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## Stern Adds Classes And New Faculty

New to the staff of Stern College this year are eight faculty members and a library assistant. Dr. Marshall Sklare, a leading sociologist, has written for various periodicals such as Commentary and has published a book on Conservative Judaism. He will teach advanced sociology courses at Stern.

Dr. Ellen Robinson, who comes from Hobart-William Smith is an assistant professor of Psychology. She recently won a National Institute of Health Grant and will soon be experimenting with 40 rats in the Psychology lab.

Mr. Max Spalter, instructor in English, is currently working for his doctorate in comparative literature at Columbia. Mrs. Linda Kerber and Miss Miriam Horowitz lecture in History. Mrs. Kerber was graduated from Barnard and New York University with a B.A. and M.A., respectively. She is studying for her doctorate at Columbia. Mrs. Horowitz received her B.A. degree from Brooklyn College and is studying for her doctorate at Columbia where she received her M.A.

Rabbi Jerry Hochbaum is a lecturer in Sociology. He was graduated from Yeshiva College and received his M.A. from Columbia. Mrs. Shoshana Shecter received her Masters at the Hebrew University. She comes to Stern to teach Hebrew from the Institute of Jewish Studies in Cleveland.

Mr. Be'ery returns to Stern to teach Hebrew after a leave of absence. He also teaches the conversational Hebrew course.

New courses being offered this year are International Relations with Professor Ostrau, Chaucer with Mrs. Hatvary, History of Oral Law with Rabbi Schachter, and Bible Exegesis with Dr. Skaist.

Rabbi Abraham Figen, library assistant, received his B.A. from U.C.L.A. and his masters in philosophy from New York University.

## Council Starts Book Exchange

New this year to Stern College is the Student Council Book Exchange. The idea of the Book Exchange was initiated to organize and centralize the selling of books among the students of Stern. The purpose of the Exchange is to save the students' time and money.

The Book Exchange operates in the sleeping lounge adjoining the auditorium. Work there began on September 9 and will be continued until September 26. Students are asked to claim their money or unsold books before the end of the week of September 26. Co-chairmen of the Exchange are Natalie Klein, Barbara Hollander, and Ellen Schultz.

## New Year's Message From Dr. Belkin

Every Rosh Hashanah, Jews throughout the world pray for the rebuilding of the world in accordance with the kingship of the Lord, and never before in human history has the world had need of divine rulership as it has at the present. While it is some years since we went through the most destructive war in the history of mankind, we are still floundering in our search for a new pattern upon which to reconstruct the world.

If at this moment we do not turn our hearts heavenward and establish the kingship of God upon this world, then all our glorious accomplishments will fade into insignificance. We must remember that our enemies are those who fight against divine and moral guidance, against the continuity of man's quest for progress and civilization.

Rosh Hashanah and repentance, say our Sages, mean the re-creation of the human personality, the spiritual rebirth of the individual and nation. True, we should do everything in our power to aid our brethren wherever they may be and whatever crisis may overtake them. But by saving

others, one does not necessarily save himself. We must bear in mind that if American Jewry is to function properly it must be spiritually reborn and there can be no spiritual rebirth without knowledge of the Torah.

At this time of the New Year, of prayer and festive joy, of self-judgment and pledge of self-improvement, Yeshiva University re-pledges itself to its original purpose—the development of a generation here in America which will reflect a harmonious blending of Jewish traditions and the heritage of the great academies of Jewish learning with a liberal education in the arts and sciences. These we have done and will continue to do.

At the start of 5724, Yeshiva University faces the New Year ready to answer the real message of Rosh Hashanah—a call for the spiritual revitalization of Jewish life. In partnership with every enlightened member of the Jewish community, Yeshiva University will continue to foster the light of Torah and knowledge as a growing source of service to the American Jewish community.

## DEAN'S LIST

The following girls achieved at least a 3.4 point average for the past academic year and have been named for the 1962-1963 Dean's List at Stern College:

Sheryl Benson  
Phyllis Drilljek  
Naomi Fuchs  
Judy Hershberg  
Pearl Katz  
Susan Katz  
Karen Kermaler  
Janine Kuhl  
Myra Lee  
Janet Lefkowitz  
Sylvia Levinson  
Rochelle Millen  
Marilyn Patt  
Florene Rabinowitz  
Miriam Radinsky  
Sylvia Reshevsky  
Rena Sternfeld  
Ellaheva Teitz  
Miriam Tennenbaum  
Franche Welt

Students on the Dean's List are entitled to an unlimited number of cuts during the school year.

## Yavneh Tells Year's Plans

The first meeting of Stern Yavneh officially ushering in the new season will be held on Wednesday night, September 25, 1963. At this meeting, the new officers will be introduced. They are: Rita Aronow, President, Nedra Israel and Yona Porush, Co-Vice Presidents; Sheila Frank, Secretary; and Diane Hourowitz, Treasurer. The speaker of the evening will be Samuel Rutterman, a Vice-President of National Yavneh, who will talk about Yavneh as an organization: its history, its achievements, and its goals. Refreshments will be served afterward.

All those who are interested in joining Yavneh are invited to attend. The exact time and place of the meeting will be posted on the school bulletin boards.

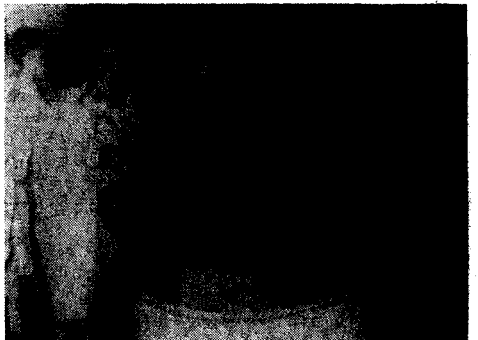
Plans are being made now for a fall season filled with activity. Shiurim on Parshat HaShavuah will be held once a week by Rabbi Rabinowitz on alternate Mondays at 6:00 P.M. and Tuesdays during Club Hour. Yet in the planning stage is a lecture series on an aspect of Judaism especially pertinent to Orthodox collegiates. In addition, there will be socials arranged jointly with other Yavneh groups in the New York regional area.

## Grads Teach College Courses

Three recent graduates of Stern College have accepted positions on various college faculties. Ruth Solomon Beck, class of '58, is an assistant professor of math at Northeastern.

Dvora Kaschock, class of '61 lectures at City College in math. Sabina Muller, class of '61, teaches French at Brooklyn College.

## Frosh Orientation Aids Class of '67



Dr. Dan Vogel and Mrs. E. Isaacs greet new students.

Freshman week at Stern College began with more than one hundred new students and forty "big sisters" attending the reception and convocation for new students in the school lounge on Tuesday, September 3. Welcoming addresses were delivered by Sue Blumenthal and Edie Styler, co-chairmen of the week's program. Dean Dan Vogel and Dean Elizabeth Isaacs gave several helpful suggestions in their messages to the incoming students.

Miss Styler, vice-president of the Student Council, also spoke in the absence of Student Council President Naomi Raymon.

After their first day of orientation the freshmen were oriented to a dorm party in one of the upperclassmen's rooms. On Wednesday, September 4 all new students were given placement tests in Hebrew and mathematics. Rabbi Rabinowitz, faculty member, conducted religious orientation and spoke on the obligations of a religious girl and a Stern College student.

On Thursday the Class of 1967 had a guided tour of the United Nations and some visited the Museum of Art. After seeing some of the sights of New York City the girls traveled back to Stern for group orientations and then up to Yeshiva for supper and a tour of the uptown campus.

The week's activities were highlighted with a trip to Wall Street on Friday morning during which time the girls had an extensive tour of the New York Stock Exchange. On the subway back to the dorm the girls found themselves in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. After buying nasheral for Shabbos the group returned to the dormitory to prepare for Shabbos. All freshmen, including commuters, stayed in the dorm for the week, with their "big sisters."

The cafeteria and the dormitory took on a different air Friday night as the hundred-odd girls welcomed shabbos with "Shalom Aleichem." The Shabbos atmosphere prevailed during the meal and ended with D'var Torah on the "Parshat Hashavua" by Rabbi Joshua

Shmidman, faculty member and guest rabbi for the weekend.

Passers-by noted the girls' spirit as they walked back to the dormitory to the tunes of various zemiros. This ruck continued throughout Shabbos and was aided by the congregation of the Young Israel of 5th Avenue which gave a large kiddush in honor of the freshmen class. Shelly Shulman and Miriam Landesman gave the Divrei Torah at each of the Shabbos meals. After Seudah Shlishah and reciting of Havdalah, Shabbos ended with the wishes of Shavuah Tov.

Freshman Week officially ended with the confusion of registration on Sunday morning. All students began classes on Monday morning, September 9.

## Dorm Dwellers Discuss Rules

The first meeting of the dormitory students was held Wednesday evening, September 11, at 7 p.m. in the Koch Auditorium. Maxine Levy, president of the dormitory council, welcomed new students and introduced the residence directors: Dr. Dora Bell, Mrs. Jenny Geiges, and Mrs. Sarah Meyer. Several announcements were made and the upperclassmen were excused from the meeting. The new students remained for an explanation of the dormitory handbook.

Miss Levy reminds those girls who desire home hospitality for Yomim Tovim to sign the papers on their respective floor bulletin boards. All dormitory students are encouraged to attend the open dormitory council meetings. The meeting time will be posted on the floor bulletin boards. The other dormitory officers are: Gail Davis, vice-president; Deborah Lepow, secretary; Diane Hourowitz, treasurer.

Miss Levy urges all dormitory girls to eat at school on Shabbos. Those wishing home hospitality for a Shabbos may contact Risha Goodman who will try to find a place.

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## Off To A Good Start

With due apologies to General Electric, progress is our most important product also, and it is always encouraging to see worthwhile ideas put into effect efficiently and effectively for the benefit of all concerned. This year, for the first time, the entire Freshman Class was housed in the dormitory for Freshman Week. The out-of-town girls were able to meet and get to know the commuters through group activity and by spending Shabbos together. The entire week's program should lead to greater class unity than has ever before been experienced at Stern College.

The extensive religious orientation, suggested by the Student Council, which was instituted this year culminated in a most inspiring and enjoyable Shabbos under the capable guidance of Rabbi Joshua Shmidman. This excellent beginning must be followed up through the year under the joint leadership of Student Council and the administration and with the full cooperation of the student body.

## Student President Delivers Message

May I take this opportunity to welcome my friends and classmates back to Stern. To freshmen especially I extend a most sincere welcome, and the hope that this, your first year at college, will fulfill your expectations. You will find, as have many girls before you, that here at Stern you may attain enlightenment and inner satisfaction which come from an insight into our Jewish heritage, and understanding of our modern world through academic application.

We have before us an opportunity beyond value—a year at college. What we do with it is an individual decision. The experience can only be rewarding with the realization that it is irrevocable. When it has passed, will it be mourned or will it be remembered fondly as a time of personal development and understanding? If we want a successful year, it can be had. It can be ours to value for always if we but inject our enthusiasm and interest into the vast resources that are offered to us.

Those offered are of such a variety as to satisfy every taste and interest. Will you experiment with dramatics or try your hand at journalism? Will you contribute your views to

the newspaper or arrange a forum on a controversial topic? Will you participate in a student-faculty symposium or perfect your technique in Hebrew dance? Are you the budding politician to address the current events club, or will you come to further understand aspects of Judaism by participating in Halachic Seminars?

Find the areas of our school life which are rewarding to you. But keep in mind that you are an integral part of any activity and its success depends upon you. What is offered is truly rich in diversity and individuality. Take as much as you wish, and enjoy each morsel of this very precious year.

Ketivah V'Chatimah Tova to all of you.

Naomi Raymon

### Condolence:

Dr. M. Isaacs on the loss of his brother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion.

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## LIBRARY RULES

Mr. Celnik, college librarian, reminds students of the following rules now in effect in the Stern College library:

1. Library hours are from 9-10 on Monday through Thursday, 9-12 on Friday, and 12-5 on Sunday.
2. To borrow a book, the book card found on the inside back cover must be signed and a date-due card obtained for each book borrowed. A student who takes a book without having it properly charged is subject to a fine of \$5.00 or suspension from classes.
3. There is no limit on the number of books a student may borrow at any given time. A fine of 10 cents per day per book is charged for each book returned late.
4. Books from the stacks will be permitted to circulate for a period of two weeks, provided there is no request for them. If a student wishes to take out a book which is in circulation, she may request it whereupon the book may be called in at the end of the week.
5. Certain books which contain required readings are kept on reserve. Students who wish to use a reserve book in the library after 6 p.m. will sign for it in advance on the day they intend to use it. If there is no request for it, the book may be taken out at 6 p.m. for overnight use. However, this does not apply to single copies of books that are used by both Stern College and the Teacher's Institute for Women. Reserve books must be returned before 9 a.m. the day after they are borrowed. Failure to return these books on time incurs a fine of 25 cents for the first half hour, and 25 cents for every hour thereafter.
6. Reserve books may be taken out of the library for one hour during the day provided the student obtains permission from the librarian or his assistants. There will be a fine of \$1.00 per book for books overdue more than 10 minutes.
7. Fines are to be paid immediately upon return of the overdue book. Students who do not have money to pay for the fine may borrow from the Student Loan Fund at the office of the Dean of Students.
8. Reserve books are to be checked out and returned directly to the desk. They should not circulate among the students.
9. Students are expected to study quietly in the library out of consideration for others. Proper decorum will be strictly enforced.

## Mazel Tov

### Engagements:

Judy Katz '66 to Sammy Offen  
 Aviva Shoenfeld '66 to Bernard Pinchuk  
 Rifka Lebovic '65 to Yochanan Zweig  
 Deenie Siegler '63 to Aurie Spiegelman, Y.U. '62  
 Ellen Rivkin '64 to Jerry Taregin  
 Reva Weintraub '64 to Stanley Horn  
 Sue Kwalbrun '64 to Bob Schwell, Y.U. '62  
 Myrna Schriber '65 to Mike Langsner  
 Alice Savitsky '65 to Norman Novick, Y.U. '63  
 Estelle Brier '65 to Lenny Glass, Y.U. '64  
 Hermine Gertz '63 to Neal Diamond  
 Dvora Lapidus '64 to Avrum Turin  
 Judy Seltzer '65 to Joe Morgenstern  
 Jeanne Yablok '65 to Al Maimon, Y.U. '63  
 Helen Altheim '64 to Mark Elovitch  
 Shevi Felman '65 to David Lazaar, Y.U. '64  
 Judy James '66 to Phil Stahl

### Marrriages:

Bette Rottenberg '64 to Naph-talie Goldstein, Y.U. '63  
 Erika Apt '64 to Bert Kahn  
 Marcia Lefkowitz '64 to David Schwartz  
 Shulamith Klavan '63 to Dr. Allen Goldstein, Y.U. '59  
 Naomi Goldman '63 to Simcha Kaufman  
 Naomi Gurian '65 to Bob Spilky  
 Shelly Fink '63 to Herman Presby  
 Dorothy Segal '63 to Abe Cohen  
 Ellen Factor '64 to Leslie Lindenberg, Y.U. '61  
 Julie Cohen '66 to Rabbi Allen Press  
 Judy Fink '63 Rabbi Ari Eiger  
 Marilyn Gottlieb '64 to Steve Stein  
 Eva Fishman '65 to Morton Singer

Muriel Ehrman '65 to Lazaro Mandel  
 Penny Dash '65 to Nata Schiller  
 Ruth Shuster '64 to Noah Diamond  
 Betsy Pernikoff '63 to Gershon Berezin  
 Judy Epstein '63 to Cantor Marshall Cohen  
 Rheta Weinstein '63 to Rabbi Nechemia Zabrowsky  
 Judy Baumer '62 to Dr. Joel Eisner  
 Lynn Matthew '63 to Mordechai Gerstein

### Births:

Marilyn Goldberg Berger '63—boy  
 Gita Jochowitz Hoffman '63—girl  
 Clarissa Leiter Fingerer '64—girl  
 Rochelle Landesman Milen '64—girl  
 Rochelle Zigelman Rosenbloom '62—girl

## Club Hour Previewed At Assembly

On Tuesday, September 10th, the club assembly was held in the Koch Auditorium. Edith Styler, the vice president of Student Council, began by introducing the club coordinator, Evelyn Blatt.

Miss Blatt spoke about the importance of clubs in college. She expressed the hope that the student body would actively participate in the club program at Stern College. "The clubs are only as good as you, the students, make them," noted Miss Blatt.

Among those who spoke for the various clubs were: Chorus, Sue Mok; Current Events, Ade-na Silver; Debating, Sue Blumenthal; Yavneh, Nedra Israel; Israeli Dance, Diane Engelberg; Science, Myra Lee; Hospital Volunteer, Fritzie Schultz; Art, Sylvia Barack; Parshat Hashavua, Naomi Fuchs; Dramatics, Kalma Mushkin.

Students were urged to add any suggestions they might have for the formation of new clubs.

The first assembly of the year ended with the singing of the alma matter.

### Hands Off!

The school building was repainted during the vacation and students are requested not to put scotch tape on any painted surfaces other than the bulletin boards. The penalty for this infraction is a fine of \$1.00.

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