HONORS COURSES
BRING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO
SCW STUDENTS

Miriam Eljas
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students registering for the 1998
semester have been offered a new educational opportu-
nity: honors courses.

The fall semester will be
the first attempt on the part of
SCW administrators to create a
table honors program.

Many SCW departments
are offering honors courses in
addition to traditional courses.

Students taking chemistry
will be able to take organic honors,

General Chemistry taught by Dr.
Reija Vassaradak during the B.A.
hour or General Chemistry
taught by Mrs. Cecily Debin
in the D2 hour.

The purpose of the honors
program is to address the needs
of a heterogeneous student body.

According to Associate
Dean Ethel Orban, some students
are ready for a more independent
and advanced form of study.

In order to take an honors
course, a student must either be
on the Dean's List or have a high

school average of 90 or above.

In several years, SCW hus-
bandy has been developing an honors
program to meet the demand
of the growing student body.

The honors courses and
the fall honors program which
will be introduced in the near
future, are indicators of the mul-
tifaceted vision of Stern College.

Many and more students
are taking advantage of the
possibility of moving rapidly
through the stages of physics
and to advanced research
through the stage of physics
in order to activate creativity.

The honors initiative, according
to these students and will be a "free
forstering of our program,"
Klein, expressed.

Dean Housman hopes to
produce a complete honors program
by the time of the next few years.
To participate, students will
be required to take a certain
number of honors courses, com-
plete an independent research
project and work one-on-one
with a faculty mentor.

Honor courses taken
before the actual creation of the
program will count toward gradu-
ation with honors when the pro-
gram is in place.

COMPUTER LAB PLANNED FOR BROOKDALE HALL

Eileen Chudow
News Editor

The SCW Student Life Committee
is investigating the possibility of
converting part of the first floor
study hall in Brookdale Hall into a computer lab.

According to Mr. Arthur Myers,
Director of Management Information
Systems and Academic Computing, subject to
management approval, there could be a "half
dozens stand-alone computers" in Brookdale
as early as this fall.

Space and cost issues are still being
examined. The current plans call for dividing
the study hall into computer and non-comput-
er areas.

The computers would be installed
with Microsoft Office programs so that students
could type their reports. There will not be
Internet access because there are no direct
Internet connections in Brookdale. Logging
onto the Internet would take as
much as 30

times longer than in the school building.

Myers explained that Internet access
would create the need for telephones,
modems, Internet access kits, and greater sup-
port services, making the computer lab too
 costly.

Students would log in their use of the
computers and notify MIS in the school
building if there is a problem, such as a com-
puter needing repair.

Myers understands that not every stu-


1998 VALEDICTORIANS ANNOUNCED

Gila Rosenthal and
Rena Krakowski
Observer Staff Writers

The valedictorians for
Strom College for
Women, the
Rebecca Ivy Department
of Judaic Studies and Sy Syms
School of Business have been
announced.

Shari Klein, SCW '98, a
speech pathology major is the
valedictorian for SCW.
Rachel Greenberg,
SS SB Valedictorian
BRACHA KRISCH
Judaic Studies Valedictorian

Rachel Greenberg, SCW '98, is
valedictorian for SSSB. Klein
and Krohn will deliver their valedic-
tor's addresses at the senior
dinner on Monday, May 20.
Greenberg spoke at the SSSB on
Monday, May 4.

Please see additional photos on pages 8-9.
The Observer wishes to thank the governing board of the 1997-1998 academic year under the leadership of Leslie Ginepang. This year, the Observer has been regarded as a serious publication, both in style and content. The paper has been consistently applauded. We have reached new heights in covering and presenting news to the Stern College community. The new board can only hope to replicate and continue this success. A newspaper depends on many people and countless details to succeed. But most of all, a good newspaper needs a vision. Leslie provided that vision this year, inspiring the staff, and demanding excellence, which mediocrity would have been good enough. This year the Observer has proven that the women of Stern College are more than capable of producing quality. The efforts of a newspaper's staff often go unheralded. Reporters are rarely thanked for writing good news stories. The staff of 1997-1998 deserve recognition and will be missed. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the 1998-1999 editorial staff who will attempt to fill their shoes. Our task lies before us.

Make the Midtown Center Handicapped-Accessible

Government buildings and public institutions are required by law to have entrances accessible to disabled individuals. Stern College for Women, as a private institution, is therefore not held to the same standards as public buildings. However, it has been the practice in recent years for private institutions to make their entrances and exits accessible by installing ramps and automatic doors.

When disabled individuals arrive at SCW they must be assisted to enter the building. The main entrance has several steps that present a formidable obstacle to disabled individuals. While security personnel are willing to assist students and visitors who have trouble entering the building, that is not enough. The stairs at SCW's main entrance send the obligatory message to disabled individuals that they are not welcome here. While SCW may not have any current students who are physically disabled, that does not excuse the situation. We cannot deny that disabilities exist and that sometimes college-aged students are touched by them. It is time we modernized SCW's facilities.

In Search of Ourselves: The Power of Jewish Women

attended a symposium about Jewish women sponsored by the New York chapter of Hadassah and the Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at New York University called "In Search of Ourselves: The Power of Jewish Women." Two dozen scholars were brought together to address issues of remaining true to tradition and values while maintaining a balance between the roles of wife, mother, daughter and professional. Dr. Miriam Shields delivered a seminar stressing self-esteem. She explained that working and achieving while lacking self-esteem will lead one to feel that everything she does is in order to please others. It will prevent one from serving at a sense of self-satisfaction. She emphasized that while one cares for others, one must not neglect one's own needs. Relaxation is crucial to conserving one's energies which are necessary to cope with all of one's responsibilities. One must have time to do those things that one enjoys.

Even if one has a positive sense of self-esteem, one may be confronted with an issue of how to make time for all of one's responsibilities. One must have time in which to do things which one enjoys. Even if one has a positive sense of self-esteem, one may be confronted with an issue of how to make time for all of one's responsibilities. A suggestion offered from one of the attendees was to sometimes be willing to cut corners. She commented that sometimes one must come to grips with taking short cuts. "This," she said, "is integral in maintaining one's sanity."
Facing the future: Israel at 50

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ces and Add The
Observer to your
Sunday morning papers
for the analysis and over-analyses
of Israel at 50.

I must say, my impression of the five past decades, when that
story was told in the pages of The Observer, is that it is fundamen-
tally lacking in Jewish content, and for that matter, sincere feel-
ing about Zionism and Israel.

All of a sudden every actor in Hollywood is having a revelation about how profoundly he/she was impacted by Israel. Funny, a year ago they made no public declara-
tions about Israel, but somehow they've become the spokesmen for the Jewish people, the United States and Zionism. It's almost surrealist.

When did we get so shallow? Maybe it's just historical idealism, but weren't the early Zionists people who were driven with purpose, people who were mot-
ivated by substance and not by superficiality? When did glitzy celebrations replace the heartfelt declarations of the past? When did the ideology of Zionism swell to such heights of materialism?

I write an article recently about why Americans are, wittingly or not, Israel at 50. One person I spoke to said somewhat poignantly that most American Jews are not actively involved in celebrating the anniversary, that they are disillusioned by the struggle to establish the peace process and the perception that Israel perseveres with aridness and ostentatious non Orthodoxy.

In contrast, a New York Times poll measured sentiment towards Israel from both the Jewish community, American people in general. That poll found that most Americans and the vast majority of American Jews have positive feelings about Israel. The poll respondents were split, however, on whether an autonomous Palestinian state should result from the peace process.

But the poll couldn't answer in substantial terms how American Jews really feel about Israel. Or why they feel the way they feel. The poll couldn't measure the fears people have about the peace process. How even staunch supporters of the process worry that it could be a mistake. And that people on both sides of the debate think that dragging our feet only prolongs the deadlocked state that Israel exists in. I'm not sure there's any way of measuring these feelings.

I'd like to think that most of us have enough fortitude to admit that none of us knows what the correct solution is. I fear that it will be, as I said, we're not even enough to recognize that proponents and opponents of the peace process each think a world with the desires of the Israeli people and that is why both parties remain a strong hold on the Jewish imagination.

If we refuse to negotiate with the Palestinians, we are indeed, then the insecurity that now exists will only persist and perhaps worsen. On the other hand, we are all frightened about what the outcome of a peace process will be. We are all aware that less land may mean less security. We know that the political memory of the world is very short, and that five years down the road, it's possible that no one will remember how much Israel has sacrificed and ask the nation to give more. We wonder what we will say then.

But the process goes on, and Israel is now 50. And 50 years from now there will be different questions. And we will continue asking them, if they remain unanswered. The important thing is that we embrace the debate without denying how profoundly it pains us.

Growing pains

A baby is born through pain, sweat and pain. Its first cries are ones of bewil-
derment, of shock.

Through its first few months the baby learns basic techniques of survival - how to
cries and demand what
he/she needs.

Later, the ability to walk, talk and laugh helps the baby navigate his way through his structured life.

When the baby is elementary school, he learns to read and write. He discovers that there is a large world around him that he does not know about.

Young journalist, a baby.

Peer pressure make the baby's school days chal-
lenging. He wants to impress his new friends.

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I have watched the country grow over the past decade. I was just bounding
in the middle of the desert and population ratios expand. I watched the stores fill with top-quality
from all over the world, but the strong feelings are still there.

And so, as I celebrate the birthday of my little baby, I say to you and to people -- remember the dreams of your youth and strive to fulfill them: explore and review, but don't compromise yourself in the process.

We do not have enough space on this page for me to talk about the other two women. The first is our design/layout editor, Lauren Krieger. I learned so much from her and am so appreciative for
her work. So do I. I couldn't have done this job without her. The first is our design/layout editor, Lauren Krieger. She does not get the credit she deserves.

On the Observer, made our hard work worthwhile. Special thanks to those people who took time out to give us feedback. Thinking back on the year, I received the most
by us.

So long, farewell, aufi der sehen, goodbye

This year went by very quickly. I know I say that every
year, but this year, I really mean it. I know that because this year I'm graduating.

I'm graduating! I can't be graduating. I was just bounding
down 34th Street, on the first of
countless cab rides from LaGuardia, looking out the win-
dow wide open, as if I were on
my first trip to Disneyworld.

Ready for adventure. Not knowing what to expect.

I hope you will have a good bed and be able to live with
my roommates.

It's over? My college experience is over? I've
gotten so used to being in Stern, that I have a hard time believing I will be anywhere else. I would be in denial but I picked up my cap and gown, today, so it must be true.

Going back to my state of mind in that inaugural
cab ride, in my wildest expectations I didn't imagine for a
moment that I would be editor-in-chief of The
Observer. But this has been my greatest adventure. The
Observer did great things this year. I'd like to think that the
governing board and writers -- everyone who contributed to
Volume XXXI of The
Observer.

There are two individuals who deserve special
thank you's. The Observer owes much to their hours of
work. So do I. I couldn't have done this job without them. The first is our design/layout editor, Lauren Krieger. She does not get the credit she deserves. What did she do this
year, in terms of modernizing and completely redesign-
ing the newspaper on a program she taught herself
overnight, was amazing.

The second woman is my co-editor-in-chief, Susan Jacobs. We don't have enough space on this page for me to thank her. Susan is an incredible person to work with. I learned so much from her and am so appreciative for
everything she did for me this year. Really, I am.

I am grateful that Susan will be
editor-in-chief next year and I wish her, Ayellet and next year's board the best of luck. One piece of advice. Stern, I've told you this so many times and you never listen to
me, but maybe if you hear it from a professional journal-
ist, you'll take heed. So, in the words of CBS anchor-
woman Katie Couric, "Sleep is highly overrated. Sleep is not important."

I also want to thank my roommates -- particularly my roommate of three years, Miriam Berman -- for putting up with my housemates. What am I going to do
without you next year?

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who by reading the
paper, made our hard work worthwhile. Special
thanks to those people who took time out to give us feedback.
Beth Israel/YU Partnership to Cure Health Care Blues

Sara Kostant
Observer Staff Writer

Yeshiva University undergraduates will get help for their coughs and sneezes by the Fall '98 semester. Permanent medical personnel will be available to treat YU and SCW students on their respective campuses, thanks to a partnership between YU and the Corporation Health Services Network, part of the Beth Israel Healthcare System (BIHS).

BIHS owns one of the three largest medical systems in New York and is an affiliate of the Manhattan campus for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. ETHEL NULMAN, University Dean of Students, stated that this partnership was needed so that the University could effectively "assume responsibility for student health care."

Beth Israel will provide a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant on a full-time basis, as well as a permanent medical doctor. The medical personnel will provide primary care to students without an appointment during these times. In case a student needs emergency care, the attending medical staff will coordinate access to care within the Greater Metropolitan Health Services system, and he or she will get "priority service and access to the best hospitals within that system." The medical personnel will also provide referrals to specialists.

Nulman added that the main campus has priority access to the Beth Israel North Sports medicine facilities where the New York Knocks are treated in case of athletic injuries.

Although the program became effective January 5, permanent staff has not been hired yet. A search for a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant to work on campus regularly has already begun, and a permanent system is expected to be in place this summer. For now, an "internship structure has been set up, the permanent doctor and nurse practitioner are not here, but Beth Israel sends us temporary, medical personnel who rotate daily."

Nulman said that most of the complaints about the current system deal with its temporary structure, and will abate once the personnel become permanent.

A Student Healthcare Sub-committee was established to "act as a liaison between the students, and the YU administration, and Beth Israel." The sub-committee members who represent students at healthcare meetings are Aliza Fox, Aydel Grin, Cheri Ochs and Lauren Pales.

Dr. Robert Nadig, the director of medical services at YU, and Ann Huntock, the project manager and troubleshooter for the new programs, were also present.

Stern College's medical office is currently located in Brooklyn Hall, rooms 2A and 2B. Currently, office hours run from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Absence of such an office at the Schottenstein Residence Hall was discussed by the student sub-committee at healthcare meetings. Plans for a medical presence at Schottenstein remain up in the air, according to one of the sub-committee members.

Although this and other difficulties have yet to be ironed out, Nulman urged students to continue giving their opinions to the representatives of the sub-committee. "If there is a problem, there is someone to listen," said Nulman. "As the University's Dean of Students, all medical services report to me."

Miller Completes Authors-in-Residence Program

Sara Kostant
Observer Staff Writer

2,000 Graduates will receive degrees

Stuart Eizenstadt, Under-secretary of Commerce to the Clinton administration, was named Yeshiva University's graduating class on May 21st at Madison Square Garden. Eizenstadt, along with six other individuals, will receive an honorary degree at this year's graduation.

YU President Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm is expected to speak as well, and will introduce each of the recipients of the honorary degrees. The YU commencement exercises usually feature one or more guest speakers.

2,000 degrees will be bestowed to graduating seniors at the event. The audience is expected to consist of 4,000 spectators, mainly friends and family of the graduates.

According to SCW Assistant Dean Ethel Orlian, the graduation degrees are not conferred individually, rather, Rabbi Norman Lamm will "proffer the degrees to each school in unison."

The dean of each school will accept the degrees on behalf of his or her class.

Dean Orlian added that because final grades will not be out by graduation, diplomas cannot formally be granted to the students; the registrar must check to make sure all seniors have enough credits before they can officially graduate.

Albert Einstein School of Medicine, and Cardozo School of Law usually have their own graduation ceremonies.

Yeshiva College, Stern College, and each of the graduate schools hold their own awards ceremonies the week before graduation.

The Stern College awards ceremony was held May 16th in Koch Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. A separate senior dinner will be held for SCW seniors.

Although the award recipients of the various schools will not be announced at the commencement, they will be acknowledged for their achievement. Their names will be listed in the commencement booklets given out at the graduation to all participants.

Stern's recognition toward the impending graduation varies. Only Goldschmidt, SCW '98, will be present at the graduation ceremonies, but will not be receiving his diploma until February '99. He must remain for another semester at SCW to earn sufficient credits to graduate.

She says that hearing her name announced at graduation will be "a little weird."

"It's kind of a tease," she says, "we're walking down with our year to be with people we went through it with, but we aren't really graduating."

She Shmarr, SCW '98, remarked that it will be strange having to worry about school during next year. "She says that she liked SCW "immensely and feels she derived much benefit from her four years here."
'80s Night Rocks the House

Eileen Chudow
News Editor

Although a lot of attention is focused on the future and the approaching millennia, some students at SCW just want to return to the past.

On April 7, students gathered in Kach Auditorium to celebrate the previous decade with an event called "Rockin' 80's Night." Sponsored by the SCW Fun Club, TAC and SSSBSC, 80's Night allowed students to munch on pizza, several days before Passover, while dancing to the familiar rhythms they grew up with.

80's Night, the brainchild of Fun Club President Stephanie Ives, SCW '98, was organized byRachel Katz, SCW '00, Nikki Piley, SCW '99, and Dina Rothstein, SCW 2000.

The event, combined with a costume party, was created to provide a fun break at the end of midterms.

The event's three organizers formed the DJ group "Milli & Vanilla," named after the npecy '80s music group, Milli Vanilli. They played '80s hits, such as Michael Jackson's "Thriller," Madonna's "Like a Virgin," George Harrison's "I've Got My Mind Set on You" and REM's "Soak."

Students dressed up for the occasion in hip belts, jeans jackets, high side ponytails, legwarmer, and leg warmers with fringes.

Many students were too young to wear these styles when they were fashionable, and enjoyed the opportunity to model them a decade later.

Students thought 80's Night fulfilled Paley's promise that it would "be the event of the year." Sarah Monchar, SSSB '01, declared the event "a great success" and expressed the hope that next year it will be repeated.

Beth Kessler, SCW '99, added that it was "a great stress reliever" and that everyone danced, and it was "another fun night because the '80s were when they grew up, and many have happy memories connected to the songs played.

Shamit Kheen, SCW '99, found 80's Night to be awesome, and said, "There was a great turnout, everyone danced, and it's a good stress reliever right before Pesach."

Witnesses to a Witness

YU Commemorates Yom Hashoah

Aviva Lauer
News Editor

"How many of you are children of survivors?" asked Holocaust survivor Jack Ratz at the Yom Hashoah Commemoration ceremony. "How many of you are grand children of survivors?" he continued. There was a show of hands. "This," he said, "will show you who your grandparents are.

Ratz, the featured speaker at the April 21 ceremony is the author of "Endless Miracles," a memoir of Ratz's life and his Holocaust experiences.

Ratz was 14 years old when his home in Riga, Latvia, was attacked by Nazi hordes. He then went on to suffer through several death camps, concentration camps and death marches.

As Ratz described the horrors he lived and losses he experienced as a teenager, he paralleled the experiences he had in his teenage years with those of a typical teenager today.

As noted by Yoss Freniman, SCW 2000, "it helped us to reflect on our own lives and it made everything he said so much more powerful to us as teenagers.

Ratz displayed a ring that he smelled from a silver spoon during Yom Hashoah, complete with the engraved darns on which his mother was killed, and his own Hebrew initials.

The program was jointly sponsored by TAC's Zachor Club and YCSC's Zachor Club. About 70 YC students and 50 SCW students attended.

TAC's Zachor club held another program in Koch Auditorium the following night. It included a candle-lighting ceremony and skit.

A great emphasis was placed on relating to one's lineage and remembering, as well as giving on behalf of the Yeshurun HaThora (only souls that died at kibbutz Hashmoni sanctifying God's name).

Adrienne Segal, SCW '99, felt the program was definitely "emotionally thought-provoking.

Only about 70 students attended the program at SCW.

One SCW junior noted, "while some may not have attended YU's Yom Hashoah programs because they planned to attend Yom Hashoah programs elsewhere, I feel that many students are unfortunately apathetic." Another sophomore added that, "while I was disappointed with the turnout, I would give it a try, and I would like to assume that they had good excuses."
1998 Valedictorians

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Bracha Krohn, Judaic Studies Valedictorian

New computer lab

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dent can afford her own computer, but said that it is not possible to "put in enough [computers] for everyone." Either he thinks it is a "good idea to have a student computer lab." He added that the "direction of higher education is that of students bringing their own computers into their dorm rooms so that they can work at any time of day or night." Students are receptive to the plan. Fanny Gruenbaum, SCW 2000, said, "I think it's a very good idea, and very con-

venient." She added that she does not need the computers because she has one in her room. Michelle Rothberg, SSSB 1991, said, "I thought it was a really good idea because not everyone can afford a computer." She added that the computer lab is "full during finals so having another room would be helpful." Other students, such as Nechama Maryle, SCW 2000, hope that there will eventually be printers and Internet access.

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1998 Valedictorians

On the senior class floor, a favorite professor of general studies and of Jewish studies, Dr. David Shale, who teaches both secular and Jewish philosophies, was chosen as the favorite secular professor. Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel, chairman of the vhe Department of Judaic Studies, was selected as the favorite Judaic studies professor. Students voted for the professor awards earlier in the year.

Klein attended the Yeshiva of Flatbush and Molinoh Moriah seminary in brooklyn before spending three years as a student of SCW. She plans to go on to graduate school for speech pathology in the fall.

As a speech pathology major, Klein became close to the small group of students who shared her major.

"Although there is a lot of competition getting into [graduate] schools, I really don't feel that it's a 'stern,'" she said.

In addition to her studies, Klein has been active with Yeshiva Freedman and Bais Ezra, an organization that helps developmentally disabled adults become independent.

Krohn is a Boston native. She attended Maimonides and Michlalah-Jerusalem College for Women in Israel before coming to SCW.

Krohn and her husband live in Great Neck. They got married last June, and both serve as youth directors of the local Young Israel. Next year, Krohn plans to attend the Bernard Revel Graduate School, with the eventual goal of becoming a high school Tanach teacher. English Literature, she says, was taken purely for enjoyment. She has no plans to use it in her future.

During her years at SCW, Krohn served as co-editor of Bina Yeteira, the weekly parsha newsletter and was involved in organizing the monthly Ruth Chudakur minute. "Obviously, I'm leaving Stern most of all with the knowledge that I've gained here," said Krohn. "But even more than that, I've learned how much left there is to know, how much more I have to learn."

Greenberg has a double major in Accounting and Finance. She attended Torah Academy Girls High School in Philadelphia. Her hometown, leaving after her junior year to enter SSSB as an early admissions student.

She spent the following year at Michlalah, then returned to SSSB for two more years.

Greenberg has been involved in a variety of school activities. She served as a freshman senate, junior ambassador to the Student Life Coordinators, blood drive captain, contributing writer to both The Observer and Bina Yetiera, member of the Biskit Chulim society and participant in the Murray Hill Synagogue outreach program.

Beginning in the fall, Greenberg will be working for Price Waterhouse, one of the "Big Five" accounting firms. She is considering going to graduate school, but for now is "taking things one step at a time."

"All of my Sy Syms professors have been really wonderful," said Greenberg. "I've learned a lot from all of them. They serve as wonderful role models, as religious men, rabbis, shamashim, who have succeeded in the business world."

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A special message to all Stern College students and graduates who ever attended Bruriah High School -

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Where?

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Israel's 50 Years Celebrated at YU

Miriam Grossman
Israel's 50 Years Celebrated at YU

Wednesday, as the Midtown Center lobby throughout the day. There, they partook in a program that began with the singing of the Israeli national anthem, "HaTikvah," and ended with a reception featuring Israeli food and entertainment. The program was followed by a memorial ceremony, led by Rabbi Leff, for the thousands of American Jews who have lost their lives in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The program was a joint effort of the Student Union and the Israel Society. The Student Union provided the food and entertainment, while the Israel Society coordinated the event. The event was co-sponsored by the Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

The event was well-attended, with students and faculty alike coming together to celebrate Israel's 50th year of independence. The program began with a viewing of a short film about Israel's history, followed by a panel discussion on the current state of Israel and its relationship with the United States.

The event was a success, with many attendees expressing their support for Israel and their hope for a lasting peace in the Middle East. The event also served as a reminder of the importance of educating people about Israel's history and culture.

Several student groups also participated in the event, including the SCW and YC Israel Clubs, which organized a picnic in Bryant Park. The picnic featured live music, dancing, and Israeli food, and was a great opportunity for students to socialize and learn about Israeli culture.

In addition to the celebration at YU, other events were held throughout New York City to commemorate Israel's 50th year of independence. These events included a special screening of the film "Schindler's List," a concert featuring Israeli musicians, and a symposium on Israel and the Middle East.

Overall, the celebration at YU was a success, and it is hoped that it will help foster a greater understanding of Israel and its role in the world.
Atlanta Hit Hard by Pre-Pesach Tornado

Susan Jacobs

Editor in Chief

Tornadoes that swept across the southeastern United States before and during Pesach disrupted the lives of thousands of people. Part of Atlanta's Jewish community was seriously affected by a tornado that struck just two days before the start of Pesach.

Trees that were uprooted by strong winds blocked roads and crumbled into the sides of buildings. Congregation Ariel, an Orthodox synagogue, sustained damage to its roof and a back wall, forcing congregants to hold services in the nearby Jewish Community Center for the duration of Pesach. Only a few families sustained damage severe enough to force them out of their homes, but many more were seriously inconvenienced by the storm.

"It was like a war zone," said Esther Schonfeld, SCW '99, an Atlanta native who saw the aftermath of the tornado.

For two days after the storm, the neighborhood did not have electricity. Homes did not have heat, and the tap water was undrinkable. Emergency services distributed bottled water throughout the neighborhood. Many families were not able to light their kitchens for Pesach because of the power shortage. Refrigerated food had to be moved to the homes of congregants that had lost power.

On the morning of Friday, April 10, over Pesach, the electricity returned at 10:45 AM, giving some families just enough time to kasher their homes and cook for the holiday. Families helped one another by sharing their meals with those displaced by the storm. Others let congregants use their ovens to cook for Pesach, even allowing them to re-kasher their ovens.

"People would say, 'I won't be invaded if you kosher my oven,'" said Rabbi Binyonne Friedman, spiritual leader of Congregation Ariel.

The community has been able to recover on its own, thanks to the support of congregants. In addition, other congregations and individuals have donated money to help repair the shul. Because the synagogue was well-insured, Rabbi Friedman has passed the money along to families that suffered extensive damage.

"People have been very forthcoming," said Friedman of the outpouring of support from other Jewish communities.

Sleepless in SCW

Brooke Klein
Observer Staff Writer

It is 3:00 in the morning. Your room is dark and quiet, and faint sounds seep in from the distance: Something is wrong. You are wide awake.

It's not that you wouldn't rather be asleep. Your racing mind is just preventing you from getting your rest. According to the Compendium of Patient Information, "Insomnia is the inability to sleep, or to sleep satisfactorily, and is the most common sleep disorder." It is caused by emotional problems, specifically anxiety and unresolved anger.

The Iowa Health Book explains that a stressful change in daily routine can cause insomnia. For example, traveling, starting a new job, or moving into a new home may cause sleep problems.

Jessica Gottsman, SCW 2000, feels that she does not have insomnia all the time but when she does, she gets in bed and just stare at the ceiling. She has a lot on her mind and she has no other time to think during the day. She does everything in bed, talk on the phone, study, and doesn't associate it only with sleeping.

Lea Rosenfield, SCW 2000, added that "Only when I have something on my mind can I fall asleep. It doesn't even have to be something big. Usually I have no problem sleeping on the weekends when I'm away from school. But school forces me to fall asleep between 12 and 1 am, and I usually get up between 12:30 and 1:00. I think about personal things, a big test, anxiety about a course, I try to lay in bed and try to fall asleep," she said.

"I've had insomnia in the past," said Melissa Tamar, SCW 2000. "I'm dealing with relationship issues, decisions about what to major in, career choice and family issues. When I've had insomnia it takes me about 2 hours to fall asleep. It never happens when I'm at home."

The amount of sleep required for adults varies from the traditional seven or eight hours to three or four hours.

Regular exercise, avoiding caffeine and alcohol, and a dark quiet room are some techniques for preventing insomnia. Drinking warm milk or taking a hot bath are additional recommendations for inducing sleep.

Gottsman tries to "play music until I fall asleep." But still, she said, "Usually I fall asleep one and a half hours after I get into bed. If I stop during the day I can't fall asleep at night."

Kol Shira Bringing New Melodies to SCW

Kol Shira, the new a cappella group, debuts at SCW.

Sarah Cate
Observer Staff Writer

According to Yiftah Robinson, SCW '99, who heads the Kol Shira group along with Esther Levin, SCW '99: "The group was started because when we met at the beginning of last year, we simply enjoyed being together and singing. It's something that we all gained a lot of pleasure from. Stern really has a large enough student body to support more than one a cappella group."

Levin said that the group members felt that Kol Shira could only add to the student life at SCW. "Since the student body seems to enjoy the Belles so much, we felt that we could only add to that enjoyment," Levin explained.

Additionally, since the Belles, SCW's traditional a cappella group, have only a few available places each year, the addition of Kol Shira increases the number of singing positions available each year.


Landau organizes many of the harmonic arrangements.

According to Robinson, although Kol Shira has a limited repertoire at this point, the group plans to expand in the coming years.

The group plans to hold auditions during that time. "Some details, like how often we will perform have yet to be decided," Robinson added.

"We are looking forward to developing the vocal arts in SCW along with the Belles," Robinson concluded. Kol Shira's next scheduled performance will take place in the fall.

Members of the Belles and Kol Shira, after their pre-Pesach a cappella concert.
Gelman Named Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

President Norman Lamm has named Dr. Sheldon Gelman, dean of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, as Yeshiva University's interim vice president for academic affairs, effective July.

Dr. Gelman will serve as the university's chief academic administrator until a successor is named after Dr. Robert Moses Shapiro leaves his duties as dean and his responsibilities as vice president.

The University has retained an executive search firm to help identify candidates to succeed Dr. Schwartz, and Dr. Lamm will soon name a committee to advise him in the selection process.

Dr. Gelman is an outstanding administrator as well as a respected scholar. Under his leadership, Wurzweiler has grown and flourished. We are fortunate indeed that he has agreed to serve the broader university community during this time of transition.

Dr. Gelman said he welcomes the "new challenge" and plans to divide his time equally between his duties as dean and his responsibilities as vice president.

Congratulations! This year's Observer has improved in every possible area—quality of layout, writing and subject. The Observer has become a stellar paper, of pride to the entire Yeshiva University community.
Out with the Old...

What can I say to sum up this year, except that it has been a resounding success? Stem Cell for Women Student Council achieved the goal set out at the beginning of the year: to create quality programs that reflect the different personalities of the Stem Cell student body. The Fall '97 semester started with Club Fair and the momentum continued as the second semester closed with a student celebration of Israel's 50th Birthday. And these are merely highlights of the events that happened in between.

However, it is necessary to emphasize that programs do not create themselves. Therefore, each voter at the Leadership Dessert publicly acknowledged their contribution to Student Council, and then Stem Cell, but that is just a piece of paper, worthless without the words and feelings behind it. Whether you were a club or house society president, a committee head, a class board member, a publication editor, or an active student, take this time to personally and genuinely thank you. Any student council, after all, is a collaboration, and you all succeeded in making this concept a reality.

Finally, a special thank you to my Executive Board: Shira Hecht, Jennifer Weiss, Nada Bek, and Gila Stilson. Your tireless effort and undaunted commitment is what made this year a success.

In the committee heads' annual new programs were put together. More revered projects were started, a chess/learning club was established - working with various people in our community, the President's Circle helped plan the new shabbat, there was a tour to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., chagiga for Yom HaAtzmaut, brand new t-shirt sales, an 80's night/70's party, a new Shabbat haKdusha club, Rosh Chodesh museum and many other activities. It seems as though there was always something to look forward to.

This was a year when it was possible for anything to happen. We had the privilege of meeting and working with various people and groups. This diverse group learned a great deal about each other and their different ways of life which was amazing. Zemira, Tammy, Rebecca, Tova and Shira are among the many that contributed to our success.

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We apologize for any errors in last month's published election results. The correct Student Council 1998 - 1999 winners are as follows:

SCWSC
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Pres: Adina Loberfeld
V. Pres: Marina Koschan
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V. Pres: Joanna Dinowitz
Corr. Sec: Adina Weinstein
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Greetings everyone! I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the student body. My name is Zemira Baron and I'm your future TAC president. I'm really excited about the upcoming year. The new board has tons of ideas and we can't wait to try them out. But no project can be successful without widespread student participation. I hope that... 

UHHHHHHHHHHHH!! I can't believe that the previous paragraph came out of my mouth (or the keyboard to be exact)! I can't write boring columns of that sort, the kind that are so typical, so tame that people don't even bother to glance at them. I hate those blah articles, they make me want to curl up and die. In fact, I'm morally opposed to them. That type of letter just doesn't cut it. I prefer to write columns that are fun and exciting, columns that make my readers laugh and think. I feel that there was more to be accomplished than mere entertainment (though that's important too). Hence the transformation of Zemira-the-Colonial into Zemira-the-TAC-President. 

The new TAC board has a lot of goals for next year. We'd like to establish a new Chasidic Network on campus and students will be matched up with different Chasidic Opportunities existing in the nearby areas. "Adopting" special needs children, bnikis, shlichim, etc., based on their interests and schedules. We also want to reach out to the community at large, involving ourselves in kinnus, in neighboring shuls and Hebrew schools, perhaps creating a big inter-school sister program with non-religious youth. Within Sy Syms itself, there's a lot to be done - a school-wide Nach HaShem program wherein diverse Torah and brief summaries on the daily parashah will be posted everywhere with a Rosh Chodesh Shalom to complete the monthly cycle. Improved Shabbos cards, enhanced pre-holiday spirit decorations, change of speakers, etc. We're sure that there's much more. Although TAC committees are already being chosen, we always need more help, so feel free to contact me.

I know this sounds like a conventional, insincere conclusion, but I'm truly looking forward to hearing your suggestions and working together next year.

Zemira Baron,
TAC President-Elect.

H! My name is Adina Loberfeld and I'm the new Sy Syms President for next year. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year working with all of you.

Sy Synns not only consists of classes but it is a real place where one can have fun. There are a number of clubs which hold programs during the year relating to the different majors. One of my major goals for next year is to try and stimulate interest in clubs so more people will become involved. If anyone would like to see something happen that has not already taken place, please inform me of your ideas. We want to hold events that interest you. It is important for all Sy Synns students to participate in all clubs and activities. We want to have events that are fun, exciting, and meaningful. So when next fall comes along, please remember to join one of the clubs and be a part of the great programming that is ahead in the Sy Synns future.

I would like to thank Cheri Ochs, this year's SSBB President, for all the hard work she devoted to this successful year. I wish her the best luck at her new job.

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The editorial staff of The Observer is pleased to announce that Susan Jacobs and The Observer are recipients of the Anti-Defamation League's annual Bess Myerson Award for Excellence in Campus Journalism.

Jacobs' article We Are Not Immune: AIDS in the Orthodox Jewish Community was one of eight recipients of the award.

She and The Observer will share a monetary prize.
“Road Rules” At Your Local Bookstore

Dassi Zieidel
Cultural Arts Editor

I f you’ve ever found yourself channel surfing on a Sunday afternoon you’ve probably come across reruns of MTV’s “Road Rules,” the non-released come-as-you-are show where five people drive around in a Winnebago answering for clues and competing exciting missions. If you’ve seen it once, you’ve probably hooked.

So, there I was tuning in to Michelle, Chris and the rest of the gang trail-blazing through exotic places in Europe from Cirencester at Southern France to Venice and Amsterdam I watched the cast running with the bulls in Pamplona, the exploitative fights against Antonio and Helene and the wild yacht parties in Cannes.

The next season brought a new cast, this time it was fun in the Islands for these road rules as they drove around the most famous Winnebago in search of clues. Who can forget the budding romance between Jake and Jolle, amateur comedy night on Balboa Island, the cast rant on “All My Children” and the last night of the trip where they conquered their fears and walked on fire?

MTV Books along with Pocket Books and McFarland Media recently published a book tracking the adventures of the Season Three and Beyond Four casts called “Road Rules: Passport Abroad” by Allison Pollet and Leil Ueland. Filled with pictures and first person accounts, this is a great way to relive your favorite moments of the show.

I must admit I laughed when I first heard about it, but the book has provided me and my roommates with lots of entertainment.

The book takes readers on a step by step account of the “Road Rules” procedure. You can read everyone’s applications, personal histories and travel diaries.

Check out the packing list and get the behind the scenes scoop. Find out what really happened between Antonio and Helene and all the other juicy extras that were left on the cutting room floor.

Don’t forget to check out the “Where Are They Now” section to find out what your favorite road rulers have been up to.

So read up on all your favorite missions as each cast takes off on the adventure of a lifetime. Bon Voyage!

“Road Rules: Passport Abroad” costs $18 and is available at most bookstores.

Krich’s Latest Novel: A Great Summer Read

Dassi Zieidel
Cultural Arts Editor

A young woman is murdered on her way home from work one evening, spawning a myriad of questions for homicide detective John Barone. As the onset of his investigation, he encounters a prestigious fertility clinic where Chelsea Wright, the book’s murder victim, had donated eggs. Almost immediately after her visit, the clinic is accused of switching patients’ eggs. Dr. Matthew Gordon, the clinic’s founder and director disappears.

Against Barone’s advice, Lisa Brockman, Gordon’s fiancée and a doctor at the clinic, embarks on her own investigation to find Gordon and to find out how, if at all, the clinic is connected to Wright’s murder.

At the same time, she is struggling to come to terms with her past and planning her future. This becomes more complicated when there is no word from Gordon, and Brockman begins to worry that whoever killed Wright got to Gordon as well.

When she finds disturbing data in the clinic’s file concerning one of her patients, Brockman realizes that someone close to her could be involved in a cover up operation. She questions everyone who has any possible connection to Wright, Gordon and the clinic. Yet the more she learns, the more questions she has. To Lisa, everyone is a suspect and she feels more alone than ever.

The reader cheers Brockman on as she plays detective, dodging a masked assailant in the clinic’s lab and narrowly missing a car intent on running her down. Rochelle Krich masterfully centers the action on Brockman and, as civilians, we identify with her as she sorts her brain and follows her instinct in this role she has taken upon herself.

Krich’s “Teneke Ground” is exciting and fast paced from the get go. The plot takes many twists and turns, and manages to keep the reader interested and alert throughout. The characters are surprisingly complex in a genre where character development is generally glossed over in lieu of adventure.

However, Krich makes the mistake of telling us too much without letting the characters tell their own story. As a narrator, she is too lively at times.

Krich explores many nuances of human behavior and immerses them in the battle between good and evil, throwing in the controversy of genetics and fertility procedures. The characters are believable and the plot is engaging with some romance thrown in to the general excitement of murder and suspense. Once you pick it up you won’t be able to put it down.

Dr. Levy Retires from Ensemble-And All That Jazz

Tova Katz
Observer Staff Writer

After founding Vassar University’s Jazz Ensemble 22 years ago, Dr. Edward Levy is handing over his position as director to Dr. Noye Bartholomew.

Bartholomew has acted as co-director for the past eight years. Levy’s impending resignation is a result of his desire to dedicate more of his time and efforts to other SCW Music Department activities. He will continue to educate students through his music history and music appreciation classes. Levy will also maintain his role as Chamber Music Ensemble Director.

Until Bartholomew joined the faculty, Levy was the only one arranging pieces for the Ensemble, as he has been doing for the first fifteen years of the Ensemble’s existence. Currently, the two co-directors share the responsibility of arranging six pieces a year for the annual Jazz Ensemble Concert. Said Levy “This is a life’s work.”

Levy began to study music at the age of 14, putting a strong emphasis on jazz. Even at that young age, he felt jazz to be “immeasurably superior to popular music. He claims that his early appreciation for this particular genre contributed to his creativity.

Levy received his B.M. from New York University College. He continued his basic training at Princeton, where he received a Master of Fine Arts. He then attended the Teachers College at Columbia, where he received his doctorate in music education.

Levy stressed the influence of his teachers, Stefan Wolpe, who led him into composition. Others who have inspired Levy are jazz band Dizzy Gillespie and painter Lenny Truant. Levy describes his work as a combination of late swing, inspired by Woody Herman, Benny Goodman, and Stan Kenton.

Directing the Jazz Ensemble requires much more than managing the musical productions. As the arrange, Levy takes a single melody and writes solos, to accompany to certain musicians, having composed the students’ ability. He thus changes a single tune into a complex performance.

Rachel Mitter, SCW ’98, a third year Jazz Ensemble member, felt that Levy succeeded in engaging students to become disciplined musicians. She said that he took great effort in personalizing pieces for individual performers according to their abilities.

Aliza Fox, SCW ’99, a member of the ensemble for almost two years, is grateful to Levy for bringing out the best in each musician.

Levy speaks of his students highly and explains that, had it not been for the high caliber of the students, he would have retired earlier. He is thankful for having had the opportunity to teach such a hard working and dedicated group.

To publicly emphasize their appreciation of Levy’s contribution, the Jazz Ensemble presented an award to their founder for his dedication.
The famous lead actors alone are reason enough to see "Wait Until Dark." Halfway through, you'll realize that they were indeed the only reason to see it. And at the show's finish, you'll uncomfortably conclude that they weren't a very good reason at that.


It is the story of Susy Hendrix (Tomei), a blind woman who unwittingly becomes involved in the underworld dealings of a sinister drug trafficker, Harry Roat (Tarantino). Susy's husband, who makes her defrost the freezer to overcome her helplessness at being blind (what a guy), has somehow unknowingly gotten possession of a doll stuffed with heroine. He leaves it behind in their East Village apartment to go on a trip to deliver the same doll to someone - sorry, couldn't figure out who - and now Roat wants the doll back.

Don't understand? You're not alone. Murmurs of confusion were ever present during the performance as viewers constantly referred to their playbills like CliffNotes for some hint as to what was going on.

The plot thickens. And thickens. Two thugs accompany Roat on a quasi-stakeout of Susy's apartment and concoct some type of elaborate, actually cliched plan that involves pretending to be policemen, detectives, whoever, all to enable them to sneak peeks around the apartment to find the doll. They signal to each other by means of Venetian blinds - yes, you guessed it, flipping the blinds as a gesture that the coast is clear. Let's hear it for originality.

Tarantino makes his fall from paradise as he leaves behind his countless awards for the direction of "Pulp Fiction" to portray a bad guy who will kill a blind woman for a doll. Problem is, he's just not that bad, and if he were to kill Susy, he would have done it a long time ago, which would have saved us about an hour of fumbling in the dark.

Tomei is convincing as a blind woman, yet doesn't capture the dynamic character shift from weak to strong during the course of the play. Maybe we're expecting her to break out into her scathing "My Cousin Vinny" dialect, but whatever it is, we just can't buy her powerless-turned-puissant switcharoo.

Perhaps the 90's audience calls for more action-packed excitement than the original 60's audience in the play's first premiere, which was popular enough to become a movie starring Audrey Hepburn, and considered one of the screen's most memorable thrillers. Leonard Foglia, as director, may have tried to make up for the dated dialogue and stale plot by costuming the thugs in Adidas-style sweat pants, one leg rolled up, and outfitting Tomei in a retro leather jacket. Didn't work.

Congratulations to Malka Skiba and Cheryl Younger who attended the National Conference of Undergraduate Research in Salisbury, MD.

The prestigious annual competition is open to undergraduate students. Skiba and Younger were sponsored by a fellowship from the Avon Corporation.
Intramural basketball team conclude first season

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peaking sneakers. Swishing basketball. An orange and black ball flying around the room as the score swings back and forth throughout the game.

These were the sounds and sights at the April 26th Stern College for Women intramural basketball championship game. By the end of the night, SCW's UCLA team (University on the Corner of Lexington Avenue), led by Nehama Miller SCW '2000, won the first championship game by a score of 46 to 40.

This is the first intramural basketball league at SCW. The idea came to Shaunna Peters, SCW '99, early in the Fall '97 semester while speaking with Shira Greenland, SCW 2000, one night.

According to Peters, they started the basketball intramural teams because she and Greenland felt it was something lacking in SCW.

Greenland explained, "We decided to get it started now, so next year it can expand into a full program."

In February, fliers and sign-up sheets were hung around campus. Peters and Greenland contacted Dr. Richard Zemeck, YU's Director of Athletics. Ms. Jenny Sarasohn, the basketball instructor at SCW, agreed to be the team's assistant coach. "Ms. Sarasohn was a driving force behind the team," said Zemeck.

Greenland agreed. "Ms. Sarasohn was quite instrumental in making phone calls and [creating] the teams. Zemeck was also very supportive, furthermore he invited us to the Intramurals Banquet."

Most colleges have intramurals for the students who are either not qualified to make the varsity teams, do not want to make the time commitment or want to be able to play the entire year, rather than a sport season.

At SCW, intramural sports have been a part of the college's history. "We are trying to do more given the limited facilities that Stern has, we are hoping to expand the activities at Stern," said Zemeck.

Zemeck hopes to add more intramural sports if enough interest is shown. "We are hopeful we can get a volleyball intramural if there is interest, and then perhaps start a team," he said.

"Peters and Greenland have already inspired others to begin other intramural sports. "I think there may be a lot of interest," said Shira Greenland (Cash and Carry) to the students who are interested."}

Sports Banquet Honors Past Year's Varsity Teams

On Monday, April 27th, the 1997-1998 varsity teams were honored at the annual Sports Banquet.

According to Dr. Richard Zemeck, head of YU's Athletics Department, each varsity team has a Coach's Award awarded to the most outstanding athlete of the year. There is also an award that goes to the most outstanding graduating athlete of the year.

This year's SCW award recipients include Shana May, SCW '98, and Sheila Werner, SCW '98, for the Coach's Award in Basketball. May is also the recipient of the prestigious Eastern College Athletic Convention Merit Award issued to the most outstanding athlete and scholar of the year.

The Coach's award in tennis went to Heidi Baker, SSSB 2000, and the Coach's Award in fencing went to Yedida Goldman, SCW '99.

Shaindy Frankel, SCW '98, former Observer Associate Sport's Editor, was honored with the Stern College Athletic Award for the Most Outstanding Graduating Athlete.

The banquet was held at Yeshiva University's Main Campus, in the Billy Rose Center, at 6:30 PM. Participation awards are also given at the banquet, ranging from a gray plaque for Second Year Participation in a Sport Award, to a watch for the Fourth Year Participating in a Sport Award.

A second Intramural Banquet was held on Tuesday, May 5.

Shaindy Frankel receives an athletic award from Dean Orlian.