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By Tzvi Hirshaut

Senator Daniel Inouye
To Speak At Graduation

Senator Daniel K. Inouye, democrat from Hawaii, will deliver the commencement address at Y.U.'s 54th Annual Commencement Exercises, to be held on Amsterdam Avenue at the Uptown campus, on June 6, 1985. The senator, a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will receive a Doctor of Laws degree, as seven honorary degrees and a special community service award will be presented. Graduates of all Yeshiva University schools with the exception of those from Cardozo and AECOM will participate in the Uptown graduation ceremonies. As part of the annual event, alumni from the classes of 25 and 50 years ago will also march.

The following individuals will also be honored (in alphabetical order):

- Rabbi Herbert W. Bonszer (Doctor of Divinity), spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Ocean Parkway and a teacher at IBC. An alumnus of RIETS, Rabbi Bonszer was formerly principal of Yeshiva University High School for Boys, of Brooklyn.
- Menachem Eion (Doctor of Laws), once a candidate for the School for Boys, of Brooklyn. Rabbi Rene-Samuel Sirat (Doctor of Divinity) was appointed as France's first Sephardic Chief Rabbi, in 1981. Rabbi Sirat is a full professor at the ENLOW, Sorbonne Nouvelle, and is president of the Inter-University Center for Contemporary Judaism.
- Barbara W. Tuchman, (Doctor of Humane Letters) has won two Pulitzer Prize awards for her writings. As one biographer writes, "she is a non-academic historian with a journalist's instincts for people and events, and a firm believer in standards of excellence in craft."
- Haim Zohar, secretary general of the World Zionist Organization, will be receiving the Mordchai Ben David Award for outstanding community service. Mr. Zohar is also president of the LA Pincon Jewish Education Fund for the Diaspora, associate director of the Joint Program for Jewish Education, and coordinator of the Latin-American Education Program.

Naphtali Levine (Doctor of Humane Letters) will be concluding his service as Consul General of Israel in New York at the year's end.

Robert I. Lipp (Doctor of Humane Letters) is one of Chemical Bank's senior executives and was recently appointed president of the Financial and Banking Services Group. Mr. Lipp is a director of the Greater New York Fund and of the New York City Ballet. He is also a trustee of the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

Seniors and juniors are encouraged to attend, and the administration has encouraged students to attend in order to gain experience in any other area." Levine, therefore, informed Dr. Norman Lam of his impending resignation last February.

Dr. Irving Levitz, Dean of Students, To Resign; Professor Ben Mayer Also To Leave Y.U.

The office of the dean of students, reestablished in October, 1984, will undergo personnel changes this year following the resignation of Dr. Irving N. Levitz, dean of students, at the conclusion of the academic year. At the same time, Professor Ben Mayer, director of student activities, will also be departing.

Dr. Levitz, who began as dean of students in September, 1984, stated that he accepted the position to make a contribution to Yeshiva. He soon discovered, however, that "being the dean at two colleges required an unbounded amount of time." A clinical psychologist, Dr. Levitz teaches at Yeshiva's Wurzweiler School of Social Work and is clinical director of the South Shore Psychological Center on Long Island. "I thought that it would be possible to continue to professionally in terms of writing, teaching, and learning, while running this department," said Dr. Levitz. "In actuality, the time demands of this position precluded my doing it in any other area." Levine, therefore, informed Dr. Norman Lam of his impending resignation last February.

Ira Meisels Named Valedictorian

Ira Meisels, age 22, was named valedictorian of the 1985 graduating class of Yeshiva College. Mr. Meisels was chosen by the senior class from a group of the three highest ranking seniors including, Jeff Kern and Jack Dousek.

Meisels, an English major and Biology minor, hails from Kew Gardens, Queens, and plans to attend medical school. In his tenure at Y.C., Meisels served as president of the Y.C. Senate (1984-1985), executive editor of The Commentator (1983-1984), was an active member of the pre-med honor society and English honor society and played intramural basketball.

His many distinguished honors include: Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, National Dean's List and Belkin Scholarship. Meisels also attended M.T.A. High School and has witnessed the great strides yeshiva has made over the past decade. When asked to comment on his experience at yeshiva, Meisels said: "Y.U. is indeed, a unique institution with unique challenges. There is much to be gained here and only here. I believe the potential is there; one only has to realize it."
Student Representation on Selection Committee

While Dr. Levitz's recently announced resignation does not foreclose the close of the Dean of students position, it is imperative that immediate steps be taken to ensure the future of this integral department. The situation's gravity necessitates a business-like approach on the part of the administration. Unequivocally, due to the close contact between students and the Dean of Students, undergrading should have a say in the selection of Dr. Levitz's successor. Such a circumstance can be arranged through student representation on a selection committee. The committee should be organized and implemented before the end of the academic year, for student leaders, although genuinely concerned about the University's future, may be unable to attend meetings over the summer recess. So too, an early appointment of Dr. Levitz's successor would allow time for the dean of students to settle into his new position before the start of the fall semester.

The committee's choice should have familiarities with Y.U. as an institution and an ideal; prior knowledge of Yeshiva's personalities will be helpful to the new dean of students, especially in his first year.

By following these guidelines, the University can prescribe a healthy future for the position of dean of students by fostering the spirit of cooperation between the students and the University, which was not the original goal of the office's creation and the recurrent theme throughout Dr. Levitz's tenure. We will all recognize its graduates at graduation. Yeshiva University which was both the original goal of the University's future, may be unable to respond by the end of the academic year, for prior knowledge of Yeshiva's personalities will be helpful to the new dean of students, especially in his first year.

Graduation for Graduates?

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Editorial

By David Schwarcz

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Maligning the R.C.A.

The recent address of the President of the Rabbinical Council of America to the Rabbinical Assembly of Miami Beach was not an endorsement of the religious validity of the conservative movement. Rather, the visit was a recognition of an unfortunate reality. The Rabbinical Assembly is a leading group on the Jewish scene whose major influences, divorces, and conversions are not performed in accordance with halacha and affect the entire Jewish community.

When the Rabbinical Assembly extended an invitation to have Rabbi Louis Bernstein, the president of the Rabbinical Council, speak at their convention, the Rabbinical Council accepted. The Rabbinical Council believes that open dialogue is the only means of defining and ultimately solving the halachic problems that exist. In his address to the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Bernstein clearly pointed out that the profound differences between the Orthodox and Conservative are universally recognized and that his presence would not misrepresent the endorsement of the religious principles of the conservative movement.

The Commentator contends that right-wing religious leaders have deliberately twisted and distorted the meaning of President Reagan's visit with the intent of maligning the Rabbinical Council and gaining the support of the Orthodox Jewish community. Hopefully, the politics and media campaign will not overshadow the important step the Rabbinical Council has taken in an attempt to remedy the halachic problems of our time.

Congratulations to
The Commentator's Governing Board

on its
50th Anniversary

Neil Harris
Soviet Jewry: A Time to Act

By Larry Dominitz

Within the last few years, the Soviet government, which in the past had used its power to prevent Soviet Jews from emigrating, has closed its doors to the multitudes of Soviet Jews who seek to emigrate. Every year, however, tens of thousands of Jews await emigration visas. Trapped within a brutal dictatorship, many of the Soviet Jews have sought to support their fellow Jews outside the USSR by learning and observing within the U.S.S.R. They are the teachers of Talmud, Bible and Hebrew who organize underground lessons, they are also the students who attend these shiurim, and they are refuseniks all of whom desperately await the day they can exit the Soviet Union.

Despite government threats, harassment and imprisonment of those who have openly appealed to the American community, the Soviet Jews have beengainfully employed, and continu­ously clinging to their heritage. Hebrew teachers such as Yeidelstein, Yaakov Levin, Mark Napanitsch and Alex Khokhlachev have been presently arrested, convicted and sent to prison found "guilty" of trumped up crimes (such as "handing", "drug possession" or "anti-Soviet slander"). For these refuseniks, the same situation being a Jew in the Soviet Union means paying a heavy price for all refusniks, especially the teachers and activists, living in the Soviet Union. It is a dangerous risk that demands great Mitzvah Nefe'eh (self sacrifice).

Many of these refuseniks have openly appealed to the American Jewish Community to take a more active stand on their behalf. In a recent address to the American Jewish Community signed by 66 prominent rabbis and laymen, they call for more vocal support on their behalf, stating "speaking out is important. We have a respon­ sibility, directed to major American Jewish Organizations, Soviet Jewish leaders, to make it clear to you (U.S. Jewry) that we need your help in getting the Jews out of Russia"? Other refuseniks in different Soviet cities have also followed with the same message.

These pleas are appropriately timed to the Soviet-Armenian talks in Geneva. The more attention and efforts U.S. citizens devote to highlighting the plight of Soviet Jewish emigration and human rights, the greater impact it will have on the fate of the Soviet Union agenda as it continues to dominate the negotiations.

Soviet Jews need our moral and active support. Their plights, the depth and culmination of seventy years of Soviet oppression, must be met by an unprecedented and proper Attendance at sit-ins and demonstrations planned by the Students who are central in the Solidarity Sunday must be atten­ ded by all. We must keep our electric lights on over the local state and national level well informed of the plight of Soviet Jewry. These students leave the Soviet Union at a heavy price for all refusniks, Soviet Jews is a priority to us, second to none. The time for action is now.

The standing room only crowd in the street next moved into Lamport Auditorium for our Yoel Rakower's "The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry's Emigration." Those of you who have served as student leaders and dedication and proper understanding in Solidarity Sunday must be atten­ ded by all. We must keep our electric lights on over the local state and national level well informed of the plight of Soviet Jewry. These students leave the Soviet Union at a heavy price for all refusniks, Soviet Jews is a priority to us, second to none. The time for action is now.

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In Defense of Mandatory Attendance

May 2, 1985

To the Editor:

I am writing to the editor in defense of mandatory attendance. As a matter of fact, I was upset with the article that appeared in the previous issue of the Commentator.

I, as a sophomore, have attended all the events that you mentioned in the article, and I have enjoyed every one of them. I believe that attending these events is important for several reasons. First, it allows me to meet new people and to learn about the different events that are available on campus. Second, it helps me to develop a sense of community and to feel like a part of the Yeshiva University family. Finally, it gives me an opportunity to experience the different cultures and traditions that are present on campus.

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Eric Clapton:
King of The Guitar

Eric Clapton was born on March 30, 1945, in London, England. He is one of the most influential guitarists in the history of rock and roll. His career has spanned over five decades, during which he has released numerous albums and singles, and has collaborated with many other musicians.

Clapton first gained prominence in the 1960s as a member of the rock band Cream, where he played lead guitar on their hit songs such as "Crossroads," "White Room," and "Sunshine of Your Love." He later went solo and continued to create music that has influenced generations of guitarists.

Clapton is known for his versatile playing style, which has been described as blues, rock, pop, and folk. He has won numerous awards throughout his career, including ten Grammy Awards and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Clapton has also been known for his turbulent personal life, which has included drug addiction, battles with depression, and personal losses such as the death of his son.

Clapton's music has continued to evolve, and he has remained active in the music industry, releasing new music and appearing in public events. He is considered one of the greatest guitarists of all time and has left an indelible mark on the world of music.
John Upton, Director of Security, Resigns; 
Cites Bureaucratic Difficulties at Yeshiva

By Tzvi Hirshaut

Yeshiva University has reactivated its search for a director of security following the recent resignation of Dr. John Upton, who decided to accept a "better offer" as director of public safety at Wagner College on Staten Island.

In a recent interview with The Commentator, Upton said that he applied for the position at Wagner College months ago and, "did not expect to hear about it until" when he originally took the job at Yeshiva. In explaining his decision to leave, Upton also admitted that, "Mr. [Jeffrey] Rosengarten [director of personnel] and Dr. [Shalom] Schachter [vice president for business affairs] made me feel uncomfortable."

Dr. Socol declined to comment on the allegation. Mr. Rosengarten denied that the resignation was in attendance at a significant meeting between Socol and Upton, and it was not a matter of good communications. Upton's accomplishments during his stay include ordering a new communications system and developing training programs for the security officers. Rosengarten, nevertheless, believes that Upton could have achieved more during his three month tenure at Yeshiva. He also cited a number of reasons for Upton's resignation, including his "continued job hunt, even while working full time," and "not having his mind on the job." Dr. Socol remarked, "There certainly was a slow start. In retrospect, he must not have had his mind on this job." Upon hearing of Rosengarten's resignations, Upton's response was that the accusation was "absolutely untrue. I submitted a 40-50 page document listing my contributions and only received approval for radio." Furthermore, "they didn't offer me a chance to present my case." While the University continues to look for someone to replace Upton, the resignation represents a loss of leadership ability to run a diversified security operation. Mr. Upton was former director of security, Mr. Steve Saunders, has assumed responsibility for security at Yeshiva.

In response to rumors that Saunders may also be leaving in the near future, Rosengarten told The Commentator that the department could function without him.

Schottenstein Center Vandalized

By Ira Press

On Sunday evening, April 14, the Schottenstein Center for Student Development was vandalized by a group of local youths who reportedly disturbed several objects and defaced the walls. According to Sheldon S. Socol, vice president of business affairs, the youths entered through the roof at the rear of the building, where their activities went unnoticed by guards stationed on the roof. Neither the ark, nor the toras were harmed.

Although Dr. Socol was unable to comment on the nature of the grafitti, he said that the break-in was not a matter of good communications but, "they certainly had the chance to do it."

Police reports, however, indicate that the grafitti could have been made prior to the center's opening for student use. Thus, Dr. Socol remained certain that "statistics should not fear that using the center will pose any danger. He further stressed that the" problem has arisen from "general fear at disturbances at Y.U."

Rats Found Behind Morg

By Daniel Rosenthal

It has been discovered that rats are present in the alley behind the Morgenthau dormitory. According to Mr. John Upton, director of public safety, "the buildings and grounds, digging for the purposes of building the Max Stern Athletic Center has attracted the animals out of their customary habitat underground. They have been attracted to the alley behind" Morg because of the food or garbage stored there.

In an attempt to solve the difficulty, an exterminator has been hired to spend time in the area. In addition, garbage is being thrown from Morgenthau windows into the back alley thus attracting the rats. He stated that, "It is possible that only two people who help themselves. The problem has arisen from messy housekeeping.""

Joseph Papp, Broadway Producer, Visits YCDS

By Ivan Ciment

Linguistics To Be Offered At Y.C.

It is not surprising that all seven performances of the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society, "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" sold out, when one considers that even James Earl Jones, the Broadway producer, was in attendance for YCDS productions.

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Dean of Libraries Resigns

Mrs. Pearl Berger, dean of libraries at Yeshiva University, has submitted her resignation as director of library services, according to Dr. Fredrick Baum, New York Bar and Library Association. Dr. Baum is currently assuming the directorship of library services, having previously held that position at Columbia University. In an interview with The Commentator, Dr. Baum expressed the hope that the university would appoint a "substantial donation to the University in 1982.

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Undermining Education

In the late eighteenth century, when Japan rigorously excluded all Europeans, except for a few merchants living in Nagasaki, a German trading post near Nagasaki, Carl Peter Thunberg spent three years learning the language and the culture before being admitted to the forbidden land. He was not despised by the Japanese but instead esteemed for his professed knowledge of the useful arts, particularly the art of lucrative business deals. Thunberg, a disciple of the great naturalist Linnaeus, arrived in Japan not only in gathering new specimens of plants for the ever-growing collection in the Royal Society but also in numerous other affairs which Japanese enthusiasts in remote countries were contributing.

Dr. Leo Tausch
Professor of English at Y.C.C.

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In recent months several reports have been published of commendations evaluating the direction of American college curricula. All are agreed that there is a decline in standards; and, most significantly, that at the erosion of the humanistic base of education by a process of diminution or even elimination of requirements in such areas as languages, philosophy, the history, and the arts. Yeshiva, with its new curriculum, seems to be an exception in this regard, when we consider the illogical gerrymandering of the curriculum. And art (we Jews should be particularly sensitive to this since the Bible is the only great spiritual work that is completely set to music, possibly to the note from Yeshiva without having read Plato, to be even more musical, Whitehead said, is a series of footnotes, or Marx, whose philosophical half-life of the world's population. It is particularly sad that so few of our younger students (who in the situation that is even worse at most other colleges) have expressed interest in the ancient world. It was G.K. Chesterton who remarked that many of the men who achieved the most in the world, and had the most imaginative powers, had been nurtured in the ancient languages. But the ancient languages. He also declared that we are almost certain that in Yeshiva, from which we are not afraid of the future. As Winston Churchill put it, “Who are we afraid of the future?” We Jews should be particularly sensitive to this since we derive so much strength from our lineage to the ancient tradition. Our prophets showed their greatness at least as much in analyzing the past as in predicting the past. Isaac chacham? Haroeh cth hanolad,” (and understands) the things which been published of commendations evaluating the direction of American college curricula. All are agreed that there is a decline in standards; and, most significantly, that at the erosion of the humanistic base of education by a process of diminution or even elimination of requirements in such areas as languages, philosophy, the history, and the arts. Yeshiva, with its new curriculum, seems to be an exception in this regard, when we consider the illogical gerrymandering of the curriculum. And art (we Jews should be particularly sensitive to this since the Bible is the only great spiritual work that is completely set to music, possibly to the note from Yeshiva without having read Plato, to be even more musical, Whitehead said, is a series of footnotes, or Marx, whose philosophical half-life of the world’s population. It is particularly sad that so few of our younger students (who in the situation that is even worse at most other colleges) have expressed interest in the ancient world. It was G.K. Chesterton who remarked that many of the men who achieved the most in the world, and had the most imaginative powers, had been nurtured in the ancient languages. But the ancient languages. He also declared that we are almost certain that in Yeshiva, from which we are not afraid of the future. As Winston Churchill put it, “Who are we afraid of the future?” We Jews should be particularly sensitive to this since we derive so much strength from our lineage to the ancient tradition. Our prophets showed their greatness at least as much in analyzing the past as in predicting the past. Isaac

How many Y.U. guys does it take to screw in a light bulb? Ten — one to screw in the bulb and nine to get credit.

Yeshiva College and The Liberal Arts

by Louis H. Feldman
Professor of Classics '71

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The Value of The Humanities to Science Students

by Martin Goldstein
Professor of Chemistry at Y.C.C.

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Torah U’Madah—Rav Tendler Style

By Ronnie Wachsberg, based on an interview with Rabbi M.D. Tendler

An age-old dispute concerns the relationship between Torah and the professions. The Haggahot Maimononi on the Rambam, in the third chapter of Hilchot Torah, quotes Rabbi Elchanan of Pishon as explaining the rabbinic statement "Torah Im Derech Eretz," to mean that work is a fundamental principle, "Derech Eretz Ikar." Rabbenu Tam, however, maintains that "Torah Ikar" while work lacks intrinsic significance. The former view maintains that the Jews are a physical people, charged with developing the world. The biblical passages "seven days you shall work" and "the seventh day is sabbath" are juxtaposed to stress the inherent value of both the physical and metaphysical aspects of our lives.

The Rambam does recognize, however, that individuals possessing rare qualities, who can best contribute to the world through their Torah study, may dedicate themselves exclusively to Torah. But the Rambam maintains strict eligibility criteria for full-time Torah study. At the end of Hilchot Shmitta V’Yovel, the Rambam limits full-time Torah study to the individual who "liberates himself from the value system espoused by the masses." Rare indeed is the individual who has liberated himself from societal values, including nice clothing, stylish watches, cassette recorders, good food and cars. Yet, such trappings of hedonism are the norm among those pursuing such a lifestyle did not succeed, whereas those who combined their Torah study with physical work were successful.

The contrary view perceives Jews as essentially different beings, a metaphysical rather than physical people, ideally engaged in the study of Torah. In his own time, this is clearly a drastic heresy, to be applied only when the Torah would otherwise be forgotten.

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Secular Studies: An Interview with Rav Parnes

By Alan Stadtmueller

Earning a Living

A.S.: Starting with the topic of parnassah, do you approve of students studying secular studies in order to make a living?

R. Parnes: The pursuit of secular studies for livelihood purposes is fine. I'd just put down one serious stipulation, that that pursuit does not engage one in an area where he is exposed to kehillah in such a way that he is propitiously positioned to influence it. Where be to, for example, go into psychology and be exposed to the full range of psychological theory, without the benefit of guidance or his own judgement. If he hasn't reached that level, it would be objectionable, because he is committing spiritual suicide.

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Rabbi Parnes

The fact is that intellectual distinction and scholarly erudition are not the exclusive province of the Yeshiva world.

Professor Leo Taubes

It is possible to graduate from Yeshiva without having read Marx, whose ideology commands half the world's population.

Dr. Louis Feldman

The only case for the Humanities I can confidently make is for the pleasure they give those who enjoy them.

Dr. Martin Goldstein

The value system governing education should put more emphasis on the quality of teaching.

David Schwarz
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Separate from professional training, the study of Madah is a necessary complement to the education of a ben-Torah. The Gaon of Vilna and others such as Rav, in the meantime, instructed his disciples to work full-time during the months of Hanukkah and Tishrei so as to minimize distractions during the remaining months, and thereby improve the quality of their Torah study. By all accounts, time spent studying Torah is not time wasted; the pressures of secular studies, seems to endorsing students with a disproportionate higher quality and quantity of knowledge, as compared to equivalent time spent while simultaneously engaged in secular studies. In addition to full-time Torah study, 

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**Secular Studies:**

**R. Parnes:** Now, what are the dangers involved in studying secular studies in this context? R. Parnes, as I said before, anything that is clearly serving the interests of Halacha, in terms of understanding ourselves, understanding Halacha, there's no question about it.

**Torah and Chochmah Usamos HaOlam**

A.S.: In the Torah v'Chochmah reah, is there anything useful studies, if so, how?

**R. Parnes:** If you're asking whether Halachic studies would be as the Rambam says, as a handmaiden, as an aid to one's development, to one's growth. There's no question about it.

A lot of sciences are important in understanding oneself. Psychology can be important in understanding oneself. There's no question about it. The problem, number one, they may become dominant. As long as the focus is on secular studies, beyond professional purposes, it's to be an aid in developing oneself, it's subordinate to the handmaiden.

As the Rambam says, there's the danger of the handmaiden becoming the master, so it always has to play a subordinate role. In other words, as long as the focus is on secular studies, beyond professional purposes, it's to be an aid in developing oneself, to be a handmaiden. A.S.: I could tell him, listen till 25 or else. I could tell him, listen until you're a better Jew, okay?

Number two, there are many areas that can be very helpful, but it must be clear that they are helpful. To say the study of Chinese Art will aid one's development, or even to say yippee, this is instrumental, this is factual, anything in the secular world will be helpful. They'll see the advantage of any given subject as to whether it, in fact, furthers oneself. As long as the focus is on secular studies, beyond professional purposes, any area must be important to the fact that it's called Science or Knowledge or History or whatever.

A.S.: How do you feel that many keepers of the Torah and Chochmas haHaOlam should be involved in this discussion?

R. Parnes: Probably the strongest objection from a Halachic point of view, one cannot say, you've got to learn till you can sit and learn another five years. It would be a better Jew that way. But, in turn, from a Halachic point of view, one cannot say, a boy who has learned 25 or else. I could tell him, listen till 25, you'll be a better Jew.

There may be an additional objection to Rab Y.C. Hirsch's approach, I don't believe they can see the issues just as a question if in the realm of Chachmah we're not on the handmaiden where we can screen it out and deal with the issues; thus, any exposure may be irrelevant in the pursuit of the issues. Therefore, there's a tendency to avoid it simply to remove any danger of contamination. There may be an additional objection to practice grounds.

Klal Yisroel's commitment to learning Torah may be weakened, that in other aspects, the educational professional—handmaiden—mishnayos concern mentioned above.

A.S.: If you were to react to the view that the study of secular studies is vital to the development of the general intellectual areas, has to come at an earlier stage, in order that the Torah which he's learning will be enhanced. For example, I've described this concept. Obviously, it provides us with necessary to the moral growth of the talmid?

R. Parnes: I would say such a view is just about totally unacceptably grounds. First of all, if a person is involved in studying Torah properly, and studying Midrash and in Chachmah haMussar, most of these great psychological insights are available there. Number two, even if we were to say there were some elements of knowledge and insights that could be garnered, based on kabalat ed he'amzer me me she'amuro, the efforts involved are not worth it. It would be important to saturate oneself with Torah knowledge rather than invest these insights in some other area, which produces the unhappy consequences, that I've just described. I think Y.C. Hirsch should focus on the professional areas and on the ways it can be helpful in Torah.

I'm just adding one thing. If a person spends time studying some other or some other chachmah that is anti-religious, but he gets a pleasure out of it, that's okay too if it does it on a casual basis, especially if it is a great entertainment, but I'm talking about someone who likes to open a Math book, say an hour a day, as a pleasure experience—without the gup ha'ateh for the secular world and without it becoming dominant—that would be okay. In this area Yeshiva College earns these interests well.

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The evening's affair was made possible by generous contributions from the Yeshiva College and Stern College Student Councils. Additional funds were obtained by matching funds put up by the Yeshiva University president and student council presidents. Financial arrangements were made for the fair through the efforts of several Jewish organizations. A central committee was therefore established to keep the event on track. The event, originally proposed by Nachum Bane, would require great planning in order to make this fair a success. Several organizations and various groups were involved. This committee worked so hard in order to make this fair possible.

Amoung the issues debated by this committee was the question of mechitza. Jonathan Schmetz, representing YCSC, maintained that the mechitza issue would have to be nothing more than a question of the social scene in the Commons. A mechitza could be installed in the chagiga, he suggested, but that would not change the fact that what is going on in the Commons is in fact divided by tables containing food (and to drink). It was not uncommon for students to go from table to table simply to chat with friends, no mechitza was set up on the Commons.

It was to the sincere delight of the Yeshiva University Student Council and all students who participated and enjoyed the evening. It was very clear that the red and white tie set the mood and morale have so obviously reached their peak. People raised with the same equal delight that the student councils realized the extent to which a marriage of students and joint activities can be successful. Speaking for YCSC, I sincerely hope that the next year will prove to be a visual example of the new and productive lines of communication that have opened up between the Yeshiva College Student Council and Stern College Student Council, and between YCSC and YO.

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to comprehend and recognize the historical significance of such abominations? What prevents you from calling a spade a spade and condemning evil without reservation? Surely our Jewishness should not be motivated by the concern of his own self-image, the damage this may do, if you admitted error.

The lack of understanding of those who would be committed to a patrilineal resolution, it failed to establish. It quickly became clear that the convention in 1983 debated what was truly known as the patrilineal resolution. It considered whether the Rabbinc Assembly would accept the authority of the national beth din. A discussion that was held was whether a rabbinic assembly could have given the power to make the decision for YCSC, the sincerest hope that the event's success. This committee, comprised of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi Yisrael Miller, Rabbi Philip Listowsky, Neil Rothstein, and Alan Berger and Philip Listowsky (YCSC) at least preserve a semblance of unity in face of internal and external pressures against all of us. If there could be no patrilineal resolution, then Jews on the very essence of the Jewish people, if the current definition of Jew is one who maintains a modicum of Jewishness, then Jews will increasingly be divided in terms of marriage andraise, and Sabbath observer whose concern all of us. Yet we are all the same. Most sincerely, Miriam Teller Levine (Rabbi Bernard Revel's niece)
Yeshiva Basketball: A Fifty Year Recap

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In 1966-67, the Miltes were losers again, finishing 5-10-1. The Milutes were led by the point guard player Sam Stern who scored 359 points, averaging 17.8 ppg. In 1967-68, the YU point guard player Steve Stern, who scored 433 points for averages of 22.1 and 14.1 respectively, finished his career as the point guard leader. The YU point guard player Steve Stern, who scored 433 points for averages of 22.1 and 14.1 respectively, finished his career as the point guard leader.

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Polone Leads Mites

1967-68, the year of the heralded Stewart Polone, was another dismal season, as the Mites went seven and lost fourteen. Polone, playing brilliantly, scored 433 points for a 22.1 avg. and center Ray Ahoff averaged 15.4 ppg. In 1968-69, after going 6-4 in the season's first four contests, the YU Milutes fell short to Aboff to injury and fell to 9-12 overall. Public school star Richie Schreier, who led the Mites with 18.1 ppg and Polone had another great year, scoring 405 total points at a 19.3 pace.

While Polone in Israel for the first five games of the season, the Milutes slipped to a 1-3-1 start. One of those losses was to face John Jay. After winning the two previous contests, the Milutes managed to win the first half, the Milutes had another great year, scoring 405 total points at a 19.3 pace.

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**Yeshiva Sports**

**Fifty Years of Yeshiva Basketball in Retrospect**

By Morey Wildes

 Throughout the history of YU, the most prominent of all its athletic teams were the intercollegiate basketball team. The Quinnoholets, the Blue and White, the Mighty Mites or the Maccabees, though the name has changed and players have come and gone, the team has been playing intercollegiate basketball for fifty years. On the occasion of the Commentator’s 50th Anniversary, we pay tribute to the heroes of fifty years of Yeshiva basketball. It was in 1935 when the first Yeshiva Basketball Club was formed and played its first game, a loss to St. John’s, financed by Mill Trupin and led by Max, Jerry and Dow Mass, they recorded a 3-4 fledgling season. In the ensuing years, the Quinnoholets compiled several winning seasons, including an 11-3 record in 1937-38 behind captain-coach Averick’s ball handling skills.

**Red** Sarachek

 In 1942-43 the able and excitable Bernard “Red” Sarachek assumed the coaching duties and used his knowledge and experience to produce a 10-5 season, led by high-scoring, Doppelt World Mr., who, along with fine starting pitching and their all-around outfield were known as the Blumenreich era. The next three years, 1954-57, are known as the Doppelt era. In his Junior year, 1952-53, he was joined by the brawny Abe Sodden to lead the Mites to a 10-10 record, a record which was equalled the next year behind Sodden’s average of 19 pts. and 16 rebounds per game.

The Blumenreich Era

 The next three years, 1954-57, are known as the Blumenreich era and are unparalleled in Yeshiva history, as the Mites compiled a 12-2 record in their first year. In 1954-55 when the Mites were 13-8 behind captain Abbey Gritz, Sodden and new comer Irwin “Red” Bader, who set a season scoring record with 513 points for a 24.4 average. In 1955-56 the Mites achieved their best season to date with a 16-2 record (888 pct), the third-best mark in the entire New York City area that year. Captain Abe Sodden wrapped up his career with 1207 points and Red averaged 24.7 pts. per game. In his senior year, the 6’4” center Sodden made Maccabees All-City first team and led the Mites to a 12-7 slate, graduating with numerous records, including the highest career average (23.5 ppg) and a total 1300 points, then the highest point total in YU history and a record for three-years play. This was the most talented team of a fellow named Irving Bader. After Blumenreich’s graduation, the Mites fell to 5-12 in the 1957-58 season, but then rebounded strongly in 1958-59. Bader, averaging 29.6 ppg, lured and captained Sandy Ader took the team to a 14-4 year, as the Mites were sound in small-college shooting percentage. In the next season, Bader’s last, the White and Blue were 11-5 as 6’3” Sam Grossman led the team with 15.6 ppg and Bader (one of three captains that year) ended his college career with 1374 points, eclipsing Blumenreich’s record total.

In 1960-61, the not-so Mighty Mites compiled a 3-14 ledger, their worst mark until then in their history (176 pct). The lone bright spot was the 21.3 ppg average for Sam Cohen who was chosen as a member of the U.S. team for the Maccabiah games. In 1961-62 Sarachek achieved what was to be his last. 500 season (10-10) for 23, with Grossman again the top scorer with 21.1 ppg. as he finished with 1117 points. The 1962-63 season was the first in a very long dry spell for the Mites, who managed only a 6-14 record. Co-captain Arthur Aaron led the team with a 15-3 average. The following season, the Mites were 7-12 and again were led in scoring by Aaron (14.8 ppg).

Rokach Stars

 Though the team was only 7-13 in 1964-65, the play of powerful Jewish forward Sheldon Rokach proved to be the difference in breaking many Yeshiva records; he averaged 23.5 points per game and 21.5 rebounds per game, while setting a new YU single-season rebounding record (411). The highlight of his career was the triple-overtime 100-96 victory over Queens, in which Rokach scored 48 points, breaking Red Blumenreich’s single-game point record (44). Yeshiva was 7-13 again the next season under captain Johny Halpert, as Rokach, in another incredible season, scored at a 22.6 clip and averaged 20 rebounds a game. He also set a new YU rebounding record for a game (33) and finished his career as number three on the all-time YU scoring list with 1224. For the second successive year he was named to the Knickerbocker Conference All-Star.

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Formative and Informative

by Daniel Rosenthal

"All is given with collateral... the shop is open, the keeper is willing. The book is open, the keeper is waiting." - Avoth 3:14

As G-d watches every step and takes note of our actions, we too record our histories. History marks our successes and accomplishments, our errors, weaknesses and aspirations. 'History' necessitates a presence. 'Tradition' implies a future. The Commentator's 50th anniversary celebrates not only a half-century of accomplishment, but the establishment and vibrance of an institution at Yeshiva which looks to represent the University's ethos in years to come. To understand the University, its successes, tribulations, and values, one need only examine The Commentator, a documentation of Yeshiva's history, a bulwark of Yeshiva tradition.

Over the past decades, The Commentator has striven to reflect the University's direction, and oftentimes to redirect its focus. During the 1960's and early 1970's, the students viewed themselves as representatives of Jewish religious expression, the American collegiate community, and western society at large. Reflecting, The Commentator wrote on the Coalition of Jewish Philanthropists, anti-semitism in the Black press and similar issues, actually printing B'nai Avoth 3:16 of faculty, and the passing of monumental leaders. The newspaper expressed student sentiment regarding the wars in Vietnam and Cambodia, while mirroring concern for the direction of the University.

Commentator editorials both voiced student feelings and acted as catalysts in student demonstrations, including strikes against steps taken by the Administration to students, faculty, administration, and cafeteria, and action over the issue of 'student cuts.' The paper also involved itself in more mundane matters, reviewing movies, promoting B'nai B'rith reports and excerpts from Jewish journals. During this period, the newspaper expressed student sentiment regarding the wars in Vietnam and Cambodia, while mirroring concern for the direction of the University.

Commentator editorials have contributed voice and action to the University, in its half-century history, has offered the enlightenment citizens and supporters of a Torah ideal for future generations. The history is the past upon which our present relics. The tradition lives, a legacy guiding us into the future. To enhance the University, to improve the community, to offer collateral for the education that the student has received, "the shop is open, the keeper is willing, the book is open, the hand is writing."
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1961

President Speaks About Past, Future Of Yeshiva

E.D. NOTE: Following are excerpts from Dr. Samuel Belkin's speech at the 75th Anniversary Assembly, Oct. 18.

"I say with all honesty that I remember very vividly the day when Dr. Revel, invited me to teach at Yeshiva. In those days, I want you to know, that I knew every student of Yeshiva by his first name and it was not just a cordial relationship but a very intimate relationship of Rebbe and student.

"Developing a school here at Yeshiva is not bigness for the sake of bigness. We have a philosophy, we have a purpose, and upon the fulfillment of this purpose depends Torah learning in America, the future of Orthodoxy, and the future of Jewish education.

"What is the Yeshiva dedicated to? As far as I am concerned, one Yeshiva University is dedicated to the supremacy of Jewish education and particularly the centrality of Torah learning.

"Two; Yeshiva University is dedicated to the idea of raising a new generation in America which should be well educated in Jewish piety and Torah learning and be equally as educated in the arts and sciences. To raise the dignity and prestige of Torah learning is as important as Torah learning itself.

"Founders of Yeshiva said that Yeshiva came into being with the purpose of providing Rabbis and teachers in the community, that small Jewish community which existed seventy-five years ago. Yeshiva University from its inception was community conscious.

"Yeshiva never attempted to create just a little block, a little pocket, and hide itself—since its inception Yeshiva has felt a tremendous responsibility to the American community, in particular to the advancement of Torah learning.

"It is not enough to raise 1,000 students. It is very important that our graduates become a part of the community and fulfill their responsibilities towards the community.

"And I may say that Yeshiva University has raised the dignity by being concerned with the community, by building schools, and by attempting to elevate the Jewish spiritual values as well as intellectual values.”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1970

JDL Members Storm Dr. Belkin’s Office

By LEONARD DAVIS

Fourteen members of the Jewish Defense League, demanding the reinstatement of Dr. Arnold Einhorn as chief of pediatrics at Lincoln Hospital, occupied Dr. Belkin’s Furst Hall office suite for twenty hours Thursday, November 19. Lincoln Hospital, located in a predominantly Puerto Rican Bronx community, is an affiliate of YU’s Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Simultaneous JDL protests were also held at Einstein. No YU students were among the protesters.

The protesters asserted that Dr. Einhorn, a Jew, was dismissed because he was ethnically unqualified. Lincoln Hospital staff members and the local community had demanded the hiring of a director of a different ethnic background.

Dr. Belkin was not in his office and the JDL members presented a list of demands to Dr. Israel Miller, vice-president for student affairs. The demands presented were: the reinstatement of Dr. Arnold Einhorn at Lincoln Hospital, the dismissal of racist, trouble-making doctors, the censure of Dean Labe Schonberg (of Einstein Medical School) for his abject surrender to racism.

Members of YU security forces arrived as the protesters were entering Dr. Belkin’s office, and several JDL members were forcibly prevented from entering. As security re-enforcements arrived, several JDL members already inside the office presented a demonstration of karate techniques.

No attempt was made by the guards to remove the demonstrators.
By SHELDON TOIBB

President Nixon’s decision to expand the Indochina War into Cambodia and the four killings of students in Kent State University which resulted from a protest of this policy caused many students at Yeshiva to join with other college students across the country and terminate their semester about three weeks earlier than usual.

**More Attacks and Prevented from Recurring.**

On Wednesday, November 6th, a Yeshiva student, returning from Carvel’s, was attacked by a group of young delinquents; serious con­ceivables were avoided when the individual employed his “spray deodorant” and started his assailants sufficiently to escape.

The following week, on November 12th, another Yeshiva student, who had just left Pollock Library, was attacked, and his victim, Bob Arvich, was admitted to a hospital to be treated for his wound. Without even a day’s respite, on Wednesday, November 13th, Mr. Rudolph Stern, instructor of biology at the College, was held at knifepoint by two young men and two youths and young girls robbed of his wallet and gold watch.

**References**

Student reaction to these incidents was homogeneous only in its alienity and vehemence. Different students had differing views on how the attacks could be stopped and prevented from recurring. Some felt that students should follow the safety regulations prescribed by Student Council President Kenneth Haim, while demanding more concentrated policing of the Yu area. In putting forth proposals for preventing these attacks recurring, some students advocated increased community rela­tion programs. Other more militant students, tried to form vigil­ante groups to protect Yeshiva students. This latter proposal was criticized from two totally different sources. Steven Wachvel, pres­ident of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, felt that such groups could possibly turn even the responsible citizenry of Washington Heights against Yeshiva, and create a truly volatile situation; Rabbi Miller, head of the newly formed YU chapter of the Jewish Defense League, felt that vigilante groups would not be prepared properly for the task they had undertook and might find themselves in a sit­uation that they could not handle.

**The results of the somewhat ambiguously worded Student Council referendum of October 8 was in no way ambiguous. 609 students voted to “back our Stu­dent Council in taking whatever steps they deem necessary.” Only 141 students voting refused to support the proposal. The text of the referendum read: “In view of the administration’s attitude with regard to curtail­ment of student services and the consequent lack of progress in negotiations, Student Council is considering the necessary steps to restore these services.”**

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**Emotional Plea**

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This week, November 27, 1968

**Review Of Past Muggings Yields No Definite Answer To Problem**

By PAUL POLLACK

To date, there have been four incidents of violence involving un­dergraduates of Yeshiva College and a member of the surrounding Washington Heights community. The first of these occurs on Friday, May 3, when a Yeshiva College student was attacked by a gang of youths. Ward served the dormitories, and eight other students satellied forth in search of the perpetrators of the surrounding Washington Heights community. The first of these occurred on Friday, May 3, when a Yeshiva College student was attacked by a gang of youths. Ward served the dormitories, and eight other students satellied forth in search of the perpetrators of the surrounding Washington Heights community. The first of these occurred on Friday, May 3, when a Yeshiva College student was attacked by a gang of youths. Ward served the dormitories, and eight other students satellied forth in search of the perpetrators.

The second response to the Kent State tragedy came the follow­ing afternoon and consisted of a full-time “Police” and a para-military group. The following week, on November 6th, an angry mob forced students to quit all dormitory services and the Student Council meetings were held. Members of council were threatened by United States foreign policy yet campus as well as by Yeshiva College administration. Monday, November 13th, the Student Council meetings were held.

Calling the student’s concern “childish,” Rabbi Miller said, “Talking Rabbi Miller then returned to the wall is also a form of the more pressing issues at hand communication.”

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1969**

**Miller Addresses Students; Pleas Called Unimpressive**

As YC Protests Cambodian Action

Last week the Student Council communicated to the student body its intention to call a strike of the under­graduate student council. In an effort to air its views, the Student Council presented the referendum to the student body in the following manner.

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Dr. Miller addresses special YCSC meeting.
Rabbi Aaron Kotler Dies; Thousands Throng Funeral

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Historians claim that it is a near impossibility to pinpoint the end of any era. Certainly, if insufficient time has elapsed in which to assess the impact of any single event on a given period, the difficulty of that task is compound-ed. Yet there are some occurrences which transcend those arbitrary categories and their profound effects are immediately recognizable.

Such an event was the passing of Rabbi Aaron Kotler. The Eastern European community which produced him played a singular role in the development of methods for the study of Tal-mud and principles for the evolution of autonomous. Rabbi Kotler symbolizes the end of that community. He and his yeshiva remained in Europe until 1941 when the pressure of Nazism became irresistible and they fled to America. And now the European chapter of talmudic history is closed.

Students Stage Boycott Of University Cafeteria

The student bodies of Yeshiva University and Yeshiva University High School held a boycott of the University cafeteria during the protest was against admin-

Death has stilled an impassioned voice struggling to be heard amidst a divided world and a divided nation. Death—sudden and violent—has snatched away a statesman who fought for peace, justice, and liberty. Death cut off a President from his nation, a husband from his wife, a father from his children. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, thirty-fifth President of the United States, is dead.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik painted a word-portrait of the tal-family personality of his late uncle, Rav Yisrael of Brisk, in the hushed he delivered before an eager audience which packed Lamport Auditorium on December 9. While most eulogies attempt to arouse indiscriminate emotion, Rabbi Soloveitchik rather strives to communicate an understanding of his uncle, precisely.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik defined and delineated the essential person of the Brisker Rav.
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Early on in my career as an editor, the 1954-56 edition was the first in which I was involved. It was an exciting time for the publication, and I was proud to have been a part of it.

Since that time, I have completed my Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies, Adelphi University, and I am a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice on staff at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and a consultant at the Hebrew Academy of Long Island. I have also been involved in several other projects, including the establishment of the Young Israel of Woodmere and publishing and speaking engagements.

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YU Students Break Boredom At Tavern

By LARRY RUBIN

A few years ago a tavern, called TD's Place, located across the street from Columbia University, became a center of student activity. It was a place where students could gather to relax, have a drink, and socialize. It was a place where students could escape from the pressures of their academic lives.

TD's Place was known for its cozy atmosphere and its wide variety of beverages. It was a place where students could meet friends, make new friends, and discuss the latest campus news. It was a place where students could relax and unwind after a long day of classes.

TD's Place was also known for its nightly entertainment. Live bands and musicians would often perform at TD's, providing a lively atmosphere for students to enjoy. The music was always a hit, and the patrons would dance and sing along with the performers.

TD's Place was not only a place for students to drink and have fun, but it was also a place where students could work and make a living. Many students worked at TD's as bartenders, barmen, and waiters. They would earn a little extra money while they were in college.

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to all the Editors

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