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## Senate Discusses Language Courses

Cheryl Merzel

At the Senate meeting of December 26 the final proposal on auditing was presented as follows:

- 1) The student be granted permission by the instructor to audit the course, and there must be places open in the class.
- 2) The student register for auditing status during the last week to register for a new course.
- 3) The course be noted on the student's transcript with an "L" grade (for "listener").

accept the proposal and the motion was passed. It should be noted that at the Faculty Assembly meeting of December 27, the faculty voted to accept the Senate proposal on auditing.

The Senate committee on language requirement, consisting of Mindy Ganz and Cheryl Merzel, presented its report. A questionnaire was passed out to students with over 100 responses resulting. The general opinion felt among students was one of



Senators in action

- 4) No academic credit be given.
  - 5) It fulfills no academic requirement or prerequisite.
  - 6) No additional registration fee be charged for regular students and a registration fee be charged for non-matriculating students.
  - 7) The terms under which the student shall audit the course be a) regular attendance and b) other terms such as examinations, conferences, etc. to be left to the discretion of the instructor and student. If the student does not meet these terms she will no longer be allowed to audit that course.
  - 8) No student shall audit more than one course per semester.
  - 9) Auditing be open to students with a 3.0 index or higher.
- The proposal met with the approval of the Assistant Registrar. A vote was taken to

distress. They felt the requirement to be so demanding that it did not allow room to take other more desired courses. The requirement also discouraged students from starting a new

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## Tense Mood Prevails At Sheloshim Service In Memory Of Dr. Morris Epstein



Dr. Morris Epstein, 71.

For the living the concept of death is an almost impossible one to confront. In the face of death, we can only attempt to console the living and to give our respect to the deceased. Yet when the deceased is a man such as Dr. Morris Epstein, the task of a memorial service is most difficult.

The Student Council of Stern College held a Sheloshim Service for Dr. Epstein z'l on December 19, 1973, during club hour. The atmosphere was tense. Dr. Epstein was a man who was so cheerful, and so full of enthusiasm, good will, and humanity, and life itself, that his death seems an insult to us and to him.

Moderated by Sherry Scheinberg, the service began with the recitation of Tehillim, lead by Rabbi Saul Berman. Rabbi Berman explained that the words of Psalms were chanted in order to connect the life of the deceased with the immortal words. Rabbi Berman chose a Psalm which associated the virtue of a man with the rewards of a happy family, joys which Dr. Epstein's family was fortunate to

enjoy. Dean Mirsky spoke next. With great emotion, the Dean expressed his shock and sorrow upon the death of his friend and colleague, the reality of which he still cannot fully accept. He noted the great loss which Stern incurred with the death of, not only a teacher, but a friend who was concerned about the students and who wanted to convey both an understanding and a way of life.

Dr. Epstein "met life with open arms," with beauty and joy, contribution and pleasure. His stories for children in World Over were direct, simple, and yet in no way compromising. His scholarly work was lucid and

marked with humor. At Stern, Dr. Epstein tried to inculcate within the girls the ability to face the world as a modern Jew. He founded the Forum of the Arts, a cultural contribution to the students, the city, and to the larger Jewish community. He was a man who always reached for the best.

The Dean ended with a metaphor of Chazal. As a date plucked before its time marks a tragedy for the date and for the palm, with the death of Morris Epstein, the community also suffers. We can only attempt to keep in mind Dr. Epstein's goals, to have his memory as an inspiration. Dramatically, the Dean announced the formation of the Morris Epstein Forum of the Arts to be continued each year in Stern.

Representative of the English department, Mrs. Laurel Hatvey read a letter from Dr. Dan Vogel in Jerusalem which expressed his shock and sorrow, as well as that of the English department. Dr. Vogel urged us to answer the spectre of death by continuing the practices and ideals which Dr. Epstein embodied.

Perhaps the most touching of all speeches was one delivered by Aviva Besdin, coordinator of the memorial service and student of Dr. Epstein. Aviva told how, upon hearing of the loss of her teacher, she threw away the draft of a short story she was writing for his class. She had realized that her inspiration, her motivation was inseparably connected to the force and vitality of her teacher. Dr. Epstein knew literature, loved it, and transmitted his love. He gave her an appreciation of what was sacred in Judaism combined with the greatness of the arts. Aviva ended with this quotation from Bialek, "Alas, he had one more melody, lost forever." Alas.

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From far away, I join you in shock and bereavement. It's at moments like this that we are reduced to remembering snatches of elegies that we've taught over and over again, but only as a kind of intellectual exercise, and now, faced with the reality, we ask what is it all worth. And then go on, for it is worthwhile—the only bulwark we have against the Spectre's conquest of life. This is as Morris (may he rest in peace) wanted it.

As we all know, Morris' imprint upon the department is permanent. I'm certain that when we are all in retirement, the practices and traditions he led us into will still exist. And if we happen to go elsewhere, there we shall carry some of what he did with us to transplant it. Isn't that the finest tribute and the greatest consolation?

From Jerusalem—  
Yours,  
Dan Vogel  
Merkaz Klita Mevaseret Zion  
Jerusalem

## Network Holds Annual Conference Pertinent Jewish Issues Reviewed

by Susan Adler

The North American Jewish Students' Network held its annual conference on December 23-26 at the Paramount Hotel in Liberty, New York. 300 North American Jewish young adults attended this convention, each who were "into being Jewish in his own way."

Network itself is an umbrella organization which serves as a resource center for all "Jews." ("Jews" being defined as any college student or young adult who has a "feeling for Judaism and isn't part of the establishment.") As the only unifying organization for the entire North American continent, Network has great potential, and because it is comprised of such a large number of students, Network is the most dynamic of the World Union Of Jewish Students (WUJS).

Among Network's accomplishments are its publication of the Guide to Jewish Student Groups, and its Network newspaper, which keep all subscribers up to date with information dealing with the sentiments and activities of its body. Network's field workers travel from coast to coast visiting the different college campuses and informing their members of all ongoing activities. In response to the Yom Kippur Day War, Network: 1) set up a hot line, 2) became the center for volunteers; and 3) held on campus teach-ins. Presently the New Jewish Media Project, sponsored by Network, is expected to heighten Jewish identification through the

various media of expression. Network also works on those resolutions proposed and passed by its members at its annual convention.

Network is governed by an elected steering committee and chairperson whose duty it is to execute those resolutions adopted by the body of members at the annual conference held every 18 months. All members are free to submit any resolution for consideration. This year's

resolutions ranged from boycotts, to teach-ins, to speaking only Hebrew on the birthdate of Eliezer ben Yehudah, and Reb David Kimchi.

The agenda for the first two and a half days of this year's conference included panel discussions, workshops, and lectures on various topics. Some included: "Jewish Civilization at the Crossroads: Where Do We Go From Here?"; What has the

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## Mitzvah Fulfilled As Students Give Blood

by Hildy Shtamf



Nurse checks Rocky Waltuch.

Stern College's semi-annual blood drive was held on December 27. Eighty-one pints of blood were donated. When a total of one hundred pints is collected, each student and her family will be completely covered for replacing blood for the next year. Co-chairmen for

the Blood Drive were Rocky Waltuch and Val Margolis. A special thanks to those who generously participated in this program. Another Blood Drive will be held next May. Remember, giving blood is a big mitzvah, and one pint can save a life.

## Mitzvat Hanukah

Chanukah was celebrated in several different ways at Stern College this year. First of all, all eight days witnessed the array of students' menorahs lined across the window sills of the Blue Lounge. Besides the heat rays which emanated from many candles (and oil menorahs), the mitzvah of pirsum ha'nes was certainly well fulfilled. Many passers-by on 34th Street stopped to smile in approval of the girls' benching Chanukah licht.

The second night of Chanukah was appropriately celebrated with music by the Bat Kol, dancing, and latkes at the Yavneh Chagiga sponsored by the Stern Yavneh Chapter. Rabbi Avi Weiss spoke about man's values.

The seventh night of Chanukah was celebrated with a special kumzitz sponsored by TAC, and was culminated by the annual dorm light-up into the shape of a menorah (although a few front rooms didn't quite make it), followed by singing and dancing on 34th Street.

# Help Wanted!

For the first time in Israel's short history, she has sent a call for help to the Jewish Community of the world. This call is not for money or exertion of political pressures, but a plea for manpower. The state is mobilized for war. Her civilians are all soldiers-the country is left without workers. No one knows when the situation can change.

In response to this call, the Religious Division of Kibbutz Aliya Desk of the Jewish Agency has turned to Yeshiva University. They are making special arrangements in order to organize the maximum amount of students to spend the next semester on a religious Kibbutz. Right now the latest number of volunteers needed to fill the needs of the Religious Kibbutzim is 250. Yeshiva College and Stern College are attempting to send a group of, at least, fifty students. The time until the projected departure for Israel is short. Obtaining passports and packing suitcases has to start soon. In the rush before finals, we strongly urge that you add another worry to your list. In this time of Israel's need, you must decide now whether or not you will be a part of the building of the Jewish State.

# Language

The language requirement is currently under discussion in the Stern College Senate. The present language requirement is the completion of the 3-4 level of any foreign language. This means that a girl beginning a new language will need to take three years of that language—levels 01-02, 1-2, and 3-4. Many prospective students are cowed by this and reject Stern as their college choice for this reason (among others). Stern students themselves suffer through instruction of a language they dislike rather than begin a new one, and so, of necessity, take three years of it.

Some people claim that reducing the language requirement to two years, would, in many cases, eliminate the 3-4 level, which is literature, and which transmits the culture surrounding that language. Firstly, reducing the language requirement to two years would eliminate the 3-4 level only for those girls beginning a new language. Secondly, the 01-02 and 1-2 levels could be more enriched in literature, thereby retaining the culture aspect of the language instruction.

Stern girls have more requirements than most other students in the country. The lessening of the language requirement would enable girls to take more elective courses in which they are really interested. The Observer supports this proposed language requirement.

# Auditing

A nine point proposal on auditing, which was passed unanimously by the Senate, has succeeded in being approved as well by the Faculty Assembly.

The proposal, based on the existing auditing procedures of various New York universities, provides the qualified Stern student (whether she be a regular or non-matriculating student), with an added avenue for the pursuance of a well-rounded education.

According to the new proposal, a student with an index of at least 3.0 who registers to audit a course and complies with the specific terms of the instructor, in addition to that of regular attendance, will automatically have this course noted on her transcript with a grade of "L" (for listener).

The Observer wishes to commend the Senate and its sub-committee on auditing for their work in implementing the new official auditing procedures which will be put into effect as of the coming spring semester. It is felt that the addition of this program will be most conducive to learning for learning's sake and will greatly enhance the academic atmosphere at Stern.

# Cuts Planned

The active members of The Observer staff would like to express their dissatisfaction with the uninvolved members of the student body. For half a year we have pleaded with you to write articles or type them for the newspaper. Most of you refused, or you half-heartedly accepted the work and then missed our deadline. Our strength lies in you! If you won't contribute your efforts to our newspaper, we cannot function. Hence, The Observer plans to cut its production schedule unless we receive your cooperation next semester.

# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On Monday, December 17, there was a terrible snow and ice storm. I am a commuter living in Queens, and I heard the many news reports about stuck trains, fallen trees, live wires, and icy sidewalks.

I called the Dean's office to try to find out which teachers were absent, so as to determine whether or not it was worth traveling in such weather to get to school. The person who answered the phone there told me that she was simply too busy to check the list and I should decide by myself. I then called the registrar's office and received a similar reply.

It would have taken about one full minute for her to check the board outside the Dean's office and then tell me who was absent. I really don't feel it was such an unreasonable request.

Maybe I am misinformed, but I thought that the offices of Stern College exist for the benefit of its students. Obviously it would have made quite a difference to me if one or two of my professors were out.

It would be nice if the administration would think about us once in a while. After all, we are the students.

A Commuter.

Gittel's Z'man

# Certain Death

Anita Gittelman

Stern College seems to be committing spiritual suicide, and I feel compelled to eulogize its death. It's hard to pinpoint where it all began, but I would assume it had a lot to do with Yeshiva University soliciting New York State financial support. Stern's lack of money is causing its demise.

When I entered Stern in 1970, the school was already in the process of change. I learned that many Jewish Studies courses had been reclassified in the catalogue so that Stern would not appear too parochial under Albany's investigation. Several courses were relisted as Philosophy or History courses. I believe that Tahrat Ha'Mishpacha, a requirement at the time, was listed as a Sociology course. Albany investigators visited Stern for a week to sample classes and verify that we qualified for state aid. During that week, one rabbi stopped our class from saying Tehillim after his lecture, lest an investigator should hear us.

Stern's secularization started out as a matter of a few minor technical adjustments, but it has now snowballed into an uncontrollable matter.

During my Sophomore year, Stern's dress-code was changed to permit the wearing of dress pants. This new code was a reaction to the students' impassioned support of the pants fad and to their flagrant violation of the previous dress code. The old dress code was viewed as being outdated, and Stern needed to catch-up with the times. Although students received legal sanction to wear dress pants to class, even the new code was immediately violated. Girls wore work pants, except when a teacher asked that they not wear them in their class.

Yeshiva University's public relations department was quick to cash in on this new reform. Girls told me that a PR photographer requested them to go back to their rooms and change either into a shorter skirt or pants for PR pictures. Soon after, a promotion pamphlet for YC and Stern appeared which seemed to stress long-haired, guitar-playing boys and gorgeous, fashionable girls. Apparently PR hoped to attract more students and hence, more income by illustrating that an Orthodox Jewish college is "cool" and that its students are "with it."

So, perhaps Stern enlarged its student body by attracting students on this basis, but has Stern really profited? Today's student leaders must cope with a student body that doesn't seem to care much about anything. Student Council's committees must plot in order to get any significant student participation. TAC's lectures have notoriously low attendance. Only thirty-five girls participated in Stern's Chanukah light-up and dancing. Shabbat inside the dormitory has become a day of depression, not joy. What has happened to us?

In The Observer's April 15, 1970 edition, an article reported Rav Soloveitchik's speech, entitled "Torah in the 70's."

"I am frightened. For financial reasons, Yeshiva College and Stern College have been fully reorganized into fully secular institutions in accordance with instructions from some regent in Albany... I have my anxieties. It is possible that what I see are only ghosts. Nevertheless, I see them, and I am afraid... Ghost number one is that the colleges are completely secular institutions like Harvard, Columbia, or Yale... I am more afraid for Stern College than for Yeshiva. Here there is a greater doubt as to whether change can be prevented. A doubt of such magnitude, that will affect so many generations, cannot be optically viewed... All we want is for the identity of Yeshiva to be retained... The challenges to all that Yeshiva stands for must be met."

Indeed, is Stern today very much different from Brooklyn College? Both schools have a large number of religious students, a good Jewish Studies department, and the students generally dress the same.

I don't mean to sound pretentious. I'm just calling the changes as I see them. If Stern cannot stress its Torah uniqueness, it will never successfully compete with the numerous secular colleges.

I never approved of editorial complaints unless solutions were also offered. I feel that the solution to Stern's secularization must come from the administration. They must decide that Torah is Stern's main prerogative, although secular degrees will also be offered. Stern's funds should be used primarily to build the Jewish Studies department. Student Council should delegate more of its funds to strengthen TAC.

YU's public relations must also change its approach. Stern would benefit by attracting a smaller, more dedicated student body. The school could economize by reducing their size and providing a more unified student body with a high-quality education, rather than trying to please a huge number of extremely diverse students.

Stern must re-establish its prerogatives, and then it, must try to build itself into a superior educational institution for its dedicated student body. For Stern to forsake its total commitment to Torah will lead to inevitable suicide.

# Erratum--The Observer

apologizes to Sherry Scheinberg for printing the paragraphs in her column in the wrong order. The last two paragraphs should actually have been first and second. Apologies go to Dr. Belkin. The Observer congratulates him on his 30th anniversary as president of Yeshiva University rather than his 38th.

In the review of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," the

following paragraph was omitted:

"David Ashear, although a newcomer to the dramatic society, adeptly portrayed the very difficult role of Dale Harding. Other supporting actors, including Stewart Kessler, Allan Schwartz, Jeff Neiman, Stu Lehrer, Phil Bilet, Victor Delouya, Danny Levine, Melvin Diamond, Alan Rosenblatt, Mark Meles, and Sid Slivko as Butch, acted with humor and finesse."

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# Spring Courses Lookin' Good

By Sharon Yellin

Several new courses are being offered for the Spring 1974 Semester at Stern College.

**Art 41—Art for Teachers** is a two credit course that will meet Tuesday, 2:50-4:30 P.M., with Mrs. Fleminger. The prerequisite is the permission of the instructor.

The course is aimed at acquainting teachers with the diverse roles of art in the learning experience. It will include important concepts in art education, art as part of the curriculum, and art as an independent activity.

**Hebrew 33—Shimoni, Schneur, Kahan** is a three credit course that will meet on Tuesday and Thursdays, 1:30-2:45 P.M., with Professor Rosenblum. The prerequisite is Hebrew 9-10.

Lectures will be given and representative works will be read.

**Hebrew 82.1 Haggai, Zachariah, Molachi** is a two credit course that will meet Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30-2:45 P.M., with Dr. Feinstein. The prerequisite is Hebrew 5-6. Students will be presented with a historic background and will then critically examine texts and commentaries.

**Philosophy 48—Philosophy of Yehudah Halevi**, designed for the intermediate and advanced levels in Jewish Studies, is a three credit course that will meet Monday, 2:00-3:40 P.M., and Wednesday 2:00-2:50 P.M.

Stern College students have undertaken the learning of 30 Mishnayot by Asarah Betevet. Now that this date has arrived, significant both as a Jewish fast day and as the three month mark since the Yom Kippur war, the mishnayot are being completed. All those who participated in the program will hold a siyum together on January 4 to celebrate their joint completion of the entire Mishnah.

with Dr. Appel. The prerequisite is an introductory course in Jewish philosophy or the equivalent.

Students will analyze the Hebrew text of the Kuzari, paying closer attention to Halevi's views on the Jewish religion, Jewish history, the people of Israel and the pre-eminence of the Land of Israel. They will also examine Halevi's philosophy and its relevance to contemporary Jewish life and thought.

**Psychology 18—Psychology of the Handicapped** is a three credit course that will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-10:15 A.M. with Dr. Snyder. The prerequisite is psychology 1.

The course includes the study of physical handicaps and the psychological problems they raise, the rehabilitative processes and their implications.

**Sociology of Health** is a three credit course that will meet Monday, 2:00-3:40 P.M. and Wednesday, 2:00-2:50 P.M., with Professor Lister.

The course covers the social concept of disease, disability and aging, social distributions and etiology of illness; social organization of health services; physicians, for medical personnel, hospitals, community services, nursing homes, the role of the patient's medical costs and contributory services of payment, and the role of government.

**Sociology 39—Sociology of Middle East Nationalisms** is a three credit course that will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:00-12:50 P.M., with Professor Waxman. The prerequisite is Sociology 2.

Students will analyze the major nationalisms in the contemporary Middle East, i.e. Arabs, Palestinians, and Jews. They will discuss the social sources and effects on the social and political structures involved in the Middle East conflict.

# Israel Needs You!

American Jews live in a world of fantasy. One is not able to experience reality unless one lives within it. Letters my friends sent me express wistful feelings. They don't seem to grasp the Middle East situation. They hope that everything will be fine for Israel. There is a false sense of security and confidence. Perhaps this was shattered during the Yom Kippur war but American Jewry has fallen back into this rut. I hope that I am mistaken in my observations. What do you really know about Nixon and American arms shipments to Israel? How aware are you of American pressure on Israel? Do you know fully of the POW situations? And what about another outbreak of fighting?

Before this war the Israelis themselves were very self confident. Many of them thought Israel could support herself without massive American aid. The war shattered this. On Yom Kippur 1200 Syrian tanks attacked. Israel had but 70 tanks to stop the Syrians. Though Israel lost ground, they succeeded in stopping a sizeable Syrian entry. It was very possible that Syria could have been well inside Israel by the end of October 6. After full mobilization, Israel was able to successfully stop the Egyptians and cross the Suez Canal. The details are incidental. The important point is that Tzahal was successful.

Unfortunately, Israel needed a massive airlift of American arms. To us in America at that time, it seemed that Nixon was a great friend to Israel. Despite what has since happened Israel very much appreciates the arms shipments. But what has come to light now is discouraging. The U.S. is heavily pressuring Israel to make sizeable territorial concessions. The Israelis are extremely upset by this. They now realize more than ever the value and importance of military buffer zones. Since 1967 the Israelis have enjoyed a feeling of security and prosperity. There was little fear of an Arab attack. From 1948 to 1967 the Arab armies were easily able to shell Israeli population centers. The borders of Israel were difficult to defend. After the war Israel was situated in a very secure position. Israelis have come to enjoy this relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Life in Israel became normal and stable.

To give back most of the land captured in the 1967 war would place Israel in a poor military position. No longer would there be secure borders. There would be constant apprehension. Giving up secure borders for international guarantees does not make much sense to the Israelis. With the advanced military weapons used in this war Egypt and Syria would be

quite able to cause excessive hardships to Israel, if not complete destruction. For these reasons Israel is very upset with American pressure on their government.

American Jewry must be aware of these facts. A massive campaign of letters and demonstrations should be undertaken immediately. You must make President Nixon and Henry Kissinger realize the feelings of the American Jewish community. There is great potential political and economic power among American Jews. Israel is now facing a more severe crisis than the Yom Kippur war. If Israel is forced to return most of the territories, the next war, which will come despite U.N. guarantees, will be exceedingly more disastrous.

I have sensed among the Israelis a feeling of anxiety. They were very shocked by the Yom Kippur war. Their pride was somewhat broken. They did not want to face another war and to lose more of their young people. When Israel gained the upper hand, many Israelis wanted to punish the Arab forces. The victories in the Golan Heights were enthusiastically received. The Israel Defense Forces were in an excellent position to destroy a massive part of the Egyptian army. The ceasefire imposed on Israel prohibited them from accomplishing this goal.

Compounding this feeling of frustration are the Egyptians and Syrians. The torturous treatment and murdering of Israeli POW's by Egypt and Syria have angered the people. Egypt is entering the Geneva Peace Conference with the opinion that Israel is definitely giving back the 1967 territories.

The Israelis, I feel, are anxious to renew the war. They want to severely lash out at the Arabs. They are not satisfied with the present military and political results. For 25 years Israel has given in repeatedly to foreign demands. They have received nothing in return. This time Israel is very reluctant to bend.

The headline of Friday's Maariv newspaper said Russia is pressing Egypt and Syria to renew the war. Both sides are on military alerts. Several men on this kabbutz who returned from war are being recalled. Some who did not fight before were called. I was told by a friend that there is a lot of tension in Tel Aviv. The city is full of soldiers.

Among the volunteers here there is a feeling of depression, anxiety and nervousness. We have never been in a war time situation. It seems very likely that war will renew. We all came here to help and we will stay here and do so.

Stephen Goldsmith  
Kibbutz Ein Tzurim

## World-Wide Jewish News

**GENEVA**—Although discussion of substantive issues at the Middle East peace conference must await the outcome of the Israeli elections on December 31, all participants agree that they must discuss separating Israeli and Egyptian military forces along the Suez Canal. All participating diplomats agreed that the peace talks are off to a good start, but a permanent settlement is still a long way off. Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, said that he was "very happy" with the opening phase of the peace talks. Both Arab and Israeli diplomatic participants feel that the first round of talks had "broken the ice." After the meeting of December 22, Abba Eban and Andrei Gromyko conferred for over an hour. This is the first high-level conference of Israeli and Soviet officials since the severing of diplomatic relations in 1967.

**Gallup Poll**—A recent Gallup Poll found that American support for Israel has increased rather than decreased since the Yom Kippur war. At the same time, the New York Times check by correspondents found "no significant expression of anti-Jewish sentiment, despite apparent efforts by groups and individuals to fan a reaction against Jews in the United States."

**Washington, (J.T.A.)**—Pentagon sources have expressed the view that Syria's refusal to release a list of Israeli POW's or let any International Red Cross Representative visit there may be due to the fact that there may be no Israeli POW's left alive in Syria. As of yet there is no empirical evidence, but it appears to these sources that Syrians are covering up a wholesale massacre of more than 100 Israeli soldiers who were captured during the Yom Kippur war.

**SSSJ**—SSSJ denounced a series of five feature articles on human rights and Jewish Freedoms in the December issue of the USSR's official Soviet Life magazine as a "blatant attempt to cover up the worst persecutions of Russian Jews in recent years." Soviet Life is a glossy 64 page monthly put out by the Soviet press agency through the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. The December issue carries a cover story on "Constitutional Rights and Freedoms." The inside cover quotes paragraphs of the Soviet Constitution guaranteeing freedoms of speech, assembly, demonstrations and religion.

**Lebanon**—The Palestinian Liberation Organization has been negotiating with Kuwait to gain custody of the five Palestinians who were responsible for the random murder of innocent passengers in Rome and for the hijacking of Lufthansa aircraft. The organization wants to try the guerrillas in their own court. Because of the four high-ranking Moroccan officials killed in the attack, the guerrillas were attacked by the very people they wanted to help. So far, no known punishment has ever been imposed on any of the Palestinian terrorists or their sympathizers who hijacked planes.

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Available for your selection are paperbacks at 15c each and hardcovers at 50c to \$1.50. Hurry on down to the periodical room for bargains galore!!!

## More Letters...

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my reactions to the latest issue of **The Observer**. I was quite disturbed by the internal disputes and criticisms of the student body expressed in the paper.

The internal disputes center around the issues of the Stern image, and of the nature of **The Observer**. I hope the dispute over Stern's image can be settled and that the student body can move on to more pressing issues. I agree with Boni Nathan, that as Orthodox Jewish women, we have the obligation to raise good Jewish families. Being at Stern gives us the opportunity to meet religious boys and make it possible to meet a future husband who will share the same religious beliefs. But the idea that girls just come to Stern to get their M.R.S. degree is outdated. Stern College also has the responsibility of providing the students with stimulating academic and Judaic Studies courses, with majors that provide students with the degrees that will enable them to compete for jobs and admission to graduate school.

One other thing Stern lacks is a strong student body that is sensitive to their duty to be responsible participants in the Jewish community. Stern doesn't get its negative image from the remarks uttered by the boys at Yeshiv, but more so

from the Jewish communal organizations such as SSSJ who wonder where Stern is and why Stern has no ongoing response to Jewish causes.

I don't think we can use the excuse of academic pressure to hide from our responsibilities. We all must find time for the things we have to do. Hearing that even the alumnae association of Stern is defunct supports my contention that the development of communal responsibility is a top priority.

I also wonder where our student leadership is. Where are the T.A.C. lectures this year to supplement our Jewish learning and to inform us about the current situation in Israel? Why

haven't clubs been formed this year or speakers been invited during club hour to increase our involvement and participation? What happened to the Yiddish club?

True, we have been centering our attention around Israel, but what have we really done besides give money? And why hasn't the Student Council purchased an Israel bond yet? The lack of our involvement is disturbing!

I feel that a more comprehensive, permanent structure must be set up to sponsor activities and to mobilize students to participate in activities which will further enrich them and the community.

Randee Lerman

## Senate

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language as it would necessitate 3 years of study. Students who had extreme difficulty in studying a language also expressed the difficulty in handling the present requirement. Senators Hatvany and Shimoff stated cases where girls were discouraged from either coming to Stern or were considering transferring, the language requirement being a strong factor in their decision. Senator Rosoff raised the point that no other requirement, other than major and Jewish Studies, demands so many years of study as does the language requirement, other than major and Jewish Studies, demands so many years of study as does the language requirement. The

committee then offered the proposal that the language requirement be modified to require students to take 2 years of a language if entering on the 01, 02 or 1, 2 levels and 1 year if on the 3, 4 level. The 01, 02 and 1, 2 level should be intensified so as to include more culture and literature. The general opinion of those present was that this would be most fair to students while still allowing them to receive substantial exposure to culture and literature. The proposal will be voted upon at the next meeting on January 2 at 3 P.M., room 904. Students and faculty are invited to attend.

## Undergraduate Council Convenes

by Civi Tunis

The Undergraduate Student Council includes representatives from the students, faculty, and administrators of each of the undergraduate schools. It meets to discuss matters of academic extracurricular activities which affect the individual schools. At the first meeting, Rabbi Saul Berman, acting as chairman, discussed the academic calendar.

This year, students composed it themselves with the help of

Professor Silverman, Registrar, who provided the necessary school information. The students of each school will again draw up the calendar, this time presenting a two year plan. Teachers will then comment on the proposals. The final approval, however, will be made by all the students.

In addition to the issue of the upcoming calendars, the subject of evaluations of the various

departments was discussed. Students will be able to express their general criticisms concerning each department on the designated evaluation sheets. The standardization of requirements for graduations at all schools was also discussed. A joint BA-MA program was additionally suggested. Anyone who has further suggestions, please submit them to Rabbi Berman. The next meeting will convene on February 14.

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