Metropolitan Opera Program in Jeopardy

By Leslie Capozzi

On Thursday, September 12, at 4 p.m., the winners of the 1996 Max Stern Foundation Night at the Metropolitan Opera tickets were chosen for the last time. The Max Stern Foundation, which has been awarding tickets to full-time students for the past five decades, has decided to cancel the program at the end of this year. Currently, winners will not be selected. The Office of Student Services is looking for another body to support the program.

Since the 1950s, the Max Stern Foundation has been awarding free Metropolitan Opera tickets to Stern College students. The Max Stern Foundation reserves a box at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center for one room in Belfer Hall filled for a public performance of every show of the season. Students are then invited to enter their names into a raffle for the tickets. In recent years, approximately 150 students have signed up for the drawing. Winners are selected randomly and awarded one ticket for a given performance.

In the September 12th drawing, six different students were selected for each of the seven performances this year, for a total of 42 winners. Among the winners which students will be attending this year are “The Barber of Seville,” “Jenufa,” “Hansel and Gretel” and “Le Nozze Di Figaro.”

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Richard Rodriguez First Speaker of Authors in Residence Program

By Rachel Felsman

On September 9 at 8 p.m., a packed house poured into Koch Auditorium to hear Richard Rodriguez, the first of a series of lectures as part of the Authors in Residence Program. The scheduled topic of the lecture was “The Hispanic Writer in Multicultural America.”

Rodriguez spoke of America where one culture does not dominate in popular American culture, the participating authors. Hispanic” Writer in panic labeling, saying he belongs to a dichotomy in national publications. He is the author of “Days of Obligation: An Argument with my Mexican Father,” one of the three 1993 Pulitzer Prize finalists for non-fiction. “Tell me if you can imagine America, where children do not look like their grandparents,” said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez is an editor with the Los Angeles Times, where he is responsible for the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour on PBS, as well as a contributing editor to a number of national publications. He is the author of “Days of Obligation: An Argument with my Mexican Father.”

Over 76 Student Groups Participate in 2-Day Club Fair

By Joy Hausner

On Tuesday night, September 10, and the following day, during Club Fair Hour, hundreds of SCW students poured into Koch Auditorium, where representatives of 76 different clubs, committees, societies and publications were assembled for Club Fair. The fair was designed to afford students the opportunity to learn about the variety of extracurricular activities which will be offered to Stern students this year.

The clubs, some of which are new this year, are the largest active students’ organizations on campus. Each group is under the auspices of either the SCW Student Council, the Torah Activities Council or the SSB Student Council.

One of the highlights of Club Fair was a performance of the Belles, SCW’s a cappella group. Music and dancing also contributed to the festive atmosphere. With so many clubs being represented this year, special accommodations had to be made in order to fit representatives of each club into the auditorium. Each club got a chance to set up in the center of busy deck hallways which are “crazy, but it’s okay,” said Rodriguez.

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Minyan gathers in Stern Nightly for Selichot

By Miriam Rosenzweig

This year, for the first time, SCW students were able to say Selichot together on campus. Miriam Rosenzweig, SCW ’97, Vice President of TAC, together with Shula Merri, SCW ’97, and Eve Dubin, SCW ’97, co-chairs of TAC’s Tefillah/Tehillim Committee, arranged for a minyan of YC students to come to Stern’s campus so that SCW women could say Selichot. Booklets of the Selichot were made up by TAC and distributed to the students every night.

Each night during the week before Rosh Hashanah, a crowd of more than 150 students, together with at least ten men, attended the 12:50 a.m. services. Dubin organized a learning group to study topics of Selichot at 12:20 each night. The Selichot minyan also took place during the week following Rosh Hashanah at 1:00 a.m. each night.

The idea of having a Selichot minyan at Stern has been considered in the past, but never put into practice. TAC President Emily J. Shapiro, SCW ’97, said, “The idea had been forward before. Last year we were also interested, but it never got off the ground. Although it was always a nice idea, the people weren’t dedicated enough to put in the effort and hard work that was necessary to getting it up. First of all, it took a tremendous amount of time. Secondly, getting the minyan was a great effort in and of itself. We are thankful to the men who were willing to come downtown at such a late hour and sacrifice their minya’s Upshars to serve such a high purpose.” Initially, the Selichot were scheduled to take place in the Blue Lounge of Edmondson Hall. “We thought that it would facilitate access to the greatest number of men, ensuring their attendance.”
Defending Our Mikvah

To the Editor,

On Shabbat, September 21, my two closest friends and I were invited to a house of one of my best friends. At the entrance to the house, we were greeted by a woman who appeared to be a married friend of the host of the house. She led us through the house, showing us the rooms and introducing us to the family members. The house was large and beautiful, and we were impressed with the hospitality of the host.

In the living room, we were introduced to the family members, including the host's mother, father, and siblings. The mother of the host was a warm and welcoming person, and we felt at ease in her presence. She offered us a drink and some snacks, and we spent some time chatting with her and her family.

The host's father was also very welcoming, and we enjoyed a delightful conversation with him. He was knowledgeable about the community and shared some interesting stories with us. The host's siblings were very friendly, and we had a great time talking with them.

In the kitchen, we were introduced to the host's wife, who was a beautiful and kind person. She greeted us warmly and offered us some refreshments. We were impressed with her hospitality and her warmth.

We spent some time with the host's family, and we were very impressed with their kindness and generosity. We left the house feeling grateful for the opportunity to meet such a warm and welcoming family.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
A Message from the TAC President

Dear Fellow Students,

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed meaningful and enjoyable summers. Although the season was cut short in the school year, I think that it allowed for such a busy and exciting beginning. As you will see in this edition of The Observer TAC activities have been non-stop.

The month of Elul was one start, inspirational and productive time at Yeshiva. For the first time ever, the Youth Activities Council arranged a seminar every night for Scholae. Once again, I would like to personally thank Shmuel Motzen and Nitza Paltiel for all their hard work. I would also like to thank the students of Vesiva College for their time and effort in forming an inspiring mcv.

I was also highlighted by our special guest speaker Chavi Wilf, Levy. Chavi, in a series of Seminars College, inspired and entertained us with her reflection on Gemilus Chasidim. Finally, personalized Shana Tova cards, thanks to Chagim Committee, heightened the day of students and faculty alike.

It is appropriate that we return to school with the reading of Parshah Breishit. 'In the beginning of this school year, we have neglected a great deal, but there is much more to create. In October, Rabbi Ch做成 Teller and Rabbi Reuben Alterman from Yeshiva University will bring guest dams here.' We will also be having a speaker from Hor Yeshivot as an introduction to Lay Yachad. Finally, watch out for great upcoming Shabbatons for State Dr. Fred and Rabbi Alterman will be some of our exciting guests.

As always, we will work together to ensure that the activity that has characterized the beginning of this year continues. Every student has talents and abilities which can serve to enhance our overall experience at Yeshiva. Please do not want to get involved. There is a club of committee waiting for your contribution. Also, there may be one waiting to be excited by you!

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Shapiro
TAC President

Club Fair

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signed up to participate in the clubs. We were reading that 'the clubs said they had put up brochures around announcing their meetings and it was up to the people who were interested in joining their club to assume the responsibility to come to the meetings,' said Groisman.

SCWSC, which sponsors many of the clubs at Stern, has made changes in policy in an attempt address this problem. Student Council Executive Board Treasurer Chana Katz, SCW '97, talked about some of the new methods being implemented by the Student Council to supervise and encourage club activity this year. 'One thing we're doing is that new is that each member of the Student Council has been appointed to oversee about 10 clubs. Our job will be to keep in close contact with the club heads and head up that they are keeping in touch with all of the students who signed up to become members of the Club Fair. Student Council will also keep tabs on them to make sure that every club will have activities throughout the year. This was a problem last year because they didn't have any meetings. Another important idea we had in order to make the Club Fair more accessible this year is that for the very first time, the Club Fair will be held for two days. The first time will be on Tuesday night, and the second time will be during Club Hour on Wednesday afternoon.'

Students' opinions on the success of Club Fair varied. Naomi Max, SCW '97, spoke enthusiastically about this year's: Fair. 'It's the best one we've had so far,' she said. 'There seems to be an added adroir in the air. During school days people stick with their friends and don't really socialize with anyone outside their group, but these types of occasions, when we have the Club Fair and Chappah, really make you feel like you're a part of Stern. Everyone joined together here in dancing and singing. Everyone was bonded. It was a great atmosphere. The performance by the Belles was also great in contrast to come. Also, the heads of the clubs were real friendly. They weren't just sitting around acting as if they had to be there. They were really accommodating to the students.'

Fred Idler, SCW '96, was more critical. 'Too much is going on. Everyone is trying to push their clubs on you, telling you to join this and join that. You have to be able to have some intimate contact with the representatives of the clubs and you have to decide what's good for you personally, not what others want you to join.'

Head of the European Club, Jamil Benjamin, SC '97, said: 'The Fair is definitely better than last year. It would be even better if they would direct the new students a little more. I know how to get around and everything, but they don't. The noise and confusion can be really overwhelming for freshmen. The microphones they're using to announce different clubs and activities can be informative and good but do add to the noise.'

The Club Fair was held again at Wednesday's Club Hour, but it was vastly less organized than the right. Do's were shown haphazardly throughout the auditorium. It is good to have it today as well because there are lots of commuters here who did not come last night and who wouldn't have a chance to come today. Our club has gotten sign-ups from many people whom we would never have had without the Club Fair only be last night. It was great.'
Chava Willig Levy Sends Message to SCW

By Laura Grossman

On Wednesday, November 11, a few days preceding Rosh Hashana, SCW students gathered in the Auditorium for the annual “Reform Rosh Hashana.” Reflectors were turned off, and the stage was lit. This was the second time the speaker was Chava Willig Levy, a twenty-year-old student at Sarah Lawrence College. When Levy first spoke at SCW last year, she was so inviting that many SCW students immediately wanted to become involved in the Blue Lounge. Levy’s passion for her work, especially for helping children who come from poverty-stricken homes, comes through clearly when she speaks. She begins by explaining how she came to be involved with Minyanim. Levy said that a few years ago, her family moved to New York from Chile, and she found herself struggling with her identity. Levy was very moved by the experience because it made her realize how privileged she was and just how much help she could offer to those who didn’t have everything. She decided then to start helping others in the community.

In her speech, Levy said, “I’m very passionate about helping others, and I believe that it’s important to have a positive influence on others. I’m a strong believer in the importance of giving back, especially to those who need it most. That’s why I’ve been involved with Minyanim for so many years. I believe that we have a responsibility to help others and make a difference in their lives.”

Levy explained that Minyanim is a community service program that provides support to children in need. “We work with children who have experienced loss or adversity, helping them build confidence and find hope.”

Levy’s speech was very moving and inspirational. “I’m very happy to see the growth and development of Minyanim and the positive impact it has on the community. I’m especially grateful for the support of SCW students who have been integral to our success.”

Levy ended her speech by expressing her gratitude to SCW students and the community for their support. “I’d like to thank everyone who has supported Minyanim over the years. Your continued support is crucial to our success.”

The audience was very appreciative of Levy’s speech and her dedication to the cause. Many students expressed their gratitude for Levy’s speech and her work with Minyanim.

Students Join for Selichot Services

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at such a late hour,” says Shapiro. “But it’s very difficult to find such a high-quality volunteer, especially on such a short notice.”

However, over 50 people turned out for the service, which was led by Rabbi Batya Sachs. “We were expecting the numbers to be smaller significantly after we moved to Rockville. Thankfully, even though the weather was somewhat cloudy, it was not very cold,” said Shapiro.

The service was held on the roof, but towards the end, when the sun set, the weather became quite pleasant. “It was really necessary for her to wait 40 minutes for a privilege that many people take for granted. The service was a beautiful community experience at the Avenue on the Avenue.”

Students and faculty joined in the service, which included the recitation of Selichot, the liturgy for the forgiveness of sins. “We believe that forgiveness is a powerful tool for healing and reconciliation,” said Assistant Dean of Students Zelda Braun. “It’s important to acknowledge our mistakes and ask for forgiveness.”

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Selichot is a very special time of year, and many students expressed their gratitude for the experience. “I really enjoyed the service,” said one student. “It was a very meaningful experience.”

The service was concluded with the recitation of the Shema Yisrael, a prayer that affirms Jewish identity and commitment to God. “It was really moving, and it’s something that I’ll never forget,” said another student.

Tay-Sachs Testing

An informative session dealing with the roles and methods of prevention of the genetic disease Tay-Sachs was held on Tuesday, October 16, during Class Hour. Frances Berkowitz, M.S., a genetic counselor from Dor Yesharim, Brooklyn-based organization whose aim is to prevent the occurrence of Tay-Sachs amongst the Jewish population, will speak to SCW students. The program includes a question-and-answer forum.

Tay-Sachs disease is caused by a recessive gene. It has a high rate of occurrence among Jews of Eastern European descent. A simple test for the gene is available to prevent the birth of children affected with Tay-Sachs disease. A Tel-Aviv-based genetic counselor, who is a co-founder of Dor Yesharim, will speak to SCW students about Tay-Sachs and how you can help prevent it.

ECC to Hold Convention

The Reform Educational Council of America (ECCA) will hold its 38th annual convention at the Sheraton Park Hotel, 1435 North Spiritual, October 24-27. The theme of the convention is “Preparing for the Challenges: Strategies for the Future.”

Over the course of the week, workshops will be given by Rabbi Chaim Drukman, a Reform rabbi from Jerusalem, and Rabbi Shira Fishman, director of Breathe, a Reform movement in Israel, as well as other leaders and experts. The convention will focus on the future of the Reform movement and the role of women in leadership.

Special events are available for students, including a special meal at the Reform House, 915 Eau Claire, and a tour of the city. Students interested in attending should contact the ECCA office.

Bubbie Adoption Campaign Underway

By Jay Barshay

The Adopt a Bubbie Club has taken off with a bang this year. The Club, headed by Ilana Brugger, SCW ’97, Sammi Jacobson, SCW ’99 and Ona Shiman, SCW ’98, is designed to bring together older Jewish women from this community with caring students. Each student who participates is assigned to a specific Bubbie. The goal is to assist in companion to these women, who are often lonely and have little family.

"It’s a win-win situation, you help them out, and they help you out," says Shiman. "It’s very rewarding." The Club is run by Rabbi Batya Sachs, SCW ’98, who recently became a Bubbie.

Rabbi Sachs explained that the Club is meant to be the "maternal" aspect of SCW’s student life. "It’s a great way for students to get involved with the community and learn about Jewish values." The Club aims to create a sense of community and belonging among the students and the elderly women.

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Students Realize the Importance of Voting

Hanu Broyer

Voting is an invaluable right that all men and women have as citizens of the United States of America. Each person that votes has an opportunity to voice an opinion to their representation in Washington D.C. Voting gives every person a chance to play an active role in choosing their future. Organizations that promote voting have become more widespread throughout the United States in recent years. Their goal is to make voting the norm.

The League of Women Voters, based in New York City, is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active citizen participation in government. It neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. The goal of the organization is to persuade all legal citizens to vote, through an advertising campaign using catchy slogans, such as: "Vote "Ab, Your Taxes, Your Social Security, Your Children's Education. It's About You and Your Family." The League's aim is to make a voting felony throughout New York and raise voting percentages in all age groups.

Another association, based in Santa Monica, California, called Rock the Vote, was formed in 1990 by the music industry and politicians in a joint effort to encourage young people throughout the United States to vote. With no other solutions in sight, music became a medium for eighteen to twenty-nine year olds to urge their voting privileges. Rock the Vote supports the theory that "You don't let other people choose your music, why let them choose your future?"

According to the 1995 World Almanac, interest in politics increased from 43,852 men and women between the ages of 18 and 29 only 24,621 registered to vote in the 1995 presidential election. Out of these numbers, 20,156 actually went to the polls and voted for the president of the next level.

In another statistical report, it was the 18-29 year olds that made it possible for the Reagan-Bush administration to enter the White House.

The sharp decline in voting in recent years is a problem that organizations like the League of Women Voters and Rock the Vote are trying to combat. "To not vote before an election when you have the chance to vote in an issue or a campaign is hypocritical," said Sheri Fields, M.S.W. "196.

Requiring to vote is a simple process that takes five minutes. One proceeds to fill out the application with their name, address, date of birth, choice of party, and two witnesses affirming that they are U.S. citizens, and a resident of their county for 90 days before an election and 18 by the date of the general primary or other election in which one wants to vote.

Affiliation with a political party is not required to vote in a general election, but is necessary for primaries.

The only people who are restricted from registering are those on parole for a felony conviction, those who are currently judged incompetent by a court of record, and those who have committed a public offense or have been arrested for a public offense.

In order to vote in the next general election, the registration form must be postmarked no later than October 11.

Registration has been made even easier for State College students by the J.P. Davis Political Science Society. On September 17-19 a voter registration drive was held in the lobby of State College. The drive, which was performed with the aid of Rock the Vote, was in operation from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during those three days. Students were available to answer any questions about the process.

More than 150 students registered to vote as a result of the drive. "The drive gave people a chance to register who otherwise would not," said Malvin S., M.S.W. "I was Vice-President of the J.P. Davis Political Science Society.

The 1996 election features a new National Voter's Guide for all the issues on the November 4 ballot. Californians can call the "Vote for Your Vote" hotline at 1-800-555-VOTE. (98) to learn more about voting in the November election and how to register at the nearest voter service center.

For all those interested in not voting, an organized ballot may not be the answer. Non-political groups, such as the huge ballot initiative to make it more difficult to register to vote, the "California Ballot Initiative on Voter Integrity" are also circulating petitions.

To help those choosing a candidate, the campus Democratic and College Republicans, headed by Sharon C. and Susan D.C., M.S.W., respectively, are co-sponsoring a Mock Election Debate as 1996 nears. They will make a slate person from each major party and will debate it out in a debate. Afterward there will be an opportunity to voice an opinion on their Mock Election Polling and Survey of S.C.W. students.

Another helpful aid in choosing a candidate, although sometimes biased, is the media. Reading the newspaper, listening to the radio, or watching the evening news will clarify the candidates' stance on the issues that effect your work, crime, education, taxes, the deficit, abortion, foreign policy, and health insurance, social security, Medicare, welfare and family leave, drugs and gun control, to name a few.

At a rally in Madison Square Garden, First Lady Hillary Clinton said that "Politics has an effect on you, it does not matter which sides of the issue you are on, if you belong to a synagogue, church, or 42nd Street Y, or a member of the PT Association, as long as you are involved in your community in some way and voice an opinion that is positive."

Outreach at KJ

By Allia Bekir

Kohlilah Jeshurun, commonly known as KJ, is a synagogue on the Lower East Side where approximately 15,500 students spend an hour of their time on Thursday nights. The students participate in the "KJ for Torah," a beginner's program which is taught by Jeshurun's program director and the organizer's program director. They form teams to prepare for the debate by watching the news, listening to the radio, and researching the issues. A "Mock Election" is held on the night of the debate.

Seniors, have you filed for graduation with the Office of the Registrar? If not, pick up kit from the Registrar on your campus.
New Face in the Office of Student Services
By Deborah Joff and Rachel Kater
Among the changes at SCW this fall is the addition of Denise Mosica, the new secre­
tary in the Office of Student Services. Mosica is replacing Tracey Rivera, who has been promoted to Executive Secretary of University Affairs Relations.
Mosica has worked as a secretary for the past year and half. She currently attends graduate school in New Rochelle expecting to
graduate in May of '94 with an MBA in psychology and social work. Before com­
ing to SCW, she worked in Maritime Reporter Publishing.
Mosica said she loves her job at SCW because it’s an active environment and "a
lot of different things are going on." She interacts with all different types of people and her job is never boring.
Mosica enjoys working with Assistant Dean of Students Zelda Braun and remarks of her, "She’s very sweet." Mosica said the office is very good to work with and she especially loves the fast during freshman orientation which she encountered both last year and this year. Although the situation
was rather hectic, "it was fun," said Mosica. SCW has been a real learning experi­ence for Mosica. She remembers her college experience and now has a completely differ­ent perspective, but is still able to relate to the students.
Before Mosica came to SCW, she made certain goals for herself. And feels that she is steadily reaching them. Her goals were to gain as much experience as possible work­ing with others by helping and directing the students. The main goal she is aiming to achieve from her work at SCW is "self-grat­i­fication."

Teaching How to Teach: Dr. Debrah Goldberg
By Sarah Jacob
Students who are not education majors may not have noticed that this year the depart­ment has hired a new instructor. Dr. Debrah Goldberg, came to SCW after most recen­tly working for Scholastic Inc. as an educational consultant, developing courses in
reading and social studies for New York City Public Schools.
Goldberg has over 29 years of experi­ence in education, after graduation from Hunter College with a B.A. in Sociology and Education. She taught kindergarten in private trade for a few years, while earning an M.B.A. from Boston University in early childhood and elementary education. From there, she journeyed to Lisbon, Portugal where she was once again both student and teacher. While she studied Portuguese lan­guage and literature at the University of Lisbon, she taught education and English.
When she returned to the U.S., Goldberg taught English as a second lan­guage for a few years before pursuing her doctorate from NYU in curriculum and in­struction. After completing her degree, she taught education classes at Hunter College, and then Fairfield University before working for Scholastic Inc., in New Jersey.
Goldberg, who lives in New Jersey, is married to an Israeli, and they have a 12-year-old son, Jonathan. When asked why she feels about coming to SCW, Goldberg, said, "Have I. My students are very.,. . . I am very dedicated." Goldberg joins an expert staff in the education department. "The faculty have been very warm and generous," said Goldberg. Dr. Miriam Gross, head of the SCW Education Department, said. "I am de­lighted to have a colleague interested in the same things."
Goldberg discussed the importance of teaching future teachers how to teach. "It is a great responsibility. These students will affect so many people in the future." Meth­ods of teaching have changed quite a bit in the more than twenty years since Goldberg earned her B.A. in education. "We realize that there must be a balance in academic, emotional and social issues for children.
A second issue that is "very important," she said Goldberg, "we have to focus on the whole child. In the past the emphasis was more academic. Now we view a child to be mobile, which has to be balanced for the child to succeed in school." Goldberg also noted the importance of parental involvement for the success of children in school. "We [as education] are talking more about parental influence. We are trying to get them more involved in school."
The American public school system is

SCW Student Works at DNC
By Shani Katz
The entire political arena, both Repub­lican and Democratic, was in an upheaval this summer. The two parties had political connec­tions to ensure their respective celeb­rations for president of the United States.
Last Summer, SCW, worked as an in­tern for Chicago '96, a bipartisan commis­sion charged with the Democratic National Convention. The committee was formed approximately two years ago to deal with the volume of people coming to the city of Chicago for the convention.
About 5,000 delegates and 15,000 mem­bers of the media planned to attend the con­vention, and almost $7.2 million was ex­pected to boost the economy as a result. Chicago '96 set up committees to deal with these people and the questions and dif­ficulties that would arise from having so many people in the city of Chicago. The committees were in charge of arranging transportation, hotel accommodations and catering for the Democratic dele­gates who were expected to attend.
Stem volunteered in the events depart­ment. She was part of the committee that planned for convention’s parties. The night before the convention began, 44 parties for the delegates occurred across the course of five hours. Each of these parties was paid for by a corporate sponsor, such as Delta Airlines.
The Democrats and volunteers, acting as the host, arranged each of the parties for the delegates and VIPs. Stem organized the event with one other volunteer. "I really enjoyed that," Stem said. "It was a great experience."
At one point in the summer, Stem worked with Secret Service agents to arrange for the President’s arrival and security. This was a fascinating experience for her because she saw how the Secret Service really works and all that it takes to keep the number one man in the country safe.
Throughout the summer, Stem worked six days a week, 15 hours a day and 27 weekends. "I made some amazing contacts and would definitely work for something like this again."

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founders of SCW, started the first opera ticket program because he felt that Stem College students should have a cultural ex­perience while living in New York City. Goldberg was also the head of the department of Students Zelda Braun, who attended the Metropolitan Opera while she was a student at SCW. Said "I grew up in a small town where I was raised on the classical music station. Coming to Stern and winning a Metropolitan Opera ticket was a most exhilarating experience which I will never forget."
Over forty years since Max Stern origi­nated the program, students still feel this need for cultural experiences. "I know very little about the opera and [it’s the free opera ticket program] a great chance to expose myself to culture in New York," said Joc­sil Weller, SCW '98, who will attend "The Marriage of Figaro" in February. "Students don’t usually go to the op­e­ras," said Miriam Berliner, SCW '98, who attended "Romeo and Juliet" last year. "A lot of girls I went with and talked to about it never had this experience. I was thankful to them," said Bennan.
The Office of Student Services is try­ing to find other means of sponsorship for the tickets, but at the present time the fate of the program remains uncertain.
There is no information available on whether this is the only program to be can­celed by the Max Stern Foundation, or if other programs are also to be canceled, or if the Max Stern Foundation in its entirety is to be dissolved. When asked about the Metropoli­tan Opera Program, the Max Stern Founda­tion declined to comment.

Hatarat Nedaram
Performed on Campus
By Rachel Rothman
During club hour on September 18, sev­eral days before Yom Kippur, a Hatarat Nedaram ceremony, open to all students, was held in Koch Auditorium.
Rabbi Hochberg, the Mashgiach Rabe­ni at Stern, said, "It’s a good thing that Stern is offering this to us because otherwise I would not have been able to do Hatarat Nedaram.
"The overwhelming crowd at this cer­emony shows how important it is to the stu­dents," Rabbi Hochberg said. Hatarat Nedaram should be done every year at Stern," said Antilla Zisser, SCW 2000.
Top Ten Things to Know In New York City

By Lawrence and Shirley

10. Improvising singing on the subway will not be profitable.
9. Never forget your ultimate goal - getting to your destination alive.
8. If you see a celebrity on the street do not expect him to recognize you just because you recognize him.
7. No one with an American passport really shops at Macy's.
6. If your being mugged (G-D forbid) don't bother screaming. It's not like anyone is going to care. Besides, who wants a sore throat on their way to work?
5. Just because it's falafel doesn't mean that it's Kosher.
4. If you want to brush up on your Hebrew language skills, walk into any electronic store.
2. Do not ask people for directions. They will think it is an invitation to hit on you.
1. Approach every day like a war. Have battle plans, strategies, and if necessary, weapons.

SCDS to Produce Kindertransport

By Nehama Goldfinger

This Semester, the Stern College Drama Society will be putting on the play "Kindertransport" by Diane Samuel. Professor McGovern will be directing the play, which is about the operation to rescue Jewish children in Nazi Germany by sending them to foster homes elsewhere and the aftermath of its effect on one such child.

Tryouts will be held on September 17. The following women will appear in the play: Sahna Kisch as Evelyn, Chani Kisch as Faith, Dina Boguer as Lida, Joelie Bollig as Helga, Ilana Adler as Eva and Rachel Sadker as The Reinachter.

Kindertransport, based on the experiences of a few of these children, tells the story of Eva Schlesinger, sent from Germany to England in 1938, to be safe from the Nazis. When her parents are arrested, she is taken to a children's home and placed with a foster family. She then finds out that her parents are alive and well. After the war, she is able to reunite with her family.

There's No Such Thing As Too Much TV

By Danny Boguer

I love to watch TV. I will happily unabashedly admit to that fact with a grin on my face and a gleam over my eyes. I have watched too many years of soap operas to not appreciate the soap genre. Now I understand that I am supposed to be the "Cultural Arts" Editor, and some of my duties include...thinking about television...considering television worthy of discussion under that heading. Well, too bad. I am pretty sure that I would not be wrong in assuming that television is the form of entertainment most often indulged in among the Yeshiva University student population. I am sure many people actually do read (as I do, constantly) and sometimes you even see them in a white coat or ballet every once in a while. But somehow, thanks to its relatively universal availability and cheapness, we've all gone to watch some TV. I do recognize that not everyone is in, shall we say, devoted to the boob tube as I am. I am assuming that not everyone out there measures major events in their lives by television.

As Television, I will tell you what those shows are.

"Mad About You." "Party of Five," "Kerri wears a Band," "Seinfeld," and "Near." Not that bad. Five shows just for week. Two for crying, three for laughing. All but "Seinfeld" and "Mad About You" involve non-white people that I don't recognize. So, essentially, one show is "Seinfeld." I love it! I love it! I love it! I love it! And I still laugh. People that I want to watch "Mad About You" because they get to say "Moocha" and its fun to say.

I haven't even touched upon daytime TV. In a nutshell I hate soap operas and I love Oprah and "Rose." I mean I love Rose. She actually gets paid to talk about women and talk to them, telling them how wonderful they are. I am not sure for what all the time. I am also a huge Letterman fan, though I am not quite sure why. He fits under one of my categories. I guess I was just ingrained in my psyche as a small child, when I was awoken by my father's sometimes explosive laughter while he watched Dave. And I like the way he says "How about THAT guy?" I don't know why.

Last but not least, my ride to work. I love them. Four to eight in p.m. is prime TV time to me as a kid, and I still have the frightening ability to laugh at very mediocre comedy. Especially if I've seen the episode once or 15 times. Quite frankly, if I had my way, I would just spend the entire day watching them. There's nothing like really bad episode of "Full House" to numb your mind after a hard day at school. The characters on those awful sitcoms have become my friends. I miss Jack Tripper, Toote, Arnold and Willis. Mr. Kotch and Tabitha, the entire crew of the Love Boat. They might not have contributed to my life in any significant manner, but they were always there for me. And if they were pregnant for a borning presidential address, there they were the next week, doing exactly what they were supposed to be doing the week before. And if they left a show, or if a show was cancelled, some other actor filled in reasonably in their shoes, then they were on some other show. I could go on for ever, but in getting late, I have to stop now. I really love "Rose," I really love "Rose." They love me, they know I'd love it if I were.
SCW SPORTS

Tennis Captains Selected

By Shani Freund and Cheryl Young

As evidenced through a past tennis game when the women played through wind, snow and rain, the Stern women's tennis team truly exemplifies the world declaration. With three newly appointed captains and a coach, Evan Goldstein, the team hopes to overpower all their scheduled matches this year. The captains of the team are Mara Feder, Shaindy Frankel, Yedida Goldman, Shira Hecht, Pessi Kessai, Miriam Safier and Liora Shoenig. With the help of coach Goldstein and the three new captains, the SCW tennis team hopes to make this year the best ever.

Mara Feder

As a team captain she plans to work on strengthening the team's organization and she also wants to focus on improving her own game and the team's game. She is grateful for the help she has been given and she plans to continue working on stroke and serve, as well as the importance of constant practice. Feder plans to continue working on stroke and serve, as well as the importance of constant practice. She is grateful for the help she has been given and she plans to continue working on stroke and serve, as well as the importance of constant practice.

Yael Malik

Yael Malik has played on the Stern tennis team for three years and has been playing tennis since birth. He has played doubles and her record from last season was one and zero. She stresses the importance of working hard and has specified that this year she plans to focus on improving her serve and her serve.

Jennifer Jaye

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Fitness Flash

You Can’t Starve A Fat Cell

By Michal Greenwald

Most girls assume that not eating is the key to losing weight. But little do they realize, you can not starve a fat cell. There is a built in mechanism that ensures their survival. When one goes on a diet, the red warning lights flash and the bio-chemical changes begin. First, the fat enzymes are activated and multiply. This is to ensure that the body will be better equipped to store fat after the diet. Fat cells feel threatened by the loss of fat in the diet, and will respond by becoming much more efficient at storage. Therefore, the next time a person diet, the fat cells will be much more likely to survive. They will be larger, stronger and more stubborn.

While it is true that you will lose some fat by restricting calorie intake, the fat cells become less efficient at losing the fat. This is evident from the fact that, when one goes on a restrictive diet, one tends to lose fat at a slow rate, while gaining fat at a much faster rate.

Dieting in this fashion will also cause muscle cells to become smaller and weaker. Though fat cells won't starve, muscle cells will. The muscle cells will shrink in order to expend the energy necessary for vital needs, and reduce your metabolism. Remember, the less muscle, the slower the metabolism, the less fat one can eat, and the less weight one will lose.

Fruit weight, one should follow these healthy tips:

1. Stop dieting and start eating.
2. Eat until you are comfortable. Not until you pop.
3. Eat more meals, and less at each meal.
4. Exercise 45 minutes a day at a regular intensity, at least three times a week.

Following these simple procedures will condition stubborn fat cells and help the body lose weight in a healthy and efficient manner.

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