Gore Presses For US
Troops in Bosnia at
YU Chanukah Dinner

by Meir S. Zeitckik

The seventy-first Chanukah dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in Manhattan, Yeshiva University's largest fundraiser of the year, seemed in some respects very much like the first seventy. The five hundred dollar a plateevent, which took place on Sunday, attracted the richest and most influential people in the country. There were the businessmen (Viscom Chairman Summer Redstone), the politicians (U.S. vice-president Albert Gore), U.S. congresspersons Charles Rangel and Carol Maloney and New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver) and the former politicians (ex-New York mayor David Dinkins).

But beneath the veneer of elegant tuxedos and glitzy ballroom dresses, elaborate culinary arrangements and ornate centerpieces was a series of substantial speeches. They ranged from impassioned moral arguments for troops in Bosnia by the United States second-in-command to a shiur on Chanukah from YU's leader.

Vice President Gore set the tone for the evening with his convocation address - the keynote speech at the ceremony conferring honorary degrees - which was itself wide-ranging. Wearing a white knitted kippah, he attested the critical role the U.S. must play in sending troops to Bosnia. "Europe cannot not do it alone," he said, his voice rising emotionally. "Europe cannot not do it the last time this happened." He acknowledged that sending troops to Bosnia wasn't risk-free. "Few worthwhile missions are," he said.

"But the risks of doing nothing are infinitely greater." Turning his attention to the domestic front, Gore covered a variety of current legislative topics. The budget battle and the rollback of environmental regulations, urging lawmakers to fight the conservative tide sweeping Washington even if it posed political dangers. Drawing on this week's Haftarah, or weekly reading from Tanach, he invoked the example of Ovadia, who saved hundreds of people from the wrath of Achav and Ezevzel. "He [Ovadia] didn't calculate whether it would help him or hurt him in the polls," Gore said. And in a poignant moment, he reminded the audience that balancing the budget should be done so that it "offers dignity to older Americans," as he stood against a backdrop of funds to establish scholarships for Stern and Einstein women.

Lamm Delivers Talmud Shuir

In a move unprecedented for a Chanukah dinner, YU president Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm chose to teach the audience instead of addressing them. Hoping to give the innergoers what he called a "taste of what they [YU students] do" bound copies of a section of a Gemara in Shabbat pertaining to Chanukah were distributed. After dedicating the shiur to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin, Lamm outlined and explained the classic disagreement between Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel on whether Chanukah candles are lit each day in ascending or descending order. He concluded by inserting the message of pluralism from the debate in the Gemara, and saying that, just like the

Mysterious Millionairess Leaves
YU $22 Million In Will

by Steven Miadownik

In a bizarre and enigmatic turn of events, a reclusive millionairess who has never been known to step foot on a YU campus or even come into contact with any YU officials or students, has bequeathed her $22 million fortune to YU. In a will signed in 1968 and revised in 1975, Ms. Anne Scheiber, an eccentric Upper West Side resident and retired IRS auditor, selected YU as the future recipient of her modest portfolio of stocks. Upon her death at 101 years of age on January 9, 1995, Lamm delivered a Talmud shuir.

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As the World Turns

All too often students here at Yeshiva University lose themselves in a world of academics and politics that is confined to the walls of the institution itself. Ask the average student about peace or world events and his knowledge is passing, at best. After all, time is limited and so is the amount of information that can be assimilated. What possible relationship can exist between the outside world and Yeshiva University?

Events of recent weeks have disproven the validity of this attitude and have taught us a valuable lesson in the process. YU's Rebbeinu have come under attack for attitudes that spawned the mindset of the individuals who killed the Prime Minister. These attacks have put YU in context—in the context of a greater whole.

As the YU microcosmic Universe began to disintegrate due to Israeli politics, YU announced a $52 million bequest by a woman who until that point had been unknown to the University. Ms. Sheiber's gift was not bestowed out of a sense of gratitude or obligation, but because she believed that Yeshiva University represented a particular type of individual, not only in Jewish circles, but to the world as well. Yeshiva is a unique institution and in that capacity it has a stance in the world community. For Ms. Scheiber, our school took on a significance that we often ignore, a significance in the world community.

And it is that significance upon which Vice President Albert Gore discussed the mission of our University in his speech on Sunday's Chanukah Dinner. Mr. Gore did not limit the role of YU to its own institutional self, or to even the orthodox community, but he extended a vision of YU’s values as they are applied to world problems such as Bosnia and South Africa.

Our ideas and ideals are far too important to be marginalized by our own lack of vision. If we do not recognize the importance of the interplay between ourselves and the world around us then how can we expect ourselves to be taken seriously? Let us become a more aware and a more concerned student body.

Stand up and Be Judged

A recent Academic Student Senate proposal is set to initiate a more practical and comprehensive undergraduate course catalog. Students will surely welcome and take advantage of a multi-dimensional catalog offering greater detailed course descriptions, outlines of course requirements including papers and frequency of tests, past grade distributions of classes, necessary materials and textbooks, and documentation of the student assessed professor evaluations which take place at the conclusion of every semester.

It is a proposal which would benefit everyone involved. Students would make a better informed decision on the courses they take, instead of simply relying on anecdotal evidence of their roommate or brother. And professors would be kept on their toes when they realize their classes are being examined in a more formal and widespread manner. Still, several administrators are not convinced. If we don't recognize the importance of the interplay between ourselves and the world around us then how can we expect ourselves to be taken seriously?

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LETTERS
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A Very Perplexing Guide

To the Editor:

The year's "Guide to the Perplexed" finished recently with the distribution of the Student Directory. A lot of hard work went into the making of this student run publication. Many students volunteered to work on it over the summer, during the first semester, and even during their midterms. Additionally, the first part of The Guide outlines the first few weeks of school. Unfortunately, there were many problems as well. Many students, including myself, were dismayed by the 11 week (almost three months—not including the holiday break) delay of the Student Directory. This was especially after we were promised by student leadership to have it within the first six weeks. Granted, The Guide always had delays but I hoped that this year's Guide Staff would have learned from last year's mistakes vis-a-vis the tardiness.

Furthermore, this year's Guide has lost a lot of credibility for myself and many others who worked on the Guide. We were not paid to do so, as is common practice at other well respected universities. The reality of students didn't hand in their work on time, addresses, email account numbers, whole entries not being put in, certain people being put in twice, and floors

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MisGUIDEd Criticism

To the Editor:

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to those committed students who worked so hard to put together the '95-'96 Guide to the Perplexed for their fellow YC/SCW students. I was particularly impressed by its general information, and the addition of students' e-mail addresses. As a first year student at Yeshiva College, I found the first half of the guide that I received invaluable not only to my getting around YU, but also New York. However, I have heard some students complaining that since they are more interested in the second half of the guide, namely the student directory, combined with the fact that it came out in mid-November, that the production of this year's Guide wasn't even comparable to the mediocre Guides of years past. Before any individual makes cynical or accusatory statements, I think he/she should ask himself/herself the following questions: Why didn't I volunteer my time and energy to helping produce this year's Guide? Was it due to my tough schedule? Was it because I didn't have the computer skills to undertake such a task? As is my understanding, the simple fact that the majority of students didn't hand in their 'Guide Information Sheets' on time was the single most significant contributing factor to the so-called "lateness" of this year's Guide. In addition, the students who worked on the Guide were not paid to do so, as is common practice at other well respected universities.

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Message From the YCSC President

From the Editor's Desk

ARi D. H I R T

Four weeks ago two bullets took flight on a dreadful path ripping through Yitzhak Rabin. Thirty days have passed and the bullets continue to cause a severe tearing apart the Society of Israel and all of World Jewry. Nearly 20,000 people will join this Sunday in a rally for unity to make an attempt at setting these bullets off course. Since the assassination, the widening rift separating the Jewish community's left wing and right wing camps has been exposed to the world. While many of the Orthodox Rabbis made attempts at bridging this gap during this mourning period, too many other prominent figures on both the right and left, including Leah Rabin and the Israeli Labor party, have only added salt to those wounds. Instead of showing the world that we are not like every other nation plagued by internal turmoil, it was finger pointing and sentiments expressed against Orthodox Jewry that clouded newspapers and televisions world-wide.

Now, in an effort to close these wounds and bring our nation together, the organized Jewish community is planning a massive rally for Unity to take place this coming Sunday at Madison Square Garden in memory of our slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The rally will be hosted by YCSC President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Leah Rabin, and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel Yisrael Lau are the invited speakers.

It only hurts me that many New York Jewish newspapers have chosen to detail the political tidings which took place amongst various organizations during the planning processes of this momentous event. Rather than focusing on the mission of the rally - the hope and desire for unity and internal peace - the papers have centered their efforts against each other and the issues of Peace and Non-Peace, the left and the right, and the Orthodox and the secular. Without a doubt, worry over the rally turning into a camouflaged peace rally or argument for equal representation for Labor and Likud speakers were significant concerns for those people dealing with and planning a unified rally. But how significant is this debate to the readers? Such detail can only detract from the event where Jewish unity and internal peace are the issues at hand. Why can't we set aside our differences and come together to support our community? One must ask this question in light of the issue of how such a negative and divisive issue can harm the community. Why can't we concentrate on the needs of the community and work together to bring about a unified nation? It is the duty of all Jewish newspapers to report the truth, not the opinions of the editors. This is where the YCSC has failed. We have chosen to take sides in this political debate rather than focusing on the significance of the event.

As we move forward, there are several issues that YCSC is planning to tackle in the upcoming months. They include:

1. Brightening the dim lights on the basement floor of the library.
2. Extending Thursday night library hours from 11:45 PM to 1 AM.
3. Purchasing a big screen TV for the student lounge.
4. Bringing well-known speakers to YU.
5. Conducting a legislative break-workshop to take up to two credits.
6. Establishing a new policy of having student speakers at graduation.
7. Developing monthly faculty-student forums.
8. Finding a solution with (SOY: President Hillel Cohen) for dealing with the lack of adequate space in the Beis Medrash for the number of talmidim enrolled in YU's Judaic Studies Programs.
9. Receiving student's responses to our Door To Door Info/Suggestion Form so that we can use a wide range of ideas and opinions to show how best to serve our student body.

May I take this opportunity after my first 100 days in office to thank the outstanding members of the Board, YCSC VP on Business Affairs Sam Wald, YCSC VP of Liberal Arts Dov Simons, YCSC Treasurer Elie Paul and YCSC Secretary Natanel Lebowitz. My very special thanks to Elie Paul for keeping our accounting books in a correct and orderly manner.
Chanukah Concert Returns
Avraham Fried to Play Lamport

BY DANIEL RUBIN

After a one-year hiatus, the YCSC Chanukah Concert will be returning to Lamport Auditorium on December 21, and will be featuring the return of Jewish music sensation Avraham Fried to YU, featured star of the last YU concert two years ago. While the concert’s fate was temporarily jeopardized, its eventual realization was assured by YCSC’s successful fundraiser which has established, in Rabbi Simons’ words, a “two million dollar fund to sustain YCSC during its first year,” with $4000 of that dividend earmarked for the YCSC program at YU. He is currently soliciting card donations from alumni, and will send a second letter to everyone from YU is going to want to have their name on it.

YCSC Vice President Dov Simons then made an effort to hire noted Jewish music performer Dovid Dukel, but that deal fell through at the last minute, leaving YCSC without a concert to stage for a month to go. But Simons was fortunate in nabbing Avraham Fried at the last minute for an on-campus concert. A delighted Simons said, “There’s no (Chanukah) concert that will be this big... for a concert this huge, it’s incredibly cheap, and everyone from YU is going to want to be there.” Tickets have been priced accordingly at $18, $20, and $25 and seating will begin at 7:45 on the 21st.

BMP Receives $2 Million Endowment and a New Name

BY J.D. SHULMAN

Comprised of only 65 students, the youngest Jewish studies program at Yeshiva University has received its first benefactor.

The university officially announced a two million dollar donation to the one-year-old Beit Midrash Program from noted philanthropist Irving L. Stone. At a ceremony in the president’s suite on December 4, at which the program was renamed the Stone Beit Midrash Program, the money is earmarked for securing a belt medallion for the BMP students who currently learn in classrooms.

Chairman emeritus of the American Greetings Co., the world’s largest publicly owned manufacturer and distributor of greeting cards, Irving Stone has long been a friend of Yeshiva University. He is a benefactor of YU through the Stone-Sapirstein-Weiss Family Foundation which has established, in REITs, the Stone-Sapirstein Center for Jewish Education, the Irving Stone Rabbinic Internship Program, and the Sapirstein Scholarship Program. The Foundation has also established the Stone-Sapirstein Chair in Jewish Education at the University. Stone also established a Distinguished Professorial Chair at the David J. Azrieli Graduate School. Stone is a member of the REIT’s Board of Trustees and has been the recipient of an honorary degree from Yeshiva University, and one of only five people to receive the esteemed Etz Chaim Award, the highest honor bestowed by REITs.

The Beit Midrash Program (now SBMP) was founded in the spring semester of 1995 in an effort to give students a little more time for the after-noon secular classes. Jeremy Maryles, the SBMP vice-president, pointed out that in Israel there are multiple yeshivahs to choose from, but at Yeshiva University, before SBMP, there were only 3 programs, and some people found that they didn’t fit comfortably in any of them. SBMP offers the benefits of the Mazer Yeshiva Program, The Issac Breuer College and the James Striar School. “BMP offers shiur like in Israel... though it is more class-oriented than YU and the Hebrew curriculum ends at 1 o’clock,” stated Maryles.

Originally a program under the umbrella of IBC, SBMP is now a distinct entity within the college. Recently elected president, Elie Borger, Maryles, and Secretary/Treasurer David Wild are in the midst of preparing a constituting petition, Borger. Borger expressed the need for the program “to try to get involved with the other student councils and their programs, especially the Shabbos programs.”

Community Literacy Club: Setting High Goals

Reaching out to Washington Heights

BY JOSH RIFKIND

After weeks of planning schedules and processing applications, the Community Literacy Club held its first meeting, kicking off its inaugural season of tutoring neighborhood youth. The club aims to strengthen the Washington Heights community by teaching reading and writing skills to schoolchildren.

Many of the children are recent immigrants from Central and South America and come from homes in which English is not spoken by either parent. In addition, many of the children are from broken homes in which academics are not stressed, and as a result, are illiterate even in their native Spanish. The program also deals with physically and mentally challenged students.

The most ambitious program of its sort ever launched at YU, the Literacy Club was founded by Nick Muzin, a YC Junior from Toronto, Canada. It is comprised of over 30 students from YC and SSSB, each of whom donate one to two hours per week to work one-on-one, at no charge, with neighborhood children.

Muzin attributes the tremendous student response to his idea—with over 42-49 percent and up to 60 percent and over the 50th percentile for the student’s year’s end. The tutors also function as ‘big brothers’ to the students, sending them attention and advice they do not receive at home.

Muzin has big plans for the Literacy Club, hoping to make it a lasting institution at YU. He is currently working on expanding the club in the community, a branch at Stern College, weekly public lessons in basic English for students and their families, workshops for the tutors, and certificates for members who have devoted 50 and 100 hours.

Muzin attributes the tremendous student response to his idea with over 30 students donating 1-2 hours per week - to the desire of YU students to help people less fortunate than themselves. He derides critics who say that one hour a week of volunteering cannot make a real difference.

"Never underestimate the power of volunteer work," he emphazises, "when taken together, these hours represent a significant contribution to our community; we will make a difference."
Fine Threatens to Remove Morg Mart from JBS Control

BY Dov Greenbaum

Morg Mart, the popular basement store which has traditionally supplied hungry students with snack food at cheaper prices and different hours than the Caf Store, has yet to open its doors this year. Operated by the Joint Business Society (JBS), Morg Mart was created to teach aspiring business majors the ins and outs of managing a real business while simultaneously satisfying healthy student appetites. This year, though, behind-the-scenes squabbling between YCSC and JBS officials has caused embarrassing delays.

The problem, stated JBS President Shlomo Drazin, "is due to the lack of money being given by the school to get suppliers with just $500. Drazin states unequivocally that the store will not open until it gets a new manager, claiming that even if the AMA takes over, they will not be able to break even on the shoe string budget.

Drazin blames the attitude of the Student Council towards the store for the poor management of the store last year, which resulted in embarrassing losses. He says that Morg Mart will open before the 7th of December, even if it means losing money, in order to satisfy the student's needs.

High School Seniors Gather at YU Open House

BY Eli Ganchrow

More than three hundred and fifty prospective undergraduate students converged on Yeshiva University on Sunday, November 12th, for its annual Open House event.

The activities began with a breakfast followed by a video presented by the Admissions Office. After the video, students and parents interested in additional information concerning the Judaic studies programs offered at YU were given the chance to meet privately with the deans of each of the four schools. Next, parents and students partook in a unique opportunity to meet informally with faculty representing the vast number of courses offered in both Yeshiva College and the Sy Syms School of Business.

Mid-day activities commenced with lunch in the Furman Dining Hall, during which participants were able to ask questions to Dr. Israel Miller, a Senior Vice President of YU, Josh Fine, President of the YC student council, and Sam Wald, president of SSSB student council, in order to clarify details about activities, student life, and student services at the colleges.

The day concluded with student-guided tours of the university campus. The Office of Admissions was very satisfied by the turnout and felt that the day was a success for YU and an important learning experience for students and parents alike.

Student Leaders Gather at Lamm Residence

BY COMMENTATOR STAFF

This past Tuesday evening, over 40 students gathered in the luxurious Central Park West Duplex occupied by YU President Dr. Norman Lamm. The annual gathering serves as an opportunity for student leaders to enter into dialogue with Dr. Lamm, a chance which his tumultuous schedule does not often permit.

Dr. Lamm opened the evening with remarks on what he called "a critical time for world and Orthodox Jewry." Lamm argued that the Rabin Assassination, along with its tragic consequences, bodied good as well as evil, "The idiom for crisis is danger and opportunity ... we also have an opportunity to show who we really are." Dr. Lamm, along with other administrators present including Dr. Efrem Nulman, Dean of Students and Dr. William Schwartz, Vice President for Academic Affairs, opened the floor to questions from student leaders. Questions ranged from such innocent issues as mandatory class attendance to charged questions concerning the lack of Beis Midrash space and overcrowding in the classrooms and dorms.

The informal nature of the forum dictated that there was little substantive detail which emerged from the exchanges between the leaders and President Lamm. YCSC President Joshua Fine did manage to elicit a promise from Dr. Lamm and Dr. Nulman that the much touted Morg student lounges would not be converted into dormitory space, as many students had feared. Moreover, Dr. Lamm also pledged to have a comfortable, temporary solution to the Beis Midrash crisis within the first month of the second semester.

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Influx Of Students To Constrict Space
Administration Vows Not to Take Lounges
BY NICK MUZIN
Both University President Norman Lam and Dean of Students Efrem Nulman have promised that the much-valued student lounges will not be used next semester to house incoming students. The assurance came last Wednesdays in Rabbi Lamms apartment at a meeting with student leaders amid rumors that the administration planned to fill the lounges with students they can no longer hold in the filled-to-capacity dormitories. Office of the student body noted that the final figures are unclear due to students uncertainty in their plans.
Dean Nulman explained that the administration is considering a number of ways to house the new students. One idea involves using the first floor of Robin Dorm, by moving the medical office to an adjacent building and converting the space into dormitories. Another possible is to use local apartments to house students. Nulman also hinted at a third option which he refused to discuss, as the moment would be reviewed. However, that the RIETS students, who were moved out of the dormitories in the past as the most outstanding scholars in the world, said YC dean Norman Adler, speaking of the perceptions of Katz among YC faculty and administration.

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YC Divided Over Judaic Studies Professor Steven Katz
BY MIRA S. ZECHIRI
Visiting Judaic studies professor Steven Katz is known to students as a galvanizing lecturer. And like his performance in the classroom, debates over the tenured Core­ nell professor are playing themselves out on the YC campus, with passionate voices on both sides of the divide.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Awakening the Lives of YU’s Buildings

By Ani Har

OK, if Morj is not a morg, and Rubin is not related to Belfer, then who was Furst?

Furst, Morj, Mass, Belfer, Rubin.

From the day these names were memorialized on the buildings we sleep in, eat in, and study in, they have become institutionalized in the YU student lexicon as the larger-than-life objects. Every day we talk about the thin walls of Rubin, the mysterious third elevator in Furst, the student union, the millions of dollars to YU only to exit the building program in honor of Sol Furst.

Mr. Jerome and Geraldine Schottenstein of Columbus, Ohio made a major gift to endow the Schottenstein Center designated for student activity. Jerome, the Chairman of City Department Stores, Inc. and CEO of Schottenstein Stores Corp had attended MT A high school. This order supporter of academics and education is best known for the renowned Hebrew/English translated Schottenstein edition Talmuds. Mr. Schottenstein passed away in March, 1992. Recently the Schottenstein family gifted needed the purchase of a new Stone Center dormitory.

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Throughout those higher ranks behind closed doors for several months. It was an unsuspecting President Norman Lamm himself who was first introduced to one Anne Scheiber when the executor of the estate, Benjamin Clark, contacted him shortly after the death and arranged a private meeting in the president's office. At that meeting, Rabbi Lamm was informed of the contents of Anne Scheiber's will and the net worth of her estate.

On February 16, Martin H. Bockstein, YU's attorney, appeared in the probate proceeding of the Anne Scheiber will in Surrogate's Court. His involvement continued through July 7, when the award was settled and approved. With the exception of a $100,000 donation to Haila's Technion and some jewelry and antiques for various nieces and nephews, Anne Scheiber's assets belonged to YU and the name Anne Scheiber will forever be associated with YU. Public relations officials and high-level administrators were tasked with investigating the life of the mysterious millionairess and identifying the motives behind her grand benefaction. Such efforts are usually unnecessary as donors of substantial gifts to universities are targeted and painstakingly wooed years in advance. The Scheiber donation, although not the largest in YU history, was unprecedented in its suddenness and surprise.

A Lonely, self-made Woman

Details of Anne Scheiber's life slowly filtered in and painted the picture of a husbandless and childless woman, estranged from her eight brothers and sisters, all of whom passed away before her. Not a religious woman by any means, Scheiber was not affiliated with any synagogue or Jewish organization, stymieing attempts to discover her friends or associates. Living for fifty years in a $450 a month rent-stabilized apartment on West 56th Street off of a government pension, she began her investing activities with only $5,000 in savings. Truly a self-made woman, Anne Scheiber was born on October 1, 1893 in Brooklyn and struggled against much meager government pension, she benefited from her eight brothers and sisters, all of whom passed away before her.

Student Loan Fund Award

Excerpt from the Last Will and Testament which I own at the time of my death, I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Yeshiva University, and to those indebted thereunto, to hold, invest and reinvest the same, and to keep the same invested, and to collect the income therefrom; and to keep the same invested, thereof to the said University shall determine to the extent that the scholarships be granted to those women "who have incurred extraordinary pain and suffering." According to SCW Dean Karen Bacon, this clause has been interpreted broadly as referring to Yeshiva women intending on pursuing careers in the medical, health, or social welfare fields and Einstein women pursuing medical degrees. Additionally, merit and need will be evaluated, but no formal selection or implementation processes have been discussed.

Actively discussed, however, was the proper forum for announcing the Scheiber bequest. Although intrinsically legal maneuverings were completed weeks ago and the monies were secured, there was no announcement of the donation was delayed until Sunday's Chanukah Dinner. There, in the presence of YU's hundreds of board members and benefactors, Rabbi Lamm was finally able to publicize the massive gift with great fanfare. To accommodate that, the Public Relations Department prepared advertisements announcing the gift to the public that will run in this Thursday's editions of New York's Jewish newspapers.

The Scheiber bequest uncovered in recent months has not translated into a lucid picture of how Scheiber's wealth will be utilized.

*SECTION*: **All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of every kind and description, and wheresoever situated,** which I own at the time of my death, I hereby give, devise and bequeath to **Yeshiva University**, a New York corporation, IN TRUST, NEVERTHELESS, to hold, invest and reinvest the same, and to keep the same invested, and to collect the income therefrom, and to keep the same invested, and to distribute the income therefrom, and out of the net income to establish and pay, in accordance with such procedures as the said University shall determine an annual scholarship of loan award to such needy and deserving student or students attending such University. It is my further direction that no single scholarship or loan to any one student shall exceed the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars per annum for such student, and that preference be given first to female students attending either the Albert Einstein College of Medicine or the Stern College for Women, divisions of Yeshiva University, with first preference to those needy female students having the highest academic average, or to those female students having the highest academic average, or to those female students attending the Stern College for Women, the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences college for women, who have indicated intention to study medicine or to enter the field of the physical and natural sciences and who have indicated their desire to assist in the development of humanity and alleviate pain and suffering. In the event that there are no female students available for such award or awards in any one year, the University may, in its discretion, award the same to a male student attending the Albert Einstein College of Medicine or Yeshiva College, the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences college for men. The University may, in its discretion, award the annual income from the fund for scholarship or loan purposes. Loans shall be non-interest bearing and shall be repayable beginning with the second year following graduation, in such amounts as the University shall determine, from time to time. The allocation of the funds available for distribution herein between scholarship and loan, shall be made in the sole discretion of the University. The scholarship award or awards herein shall be made under the designation of "Anne Scheiber Scholarship Fund Award" and the loans to students shall be under the designation of "Anne Scheiber Student Loan Fund Award."
Jewish Newspapers Mount Attack on YU Rabbis to Aftermath of Assassination

BY STEVEN MIODOWNIK

As the smoke from the December 4 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin clears, Yeshiva University's rabbis and layleaders are engaged in a battle of convictions waged from the pulpits of the Beit Midrash and in the editorial and advertising pages of newspapers across the world.

Their exhaustive efforts are in response to charges of culpability that have been cast on the shoulders of Jewish praxis descended upon YU and mounted a media blitz to justify its deed, and place the burden of blame on Ruchani R. Yosef ·Blau to be expropriated to several Roshei Yeshiva. Students in the Faculty of Jewish Law have been cast on the shoulders of the world.

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The First Ad

The November 24 issue of the Jewish Week took a conciliatory stance toward YU. The article a week before. The statement of the Roshei Yeshiva was also finally printed in the Jewish Week, as well as in the Jewish Press, Jerusalem Post, Algemeiner Journal, and Long Island Jewish World. Last week, the meticulous process of translating the statement into Hebrew and then collecting twenty-three signatories as an accurate representation of YU in the weeks following the assassination.

A Second Press Statement

As MYP Dean R. Zevulun Charlop and other administrators were bemoaned by calls from alumni and board members perplexed by the differing media depictions of YU's reaction to the assassination, the University decided to issue a second statement. Rabbi Blau acknowledged that a statement by Rabbi Lamm alone could not impart the opinion of the other Roshei Yeshiva, who have been known to differ from the president in the past.

The Roshei Yeshiva assembled on Wednesday, November 15 to sign along with Rabbi Lamm a "Statement by the Faculty of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary" condemning the assassination and his "epithet of rodef." It was RIETS Vice President Hirt who contrasted starkly with the effect of the letter that threat to tear our people apart be repaired and the tormented anguish of division be quickly healed in Zion and elsewhere.

A Third Message

It was RIETS Vice President Hirt who was the driving force behind a third message that appeared in the New York Times on November 27. Sponsored by Rabbi Lamm and the 23 RIETS Roshei Yeshiva, the piece was an elaborate essay entitled "Erring On The Side Of Love" and its twenty-three signatories were an eclectic assemblage of world Orthodox leaders, including Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of Great Britain, Orthodox Union President Mandell Ganchrow, constitutional attorney Nathan Lefkowitz, and Rabbi Lamm. Described by R. Hirt as "a leadership ad," its purpose was three-fold: to convey the Orthodox community's abhorrence of violence and the assassination, to condemn excessive rhetoric and its impact, and to call for sensitivity and civility. It also acknowledged the failure of an educational system that did not adequately highlight values. According to R. Hirt, YU has received calls of approval from around the world from Jewish leaders who wish their names were included in the statement of concen and distress that marks this turbul lent period.

Rabbi Goldwicht pointed to a different battlefield in his Sichat Mussar following the assassination, when he exhorted students to counteract this terrible tragedy, to work on their middot and more serious about learning and davening. "This is the only way that we can fight our enemies," said R. Goldwicht, "and the sooner we realize it, the sooner we will be successful in uniting Jewry."
Life After Hal
BY JOSHUA M. FELDMAN

With the departure of director Hal Tannenbaum, the Placement Office has been left with only two full-time employees. But despite the personnel shortage and the office's inability thus far to find a replacement, the office maintains that they are still adequately catering to the needs of students.

“I miss Hal, but I think that the two of us are handling it really well,” noted Adrienne Wolff, one of the remaining counselors. Diane Edelberg, who hands the hiring of a new staff member, refused to be interviewed, citing confidentiality concerns.

The thorough manner in which a permanent replacement is sought has contributed to the delay in finding a director. Candidates for the position are currently being screened through the personnel office. Once a suitable candidate is found, he or she is interviewed by Jaskoll. When asked how many candidates have happened with Jaskoll said that he interviewed two or three in the two months since Tannenbaum tendered his resignation.

Adler also emphasized that YRG de- sires to attract students from all fields of study at YU, such as market research, finance, math, and humanities. He explained that research is not limited to science as many students think, but rather extends to other fields as well. One of the purposes of YRG is to present a diversified range of topics; this can only be achieved if students from a broad range of studies participate.

According to Professor Anthony Beu- kas, chairman of the Speech department at YC, this program serves as an excellent learning ground to practice public speaking skills. Beukas explained that there are many students at YU that can produce brilliant papers but few can present a research topic in a lucid format that will keep the audience attentive and interested.

The student will also learn how to quantify lengthy and complicated research topics and break them down into understandable and worthy address.

Adler dismisses the concerns of some students who fear they will be unable to present a research topic that may be presented, noting that any qualified presentation should be understood by both the expert in that field and the layman.
Caf Prices Not So Outrageous

BY ADAM N. BERKOWITZ AND YEHEZKEL SEPIKIM

Every year an all too common jingle is sung: the whiny refrain of budgeted students, complaining about the prices in the caf-store. "Things are so expensive!" voice a group of students, "they are really taking us for a ride."

But are they really hikin’ up prices?

Is the food services management truly culpable, or is it plain old fasion griping? Anybody? And a Yeshivah student? In search of an answer, we compared the prices of the caf-store with the prices in a local supermarket (Key Food). In order to accurately expose potential price discrepancies, we reserved the survey to products of exact weight and size.

To our surprise, the caf-store’s prices were far more competitive than were first imagined. Prices, for the most part, were analogous to those in the supermarket. Staple items such as milk and Tropicana orange juice were priced at only 15 and 36 cents more. Snack foods such as Pringles potato chips and Hunt’s chocolate pudding were a full 10 cents cheaper in the caf-store. And frozen items represented the most attractive consumer bargain at the caf-store, as French bread pizza was priced a full dollar less than in the supermarket.

"It is very difficult to match the prices of the supermarkets since we do not carry the purchasing power that they do," he said, "But we do try to get items as cheaply as possible." Indeed, it is often very difficult for smaller scale stores to compete with the prices in larger ones. Companies will often give bargains to supermarkets because they purchase items by the trailer load, leaving the smaller operations at a distinct disadvantage. However, Lieberman pointed out that the caf-store will often put certain items on special and he urges students to take advantage of these bargains.

"Things tend to be a bit expensive" said Daniel Miller, a YC junior, but I don't really have much choice - I have to come here."

Kiruv Through Bikur Cholim

BY SETHI GROSSMAN AND JONATHAN ALTMARK

A series of Bikur Cholim visits by YU students to a patient in Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in desperate need of a heart-transplant inspires the elderly man’s soul-saving return to Judaism and, he claims, paved the way for a successful, life-saving heart transplant.

Mordy Solomon, a Bikur Cholim participant, records the following incident which transpired last year: For seven long months, the man had simply waited in the hospital for word of an available heart to save his life, but to no avail.

Each and every week, he was visited by members of the Bikur Cholim Club who never knew his name. Although he was not a man of religion, he apparently was impressed by the dedication and thoughtfulness of the YU students who brought their smiling faces and sincere prayers to his drab hospital room each week.

After seven months, the man was released from the hospital, knowing that his fate depended on immediately finding a heart. The first Shabbos back home he went to shul for the first time in many years in inspiration of the YU students who brought heart, he saw that his beeper, which he had turned off to avoid disturbing the services, was blinking furiously. A heart had miraculously been located for him, and he was told to rush to the hospital immediately. A successful transplant was performed the very next day and to this day the man credits his going to shul as his merit for receiving a new lease on life.

For Solomon and the other bikur Cholim club participants, the lesson in time management was clear: For many YU students, club hour is merely that scheduling annoyance which forces them to attend classes forty five minutes later than they should on Thursday nights. However, those who use the hour from 2:45 to 3:45 to bring some much needed companionship and open ears to sick Jewish patients reap tangible and intangible rewards. For the past two years, there have also been sponsored club visits made on Friday mornings.

This year, the Bikur Cholim Club is headed by David Mark, Kenny Ripstein, and Daniel Hartstein. The club’s presidents are given a list of the Jewish patients by the Jewish Services Co-ordinator of Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital, Rabbi Mordecai Schnaidman. Depending on the amount of patients and visitors each week, groups of two or three students are sent to brighten the day of four to seven patients.

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Stein, the Rebbeitzin's were also present. Each spoke of her Chaim Waxman (her son-in-law), as well
over 50 years. Rebbetzin Lifshitz was eulogized, both in English and in Yiddish, by Rabbi
since her father, which were later published. Since the passing of Rav Dovid in 1992, Rebbetzin Lifshitz had been living
she was buried on Har HaMenuchot next to her husband.
and pick them up at the Box Office on the night of the Concert!
raising the curtain on its 64th production, The Yeshiva College Dramat­
society opens its run of Charles Ma­
rowitz's Sherlock's Last Case this Motzei Shabbos in the Schottenstein Theater. 

YCDS Presents
Sherlock's Last Case

BY COMMENTATOR STAFF

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ical Director for the 31 years since its inception. Beukas feels that the key to under­

two are backed up by a supporting cast including newcomers Yossi Lewis, Aha­

Above all, the production radiates about how government works and how they can be a part of it.

Check out the new Commentator World-Wide-Web Site:
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Vice President Al Gore
dent, he said is that if you' close your left eye and turn your head just right it says: "President of the United States." Later in his speech, he deadpanned: "You and your university have done a good deed. Or what we Southern Baptists like to call - a mitzvah." And in a bit of self-deprecating humor, he poked fun at his image as a stiff and uninspiring politician with lines like "Al Gore is sorbing his Secret Service code name is... Al Gore." and "It’s no secret I ran for president in 1988, although it seemed like one to most people."

The fact that the twenty-two million dollar contribution came from a woman who never set foot in YU further enlivened the mood. For those selected officials, this dramatizes the profound and far-reaching effect YU has on people. "It shows you what an impact YU has made. Here is an individual (Scheiber) who had no connection and felt this was an opportunity to help Jewish students," said New York state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (YC '65) in an interview.

Commenting on YU’s effect on its surroundings, Washington Heights Congressman Charles Rangel told The Commentator that the relationship between the community and YU is "excitingly good. It’s just a great university."
Yeshiva Sports

Intramurals Complete
Seven Weeks of Play

by Jonathan Niss

Intramurals took a giant step forward with the addition of new colored jerseys for all participants. Many thanks extended to athletic director Steve Young, Stan "the man" Watson and Adam Melzer for the bright addition to the intramural league.

Week #5
WARRIORS 57 TURNPIKES 50
After two straight losses, the Warriors led by performances of Josh Hasten, Wild and Foreman, who combined for 36 points, outplayed the struggling Grizzlies. Warriors captain David Katszko who also added 7 points classified the win as "an all-around team effort." Seth Poliner had a game high 20 points for the Grizzlies.

SIXERS 47 N.J. TURNPIKES 41
Friedman's Sixers continued their unbeaten streak and improved to 4-0 in a big win against Melzer's Turnpikes. Doug Rochfield (16 points), Michael Feder (14 points) cotoined their strong play, while Jake Goldberg contributed 10 points off the bench. Maryles and M. Goldberg led the scoring for the Turnpikes in a losing effort.

KNICKS 41 CROATIA 32
Another game highlighted by some questionable calls, was salvaged by the Knicks, who improved their record to 3-1. Tenacious defense and a season high 27 points by Etan Butler enabled the Grizzlies to overcome an early deficit for the win. The all Syrian team was led by Mark Hecht with another solid performance scoring 16 in a losing effort.

CELTICS 42 CROATIA 32
This game was a blowout from the start, as the Celtics crushed Croatia. Davidson's Celtics were led by Ari Cutler, Marc Rosenbaum and Ari Rockoff who combined for 29 points. The all Syrian team got strong performances from Dweck (15 points) and David Wakanin (14 points) in the losing effort.

Week #6
N.J. TURNPIKES 53 CELTICS 46
Big performances by Turnpike guard Steve Mandle, who had 17 points including four buckets from 3 point range, and 13 points from center Jeremy Fox helped the Turnpikes achieve their third win of the season. This spoiled the efforts of Celtics Ari Rockoff and Ari Cutler, who scored 13 apiece. The loss put an end to the Celtics previous four game winning streak.

CLIPPERS 42 SIXERS 40
Marked as the matchup of the week, the battle of the two 4-1 teams, certainly lived up to its expectations. Clippers guard Brad Nussbaum drained two free throws as time expired for a Clippers victory. Clippers captain Seth Grossman had 13 points and Yechezkel Engle added 7 for the firstplace Clips. Ari Hirt of the Sixers had his biggest game of the season scoring 16 in a losing effort.

WARRIORS 60 CROATIA 32
The Warriors used a balanced attack, as three players scored in double figures in their win over the 4-1 Croat team. Josh Hasten and David Wild each had 15 points, while Kenny Weinblatt totaled 14 points to lead the Warriors. Dweck was once again Cleveland's leading scorer with 15 points and D. Wakanin also added 14.

SIXERS 38 RAPTORS 33
Playing without services of Donnie Appel (injury), the 0-5 Raptors didn't stand much of a chance against the high-flying Sixers squad. Hillel Olshin and Doug Rothchild had big games for the Sixers. Dweck led the Raptors attack, while Jay Koffsky provided some offensive punch with 9 points off the bench in the loss.

A Dismal 3-4 Start for the Macs

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