Yeshiva College Cracks Down on Cheating

By Steven Major

Countless rumors, stories, and suspicions had greeted the administration regarding cheating that occurred at Yeshiva College during the exam period of the fall semester. The event which stimulated these conjectures occurred in IBC Hall, in room 501, where Dean Rosenfeld manifested his abhorrent opposition and intolerance toward acts of cheating on exams by publicly tearing apart the test paper of a suspected cheater.

The administration declares that, at the time, it had been "ripped apart" by a group of students who voluntarily came forth to inform the administration that copies of Dr. Levine's microeconomics final exam were in circulation amongst students in his class. Unbeknownst to this surprise piece of information, the administration had to confront this disturbing predicament with only one day before the exam and with limited recourse, the administration instructed Dr. Levine to devise a totally new test.

The administration also arranged to obtain a list of suspects. The hawk-eyed members of the administration focused upon the ten to fifteen students believed to be part of this "elite" group. Suspicions were then aroused when a student requested to leave the room in order to pray Mincha while the test was being administered. Permission was granted. However, after finishing the Mincha prayer, the individual unexpectedly proceeded to the bathroom. An administrator witnessed the student as he exited the men's room. Puzzled by and suspicious of the microeconomics course lying within Yeshiva College is an administrative task which the administration must undertake. Evidence is the key. Further evidence is necessary, for it imparted to the student body the message that cheating will no longer be tolerated.

There were other reported instances of cheating during the fall exams. In particular a student asserted that during one final a group of students were blatantly exchanging information. An administrator passed by and merely told the group to "cut it out."

The responsibility of the college towards acts of cheating within Yeshiva College is an issue of some magnitude. Mr. Ken Wagner, Associate Director of Admissions, contends that YC's obligation is two-fold. "It should be made clear to every student that cheating is not tolerated. It should do whatever it takes to make cheating as difficult as possible." Secondly, "anybody caught cheating must be severely punished."

The administration specifies that it cannot act on cases whose facts remain uncorroborated. Evidence is the key. Further and more specifically, the administration feels that the extent of cheating at YU is exaggerated and that there has been no escalation of cheating.

Rabbi Rabinowitz Steps Down as Dean of IBC

By Larry Portal

After having served for more than twenty years as Dean of Isaac Breuer college, Rabbi Rabinowitz has decided to step aside this position and instead devote his time to his primary and first endeavor - teaching. Rabbi Rabinowitz began his teaching career at Rabbi Jacob Yeshiva College in 1948, immediately after he was ordained from RIETS. He taught there for nine years until 1957, when he then joined the Yeshiva University faculty. At Stern College, he taught chemistry and was the director of religious guidance as well. In 1966, he became the Dean of Students of both YC and SCW, second only to the president, Dr. Samuel Belkin. Dr. Belkin invited Rabbi Rabinowitz in 1968 to assume the position of Dean of Erna Michael College (now known as IBC) which he happily accepted. In 1976, Dr. Lamm appointed Rabbi Rabinowitz Dean of undergraduate Jewish Studies which he accepted while retaining his position at IBC. He relinquished the former post in 1986 to become Chief Officer of the Torah Education Network (TEN), an organization created and maintained through the joint efforts of YU and other organizations. Its main objective is to broaden the educational atmosphere to the entire American Jewish community. Indeed, seldom in his career has Rabbi Rabinowitz confined his interest and efforts to IBC alone. Until two years ago, when he was chosen for this position at TEN, Dr. Rabi­ nowitz was Dean of Jewish studies at YU. Needless to say, these additional positions contributed to a long and toilsome day. However, according to Rabbi Rabinowitz, being Dean of IBC is neither as arduous nor as time consuming as being the Dean of Yeshiva College for instance. There are fewer students to administer and less courses to deal with. Hence, he has the option to teach courses as well as to regulate them, an opportunity which Rabbi Rabinowitz has taken advantage of. Dr. Rabbi Yudin, Dean of JSS, teaches courses in his program.

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Rabbi Rabinowitz will have his summers for his own leisure - time which will undoubtedly be spent for learning, family, and writing for various publications. As a dean, he could not enjoy this luxury because of the constant administrative tasks which had to be taken care of all year long.
Puppet or Senate

Cut short those summer vacations! Sorry, can't spend the holidays in Israel! What - you’re from California and can't afford to fly home a little over a week after you got here? Too bad. School will be in session starting August 29 thanks to a decision by YU's President, Dr. Lamm.

For those of you still unaware, the past few months have been marked by uncertainty over when Yeshiva College will begin the Fall session due to theearliness of the Yom Tovim. The matter was submitted to the YC senate, which recommended a late start in mid-September. Unfortunately, Dr. Lamm did not agree, and we begin in August. It is unfortunate not because of the early start per se, as that issue, like every issue, has its pros and cons. However, in the administration's disregard for the Senate's decision lies cause for embarrassment. Granted, the SCW Senate voted in favor of an early start, yet no attempts to reconcile the two senates, perhaps through a joint session, was endeavored; rather, Dr. Lamm simply picked a date he thought best for whatever reason.

The Senate's minutes, posted to inform the student body of its proceedings, did not explain the decision, and indeed, one wonders if the senators were aware of the reasons. While the president is under no obligation to disclose his reasons, such a statement would be a simple matter of courtesy and respect. Those same minutes point to Dr. Will Lee, a faculty representative to the Senate, as saying that it is the administration, not any lack of student impetus, that keeps a "lid" on the Senate.

Some reasons mentioned unofficially as possible grounds for the decision to begin early include the desirability of beginning Yeshiva sessions in Ellul and of spending Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in the Yeshiva. Regardless, the issue is not the wisdom of starting early, disputable as it is, but the way in which the decision was reached. It is unpardonable to recommend the use by students of such recourse as, for example, the Senate, and then to casually disregard the opinion of that body. Through such methods the expression of student opinions becomes little more than naive farce.

College Controversy

With the end of the school year fast approaching rumors abound throughout the campus as to the developments we can expect upon our return next year. Having experienced rapid changes over the past few years with the addition of the pedestrian mall, SSSB, Tenzer Gardens, the plus-minus grading system and many other alterations and improvements, students understandably view the coming term with both eagerness and trepidation. One theme that seems to be particularly persistent involves the possible merger of James Striar School and Isaac Breuer College, two of the three Jewish Studies institutions.

Some officials insist no decision has been reached, speculation about such a proposal, in light of IBC Dean Rabinowitz' impending retirement, has created concern among both JSS and IBC students aware of the issue. Critics of such a move argue that each school caters to different types of students with different needs and that combining the two divisions would only result in a failure to satisfy anyone. In addition, they argue that both JSS and IBC students cherish their unique identities and would resist any attempts to form one larger, less cohesive mass.

On the other side, proponents claim an amalgamation of JSS and IBC into one division would allow expanded course offerings for all students, would permit the streamlining of some faculty by eliminating duplicate courses, and would be a step toward removing some of the divisiveness among Yeshiva College students by eliminating one of our many artificial classifications and stereotypes.

Whatever the respective merits of either argument, a proposal of such obviously profound and far-reaching effects should be discussed, as, for example, the Senate, and then to casually disregard the opinion of that body. Through such methods the expression of student opinions becomes little more than naive farce.
To the Editor:
Recently you published an article by a student who did a critique on JSS. The student is not in JSS and his article did not reflect the opinions of most of the school’s faculty nor its students. I would like to point out a number of the problems with his analysis and set the record straight.

1. The author claimed that 3/4 of our student body is yeshiva graduates. Not only is this inaccurate, but due to technical difficulties and current financial troubles being experienced by HAMEVAHER, it is being printed in COMMENTATOR.

We at the Yeshiva University Student Minyan would like to extend our thanks to our released Yeshiva students who have been working hard to set up the Deis Medrash. We also wish to commend all our Yorn Tov.

2. The article then explained why there are so many yeshiva graduates in our student body. He claimed that students came to JSS for an easier course load. He then went on to list a number of the reasons why he felt that there were so many yeshiva graduates.

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We all know that YU Food Services runs up a large deficit. How large is known only to those who have access to the financial records. What is the cause of the deficit? Obviously, there are a number of factors. One is the cost controls that we have been trying to implement. This points to two possible solutions - (1) raise income, (2) lower costs. The latter entails raising prices, unpalatable and likely to cause student unrest. Thus, the second method is likely to be the most effective. The cafeteria must reduce its costs and run itself more efficiently. How can we cut costs? Many suggestions have been put forth by many parties. A qualified consultant would be one who has experience in running a large-scale kosher food service, being attuned to the need for scrupulousness in kashrut and efficiency in food service. Lacking the necessary experience in these areas, there are still some suggestions that even the layman can make.

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The Scene in Israel

by J. Katzauer

In an interview with him recently, Dr. Norman Schlessberg, retired chairman of the accounting department, stressed that it is not to rake up the dirt yet again but rather to present his opinions and advice in the hope that some lessons may be learnt from past errors. Although this applies primarily to administrators of SSSB, it is not exclusive of others.

The two main problems are the attitude of the new Business School and the debacle of Professor Colchamiro’s tenure. In reply to a letter from Dr. Schlessberg with regard to the treatment of Mr. Colchamiro, Dr. Brenner, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, wrote, “You are aware that Arthur Colchamiro has left for a position at Hofstra, which is closer to his home.”

This was hardly an accurate description. Mr. Colchamiro was hired by Dr. Schlessberg with the prior agreement that he would be quickly due for promotion to associate professor. These were that he (1) is a good teacher, that 2) he stays up with the students, and 3) he would be involved with the students and the school. “He was a gifted teacher, one of the finest teachers I have ever seen in my life. The people who judged him had him placed in a class of his. I did. For him to be fired is an outrage, not only to the students but also to the accounting program.” Then, discussing his interest in the students, “He got to know the qualities of every student in the class... He was thinking what placement would be like this year. Even when he knew he was being forced out he continued to work with the Accounting Society.”

The ramifications of losing Mr. Colchamiro were still more troubling. Promises had been made which were now ignored. Both Dr. Egon Brenner, Dean Rosenfeld and Dean Bacon knew of these promises, as they could not have been given without authority, but they were forgotten. Then in making the decision on tenure, people who hardly knew Mr. Colchamiro were responsible for his future and passed judgement in one hour. “What gave them the right?”

It seems that the Business School is interested in qualification without demanding teaching ability. But there should be a mix in the faculty: Researchers, writers, and good teachers. “What is the point of having a highly developed program which cannot attract students?” It seems to me that somebody should sit down and link out the policy for the school.”

He had heard the much believed theory that Dean Schiff is trying to achieve automatic control of the business school, but said, “I cannot believe that. Dean Schiff does not work in a vacuum. There are people who have things to say about it like the Board of Directors, and they must sit down with Dean Schiff and decide policy for the future.”

Another problem now heard is the changing of the curriculum. Key among thechanges is the reduction of Intermediate Accounting to three credits. All teachers who have taught the course have expressed concern over this as they could never finish the material in a four credit course. “To cut that program seems unbelievably shortsighted. It is the backbone of accounting, everything else develops from it. To cut non-professional courses seems also to be a mistake as it is on the CPA exam. I would have thought that if you were replacing a man who has seen the growth of the department, you would ask him at least his opinion on changes. To reduce Intermediate is an enormous error. If you take a look at the NYU program it will be almost the same as here, and my experience in the outside world shows me that the NYU program has not achieved a higher rate of acceptance than the YU program. These considerations are a mistake, but how can we make a teacher like Colchamiro unforgivable.”

A couple of things. Promises. We are trumpeting that this is the first institution of its kind under Jewish auspices. It’s a sad way to start by breaking commitments. I thought that’s what the plan behind a university is; and when you push aside teachers of that caliber, it seems to me you’re not looking at the primary aim... I am hoping that this interview will reach a few of those people with a say and they will say, ‘Where are we going. What’s done cannot be changed, but how can we make sure it does not happen again?”

SSSB from the Outside

NOTE: These pictures and compilation articles were provided by Mr. Steven Spector, who has just returned from Israel and has recorded his experiences and impressions on film and in print. This section is provided as part of our continuing coverage of the unrest among both Palestinians and Jews in the Jewish State and reflects solely the opinions of the author. “PALESTINIANS SPEAK OF UNITY, JEWS OF DIVISION”

During my most recent visit to the Holy Land, I first witnessed the great divisiveness afflicting Israel's Jewish population. Just two hours after landing at Ben Gurion Airport, I took a taxi to Jerusalem. As it was shortly after 8:00 PM Friday afternoon, I had enough time to take a peaceful stroll down Ben Yehuda Street, an outdoor pedestrian mall. There were innumerable protests up and down the street. These were not protests against the Palestinians rioting in the territories, but demonstrations of Jew against Jew. These photos depict the scene. For instance, one man claiming that members of Peace Now, a left wing political movement calling for relinquishing land in exchange for peace, are "traitors," and another stating that territorial compromise offers "the only logical solution."

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Many have assumed that the reason that the Palestinians throw rocks, makeshift fire bombs, and other primitive weapons, is because they have a political and moral decision to use non-lethal violence. But the Palestinians youths themselves reportedly admit that such tactics are employed for operational military reasons. They throw stones in order not to have to face Israeli tanks. They feel that if they used guns, it would be almost the same as throwing stones, and it would be almost the same as throwing stones, and it would be almost the same as throwing stones.

The daily dialogue between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli soldiers is obviously not influenced by the teachings of Gandhi. A typical exchange might sound something like this: “I am going to rape your mother and sister; you’re a maniac (in Hebrew the connotation of this term is much harsher than in English - eds.),” and a favorite of Palestinians, “If I were a real man, you would put down your gun, come over here, and fight.”

The fundamental challenge to the Palestinians living in the territories and unhappy with Israeli rule should be, in the words of Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, to “stop using stones and start using words.”
Thoughts on a Maccabee Season

by Bob Andrews

They had just lost a heart-wrenching cliffhanger to New Jersey Tech, the perennial goliaths of the conference. Walking out of Tech's Ethn-

whistle gymnasium, Coach Halpert and his 6'7 Macs were surrounded by several of their
disappointed players and was talking about the slim possibilities of a
post-season trip to the E.C.A.C.'s.

One of the players turned to me and said, "He's got to be kidding." He wasn't.

And so Yeshiva's Maccabees, for the first time in their 35 years of competitive basketball, asked their
season tournament berth. It's not often that the words "rank" or "seed" are associated with Yeshiva, but in this season the number eight was very, very special.

Some random thoughts on the season that was:

- The main reason for their first tournament bid ever - confidence. There exists a fine line between confidence and over-confidence and the Macs needed to keep their
team's laughter. They knew they could lose - but they had over five games, and they did

- Best win of the year: The Hunter game, hands down. It was a Carte Blanche to the

- Most important win of the year: Yeshiva 66 Stevens 66 at the end of the year. Stevens was held out by Mandel - a most unexpected win.

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- Most meaningful statistic: First tournament bid ever - (?): The Macs were

- Most satisfying wins of the year: The Macs led 12-10 at the

- Poorest sport of the year, Bard and Stevens Yeshiva was up by 21. .. Zev's

- Ugliest win of the year: At New Jersey for ten minutes

- The Macs four-year record with

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The Record Stats

Average rebounding margin: 72 scored: 72 Average allowed: 64
Tied least losses for season:
Opponents' field goal percentage:

Most field goals in a game:

Most field goals in a regulation game:


When they scored 70 or more:


Individual Records: Tied most
- Steals: Raum - 3.3
- Lior - 2.7
- 5.2 Baum - 3.6
- Assists: Lior - 5.8
- Teichman - 6.3

Individual Leaders:

- Party percent age
- Three pointers:

Macs had a tremendous effort, but they could not overcome 14 missed free throws.

Interestingly enough, a look at the statistics reveals that the Macs (1st shooting improved incredibly since their Florida trip, after soaking up the rays they shot a horrid 38.1%). The taller Macs hit 68% of their charity shots.

Lior again led the Macs with 27.

On the other hand, the Macs enjoyed a 16th victory, playing against the best Division III team in the country.

After probably the most thrilling battle of the Maccabees basketball season all the Macs scored 55-48. They had grabbed one point lead only to watch them erased as fast as you can say "Gothics' fast break." So although the Macs were in the ballgame from a scoreboard perspective, they were out of it if they could not slow down the game's (racy pace, they couldn't). The Gothics, playing with an unlimited supply of fresh bodies, turned a three point comfort zone into an eleven point cushion to start the second half. The Macs simply did not possess the necessary depth or conditioning. What appeared to be an unimpressive full-court press by the Gothics in the first half developed into a vaunted defensive weapon against the taller Macs.

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By Larry Hartstein

In the aftermath of the Macs' 97-77 tournament loss to the Jersey City State Gothic Knights, spectators issued around clench after clench to describe the performance.

"They have nothing to be ashamed of."

"They can hold their heads high."

"They gave it their best shot."

"They put out 110% effort."

"They gave everything they had from buzzer to buzzer."

And there can be no doubt that each clench applies.

The Macs played the 15th ranked team in the country to a standstill first half, gave the Gothics a severe scare, and gained respect for themselves throughout the E.C.A.C. The Macs proved that their tournament berth was no fluke, that they could compete with the best Division III teams in the country.

Fortunately, we've been able to watch them earn respect as a Macs' fast break."

"Gothics' fast break."

Although the Macs jumped ahead 36-26 after fourteen minutes, the Macs couldn't fold and eventually tied the game 60. Danny Furer dribbled his brother Ayal took complete control of the game. Vassar devoured in to a vaunted defense. He scored 32 points as Lior broke the record, Ayal Halpert made sure Coach Gallagher's assistant, and enfolded his fans on their way to a glorious victory.

Lior Hod led all scorers with

The E.C.A.C. At Last

By Larry Hartstein

Exhausted, the Macs took care of some.

The Macs continued to surprise critics and end an 8-0 run with back to back baskets.

The Macs set a school record of 9-1 in the conference.

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To Our Favorite Team The Y.U. Maccabees...

...on such a successful season. A special Yasher Koach on breaking the school record with 1541 points. And to Jonny Halpert on his 100th victory as coach.

Wally and Marsha Fingerer and the Hollywood Young Israel Community.

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**Kenneth Jacobson, YC '64**

Congratulations to Lior Hod and the entire '87-87 Maccabees Basketball Team.

**Dr. Mrs. Paul Merlis and Family, Atlanta, Ga.**

Congratulations to... Coach Halpert on his outstanding season.

**Dr. Harold Perl**

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**Your Friend and Fellow Alumnus**<br>Steve Singer

Congratulations to the '87-88 Yeshiva Maccabees... to continued success in the future.

**Mr. Neil Tilson**<br>V.P. NDC Corp.
The Russians Are Here
For Better or Worse

by Leonard Gross

March 18, 1988

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The Commentator

Schneier claimed that this familiarity helped break down the Soviet's apprehensions.

Although he is often sharply criticized by many of his contemporaries, whom are active in the Soviet Jewry movement, Rabbi Schneier strongly believes that "Any religious function in the Soviet Union, or eastern Europe, must operate within the framework of government guidelines."

It logically follows that "Rabbi Shayevich and Cantor Pliss are rebelling against the entire Jewish community. In essence, they might be riding a double edged sword - a game that is hard for the Western mind to comprehend, but one they must play to survive."

Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, Leader of "Kehilat Yeshurun", and extremist activist paraphrases "Ethics of Our Fathers": "No Jew should judge another until he is in his place."

"Certainly", he continues, "but they should not be criticized publicly."

The question which probes the nature of our two visitors at YU. "Any publicity will be used by the Soviet Union to give the impression that Jewish life is normal and free in the Soviet Union." Ultimately this is a political matter - public opinion - which influences our government - the political establishment behind freedom for Soviet Jews.

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began with the idea to raise funds to send Yanky to Israel. Through the tireless efforts of many YU, Stern and others students learning in Eretz Yisroel this dream became a reality. This was because over $2,000 was raised by YU/Stern students, parents, and organizations such as Happiness Unlimited for this trip. Some YU students took it upon themselves to help bring Yanky to Israel while other returning Yeshiva students brought him home ten days later.
The Chessed shown by everyone only began when he arrived in Israel. His ten days were board-free due to the generosity of Jerusalem’s Kotel Rama-24 hour a day smile he displayed throughout his trip. A hearty Yonie Koach to all those who participated in this mitzvah.
Sharansky at YU
by Moshe Weber
What began as a hopeful idea he is indeed a special person. Although he can not easily
Yanky has always had many friends due to the fact that he has found a piece of Israel in America.
Mr. Sharansky will lecture on the history of Russian Jewish its present status. More specifically, the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 15, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. in Belfer Commons will mark the beginning of the series. The subject will be “The Story and Message of Spiritual Resistance.” On Wednesday, March 16, at 2:40 P.M., Club hour, he will speak at Stern College. The topic will be “Fifty Years Under the Hammer and Sickle, 1917-1967.” On the Thursday, March 17, at 2:45 P.M., club hour, he will speak in room 501 on the uptown campus. The subject will be “Refusniks: Steps in the fight in the Soviet union 1967-1987.” The final lecture will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 8:00P.M. in the Koch Auditorium on “Glasnost and the Jews.” In addition, Mr. Sha-rams at YU

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Robert Katz, Assistant to the Dean

by David Ottensoser

Commencing Tuesday March first and lasting two weeks until March 15, Mr. Robert Katz, assistant to the Dean, is initiating a new program to assist all juniors in reviewing their current standing, and planning out the completion of their general major requirements before their senior year.

This is a unique opportunity for juniors to receive advice and have any questions answered regarding what courses they may still be required to take in order to graduate the following year. Mr. Katz hopes that as a result of his efforts, ensuing graduating classes will finish their college careers in an orderly fashion, thus avoiding the many problems that past graduates have encountered.

Prior to last years graduation, approximately 30-35 seniors out of a total of 181 received notices from the office of the registrar declaring them ineligible for graduation, because they had failed to fulfill their requirements. The majority of these cases were students who had misunderstood the concept of a restricted elective.

That class unfortunately did not have the benefit of a junior check; although they were offered a senior check last September. "This senior check, however, is a misnomer, it is really for juniors" explains Mr. Katz. By the time a student is a senior he is usually overloaded with finishing major requirements, applying to graduate schools, and interviewing for jobs. Seniors are not particularly concerned, nor especially enthusiastic about taking a Biblical text or an advanced course in an area outside their major. Thus the dreaded letters of rejection in May, obligating the student to attend summer school. By making the junior check, "An acceptable part of the culture of the Yeshiva student," and informing them one year in advance of their requirements, Mr. Katz hopes to decrease the frequency of this frustrating experience.

Presently this process is being handled manually. It is hoped that by next year there will be a computerized checking system to somewhat alleviate this burdensome albeit important task, which is more important, according to Mr. Katz, than applying for graduation.

Responding to proposals that such a service should perhaps be conducted at the beginning of sophomore or even freshman year, Mr. Katz replied that, "It is neither the function nor the duty of the administration to lead each and every student through his courses by the hand." During freshman orientation Dean Hecht delivers an hour-long speech outlining the academic coursework required of every student. As helpful as this is, the figures seem to clearly indicate that it is insufficient to sustain a student until the middle of his junior year. Granted that this is an institution of higher learning where students are expected to act responsibly, yet it is often in the first and second years that too many unnecessary classes are taken, adversely affecting the students course selection for his remaining two years. This is the cause of graduation complications.

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WAIT UNTIL DARK

by J. Katzauer

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Despite its appearance as a run of the mill thriller, "Wait Until Dark" does have its stamp of authority. The play is an action plot with a real emotional development. Despite audacity to the script to make it accessible for Yeshiva audiences, which rules out rather normal heterosexual sympathies, the script is still solid to carry the viewer with its twisting of feelings, especially those of Danny Hendrix, a blind man who is the target of a "Sting". The role of Danny is adequately filled by Rick Seigel, who made his YCDS debut as Dr. Frederick Treves in "The Elephant Man". To those who know the film, he could not be said to cut quite the same figure as Audrey Hepburn, but he does a pretty good job nonetheless. He displays a freshness and spontaneity that are very believable, and what faults exist are based largely in inexperience. It is by no means easy to portray a blind person, there is an instinctive desire to avoid injurious objects, but Rick encounters most of them naturally, even Mr. Roat.

This character, played by Eli Beylus, or Ross, is horrifyingly believable. One wonders whether it is not Mr. Roat portraying Eli Beylus. Essentially, the casting could not have been more perfect, but it scares rather more than satisfies. He is absolutely convincing as a killer and if there is a fault it is that he becomes so involved in the deed and in the weapon that there is a danger of him simply forgetting he is onstage and not in 27b Grogan Street. He obviously enjoys the part of a crime organizer without qualms.

Mickey Zuroff, or Mike, and Gary Berger known as Carlino, play the other two-thirds of the criminal entity. They are people who, although not forced into crime, have no excuse from this scam, and make a wonderful pair. Mike, obviously the brains of the two, is a neurotic wreck with the added calmed of owing money to a loan shark. He is not a person one would lend money to but he does possess a conscience, suppressed though it is by fear for his own skin. Unfortunately, his gasping does make the expression of anything a little difficult to understand.

Carlin is a regular, six-pack Joe, common garden, hoodlum, a very neither-intelligent nor particularly adept at crime, but he does give Mike the much-needed muscular back-up. Gary, in his first acting part, plays him to perfection.

Eli Borow is George, a somewhat retarded nineteen-year-old whose main problem is saying lines normally. His last part was as the psychotic writer Sidney Bruhl in "Deathtrap", and as opposite as the characters are he has granted both very convincing and very full-hearted life. Since he is not holding a pair of handcuffs this time he is really a pleasure to watch when he finds George's personality.

Then we come to Sam Hendrix. Kenny Rocklin, Mrs. Kendal in "The Elephant Man", plays this brother of Danny. Although not physically acceptable as an ex-marine and worse as a smoker, Sam has become a very moderating character. At the end he and George are the only two to retain their innocence. The part is given the grace and the clumsiness of the concerned brother who is still trying to live his own life. The two policemen, Pesach Cohen and Ari Schertz, who enter only at the end and then only for Pesach to be killed, are quite adequate. Pesach does a wonderful job of dying, but Ari seems to find in his pistol an extension of his manhood and is desperately unwilling to put it down.

On the whole, what with internal, technical and working problems, the cast all give a whole-hearted effort that can be very exciting. Dr. Beukas has here managed to inspire a work about stress and people where one might simply have seen another thriller.