even more. "The pre-med students should be more aggressive," he suggested. "Presently only the students who seek out the help are able to benefit."

Additionally, next year, a pre-health booklet will be distributed to any student interested in the pre-health sciences. It will contain detailed suggestions on how to proceed through college by recommending courses and summer jobs. Nulman explained, "This will hopefully help the student that until now has waited until his junior year to seek pre-health advisement."

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Dr. Norman Lamm
President, Yeshiva University

Excerpted from remarks made at the RIETS Dinner

My revered colleague, cherished advisor, loyal guide and, above all, dear friend, Dr. Israel Miller has ministered in the sanctuary of Yeshiva University/RIETS for most of his life. Sixty years ago, he came here as a freshman in Yeshiva College, eventually receiving smicha. His career was intertwined with that of Yeshiva University ever since my rebbe and predecessor, Dr. Belkin zt"l, invited him to join the Administration of Yeshiva University. It was my special pleasure, shortly after I became President, to appoint him Senior Vice President. His principle love at Yeshiva University has always been the students. His portfolio was varied, but it was always the students who were first on his list.

For me personally, especially in my early and most difficult years in the presidency, he has been a blessing: a source of stability during stormy times, encouragement in periods of stress, wisdom during hours of doubt, and hope during long stretches of worry. He has stood by me when I needed him.

All this was done while he was serving in the larger Jewish community, here and in Israel and throughout the world. He has been the president of almost every significant Jewish organization in the country. He has negotiated on behalf of world Jewry with foreign governments, and represented all of us with grace, dignity, and effectiveness.

Throughout his long and illustrious career, he has served with distinction his people, his country, his faith, his Torah--and his yeshiva. As his active official career draws to a close, as he moves in a few months from Senior Vice President to Senior Vice President Emeritus, we of RIETS/Yeshiva University hail this always upstanding and outstanding man for a full, fascinating, and fertile lifetime of extraordinary achievement for us, for Yeshiva, and for the entire Jewish community.

We shall remain in his debt, and we shall pray for his and his wife's health and strength for years and years to come.

David Gottesman
Chairman of the Board, Yeshiva University

In reflecting about the illustrious career of Dr. Miller, I think about a soft-spoken man whose actions speak volumes. As Yeshiva University's ambassador to the world at-large and in each and every top leadership position he has occupied with Jewish organizations around the globe—among them the chairmanships of the Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations, American Jewish Conference of Soviet Jewry, and Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany—he has been a magnificent representative and eloquent spokesperson of the Jewish people. In some of these endeavors, including here at Yeshiva University, I—and my father before me—had the privilege to serve alongside him.

The student body at YU has always been Dr. Miller's prime concern. He truly understands and appreciates that you—the young people who have come here to study—are our great resource for a vital and vibrant future and, thus, he has committed so much of his talents and energies to ensuring your well-being.

I am proud to say that Israel Miller has been a friend of my family for many years. Our ties are rooted here at the University. Indeed, Izzy once told me that, as a Yeshiva College student, he was a Mendel Gottesman Scholar. I know my grandfather would feel immense nachas knowing that one of "his scholars" has gone on to achieve worldwide acclaim and admiration for his service to the Jewish community.

It is difficult for me to think of Yeshiva University without Israel Miller. I wish him the twin blessings of good health and continued happiness from his outstanding family.

Elie Wiesel
Nobel Laureate
Rabbi Israel Miller and I have been friends for many, many years. From the first time we met, I felt a profound closeness to him. His Ahavat Israel is contagious, as is his Ahavat Torah. To spend an evening in his company has always been a rewarding experience. I am fond of him also because he is a man of midst. I have never heard him utter a negative comment about a fellow Jew. Nor have I ever heard him raise his voice at another human being. He never used his leadership positions to impose his will, only to share his views.

Together, at times side by side, we fought for Soviet Jewry. Jews in oppressed lands, and the State of Israel. I miss the days when I used to see him often.

Rabbi Miller poses with President George Bush at a YU event

Rabbi Miller discusses issues of concern to the Jewish community with Vice-President Dan Quayle
IN TRIBUTE
Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller

Alfonse M. D’Amato
United States Senator (R-NY)

I am pleased to extend my greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the retirement of Rabbi Israel Miller. Rabbi Miller has been a leader of the New York Jewish community and throughout our nation for decades. His counsel has been sought by the leaders of our city, state and nation as a man who possesses a sharp mind and a soft heart. I have come to know him over the years and I have the greatest feeling of warmth towards him as an incredibly fair and decent man. In addition to his personal accomplishments, his son, Michael Miller, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, has followed in his dad’s footsteps. Rabbi Israel Miller can be rightly proud.

I join you in wishing him all the best in his retirement. May Rabbi Miller continue to be an inspiration to us all and may the years and years to come be served by him for the benefit of the public in happiness and good health. May God bestow his blessings upon him.

Vivian H. Owgang
International Student Advisor Assistant to the Senior Vice President

I have been asked to put into words my thoughts, feelings, insights and thoughts about a man I worked with happily for nearly 26 years. At my request, I put together several paragraphs which your Editors said, “But you know him better than anybody.” In a way, the sentiment may be correct, but in thinking about Dr. Miller I realized that no one could ever know him completely.

Dr. Miller (or Rabbi Miller, as he prefers to be known) is a very complex man. Sweet and gentle, with a great sense of humor, but with a mild and determined temperament that is unparalleled by man. I met him at the pinnacle of his career in Jewish public life, in this country and abroad. I have seen him, and worked with him, in many of his roles as president, at one time or another, of all of the major Jewish organizations, and in each position he has excelled. In many times these positions overlapped, and none of his endeavors were short changed. I remember Rabbi Miller being a driving force behind the YU Student Union and in so many ways. In the pages that follow you will see him as a loyal and dedicated leader of Yeshiva University.

I often marvelled at how quickly he was able to switch his thoughts from talking to a student in his office to responding to a call from the White House. I was convinced that all of this was possible because of his commitment to make this world a better place. But no matter where he was or what he was doing, whether in New York or in Yeshiva, he felt he owed much to the young people whose development he encouraged in the individual he became. And that was why, when Dr. Belkin, z”l, asked him to leave his post as president of Yeshiva University, he declined.

So, when I met him in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of directors of Yeshiva University, I was somewhat surprised. The first thing he did was to begin work on the 5th Floor of Furst Hall and in so many ways. Wearing another hat, he was engaged in intensive negotiations on behalf of Israel and the American Jewish community with the United States Government and Department related to vital Jewish issues. I was working on a number of different positions on behalf of the College, but the best way I could describe it is that Dr. Miller guided the life of this student body with a steady hand, drawing on his years of experience and the experience of the world and the world of the colleges.

Rabbi Miller plans to retire from the College, but he seemed to be everywhere and doing everything in my capacity to make Yeshiva University what it always had to be.

In the mid-1980s Rabbi Miller and I were called to the Oval Office to meet with President Jimmy Carter and in search of answers to different problems. Whatever the problem, when he engaged in intensive negotiations, involving the People’s Republic of China and the United States, Rabbi Miller offered those gifts of mind to the situation.

I am pleased to join with Yeshiva University in honoring Rabbi Israel Miller upon his retirement after a long and distinguished career.

Rabbi Miller has no doubt continue serving the Jewish people, as well as the entire family of New York for many years to come.

It is truly fitting for the people of the State of New York to pay special tribute to Rabbi Miller upon the completion of a remarkable career at Yeshiva University.

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IN TRIBUTE

Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller

Richard M. Joel
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It is not often that one gets to know and learn from a “statesmensch.” Often, those of us fortunate enough to work in the Jewish Professional world have menschen as mentors, or even occasionally learn from a statesman. But Israel Miller is American Jewry’s “Statesmensch.”

From the time I came to Yeshiva, working on Torah Leadership Seminars, through a tour of duty as Associate Dean of Cardozo, Dr. Miller offered insight, perspective, passion, justice, and temperament. His political judgement, and his political tales, were enriching. Usually, Uncle Tasy could make it better.

I learned from Rabbi Miller the power of principled compromise, to sort out issues of ego from issues of ethics; to be serious, but not take oneself seriously. Most important, Israel Miller still serves as a model of Yiddishkeit that is, G-d forbid, an endangered species: a lover of Torah im derech eretz, a joyous celebrant of life, an includer of all Jews, and all men and women of good will. Dr. Miller taught us that our mission is to be a Maasechet Kohenim of g’shay kadush, to embrace life, and greet it with all chayim.

We must see his like again. He’s our first “statesmensch,” not our last.

Abraham H. Foxman
National Director,
Anti-Defamation League

It is a pleasure and an honor to be asked to write a few words about my colleague Rabbi Israel Miller upon his retirement from Yeshiva University. I of course know Rabbi Miller from a different, if connected world, that of American Jewry and the Jewish community. He is a statesman, unique in his ability to say to those of us who have labored in that field on behalf of American and World Jewry, “Rabbi Miller is a unique figure. He is unique not because he was Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, nor because he served as President of the American Zionist Federation, nor because he was longtime Chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council’s Middle East Task Force, nor because he has served on the Executive Committee of AIPAC. He has done all these things and done them extremely well.”

Rabbi Miller’s uniqueness, which should serve as a model for us, stems from his ability to transcend the divisions within the Jewish community. When he spoke of the unity of the Jewish people, he was not merely paying lip service to the concept. He lived it every day of his life. He had the ability to address, unfailingly, Jewish principles, and yet have respect and show decency to those representing other parts of the Jewish community, because they were human beings and Jews, and because he knew that the health and survival of our people and the world depended on our principle and on our unity.

Never is an example more needed than today. At a time when the Orthodox world is divided between ultra- and moderate, when Orthodoxy and the other branches of American Judaism are too often at odds, and when in Israel there is the danger of a culture war between secular and religious, honoring Rabbi Miller is something we do, not only for him, but for ourselves. I wish him and his family good health and much joy.

Mrs. Abby Belkin
Wife of the Late Rabbi Samuel Belkin, Former President of Yeshiva University

Mention Dr. Israel Miller’s name to anyone on the Yeshiva University campus and you will elicit a broad smile, followed by profuse expressions of affection and praise.

But then again, you could pick any other site where Jewry congregates and you are apt to get the same response. Try Washington, where he is recognized as the Jewish community’s top emissary. Jerusalem greets him as Zionism’s modern-day Goliath.

Moscow heard him from synagogue pulpits on behalf of Soviet Jews, and then on to Brussels to prod internationally for the same cause. South Africa welcomed him as President Reagan’s fact-finder and, most importantly, West Germany was his destination for compensatory claims for survivors of Nazi brutality.

The list goes on, as well as abroad. Yeshiva University has been home base for Dr. Miller since earning a magna cum laude degree in 1938, followed by ordination in 1941.

Dr. Miller will retire soon, striding out with half-century’s accumulation of accolades—not just words but the sincere sentiments of thousands who shared his world in a wide spectrum of Jewish education and community affairs.

Among them was my late husband, Dr. Samuel Belkin, zt”l. He believed Rabbi Miller lived his life by the most comprehensive rule in the Torah: “Thou shalt love your neighbor as thyself.”

This commandment, Dr. Belkin said, concisely describes Dr. Miller’s basic philosophy. It has sparked his quest to ensure that the world become a better place for the Jewish people.

“As he applied the rule,” Dr. Belkin added, “it fits around him as snugly as his talit.”

Biographers describe Dr. Belkin as “The Interpreter” who helped implement those revelations. Shared dreams were the linchpins of the long friendship internationally for the same cause. South Africa welcomed him as President Reagan’s fact-finder and, most importantly, West Germany was his destination for compensatory claims for survivors of Nazi brutality.

I greatly admire Dr. Miller. To begin, he is my fellow Baltimorean. Aside from Chasunimo we share for the Maryland city of our birth, our families were neighbors who helped found the same synagogues!

Another reason for affection is Dr. Miller’s devotion to my late husband’s memory. Each year for the past 17, he has introduced the Belkin Memorial Lectures by offering recollections and vignettes that keep alive a half-century of their experiences together.

To sum it up, I “love my neighbor” and I wish him the best of everything in the years ahead.

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**Ernst & Julio Down By The Schoolyard**

"Good-bye to Rosie, the Queen of Corona"

——— P. Simon

I don’t mind sore throats. They make me sound like Tom Bosley. I was watching the news the other night, and I guess I came to realize a few things that I had either never noticed before or never known at all. First of all, I don’t know where I’ve been all this time, but I’d always thought that the international date line was “Haven’t I seen you somewhere before?”

Also, I had thought that euthanasia was a summer camp. Then that it was a rock group. Then, that it meant “a nice word for something else.” Then someone called me handsome, only to explain that he really thought I was quite ugly, but had chosen to employ a “euphemism.” All at once, everything fell into place.

Speaking of which, last week at my tri-monthly physical exam, the doctor, reading off of a list of questions, asked me, “Ernie, have you ever been told that you’re anemic?”

“Oh, come on doc,” I sheepishly replied, “I bet you say that to all the guys!”

But enough about me, let’s talk about what you think of me. No, on second thought let’s talk just a little more about me, shall we?

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Man, I hate the grind. Every day the same routine. Wake up, eat a kosher breakfast, go to the shir room, find a desk, put gum under it, etch into it the names of my favorite rock groups like Rush and Pearl Jam, then ink in some really meaningful lyric of theirs like, “Jeremy spoke in, spoke in” so that I can ponder it while gazing at it, then somehow make it through the rest of the day, only to do it all again tomorrow, this time with one less clean desk in the pool. (Not the pool.) But then no one said college would be easy.

Who keeps the beachball after graduation?

It’s getting late, and I now realize that I don’t have a sore throat so much as a big sad old lump in it, a lump that compels me to think of a couple of things.

First, never to swallow three pieces of bazoooka again.

Second, that this is my—dang it, our—last column. Where I’m going, they won’t let me write stuff like this anymore. They won’t even let me have pencils, or forks or a belt or shoelaces—it’s all part of the plea bargain. But my real regret is that I have to quit skating.

Seriously, though, they say that behind every joke hides some truth, and I guess the real truth here is that I never was a very good skater.

I wish all the luck in the world to my successor, except any that would come at my expense.

Who keeps the beachball after graduation?

I hate drawn out good-byees; they’re so unseemly. I much prefer a simple, neat good-bye.

All the best.

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What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

I believe that my strongest qualifications to serve as YCSC president come from my experiences in student leadership positions that I’ve held for the past four years, including my currently being president of my class in Yeshiva College. These leadership experiences have instilled in me the strong belief that a leader’s ultimate responsibility is to be approachable to all students, to be responsive to concerns and ideas expressed by any and all students, and to deal with the Administration in an effective fashion. I have put these beliefs into action for the past four years, and, if elected, I would continue to do so with strong commitment and endless energy for the upcoming year as YCSC president.

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If elected YCSC president, I hope to work closely with concerned and capable students to successfully implement the following changes. I would have four computers installed into each dorm, each hooked up to the YU Network and possessing Internet capabilities, as well as make a copy machine available in Morg College. In addition, I hope to further improve the registration process and I am also looking forward to converting the currently barren Klein Hall into a brand new lounge for the student body. This is what I feel is lacking in the student-Administration relationship. With a strong YCSC president, the Student Council has an unique opportunity to re-define the balance of power traditionally held between students and the Administration. The YCSC president has the responsibility of ensuring that the student council, and the students that it represents, has a greater say in the decision-making process of the University be it academic, social, financial or political in nature. After all, we, the students, are the ultimate strength and pride of our University and we ought to be treated as such.

Name: Michael A. Nelson
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Biology

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

My strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president is my rapport with both the student body and the Administration of Yeshiva University. I believe that I have a good understanding of what the students want, through my tenure as Treasurer of the Junior class, Treasurer of the Young Republicans Club and President of the Young Entrepreneurs’ Club. To be a truly effective leader, the president must understand where the complaints of his fellow students stem from, and he must fight for the rights of those students as their liaison with the Administration. These essential qualifications, which I possess, are what make the president the leader and representative of the student body and their chief proponent in a time of need.

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Name: Chanoch Kanovsky
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Speech

What is your strongest qualification to serve as YCSC president?

There is an unwavering ability to recognize a problem and attack it at its source. I am not swayed by pre-conceived notions. Rather, I keep an open mind on all issues. I like straightforward solutions, and I find the easiest and most efficient ways to implement them.

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SSSB President

Name: Jonathan Schloss
Years On Campus: Two and one-half
Major: Psychology

What is your strongest qualification to serve as SSSB president?

Over the past few years, I've made it my business to closely monitor the situation on campus; I always have a sense of YU's pulse. I know where and how we can improve. Most importantly, I'm a realist. I understand that the world's future does not hinge on your choice of YCSC President but, as corny as it may sound, I feel that SSSB has the quality of YUlife. Even though I didn't hold an elected position this year, I've already devoted time and effort on behalf of my peers. I was the only Syms member of the Registrar Search Committee and was actively involved in the interviewing process. I am looking forward to working in conjunction with Mr. Melvin Davis, the new registrar, in order to expedite the registration process and to make the registrar's office more approachable.

What are your major plans for helping the student body for next year?

I took the time to discuss the feasibility of implementing most of the following ideas:

1) Applying for membership and inviting representatives from Phi Beta Kappa (a prestigious academic honors society) to re-evaluate YU curricula.
2) Converting one of the larger unused rooms in Muss Hall into a furnished lounge.
3) Pursuing some sort of late night van service to off-campus apartments along Amsterdam Avenue.
4) Pushing for improvements in food quality, given that caf prices are effectively etched in stone for the next few years. (I skinned the chickens a few times per week, cooking veggies order of the day, the pretzels are the only thing I love.)
5) Actively petitioning NYC government to consistently clean up the Amsterdam Avenue exit ramp coming off the George Washington Bridge and West Side Highway; this means dinging out the stripped cars and other debris and repairing street lights.
6) Encourage student organizations to be more productive by funding those that are actually doing something.

How should the YCSC president act as a voice of the students towards the Administration?

A YCSC president should maintain a cordial but firm stance. Administrators must be kept aware of the problems students face. I can assure you that members of the Registrar Search Committee are fully cognizant of the frustration we often face when dealing with registration matters. If elected, I would continue to voice all concerns. In order to do so, the president must make himself accessible to his fellow students. My door would always be open for suggestions. The president should also keep students informed of current issues under discussion through a "President's Column" in the newspaper.

What plans and ideas do you hope to implement for SSSB next year?

I have many plans to improve what life is at the Syms School of Business. Of course, these are students' expertise. Additionally, Syms students benefit by having the opportunity to apply their skills to practical living. One example is the SYO Seforim Sale, which could be run more smoothly and efficiently with the help of Syms students. The Syms Student Council will work with the various student councils to improve all programs at Yeshiva University.

Name: Joshua Halicame
Years On Campus: Two
Major: Accounting

What is your strongest qualification to serve as SSSB president?

I am currently the Vice-President of the SSSSB Student Council, and I am also the Side Bar-On Campus Building Review (which we started last year after an absence of a couple of years), a position which I assumed last year. These experiences have afforded me the opportunity to deal extensively with both the Administration and the student body. As a result of these activities, I feel a tremendous sense of attachment to the students and to the school. I am very excited about the possibility of making a long-lasting impact on our school.

What plans and ideas do you hope to implement for SSSB next year?

I think there needs to be more interaction between the students and the student government; the students have many beneficial ideas which unfortunately are not always conveyed to those capable of implementing them. For example, this year when I heard a few students complaining about the computer lab fee which all SSSSB students have to pay (regardless of their use of the computer room), I discussed it with Eric [SSSB President] that evening; we spoke to the dean about it the next day, and as a result it is currently under review by the Administration and student senate. I would like to have the Student Council work with the Administration and faculty to allow students to directly voice their opinions. I intend to arrange for various speakers from the business world to speak to the students about real life experiences and to provide practical advice and I also hope to work with the placement office to further improve non-accounting and summer job opportunities.

In your opinion, what is the role of SSSB Student Council regarding interaction with other student councils in YU?

It is important for there to be interaction among the different councils, particularly on matters which affect all students. There are many courses in YC which SSSSB students must take and therefore issues relating to these courses should be discussed with all appropriate councils. Fund raising activities can be done on a larger scale when more councils are involved, thereby providing more money for student activities. There is strength in numbers, and with the cooperation of the student councils of the university, great things can be accomplished.

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Dr. Izchak Miller: A Student Remembers...

by Chaim Gottesman

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Will the Jablonski Campus Have to be Renamed?
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University from 55% to 15% of his estate, in the form of a single unidentified building of uncertain value. Attorney David Goldstein, a solo practitioner, is representing Jablonski, who is recovering in an Argentina nursing home from a debilitating stroke, as well as Jablonski's relatives, Sylvia Dora Czyz Voucai and Mauricio Czyz, who are also currently residing in Argentina. YU believes that Czyz Voucai and Czyz, with knowledge of the agreement between Jablonski and YU, and fully aware of the terms of the will, intentionally interfered with Yeshiva's claim to the Washington Heights campus and another major benefactor.

Jablonski's attorney says he's "confident" that his client has not violated the 1971 agreement and using Gestapo-like moves, after YU moved to have Jablonski questioned under oath, as well as improperly seizing the 94-year-old Holocaust survivor's tax returns.

Goldstein is relying on the classic case of Blackman v. Estate of Battcock to serve as Jablonski's defense. In 1971, Elizabeth Battcock agreed as part of a settlement of her deceased husband's estate not to change the will she had executed in 1969 leaving nearly her entire estate to her son and daughter. She also promised to leave the will "intact and without change." However, during the 1980s, Battcock opened several bank accounts (known as Totten trusts) in her own name, in trust for various charities. She also made two new wills, in 1982 and 1994, in which she expressly excluded her daughter and grandchildren (her son had already passed away). The plaintiffs (decident's daughter and her children) argued that the Totten trusts violated the 1971 agreement, and desired a court order preventing the bank from paying out the trust accounts to the named beneficiaries. On December 19, 1991, the Court of Appeals of New York decided that Battcock had the right to change the will, and ruled in favor of the appellants - namely, the Totten trust beneficiaries. Goldstein is certain that the court will similarly maintain that Jablonski was legally permitted to change the terms of the will he drafted four years ago.

Ironically, the law firm representing YU also represented one of the Totten trust accounts in the Battcock case, so they will now act as plaintiffs against an analogous defense that they won just a few years ago. Patrick Begos, one of YU's attorneys, declined to comment on how he plans to convince the court that the Battcock case is not relevant to the Jablonski case.

Although Goldstein did not comment on the contents of the new will, he pointed out that even if Yeshiva "contemplated" four years ago that 55% of Jablonski's estate translated into six million dollars, this is only speculation, and it does not properly take into consideration any future expenses or debts. Goldstein also noted that the full value of an estate is not determined until after the beneficiary's death. Hence, Goldstein is puzzled by the timing of YU's lawsuit, nor does he understand Yeshiva's claim to six million dollars. "By telling Jablonski that if they don't receive six million they will take his name off the campus, YU has crafted their own remedy, and the Jablonski family would agree to this," he stated, adding that "at this point that might be best for all the parties involved."

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Department.

Additionally, the previous restricted elective requirement has been slimmed down. Most notably, Speech is no longer a general requirement, but might still be for certain majors, and for students in SSSB. For most students, only one course will now be required from either Art, Music, or a foreign language.

History and Philosophy have been removed from the "Behavioral Sciences" category. Students must now select from two courses from History, Philosophy, or foreign languages. Two foreign language courses will be needed to receive credit.

The Curriculum Committee will keep an eye on the success of the new requirements, which marks the end of the Curriculum Committee's review of the core curriculum. Now, according to its Chairman, Dr. Moshe Bernstein, "The Curriculum Committee is proceeding to examine and evaluate other aspects of the YC curriculum beyond the core. We hope to review the requirements in many specific majors and minors, as well as consider the introduction and implementation of proposed new majors and minors."

The Curriculum Committee will be meeting regularly throughout the next academic year, and a proposal for new majors and minors should be ready by the end of the next year.

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A Hot Day, But a Cold Loss for the Tennis Team

by Steven Kupferman and Daniel Wolfson

The only thing that was good for the YU Tennis team last week was the weather. After their victory over Polytech, the YU tennis team had another match against NJIT on March 20. This match up was not completed due to darkness, though YU was leading 4-3; the last two matches will replayed in a few weeks. This past Monday, however, the YU tennis team was brought down to earth in their horrible 7-2 defeat by SUNY Maritime.

 Unable to pull off a come-from-behind victory, Zaionz went down in the third set 4-6. Third-seeded Brian Kardon handed Maritime their only singles loss of the afternoon as he easily overtook his opponent with his strong serve and net play, 6-2, 6-1. Despite his strong second set victory over SUNY's Ken Torres, David Samet added to the disappointing outing, losing 2-6, 6-4, 2-6. Ezra Lightman put up a strong fight only to lose his match after an exciting second set tie-breaking victory to SUNY's Derek Eisenbeidl 6-7, 7-6, 4-6. Steve Landau lost a disappointing match 2-6, 1-6 to Maritime's Sebastian Sora.

The results of the doubles matches were no better as Daniel Wolfson and Jonathan Heller could not muster up a victory. After winning their first set 6-4, it seemed too good to be true for the Macs as Maritime came back strong, winning the next two sets 2-6, 3-6 to seal the match. In his second time around, Brian Kardon paired up with Avraham Ciment only to lose their match 4-8. Michael Pfeiffer and David Samet gave YU their only doubles victory of the day as he easily overtook his opponent with his strong serve and net opponent with his strong serve and net play.

YU Invited to NYU Basketball Tournament

by David Goldenberg

On Sunday April 17, New York University and the I.J.C. (Inter-Jewish Collegiate Association) hosted a Jewish basketball tournament. The teams consisted of Jewish, non-varsity basketball players from eight tri-state area colleges. Among those schools invited were NYU, Baruch, Queens, YU, Brooklyn, Cooper Union, Kingsborough, and Hofstra. The tournament was "single elimination," and was completed in one day.

Golf Team Slices Into New Season

by Commentator Sports Staff

The YU Golf Team is ready to tee off its season on April 25, when it plays in its first tournament against New Jersey Tech and Montclair State. The tournament will also be the debut of new head golf coach, Allen Mittelman.

Three other golf tournaments are scheduled. On April 26, YU will be participating in the Wagner tournament, on April 29 they will compete against NYU, and on May 5, its season will conclude with a match against Queens College.

The team will be led this season by Captain Andrew Sicklick and a host of experienced upperclassmen returning from last year's team. This leaves Mittelman, also the coach of the George Washington High School basketball team, very optimistic about the team's chances.