

The Exchange

1998 SSSB

Election Coverage

Editor's Note:

As you know, the elections are coming, and as people have complained in the past that elections are merely popularity contests, neglecting issues at hand, I have, under the suggestion of YC and SSSB Student Council Presidents, both past and present, undertaken this effort to inform you, the student body, of the potential candidates. Note that these profiles have been written by the candidates and reflect their personal opinions. Whether what they claim is logically attainable or not is up to your discretion, so "buyer beware." These individuals are only a fraction of the candidates running for office. They are the ones with the guts, the ones who undertook this responsibility to let you know about themselves and their platforms. We wish all the candidates good luck and we hope to see you vote on Thursday, April 2, 1998.

Sincerely

Yair Oppenheim

Jeremy Matthew Blank

SSSB President Hopeful

March 25, 1998

Jeremy Blank currently majors in the dynamic study of finance. In addition, he also hopes to complete a minor in the ever exciting field of accounting, so that he will not only know how to take apart the books (finance), but also know how to put them back together (accounting). This path towards developing a more well rounded knowledge should enable Jeremy to pursue his lifelong goal of becoming a trusted business advisor who adds value to all those he serves. In fact, Jeremy has already begun his journey, not only on an academic level, but on a professional one as well. Twice, he has worked hard and long summers at Smith Barney in a derivatives analysis group and the global risk management area. Jeremy is also a proud alumnus of Ohr Yerushalaim, an experience he believes to have forever shaped his character, faith and feelings regarding modes of transportation.

Jeremy plans to complete his studies and graduate in May of 1999. In the mean time, he would like to do all he can to help those who were kind enough to help him, namely Sy Syms School of Business. To best accomplish this Jeremy Blank respectfully asks that the students elect him SSSB President. As President, Jeremy could apply his abilities towards improving the school and helping his fellow students. After two years of observation, he has a collection of fundamental ideas that if applied carefully will raise our school to an elite level, one that each of us should strive to help build. To describe briefly, the strategy is to create a more goal oriented atmosphere where students focus on practical application of their studies with a view towards 'real world' situations. Each student will focus on how he is constantly bettering himself so that he will succeed in a professional future. Accordingly, recruitment efforts will be vastly improved on a qualitative and quantitative level. Students will meet with advisors on a periodic basis to discuss critical issues including potential summer or full time positions, individual resumes, interviewing skills and relevant coursework.

Jeremy - I am motivated and focused on transforming this school into a top-notch place so that we will all feel a sense of pride. I kid you not. Those who know me understand that when determined, I do not fail. I will not disappoint those who will help me. Do not doubt my sincerity and dedication towards improving our school. However, if you do, please feel free to call me at 740-0247. Thank you very much.

In the timeless words of M.L. King, " I have a dream".

David Neiss
Candidate for SSSB President
Dear Fellow SSSB students,

I am running for the office of President of the Sy Syms School of Business. It is essential to be qualified in order to undertake such a responsibility and I believe that I possess these qualifications.

As some of you may know, I attended MTA for high school. This means that I have been a close observer of every day activities on campus since 1992, excluding my year of study abroad at Yeshivat Shaalvim.

I am familiar with the workings of many of the student organizations, committees, and projects which regularly function here in the Sy Syms School of Business. In addition to serving on the Chanuka Concert Committee two years ago, I also actively assisted in the annual Seforim Sale. Additionally, I was able to gain unparalleled knowledge of the workings of student government during my brother Jonathan's term as Student Organization of Yeshiva President. Currently, I am assisting the chairman of the SSSB annual dinner Avi Karesh and at the same time, I am a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee which acts as a liaison between the administration and the Physical Education department.

Progress can be measured in terms of improvements and, if elected, I would like to attain the following: Reevaluation and improvement in the area of career guidance and placement. More effort should be made to meet the students' needs and to more actively cater to legitimate requests. A smoother functioning placement office is mandatory and those staffing the office must be made to understand the critical role they play in a student's job quest. Efficiency is a must. No student should be at the mercy of capricious or inefficient service. One must be able to rely on a promise being kept and a resume' being promptly mailed.

The SSSB administration should be made to understand that the needs of the finance, marketing, management, and MIS majors must be met and that they are as much a part of SSSB as the accounting majors.

Similarly, courses should be expanded with more choices available based upon student interest. This year, we have seen a step taken in that direction (with the addition of Speculative Markets) and I hope to encourage the administration to continue innovation.

Perhaps the most frustrating event at SSSB is registration. Immediate steps should be taken to revamp and restructure what is now an inefficient, time wasting, and aggravating process. The pent-up anger and hostility prevalent at registration certainly is not a good advertisement for SSSB. I have already discussed with various people plans for a major streamlining and improvement of this torturous experience. As your next president, I sincerely hope to be able to improve your quality of life as well as quality of education here at SSSB.

David Neiss- SSSB '99

Isaac Galena
Candidate for SSSB President

Background: Worked for a major Financial Consulting firm in Philadelphia, Researched mutual funds for a major American Online Website. Staff writer for the Exchange. Bikur-Cholim Club Member. Rav Simon's Shiur

Platform:

Better School Reputation- Better Jobs:

How:

Establish a Summer Internship Program that involves Major Financial Institutions (not just Accounting) coming to recruit in Sy Syms on campus.

Establishing a community awareness teaching kids how to save and invest money – similar to that of the "Literacy Program" where we would send Sy Syms Students to the Eleanor Roosevelt Middle school where they would teach kids about the ways to save and invest money for the future.