Israel’s Herzog Stresses Aliyah

by Debbie Fish

On Monday, November 21, Chairman Herzog, President of Israel and an alumnus of Yeshiva University, visited Y.U. Dr. Miller and Dr. Lamm briefly groups serve, command, and lead! Herzog and his staff members, the are an integral part of Israeli government - in-singling-eut-a-f-ew--elemeR-ts· ...he—..f-aGing—the, gevernment-identities. most_.

The cycle of give and take between a Jew and his land forms a chain. Israel offers Jews in the Diaspora stability. Jews answer the call to duty by setting there. Israel is again prepared to take care of her people, Herzog said.

The President explained that a primary Israeli attribute is that she represents multi-racial. Western society in the Middle East. Israel is a place where Druze and Muslims fight alongside their Jewish brethren. Members of minority groups serve, command, and lead in various military capacities, and are an integral part of Israeli society.

Israel has the only free Arab press in the Middle East. Freedom, democracy, and liberalism are clearly a way of life in Israel and these principles come into play in solving national problems.

Herzog stated that the Israeli government is very aware of her shortcomings and looks to meet them head-on. One difficulty facing the government is a major economic crisis. Herzog feels that it is the highest expectation percent of the people who have given Israel the resilience to survive and to continue to achieve.

Although one of the smallest countries, Israel is among the three most advanced in terms of her achievements in military weapons, medicine, solar energy and agricultural innovation. A new country offers the opportunity for people to contribute to these areas of discovery. Mr. Herzog suggests that Jews come to Israel to help answer the questions facing a new nation, and at the same time, fulfill themselves professionally and spiritually. In particular, students are urged to take between Israel and the Jewish people.

Mr. Herzog represented a Jew with a dream that so many Jewish leaders in the past have shared; to unite the Jewish people in Israel. The reality in Herzog understands that most Jews will live in the Diaspora and that places like Yeshiva University become very important to the maintenance of Jewish identity.

Senior Exams Reinstated

by Vickie Azriel

The Stern College faculty unanimously voted, during the summer, to discontinue Senior Exams. Examinations last year were held in the library over Passover and were attended by all seniors, except those older than 30. A new exam was designed to be less intimidating and to give students an opportunity to take a final exam in a group setting.

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According to Dr. Sheldon Socol, Vice President of Business Affairs at Y.U., “We're trying to please as many people as quickly as possible. This year we are offering more choices than ever before, to maximize the campus, which consists of five students.” Dr. Socol emphasized that the dormitory was in need of repair, which would gradually be taken care of.

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We Need Followers

by Deena Epstein

On Sunday night November 20 many of us put aside whatever we were doing to watch a movie called "The Day After." We did so not to be entertained but to open our minds to the possibility that such a scenario could occur and what we could do, if anything, to prevent it. I myself did not watch the movie but I did see the discussion which took place afterwards on ABC Television. As I turned off the set, I felt that almost everyone, whether private, public, or as a private citizen could do in what is seen by many as a hopeless situation. There are so many different but none other seem to be better than another. The task with which we are all faced is to recognize that we, as concerned citizens of the world, cannot merely give up because the problem is so grand. We must encourage those in office to deal with the smaller parts of the larger issue such as the protection of nuclear reactors and the prevention of a mishap with nuclear weapons which can be dealt with.

It is very dangerous to fall into a trap of debilitation despair, or even worse, apathy for in doing so we lose our ability to change and improve which is possible. Unfortunately we are confronted with this problem at Stern College. Many of our fellow classmates are satisfied with looking out only for themselves and ensuring that their basic needs are met. They do not realize what their participation in student activities can do for them and for entire student body, not to mention the future of Stern College.

As Editor-in-Chief of The Observer I am often approached by people who want to know why I bother to take on the great responsibility of running a newspaper. I try to convince them that I enjoy staying up all night working on layout and coming up with headlines, running from class to the printer and then back to class again, and dealing with people's various complaints about the paper. I wish I knew which people care about the paper, which people care about the paper, and which people care about the paper.

Unfortunately it is true that more often than not, rewards are few and the headaches are great. Among any student leader will tell you this.

However, student leaders will also tell you that we work as hard as we do because we believe that in our respective positions our voices will be heard and we will be able to effect those changes which we feel will be beneficial to the student body and University at large.

No matter how ambitious and dedicated student leaders may be, we must have followers. We often get frustrated because the people around us do not seem to be concerned about our problems. It is not long ago that the Student Council sponsored a lovely club dinner to be enjoyed by the entire student body. Needless to say the turnout was extremely disappointing. Things like this make people who accept certain responsibilities feel disillusioned and question the effectiveness of their leadership. However, most of us continue to work because we believe that with some coaxing the voices at Stern at SCW can be convinced to get involved. No one is asking everyone to become a leader. Granted, assuming a leadership position takes a great amount of time and effort which not everyone is able to give. However, being a good follower is as important, if not more so, as being a leader. This newspaper comes to you monthly because of our efforts alone but because of my devoted board members and excellent staff whom I can depend on. The Student Council is able to function as effectively as it does not solely because of its more capable leaders, but because of a few followers.

A student leader need not necessarily have a title in order for her voice to be heard. What is really needed are leaders as followers - people who will get others involved. When a leader relinquishes her position there is usually someone willing to fill that place. However, without followers, there can be no leaders because no one can do it all. When it is known that a nuclear arms race or the future of SCW must be people willing to support and help their leaders pursue these policies which are ultimately in the best interests of the entire group. However, without getting involved and making your voice heard there can be no real solutions to these and other problems.

In the end it will be your decision. Do you make the effort to get involved and help initiate change or do you take the easy way out and leave the problems for others to solve? I trust you will all make the right choice.

Voting Power Conceded
By Stern College Women

Another election day has passed, but from the informal research conducted by the editorial board of The Observer, it appears that many potential voters at Stern College remained oblivious to this fact. Stern College students, statistically, probably did no less responsibly than most New Yorkers. Barely forty percent of those eligible to vote in this election came out before we did. For some reason though, without getting involved and making your voice heard, there can be no real solutions to these and other problems.

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Holocaust Chair

by Beverly Burr

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurack, noted historian and a member of the faculty at Stern College, has been appointed Program Coordinator for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University.

The appointment is part of a broad-based program developed at Y.U. by Eli Zborowski, noted communal leader and professor at the American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi victims, and his wife Donna. The Chair is a testament to the University's deep interest in the study of the Holocaust. Dr. Gurack, an expert in preparing public lectures, academic courses and curricula for many different colleges in the United States, will add a new dimension to the course making it even better.

Dr. Gurack and his wife, Erin Goldthorn, his counterpart at Stern College, should have their students to get a better understanding of their attitudes on studying the Holocaust. Most students showed a real interest in the country they were living and in more projects outside the classroom.

To meet this interest Dr. Gurack would like "to see us do more in some of the basic subjects, and make a more productive day of it in general." 1990. He is currently writing a book on the history of the Synagogue in America volume entitled "The History of the Orthodox Synagogue in America."

Dr. Gurack is the author of many scholarly papers and two books, "American Jewish History: An Historical Encyclopedia," and "The Modern Yeshiva: Jewish Learning and Community."

The main branch of the clinic was located for several years at the Brookdale Center in downtown Manhattan and was moved two years ago to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx. At present, there are facilities in the Bronx, in Green Hills Village (at Cardinal School), in Manhattan (at Stern) and in Washington Heights (at Y.U.). The V.U. Center for Historical Society and the Interfaith University's Wurzweiler

by Stanley Goldberg

To handle arbitration in conflict between students and faculty, the Stern College Student Council has recently re-established a Student Court.

"The main reason we re-established the court was to support the body code committee. Besides, we realized it had a purpose besides its original reason," said Brenda Brandt, Student Council President.

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The President's Column

Unique Student Insight

By Brenda Time

The lady smiled next to me on the airplane. She had worn her glasses on top of her head until she saw me. She then proceeded to read a magazine that I could not make out. The words were too small. I opened my book and read a story about a cat. I thought it was interesting because cats are not usually the most intelligent animals. The cat I had read about was very intelligent and had saved its owner's life. I was impressed by the cat's bravery and intelligence.

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Lolita Weiss, the chair of the psychology department, was speaking to us about her research on the psychology of aging. She was very passionate about her work and spoke with great enthusiasm. She told us that many older adults struggle with loneliness and isolation, and that this can lead to depression and other mental health issues. She also spoke about the importance of maintaining social connections and staying active in one's later years. I was very inspired by her talk and felt that it was important to stay connected with others as we age.

Rabbi Weiss felt that many people are not aware of the importance of maintaining social connections and staying active in one's later years. He encouraged us to make a conscious effort to stay connected with others and to take part in activities that we enjoy. He also reminded us that it is important to stay physically active and to maintain a healthy weight.

I learned a lot from Rabbi Weiss's talk and felt that it was very relevant to my life. I am a psychology major and am interested in how we can improve the quality of life for older adults. I plan to pursue a career in gerontology and hope to be able to make a difference in the lives of older adults.
Jewish Women of Achievement

Nobel Prize In Medicine

Dr. Rosalyn Yalow is a medical researcher who has contributed significantly to the field of medicine, particularly in the area of understanding and treating diabetes. Her work on Radioimmunoassay (RIA) has revolutionized the way diabetes is diagnosed and managed.

In 1979, Dr. Yalow was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Her research was groundbreaking and her work has had a profound impact on the treatment of diabetes.

Yalow's work involved developing a new method of measuring the levels of hormones and other substances in the body. This method, called Radioimmunoassay (RIA), allowed for the detection of very small amounts of substances, which was crucial for understanding and treating diabetes.

Yalow was born in the Bronx to immigrant parents. She attended Hunter College and later transferred to the University of Chicago, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in physics. She received her Ph.D. in biology in 1949, and went on to the University of Illinois to complete her research work.

Dr. Yalow has long advocated for the importance of education and for women's rights. She has been a strong supporter of women in science, and has encouraged young women to pursue careers in science.

Yalow's early memories of herself are those of being a stubborn determined child. This drive, combined with the self-discipline which she was taught in her Chassidic upbringing, has been an important asset in her work.

While RIA was being developed, Benjamin and Clara were born to Dr. Yalow and her husband. Despite the challenges she faced, she continued her work and was able to make significant contributions to the field of medicine.

Dr. Yalow is also known for her research on tefillah, or prayer. She believes that prayer can be a powerful tool for healing and stress reduction.

In conclusion, Dr. Rosalyn Yalow's contributions to medicine and her advocacy for women in science have had a lasting impact on the field. Her dedication to her work and her commitment to education and gender equality make her a truly inspiring figure.
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by Maurice Belestein

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During the summer I lived for two days in a protectorate of Hebron with Rabbi Moshe Levenger, leader of the movement to resettle Jews in Hebron. I also spent a great deal of time in Jerusalem with Alex Gross, a former champion of mine whose son Aharon was killed by Arabs as a direct consequence of the Jewish presence in Hebron.

From 1929, when Jews of Hebron were expelled by the British, until 1967 when Samaria and Judea were liberated by Israel, Hebron was completely empty of Jews. The ideology of Rabbi Levenger and others has been to build in the area to fulfill the usage of the spoken word, and to reach a conclusion that the Israeli Knesset around Kibbutz Arba, a town of 5,000 people built on a ridge overlooking Hebron. Twenty-six houses have also been erected in Hebron, in buildings which, according to all legal documents, are Jewish property. The government of Israel has decided to cast the Jews into Hebron within the next two years.

Ideology vs. Reality

But the ideology had consequences beyond the creation of a community, for instance, in the recent deaths of a 19 year old yeshiva student who was killed by three Arabs who awaited a ride out of Hebron. According to Alex Gross, Aharon was stabbed in his heart, back, lungs, and twice in his belly. Two Israelis who were nearly to have that Aharon was not seriously injured and took off after the attackers, shooting out the tires of their car before the killers fled. Their mistake was that they were not to have waited to a nearby Arab hospital, which, Alex said, is known for its moderate treatments, and where Aharon’s name was not reached to save his son’s life. Aharon was finally taken to a hospital in Hebron. His oldest child is dead. Hebron. Maybe she took off after the argument that Jewish settlement in Israel is trying to reach the way they do. The land is trying to gather all the generations that fought for it. It is in its own way, trying to help these heroes protect the land, along with God.

As I was about to leave, I realized that I had succeeded in seeing more of Israel after all, and that I had gained insight as well. I truly used my day to the fullest.

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At the Jewish Museum: Don’t miss Kings and Culture. The History of the Jews in Denmark 1262-1983. This exhibit includes portraits, paintings, books, manuscripts, and historical objects of the Danish Jewish community, and includes the Hebrew collection of the Royal Library in Copenhagen and other collections. The exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jews from Nazi occupation. The exhibit is on view from January 8th to May 28th.

At the museum: A Chinatowns exhibition of miniatures and drawings of the Judean Hills by Israeli artist Anna Ticho. The exhibit is on display until March 31st. There is also a permanent collection of ancient coins and biblical archeology. The museum is located on 74th St. and 5th Ave. and is open at the following times: Sunday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Thursday: 12-6 p.m., Closed Friday, Schoeb and Jewish Holidays.

Admission with student I.D. is $1.50.

At the International Center of Photography: “At the Center of the World,” Photographs of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe 1935-1939 by Roman Vishniac. This exhibit of world-famous photographs portraying everyday Jewish life in the decade preceding the Holocaust is on display until January 8th. The museum is located on 74th St. at 5th Ave. and is open.

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Our apartments are on the same level and messages are constantly being confused. Plus, twelve people from RG's high school are here, and it's also funny even though I am two years older. After three weeks I threatened to erect a fence on a person from Stern who should have known better than to refer to me jokingly as the other Rochel Gross.

My parents are being very philosophical about all this. "What's in a name, anyway?" "A rose by any other name..." These are the same lines that were used to sustain me throughout my growing up in Cleveland and as Rochel Gross who lives on Grosvenor Road.

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The confusion is lessening a little, by now. But some things will never be the same again. "Gross" is not just a popular name; it's also a common adjective. For years I've been going around saying, "They shall not take my name in vain!" or "Let no one call me by a name other than my own." But now that seems kind of silly.

What is bothering me most of all, I think, is that I no longer feel unique. A name is a prized possession, and having an impostor using my name is pretty tough. I am afraid this loss of specialness, I don't have it. I even want to know when we were once over for Kipper Cholim cards. There, then, there's the mail. Our mail is sorted alphabetically and I have actually been called for an identification conference on more than one occasion.

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