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Rabbi Fund Speaks on Galus and Awareness of G-d

According to Rabbi Meir Fund, an instructor at Teacher's Institute for Women, the state of Galus always involves a loss of purity which necessitates a compromise of our values and observance. In his TAC lecture on Wednesday, February 23, Rabbi Fund cited Queen Esther's marriage to a non-Jew, in order to save her people, as an example of this type of compromise. The inevitable depression of our spiritual level that results from living among the *Goyim* prevents us from living a pure Torah way of life, and we are constantly subjected to risks in choosing the right *derech*.



Rabbi Meir Fund resulted in an awareness of G-d. The only way the Jewish nation can fulfill its purpose in *Olam Hazeih* is by breaking out of Galus, which Rabbi Fund explained, is not a geographical state but a mental one. By increasing our awareness of G-d and making a conscious attempt to combat the difficulties of Galus, perhaps we will be able to achieve a state of purity and merit the coming of *Mashiach* and *Olam Habah*.

Rabbi Fund continued to explain his view that we have not yet learned to find G-d within *Torah*. He stressed that although we follow rules and regulations, this has not

Gripes of Wrath Leveled at Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar has jurisdiction over registration for courses, records, and transcripts. As such, it is often the student's most immediate and frequent point of contact with the administration. This suggests that the Registrar's Office's operation must be based on cooperation, or at least respectful communication with the students. However, incidents such as the following have been reported:

Case #1: Student A was applying for a joint BA-MA program. She walked into the office of the Registrar to find out where her application should be sent. After repeatedly trying for about a week to receive an answer, she was told by someone "I don't want to speak to you." She was subsequently notified by the graduate school that she had not filled out the proper forms and that the deadline had passed. The student had been under the impression that all the necessary information had been given to her by the Office of the Registrar.

Case #2: Student B planned to leave Stern for a year of study elsewhere. She sought information as to which forms must be filled out. It was the Office of Student Services which finally answered her questions.

Case #3: Student C entered Stern College at the beginning of the spring '77 semester. She came into the office at 2:30 p.m. to register for her classes. It was 6 p.m. when her

registration was finalized.

Case #4: Student D entered the office on a small matter. Although she was in a rush — she had a class to attend — all the people in The Registrar's Office had their attention turned to another student.

Case #5: Student E sought advice from the Office of the Registrar regarding a waiver of school policy. She was told it would be impossible to change the rules. The student was then advised by a teacher that the Office of the Dean could help her. The matter was solved with ease by the Office of the Dean.

One administrator who was interviewed suggested the following: "It is obvious that the Registrar's Office must follow the rules and regulations of the University. However, in so doing it is necessary that they develop the sensitivity to single out a special case. The problem may not be one of system but one of people. It is not easy to be cheerful all day, every day, but administrators must remember that their priorities lie with the students."

The Office of the Registrar responds:

It is difficult to respond to the above-mentioned examples individually, not knowing the actual circumstances and specific people who were involved in each case. However, the general tone seems to imply that there is room for improvement in personal relations between the Registrar's Office and

the students. I fully appreciate and agree with this point. However, let us remember that all human relationships are a two way stream. I would like to invite those students who take issue with the Registrar's Office to work one day behind the counter in our Office, and witness the attitudes and manners of some of the students who come and go. To be kind, I will only say that there is much to be desired on that end as well.

A lack of communication is a definite handicap in any association. Having to make due with a skeleton staff, the Office of the Registrar relies heavily upon written communication with the students. This sometimes takes the form of written instructions regarding the filling out and filing of numerous applications and requests. To cite the first example, the instruction sheet attached to the application form for the BA-MS program states: "When students would really help themselves, as well as help alleviate some of the aggravating situations that come up in offices, if they tried to cultivate the habit of reading instructions."

Lastly, regarding school policy: the Registrar's Office must remain neutral in administering to all students alike the regulations set forth by the University, (cold as this sounds). It is a fact that only the Dean (and not the Registrar) may alter these regulations in special cases when deemed necessary.

Student Council Reviews Cafeteria Situation

By DASSY GOODMAN
Gail Zaret, president of Student Council, reported that dairy meals will be served every other Thursday night rather than every Thursday night, as the students had originally desired. The reason given was that, according to Sam Klein, head of the cafeteria, it would be too costly to hire a new (dairy) cook, or to keep the same cook for longer hours on Thursdays. Lists of up-to-date prices have been posted next to the cash register and above the hot food counter. Mr. Klein also said that it would be impossible to make set times for cashing checks because he cannot always anticipate when the cafeteria will have cash available.

Another issue regarding the cafeteria centered around males entering the cafeteria without some type of head-covering. A motion was passed to have Student Council put up a sign urging all males entering the cafeteria to wear a *Kippah* or some type of head-covering.

At a past meeting a question was raised as to whether the money given to the UJA is distributed to

Jews and non-Jews alike. Mindy Kantrowitz explained that the government promised to match funds given by the UJA for public programs — such as employment and housing — which benefit both Jews and non-Jews. The UJA decided to accept the government's proposal and give money to both Jewish and non-Jewish causes. However, money given specifically to the Israel Emergency Fund goes only to aid Jews in Israel.

The Student Council urges all students to plan to attend the *Observer-Student Council Shabbat*, March 25, at which Mrs. Zuroff will be honored. March 25 is also the weekend of the Stern Play "Twelve Angry Women", so it promises to be an enjoyable weekend.

The sophomore class at YU is sponsoring a "wine and deli party" on March 17, at which Schapiro Wines will give a wine demonstration. While on the subject of wine, the Student Council drinks a *P'chaim* on the occasion of the birth of a son to Rachel and Paul Glasser, February 18.

Garin Lev-Tzion to Settle on West Bank

A history-making effort by young religious Zionists to establish a new settlement on the liberated West Bank was announced today by Bobby Brown, a spokesman for Garin Lev-Tzion, a group of Torah-observant Zionists sponsored by Noam-Hamishmeret Hatzairah. The group will be the first American Garin-Aliyah to ever settle in the liberated lands.

Formed only two months ago, Lev-Tzion now numbers more than 15 young Zionists (ranging in age from 21-26). The prospective Olim share a common commitment to the security of Eretz Yisrael and to the preservation of *Shleimut Ha'aretz*. Sponsored by Noam and endorsed by Eminim-U.S.A. and other religious and nationalist Zionist organizations, the Garin hopes to establish a Moshav Shitufi in liberated Shomron, on a site near the ancient city of Shiloh.

Brown announced that the Garin is hoping to establish light industries and an agricultural settlement on the land it will be given

by the Israeli government. In this context he noted that the Garin has been working closely with officials in the Jewish Agency. He also emphasized that members of Lev-Tzion are deeply committed to establishing a Jewish Educational Center in Shomron, which will serve as a base for *kiruv-oriented* programs aimed at both young Israelis, as well as at alienated young American Jews.

Yet, Brown said, "Our Garin is a serious undertaking. We are planning to work the fields and operate the machinery necessary to make the settlement a successful venture. Because our group has been fortunate to attract truly dedicated young people, dedicated to the Torah of Israel, the Land of Israel, and the Nation of Israel, we have great hopes that our Garin-Aliyah will serve as a model and an example for future Olim in the years-to-come. We are making not only Aliyah history but Jewish history, and we hope that prospective Olim now studying at

Stern and at YU will be willing to consider joining our Garin."

Torah-observant couples and singles between 21-26 years of age are invited to attend an open meeting of the Garin on Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Religious Zionists Building located at 25 West 26th Street in Manhattan. Guest speakers will include Dr. Rael Jean Isaac, author of the highly acclaimed expose of Breira, and Gen. (Res.) Elad Peled of Tzahal. Additional information concerning Garin Lev-Tzion can be obtained by calling Shimon Ochayon at 684-6091 or by writing: Garin Lev-Tzion c/o Noam, 25 West 26th Street, New York City.

All students are invited to the Student Council *Observer-Senate-SAF Shabbat*, March 25-26, honoring Mrs. Esther Zuroff. The opening performance of SAF's play, "Twelve Angry Women" is *Motza'ei Shabbat*.



Megillah reading and "related attractions" draw large crowd at Stern.

In Defense of Human Rights

After more than a decade of demonstrations protesting the denial of civil rights in the Soviet Union and other parts of the world, it is heartening to hear some word of criticism emanating from the upper echelons of our government. The *Observer* commends President Carter and the State Department for their comments regarding human rights, and the White House invitations to Soviet dissidents. We urge the President to stand by his convictions and not buckle under Soviet pressure. By taking a strong stance he will be setting an excellent example for the rest of the world, which today appears to be somewhat receptive to speeches on human rights. Our only concern is that the current media blitz on the subject will turn it into a short lived fad with

people's commitments being only temporary. This must not happen. Attention and pressure must continue to be placed on the guilty parties. They must be made to live up to the United Nations Charter and the more recently signed Helsinki agreement. It is this latter agreement that is of primary importance now. It set up guidelines by which people of different countries could exchange ideas, and visit one another. It is this pact which will be reviewed this summer in Belgrade by all those who signed the accord. It is imperative that the countries who have not lived up to the agreement, receive the appropriate publicity so that when the 35 nations meet again this summer there will be no doubt against whom action should be taken.



Sque's News

Silence is Sometimes Deafening

By SUSAN (SQUE) SCHWARTZ

In the past issue of the *Commentator* (Feb. 16), I was dumbfounded upon reading the article of the editor-in-chief, Ricky Eisenberg, which was entitled "Silence is Golden." For those of you who did not have the opportunity to read it, I will attempt to sum up his main thesis in a nut shell. He seems to contend that small demonstrations have no purpose whatsoever. Mr. Eisenberg has used both Rabbis Weiss and Riskin, in an effort to materialize his poorly constructed hypothesis. He maintains that the "mini-rallies of the Rabbis, each of which was about one thousandth the size of the mass demonstrations, served no use at all."

For years, Rabbis Weiss and Riskin have, instantaneously organized rallies to protest the plight of Soviet Jews, PLO decisions, and numerous issues that are anathema to all of the civilized Western World. I do not worship these two men, but the fact remains that I wholeheartedly am in favor of their tactics. These rallies, however small they may be, do have an impact to a certain extent upon those who are involved as well as those who are being scorned

at. Unfortunately, Jewish authors of protest against blatant acts of anti-Semitism have not stirred the basic human instincts of justice and common decency in those who hold high governmental positions. However, it would be unrealistic to say that by making others cognizant of unjust issues, we are not promoting the proliferation of a sense of moral awareness which is a fundamental ethical principle. By sharpening one's sense of moral awareness, this enables one to foster his ideas at the expense of rationalism and proper moral conduct.

In *Never Again*, Meir Kahane attempted to bring out this point. For him and many others silence is not golden. Too often, silence can be so widespread and strong. This is when silence becomes deafening. As Jews, it is incumbent upon us to never sit back and take the attitude that individual acts of protest will not have an effect upon others. In conclusion, as Edmund Burke would say, "All that is necessary for forces of evil to win in this world, is for enough good men to do nothing."

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Voicing Outrage over release of Abu Daoud at French national sit-in.

For Yellin Out Loud

Losing Out at the Olympics

By SHARON YELLIN

With Montreal just a summer behind, preparations are already underway for the 1980 Olympic games, this time scheduled for Moscow. Just recently, the National Broadcasting Company has reached an accord with the Soviet Union granting them the exclusive rights to broadcast the games to the U.S. for a record \$85 million. ABC paid only \$25 million for last year's event. But after all, NBC expects the Moscow games to be "the biggest sports event in the history of television."

The *New York Times* wrote in a February 8 article that early reports of the negotiations had mentioned that the Soviet Olympic Organizing Committee had hinted of requiring the American networks to devote some program time to features presenting Soviet life in a positive manner. Herbert S. Schlosser, president of NBC, emphasized that there were no such requirements in the NBC contract, nor would the network's news division deal more gently with the Soviet Union prior to the Olympics.

"NBC News will not be compromised, absolutely not by the Olympics agreement. The Soviets are determined to have the best Olympics ever. We're assured that they feel strongly enough about it to keep out any political interference."

The question is should we feel so strongly about the games to keep out any political interference? Even if NBC is not cajoled into showing "Soviet documentaries," it will still be the transmitter of a spectacle. This will undoubtedly, benefit the

Russians, not only in dollars, but also in glory. Screened out from the All-American-Household will be the "delegation from the Siberian Labor Camp" who have strained their muscles while serving arduous and unjust sentences; "the wrestling dissenters" who end up as the underdogs in too many cases, and whose beaten parts have not become adequately calloused from the harassment allotted to them regularly, and the many Jews who have had to quit their jobs and schools in preparation for the "Moscow-Vienna Dash."

The question probes deeper. How can the United States allow the Olympics to be held in a country that disregards basic human rights, and does not "play by the rules" of the Helsinki Agreement? After all, our President, Mr. Carter, has spoken of taking a tough stand against Soviet mistreatment. Perhaps we should remind him to be less of a fan, and more of a sport. If the unfair play of the USSR does not bother the scruples of other nations, try to conceptualize the impression that America would make by refusing to participate in a country that harasses its citizens both physically and psychologically and denies them freedom of speech, press, religion and emigration.

But alas, our sports-minded nation follows its Olympic torchbearer of 40 years past. In 1936, the Olympic games were held in Berlin at a time when Jews were being beaten up in the streets, barred from most professions, and occupations, subjected

to the Nuremberg Laws which denied them citizenship and prohibited interaction with Aryans. The American Olympic Committee had unanimously decided to consider only the anti-Semitic situation in Germany as it relates to sports and not the general "internal situation, i.e. concentration camps, economic boycotts, terrorism in the streets. (Even in regard to sports, anti-Semitism persisted.)"

Arthur Morse, in *While Six Million Died*, writes, "The refusal of the United States to withdraw from one of the great propaganda festivals in Nazi history was one of an endless series of decisions which played into the hands of Adolf Hitler and however inadvertently, enhanced German prestige. The Olympic torch of 1936 did not reveal to the world the dark corners of Germany, the material poverty of its dispossessed Jews or the spiritual poverty of silent Christians."

ZAKHORI!

It has been said that sports build healthy bodies and healthy minds. But what about healthy heart? When sportsmanship takes precedence over morality and ethics, then the Olympic Games revert back to the ancient barbaric arenas of Roman fame where sporting was not civilized.

THE SPEECH ARTS FORUM OF THE STERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN STUDENT COUNCIL

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Twelve Angry Women

by Vivian Weisel

"Shake your hand and let it drop ... relax your whole body ... Let's take it again, ladies! ... try it this way ... OK, mark it down Polly" ... These are just some of the phrases which Mark Blum can be heard saying at the SAF speech Arts Forum) play rehearsals in Koch Auditorium, Monday through Thursday nights, 5:45-9:00

p.m. Mark is originally from Maplewood, N.J., is 26 years old, and truly something special to all the girls involved in the production. Says Sally Roth, SAF chairwoman, "He's not only a director and an actor, but he's our advisor, teacher, our big brother, and our friend."

An exercise-theatre workshop occupies the first hour of practice,

helping the girls in such areas as communication, coordination, verbalization, and reaction. Following this, the girls get up on the stage and begin getting into their own individual roles — a task which is made easier with Mark's expert guidance.

The play, written by Reginald Rose, is set in a jury room, where twelve women must decide on the guilt or innocence of a boy who is charged with committing murder. Estle Cytryn in the lead role, along with the entire female cast, keeps the play moving so that it becomes interesting, dramatic, and full of suspense.

The girls feel good about their play and invite everyone to come and see it on March 26, 27, 28. For tickets, see Rachel Lichstein in 5A or Greeta Nathanson in 17D. "Twelve Angry Women" will indeed prove to be an enjoyable experience for all and is worthwhile seeing!

A Brit Milah For Stern

It is often said that *simchot* are made to share, and such was definitely the case at the Brit Milah of Yaakov Tzvi Glasser on Sunday, February 27 in Koch Auditorium. Paul and Rachel Glasser, Yaakov Tzvi's proud parents, decided to include in their celebration not only family and close friends, but the Stern College students who are so much a part of their lives. Many of the girls attending the Brit had never been to one before; indeed, any in the future may prove to be a bit disappointing. The Brit and Seudah were highlighted with a great deal of rauch, with the help of a band. Rabbi Baruch Taub, national director of NCSY, delivered a *d'var Torah* at the seudah. Rabbi Taub praised Paul and Rachel for their work in both NCSY and the Stern dormitory, and joined everyone present in wishing Yaakov Yzvi a long, happy, and healthy life of Torah.



Yaakov Tzvi makes Stern Debut

Dear Stern College students,

It is difficult sometimes to put emotions into words, but, as you are well aware, both Rachel and myself consider ourselves to be privileged to be an integral part of the Stern College community. Although Yaakov Tzvi can't quite yet put his thanks to the Stern Women into words, we want all the students to know that the very generous gift given is very much appreciated. We also want to express our gratitude for the many warm wishes and individual gifts at our time of *simcha*. We were overwhelmed with the large student representation at our son's Brit Milah and hope that we, in the Yeshiva University community, will be *zocheh* to share many more *simchas* together in the future.

Im Birkas Torah V'Ahavah,
Paul and Rachel Glasser

The Other Side of Education

In the past issue of the paper (Feb. 24) the *Observer* neglected to include a reply from the Education department in regard to the Letters-to-the-Editor concerning that department.

At this point, though it is an issue later, we would like to bring the following points to the attention of our readers.

The Education department has indicated that the critical reason why it has had to maintain high standards and a stringent policy is because it is an agency of the State that grants teaching licenses and therefore must meet certain

standards.

The Department also has noted that there are several blatant discrepancies in the letters. In regard to the statement that "without the slightest warning" students were "dismissed from the Education program having completed courses required for their major," the Education department claims that, in fact, the 2 students involved did receive prior notice, and furthermore they did not meet the standards required: the 2.0 overall average, and the ability to speak and write properly.

Letters

To the Editor,

As the President of the Student Government of the Women's Division of Touro College, I write this letter on behalf of the students of Touro College. While snide comments regarding admission policy and insinuations about moral commitment may at times be ignored, blatant slander cannot be overlooked. I tried to rationalize the publication of an article entitled, "Touro College Under Investigation" found in the January 11 issue of the *Observer*. The "facts" were based on a series of articles found in the newspapers which themselves were not substantiated. Even had the accusations been tenable, there is a famous passage, *'Binpol Oyevecha Al Tismach,*' at the fall of your adversaries do not rejoice". It is articles such as these which cause hostility between the two schools rather than the working together towards our common role of Torah Education.

Sincerely yours,
Miriam Gross
Women's Division Student Gov't
Touro College

The reporter replies:

Literacy and reading comprehension are skills highly prized at Stern College. The aforementioned article drew no conclusions. The intent of the article was to excerpt and synthesize similar factual reports found in reliable publications leaving readers free to draw their own conclusions.

Purim 5737

To the editor:

Perusal of the "Rings and Things" column of the Purim issue of the *Observer* revealed that a fellow medical colleague, Alan Uliss has been slighted. Our institution, AECOM, a vital part of Yeshiva University is well known to all students at Stern College for Women, and we can find no plausible excuse for deleting this information from the plaudits of our fellow classmate. In the interest of maintaining close ties between all branches of Yeshiva, we hope this error will not be repeated.

Sincerely yours,

- R. Aharon YU '76 AECOM '80
- J. Schneck YU '76 AECOM '80
- M. Fenyes-Spitzer YUHS '72 BLKN '76 AECOM '80
- D. Lief YUHS '73 CCNY '76 AECOM '80
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- D. Victor AECOM '79 (former Math prof. at SCW)

We concede to your demands in the hope of doctoring up relationships between our schools.
Ed.

Letters

To the Editor,

Upon reading the January 11 issue of the *Observer*, we were pleased to note that you have now widened your scope of reporting — not only do you write of YU-Stern news, but now you report on stories of interest throughout the New York City area. Unfortunately, your eagerness in this new endeavor has led to poor reporting. In your article on page four entitled "Touro College Under Investigation," the "reporting" bordered on *loshon hora* and *rechilus*. If you had fully investigated the matter, you would have found the material in the article to be inaccurate and inappropriate. Your article seemed to be a reprint of a similar article in the *New York Times*.

In reference to your "attempts" to contact Dr. Lander, one phone call to Dr. Lander's office does not justify your printing "Touro College would not comment on these investigations" considering the fact that Dr. Lander was not in at the time of your call.

If your roving reporters had dug a little deeper, you would have discovered that other colleges were also under investigation. The New

York State Higher Education Services Corp. sent in their report to the Times excluding all other colleges except Touro. Upon appearance of the article about Touro, the New York State Higher Education Services Corp. sent a telegram of apology to Touro. In addition the State Department of Education found the Touro program to be a college program, and spoke highly of its students.

Some of the readers here at YU were puzzled as to why Eugene Hollander's name was mentioned in the article. This was a blatant attack on Touro College and totally uncalled for, as Hollander is unrelated to the subject matter of your article.

In conclusion, we are grieved to note that the *Observer* has become a scandal sheet, printing articles that are halachically considered *loshon hora*. We hope that the *Observer* will use more discretion and tact in further issues.

Seth Aronson
Stuart A. Kurland

The Soviet Jewry Walkathon will be held on Sun., March 27 at 12:45 p.m., beginning at Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn. Sponsor sheets are available from Rhonda in room 11H.

The students of Stern College are currently involved in a book drive for the Veteran's Fund of Israel. Please contribute for the benefit of productive minds.

Thank you,
Rhonda Schwartz, 11H

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The Outside Observer In Defense of UJA



By **MINDY KANTROWITZ**
Chairwoman of UJA-Federation at SCW

Upon reading the editor's article in the Feb. 24th issue of the *Observer*, I feel obliged to respond to her statements regarding the UJA-Federation. The editor lacked good judgment, printing an editorial without, at the onset of the campaign, giving a spokesman for the campaign an appropriate opportunity to respond. As chairwoman of the UJA-Federation at SCW, I believe that it was incumbent upon the editor to provide space in the same issue due to the frequency of publication and timing of the campaign.

While denouncing the Federation, the column fails to mention that the Joint Campaign aids Jews all over the world. For example, bringing in a family of four from Russia costs \$60,000. The Federation is an umbrella organization for 130 agencies that supports the 400,000 poor Jews in N.Y. The 4-5 million dollar donation of Federation to Jewish hospitals is to insure that the government will contribute. Camps such as Magen Avraham and Sternberg are funded by Federation, as well as the Board of Jewish Education.

Giving exclusively to the Israel Emergency Fund insures that the gift will go entirely to Israel, contrary to what the column stated. While it is true that the Federation is insured of a guaranteed amount from the Regular Fund, this guarantee is not significant in terms of the tens of millions of dollars that are raised annually.

The source that was quoted extensively in the article, Eli Rosen, hardly is capable of an "objective" prospective. As president of an organization with a history critical of the Federation, he would appear to have a particular mordant viewpoint to offer.

I was sorry to read that the editor does not approve of IEF money going to Youth Aliya, Secondary and University Education, Immigration, Absorption and Housing, Social and Health Services, Debt Service and general expenses. Does the editor think that these causes are not equally worthwhile as Yeshivot? Who are we to decide which Jew is more important — a kollel boy or a Russian immigrant? To have non-

Jews discriminate against our people is not unusual. Discrimination by Jews against another, however, is an enemy from within.

Many people are aware of the high rate of illiteracy among Sephardim. It is costly to send their many children to school after the 9th grade, so they send them to work. In an effort to help further their education, the government is now subsidizing the family with 400 lirot per child in school above the 9th grade level. This money is coming from the UJA.

And so, just because someone is not 100% Shomer Shabbat is not a reason to exclude them from our care. Pitting one Jew against the other is the reason the *Bell Hamikdash* was destroyed. Only by their participation and involvement in organizations such as these can we hope to affect their policy and direction.

The Editor replies:

The focus of my column was as stated in the conclusion, the importance of knowing one's priorities. This does not mean that Youth Aliya, immigration, etc. must be ignored, nor that someone who is not 100% Shomer Shabbat be excluded from funding. It does mean, however, that Jews should be the ones to receive the money much as it is presumably collected for them. It also means that distinctions are frequently drawn. Naturally, one is more apt to give a larger donation to his/her brother than to a cousin three times removed. My point was that if we as religious Jews do not support these causes closest to us, then, who will?

Just for the record, I did happen to speak with two high-ranking administrators in UJA-Federation who provided me with information regarding the Campaign and the destination of the contributions.

I did feel it necessary, though, to get an additional perspective of Federation — hence the interview with Eli Rosen who had close connections with Federation when he first began the Council of Jewish Poor five years ago.

Editor

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Innovations at the Library

By **ADINA SULLUM**

Librarian **Edith Lubetski** recently announced that the Heidi Steinberg Library has revised its periodical collection. The revision reflects "new concerns and progress at SCW along with priorities of the various departments". There will be 36 additions to the periodical collection, including *American Mathematical Monthly*, *Biological Abstracts*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Creative Computing*, *Drama Review*, *Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Mademoiselle*, *Omer*, *Social Casework*, *Theological Review*, *Women in Literature*, *Women's Studies*, and *Zion*. Some periodicals have been cancelled most of which were education periodicals, since they are available at the Ferkauf library. Those SCW students who are taking education courses at Ferkauf can utilize that institution's library for research purposes.

At Albert Einstein College of Medicine, a computerized literature searching system called *Medline* is available. *Medline* is an information storage and retrieval system located at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, to which AECOM has access via a terminal. The *Medline Data Bank* contains over one million citations to articles from approximately 2300 biomedical journals, and it covers the years from 1966 to the present. Within minutes, bibliographies can be compiled on a particular subject in a variety of languages. The price for AECOM students is \$6 per search, and for faculty and other professional members of the AECOM, the price per search is \$12. For further information on this important source please contact Professor Lubetski.

Professor Lubetski hopes for more cooperation among the various libraries of YU so that the library network system will be more efficient. The Inter-Library loan system is available for those students or faculty members who desire a book from one of the university's libraries. Those who

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Cafeteria Poll

To the Student Body:

On Monday evening, March 7, 1977, the Student Council discussed the current cafeteria problem. It has come to our attention that the Student Body doesn't sufficiently patronize the cafeteria especially for Sunday dinners. Many points of actions were discussed, the majority vote was in favor of placing a poll in the *Observer*. We wish to include the majority of the Student Body in our decision. If you should answer in favor of keeping the cafeteria open for Sunday dinners it will be your obligation to patronize the cafeteria on a regular basis. The Student Council would like to remind you that Yeshiva University hasn't forced us to

join a meal plan like many other colleges do. The Student Council therefore would like to take this opportunity to request that students support the cafeteria as this is a functioning service to the entire school and will not be able to continue its service without our help. We face a serious problem, please answer the following question and submit it to #8E as soon as possible.

Do you want the Cafeteria to remain open for Sunday Dinner?

Yes No

Optional: Explanation or Suggestion.
(We have decided to ask SMY to improve the Sunday meals if the Cafeteria should remain open.)

Senate Reviews Calendar

By **SHARON EFROYMSON**

The proposed school calendar for 1977-1978 was reviewed at the last Senate meeting, which took place on February 16, 1977. As the calendar stands now, the fall semester begins October 11, and ends Friday, January 27. This would make it very difficult for out of town students with finals on that Friday to make it home before Shabbat. Senate, in conjunction with Student Council, is trying to alleviate this problem.

This Spring, the Senate plans to

use the various libraries must keep in mind that each library has its own regulations which must be heeded.

work on the modification of academic requirements for all students. The Senate also intends to review registration, to investigate class sizes, and to investigate problems concerning CLEP and Advanced Placement tests. Senate will also continue to work on the school calendar.

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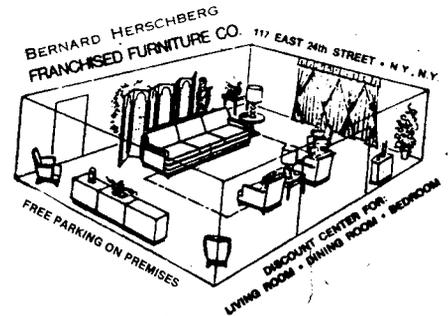
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