New Jersey’s Governor Whitman To Speak At Chanukah Dinner

BY JONATHAN TIGER

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, governor of the State of New Jersey, will be the featured speaker at Yeshiva University’s 72nd Annual Chanukah Convocation and Dinner. Whitman will be awarded an honorary doctorate at the dinner, to be held Sunday, December 3 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The dinner, YU largest event of the year, is expected to attract close to ten thousand guests, at a cost of five hundred dollars per person. In past years, the dinner has attracted such speakers as Vice President Al Gore, Georgia Governor Carl Deal, and Senator Bob Dole, and other political leaders from both Israel and the United States.

Gov. Christine Todd-Whitman States.

This year’s event will begin with an address by the Governor at the pre-dinner convocation, when she will be awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Yeshiva University. Also receiving honorary degrees will be YU board members and benefactors Dr. Montague C. Katz, Hirschell E. Levine, James C. Slaughter, Mrs. Hyman Muss and Walter H. Weiner. Finally, YU President Norman Lamm will deliver a Daor Torah.

According to YU Director of Public Relations David Rosen, the presenation of the YU year.” He also points out that the dinner functions as a “celebration of philanthropy” in that it enables the university to recognize in proper fashion the donors who keep the institution running. The dinner itself, however, is not a fund raiser, with the price of admission barely covering the cost per plate. Originally, Israel Prime continued on page 5

YC/SSSB Faculty Still Grossly Underpaid

Professors Demand Salary Increase

BY NOAH STREET

Yeshiva University undergraduate professors are dissatisfied with their current salaries, finding them at least $15,000 below those received by professors at comparable universities. Senior professors are particularly disturbed because they have worked for so many years without adequate compensation. One professor, for example, asked, “how long must I wait until I see my salary match those of my colleagues? I have worked forever thirty years; I will retire soon; and my pay will still not match professors who are younger and of lower rank.”

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professors at other universities. English Professor Dr. Joan Haar wrote in the AAUP newsletter that, “Yeshiva University’s undergraduate faculty salaries are most strikingly those of full professors - lag behind even those at institutions located in low cost-of-living areas or those whose endowments are only a fraction of YU’s.”

Though never mentioned specifically, many in the administration alluded to senior professors’ being the most

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Rabbi Lamm Discusses Dating and Marriage

BY MICHAEL SAMUEL

Discussing what he called “the most sensitive topic of all” at the first “Dorm Talks” of the year, Yeshiva University President Norman Lamm spoke to a standing-room-only crowd about the pleasure and perils of the “Shidduch Process.”

The talk, officially titled “I’ve Got the Post Modern Blues, or Love, Self-Definition, and the Generation Gap,” was delivered on October 28 in Morgenstern Lounge at the recommendation of a student committee of dorm counselors. “Dorm Talks” is the name given to informal question and answer period coordinated quarterly by the Residence Halls Office. The topics selected usually deal with sensitive student issues which could not be discussed during class or shiur time.

Dr. Ehren Nulman, the Dean of Students and a member of the board that created “Dorm Talks,” pointed out that the event was instituted “to help students clarify their values by being able to consult the Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Lamm, in an informal setting.”

That spirit of informality was evident, as most students seemed to enjoy the frank and light-hearted manner in which Rabbi Lamm spoke. While seriously warning students that attraction to one’s spouse is a critical factor in a relationship, Rabbi Lamm jokingly said, “Don’t tunderestimate looks. I don’t think that you do.” This evolved laughter from the crowd. Rabbi Lamm then cited references to the beauty of Chava, Sara, and Esther, illustrating that students should consider physical appearance, but he pointed out that they shouldn’t consider this the most important characteristic in a potential mate.

R’ Lamm also noted the need for each student to rely on his own judgment when searching for a suitable mate. He said, “She has to please you, not your friends.”

One YU student asked Rabbi Lamm, “If I’m interested in young men to meet women at social gatherings such as shabbatons and co-ed summer camps. Responding immediately, Rabbi Lamm firmly stated, “Of course it is. I’m very much in favor of meeting people in places of social gathering, especially at shabbatons where you foster ideas and can find common views, since the whole weekend is centered around themes of Torah, tefillah, and yahadut.”

Rabbi Lamm went on to speak about appropriate places for dates. Referring to dates at the airports and hotel lobbies, he have seemingly become a trend among some students. Rabbi Lamm insisted that when a man takes out a young lady, he “can’t be cheap” and “must act like a gentleman because it reflects on everyone and is a chidul Hashem (if he acts miserly).” While acknowledging that some students may not have a lot of money, he recommended that the students still find a place that is reasonable and within their budget rather than being frugal and risk insulting the girl.

While dating is a difficult process, making sure that one has chosen the right person is even more mind-boggling. R. Lamm asserted that there are no formulas or check lists when looking for a spouse and “all you can get in these areas are general guidelines...and of course, you need a lot of tefillah that you will choose the right one.”

Rabbi Lamm insisted that the critical choices to be made when dating should not be based on resumes or fixed standards. Continued on page 3

To Speak At Chanukah Dinner

By Noah Street

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Talking Tachtis

At Dorm Talks, held this past week in the Morgenstern Lounge, students had the unique opportunity to hear University President and Rosh HaYeshiva Rabbi. Norman Lamm discuss some practical Halachic issues. Shiduchim, Love, & Marriage. The setting, in the dorm and after hours, was informal and conducive to free discussion.

In the past, topics selected for this quarterly event seemed to be geared only towards MYP students. Consequently, the audience of these events were made up primarily of those students. It was only two years ago, in this very space that we challenged both the residence council and other student organizations responsible for this event to come to the realization that in order for such an event to be truly effective and successful, "it cannot be just a 'YP Talks,' but a meaningful and inclusive 'Dorm Talks.'"

We therefore must commend, Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, the coordinator, Dean Michael Schmidman, the moderator, and the Residence Council who created the scenarios on which the event centered. Furthermore, the talks resembled a town-hall meeting, with questions, answers, and lots of laughter exchanged across the floor. By providing a unique opportunity for students to get to know both themselves and their Rosh HaYeshiva, Dorm Talks fostered achdus, attracting, for the first time in a long while, students from all four Judaic studies programs.

In keeping with the spirit of our University's motto of Torah U'Madda, combining a modern topic with a Torah perspective, the program gave students a unique opportunity, as well as a proper frame of mind with which to approach what is perhaps, the most tumultuous, yet exciting period of their lives.

The success of the recent Dorm Talks, is also proof positive that although shiduchim, love, and marriage are some of the many topics on the minds of YU students, they want to engage other issues as well, in this type of forum. Therefore, while this Dorm Talks was indeed a "meaningful and inclusive Dorm Talks," it is evident that such programming should be scheduled more than just four times a year.

Financial Woes

The Career Fair coordinated by the Office of Placement and Career Services two weeks ago was quite successful. Representatives from over seventy different firms, from a variety of industries, came to our campus with the sole purpose of recruiting our students. It is shocking that many of the firms were not looking for students that are principal to the firms' needs. Most of the Wall Street investment banks, or Big Six accounting firms, come to YU year after year, to recruit students for their Information Technology departments, and Accounting Departments, but not for their Investment Banking departments.

Most Investment Banking and Accounting firms do not have large Management and Marketing Departments. Therefore, to serve students that are concentrating their studies in these fields, the Office of Placement and Career Services is constantly seeking to bring in firms with more of a Management and Marketing need. However, it is interesting to note, that virtually no firm comes to YU seeking a talented individual with a background in finance. Students concentrating in this field find it necessary to pull strings to get interviews off campus, and still have a substantially more difficult time getting these interviews.

Until now, the Office of Placement and Career Services has been chastised for not getting these firms to visit YU. Perhaps the blame does not rest on the Placement Office but rather on the Sy Syms School of Business. Obviously these prestigious firms recognize our school for the expertise that it produces in the fields of Accounting, Marketing, Management and MIS, but do not recognize our school for Finance.

The Sy Syms School of Business has come a long way, and is constantly growing. However, part of the growing experience includes the constant inspection of each major, and making changes to improve it. There is no question that Finance is conceived by the YU community as a difficult and challenging major. However, something must be done to make the global business community, where each of the other majors has been accepted, acknowledge Finance in the same light.
Rosh Yeshiva Testifies in Nation's Capital

by Dr. Shmuel Trigano

Two weeks ago, Rosh Yeshiva and biology professor Rabbi Dr. Moshe David Tendler testified before an ad hoc advisory committee in Washington, D. C. He delivered testimony for the National Association of Biomedical Research and Reproduction (N.A.B.E.R.) about the methods of fertilization performed by fertility clinics offering money-back guarantees.

Recently, N.A.B.E.R. dealt with the commodification, or commercialization, of the human body through the sale of organs. For instance, someone with two kidneys might sell them to a person in need, or a younger woman might sell some of her own eggs to older women having difficulty producing viable ones.

The Rabbi's expertise was requested in a meeting concerning fertility clinics that offer a full guarantee if the patient does not conceive. These clinics charge in excess of $16,000, about two and a half times the normal fee. The patient is then entitled to three tries at in vitro fertilization and, if all three fail, the $16,000 fee is returned.

R. Tendler demonstrated that the labs which perform the money-back in vitro fertilization place both the mother and the woman to be child at great risk. Realizing that having to return $16,000 to the patient is to have a severe blow to the business, the clinics incite their clients' success by implanting four to six embryos, rather than the recommended two. According to Tendler, if too many of the eggs are successfully fertilized, problems may arise for the mother and children, as the mother is forced to carry several babies at once and is put in intolerable danger during the delivery.

Since there is only a limited amount of space inside the womb, the children may not develop properly.

Rabbi Tendler pointed to Australia as an example of a government that understands the risk of multiple births and refuses to allow the implantation of more than two embryos at once. He further testified that the intrusion of business tactics into the medical world risks always being considered unethical. Such practices violate the Hippocratic Oath, in which doctors vow to charge a fee for service, not for success. He also charged that the practice of a fertility specialist is an unscrupulous, or commercial, one. "I'm happy with her choice to this day." "You're not good enough for me." Don't worry," Rabbi Lamm assured the student, "your integrity will bring you to a good place in life.

Obviously, students should have a basic knowledge of the Talmudic concepts that govern the rules of fertility. Whether or not someone holds on your heart, "Do leave a place for the Rav himself."

The Baal Teshuva Question During the discussion, one student posed a very sensitive question to Rabbi Lamm regarding the perceived desire for conformity among young Jewish women. He asked how the Rabbi felt about Jewish girls who marry within their faith and often overlook students enrolled in the JSS morning program, supposedly wanting someone with greater learning abilities.

"Unfortunately, Rabbi Lamm answered, "what you're saying is true. My theory on the situation has always been, though, that if you think I'm not good enough for you, then you're not good enough for me." Don't worry," Rabbi Lamm assured the student, "your integrity will bring you to a good place in life.

The President spoke next about the proper consideration students should give to their parents' opinions of prospective mates. He began by saying that parents must always be respected, yet they can't coerce their children into marrying anyone. Nevertheless, because parents have experience, students should consult them, concerning "the most important decision that you'll ever make in your life" because "not giving them credit is just as foolish as blindly following them." Moreover, they can help to guide their children's life properly because they have already been through many of the experiences and dead ends that their children may come to.

Two Girls For Every Guy Speaking "as a parent and the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva College and Stern College," Rabbi Lamm posited: "Since when is there an issue (prohibition) to see more than one person at the same time?" He also wondered how students can get married after having only gone on a few dates. To the surprised crowd of students, he likened the process of finding one's spouse to buying a car in that "you are judging the most important decision of your life." Thus, if students would do comparative shopping and be so meticulous when buying, they should do the same when searching for their spouse. After all, said R. Lamm, one must have some experience with various individuals so that he learns about himself and what he wants in a mate.

Rabbi Lamm suggested to one student who was asked about blind dates, "Unless you're positive that it's wrong [by you], you should try it. At most, you lose an evening, but you can gain a world." Rabbi Lamm added that individuals should be open to invitations because people usually mean well in setting them up and sometimes they even use great intellect in doing so.

"If I had to leave you with one word of advice," Rabbi Lamm said, "it would be "tikva."" Rabbi Lamm concluded that there is too much anxiety in dating circles. Students should not get nervous; they should remember that dating is a process of learning and experiencing which can only help them make the right choice in marriage.
Tel Aviv Av Beth Din Visits YU
by Mattiyahu Balas

Visiting YU this semester is one of Israel’s most esteemed rabbis, Rabbi Avraham Sherman. An expert in the application of halakha to modern society and head of the Beth Din in Tel Aviv, R’ Sherman will lecture on human rights and values.

“Rabbi Norman Lamm initially asked Rabbi Sherman to address the Commission on Judaism and Human Values, which Lamm established after the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin just over a year ago. Although laws pertaining to human rights are considered constitutional issues, the halakhic court examines and often judges such cases as well. Rabbi Sherman has presided over many such cases and has done extensive research on many diverse issues.”

Masha’ach Ruchani Rabbi Yosef Blau explained that the purpose of Rabbi Sherman’s visit was to allow students the opportunity to discuss the laws set forth in the Talmud are either obsolete or archaic.

Students Rock Chicago City Limits
by Jordan Keol

Thursday night, October 31, marked the first Sophomore and Junior class outing of the school year. Over two hundred students attended a night out at Chicago City Limits, one of New York City’s premier rock clubs.

YCJC Junior Class President David Schreiber said that Chicago City Limits was chosen for its appeal to the majority of the student body. One student, Ani Furkan, commented, “I feel that this decision to go to Chicago City Limits is a fabulous idea, giving me a breather from my intense studying for midterms to relax and have a good laugh.”

Some students were somewhat less excited about the prospects for the evening. “I was undecided about going, but after much deliberation and the urging of my friends I decided to go,” said Rafi Spero.

A large crowd gathered on the sidewalk in front of the entrance to the comedy club. As the theater filled up, one student expressed his dismay at the lack of an opportunity to socialize. “I expected a different seating arrangement, where I could walk around and mingle,” said Neil Landeler. “This theater style setup is not conducive to social interaction.”

The show started off slowly. The actors needed time to get acquainted and comfortable with the audience, but soon adapted to the environment. YC senior Moshe Feldhendler, thought the show was “hilarious, exhilarating, and intelligent.” The best I’ve seen in years.” One Stern student commented, “that there were a couple [of those spots in the beginning, but they paled in comparison with the rest of the performance, which was spectacular.”

Schreiber called the night a success, though was cautiously optimistic in his assessment of the first school event in his term. “All that my administration and the sophomore class administration wanted to accomplish was to have fun and unite the school at the same time. And I’m proud to say that I think we’ve done that.”

Acclaimed Authors Speak at YU
by Ari Gruen

This semester, students have been privileged to hear two acclaimed writers deliver a public lecture as part of the new Authors-in-Residence program. Richard Rodriguez, a noted journalist, media commentator, and author, spoke to YU students in September, and Cynthia Ozick, an award-winning author, poet and short-story writer, spoke in October.

The writers came to YU as part of the Authors-in-Residence program, a new initiative bringing noted authors and literary celebrities to the university during the fall semester to lecture undergraduates at both the uptown and downtown campuses, and to keynotes a public forum. The program is a part of the Gottesman Program for Academic Excellence in Undergraduate Education and is funded by YU Board of Trustees Chairman David S. Gottesman and his wife Dr. Ruth L. Gottesman.

Dr. Norman Adler, Dean of Yeshiva College, describes the Authors-in-Residence program as an opportunity for students to explore the concept “of what the secular world has to offer in terms of insights and ideas into the human condition.”

Richard is an editor for the Pacific News Service, contributing editor to several national publications, and is a commentator on PBS’s MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour. He has authored several works, one of which, Days of Obligation: An Argument With My Mexican Father, was nominated for the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction finalists.

On September 9th, Rodriguez delivered a public lecture to a capacity crowd in Belier Hall’s Weissberg Commons. His speech touched on themes of concern to the YU student body, focusing on questions of definition of identity in a confusing world and assimilation into American pop culture.

Rodriguez rejected any labeling of identity based on nationality or race. He scoffed at the term “Hispanic,” remarking that there is no place in the world called “Hispania.” Rodriguez, born to Mexican parents and raised in California, seemed to reject the concept of any defined identity, describing a world in which cultures meet and ultimately swallow each other. At various points in the lecture, he even called himself Chinese and African American, based on those peoples’ influences on his life, finally concluding, “I tell you that I am you and you are me.”

Cynthia Ozick is a YU honorary degree recipient and award-winning poet, essayist, and novelist whose writing focuses on Jewish and feminist themes. Among her works are The Pigeon Rabbi and Other Stories, The Cannibal Galaxy, and The Messiah of Stockholm.

“The Shawl,” her play about a Polish-born Holocaust survivor in 1979 Miami, and "Issac Babel: A Jewish Cosack," "She attempted to give some insight into the personality of Isaac Babel, the Russian Jewish short story writer who rode, for a period of time in the early 1920s, with the Cossacks, a group notorious for its anti-Semitic brutality.

Ozick read from the diary Babel kept during his time with the Cossacks. Through the words of the diary, she described the tortured mindset of a writer who was compelled, in her words, "to see, to see." Yet, that same person was a Jew, witnessing the pillaging, murder, and rape of countless Jewish communities. She noted that, “Issac Babel helped end his own driven writer is an impersonator ... volatile, restless ...” Since he had this personality of a writer, Ozick went so far as to ask, “How could Babel not don the uniform of a Cossack?”

Rodriguez and Ozick both taught several classes at Yeshiva College and at Stern, during which they touched on many of the same themes discussed in their public lectures: Rodriguez’s classes discussed issues of minority assimilation in the US, while Ozick discussed the role of a writer in society.

Both writers were very impressed with the caliber of the University’s students. Rodriguez commented, “I found the students to be not only open to ideas and interested in my point of view, but enormously challenging to me; probably among the most challenging students I have ever met.” Comparing YU students to other students he has met, Rodriguez noted: “These students at Yeshiva are clearly a class of a and of a determination much more sophisticated.”

Among future participants in the Authors-in-Residence program will be Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Jane Smiley and best-selling suspense writers Jonathan and Faye Kellerman.

Campus News

Rabbi Avraham Sherman, Center, learning in the Furst Hall Beis Medrash during seudah.
Professor Looks At Life On Other Planets Uses Torah as Looking Glass

By David Sweeney

In the inaugural Uptown Torah U'Madda lecture of the 1996 fall semester, Dr. Carl Feit, a second-generation rabbi, discussed the theoretical impact of the existence of extraterrestrial life on Jewish thought.

Dr. Feit, who holds the Ades chair in Homiletics at YU, addressed students, faculty and Deans during club hour on Thursday, October 31, in Heller Hall. Notably in attendance were YC Dean Norman Adler and Assistant Dean Avery Horowitz.

The Max Stern Division of Community Services coordinated the lecture, entitled, "The Heaven and Earth and All Their Hosts: The Contemplation of Extraterrestrial Life," as part of its ongoing Torah U'Madda Project. The various Student Councils uptown and at Stern College helped to sponsor the lecture as did Hemosessor, the publication of the Jewish Studies Division of Yeshiva University.

Dr. Feit began his talk by explaining his choice of subject matter. Over the summer, when he was asked to speak, a major story in the news was the alleged discovery of the existence of prehistoric life on Mars. Though exaggerated, the possibilities intrigued Feit, who has always been partial to science fiction, so he selected this topic for the lecture.

An asteroid discovered in Antarctica in 1984 proved to originate on Mars, and in subsequent years, electron microscopy and chemical analysis of the rock revealed strong indications that some form of life, however primitive, lived near the Martian surface some three-and-a-half million years ago.

NASA documented and released a report on the research, which the news media gave much attention, sometimes jumping to conclusive affirmation of the possibility that "we are not alone." After relating this background, Feit examined the challenges that the existence of such life presents to the Torah view of Creation, specifically regarding Man's uniqueness and his centrality. Presenting selections from several Jewish sources, including the Midrash, the Talmud, the writings of R. Habadai Crescas and Sefer Habrak, which either implied or suggested explicitly that life exists on other worlds, Dr. Feit arrived at varying, if inconclusive, answers to the question.

Feit then formulated a response to the possibility of extraterrestrial life. He invoked the teachings of R. Salo Velvitch, who said that the duality of Man's humility and his majesty is manifest throughout Scripture, notably Psalms eight, where the contemplation of the cosmos prompts the Psalmist to ponder Man's seeming insignificance in such a vast universe, but then he glorifies Man as dominant over all other creatures.

This duality, says Feit, should characterize our response to any "little green men". On the one hand, we might be intimidated by the existence of intelligent life elsewhere, but we must also be aware and confident that the very same God who designed the universe for Man's benefit continues to watch over us.

Survey Conducted on Students' Computers

BY AVI FELDAND

The university recently took steps toward considering upgrading the campus computer systems, attempting to assess the number of personal computers on campus. To do so, YU enlisted the resident advisors to survey all dorm students.

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Scholars, students and YU faculty will be among the 2,000 people in attendance.

Whitman spoke at the 1993 YU Alumni Association annual meeting in New York, but Monday will be her first public appearance at YU, except for an invitation-only lecture on the Jewish Seventy Years' French Jerry and Leah S. Gellman Professor of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "I've been looking forward to this," she said. "I've heard so much about the Yeshiva University community, and I've been so impressed with its dynamism and vitality."

The event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Belfer Hall, 603 West 185th Street. For tickets, call 201-879-2397 or visit the YU Information Center at 610 West 180th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.
with winter vacation just approaching, and with students frantically trying to plan the perfect thing to do during their free time, only to stare out their windows at home for two

By Morde Plotkin

Venice, Prague, Zurich. You may have thought that the only position in which you'd encounter these locations was sitting in your recliner staring at the television as Robin Leach whisked you away to the hideaways of the rich and famous. However, as I found out, this wasn't the case. To visit Europe, one need neither be rich nor speak with an Australian accent. I brought a friend, and we made it our business to rent apartments for around $20.00 a night.

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Charles Bridge, on route to the Castle, is another great sight. You will inevitably walk across this piece of history first built in the 9th century by King Charles (Charlemagne). The John Lennon Wall is located parallel to the French Embassy, and a must-see for fans of classic rock, especially the Beatles.

In addition to the secular sites, Prague is the home of numerous sites sacred to religious guys can have, where to go, another valuable information that will help make your trip enjoyable, safe and memorable.

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At night, in the center of the city's town square, a Jewish guy named Michael Foster gives ghost tours for $8.00. It might be worth your while to attend. We thought the stories were interesting. They range from "The Merchant of the Marketplace" to "The Golem." (Nearly everyone has heard of the Golem, and it's not because they are Jewish press subscribers.

We had the unique honor of meeting Chaim Potok, author of The Chosen, The Promise, and My Name is Asher Levi, who brought a film crew to the Maharal Shul to make a documentary which, if memory serves me well, is titled The Golem: A History of Prague. My friend and I both made an unassumming (but conscious) effort to get into the film. We succeeded, as Potok later informed me, and supposedly are in for a second or two as extras.

Another site to see is the City of Terézin, better known in German as Theresienstadt. This is a concentration camp built like a fortress. For a small fee of $20.00, there are daily tours leaving from the Lufthansa office directly across from the Maharal Shul. The trip takes approximately an hour, where you just ten kilometers from Munich. Even if you have been on the March of the Living, you owe it to yourself to go. The site is painful, but you must see it.

We arrived in Zurich, Switzerland, a journey of several hours. Cutting through Germany, we stopped in Stuttgart for a short while, which is a town well known to find the Porsche factory. No luck.

Friday, January 18, 1996:

We arrived in Zurich in the morning and stayed for Shabbos. We toured the old, as well as the new city. Zurich is home to a large Jewish community and there was no trouble finding the kosher bakery. Aside from the bakery, Swiss people have no clue what the word kosher means, so it's best to ask someone what the numerical mean. Good and services were more expensive in Zurich than in Prague.

Sunday was day eight of our trip. We went to Rigi, a ski resort located at an elevation of 6,000 feet, or about two layers of clouds for those of you who don't want a ruler. Rigi is a must-see when in Switzerland, we had a blast. At night, we were treated, thanks to our hosts, to an Avraham Fried concert in the Central Concert Hall of Zurich. There was a crowd of about 2,000 people, a tenth of the Swiss Jewish population.

Monday, January 21, 1996:

We went to Lucern. Having arrived late for the tour, we created one of our own. If you like skiing, you must go to Grindelwald/ Interlochen, located in the Grindelwald of the Interlochen, located in the heart of the country. This is where Hotel continued on page 13
YU's Torah Tape Library: Daf Yomi and More

by Ephraim Shapiro

Recent additions to the Yeshiva University Torah Tape Library have become very popular with the student body. In a quiet corner of the fifth floor of the Gottesman Library, students can now hear Shiurim on Halacha, Hashkafa and Tanach given by YU Roshei Yeshiva. Daf Yomi tapes are also available.

The tape library began with the donation of over 2500 Daf Yomi cassettes, which originally belonged to the late Rabbi David Simcha Paritzky. Rabbi Paritzky loved learning the Daf Yomi, and during his life completed all of Shas six times. Ten years prior to his passing, due to his failing eyesight, Rabbi Paritzky purchased the learning tapes as a substitute for the pages of Gemara he could no longer see.

After Rabbi Paritzky's death in February of 1993, his wife and children, including son Michael, a YU alumnus, decided to donate the collection to the Gottesman Library. Pearl Berger, Dean of Libraries at Yeshiva, accepted the gift as an appropriate addition to the fifth floor collection of literary Judaica. In September 1994, the tape collection was officially established, and cassette players and headphones were purchased for listening purposes.

Since then, many sets of tapes have been added to the shelves. Students can now hear a series by Rabbi Yonason Sacks on the weekly torah portion, as well as classes on specific aspects of every Jewish holiday. One of the most popular sets of tapes is a series entitled "Memories of The Rav, zt"l." This series compiles the personal memories of several YU Roshei Yeshiva eulogizing Rav Soloveitchik zt"l. Recordings of various Shiurim given by Rabbi Mordechai Tendler are constantly being submitted. Other recent additions include "Pathways of the Prophets," a popular weekly Shiur given by Rabbi Yisroel Reisman of Brooklyn.

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The 20th Anniversary

First of all, congratulations on having completed 20 years as President. NL: “Survived” is the word.

Commentator: 20 years ago, you became President of Yeshiva. Have you reached those goals, your pressures have been a bit changed, and did you set out for the goals that we are where we are today? NL: Well, let me stress those in reverse order. Did I think then we were where we are today? You must remember that 20 years ago, when I came into office, it was a brand new experience - very stimulating, very disorienting. It took me a long while to get on top of things, and when I got the handle on things, I discovered there was no way in that out which I was holding the handle. We were in desperate financial conditions. At that time, I couldn’t have dreamed that we would do the way we did, Wizcor, Hilleson. If ever had any doubts it was G-d’s hand, blessing, and not gone to Chapter 11, we would have. And if I had twenty-two members, I could have given preference to Yeshiva. Talk to new faculty who come here very generally on high, to graduates of Yeshiva. We say things that perhaps we will later regret from a different perspective. Strangers who come here very generally are very happy. They have some criticism of Yeshiva. Most of them are correct. But by and large, they’re very, very high on Yeshiva. I’m never disappointed. It’s a very high, high level.

Commentator: What do you think of people who have self-denial of Yeshiva? NL: I don’t. I think of people who are not in this ilk, but who are decent people who have a different approach. I think they’re very honest people. I think they have an envious respect for the way we are. I think Yeshiva is a model in the world, same point, same part of the continuum, but with a different slant. And I feel that we’re the same freedom to be what we are as Yeshiva is. We don’t deny them that freedom, nor will we ever be formally criticizing of them. And if of Yeshiva, we’re the same with them. I think it and whether they like it or not, that’s the way we are.

Commentator: There is a perception among many Jews that your Yeshiva is too religious and too Orthodox. Do you see yourself in this in some way or other, and does this responsibility impact on you? NL: People see me as the leader of Modern Orthodoxy, but I’m not an official position. So if one sees me as a leader of Modern Orthodoxy, it’s a one sees something. And it’s a different statement. And if of Yeshiva, we’re the same with them. I think it and whether they like it or not, that’s the way we are.

Commentator: How is it? NL: “How is it?” I’d love to have a good psychologist of the New York El Alpiieh. I’d love to have a good psychologist of the New York.

There’s an old old tradition in Yeshiva about how to live up to your expectations. How do you deal with that? NL: I don’t have any expectations of Yeshiva. NL: Well, it’s hard to, and I don’t have any. They’re expectations of Yeshiva. If they’re happy or not isn’t a question of whether the school is happy, but whether individuals actually are happy. And that’s the difference, and I don’t have any. I think of most of them who are intelligent, and who have been especially infected with the virus of self-denial, are pleased. I know people who come with the same goal, and they still speak highly of Yeshiva. We have some people who have been very highly critical of Yeshiva. We say things that perhaps we will later regret from a different perspective. Strangers who come here very generally are very happy. They have some criticism of Yeshiva. Most of them are correct. But by and large, they’re very, very high on Yeshiva. I’m never disappointed. It’s a very high, high level.

Commentator: What do [the graduate schools] want to do? NL: We’re the number one, not being a politician, I have no more authority and no more influence than any other body. And second, even if I did, my first obligation is to Yeshiva, so I cannot devote any of my constituency because of parsimony. When it comes to ideology, when it comes to Aristotelianism, that’s a different story, but not on political matters. I think there is a fundamental conflict between Torah and Modern Orthodoxy, and a Yeshiva. Understand that both are a high point because as a result of the kind of question you just asked.

Commentator: Is there a functional conflict between Torah and Modern Orthodoxy? NL: Now, what’s a functional conflict? No, there’s no fundamental conflict. No, no. And it’s inconceivable of me not to do what I do for the state.

Commentator: Is there a functional conflict between Torah and Modern Orthodoxy, and a Yeshiva? Explain how and you solve these problems, and personally? NL: Well, the most concise answer I can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that we can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that we can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that we can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that we can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that we can give to those questions is “read my book.” That’s all I dedicated to the subject. I read it. The answer would be, is there a fundamental conflict? No. Are there conflicts? Yes. But then, you agree that
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The page contains a text discussing the topic of marriage and its pressures in the Yeshiva University community. It references the President's address and student opinions on the matter, highlighting different perspectives on the experiences and pressures faced by male and female students. The text also mentions a Talmud instructor's view on the necessity of marriage, with some students expressing a preference for delaying marriage or being less concerned about the pressures to get married.
Recent Pay Increases Still Fall Short of Mark
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underpaid. One professor gave a preliminary estimate of this year's salaries: a full professor will receive $55,570 — 8% above 1995-96, an associate professor will receive $45,792 — 6.8% above 1995-96. And a regular professor will receive $42,400 — 4% above 1995-96. Though only estimates, these figures are based on salary information gathered from numerous professors. In other words, an increase of only 4% (a conservative estimate, including cost of living and inflation adjustments) to the salaries of professors at other universities, a discrepancy of 15% to 20% exists. There are also deviations in the associate and assistant professor range, but they are significantly less than those of full professors.

Over the last two years there has been a significant increase in professors' salaries. Dr. William Lee points to "the past two years of substantial increases in average faculty incomes in the first period that I have been here that the university has bettered faculty salaries in real inflation. "Dr. Lee's sentiments seem in line with the recent report of the faculty and administration. The mean increase over the last two years is estimated to have been about 6% per year. In fact, Dean of UC Dr. Norman Adler stated that, "we've given percent increases," and that "we know of." Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schwartz adds, "this is happening at a time where most other universities are offering significantly less for raises."

In 1979, the professors of Yeshiva University lost what they still consider to be a monumental case before the Supreme Court case. The professors had attempted to form a union under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) in order to negotiate salaries. The university used the union, denying its right to exist. Eventually, the case went to the Supreme Court, which ruled against the union, claiming that the professors were in fact employees, because they "resemble public employees rather than actors and admissions, as well as other positions."

According to many of the current professors, the rippless of this lawsuit still will be felt today. With no collective body to represent them, the professors of Yeshiva University must fend for themselves when requesting a raise or renegotiating a contract, and, until the past two years, they feel they have been unsuccessful.

The Powers That Be
Currently, the salary process proceeds as follows: Deans Karen Bacon of SCW, Norman Adler of UC, and Inna Kallioff of SSB evaluate their faculty and submit a salary proposal to Vice President for Academic Affairs William Schwartz. Schwartz also receives the budget allotment for faculty members from the board of trustees. Then Schwartz, consulting the Deans' recommendations and the board's budget allocation, makes his final decisions as to what salary each faculty member will receive.

In response to the findings of the newsletter, Bernard Pittinski, head of Accounting, said that "Unless you put an endowment in context, it has no meaning. The true measure of the value of an endowment is twofold. First is the purpose of an endowment and the second is how much endowed money you have behind each student. If you take a student body and divide it into an endowed fund, you will find that we are not heavily endowed." He further explained that the endowment must be divided among the colleges under Yeshiva University's auspices.

Dr. Edward Levi of the Music Department, along with many of the faculty, disagreed. "If you've heard what the president gets on perks," said Dr. Levi, "you'll know that we are not heavily endowed." He further explained that the endowment must be divided among the colleges under Yeshiva University's auspices.

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Silberhorn, the only kosher hotel in Switzerland is found, and where we personally met Abraham Fried and his wife, who treated us Yeshiva boys to a free meal (a three-course meal: I had roast beef and asparagus, vegetable soup, and then liver steak).

With only seconds to spare, we boarded the last outgoing train leaving Grindelwald, and traveled to Florence (Firenze), Italy. The Italians didn’t respect the International Student Travel Association card, which had served us so well until then. “Italians give discounts to Italian students,” said a receptionist at the famous Palazzo Vecchio museum, which houses works of Michelangelo, Vasari, Raphael, and Dantes, to name a few.

In addition to the museum, we visited the beautiful Florence Shul, a model of which can be found in the Gottesman Library. Although several thousand sefarim were destroyed during a flood in 1955, this Orthodox shul still functions.

Wednesday, January 23, 1996:
From Florence we traveled 45 minutes to Venice. Though the train was packed with as many commuters as the F train during rush hour, we somehow managed to find a seat for both our luggage and ourselves.

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Venice is literally a “City on Water”, where people travel to and from the marketplace with their own boat, taxi boat, gondola, or commuter boat. The city boasts a low crime rate and polluted water. In our estimation, Venice was the most difficult city to figure out, so we were advised in advance to just “get lost.” Sure enough, after two hours spent searching for the Jewish Ghetto, we ended up right back where we started.

Baffled, we walked toward the Palace San Marco, only to stumble into the Royal Palace of Venice, a must-see, where, to our surprise, we saw a man with a beard and black hat boarding a boat. Quickly we rushed toward the boat, jumping on it as it began to leave. We yelled Shalom aleichem to get the man’s attention. As it turned out, the man was the Lubavicher Rabbi of the Venice Jewish community. He welcomed us and invited us to join him for a meal at his home. We jumped at the offer and after a short ride and ten minute walk, we were busy feasting on our first home-cooked meal in days.

Walking, even when we didn’t know where we were going was thrilling. Looking around, we saw a number of mezuzah markings on buildings which were once inhabited by Jewish people prior to World War II.

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Thursday, January 24, 1996:
We found Belgium to be the most unexciting country on our tour. Nonetheless, the country had a few redeeming qualities. In Brussels, for example, we stopped at the Parliament, as well as the National Theater, Military, and Car Museums.

These are good places if you’re interested and can easily occupy you for a day, if not two.

Unlike the majority of major cities in Europe, Antwerp was home to a number of kosher restaurants including pizza, and Chinese, as well as bakeries and delis all of which are located in the heart of the Jewish community.

Sunday, January 27, 1996:
The day before we left for home, we took a planned excursion to Brugge, located on the northernmost tip of Belgium. On a clear day from a good vantage point, one can see the southern tip of England. This city stands apart from other cities in Belgium for its majestic beauty. Like Venice, Brugge doesn’t have cars (or very few at best), however there is no lack of horses, deserted streets and open parks left for tourists and townspeople to visit and frequent. The noise level is so low, you’d think the city was asleep. It’s a great place to visit.

The following morning, 14 days after we arrived, we took off from Schlussel Airport in Amsterdam, Holland.

We had the time of our lives. I know that you won’t experience all the same follies that we did, but if you try, you should build up your own share of wild and crazy stories to treasure from an adventure you’ll never forget. Don’t pass up this wonderful opportunity to go; it may not knock again.

Macs Let Loose Before Home Crowd

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In addition to the slam dunk contest, the Macs showcased their sharp shooting ability, as the Macs bested St. Joseph's from downtown, Point Guard Ira Landsman, Alon Zaibert, center and Co-Captain Steve Kupferman, small forward and Neil Bronstein battled each other. Each participant was to hit as many shots as possible in one minute. After Landsman defeated Bronstein and Kupferman, boat Zaibert, the two winners were set to face each other. Kupferman went on to win, sinking six shots to Landsman's five.

Spectators were given a shot to show they "got skills" too. Poor people were called out of the stands and were instructed to circle a cone several times and then take a lay-up shot in as little time as possible. The winner was Avi Kazem, who received the Midnight Madness T-shirt worn by the Macbeens that evening. Guard Landsman hoped the event got "the school more involved with the basketball team and improved school spirit." The team hopes it will make up for the small number of home games in the upcoming season.

In the final event, spectators were again called out to try to win a pair of Nike sneakers. They took shots from the foul line, then from the 3-point line and finally from the half-court line. Six participants took the challenge. Though none of them hit the half-court shot to win the sneakers, several hit the foul shot to win t-shirts. The remaining t-shirts and the pair of sneakers were raffled off.

The Macs' regular season schedule begins November 23 in Boston against Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

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The Rabin Assassination: One Year Later

by Rabbi Yosef Blau

Last Thursday was marked in Israel by commemorations in memory of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The first anniversary of his assassination produced many articles both about his life and the effects and implications of the assassination. In the orthodox Jewish community of America, on the other hand, the day passed without comment. While admittedly some articles were written, and in Yeshiva an impressive commission of high level academicians was assembled, nothing has changed in the actual school. In effect, the event is seen as not requiring any ongoing reaction.

The terrorist attacks during the year, which transformed the Israeli political climate, were somehow seen as balancing the assassination on a moral plane as well. This inability to separate political positions from religious values is an unfortunate consequence of Orthodox involvement in Israeli politics. Too often has it been opposing the return of Chassidim to a holy city, or retarding integration, a goal of Israeli society, and thus of its hesidic community. A goal of integrating, to our regret, might partially be the return of religious Jews, who have been working to create a climate of respect for the terrorist acts.

I suspect that much of our community, while not supportive of Yigal Amir, are not unequivocally opposed to what he did. It is more palatable to express this argument. However, November 4, 1995 also represents the first time a "religious" Jew, or any Jew, killed a Prime Minister of Israel. It marks the point where the Jewish nation became a nation like all others in that we too assassinate our leaders to vent our displeasure with their policies. For this regretful reason alone, the day merits our attention.

After Rabin's death, many leaders within our community justifiably called for introspection. Many authorities strongly denounced the murder and implored all of us to dislodge those who agreed with Amir's actions from further one's cause are defended, the critical lesson has not been learned. The fact that other groups may stereotype us and have their own hatreds should not prevent us from creating a climate of respect for the sincerity of others despite their radically different views. Incitement to violence must be condemned and provocations avoided.

In many of our circles, a little news flash for those of you who might be too engrossed in midterms. This past Monday marked one year since Yigal Amir murdered Yitzhak Rabin ZL.

To the denizens of the three block island stretching from 184th street to 187th street along Amsterdam Avenue, this bit of information might come as somewhat of a surprise.

Nobody at Yeshiva College felt it necessary to officially commemorate the first yahrzeit of the late Prime Minister of Israel. No memorial shivah. No commemorative lecture. Nothing! Not Yeshivah. Not SOY. Not The Israel Club. Not the administration. Nobody! Do we feel no responsibility to remember and commemorate the day when a Religious Zionist Jew assassinated the Prime Minister of Israel? Do we feel that nothing is to be learned from such a tragedy?

I will not argue here whether or not Rabin, the man, deserves our recognition and commemoration. The fact that other groups may stereotype us and have their own hatreds should not prevent us from creating a climate of respect for the sincerity of others despite their radically different views. Incitement to violence must be condemned and provocations avoided.

As long as one's opposition is not allowed to have any legitimate complaints and all actions done to further one's cause are defended, the critical lesson has not been learned. The fact that other groups may stereotype us and have their own hatreds should not prevent us from creating a climate of respect for the sincerity of others despite their radically different views. Incitement to violence must be condemned and provocations avoided.

However, that we allow such a man to exhibit this flag in his window without approaching him and convincing him otherwise is outrageous. While there certainly lies room for debate on Israel's peace policies, we must remain within certain boundaries. Glorifying and supporting needless violence and murder falls out of bounds.

Frankly, I don't think he is alone in his way of thinking. How many of us when reading last week that Israeli authorities pressed charges on a religious Jew for intentionally pouring hot tea on Yael Dayan reacted with a remark akin to: "maybe she deserved it?" Violence must not be the answer. Disagreement must reveal its face through verbal arguments and must not escalate to physical attacks. We must strongly decry and isolate those who feel otherwise. Let November 4, 1995 serve to remind us of the depths to which we can sink if we are not sensitive to those with whom we disagree.

Editor's Note:

Joseph J. Sussman, a senior in SSB, co-founded the Round Table Discussion Group on campus along with David Y. Greensite.
To the Editor:

Every year, the most notable and influential leaders of American Jewry, unabashedly displaying their varied vitals, gather together to dispute and to discuss plans and to allocate, to see and to be seen, in a giant forum that has become known as the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations. This year, November 13-16, inside the hallowed halls of downtown Seattle’s Convention Center, participants from around the world will hear from the likes of Bibi Netanyahu (no sitting Prime Minister of Israel has ever missed the event), Natan Sharansky, and Shimon Peres, and will overrun a cuppa Starbucks’ sex presso with hundreds of students of high social status, many of the likes of Richard Joel, International Director of Hillel. Outside, trapped in a maze of police cordons, hormones of activists will be protesting and counter-protesting. Hundreds of undergraduates from around the nation will fly in, many to take part in a special student journalism program called “Do the Write Thing.”

And yet, one university will be conspicuously absent from all this bustling activity on the cutting edge of Jewish communal life. Since mid-September, I have been naively appealing to the powers-that-be (subsidized by J.T.S.), a Vice-Chancellor, and the esteemed (first-tier) college. I wrote to the “YU Administration” to ask that a student special student journalism program called “Do the Write Thing.”

To the Editor:

On Sunday night, October 27, I attended the midnight madness basketball festivities hosted by the Yeshiva University Athletic Department. I will admit that I had a fun time watching the gym dank and the point contests and enjoyed the free pizza and drinks (I mean come on which college guy doesn’t enjoy free food), I left the event with a bitter feeling toward the YU athletic department as a whole.

My problem can be summed up in one telling scene. While leaving the MSAC with friends, there happened to be four local Hispanic youths in front of me and while neither I nor my friends walked out having won any of the prizes, each of these young men proceeded to enter the draw of brand new T-shirts, thanks to the athletic department at Yeshiva University.

Next lets backtrack: why these people were even at this event, I am quite sure. Am I upset that I personally did not win a T-shirt? Well quite honestly, yes, but I would not be quite as upset if a fellow student had won the T-shirt. True, the raffle tickets were given out free, but maybe they should only have been given to Y.U. students. In the various shopping competitions throughout the night, only approximately half of the participants were students. This was an event designed to drum up student interest in the basketball program, yet in the end it seemed like it was to drum up neighborhood interest.

While I am the ones speaking up, is not the only one disturbed by this? Many students agree with my point. I have even witnessed many students in the gym protesting having to wait out a game while some of these local youths play. Their complaint is “Why should we pay tuition for two facilities, have to sit on the side while these guys play?”

Now, I understand that these kids come around to help Vic (and Coach) Stan (Watson) out and it is a matter of pride, but this is not always understood by all students and needs to be clarified. Still, that does not mean they should have partaken in the festivities, where prizes from student-designated funds should wind up in their hands, instead of the students’. Let me clarify this: I do not blame the people for being there, rather blame the Athletic Department for the way the event was run.

Now, to squeeze two problems into one. I was further irked the next night while talking to my intramural basketball captain when I found out that the Athletic Department expected the students to pay for uniforms for the league. I was that I could not afford it, or am cheap to pay for a uniform. But I had just the night before witnessed the athletic department spending lavishly on the basketball program, giving free T-shirts and other prizes. They could find funds to pay for T-shirts in a program that the Athletic Department runs? Intramural Basketball officially includes more than one tenth of the student body.

In what other area could the Athletic Department give to the most possible students? When I mentioned this fact to my captain he brought it up with the Athletic Director, who agreed to subsidize the uniforms. Well, Bravo! But wait, he refused to order the uniforms until all of the student money was turned in. This was because he was afraid some students will not pay, as he claims happened last year. So, I have an idea for Mr. Young: spend some student money on the students and go ahead and order the uniforms, but don’t give them out until the student body pays the subsidized fee for his uniform. And what if a student doesn’t pay and you are stuck with leftover uniforms? Here is another idea you can use the extra uniforms next year.

As I ask Mr. Young, and the Athletic Department of Yeshiva University a whole isn’t it about time that you began doing things for the larger student body rather than just for a selected few?

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Yeshiva University, our much beloved Athletic Department must find a way to have a place in the venerable pages of The Commentator. But it is not. It is symptomatic of a much larger, much deeper malaise on campus, of pathetic apathy and scornful indifference. As one head of Jewish leadership told me: “If there is no one to be influenced by the modern Orthodoxy, the Gaon is there whom should happen. If one of the goals of YU is to produce well-rounded Jewish leaders this, does not make much sense. To believe that they are the proud owner of brand new T-shirts, thanks to the athletic department at Yeshiva University.

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BY YONI BAK

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