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by Sharon Gottman

Dr. Richard C. Steiner, associate professor at Bernard Revel Graduate School, has made a significant breakthrough in the translation of an Egyptian papyrus which dates from the second century B.C.E. Dr. Steiner, an expert in Semitic Languages, in collaboration with Dr. Charles C. Hill, Emeritus of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, discovered a "pagzanized" version of Psalm XX, embedded within prayers to Egyptian gods.

The manuscript, which is over 400 lines long, was discovered in the 19th century, in Thebes, Egypt. The Aramaic papyrus was in demotic script, one that transcribes the spoken language. Dr. Steiner suggests that the scribe was not native in Aramaic, but wrote the manuscript phonetically. The symbols on the paper, therefore, were not of a known written alphabet. In the translation, vowels, some consonants, and punctuation as well as other elements of written grammar were lost. The professor explained that reading the papyrus would be like reading English in Hebrew letters. It is probably for this reason that the manuscript has remained a riddle since its discovery, even to linguistic scholars.

Dr. Steiner began working on the papyrus in the summer of 1981 when he met Dr. Nims who had written an article about it. Dr. Nims offered the professor cards with transliterated parts of the manuscript to examine. "For the next 48 hours," the professor recalls, "I did nothing but stare at the cards learning myself away only when I had to teach a class. I tried to sleep, but I couldn't get my mind off the cards."

By the time he returned the cards, however, he had succeeded in translating a small portion of the text. Dr. Nims gave the complete transliteration thus marking their official collaboration. The professor recognized a few phrases that bore a resemblance to parts of Jewish prayer, but, "it wasn't till I left Chicago," and started at the test for an entire summer, it occurred to me that the portion of the Jewish Liturgy paralleling it line by line was Psalm XX."

Dr. Steiner's discovery disproved the concept that ritual borrowing is a relatively recent phenomenon.

The professor has uncovered an ancient tool key to learning spells in Aramaic. "We may have here the earliest case to tape recording of real language, which was actually spoken."

Dr. Steiner looks forward to further evaluation of the papyrus as it is still much progress to be done. When asked what he did when he reached a dead end, he replied that it was best to "let it sit for a while and then come back to it."

Chinese Dinner Displays Clubs

by Dave Epstein

The first annual Stern College Club Dinner was held on October 25 in the Koch Auditorium. Twenty night clubs were represented and it is estimated that about two hundred girls attended.

The main purpose of the dinner was to introduce the Freshman to the various clubs belonging to the Student Council.

The evening began with a Chinese style dinner. Musical entertainment was provided by Linda Levine and Genie Fiper.

Week-Long Fast For Scharansky

by Annie Charlop

Rabbi Avi Weiss, member of the Judaic Studies department at Stern, has just completed a six day hunger strike in protest of the Soviet imprisonment of refuxnik Anatoly Scharansky. According to Rabbi Weiss, the purpose of his hunger strike, which began October 31, and lasted until November 5, was not only to remember Scharansky's simultaneous hunger strike, now going into its 45th day, but more importantly, to sense a bond with Natan (Anatoly's Hebrew name) and to show his wife, Avital, the depth of the commitment that the American Jewish public has to Scharansky.

During the week in which he fasted, Rabbi Weiss held his Judaic Studies classes in front of the Soviet Mission on 6th street and 3rd Avenue. Students from Yeshiva University also assembled there to protest the imprisonment of Scharansky, who has been separated from his wife since 1973, the day after their marriage. Rabbi Weiss expressed his thanks to his "Talmudic" who supported him during his strike, saying, "I had the support of students and friends, and that's what got me through the week. Natan, however, is alone."

The week long fast gained media coverage, especially from Anglo-Jewish periodicals, who Weiss says, "presented Scharansky in the proper light."

Rabbi Weiss criticized other coverage of the event explaining that, "the media has a lot to learn about sensitivity. He claims that the media has not been treating the Scharansky situation with the sensitivity it deserves.

After a week of experiencing "a different realm of being," Rabbi Weiss ended his six day fast Friday. He is currently leading a Scharansky campaign urging Jews to wear white, drive with their headlights on, and to call the Soviet mission in protest of the Soviet's treatment of Scharansky. According to Rabbi Weiss, "Scharansky symbolizes the oppressed Jew who says we will not bend."

Bomb Scare Threatens Stern's Brookdale Hall

by Ilana Ofer

A bomb scare staged by so called PLO supporters on October 30 marks the first bomb to threaten Stern's Brookdale Hall residence. That Saturday night, at 10:47 P.M. a call was transmitted through a 911 line of the New York City Police Department.

The caller claimed that a bomb had been planted at Brookdale Hall and was set to explode at 10:17 P.M. The caller claimed to have ties with the P.L.O. Eight minutes later, the police, accompanied by a rescue squad, arrived at the dormitory. As a precautionary measure, Rabbi Mordechai Reich had the students evacuate the building.

The rescue team then began the search for the alleged bomb. A thorough search was conducted on the first floor and the basement but no bomb was discovered. Students were permitted to re-enter the building at 10:47 P.M. The police are continuing to investigate the cause of the incident.

This is not the first time bomb scares have threatened the University. In 1972, a bomb was discovered at the uptown campus. In recent weeks, several threats have been issued. Col. Mar- morstein says the bomb threats are not due to anti-semitism, rather they are pranks by students.

Students also criticized the police's limited search of the building. They claim that since any female could easily gain access to all floors of the dormitory a more thorough search was required.

On Sunday, in the aftermath of Saturday night's incident a guard was assigned to check all baggage entering the building. Rabbi and Mrs. Mordechai Reich together with security personnel are compiling a code outlining procedures to be taken in the case of future threats of this nature.
Observer Opinion

Just An Ounce of Prevention

The occurrence of several unfortunate incidents during the past few weeks has brought to our attention the problems that exist within the college regarding security. The recent mugging that occurred in the doorway of the Brookdale residence hall and the bomb scare that threatened the dorm on October 30 are the most national indications of the security problem. In addition, there have been other complaints. Students have at various times seen unaccompanied and apparently unauthorized men on the upper floors of the Stern College dormitory. Fortunately, events such as these do not occur every day. When such things do happen, students immediately look for someone within the University on whom they can place the blame.

Unfortunately, whether it is lack of funds or simply the normal limitations of human beings, the security personnel at Yeshiva University are not able to control or eliminate every possible danger. They cannot prevent all accidents because there is a threat to the safety of the students.

Moreover, students must realize that, in fact, they are exposed to a limited amount of danger. (Certainly this danger is much less than that to which one would be exposed in a secular college or in a public apartment building in New York City.) Students must, therefore, take precautions to insure their own security and the security of their roommates and friends.

Following are some suggested safety measures to be taken by students:

1) Lock doors during the day and especially at night when everyone is sleeping.
2) Report any unauthorized, unfamiliar visitors immediately.
3) When you hear an alarm ring, evacuate the building immediately.
4) Walk with a friend whenever possible.
5) Do not carry large amounts of money on the street.
6) Do not wear flashy jewelry on the street.
7) As students we must look out for ourselves. We cannot just depend on others to protect us.

Give Facts Not Opinions

by Michele Liberman

A feeling of unassailability has been building inside me for weeks now, and has finally become strong enough to demand articulation. Let me pose a question: For what purpose have we come to Stern College? I hope your answer is “to get educated.” If that is the purpose of our starting point, I would like to share with both my definition of what constitutes a worthwhile academic environment and my auspicious concern regarding its existence.

By the time we reach college, we have gone to school most of our lives. For one fundamental reason, however, the education we receive here is different from the education we received in high school or elementary school: the atmosphere is different.

Our parents tried to control the values and ideas which we were exposed to as children and teenagers by sheltering us from harmful influences. Once in college, we are no longer sheltered; we are exposed to ideas both reasonable and fantastic that contradict values and views we have always accepted. Classes, student and extra-curricular activities, and events in the city all shape this educational process. Consequently, we struggle to evaluate and incorporate new ideas into our value systems. Throughout this struggle we are being educated to deal with future challenges. We learn how to face them, analyze them, and deal with them. If we never struggle with our values, we may not know how to deal with iconoclastic challenges that will arise in the future.

What happens if this open-environment changes and we are no longer exposed to a variety of ideas? If we are never exposed to ideas with which we disagree, we never learn how to understand and reason with them. We become internally narrow-minded, and our value systems become fragile.

I fear that singlemindedness is increasing at Stern. Student Council notices, eager to get their messages across, have become bland.

Most American Jews are not familiar with the Yeshiva University Fasts and Rallies in Solidarity with Anatoly Sharansky. Under whose authority was a fast declared? We are not told. One sign posted in the school building even read: “All students must attend.” Surely such forceful language is not needed to get a valid point across.

Why aren't facts simply and honestly presented, allowing everyone to decide on her own what she will do and where she will go?

Even the signs which state: “All notices must be approved by Student Council” are confusing. Student Council approval is granted with a stamp which reads “Approved, Stern Student Council.” In short letters: “Does Not Apply U.Y. Endowment.” What then is implied by Student Council approval? Obviously such approval is understandable in regards to all Student Council notices, but why is Student Council approval necessary for non-Student Council notices? Surely this is a form of censorship, which runs contrary to any attempt at an open-minded environment.

Granted, we came to Stern, not N.Y.U. or Barnard. We expect a certain amount of protective padding from our teachers when they present us with challenges. We expect to be taught from a certain point of view, and for our Student Council to have certain goals. Yet faculty, administration, and student bodies must be open-minded.

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Prevent Stress

by Cheryl Barash, R.N.

Stress is a phenomenon that hits everyone, especially students. Did you ever wake up in the middle of the night, as I have, and know for sure that you had a stomach pain during an exam? Perhaps the assignments piled up on you and you realized there are too many manifestations of stress, which is defined as a subjective feeling of tension due to fear, anger, anxiety, elation, joy, love or anticipation.

Stress can be both beneficial and harmful to you. Some anxiety is needed to motivate you to take action in all areas of your life. Stress, however, can become very stressful and beyond the point of stress.

1) Decide what threat or problem is most important to you, deal with that, and forget about the others.
2) Recognize when an environment is very stressful and remove yourself from it, even for a short time.
3) Talk to a friend who can encourage and support you.
4) Try relaxation exercises or exercises that alter states of consciousness, such as yoga, self-hypnosis or transcendental meditation. (Many libraries contain an abundant amount of information on these topics.)
5) Learn how to set priorities with your work and how to say no when asked to do something that is too much for you.
6) Decide during which part of the day you function best and do your most important tasks then.
7) Most importantly, do not try to do everything at once. This will overwhelm you. Take one task at a time and concentrate on it until you are finished. Free up some time for yourself daily and try your best to accomplish it.

Aside from these suggestions, it is important to build self-confidence by using positive thinking. In her article “Positive Self-Talk,” Ruth Daily Knows, R.N., P.N., suggests trying to yourself if you are a “negative thinker.” If you are, try to change your behavior. These suggestions may help:

1) Write down positive statements about yourself that you can look at in emergencies.
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Economic Mess

by Mattie Rubenstein

The results of this past election were not a surprise to most people. The Democrats have widened their majority in the Congress, which will make it tougher for Reagan to push his policies through, and more jobs and that some of the profits will be invested in programs that lost much Federal funding. I am not the only one with business flourishes, there will be away from Reagan’s domestic policies (for our spiritual types of “poisons”). I am not the only one with business flourishes, there will be away from Reagan’s domestic policies (for our spiritual types of “poisons”). I am not the only one with business flourishes, there will be away from Reagan’s domestic policies (for our spiritual types of “poisons”).

The Gemara recounts that when

a negative incident occurs, one should examine one’s self to see if a Tikkun Hamidos (self-improving and improving oneself) is in order. There are many stories of Tzaddik, who, after experiencing a hearing of Tzvarus (troubles) proclaimed a Tannah Dibbur (reflection from speech) or a day set aside for Limmud Torah (Torah learning). Although we are not permitted to commit the name of the person, for Tzvarus, we should nevertheless view them as reminders that our actions (deeds) need to be altered and corrected. Our troubles may be a reminder for us to keep away from Lashon Hora (Evil Speech) or to be more cautious in our observance of Kashrut. Just as we are afraid of cyanide and demerol being added to our food, we should be careful of the spiritual types of “poisons” present in foods. It is perhaps because of the Tzvarus in the city that carry no hashgacha (Rabbinical supervision) and are therefore unreliable. Just as we now stay away from all types of capsules, even though the chances of our being poisoned is very slight, so should we avoid restaurants without reliable hashgacha even though the chances of eating typhus may be small.

As Torah observers Jews, we must look at everything that happens, good or bad, as a simon (sign) which reflects our ma’amid (deed). Through sincere reflection and a desire for Tikkun Hamidos, we will surely be able to come to a better understanding of what is going on around us and ultimately our purpose as Jews.

Belt Middrash

hours: Sunday 7-12 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday 5-12 p.m.
Thursday, Shabbat: schedule varies

Registration for Spring Semester

Registration for the fall 1983 semester will take place December 12-21. The spring schedule will be posted at the beginning of December. Registrations forms will be available in the Office of the Registrar starting December 6. Juniors and Seniors will take a "drop-off" registration, they will simply submit their completed registration forms to the registrar’s office on December 13. The registration will be fed into the computer at a later time with seniors’ registrations processed before juniors’. Print-outs of the programs will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 14. Sophomore registration will take place on Wednesday and Thursday December 15 and 16. The class will be broken up alphabetically and the seniors will take a "drop-off" registration, they will simply submit their completed registration forms to the registrar’s office on December 13. The registration will be fed into the computer at a later time with seniors’ registrations processed before juniors’. Print-outs of the programs will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 14. Sophomore registration will take place on Wednesday and Thursday December 15 and 16. The class will be broken up alphabetically and the seniors will take a "drop-off" registration, they will simply submit their completed registration forms to the registrar’s office on December 13. The registration will be fed into the computer at a later time with seniors’ registrations processed before juniors’. Print-outs of the programs will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 14. Sophomore registration will take place on Wednesday and Thursday December 15 and 16. The class will be broken up alphabetically and the seniors will take a "drop-off" registration, they will simply submit their completed registration forms to the registrar’s office on December 13. The registration will be fed into the computer at a later time with seniors’ registrations processed before juniors’. Print-outs of the programs will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 14. Sophomore registration will take place on Wednesday and Thursday December 15 and 16. The class will be broken up alphabetically and the seniors will take a "drop-off" registration, they will simply submit their completed registration forms to the registrar’s office on December 13. The registration will be fed into the computer at a later time with seniors’ registrations processed before juniors’.
Science Careers

by Rhonda Reifinger

The Sierra College Science Club recently sponsored its first symposium, Careers in Science. The symposium featured five women who spoke about their respective medical and health careers. The purpose of the gathering was to help those students who are eager to pursue careers in science, but do not know which areas interest them the most, or what options are available to them.

The first speaker was Sandy Halperin, a Physician's Assistant (P.A.), who is now working in Albert Einstein Hospital.

A physician's assistant is a specially trained health professional who works with a doctor and other health professionals. Most physician's assistant programs last two years. According to Ms. Horowitz, a P.A., the job of a physician is very limited to a few functions of a physician, within the scope of practice of the supervising physician.

On the topic of job opportunities, Ms. Horowitz said, "Jobs are out there to be found." She also mentioned that the starting salaries range from $16,000 to $20,000. While at present the job outlook for physician's assistants seeking employment in Israel is not as positive as it once was, she encouraged them to continue their education in this field.

Carol Kierman, an occupational therapist, spoke about her profession. Ms. Kierman graduated from Sierra College and currently works in Israel. After she attended New York University where she obtained a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy, she moved to Israel and began working as an occupational therapist.

By Sara Rosowsky

Priest Supports Jewish Position

by Sara Rosowsky

The recent meeting with Arafat has renewed the debate over the Pope's views on Jewish-Palestinian conflict. In defense of Pope Pius XII, Virginia Offer, the head of the Commission on Discrimination and Defamation of the Long Island Chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, wrote a letter to The New York Times which appeared on October 1. Her letter opens: "To state that Pope Pius XII did nothing while millions of Jews perished during World War II is an outrageous lie. This is a myth that not only defames Pius XII but also promotes misunderstanding and ill will between Jews and Christians."

She maintains that the 11 volumes of Acts and Documents of The Holy See Relative to World War II edited by the Rev. Robert A. Graham S. J., now provide the facts. She claims that "Jews are alive today because of the effort of the Catholic Church, albeit a quiet effort." She says that the Pope's Nuncios, representatives of the Pope sent to predominantly Catholic countries and concerned with the Church's welfare, saved over 80,000 Jews. Ms. Offer concludes with praise of Pope John Paul's meeting with Arafat at The Vatican: "Jews are alive today because of the Pope's efforts."
Annual Leadership Conference Hosts Active Yeshiva Students

Scheduling

Looking closely at the Stern College schedule for this year, one can hardly fail to notice something odd. In order to alter the arrangement for Stern. To most of us, it is just fine as it is. But for students, it is only one of the many changes being made in the semester. The administration, in its infinite wisdom, has decided to change the schedule for the week of January 24. This change was made in order to provide a more flexible schedule for the students. The administration has received many complaints from the students about the current schedule and has decided to make changes in order to improve the situation. This change will affect all students, both undergraduate and graduate.

On January 24, there will be a change in the schedule for the week. The change will affect the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday classes. The change will be as follows: Monday will be a half-day class, Tuesday will be a full-day class, Wednesday will be a half-day class, and Thursday will be a full-day class.

One would think that the administration would realize the repercussions of these calendar changes. As Reagan cuts back on federal loans and tuition, the cost of higher education is increasing. With the cost of living as far as the students are concerned, it is necessary to find a solution to this problem. The administration needs to find a way to address this issue.

I would like to point out that the students at Stern College are not the only ones affected by this change. Other Yeshiva College students may also be affected. It is important to address this issue and find a solution to it.

Modern Jewish Photography Captures Life in Israel

by Mirit Rebovich

Exhibitions of works by two gifted photographers, one an American Jew and the other Israeli, are being held now on display at the International Center of Photography (ICP), located on Fifth Avenue at 94th Street.

"Micha Bar-Am, Israel Diary 1956-1962," is a collection of approximately 50 black and white photographs taken over a period of 10 years by Bar-Am, the curator of photography for the Tel Aviv Museum. Bar-Am's photos have been published in newspapers and magazines, including The New York Times, Newsweek, and The London Sunday Times. Most of the pictures in this exhibition, however, have never been published before.

The exhibition is not large, but it is successful in capturing the unique aspects of Israeli life. The works are generally grouped according to subject and cover many issues: a more pleasant and unpretentious life in Israel. Peaceful photographs of a rural scene contrast with the more somber ones of a church or a street.

The pictures in this exhibition are not only a result of a close relationship between the photographer and the subject, but also a result of the photographer's personal commitment to his work. The photographs are not just a record of events, but also a reflection of the photographer's personal views and beliefs.

The exhibit is open from now until the end of the month. It is being held at the International Center of Photography (ICP), located on Fifth Avenue at 94th Street. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

History of Worthless

During the past few years, Stern College has successfully made changes. The Core Program has been established, and various departments have been expanded. For the most part, these changes have been successful and have brought a lot of innovation. Core has strengthened the curricula and has provided a better learning environment. The new classes have been well received.

During this time, the administration has begun to focus on the students and their needs. A student advisor program has been established, and the administration has begun to pay more attention to the students' needs and concerns. The administration has also begun to hire more faculty members to teach the new courses.

In addition, the administration has begun to focus on the students' financial aid. The administration has begun to offer more scholarships and financial aid packages to the students.

During this time, the administration has also begun to focus on the students' cultural life. The administration has begun to offer more cultural events and activities to the students. The administration has also begun to offer more opportunities for students to participate in clubs and organizations.

In summary, the past few years have been a time of change and growth for Stern College. The administration has successfully made changes and has brought a lot of innovation to the college. The students and the faculty have been well received.
Mrs. Marx Devoted to Helping Foreign Students

by Eliezer Ben-Dek

Next to Mrs. Orlin's office there is a crowd of students waiting to talk to her. Why is this office so popular? Because in it one can find a warm, compassionate, friendly face. Her name is Margo Marx and she is the Foreign Student Advisor.

Mrs. Marx is devoted to helping the foreign students in all aspects of their lives. She caters to the needs of each student in areas ranging from career planning to Jewish living.

Mrs. Marx has been in Germany. She and her family lived through World War II. Because of this background she says, "I am sensitive to many of the problems that girls have; perhaps in different ways but of similar kind." "It is important," she says, "to help students far away from home."

Mrs. Marx avails herself to the students even after school hours. Sometimes I pass through the hallway late at night and I see a foreign student sitting talking with her on the phone. She helps us and worries about us, even when she is at home with her family. Mrs. Marx explains, "My hours at Stern are twice a week from 10:00 to 3:00; however, I feel that there are many other problems that the foreign students may have to go beyond these hours."

When I came to the United States with such a good English," I could hardly say a word she helped me get settled. I saw a friend in her. Mrs. Marx is an alumna of Stern College. She graduated in 1939 with a degree in sociology. She was a member of the second graduating class. She was also involved in the establishment of the Stern College Alumna Association. She was president of the association for five years.

Mrs. Marx joined the staff of the Stern College cafeteria in the fall of 1980, as the Foreign Students Guidance Counselor at Stern.

The Stern College cafeteria, suggested by the students, has recently been renovated. "Our Old Student Advisor. She has excellent rapport with the students. Mrs. Marx is a very sensitive, feeling, insightful woman who is tuned into the needs and problems of our students. She has the world of patience and is a most caring person." The many experiences Mrs. Marx had with foreign students have taught several valuable lessons. She says, "One thing I have learned from this job which is very important is that every foreign student is unique and different in his own way. There is no such thing as "all foreign students.""

She also stresses that the American students have much to learn from foreign students.

Mrs. Marx expressed her respect for foreign students saying, "I feel it is a great honor to be able to help and assist whenever possible." Along with the other foreign students, Mrs. Marx has taught several valuable lessons.

Megjit Elana, headwaitress for Shebbharot in the cafeteria, explains, "Girls should not feel as if they are stuck at Stern for Shebbharot. Eating in the cafeteria should be enjoyable, and we want to do everything possible to enhance the Shebbhar atmosphere. Part of that includes the Shebbhar Swath."

Thus, she suggested changes from last year's Shebbher menu. Fresh salad, varieties of vegetables, goulash, turkey, and many more dishes are available, among other things. Ruth Hahne, headwaitress for Stern College, lends his professional catering experience to set up a large Shebbhar Swath buffet. All this is done to improve the quality of the Shebbhar menu. Miriam Levy, headwaitress for Stern College, said, "We want to give the students the best service possible.""

The Stern College cafeteria depends on Shebbhar on Stern College students for its upper business. The new dinner hours are Monday thru Thursday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

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Night-time business in the cafeteria is exclusively a Stern problem. The cafeteria upright draws a big crowd from the Y.U. high school, as well as from the surrounding Jewish community.

Canvas Improves

by Dinah Feldman

What do spending Shebsher at Stern College and eating weekday dinners in the cafeteria have in common? They both have a new look for the new school year.

Sammie Klein, manager of the Stern College cafeteria, suggested installing a microwave in the cafeteria after Suechoch, to attract more students for supper. For students who feel that eating in the cafeteria is too expensive, cheaper items are now being offered on the menu. Fried fish, cold cuts, and other sandwiches go into the microwave oven. Chicken pie, and vegetable and tuna plates are now offered for dinner. These new items are all cheaper than the $4.00 hot meal offered last year. Now there is variety in both the price and quantity for weekday customers.

The response to the weekday menu changes determines the quality of the Shabbath in the cafeteria as well. Mr. Klein explained that if students are not interested in the suppers, the meat cook will no longer be needed, and in turn, Shebsher meals will be very plain.

Photography Exhibition

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Not to have time to form very close ties with the people he photographed, "Subway" still has many fans; this is a fact which seems to say very much about the people behind them. This is especially true of the photo of a teenage gang in one station; the scarred faces, rancid hands, dirty expressions on gang-member faces seem to convey the attitudes of these adolescents.

The photographs are in color, and very bright, and may come as a surprise to some, but the subway is not a drab, colorless place. Besides the multi-colored graffiti, one will find that the rainbow array of clothing colors and the various shades of skin of the subway riders are perfect subjects for color photography.

Besides showing the "bright side of the subway system, Davidson also includes certain photos that show some seamy aspects. There are shocking photographs of a bag-lady changing her clothes on a train and of a dirty, rag-covered man sleeping on a subway platform. Both emphasize the random side of subway life. The almost ever-present photo background of graffiti, scrawlings and a photograph of an arrest made at the subway station, serve as reminders of the crime and vandalism that plague mass transit specifically, and the city in general. One wonders if the photographer himself didn't have any close brushes with danger.

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Calendar Changes

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Tuesday really have to be a Friday night, before Wednesday was a Monday? At least let it seem to the employer that the student has been working for a while before she has to explain another day's absence.

I realize this may sound a little biased to those students who enjoy Mondays. Here are some thoughts on what might happen:

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that the Israeli government does? Of course not. If we believe the government is wrong, we have the right and responsibility to protest, but only if we are voting citizens of the State of Israel. Only then is our criticism a part of a healthy democratic process that will strengthen us, and not a dangerous signal to our enemies that we are divided and therefore weak. The man who demonstrates in Tel Aviv against his government’s policies will put on a uniform and be on the front lines if he is needed. The man in New York who publicly denounces the government in Israel can do nothing when the Congress decides to reduce aid given to Israel.

This difference between what we can do in Israel and what we can do in America points to another mistake we have made, one with far-reaching consequences. This mistake has been our willingness to reside in the United States, which weakens the State of Israel and therefore limits our strength as a nation. Every tax dollar we give to the United States’ government is a tax dollar taken from Israel. Every American Jewish citizen between the ages of 18 and 21 is one person taken away from the Israeli army. Every vote for an American politician is one vote taken away from an Israeli leader.

How then, do we justify this mistake? One well-known excuse is that there are Jews in America that are non-observant and so there must be religious Jews to bring them back to being shomer mitzvot. Assuming that this is a sincere concern, and not just another rationalization, why are American non-religious Jews so much more important than Israeli citizens? The answer is that they are not more important. The main reason we are remaining in the United States is because it is easier and more comfortable to live here than in Israel. We are trading a strong, self-honored, self-respectful, self-reliant, self-supporting, self-determined Israel for a weak, self-disparaging, self-hating, self-abrupting America. As students of Yeshiva University we are the best that American Judaism can offer. We have the responsibility to lead the way and make sure we do not just something but do and not just something we talk about. We are intelligent enough to see the need for it and we must be sufficient to act upon it. The mistake is not the fact that is shows how selfish we are, but the fact that it shows how little we have learned from our past. The Jews in Europe in the 1930s thought that as citizens of their respective countries, they did not need a separate place to live or a separate army to protect them. They ended up in gas chambers. What will happen to us?

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Role in Orthodox World

by Rochel Gross

Every student at Stern College has been hearing the importance of attending rallies and protests to show support for Israel. After the events of October 30, when the dormitory experienced a bomb scare, there may be more ventilation and even reluctance in public. We cannot let this happen.

Now, more than ever, we must continue with what is right. I do not think it is only now that we are beginning to make an impact and receive public attention.

Tuesday November 11 on channel 11, Herman Badillo's "Urban Journal" will present "Arabs Jews at the Crossroads over Israel," with the Israeli Consul General, Ambassador Nagler, Mr. Badillo, and I were at the taping of this show, as representatives of Stern College.

We are told by Mrs. Samuel Belkin, who was also present, that Badillo's show usually was "not open," but you can find page one of "The Times," "but dealt with other issues usually not in the forefront of the public eye. Naturally, any program dealing with Israel and bringing in potential issues, such as Lebanon, would be different.

There were sixteen other people in the audience. Most were representatives of various Jewish and Israeli organizations, or people who had visited Israel and felt a strong tie to the country.

Badillo began by asking Lavei some questions, which had been brought up by major US officials and media, such as Israel's image switching from "David" to "Goliath" in terms of strength, the "invasion" of Lebanon, Israel's aims for territorial expansion, the "greater moral responsibility," and so on. Lavei answered in accordance with what Israel has been saying all along. The television coverage was exaggerated and the damages misrepresented.

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Stand Firm

by Rochel Gross

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The Torah study is to be understood as leaving no time available for general knowledge? Or, is the facts that we were taught about Jewishness, which would allow for a functioning, autonomous society for those long now our way is to the point of exclusion of the kind of knowledge of the world which would be necessary for us to constitute ourselves as a "society-state in the service of the people." 7. Attitude towards non-Jews and non-Jewish government.

A welcome development has been the availability of audio-visual equipment. The library has acquired a computer which is currently used by biology students, and will probably be utilized by chemistry students in the future. Students may obtain the key to the computer at the reserve desk, where programs stored on disks are also available.

Audio visual advancements have also taken place in the periodical department. Periodicals, such as The New York Times, have been converted into microfilm and microfiche. (Microfiche is information recorded on four by six transparency paragraphs, and probably will be utilized by chemistry students in the future. Students may obtain the key to the computer at the reserve desk, where programs stored on disks are also available.

Recommendations for working in hostels is now settled because of the excellent benefits.

Approximately fifteen students attend the Science Careers Symposium. Jennifer Barnett (Junior), a biology major said, "It made me aware of the different approaches to whom I went. I feel that it was a worthwhile evening and I think that there should be more events in the future." Nomi Voroba (Sophomore), also a biology major, explained, "The speakers were very interesting and very informative. However, when hearing the details of the various professions, I realized that none of them were right for me."

Future events being planned for by the Science Club include two career symposiums, the first of which will feature a doctor, a dentist and a podiatrist. The second will focus on a Cardio pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course, a breast examination course, and a Pre-med Honor Society Journal.

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The 1982-83 fall semester has brought changes in many aspects of Stern College. Many such changes have taken place in the library.

One of the largest areas of advancement has been in the computer lab technician, according to Ms. Stone, at least a Bachelor's degree is required and two years of experience in laboratory work is recommended. Ms. Stone indicated that salaries begin at $16,000 and can range to $28,000.

Chestor Barash, a registered nurse (R.N.), was the last speaker. Ms. Barash obtained a two year Associate degree in nursing from Beth Israel Nursing School. She is currently enrolled at Stern College's nursing program for a Bachelor of Science degree.

Ms. Barash explained the different types of nursing jobs including nurse practitioner and visiting nurse. With a Master's degree in nursing one can qualify for managerial positions.

The starting salaries for nurses in New York, according to Ms. Barash, is between $18,000 and $19,000. All five women featured strongly

Science Careers Night

by Rosa Baschub

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Barbra Stone, a biology lab technician, presently employed at Science City Hospital in Manhattan, was next to address the group. Ms. Stone is a graduate of Stern College who majored in biology and minors in chemistry.

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