



# The Observer

THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

## Senate Reviews Auditing Proposal

by Frayda Waltuch

On November 28, the Stern College Senate discussed the issue of auditing. The proposal presented includes the following provisions:

- 1) instructor's permission and open places in the class
- 2) students register for auditing status during the last week to register for a course
- 3) the course be noted on the transcript with a grade of "L"
- 4) no academic credit be given
- 5) the course shall fulfill no requirements or prerequisites
- 6) regular attendance is required while examinations and conferences be left to the discretion of instructor and student
- 7) a student may audit only one course per semester
- 8) auditing be open to students with a 3.0 index or higher

After discussion, during which the requirements of an auditor were ironed out, it was noted that due to a technicality the motion must be voted upon at the next meeting.

A second proposal brought up

at the meeting was the question of graduate option. The proposal asked for a graduate option parallel with the existing professional option. This would mean that students at Stern would be allowed to enter graduate schools after three years without a B.A. degree. However, a survey of most graduate schools attended by Stern College graduates showed that no school will accept a student without a degree. A recommendation was made that Senate vote against such a graduate option. This motion will also be voted on at the next meeting.

Students should note that Senate meetings are open to all who wish to attend. The meetings are held Wednesdays at 3:00 (club hour) in Room 906. Students are urged to contact their Senators about any matters that they feel should be discussed in Senate. Any student interested in working on a Senate committee should contact Frayda Waltuch (Room 10-F in the dormitory).

Plans have been finalized for the Second Annual Jewish Arts Festival, December 12-17, sponsored by the Stern College Student Council. The festival will emphasize the growing strength of the Jew in spite of oppression throughout the ages, as expressed through the various media of the Arts.

Featured events throughout the week are "An evening with Ida Kaminska," famed Jewish thespian and Academy Award winner for "Shop on Main Street," December 13; Soviet Jewry Concert at Yeshiva College, December 15; and the Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lecture with Elie Wiesel speaking on December 17, as the highlight of the festival.

On the Shabbos of December 14-15, Stern will host an Intercollegiate Shabbaton with students from many metropolitan campuses attending. Ongoing activities throughout the week will include



Barbara Cohen displays talent.

a series of movies, musical presentations and an art exhibit, featuring this work of Irving Amen and Hana Geber, professional artists, as well as the works of Stern and Yeshiva College students.

The chairwomen of the Jewish Arts Festival are Debbi Muschel and Barbara Cohen. They urge all talented students to submit their work, and thus, enhance the festival. "Our main concern is

## SCW And Ferkauf Join In BA-MS Program

by Marda Katz

This spring, a new joint bachelor's-master's program between Stern College and the Ferkauf Graduate School of Yeshiva University will be instituted. Seniors of any major who meet the qualifications will be allowed to take up to 12 credits in Jewish studies, to be counted for credit towards the B.A., and the Master of Science in Jewish education. This program will enable a student interested in obtaining the master's degree to shorten the one and a half to two year post-graduate period normally required, to about one year.

Seniors interested in the program should apply this

semester through the registrar's office. In the future, application will be made in May of the junior year for participation in the senior year. Requirements for admission to the program in Jewish education are a prior completion of at least 18 courses in Jewish studies, an ability to take Jewish studies courses at the advanced level, and a 3.0 average overall and in Jewish studies. Students under this program may also choose to take graduate courses in Ferkauf toward the Master's of Science in teaching English in Secondary School or in Elementary

Education.

The new joint program was facilitated by New York State's liberalization of its regulations on the joint granting of credits. A course list is being drawn up to determine which Stern courses and Ferkauf courses will be approved for the granting of joint credit. This will ultimately result in less duplication in courses offered at the two schools, thereby making available a wider variety of courses to both student bodies. Ferkauf students with a need for a firmer background in Jewish studies will be able to take advantage of the offerings at Stern, while Stern students will have the benefit of the advanced offerings at Ferkauf. The Stern student accepted in the joint program will, upon completion of the senior year, become a regular student at the graduate level. There will be no additional tuition charge for joint program courses above that of the regular undergraduate tuition.

There exists today a shortage of qualified Orthodox professionals in the field of education. Jewish federations are therefore coordinating their activities, financial and otherwise, in this field. These efforts are resulting in the number of positions available, especially to women, in school administration and education because at a time when many fields have become flooded with an overabundance of qualified applicants, the existence of opportunities in Jewish communal service should appeal to the student searching for a meaningful area to which to devote her skills and energy. The development of this joint program, and hopefully others like it in conjunction with other graduate schools in the future, reflects a valid concern on the part of the administration for the needs of the student body and the community.

## Mishnayot Study Reflects History

by Miriam Kopelman

Following the Jewish tradition of learning during times of tragedy, many Stern College students have undertaken the learning of 30 Mishnayot by Asarah Betevet. This program was initiated by Rabbi Saul J. Berman immediately after the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

Asarah Betevet is a fast day which commemorates several tragic events in Jewish history. It was the day that the Roman army surrounded the wall of Jerusalem, thus marking the beginning of the destruction of the Temple. Asarah Betevet is also Yom HaShoah, commemorating the Holocaust. Now it is also the third month since the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

After the destruction of the Temple, Rabbi Johanan ben Zakai immediately founded a new center of Torah learning in Yavneh. He sensed that there was the threat of a spiritual loss during that time—the loss of the Tradition, the Masoret, which has been handed down from Moshe to each generation. By beginning to learn Torah again, he assured the continuity of the Jewish people, who have always been sustained through Torah.

Similarly, with the Holocaust and the destruction of all the great Yeshivoth in Eastern Europe, there was the threat of a break in the tradition. Once again, new centers of learning developed in the U.S. and in Israel, which affirmed the survival of the Jewish people through Torah.

By committing themselves to the study of Mishna, Stern College students are following the pattern of learning at a time of crisis. The great amount of lives lost has once again threatened us and our Masoret. Students are thus reacting in the way that has been exemplified by Jews throughout history in

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## Shatnes Lab Visits; Mitzvah Studied

by Debby Neils

In another of a series of T.A.C. lectures held on Nov. 27, Mr. Rubenstein of the Shatnes Laboratory discussed the topic of Shatnes. The Torah specifically prohibits the wearing of any article of clothing which may contain Shatnes, the combination of wool and linen. Shatnes is one of the mitzvot in the Torah whose reason is not stated; therefore our observance of this mitzvah is based solely on faith. G-d gives us double the reward for observing a commandment whose reason we do not understand; He says to man, "I will do things for you without reason, just as you observe commandments for me without reason." When you refrain from wearing a Shatnes garment you are also observing a positive commandment: "The Lord your G-d you shall fear."

Thirty years ago, a Shatnes testing laboratory was founded in America. Shatnes is most



Mr. Rubenstein

often found in the shoulder padding, due to the fact that linen is a hard fabric; it is three times stronger than cotton. Linen is also used in the lining and to sew buttons. Coats have a greater percentage of Shatnes than other clothes, and in turn men's clothes have a higher percentage than women's clothes.

Shatnes can be detected by placing a single thread under a microscope to verify whether it is linen or not. It can also be detected by sprinkling ammonia on the lining to see if a color change takes place; if it turns yellow, then the test is positive.

In the United States, Shatnes was found in only 5% of the clothes checked, while in Europe, 50% of the clothes checked were found to have Shatnes in them. The United States uses synthetic fibers for clothing, because they are stronger and cheaper than linen.

The students of Stern College will have a unique opportunity when the Shatnes laboratory comes to check clothing, because it is very unusual for the laboratory to come to an institution. Therefore, it is important that everyone take advantage of this opportunity and has her garments that may contain Shatnes checked.

# No Soap Radio!

We of *The Observer* are repulsed by the fact that there is no soap in any of the girls' bathrooms in the Stern school building except in the bathroom by the cafeteria. We believe it is unsanitary and absolutely inexcusable. Soap is not expensive, therefore we maintain that the administration must provide it immediately.

Just as urgently, the Stern dorm needs tables and chairs in the study halls. Sitting on the floor for three to five hours a night causes unnecessary backaches and discomforts which ultimately affects the students' working ability. Two tables at the most and two chairs are simply not enough to accommodate everyone. The sixth floor study hall, for example, accommodates girls from the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth floors, all of whom complete their assignments sitting on the floor. This can easily be corrected either by locating the missing tables which once filled the study halls or by allocating some of the class dues for tables and chairs which originally was intended for piano tuning and ping-pong tables.

# Communication Gap

One of the functions of the RA is to create a social community among the girls on her floor. Half a semester has passed and many of us do not even know the names of the girls on our floors. In this respect our dorm counselors have failed. *The Observer* suggests that each RA periodically hold floor parties in their rooms thereby giving the girls an opportunity to rap and get acquainted. This would enhance every girl's circle of friends and ensure a closer knit Chevrah.

V'Hamayvin Yavin



## In Defense of the Stern Image

by Boni Nathan

"Oh you are going to Stern College? Going for your M.R.S.?" (giggle, giggle) "Who me? I am going to get educated; I'm going to change the 'Stern Image.'" I answered defiantly.

Changing the "Stern Image" was my battle cry; and only now, two years later, I realize the emptiness of my words.

What is wrong with coming to Stern to get married? Absolutely nothing! Let me explain. Many girls come to Stern from out of town, say Scranton, Newport, Virginia, Ashkash, you name it. Where the Jewish Orthodox community wanes slowly, Observant Jewish boys are few and far between, either because they immigrated to learn in Israel, or Y.U., or decided to become Joe College in a cosmopolitan city, like New York, with a large Jewish population.

With no kosher boys left in town, the Observant Jewish girl must either associate with less Observant crowds, and in many cases with non-Jewish crowds. As it stands at present, one out of two Jewish people intermarry... This is not clearly evident in New York City, where the Jewish population is two million. It is, however, more clearly seen in the South and Midwestern States where populations may range from 60,000 families to 150 families and even less.

Thus the out-of-town Stern girl, who might not be so interested in becoming educated, comes to Stern when she increases her chances of meeting

an Orthodox boy. The worst one might conclude about her stay at Stern, if she does not get married, is that she had to sit through twenty Jewish Studies courses, and pass them, meaning that she learned a little more about her Jewish heritage and values than she knew before.

From another perspective we can examine the advantages of Stern College. The first *mitzva* commanded to us in the Torah is to be "fruitful and multiply." This Chazal tell us cannot be fulfilled without the proper completion of *Kedushin*. Hence, the first *mitzva* in the Torah is to get married.

The M.R.S. in Judaism is valued much more than a B.A., M.A. or PHD for that matter. Unlike the B.A. or PHD, the M.R.S. remains our only hope for the propagation of our Jewish community. The M.R.S. means the foundation of a home where Jewish ideals are practiced and taught. The B.A., M.A., etc. on the other hand is a stagnant, fruitless degree. It is of value only to those who obtain it. To speak poetically, it dies with the person whereas the M.R.S. degree lives on, constantly renewing its values every generation.

Thus, the next time you hear someone snicker at the fact that you attend Stern College, tell them that you are proud to belong to an institution which aids in preventing assimilation and which is a catalyst in the propagation of future Jewish congregations.

# Letters To The Editor

### Thanks!

Dear Friends,  
I want to thank all of you most warmly for the concern expressed for me after my accident last spring.

It is good to be back among my friends at Stern College for Women and to be at work once more.

Thank you all for your good wishes and may G-d grant a lasting peace to Israel.

Very Sincerely,  
Mrs. H. Sussman

## Oneg Shabbat?

Dear Editor:

It is interesting to note that there are girls who are so M'dak-d'kot in *Mitzvat Hadlakat Neiroi* (which is, after all, only one aspect of the general *mitzva* of *Oneg Shabbat*) that they hesitate to utilize the heter of the *Rav* and use electric lights. Yet, they seemingly have no hesitation about being M'vatol *Oneg Shabbat* by eating in their rooms by themselves. There is, after all, the concept of *Brav Am Hadrat Melech* (I use the term here loosely) as well as the fact that usually the more people who eat together the better the ruach is.

In addition, by eating "upstairs," they are not only lessening their own *Oneg* (as above), they also decrease, by their absence, the *Oneg* of other people.

Last but not least, if they could light their candles where they eat and not have to worry about using electricity at all.

Zvi L. Weiss  
Y.C. '71

## Nayrot

To the Editor,  
I read with great interest Sherry Scheinberg's recent column (*The Observer*, November 21, 1973) about the inherent danger in lighting *Shabbat* candles in the dorm. She mentions the ruling of *Rav Soloveitchik Shlita* sanctioning the rise of electric lights for *Hadlakat Nayrot* in the dorm.

"A considerable amount of effort is being exerted so that fully equipped lounges and recreation rooms can open during the December. Can we let this work go to waste because a student disagrees with the *Rav's* *shitah* on *nayrot Shabbat*?"

I take issue with Sherry Scheinberg's implied suggestion that all must adhere to *Rav's* *shitah* (that is not to say that I disagree with the *Rav*, for who am I to agree or disagree with a *gadil* like him?). It would serve Sherry Scheinberg well to check the wording of the official Stern College dress code (most recently appearing in *The Observer*, September 24, 1973): "Stern College for Women is a pluralistic society in a *Halachic* and sociological sense. Its faculty as well as its student body are committed to different *Halachic*

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## Gittel's Z'man Open Appeal

by Anita Gittelman



This column is an open appeal to the students and faculty of Stern and Yeshiva colleges to clarify a particular point of view I encountered this *Shabbat*. At Rutgers Hillel Foundation a student, who was also a *yeshiva bocher*, told me that truly *frum* girls don't maintain careers after they marry. They may teach or be secretaries to support their husbands while they are learning, but the moment they no longer need the money, she stops. A *frum* wife should have no special profession she can call hers. He believed that the wife should be at home, whether the children were at *yeshiva* or not.

I found it hard to digest this opinion in view of the number of *frum* working women I know. On the other hand, this *bocher* was intelligent and sincere; I respected him very much. I really would like to resolve the conflict.

From those of you who agree with his point of view, I ask you to write an in-depth, intelligent (as opposed to emotional) response. If a woman's career really is detrimental to her family's well-being, I'm sure Stern's students would be interested in knowing it. (But on the other hand, why did Yeshiva University start a Stern College instead of a Stern Seminary?)

If you oppose this opinion, I request you to present your side in an equally responsible, objective manner.

I realize that this topic has been discussed in previous years, but I've yet to read an article that brought in support to back the point of view. I await your response.

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I was amazed by the poor attendance at TAC's *Shatnes* lecture. In an age when Jewish

women are eager to undertake obligations not commanded to them, such as being counted in a *minyan*, why do they ignore *mitzvot* that undoubtedly apply to them? This discrepancy in behavior is doing much to shake my female chauvinism!

Everyone knows that wearing a garment with *shatnes* in it is a serious *avevah*. However, for some reason, girls think that *shatnes* can only be found in men's clothing. Mr. Rubenstein, of the *Shatnes* Laboratory, disproved this prevalent misconception by enumerating cases of *shatnes* found in women's suit jackets and overcoats.

Mr. Rubenstein explained the procedures the *Shatnes* Laboratory uses in searching for possible *shatnes*. He emphasized how unusual it is for the *Shatnes* Laboratory to send their staff around the city to work, since people usually bring their garments to them. However, the laboratory is willing to make an exception and come to work in Stern if they are guaranteed a large turnout.

TAC will soon announce which day the *Shatnes* lab will come. I hope every student will bring her garments to be checked. It will take just a small effort to fulfill this commitment.

### OOPS!—The Observer

apologizes to the Freshmen for the absence of their pictures in last issue's article about them. We also apologize for the mix-up in paragraphs.

Apologies to Dr. Silver for misspelling her name in the headline.

Apologies to Dr. Krumbin for our inadvertent switch in headline order. It should have read "Environment Protected by Torah."

The *Observer* would like to acknowledge Debbie Kamaras for her article on The Oral Interpretation Festival, Susannah Lee for her article on Touro College, and Sharon Yellin for her article on Jewish Studies Programs, all in our last issue.

### The Editor-in-Chief and The Governing Board of The Observer

with a hearty "Mazel Tov" to former Editor-in-Chief and current Student Council President, Sherry Scheinberg '74 on her engagement to Saul Zimmerman. Hey, Sherry, now we'll see who's the real boss!

## World Wide Jewish News

**ISRAEL**—Israeli-Arab peace talks remain at an impasse on the issue of troop withdrawal. There are signs of growing military tension along the Israeli-Egyptian front on the Western side of the Suez Canal. Before talks can resume, Egypt insists that Israel withdraw unconditionally to the October 22 ceasefire lines (without receiving anything in return from Egypt).

Also on the Egyptian front, the exchange of POW's has been completed in a ratio of 35-1. The Syrians still remain close-mouthed as to the predicament of Israeli POW's. They have not acknowledged the name of a single Israeli prisoner to the Red Cross. Photographs have been found depicting Syrian atrocities against captured Israeli soldiers in the Golan Heights.

**TEL AVIV**—Israel's teachers have protested to the Ministry of Education that they were becoming involved with politics. This came as a result of a pamphlet which urged teachers to prepare their pupils to the eventuality that territories captured in 1967 may have to be given back to the Arabs. High ranking officials said they did not know about the pamphlet. It is said the pamphlet was

distributed by a Ministry subdivision. **Tel Aviv**—David Ben-Gurion, a leader in the formation of the State of Israel in 1948, died Saturday, December 1. The former Premier of Israel had been hospitalized in Tel Hashomer Hospital as a result of a stroke two weeks ago.

**JAPAN**—Japan has called for Israel's withdrawal from all occupied territories. Japan is dependent on the Middle East for 80% of its oil supplies. This is seen as an attempt to placate those Arab states which produce the oil. The Arabs have a "friendly" list of countries who are not affected by the reductions of oil shipments. There are rumors that this is a prelude to breaking diplomatic relations with Israel which has been demanded by the Arabs. The Israelis have accused Japan of capitulating to Arab threats.

**CHILE**—Memorial services were held last week for the 1,854 Israeli soldiers who met their untimely deaths in the Yom Kippur War.

**U.S.S.R.**—Jewish activists went on a hunger strike to protest the trial of Alexander Feldman. His trial has been postponed in-

definitely. He has been accused because he wants to live in Israel.

**SSSJ** has warned that 2 Moscow Jewish activists, Dina Beilina and Tamara Galderina, are the objects of a "conspiracy" trial the Kremlin is now forming to test how Western public opinion will react when attention is focused on the Mid-East. SSSJ also appeals for Vinnitsa activist Mikhail Mager who, denied permission to join his family in Israel on the vague grounds of "security," has been warned to stop his "Zionist propaganda" or be imprisoned. Individuals are urged to write airmail letters of support to Mikhail Mager at: USSR, Ukrainian SSR, Vinnitsa, Karmeluka 37, Apt. 6; and to Mikhail's parents at 12/7 Muitsa Uvda St. Beersheva, Israel.

**BOLIVIA**—Pres. Hugo Banzer Suarez said that *Ho Lovt* would provide special protection for Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, should any attempt be made to smuggle him out of the country. President Suarez said this when asked about reports that former French resistance fighters were considering action against Barbie similar to the abduction of Adolf Eichmann by Israeli agents in Argentina in 1960.

## Israeli Correspondent

# Ya'vo Ha Mashiach

by Rachel Shapiro

Dear Cousin,

If *Mashiach* hasn't come by the time you receive this letter...

This phrase expresses the hope of every Jew, especially during this time when we here in Israel are in the midst of a war. Although *Roshel Yeshiva* urge their constituents not to speculate when and how *Mashiach* will arrive, the rabbanim themselves find it impossible not to find new meaning in the words of *Tanach*. As Rav Amital, *Rosh Yeshiva* of Gush Etzion, explained to students of Michlalah, "Every war against Israel is a war against *Hasheem*. Every war can and must be interpreted in the light of Torah."

Consequently, Orthodox Jews throughout Israel are using this opportunity to spiritually strengthen themselves and their communities. Rabbanim such as Ovadia Yosef and the *Rosh Yeshiva* of Porat Yosef are advocating stricter adherence to *mitzvot* and greater faith in G-d. Boys in *Yeshivot* such as Kerem Beyavneh are asked to learn longer than usual in order to compensate for the *Yeshiva* boys who are in the army. All are encouraged to perform more *mitzvot* *ben adam lechavero* (between man and fellow man) by volunteering wherever needed.

The most significant point, however, is the Israeli shift in attitude. Many Jews who previously looked down on the non-dati are beginning to respect the soldier so that a record number of *Yeshiva* bochrim have volunteered to fight. Likewise, boys devoid of religious training are questioning rather than mocking their Orthodox coun-

terparts. This new attitude is illustrated in a story Rav Amital heard while visiting the soldiers. "After one of the earlier battles, a troop returned shell-shocked. Suddenly someone yelled *Maariv*, and the whole group burst into prayer." No longer were the dati and non-dati polarized. They all realized they had something in common: they were Jewish.

This feeling of unity has dissipated into civilian life as well. Throughout the day, radio announcements are directed to particular soldiers sending regards from their families or informing them of a birth of a child. At various stands, women prepare drinks for soldiers who are waiting for a hitch home. Jews gather daily at the Kotel to pray for the well being of the country and its soldiers. Everyone, no matter how irreligious he is, or which political party he belongs to, is united in the war effort.

Underlying this appearance of unity, however, a haggard doubt remains. How long will this cooperative spirit last? Already political parties are tearing the fabric of unity. Even now Israelis are arguing whether or not we should have attacked first. If we religious Jews are sincere in our desire for lasting peace, it's up to us to not only strengthen ourselves in relation to G-d, but to mend our actions towards our fellow Jews. Perhaps we should lead the way in reminding *Bnei Yisroel* that just as the second *Beit Hamikdash* was destroyed through *sinat chinom* (hating your neighbor for no reason) so the next one will only be built when there is *ahavat chinom* (loving your neighbor for no special reason).

## Shaped Major Offered At Stern

by Ashira Rapoport

Last year the Office of the Registrar announced the development of a new shaped-major program. The fact is, however, that few students know what this program entails or how to go about participating in it. If you are possibly interested in a major which Stern does not offer, this article is addressed to you.

Few students will deny that the choice of a proper undergraduate major is extremely important to one's intellectual growth and future career plans. Since it is possible that a student's interests lie in a field which is not adequately covered at Stern, the school administration has presented the option of forming one's own major. Since it is also not uncommon for one's interests to cross educational fields, some

type of interdisciplinary major may also be considered.

The following is the procedure for developing a shaped major:

- 1) Find a faculty member to be your "sponsor."
- 2) Fill out a formal request sheet with a detailed indication of your desired major. This must coincide with the school's major requirements, which include approximately 27 to 34 credits above the basic course. The request form must be accompanied by a note from a faculty member chosen as sponsor.
- 3) The application is then given to a faculty committee, which is composed of a teacher from each of the four major divisions (Jewish studies, humanities, social, and natural sciences). This committee looks at the request considering both the college's and student's interests. The major must make sense as an academically disciplined experience and must be an acceptable one by graduate schools.

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## Eight S.C.W. Seniors Receive Who's Who Award

by Helen Stark

Eight girls from Stern College have recently been presented with the Who's Who award for college students. They are Susan Adler, Leah Carmi, Anita Gittelman, Charyn Goldstein, Chani Haberkorn, Cheryl Merzel, Sherry Scheinberg, and Frayda Waltuch. All eight students have been on the Dean's List and have participated in many extra-curricular activities.

Susan Adler, Student Council vice-president, served as Junior Class President and has been active in Dirshu and TAC. Leah Carmi, Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, has been a photography assistant for *The Observer* and is presently a member of the Student Admissions Society. After serving as Features Editor, Managing Editor, and Israeli correspondent, Anita Gittelman is Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer*. Having served as Junior Senator, Charyn Goldstein is now Chairwoman of the Speech Arts Forum and a member of the Student Admissions Society.

Chani Haberkorn, an active TAC member, was for two years



Top Row (l. to r.)—C. Merzel, L. Carmi, S. Scheinberg; Bottom Row (l. to r.)—S. Adler, F. Waltuch, C. Haberkorn, A. Gittelman Selected on a basis of their maturity.

Business Manager of *The Observer*. Formerly the Chairman of the Speech Arts Forum, Cheryl Merzel is Senate Correspondent for *The Observer* and co-chairman of the Speakers Bureau. Having served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Observer*, Sherry Scheinberg is now President of Stern College Student Council, as well as a member of the Student Admissions Society and Speakers Bureau. Frayda

Waltuch, senior senator, was chairman of Freshman Orientation this fall.

*The Observer* would like to congratulate the girls who by virtue of scholastic achievement and involvement in extra-curricular activities, have merited receiving the Who's Who Award.

## Festival

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student participation. Without the full efforts of the student body, feature programs of this nature will not be able to continue," said the chairwomen. The wide variety of programs provide an interesting week of cultural events for all students to attend.

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## Soviet Jewry Concert To Be Held

by Nancy Schwartz

Have you been looking for some way to help Soviet Jewry? The second annual Soviet Jewry Concert at Lempert Auditorium, on Saturday night, December 15 at 8 p.m. may be the answer. Featuring performers Bat Kol, Tzachi Ben-Ari (a graduate of Yeshiva University), Ma Navu and Sherwood Goffin. This city-

wide event is sponsored by the Washington Heights-Inwood Council for Soviet Jewry and Yeshiva College's Student Council.

Last year the concert was a complete sell-out, and it raised several thousand dollars for direct aid to Soviet Jews trying to escape from Russia. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00, \$3.50, and \$2.50. The concert is the concluding event of the Intercollegiate Shabbaton at Stern College. Buses will be leaving Stern for the concert. Place your orders for tickets now to insure securing a seat for this purposeful and enjoyable concert by calling Avi Bitton at 781-7234 or the Stern Student Council.

### Rings 'n Things

Susie Kofman '75to Robert Kaplan  
Joy Glickman '75to Yussie Lieber  
Rachelle Herzfeld '75to Bennett Rosenblatt  
Debbie Gordon '74to Howie Perles

## Shaped Majors

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4) If the proposal is ratified, the Office of the Registrar and the student are both informed of the individual major. It is then entered into the student's record.

If student's request is academically feasible and respectable, it will most probably be confirmed. Whatever the choice, however, 18 credits of one's major must be taken at Stern.

There are three possible ways of achieving a custom-made major. The first and most preferable is to compile a major from courses given at Stern

itself. A slightly different method is to take supplementary courses offered within the university (at no extra cost). If additional courses must be taken outside of Yeshiva University, this may be done in one of several ways. Summer school or partial enrollment at a college in the area are two possibilities, although they obviously involve extra cost. (The Office of Student Services would take this situation into account when determining financial status.) Still another possibility is to get related field experience evaluated into academic credits. (i.e. working at an art museum for credit in an art major.)

The existence of this program does not mean that every conceivable major will necessarily be accepted by the administration, but any application will certainly be fully considered. Understandably, the number of shaped majors cannot be an extremely large amount, since Stern is a small college. If enough students request any specific major, however, the school will try to develop more courses in that subject.

At least six students are already enrolled in a shaped major of some kind. There are presently three art majors, two in speech pathology, and one majoring in a combination of psychology and biology. One may apply for a shaped-major anytime after one's first semester at Stern. Initial courses in the special major may be taken in sophomore year.

### The Shadow Knows

## The Sporting Maidel

by Judas Gurk

Some people claim that there are no sports at Stern. Sure there are—some good sports and some bad sports. But that's not the type of sports I'm talking about.

There are many extracurricular sports activities in which the Stern girl can participate. The broad spectrum offers advancement in many areas of endeavor. For example, many girls missed the first annual kipa crocheting contest. The main event was held in Room 606 at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 14, 1973. Entrance requirements were: Size eleven crochet hook, two spools of Israeli chut—base color, and two additional colors for the three-color dugma. Competition was divided into three areas—cleanest, quickest, and prettiest kipa. The contest began promptly at 12:08 when "Chicken" Marak, head of the kipa club, banged a Size 8 knitting needle on the table to call the event to order. The competition went smoothly except for when a stretcher was called to the field when Mildred Zhibur ran a crochet hook through her finger. Each winner: Nickiah (Nicki) Kapaim, Mahara Jackson, and Hevel Hayofin in the respective categories of cleanliness, quickness, and prettiness, won an authentic Israeli head on which to place the kipa. Runners-up were given band-aids and a special award

was presented to Hester Punim for godliness.

Other upcoming events on the sports calendar include: football, played every Thursday night in the Blue Lounge, our semi-annual marshmallow roast, held in an arbitrary room in the dorm, marathon shopping, coming up on Dec. 24, one shopping day to Xmas. Categories in this event include: biggest metziyah, largest amount of merchandise, and most times stepped-on. (Purple hearts will be awarded to those injured.)

Also, an oratorium will be held in the newly-opened student lounge, where participants will take part in an open forum on free speech.

And, of course, don't forget the ever-popular ring toss. This event takes place weekly with major events during intercession and Pesach. Free mention in The Observer's Rings 'n Things column.

This column has been discontinued (as it should have long ago) due to the President's 15% cut to reduce consumption of energy. I feel I must do my share in this time of crisis by conservation of wit.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

### TZEDUKAH

This year's Student Council Tzedakah committee is collecting money for many causes, including Yad L'achim (for Soviet immigrants in Israel), Sharre Tzedek Hospital, Diskin Irphanage in Israel, Rabinovitch Aid Society, P'yelim, Derech Chaim, Hebrew Institute for the Deaf, Chesed L'Avraham, and Congregation Chevra Bachorim, the Lower East Side Synagogue which was recently destroyed. Money is collected once a week in the dormitory. The heads of the Tzedakah committee are Ruthie Marine and Debbie Neiss.

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DEAN

I am happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Betty Rosoff of the Department of Biology as Pre-medical Advisor at the college. In this capacity, Professor Rosoff will serve as the coordinating advisor for all students who are interested in medical and related health studies. She will help students in programming, keep them aware of requirements and developments in the field and help them arrange for, and send out, all

necessary letters of recommendation. I am sure that Professor Rosoff's acceptance of this post will greatly benefit the college and all its students.

### ISRAEL

Form letters will soon be issued by the YU/Stern Action Center for Israel to be sent by students to Senators to pressure them to support Israel. The goal of the drive is to send out fifty letters a day. Students are also urged to write to the Danish Consulate in praise of their recent support during the energy crisis, and to inquire where Danish goods may be bought in an effort to show solidarity with the Danish people. For more information, go to Room 407, the headquarters of Stern's Israel action center.

### OPEN HOUSE

Stern College's Open House will take place on Sunday, December 16, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The purpose of the Open House is to give the future Class of '78 a chance to look around and speak to students, faculty, and administration members. A similar program will be held at Yeshiva College. Anyone wishing to help

out is asked to contact Evelyn Silvers, Room 6G.

### CHOIR

The Stern Choir is presently being formed, with Cathée Rauh as chairwoman. The choral group has already been asked to perform for the Yeshiva University Women's Club in December, presenting selections in Hebrew as well as in English. If anyone would still like to join the choir, see Cathée in 5C.

### BIKUR CHOLIM

The Bikur Cholim committee, chaired by Randeé Lehrman and Gwen Sack, is planning several projects. They hope to make monthly visits at an old age home in the Bronx, entertain numerous agencies on Chanukah, and they still bring weekly happiness to the people at Rusk Institute. If anyone is unable to go to Rusk on Shabbos afternoons and could possibly go during the week, she should see one of the chairwomen.

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authorities...part of the positive educational experience at our institution is the variety of interpretation and expression within the structure of **Halacha**."

Should a girl not be allowed to follow her own halachic authority if her Shittas should happen to differ from those of the Rav?

Aryeh Weil

## Thanks!

To the Editor,

A concert was held featuring **The Bat Kol, The Lapidim, The Eitz Chaim Orchestra, and The Ma Navu** at Stern College on December 2nd. They were great and we thank them for their performing in **gratias**. A hearty thanks to Beth Rifkin, Fern Landesberg, and Janet Waterstone for their help. I want to extend a special thanks to our MC, Susan Stareshefsky. Without her promotion efforts this concert would never have been possible.

Corinne Feinstein  
Senior Class President

### Announcing INTERCOLLEGIATE SHABBATON at Stern College

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- (2) Sat. Nite: second annual concert for Soviet Jewry at Y.U.—Bat Kol, Sherwood, Mah Navu, others (Transportation Provided)
- (3) Sleeping accommodations if necessary
- (4) Guest speakers and seminars as part of Stern College Jewish Art's Festival

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