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## Chief Rabbi of Ireland Speaks On Business Ethics in Halacha

by Ivy Kaufman

On Nov. 24, Rabbi Isaac Cohen, the chief Rabbi of Ireland, delivered a lecture entitled "The Halachic Basis of Business Ethics." Rabbi Cohen focused on the negative commandment of *Ribit*, the prohibition against taking interest on loans.

The obligation to grant free loans to Jews comes under the category of *tzedaka*. The *Sefer Ha-Chinuch* explains that the Torah instituted this law to insure the social well-being of the Jewish people. Through



Rabbi Isaac Cohen

the taking of interest, it is possible for the borrower's possessions to be swallowed up without his even realizing it. Thus, the obligation to grant the loans was a way of narrowing the gap between the wealthy and the poor. *Chazal* went

to great lengths to emphasize the severity of the prohibition. Abaye stated that one who lends with interest transgresses six negative prohibitions.

Lending with interest, however, was never considered immoral or criminal. Based on the principle of charity, *Issur Ribit* was simply a practical way to promote economic equity. The 18th and 19th centuries saw the development of European trade in which Jews played a major role. Jewish businessmen were faced with a serious problem. The prohibition of *Ribit* effectively ruled out business transaction between Jews. Eventually, the Maharam of Rotenberg constructed what is known as *Heter Isha*, based on the permissibility of forming a partnership between the borrower and the lender. The lender can receive a monetary reward for sharing the risk of loss or a percent of the income earned by the money he invested. The *Heter Isha* allows for the full range of business activities between Jews and is used by many banks in Israel today.

A change in economic conditions necessitated a corresponding adjustment in the application of the *halachic* principle of *Issur Ribit* in order to protect the goal of the principle, the social and economic stability of the Jewish people.

## Dr. Samuel Belkin Invested as Yeshiva University Chancellor

by Chani Zucker and Debbie Neiss

Dr. Samuel Belkin was invested as chancellor of Yeshiva University at a dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Sunday night, December 7, 1975. The dinner, well attended by dignitaries, community leaders and friends, served to honor a man who has served in the capacities of teacher, Rosh Yeshiva, and for the past thirty-two years, as president. Under Dr. Belkin's auspices, the University has grown to include six undergraduate and nine graduate schools while attendance has increased over eight times since the University's beginning as an East side tenement school.

After a few introductory remarks by Governor Carey, the singing of *Hatikvah*, and the Star-Sprangled Banner, the invocation was delivered by Rabbi William Herskowitz, president of RIETS alumni association. Following the dinner, the program was turned over to Morris Abram, chairman of the Board of Governors of YU graduate schools and master of ceremonies. In his short remarks, Mr. Abram referred to the important position of Yeshiva University in the Jewish world.

Max J. Etra, Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva University, took over then as a massive fund raising effort reached its climax. In his remarks, Mr. Etra warned of the Yeshiva's financial plight and of the

remaining amount for a *residual* fund providing scholarships and fellowships.

In addition, it was disclosed that the Midtown Library at Stern College will be named after Mrs.



Y.U. dinner program January 1975 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

dire need of funds to maintain the institution. Numerous announcements of pledges ensued. Among the larger donations was a grant amounting to almost one and one half million dollars. Given in memory of Maxwell R. Maybaum, the generous donation will be divided into \$250 thousand for a professorial position in RIETS, \$400 thousand for promotion of an Institute of Material Sciences and Quantum Electronics, and the

Hetty Steiner in gratitude for her large donation for that institution.

Donations of \$250 thousand by (Continued on Page 4)

## Education: Growing Concern for Yavneh

by Barbara Goodstein

An organizational meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Stern Dormitory in order to fill the educational void present in the Yavneh collegiate program. The purpose of this meeting was to create an educational division within Yavneh and to determine the policies of such a group. Attending the meeting were both Stern and Yeshiva College students, who collectively decided to focus the branches of activities upon stimulating interest in *Halachic* questions and heightening awareness.

A five-point plan was adopted to tackle the difficult task of informing Yavneh members but there would also be selections which would attract non-traditional Jews. These articles should satisfy the intellectual curiosity of Yavneh participants and simultaneously fill the vacuum created by the temporary disbandment of *Dirshu*.

Through the publication of both original and reprinted articles, the newly formed educational division of Yavneh expects to inform interested people about controversial Jewish issues.

In addition to such publications on *Halacha*, *Yom Tov*, *Shabbat*, philosophy, etc. however, Yavneh members on the educational committee hope to promote Jewish understanding and awareness of crucial Jewish matters.

## Stern Students Accepted Into National Who's Who

by Beth Dauber

Gail Epstein  
Judy Fruchter  
Amy Herskowitz  
Ivy Kaufman  
Deborah Neiss  
Syma Niederberg  
Ashira Rapoport  
Susan Rosenthal  
Ruth Stemp  
Batsheva Wernick  
Chani Zucker

The above list names the newly

their rosters are Senator Birch Bayh, CBS News Commentator Roger Mudd and George McGovern. In its forty years of existence, *Who's Who* has aided students throughout America gaining recognition for their high academic standing and involvement in extra-curricular activities. The students are nominated by the official committees of their own universities, based on individually set criteria. At



*Who's Who* designates, from left to right (clockwise) Batsheva Wernick, Gail Epstein, Amy Herskowitz, Chani Zucker, Judy Fruchter, Debbie Neiss, Susie Rosenthal, Syma Niederberg, Ruth Stemp, Ashira Rapoport, and Ivy Kaufman.

accepted members of *Who's Who* 1975-1976 a national program "destined to become tomorrow's leaders." Among those included on

Stern College, the selection is done by the Offices of the Dean and of Student Services in consultation with faculty members.

It is not necessarily the ones with the highest indexes which receive this honor, although all girls chosen must be on the Dean's List. In a recent interview, Mrs. Zuroff stressed the importance of filing the extra-curricular activity credit sheets, as they are the only means of ascertaining involvement. These credit sheets are also used for letters of recommendation and awards at graduation.

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5. Receipt of a personalized certificate.

The *Observer* extends a hearty congratulations to the girls who have been selected to receive this honor and wishes them much success on their future endeavors.

## Senate Meeting Extends Voting Deadline

by Val Margolis

An emergency Senate meeting was held Monday, December 8. The Senate met to discuss extending the amount of time allowed to faculty assembly for acting upon Senate proposals. Due to uncontrollable factors involving administrative and faculty disputes, faculty members did not attend the faculty assembly called for December 3. In the absence of action by faculty assembly, the Senate proposals regarding tentative grades and alternative means of final examinations would have been considered adopted at midnight December 9. Due to the extenuating circumstances presented to Senate and to the expressed desire of faculty to meet and to discuss the Senate proposals, a motion was made to temporarily extend the deadline for action by the faculty assembly until December 15. At that time if there is no faculty action upon the proposal, they will be considered adopted and forth (Continued on Page 4)

# Left Out In The Cold?

Over one year ago, the Administration agreed upon a two year salary schedule with the faculty, whereby certain salary increments would be provided each year. Upon returning to Stern this semester, the teachers were shocked to find that a wage freeze had been effected without their knowledge. Angered and dismayed, they formed a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Bick to react to this situation. Recognizing the fiscal problems of the university, yet knowing all too well that present salaries are barely at sustenance level, the teachers have agreed unanimously not to participate in school activities outside the classroom, the most recent being a faculty meeting called by the Dean.

The Observer sympathizes with the faculty members. In order for teachers to do their jobs effectively, however, there must be full cooperation from the Administration. The Administration should be aware that the faculty's salary increase request was formerly agreed upon and that it provides for a salary level fully necessary for an adequate living standard.

While supporting the actions of the faculty members, however, it is regrettable to note that their recent boycott of all committees directly affects the student body. Without the aid of faculty representation, Senate could not have achieved the pinnacle of success that they have until this time. It is therefore difficult for us as students to fully appreciate the stand of the faculty when it impedes the existence of this crucial student organization.

Nevertheless, the urgency of the faculty position requires immediate attention and action. The Observer stands by the hope that the Administration and faculty will soon remedy this grave situation, while not forsaking student needs.

# How Soon We Forget

After thirty-five years of devoted service to Yeshiva University in his role as President, Dr. Samuel Belkin was invested as chancellor of the university at a dinner given in his honor at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Fifteen hundred guests gathered to pay tribute to Dr. Belkin upon this momentous occasion. It is ironic to note that little more than a year has passed since the Waldorf-Astoria similarly opened its doors graciously to Yassir Arafat upon the occasion of his history-making debut at the United Nations. Is it possible for people to have forgotten their initial reaction to the warm reception which the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel granted Arafat at that time?

The Observer must question the necessity of honoring a man like Dr. Belkin, who imbues the ideals of Torah and Maada and has contributed so much to our University and society at the same hotel which showered the commander of the Palestinian Liberation Organization with such heartwarming hospitality. Perhaps it would have been more befitting of Yeshiva



*Judgments:*  
*All In*  
*The Family*

by Judy Fruchter

It has become fashionable and even sadistically pleasurable to ridicule Yeshiva University as an institution. Needless to say, I, too, am guilty of this favorite past-time. As a student leader, my perception of University affairs has become more keen and realistic. I have witnessed-disheartening and distressing revelations concerning Yeshiva, and the harsh reality of existing conditions has often disgalued me. Because of this disgust, a certain sarcasm and bitterness have been incorporated into my attitudes toward the school.

For those of you who have thus far shared and relished my feelings expressed in the first paragraph, perhaps you had better stop here. Or, please continue reading if you consider your mind an open one. As a result of a single University-wide event, my outlook has softened greatly. I am referring, of course, to the inaugural dinner, held on December 7, installing Dr. Belkin as Chancellor of Yeshiva.

The auspicious and prestigious atmosphere at the dinner impressed and even overwhelmed me immediately. As I and the other student representatives from Stern College and Y.U. gazed below, (we sat at a table in a box) at the Yeshiva University Dr. Belkin devotees, however, we all seemed at one with them. Amid renowned personalities, one might expect a certain distance to exist, and so it did — externally. But when Dr. Belkin rose and delivered his touching message, the silence in the large ballroom revealed our admiration for the innovative scholar, and ultimately a strong sense of *achdut* prevailed upon us.

It was at this time that the realization occurred to me, as it perhaps occurred to hundreds of others at the dinner. Yeshiva University has endured continuous hardships while striving to meet the needs of a demanding education. In so doing, it has succeeded in providing what Dr. Belkin calls, "a harmony between the philosophy of reason and the philosophy of purpose." As we listened intently to Dr. Belkin's words, this sense of purpose became especially powerful. Dr. Belkin, the man who molded the Jewish-secular educational synthesis,

University to make a point of having the dinner at another hotel. This action would have demonstrated to the staff of the Waldorf-Astoria and to the general public that a place which honors an international criminal is not the place to pay tribute to Dr. Belkin.

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stood before us. The uniqueness of this approach and of Dr. Belkin's unequalled dedication have sustained Yeshiva University since its very establishment.

Jenny Rudin, former SCW student who now attends Albert Einstein College of Medicine, described in her subsequent remarks the sense of the Yeshiva University "family." Indeed, the evening proved this to be an accurate description. Those who attended felt the great solidarity with the University, and particularly with Dr. Belkin and his initial goals.

Having attended this gala dinner, I have thus mellowed my bitterness somewhat. I have gained a deeper appreciation of my Stern education with its strong roots and with a firm idealistic foundation.

For you earlier skeptics, however, let me conclude by saying that I have not thereby forsaken a critical perspective of Yeshiva University; quite to the contrary. Being more assured of the validity and the sincerity of Yeshiva and its founders, I feel the more compelled to challenge its concerns. Carrying Jenny's analogy a bit further, within a family of strong bonds of love, each member may be more critical of the other, provided that it is in his or her best interests. Similarly, our ultimate goal, as students of SCW of Yeshiva University is to remain critical of existing standards, while recognizing the uniqueness and original goals of the establishment, reflected so movingly in Dr. Belkin's very eyes.

Dear Editor:  
November 30, 1975  
Both the *Observer* article and the strong personal participation by Stern students for Sylvia Zalmanson during her recent 10-day U.N. hunger strike for permission to visit her husband Edward in a Soviet labor camp are much appreciated. Rabbi Avi Weiss' intensive efforts were especially important.

Sylvia's now back in Israel but our fight must continue. I urge each Sternly to write two short notes of support to 1) Sylvia, at Beit Millman, 32 Tagore Street, Ramat Aviv, Israel, 2) her husband Edward Kuznetsov, Uchr. 5110/1 Zh.Kh., Moscow, RSFSR, USSR, *Eisen* though Edward may not receive each letter, the labor camp officials will know he has friends in the West who care.

Since I was quoted in Raizel Friedman's *Observer* article, I'd like to correct one mistake — no need to outYentl Yentl. I'm a he, not a "she", with a very wonderful SC grad as a wife.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Richter  
Nat'l Coordinator

Dear Editor,  
During all the years that I've been at Stern College I've heard consistent comments that nobody listens to complaints. Well, I listened. Year after year girls complained that it is difficult to study in the dormitory. As

students only 72 girls have volunteered to respond. This is a return of 14.6270 percent from the student body. An analysis of data on so few would be meaningless. Who is apathetic, the faculty or the students?  
Ellen Robinson

in class, on homework assignments or on tests, teachers persist on upgrading the *baalat teshuva's* efforts above the habitually traditional students. Besides unjustly evaluating a student's work, such attitudes even more importantly provoke hostility among

that all instructors must regard each student on the bases of her own merit rather than on her religious background. Hopefully, this realization will relieve some of the anxiety which exists among students and will dissolve the present dichotomy.  
Name withheld

# Letters To The Editor

Chairman of the Committee on Academic Statistics. I thought it high time to really look into the matter. Perhaps there is something that can be done to make it easier to study there. Note, that this was for the benefit of the students. I study in the quiet of my home. It took hours to prepare the questionnaire and see that it was distributed to the students. I understand that it takes about 30 minutes to complete the questions. Despite this, out of 492

To the Editor:  
There exists at Stern College a subtle, but nevertheless tangible, prejudice that is eroding unity and fragmentizing Stern's students into two factions. This detrimental discrimination manifests itself through a predilection on the part of many teachers as favoritism towards students who have recently adopted to orthodoxy. This subsequently, leads to rejection of those students who have been born into it. Whether

the student body. Personal jealousy, anger and even resentment which festers inside the naturally traditional and adopted traditional student is ultimately externalized. It collectively develops into a visibly unapproachable division classified as the "frumies" versus the non-"frumies." To prevent further deterioration of Stern's student population, such prejudice must be quelled at its source. This means

Chug Aliyah invites you to hear about Summer Programs in Israel on Monday evening, Dec. 22nd in the Orange Lounge.

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The staff of the *Observer* extend a hearty Happy Birthday to their editor, Judy Fruchter on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

# Henry M. Jackson

by Sharon Yellin  
Test Your Knowledge

1. Who was named the Senate's "most effective" member in a poll of legislative assistants, conducted by Ralph Nader's organization?

2. Who was voted by the Gallup Poll as one of the world's ten men most admired by Americans?

3. Who is the only member of Congress to receive the Sierra Club's prized John Muir Award for his environmental contributions?

(clue: He's a Democrat and from Everett, Washington)

Try, on all three counts, Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson, Presidential candidate for 1976.

**Here's the "Scoop"**

"Scoop" Jackson has an impressive record behind him. He embarked on his 35-year career in Congress in 1940, when at the age of 28, he was elected to a six-year-term in the House. In 1952, he entered the Senate, with a majority of 52%, to be followed six years later with a majority of 67%. 72% in 1964, and 83% in 1970.

During Richard Nixon's reign as President, Jackson was offered by the former, the position of Secretary of State or Secretary of Defense, but Jackson refused.

Today at age 63, with a wife and two children, Senator Jackson is Chairman of the Senate's Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, third ranking Democrat on Armed Services, ranking Democrat on Government Operations, Chairman of the Special Committee on Legislative Oversight, and a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

**On Civil Rights and Liberties, Senator Jackson:**

—Opposed Senator Joseph McCarthy's Senate Investigations on alleged subversive activities, in 1954.

—Supported the Civil Rights Act of 1964, covering voting rights, equal accessibility to public accommodations, desegregation of public facilities and schools.

—Supported the 18-year-old vote

—Consistently supported the

Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, since 1973, eliminating discrimination against women in credit, taxation, and other areas.

—Recently sponsored legislation to establish a special joint committee of Congress to oversee agencies of the federal government which are authorized to engage in investigative activities involving individuals.

**On Energy:**

—Before others were concerned with the energy problem, Jackson was warning that increased dependency on oil from the Arab countries could lead to political blackmail.

—He cites the four-fold increase in oil prices as being the single most important reason for the skyrocketing prices.

—In his role as Chairman of the Senate's National Fuel and Energy Policy Study, he has authored tough legislation to cut dependence on foreign oil and to increase domestic supplies.

**On Environment**

—He has authored an act creating a comprehensive federal policy on environmental protection.

**On Foreign Affairs, Jackson:**

—Maintains that stable support be given to Israel, not just on principle, but to preserve the West's position in the Middle East.

—Believes that a strong military is necessary for the preservation of peace. "The way you get the Soviets to the Conference Table is from a position of strength."

—Recommends that the U.S. achieve a proper balance in American Policy toward both China and the U.S.S.R.

The Jackson Amendment on East-West trade and freedom of emigration, specifies respect for the right to emigrate in accordance with international law, as a condition for eligibility for most-favored-nation treatment and for U.S. government-sponsored credits.

He has personally joined in efforts to obtain relief for innocent victims

in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union.

**On Labor, He:**

—Is for equal employment opportunities regardless of race, religion or sex.

—Believes in Full Employment.

**On Zionism, Jackson Remarks:**

"This latest shameful capitulation to oil blackmail, a resolution that condemns the ingathering of Jewish People in their historic homeland as a form of racism, has shattered all records for hypocrisy and reality."

"When it comes time to call roll in Senate on the foreign-aid program we will remember how these countries receiving our aid voted in the U.N."

I have briefly outlined some of Senator Jackson's stands on the major issues and some of the actions he has taken concerning them.

We here at Stern College, (hopefully), have been particularly impressed with Henry Jackson's past record of championing the Soviet Jewry cause, advocating a strong and continual commitment in aid to Israel, and denouncing the recent Israel-Egypt Peace Agreement as a fraud.

When it is Primary time in April, and when the 1976 Elections arrive in Nov., remember you are all endowed with "Bechirat Chafshii" ("freedom of choice") and use it to decide the future of yourself and the country of your sojourning, Israel, and world Jewry, as well as to preserve the values of all humanity.

Note: If you are interested in working for the Campaign for the election of Jackson, or if you want more information, contact Flo Berkowitz—3G, or Debby Fredman—3D at Stern.

**Jackson for President!**

## Jewish Arts Festival SCW Students Display Musical Talents

With a harp, flute, violin and cello, in concert, Stern celebrated the Jewish Arts Festival on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th. The program

performed a movement from Handel "Sonata in G Major." Vicki Silverman followed on harp, mesmerizing the audience



Vicki Silverman captivates audience with a unique performance. She opened with a trio: Ruthie Crystal with a repertoire of pieces from every musical period. In a captivating performance, Vicki displayed her natural charm and wit. The evening ended in a standing ovation for our artists.

## Oral Interpretation Provides Varied Program

by Hannah Fruchter

The Annual Oral Interpretation Festival, a feature of the Jewish Arts Festival, was held on Wednesday, November 17, at 8:00 p.m., in the Koch Auditorium.

Dealing with the various aspects of Jewish life, the program included dramatic readings by Elie Wiesel and on the lighter side, readings from Shalom Aleichem and Chelm Stories. The happy times and the sad periods of our history were presented side by side.

Ronnie Kamm, chairman of the Speech Arts Forum, was moderator of the program. The readers were:

- Eva Grusgott ... from *Jews of Silence* by Wislacy
- Debbie Weiss ... *Elijah the Prophet* by Shalom Aleichem
- Leah Plonchak ... *Why Jerusalem Was Destroyed*
- Etta Jo Miracheva ... *Chelm Story "Feathers"*
- Diane Solomon ... from *Our Generation* by Wislacy
- Hannah Fruchter ... *Chelm Story "A Bird Disturbs The Wise Men"*
- Dale Eichenbaum ... *a Holocaust reading*
- Mrs. Peninnah Schram ... *Mottel in New York* by Shalom Aleichem

They read with great fervor and spirit, and the selections well expressed their themes.

After all the readings, each speaker was presented with a flower. Following this, refreshments were served.

Under the direction of Mrs. Peninnah Schram of the Speech Department and Ronnie Kamm, the program was both enriching and enjoyable. The Speech Arts Forum is planning various other exciting programs, to which we look forward.

## Bikur Cholim Group Brings Chanukah Spirit to Elderly

by Adina Sullivan

On Wednesday night, Dec. 3, the sixth night of Chanukah, a group of Stern students entertained at the Jewish Home for the Aged, located on West 106th St. Armed with a guitar, a flute, some piano

books, and warm coats, the Bikur Cholim group braved the cold to reach the Jewish Home. The piano playing, guitar playing, flute playing, singing, dancing, clapping and laughter, generated a warm spirit. The girls were well-received, and their audience responded with great vitality.

When the evening's Chanukah program drew to a close, many thanks were audible from the receptive audience. Not only was it a pleasure for the elderly people to hear and to see young people, but it

was a pleasure for the Stern College girls to observe such happy faces. It was especially gratifying to know that their presence was the cause of the smiles and the cheerful hearts.

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**Belkin**

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Max and Leonard Stern were also announced at the dinner. Several anonymous donations of \$250 thousand as well as one anonymous donation of \$500 thousand for AECOM were likewise announced.

The program then advanced to its main purpose — the investiture ceremony, led by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the executive committee for University Affairs. Before officially beginning the ceremony, Rabbi Miller commented on Dr. Belkin's ability to attain a high level of both secular and Jewish knowledge and using this combination to realize the needs and direction of the University. As the investiture ceremony ensued, the respect and admiration of the guests for Dr. Belkin was clearly visible. He was greeted with a standing ovation and both participants and guests collectively installed Dr. Belkin.

Dr. Belkin then proceeded to deliver his speech and to express his reactions, which were often interrupted with applause and approval. Tracing the history of the University and his own involvement through today, including mention of the precarious financial state of the school, Dr. Belkin indicated that he will no longer serve as president. He added, however, that he is not being "put out to pasture," nor will he do that to himself. Rather, in his capacity as Chancellor, he will enforce the basic foundations and principles of the University.

After the ceremony, there was a short performance by Zero Mostel. The evening was brought to a close by short speeches delivered by alumni of Stern College and Yeshiva College. Both Jennifer Rudin and John Krug spoke of their experiences during their college years and expressed their gratitude to Dr. Belkin for enabling them to have acquired such a unique education.

**Senate**

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warded to the Executive Council, as is normal procedure.

In addition, the second reading of the proposal calling for more varied gym courses was presented. The Senate members voted upon and passed the proposal.

The Senate will meet again at 3:00 p.m. (Club Hour) December 17, 1975 in Room 819. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**RINGS AND THINGS**

**Engaged**

- Rachay (Rock) Eckstein '75 to Hilfel Davis '73
- Cindy Stern '78 to Moshe Rand Miriam Gutreiman '77 to Irwin Gross
- Annette Crandel '78 to Howie Rutman
- Faye Savage '78 to Leslie Ungar Rachel Witkin '79 to Mark Sokaloff Ceril Lisbon '78 to David M. Sable Marilyn Zicher '76 to Michael Kramer

**Married**

Debbie Zucker '79 to Marty Chinsky

**Beate Klarsfeld, German-Born Fighter Against Nazi War Criminals, Tells Her Story in "Wherever They May Be!"**

A petite French housewife, a German by birth, mounted a West Berlin podium in November 1968, and delivered "the slap heard round the world" to the face of Kurt-Georg Kiesinger, Chancellor of West Germany. At the price of her own arrest and a prison sentence, Beate Klarsfeld focused world attention on the Nazi leader's past. Mrs. Klarsfeld tells of this incident and her life story in **WHEREVER THEY MAY BE! One Woman's Battle Against Nazism** (Vanguard Press, New York; Publication date September 18, 1975; 352 pages with 12 pages of photographs; \$10.00).

The attack on Kiesinger was only one of a series of dramatic coups that have made Beate Klarsfeld a

world-known figure and leader in the drive to unmask war criminals now serving government and industry in Germany, France and around the world.

This terror of the German government was born Beate Kunzel, a Christian in 1939, the year the war broke out. She lived her early years outside Berlin and "never even heard the bombs fall." After a typical teenage, she went to Paris as an *au pair* girl at twenty. Waiting for a metro in Paris, she noticed a serious young man staring at her. They talked a bit. A few days later, Serge Klarsfeld phoned, and before long they were in love. He opened her eyes to a brand-new world of culture because of his "interest in

everything — art, literature, politics. He taught me the true history of my own country and the full horror of Nazism."

When Beate met Serge's mother and Jewish friends, she was welcomed with warmth and friendliness despite her nationality. She learned that Serge's father, a French resistance fighter, had died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz. She vowed she would not rest until she had brought to justice the murderers of millions of Jews. In that way she hoped to expunge the Nazi taint from her generation of Germans. As Beate's hatred of Nazis became stronger, she and her husband, now an international lawyer, planned the successful capture and arrest of former SS Captain Klaus Barbie, "the Butcher of Lyon," who fled to South America where he was living a life of ease and comfort. She chained herself to a tree on the main street of La Paz, flanked by posters detailing his crime. Her activity is generally credited with leading to his sentencing.

In one of her famous escapades, Beate Klarsfeld tried to kidnap Kurt Lischka, former chief of the Gestapo's Bureau of Jewish Affairs in France, and now a senior bank clerk in Cologne. The plan was to take him to France where he had been found guilty *in absentia*. The plot failed when four male accomplices became frightened and fled. Beate herself was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a jail term by a judge who ignored the pleas of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Beate was expelled from Germany, while the criminal was never brought to court

except to testify against her. But there was one very important result: Chancellor Helmut Schmidt promised to urge the West German parliament to ratify a convention allowing German courts to try criminals already convicted in France.

By the time she was invited to a world peace conference in Warsaw, Beate was convinced that anti-semitism was not exclusively Western. In Warsaw she distributed literature denouncing Polish and Russian anti-semitism and was expelled. Similarly, she was expelled from Prague. Everywhere she was received first with ovation, then jail and expulsion.

The fearless fighter has also passed out pro-Israel leaflets in Morocco at the very time Arabs were meeting there. She has protested in the streets of Syria against treatment of Israeli prisoners.

Beate has never converted to Judaism because she believes her fight must be won as a German. She has been mentioned for the Nobel Peace Prize and a German newspaper has compared her to Joan of Arc. This activist, now 36, is also a beautiful woman, a housewife and a mother, with a ten-year-old son Arno and a two-year-old daughter Lida. Her pets include a cocker spaniel, a monkey and a cat. She claims she devotes "only a fraction of her time to alerting the world that there are still Nazis walking the streets of Europe. She says, "I love my home and family and still do all the housework myself." As husband Serge comments, "Beate's no star. She gets off the plane from Syria in the morning, and does the family shopping in the afternoon."



WHAT'S NU?

On Wednesday, December 17, 1975, Dr. Martin L. Gordon will speak on the topic, "encountering the Noncommitted Personality." This lecture series is sponsored by Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. It will be held at 1:30 P.M. in Koch Auditorium.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17, there will be a dinner and discussion session for students interested in attending Wurzweiler School of Social Work. This program is particularly for those who are interested in the five-year Stern BA/MSW program. The dinner will provide an opportunity for Stern students to ask questions and to discuss the masters in social work program with Wurzweiler students. Please register in the office today if you plan on attending the meeting. It will be held from 5:30-7:30 P.M. in room 305. The charge is two dollars.

Museum: Menorah Exhibit Gift Shop. On display now at the YU Museum is a group of fifteen menorahs from western and eastern Europe and the U.S. This exhibit, from the collections of Trustee Ludwig Jesselson and Max Stern, vice chairman. Board of Trustees, runs through Jan. 1. The museum is also holding a special exhibit of works of Ilya Schor.

Also, new, at the entrance of the facility, is a gift shop featuring outstanding imports from Israel, exclusive with the Museum Gift Shop. Included are *hanukkiot* fashioned of tin and glass, enameled wood and glass and metal feligee *mezuzot*, *esrog* boxes, *menorot* and *kiddush* cups and art books. The shop is staffed by volunteers and hours of operation will be posted in the near future.

Stern's semi-annual Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, December 24, 1975 on the first floor of the Brookdale Residence Hall. Donors will be accepted between the hours of 12 and 5:15 P.M. It is urgent for everyone between the ages of seventeen and sixty-five, weighing at least 110 pounds, and in good general health to give one half hour of her time and to become a blood donor. If you have any questions please see Rocky in 11E or Val in 11F. Donating one pint of your blood safeguards you and may save a person's life.

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"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead", starring Joel Tessler and Stu Rappaport as Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (or Guildenstern and Rosencrantz; I can't quite recall who was who) was presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society on December 6, 7, 8. The two main actors along with the rest of the cast put on a truly professional performance under the direction of the very capable Dr. Anthony Beukas. The play's superb acting was quite enjoyable. All of the performances played to a full house capacity, proving the fact that good

news travels quickly (especially at Stern). *Yasher Koach* to all those directly and indirectly involved in the production.

"Lies My Father Told Me" is a very sensitive and moving film dealing with the maturing of a young Jewish boy in Montreal. Throughout the production, the audience laughs and cries along with David, who is trying to resolve the conflicts which confront him. Although the ending is sad, one remains hopeful that David will find the truth and recognize the lies his father has told him.

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