



President Joel to Offer New Sy Syms Course Entitled: How to Count to Negative 150

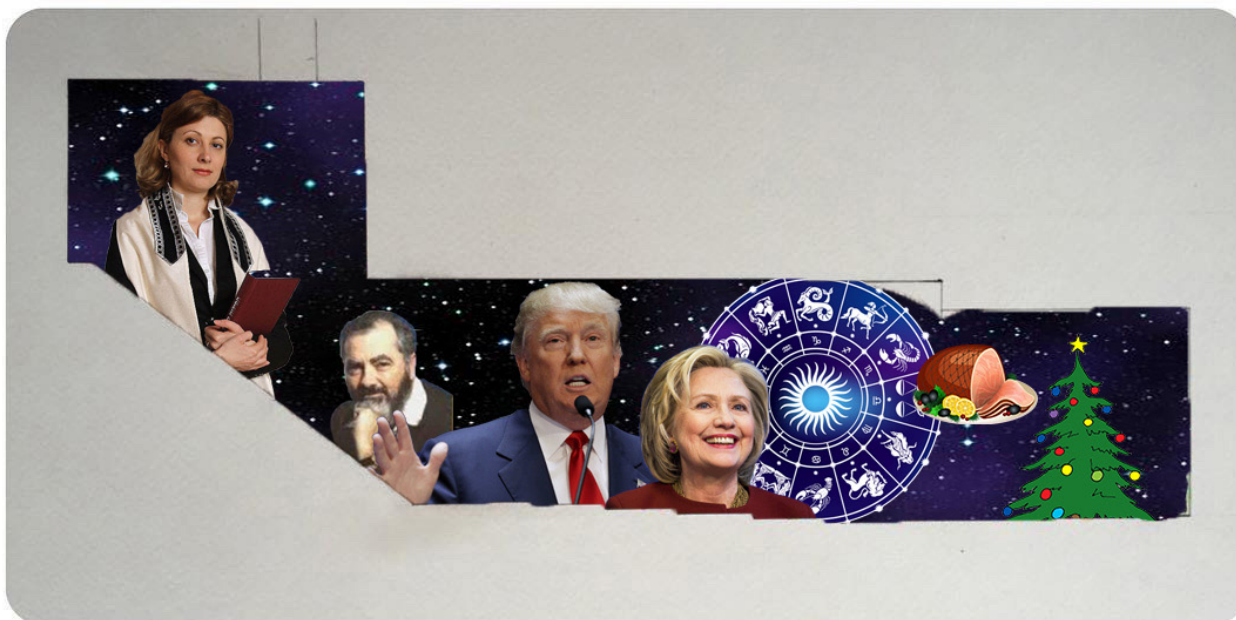
By Daniel Gordonstein

At a recent Town Hall, President Richard Joel excitedly announced that though many qualified professors have been denied tenure or let go, his greatness himself will return to the classroom to share wisdom with students. Building on his experience of years guiding Yeshiva University's budget the course will outline exactly how to count to negative 150. (Though the course originally was going to involve counting to negative 150 million, the administration decided that this was far above the first grade math skills of the average Syms student.)

Describing the syllabus of the course, his holiness explained that there was no exact written syllabus, but that he would just kind of assume that there was leftover material he could use. "Classes are kind of like budgets- you just wing it, and everything will be fine."

Quoting his influences for this class, President Joel cited his longtime mentor Bernard Madoff. "Bernie taught me about how money works. And the way money works is however you want it to work. Do you want to spend tons of money without bothering to check if you have that money? Sure, you can do that. If it turns out wrong, just blame it on some other guy, and increase your salary."

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Concept designs for a new mural in Nagel, after students rallied to re-design the original. The new design, intended to be less polarizing and offensive, has received overwhelming support.

Golan Owner Caught Burglarizing Student's Dorm Room; Claims That "Student Probably Owed Him Anyways"

By Shmuel Becket

This week, the owner of the popular restaurant Golan Heights was caught breaking into a dorm room wearing a black ski mask. When asked what he was doing he matter-of-factly said, "Oh, I'm stealing. But, it's OK. The kid comes into Golan all the time and uses his caf-card. So, now we're even."

In response to this, YU and the NYPD have both proclaimed that this was "100% theft. There's literally no question about it. He admitted to it and should be held accountable." However, despite this, most of the student body seemed to rally behind him.

"I mean, come on....! The guy was owed my television and cellphone," said Doron Avrahamberg, the victim whose TV and cellphone were stolen. "I go in there all the time and he gives me such delicious food. How could I

ever blame him for breaking into my dorm room, threatening my roommate with a kitchen knife, and stealing pretty much all of my valuables? He's the best!"

There have been online movements #GolanCannotCommitACrime as well as a barrage of YStuds from representatives of YU's Israel Club proclaiming that, "If you think Golan did something wrong, you're an anti-Semite! You're no better than the heretic who has a nuanced opinion about the Middle Eastern conflict! Shame on you!"

But, I think most of the student body's opinion was summed up in a Facebook post written by Daniel Abrahamson who wrote, "LISTEN TO MY OPINION! I HAVE AN OPINION! MY OPINION MATTERS!"

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- DORON AVRAHAMBERG, SYMS STUDENT, AS HE PAID SOMEBODY TO WRITE AN ESSAY FOR HIM

Yeshiva University Names Rabbi Jonathan Rosenblatt as President

By Moises Squashstein

In a breaking news announcement this morning, Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees announced the selection of Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Rosenblatt (60) as president of the University, replacing aging president Richard M. Joel (66). A sought-after lecturer and leader in the field of rabbinic counseling, Rabbi Rosenblatt will reportedly be stepping down from his current position as the Senior Rabbi of Riverdale Jewish Center, a large synagogue in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. Born in Baltimore, Rabbi Rosenblatt received a Master's Degree in Teenager Communications from Johns Hopkins University and a PhD in Modern Squash Playing from Columbia University. Said University President Richard M. Joel, "I am delighted to be forced out of my job for such an honorable figure. I wish Rabbi Rosenblatt the best of luck in his new position, and I am confident that he will be able to steer YU through whatever the future may bring." Rosenblatt, in an exclusive interview with the Commentator, revealed, "I have been dreaming about being the president of YU for quite some time now. The salary, the house, the office, the Stanton Fellow...I think that I'll

be a wonderful fit for this institution, and I think that I embody all that YU is looking for in a leader."

The majority of the Roshei Yeshiva at YU were pleased with the selection. Rabbi Hershel Schachter, considered to be the preeminent Rosh Yeshiva, said "Baruch Hashem. We, like the historic Chashmonayim, were finally able to be mitaher the mikdash." Said Rabbi Mordechai Willig, "I cannot think of anyone more suitable for this position. With semikha from YU and a PhD, YU is finally back on the path set by its historic leaders, Revel, Belkin, and Lamm. That other one is good to go." It was unclear if either of them were commenting on the well-documented protests to the appointment of President Richard M. Joel (66) in 2003. Others, however, including Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, were bothered by recent stories emerging in the press accusing Rosenblatt of inappropriate conduct with young men. Said Rabbi Wieder, "The man played squash. This is who we want for president? This is who we want as the face of Yeshiva University? We as an institution have been

embroiled in our own scandals. We don't need to add to the count!"

Others, however, claimed that Rabbi Rosenblatt's unique background is actually what gave him the advantage, edging him ahead of other competitors including Rabbi Dr. Lord Sir Jonathan Sacks, Jacob Herenstein, State Senator Adriano Espaillat, and Dr. Norman Lamm. According to Provost Selma Botman, "Rabbi Rosenblatt's keen ability to handle scandals and persevere and push forward in their wake is exactly what Yeshiva needs. We anticipate even more scandals, and capable leaders are those who have learned from the past and can apply lessons of history to the present. Just look at how well Assad is doing!" Furthermore, Botman cited a recent survey that students, faculty, and board members were asked to fill out as evidence that Rosenblatt would be a good fit. "Not a single person objected to his appointment. Not a one." When pressed about whether

the search committee even bothered to look at the survey results, Botman demurred, saying that the important point is that a new president has been selected, and that there's no use looking behind us.

Rosenblatt is expected to fill the position in September

of 2016. He already has big changes in store for the University. "I've taken a look at YU's finances, and I've found areas where we can cut to make significant improvements to our bottom line. The key here is attracting more students, and I have ways to do that. Take First Year Writing. Who needs it? I didn't learn how to write in college, and many college graduates still don't know how to write. Goodbye to all that!" With the added windfall, Rosenblatt says that he plans to make improvements to YU's athletics department. "I plan on significantly expanding the sauna and adding more hours. We'll even be instituting daily "Schvitz with the President" sessions, in which students will be invited to confide in me in a warm and open environment. Furthermore, we'll be building all new squash courts for our new squash team. And lastly, the President's Office will be relocated from Belfer Hall to Rubin Hall, so that I can be right on top of everything and everyone."

*Ed. Note: Faculty and students were not invited for comment on this article.

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- TZVI LEVITIN

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President Joel explained that the second part of the class will focus on the more difficult task of counting to negative 150 even without a medical school. "The hardest part is convincing everyone that you got back to zero by getting rid of your prestigious medical school, and then turning around and getting right back to negative 150. How are we still losing money? Where is it going if we no longer have any teachers or a medical school? I have



no idea, but that's part of the beauty of this course. It's a giant mystery of incompetence."

After announcing this new class, President Joel reiterated that for the seventh straight year professors will not be receiving any raises. In an unrelated note, due to President Joel's increased workload with this new class, he will be receiving a three million dollar raise.

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1 Professor Gillian Steinberg

She was a teacher in YU. But then she left.

2 My Two Feet

No offense to lefties, but having two left feet means that they both suck at doing what they're supposed to do.

3 That Way

'nuff said.

4 The Fastest Belfer Elevator

This powerful people-mover is by far the fastest of the Belfer triad. Its powerful acceleration on the downward journey is known to occasionally render lightweight passengers temporarily airborne.

5 Richard Joel's Left Ear

Whether you love the man or hate him, you cannot ignore this salient physical feature of his.

6 Me Hanging

Come on, pound it. Seriously dude? Don't do this to me. Not cool. No one deserves to be left hanging.

7 Rabbi Ezra Schwartz

An active member of the YU Rabbinate; also a closet leftist. Shhhh don't tell!

1 Orville and Wilbur

Building the first successful airplane and performing the first human flight? These guys got it Wright.

2 The Writing Center

Does your writing not look right? Well why right your writing alone if you could right it with the writing center?

3 To Remain Silent

Sadly, many do not realize that they have this right. It would be especially nice if those people sitting next to me in the library exercised this right.

4 Donald Trump

Whether he's right or not, you cannot deny that he's right.

5 The Lower Water Fountain

If you are altitudinally challenged or enjoy straining your back every time you take a drink, the fountain on the right is the right one for you.

6 Sizing

Forget down-sizing, shoe sizing, and super-sizing. President Joel insists the best kind of sizing is right-sizing.

7 Two Wrongs

After conducting numerous laboratory experiments I have discovered that, contrary to what most believe, two wrongs do, in fact, make a right.

News Briefs

By Commentator Staff

Furman Dining Hall to Turn into Vending Lounge

After getting resoundingly positive feedback from students about the night store and Morg Caf being converted into vending lounges, YU is beginning plans on the inevitable: turning Furman Dining Hall into a vending lounge. Students will finally be able to get a hamburger from a vending machine instead of off the grill. "This is all about continuing to strive to give the student body the dining experience they want," said Director of Dining Services Bruce Jacobs. "We hope that students will bear with us as we work tirelessly to convert Nagel Bagel and the Sky Cafe into vending lounges as well in order to best serve our students." Jacobs also took the opportunity to announce exciting new changes to YU's water fountain program. Caf card scanners are being installed by all the fountains and from now on, students will be charged a dollar for every fifteen seconds of water fountain use. "We can't have students cheating us now," Jacobs reasoned.

YU to Require ID's for Using Bathrooms

Securitas has extended their heightened security alert to an area where our campus is particularly vulnerable for criminal activity: our bathroom facilities. This new program, dubbed "Secure-a-pee," requires students to scan their ID

cards in order to gain access to a bathroom stall or urinal. The head of Securitas told The Commentator, "We take our jobs very seriously. This is a preemptive measure to stop criminals from breaking into our bathrooms to use them for free." This game of thrones has angered many students. 13 year old sophomore Billy Madison has had some trouble with these new rules. "I had to go really, really badly and I forgot my ID card in my lunchbox. The security guard told me, 'No number two without a card for poo,' so he didn't let me go to the bathroom." Billy's Mom has since complained.

Student Receives IBC Independent Study Credits for Watching "Sesame Street"

A Yeshiva College student has been granted permission to watch "Sesame Street" to fulfill his independent study requirement in the Isaac Breuer College program. Notorious for lax standards when it comes to academic and Torah integrity, IBC has surprised almost nobody with their inclusion of the PBS program in their list of accepted areas of study.

Big Bird and friends have long been regarded as influential tennets of pre-school education, and the brilliant idea to bring them into the university classroom seems almost obvious in retrospect.

"I really enjoy Sesame Street," said Jonah Lintershtein, "I try to watch it every day. Elmo inspires me, Oscar the grouch helps me realize the food in the caf isn't literally garbage, and plus, Maria is really really cute. So it made sense for me to get

college credits for something that's been so vital to my personal development."

The IBC administration has supported Lintershtein's efforts to expand the scope of IBC's curriculum. "We commend Jonah Lintershtein for taking initiative and bringing this fantastic television show to our attention. This is something we've always said about the IBC independent study program: it is brought to you by the letter J, and by independent and bright students, just like you."



YU Eliminates Prestigious Desktop Boardgames Program

By Tzvi Levitin

Recent rumors about budget cuts have left many students wondering about the future of their education. Last year, to alleviate student concerns, President Richard Joel insisted that budget cuts, or “right-sizing,” would not come at the expense of students’ academic experience. However, in a shocking development, Yeshiva University decided to shut down its long-celebrated and highly popular Desktop Boardgames program by extending wireless internet access to Furst Hall.

The Desktop Boardgames program has been one of the mainstays at YU since its inception about 7 years ago when students began bringing laptops to their Yeshiva College and Sy Syms School of Cheating lectures. When students became bored of their classes, they turned to their laptops for extra-curricular enrichment; however, upon noticing the lack of internet access in Furst Hall, desperate students turned to Minesweeper and Solitaire to supplement their learning.

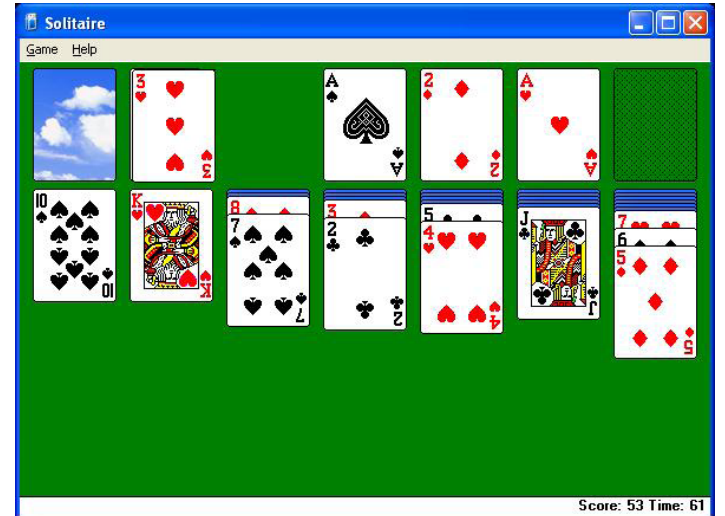
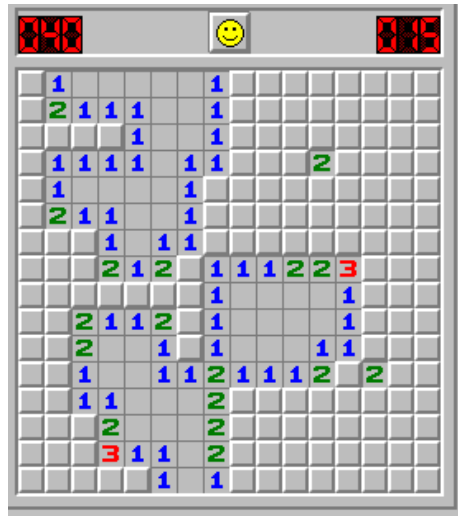
“I mean, there was no way I was ever going to pay attention to Rav Carmy, so I figured I’d just spend class time scrolling through Facebook and Twitter,” said a recent Syms graduate who majored in Card Games, “But when I saw there was no WiFi, I had no choice but to make Hearts my top priority.”

At its peak during the inaugural year of the core curriculum, the Boardgames program actually had more students than any other major at YU. Trends indicated that students enrolled in NAWO, HBSI, CUOT, and COWC were most likely to fulfill at least 6 credit hours worth of Boardgame credits each semester. At one point, YU considered incorporating the program into their YU Global initiative, but then YU Global stopped being a thing.

Some students expressed disappointment in the elimination of the program. “I realized I was spending far more time playing chess on my laptop than I was learning Jewish History, so I decided I might as well make a major out of it,” said one Yeshiva College sophomore, “It’s such a bummer that I’m not going to be able to finish my degree. Hopefully, now that there’s internet in the classrooms, I’ll still have time to fulfill all the requirements for a degree in Sporcle.”

When asked for comment, Dean Fred Sugarman placed the blame for the end of the program upon the Office of Institutional Advancement. “To be honest,” said Sugarman, “I’m only telling you it’s their fault because I have no idea what they actually do. I don’t even know if anybody works there. But I’m pretty sure we’re paying them. Can you find out if anybody works there?”

Several students have started a Change.org petition, posted in YU Marketplace, asking the administration to restore the program. “While we understand the financial benefits of extending internet access to Furst Hall, we believe there are ways in which we could salvage the Boardgames program,” says the petition web page, “Several floors of Belfer Hall still lack consistent WiFi, so we urge the administration to allow those students already pursuing degrees in Minesweeper to continue their studies on the 14th floor.”



RCA Revealed to be Group of Seven Year Olds who Think That Girls Have Cooties

By Avraham Gordiner

This week, in a shocking discovery, the world learned that the reason the RCA is so reluctant to give women any sort of rights whatsoever, isn’t because of religious dogma or belief in traditional values, but rather is because they are actually a group of seven year old boys who think that girls have cooties.

“I mean, girls are icky,” said Rabbi Willig while sucking down a popsicle. “I don’t want them to do things because...because boys rule and girls drool. I have to be back home. My mommy doesn’t like me getting home after six because I have to be in bed by eight.” He then scampered away presumably to his comfortable house to be in bed by eight.

This comes amid all of the recent decisions to basically not allow women to do anything whatsoever.

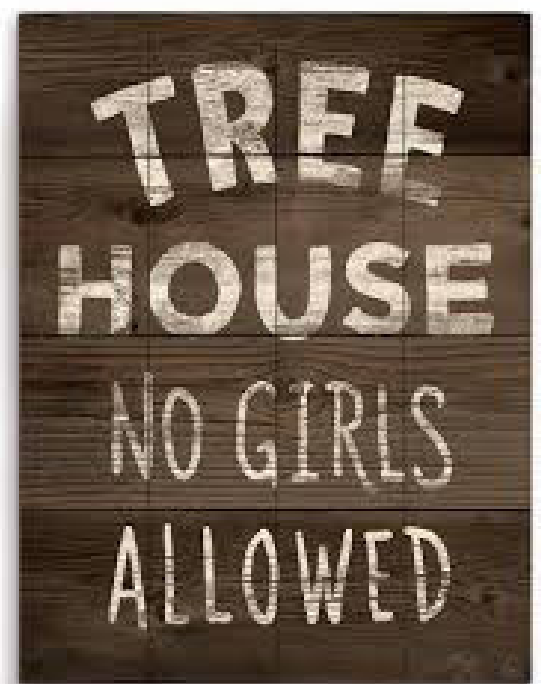
“It’s actually kind of refreshing in a way,” said Sarah Golberg, leader of the Partnership Minyan at UPenn and “horrible sinner”. “It’s nice to know that it’s not a patriarchal thing or anything like that, but rather is just the fact that they’re young and innocent. This means that they’ll grow up and probably change their mind on the whole women thing.”

However, in response to this the RCA issued an official statement reading, “DON’T TRUST HER! SHE’S A ZEALOT! SHE’S EVEN READ HARRY POTTER BOOKS!!!!” The statement then went on to talk about the “really cool treehouse that my daddy and me are building in my backyard that will definitely be ‘No Girls Allowed’.” As well as “all the cartoons that I get to watch with my brother on Sunday afternoons.”

When pushed further on the issue of cooties, many members of the RCA said, “Yeah, it’s science. Cooties are real. It’s in the gemara. Duh doy!” However, when confronted with the entire scientific community rejecting this claim, they further said, “Science was invented by the Pagans to try and convince Jews to go off the derech. Just listen to Rashbi. Sssshhhh. Just Rashbi. Sssshhhh....Hush now.”

What the future for this issue holds is still to be discovered.

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Constipated Students Seeking Dunkin Donuts Attacker

By Doron Levine

Though roundly condemned as a heinous incident of anti-Semitism, the recent incident at Dunkin Donuts has actually drawn the attention of a unique group of YU students. One of the best-kept secrets of the Wilf Campus, the YU Constipation Club is blessed with many active members and actually grows to the single largest club on campus every night that the caf serves Carlos and Gabby's.

Despite this club's large membership, it doesn't attract the level of publicity that other health-related clubs enjoy because its members tend to spend most of their waking hours on the toilet. Club meetings take place weekly in the Glueck third floor bathroom where members candidly discuss current restroom-related issues such as the rough texture of YU's preferred brand of toilet paper, the inexplicable permanent locking of the bathroom in the Heights Lounge, and the tendency of the automatic environmentally-conscious lights in the Glueck bathrooms to turn off on unsuspecting defecators.

In fact, just last week the Constipation Club held its annual highly anticipated constipation awareness week; members sat in the stalls of

dormitory bathrooms with red faced grimaces holding informational signs to raise awareness for their rare affliction. Other club events have met with less success -- a few years ago the club tried to run an event called Brownie Battles in order to raise money and awareness, but the giveaways of oversized brown T-shirts and free toilet paper simply couldn't compete with the trendy pink apparel of Cake Wars.

But it seems that the club has been seized by a new animating spirit ever since its members caught wind of the recent incident at our local Dunkin Donuts. A few weeks ago, a man approached two YU students in the Dunkin Donuts on Audubon Avenue and said, "Let's go outside the store so I can beat the (expletive) out of you." YU administrators and local politicians have harshly criticized the "attacker" and condemned the anti-semitism implicit in his threat, but Constipation Club members actually see this as a kind gesture. "The Washington Heights community is extending an olive branch to us," said one club member, "and my doctors have informed me that the olive branch is an extremely potent laxative. We have all been desperately searching for our entire lives to find someone who could beat the (expletive) out of us."



Galvanized by the offer of the Dunkin Donuts "attacker," the students are running an intense search effort to track down the man who seems to have the answer to their woes. If you have any information on the whereabouts of this man, please email YUconstipated@gmail.com.



AMERICA GOES ON DUNKIN'™

Caf Decides to Lower Prices by 50%, Still Overcharging Students

By Yaakov Moses and Samuel Klein

In a shocking development, Yeshiva University Dining Services announced plans to lower prices in the Caf by 50%. Director of Dining Services Bruce Jacobs released the following statement: "It has come to my attention that the Caf has been grossly overcharging students who use our fine dining services. I decided it was time to lower our prices so that we are only overcharging students by a reasonable amount." Students all over Yeshiva University are rejoicing. Resident short person Ari Schreiber proclaimed, "Now I can afford to have more than one meal per day! I hear extra meals make you grow more!"

Sixth year freshman and YU baseball phenom Ariel Bluman was overheard celebrating, "With these

less ridiculous prices, the athletics department can now afford to feed the baseball team! Nothing will stop us from winning now!" (Tragically, three baseball players have perished because of hunger.) These price reductions have yet to spread to the Beren Campus, where they are still being charged exorbitantly high prices. Frequent Beren shuttle rider Binyomin Barman was livid. "I am always riding the shuttle in circles so that I can find my shidduch, but with these new prices only on the men's campus, I'll have to meet my future wife elsewhere." Some students have a bit of a different viewpoint. Aspiring underachiever and terrible author Samuel Klein reacted unexpectedly: "I loved the old prices. Who doesn't like running out of money before Pesach?"

Wilf Campus Clubs Lack Diversity, Study Finds

By Shminkle Shmogin

An earth-shattering study recently conducted by the Pew Research Center has discovered that clubs on the Wilf Campus are run almost exclusively by white males. The study found that 100% of the Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Board members of the clubs were male, and that about 98.2% of them were white.

Pew acknowledged they had some difficulty conducted the study, given that new clubs claiming to fill some niche void on campus tend to spring up almost daily. However, they said, even the newest clubs have failed to produce leadership that adequately represents the population of the nation.

"There is just a toxic mix of denial and refusal to acknowledge that this is a real problem on Yeshiva's

Wilf campus" commented one of the researchers. "Yeshiva risks ending up on the wrong side of history if they don't do something to fix this alarming statistic."

Yeshiva Student Union President Noam Safier acknowledged the leadership of the clubs under his jurisdiction were starting to look "a little chalky" lately, but stopped short of saying there was a structural problem contributing to the lack of diversity. "The real differences we should be examining is the differences between Wilf Campus club leadership and the leadership down at Beren, because, as far as I can tell, that's what students really care about."

It remains unclear how the university, and more specifically the Wilf campus plans on proceeding after these findings.

YU Professors Take CORE Challenge

By Chesky Finklestein

In a unique measure aimed at getting YU professors to experience the much-complained about required classes at Yeshiva College, the Deans' Office, in conjunction with YCSA, YSU, SOY, and the Office of Jacob Herenstein, initiated a creative opportunity for professors to sit in classes with students and render their own opinions.

Professors were randomly assigned classes, although it is suspect that Dean Fred Sugarman played a significant role in pairing particular professors to their trial classes. Dr. David Lavinsky, Professor of English, said about Dr. Fabiola Barrios- Landeros' NAWO section: "It was reminiscent of The Monstrous all right. But the mystical quality and expression of the English language was lost on me. It was corrupted horribly. Corrupted." Said Dr. Shalom Carmy, of the Judaic Studies department, about Professor Daniel Kimmel's Violence, Schools, and Education, "I cannot for the life of me explain this phenomenon. The Policeman Philosopher would be able to solve this in no time. But I will admit, his [Kimmel's] tie and shirt combination was impeccable." Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, Professor of Bible, said about Dr. Chaviva Levin's Coffee and Modernity class, "I don't even drink coffee. I don't understand why anyone would drink coffee. I really don't understand why anyone would want to learn about other people drinking coffee." Dr. Levin could not be reached for comment.

Sitting in Professor Elizabeth Stewart's Diaspora Literature course, Dr. Hadassah Kosak of

the History department, wondered aloud why the course focused so much on contemporary world cultures and not on the history. "Where is FDR? Where are the Progressives with a capital P?" she remarked angrily, as Polish-English-Israeli professors tend to. In a similar example of cross-cultural differences, Professor Sarah Kasher-Bendet was asked to attend Dr. Raji Viswanathan's Analysis of Environmental Toxins, but then spent the class on her pink smartphone trying to prove that environmental toxins do not exist in Modern Hebrew and

are therefore irrelevant to the discussion. Dr. Viswanathan was not easily convinced.

Not all of the classes were so unsuccessful, though. Professor Wenxiong Chen, of the Mathematics Department, said about Professor Paula Geyh's Books on Books/Films on Films, "I haven't had so much fun in class since I taught Readings on Mathematics! I see lots of commonalities between the reading material here!" Both professors were seen later bonding over Life of Pi and Landmark Writings in Western Mathematics, 1640-1940. Said Dr. Selma Botman, the University's Provost, "I'm so pleased that we had the opportunity for professors to go back to school again! This is a clear example of how the quality of our education has only improved, despite the fact that we have no endowment and no future. I'm so pleased to announce that because this venture was so successful, we will be asking these professors to leave their comfort zones, their so-called areas of expertise, and their nonsense specialty areas in order to teach these classes themselves. We

think that this new and improved CORE will create a one-of-a-kind, cross-disciplinary program that all of our students will benefit from." When asked about the proposed changes, one student remarked sarcastically, "I'm not sure what the reason for this is, but it's probably to save money. Maybe we should just reduce the whole college down to a handful of professors who could teach everything!" President Richard Joel could be seen scurrying away hurriedly at this juncture.

"I HAVEN'T HAD SO MUCH FUN IN CLASS SINCE I TAUGHT READINGS ON MATHEMATICS! I SEE LOTS OF COMMONALITIES BETWEEN THE READING MATERIAL HERE!"



Seforim Sale Revealed to be Releasing Pheromones In the Air to Increase Sales and Jewish Children

By Hillel Field

The New York City Police Department has just released a statement describing a scandal it has coined "frum chemical warfare." Facing decreasing sales over the past few years, the Seforim Sale has apparently turned to desperate measures, filling Weissberg Commons with pheromones, chemicals secreted by the human body that trigger unconscious arousal toward the opposite gender. Pheromone levels were found to be most highly concentrated in the sections stocked with the critically acclaimed game "Perfect Matches."

An employee who was interrogated explained the logic, "We figured the people willing to buy Perfect Matches were most likely in the Parsha for marriage, so we hoped the pheromones would put them under the spell of a young Bochor or Maidel. This was the latest solution to the Shidduch Crisis."

Suspicions arose when a bystander noticed the startling fact that, "Shoppers of the opposite genders were actually engaging in small talk instead of awkwardly avoiding eye contact. This was a dead giveaway that something was amiss."

This discovery explains a plethora of new sightings at the latest Seforim Sale the new section at the Seforim Sale this year: a photo booth station where newly found soulmates could take

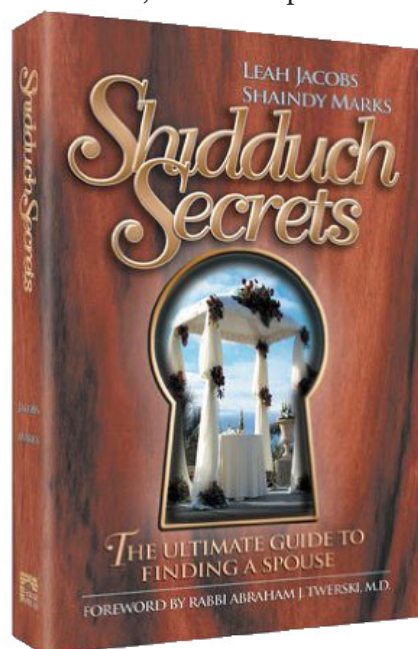
pictures with T-shirts emblazoned with "#FoundmyBashert at the Seforim Sale 2016!" The booth was located by the exit so shoppers could conveniently purchase their books and capture a memorable moment with their significant other they just met 20 minutes ago. The newly added Seforim Sale wedding registry station turned out to be a smash hit, where couples could compile a

list of Seforim that shoppers could purchase for the upcoming wedding in a couple months. Also explained was the 50% spike in sales of Halachic works in Hilchos Niddah.

The NYPD also described the details behind this diabolical plot. It turns out that the operation took place in the mysterious back rooms where Seforim Sale employees go in between sale hours. Investigators found Yeshiva University MTA and Central high school students running on hamster wheels with hooked up to IV-drips to keep them running nonstop. The hamster wheels were suspended above buckets to collect the massive amounts of sweat that accumulated from these raging hormone-filled bodies. The sweat was then evaporated by fans that blasted the pheromones into the the space of the Seforim Sale area, inconspicuously wafting into the nostrils of unassuming college students.

One of these poor high schoolers, Bertrand Katz, described his experience, while his emaciated body trembled: "We were p-p-promised full scholarships to YU for our noble services for the Jewish community. They said this was gonna be a bigger success than JScreen!"

Police Chief Dave McKinley closed his statement saying, "This is the first time we have seen someone set up a literal sweatshop for the greater good of the Jewish community."





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Shlomo Anapolle Revealed to be Cleverly Disguised Ashkenazi

By Doron Levine

In a scandal that has rocked YU's Sephardi community, Shlomo Anapolle has been exposed as a fraud. Anapolle has always been considered to be YU's consummate Sephardi: His dark complexion, jet-black hair, and piercing eyes all suggest ancestry deeply rooted in the Iberian Peninsula. Thus our community was shocked and dismayed to learn that, though he looks like a thoroughbred Sephardi, Anapolle is in fact a kishka eating, Yiddish speaking, morid hatal omitting, schnapps drinking, gefilte fishing Ashkenazi.

Our sources were originally alerted to Anapolle's clever cover-up when rumors began to circulate among members of the Sephardi club that Anapolle actually does not like couscous, the ultimate Sephardic food. The student who passed this information to The Commentator prefers to remain anonymous, but we feel comfortable using his real name, Yakob Shemtobian, since the majority of YU Sephardim share this name. Shemtobian disclosed that, at a Sephardi Club event, he noticed Anapolle surreptitiously taking the couscous on his plate and stuffing it into his pants pocket. When he angrily confronted Anapolle, demanding to know why he wasn't eating his couscous as a good Sephardi should, Anapolle mumbled something about allergies and abruptly walked away. Suspecting the worst, Shemtobian tried

to bring the matter to YU Sephardic Chief Rabbi Rav Basalely, but he was saddened to discover that Rav Basalely has recently left YU and fled the country due to a fatwa that was placed on his head. Rumors spread, but the predominantly Ashkenazi administration was silent.

But the truth came out when two investigative reporters for The Commentator discovered that Anapolle's dark complexion is really the result of extensive tanning and a clever dye job. Commentator investigative reporters noticed Anapolle sneaking out of his dorm early one Wednesday morning, so they followed him down Audubon Avenue and watched him enter a nearby tanning salon. When Shlomo exited the salon almost an hour later, his skin was noticeably darker. And as he walked back to-

wards YU, he surreptitiously removed a bottle of black spray-paint from his knapsack and subtly sprayed his head, arms, legs, and chest.

After further research, these reporters discovered that Shlomo Anapolle's family hails from a small town in Poland, and his true name is actually Shloimy Anapolish. In fact, Shloimy descends from one of the most prominent Jewish families of Poland – his ancestors were among the original settlers of Chelm and his great-great grandfather actually invented borscht. This information could not be more timely, as the Persian club was about to elect "Shlomo" their Supreme Ayatollah. Repulsed by Shloimy's deception, the Persian club's social media team is now trying to popularize the hashtag #makeshloimypolishagain.



YU is Going to Build a Wall

By Etan Neiman

And the Washington Heights City Council is going to pay for it. Indeed, current Vice President for Community Outreach and Inclusion as well as presidential aspirant Rabbi Kenneth Brander announced this initiative as his core campaign promise in his pursuit of winning the upcoming Yeshiva University presidential election. "YU doesn't win anymore; we are going to make YU great again," Rabbi Brander declared in unveiling his new campaign pledge. "For too long, Hispanics have been pouring over our fine university's border and reeking havoc. It is time to secure our northern border!" Brander's plan calls for a mammoth wall to be constructed along Audubon Ave., spanning 183rd to 187th St.

Seeking to tap into the anger YU students feel about the increase in security checks around campus, Brander is banking on making his illegal immigration platform and proposal for YU's Hispanic refugee policy the cornerstone of his campaign. "Look, no Hispanic refugee is going to be allowed into YU until we can figure out what is going on with all of these security checks," Brander triumphantly declared. "Question my policy all you want, but every single poll shows me beating my chief rival, YSU Vice President of Classes Jacob Herenstein, by over eighty percent." When asked by CNN's Anderson Cooper about the thirty polls which show him down by double digits to Herenstein, Brander scoffed at those biased polls. "I haven't even started on Herenstein yet. I'm

not even sure if he is going to be allowed to run. He has been sending classified emails regarding student clubs with his personal email account, instead of his encrypted YU account."

Many, however, have questioned if Brander would truly build the wall were he to be elected President of YU. At the most recent presidential debate in the Heights Lounge, which was moderated by YU's Director of Media Damage Control Dr. Paul Oestreicher, Herenstein sounded off on Brander's real plans. Herenstein posited,



"It has come to my attention that you had an off-the-record interview with the editorial staff of The Commentator in which you may have said you do not actually plan to build the wall at all. I demand you release the recording of that interview!" After addressing Herenstein's demand in no way at all other than calling him

"Little Jacob," Brander was then questioned by Oestreicher about the head of the Washington Heights City Council's declaration that the council would never pay for such a wall across the border. Brander's response: "The wall just got ten streets wider."

When asked about his limited foreign policy experience dealing with the Beren campus, Brander responded right on topic. "YU just doesn't win anymore. We don't win on trade; we don't win on negotiating with Montefiore Health System; our wrestling team doesn't win. That deal with Montefiore is one of the worst negotiated deals I have ever seen. On my first day in office on the 12th floor of Belfer Hall, I am going to completely undo that totally illegal executive action by President Joel. When I become the President of YU, all we are gonna do is win win win no matter what, and every time I step up into the building, all the students' hands are gonna go up and stay there."

After Brander finished courageously quoting the lyrics to the popular hip hop song "All I do is Win", it was time for closing statements. Herenstein promised to right President Joel's failed administration. "If things stay as they are, we are going to be the first generation of seniors in the history of YU to leave

our freshmen worse off than our seniors left us when we were freshmen. Elect me to serve, and we will get YU back on the right track." Brander then offered his own powerful and pointed two word closing statement to finish off the debate: "Lying Jacob."

PRESIDENT JOEL: WHAT'S IN YOUR FRUIT BASKET?

"I always keep grapes in my basket because they remind me of my unborn grandchildren. You see, my daughter is 2 months pregnant, so her baby is about the size of a grape right now. Some people have told me that it's weird and a little gross to describe my children's fetuses as grapes, but I'm sure it will catch on by the time my grandchild is a plum."

"Did you know the world's supply of bananas is at risk? There's a fungus that's threatening to take down the entire world's banana crop because they don't have genetic diversity. This, my friends, is why you need to go to YU. Do it for the bananas."

"Have I ever told you the story about the starfish along the beach? Well the truth is, I'm really afraid of starfish, so I keep a bunch of starfruit in my basket instead. Every so often I'll walk around the pool at YU and throw them into the water. When students get mad ask me why I'm throwing starfruit at them while they're swimming laps, I just smile and say, 'I made a difference for that one.' They love it."



Head of Security Cites Nerf Guns as cause of ID Checks; Definitely Not Response to Commentator Article

By Murtha Blockman

YU's head of security, Jack Bauer, confirmed that YU's impenetrable ID checking system was implemented due to an abundance of Nerf Guns related incidents. Starting last semester, when head of housing and Shabbos puns, Jonathan Schwab, started bringing Nerf Guns onto the YU Campus by the tens, security has seen an intense increase in Nerf-related violence.

Yankel Goldenface, one of last semester's Nerf victims, traumatically recalls how another student held him at Nerf-gun-point and confiscated his Caf mac and cheese. "I look forward all week to the Caf's mac and cheese. And here he comes up to me with that bright orange gun, and tells me to give him the noodles or else. I've had to visit friends in their dorm rooms who have tried to stand up to these Nerf-burglars,

and they could still feel the pain for almost a full eight seconds. I didn't want that to be me, so I just gave him my precious pasta and ran away screaming."

Mr. Schwab, the recently elected head of the



N.R.A. (Nerf Rifle Association), explained that the best way to prevent these Nerf Gun attacks was to put nerf guns in the hands of good guys. Personally, he carries an automatic Nerf Rifle, the YS-22, which can fire up to fifty bullets a minute. Frequently seen firing it out the window of his office in Rubin, he explains that this weapon amply protects him, and has offered to supply Securitas with these weapons to improve their ID Checking Measures.

Mr. Bauer explained that with so many students now carrying guns, Security needed to implement a foolproof system of velvet rope walls, thereby creating a fortress-like defense around vital YU buildings. Next semester they will require a mandatory "active Nerf-Shooter" training protocol, instructing students how to best dodge Nerf bullets, and throw their knapsack at a person holding a rifle.

To Combat Apathy, Israel Club Opens BDS Branch

By Baruch D. Shalom

Despite eight presidents, and roughly fourteen events each night, the Israel club remains dissatisfied with on-campus involvement from the student body. "We run events catering to all types of pro-Israel zionists. Some are about how great Israelis soldiers are, some about how great Israeli startups are, and some about how great Israeli politicians are. And that's just during the Six PM Monday slot. Yet still, these events don't get the kind of passion we see on other campuses," said Israel club President of event naming, Tziona Jerusalem.

President of Eilat-related events, Yisrael Israelson, had a revelation when advertising a Tel-Aviv Macabbi basketball game. "I realized that Tel-Aviv plays against other teams, some of which aren't even from Israel. They have rivalries and opponents that are provocative

and get the people going. If we're not fighting against anybody, we're just like a lame group of people listening to each other yell and share annoying Facebook posts. Which we totally aren't. We swear."

To generate this kind of passion, in a controversial decision last week, Israel Club President Jason Street announced the formation of a BDS Chapter on the Yeshiva University Campus. The effects were seen almost immediately, as zionism quickly spiked on campus. "We had three fist fights on campus yesterday alone" said Israel Club President of Fighting, Macho ZionIsraelson. "That's the kind of events we're trying to run. At the beginning of the year we set out with a goal of having people punch as many other people in the face as possible."

This new BDS Chapter is also affecting future programming. "We were discussing running a series of discussions and speakers this

week, but we cancelled them for a campus-wide brawl instead. That was our ultimate vision for this club, and we're happy to see it finally coming true" said Israel Club President of printed-snapchats, Mashiach Jerusalem.

This week's scheduling originally featured three different members of Knesset speaking. Mr. Jerusalem said "we have way too many MK's speak. We had forty speak last semester alone. I have listened to more MK's speak this semester than Bibi has, and student interest has waned in this once exciting phenomenon.

With the new BDS Chapter, the passion and fire has been re-lit for these young zionists. Maybe a little too literally, as riots and torches could be seen all over campus during the most recent BDS/Anti-BDS rally. Only time will tell if this passion will truly get out of hand.

Rabbi Brander Refuses to Denounce KKK

By Doron Levine

Rabbi Kenneth Brander's unexpected bid for the YU presidency recently took yet another bizarre turn. Last Wednesday, Rabbi Brander was asked in a televised interview whether he would publicly denounce the Kimu V'Kiblu Kolllel, a small, anonymously-funded fringe organization that is loosely associated with YU and is infamous for its extremist rhetoric and pointy black hats.

Though expected to unequivocally denounce such a radical and shady organization, Rabbi Brander shockingly refused to comment on the KKK, explaining that he knows nothing about this group and he therefore does not wish to comment about it. When the interviewer explained that this group is simply a radical association of gemara-learning YP students, Rabbi Brander remained steadfast in his refusal. "I don't know anything about learning Torah or the beit midrash," said Rabbi Brander, "I have absolutely no idea what goes on in there."

When word of this incident got out, many jumped to point fingers at Rabbi Brander and question his eligibility for the YU presidency. Dr. Erica Brown, widely considered to be Rabbi Brander's primary opponent in the race to the twelfth floor of Belfer, quickly denounced the KKK and slammed Rabbi Brander's remarks, saying, "We cannot nominate someone for

president who refuses to denounce the KKK. And don't tell me he doesn't know what the Kimu V'Kiblu Kolllel is. If he can't stand up to the KKK, then how can we expect him to stand up to Landers and YCT?"

But others, including YU Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Jeremy Wieder, were more charitable. Though he is also considered a dark horse candidate for the presidency, Rabbi Wieder eagerly jumped in to defend the Vice President, explaining that the Kimu V'Kiblu Kolllel should really be abbreviated as the QQK, and has nothing to with the more radical KKK.

Only time will tell how much this incident will damage Rabbi Brander's already tanking campaign. He initially encountered success due to his widespread name recognition, but his platform of re-kindling our institution's focus on Torah U'madda has been met with blank stares and his slogan, "Make Torah U'madda a Thing Again" has thus far been unable to gain serious traction. As one student put it, "Torah U'madda is really not a thing anymore."





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Success of Cake Wars Leads to Creation of “Cookie Genocide” and “Turkey Holocaust”

By Chaim Goldenbluths-Goldbenberg

After a tremendously successful event, “Cake Wars” which drew hordes of students both men and women alike, YU students have decided to move forward with other food battles called “Cookie Genocide” and “Turkey Holocaust”.

“We were so happy with all of the mingling and theoretical shidduchim that come from people getting together to fight with food,” said Rachel Golda-Meyer Meyergoldanblum. “Especially with the terror that is the current shidduch crisis, we thought that having a [Turkey] Holocaust might be the perfect thing to bring the Jewish people together.”

When asked if she’s at all worried about the potential controversy surrounding this Rachel said, “And don’t worry. We know what you’re thinking...But, Rav Schechter says turkey is in fact kosher and has therefore signed off on the ‘Turkey Holocaust’.”

This is how the event will work: students of all genders will gather together and “ethnically cleanse” one another in the form of baking or cooking. The winner will be judged based on how delicious their creation is. But, the real winner will be based on how many children the participant has within the coming calendar year with a fellow participant.

Student’s thoughts were summed up by Shlomo Golda-Meyer Meyergaldanblum who said, “I like the chance to meet girls, and make food. The Turkey Genocide really is the best!”

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Rav Goldwicht Extends Visiting Professorship for Another Semester

By Miles Theo

In an exciting turn of events, Rav Meir Goldwicht announced he will indeed be returning to YU for the Fall 2016 Semester. This marks his record 47th semester as a visiting professor here at Yeshiva University.

Even after spending 25 years and now being one of Yeshiva’s longest standing faculty members, Rav Goldwicht retains the status of a visiting professor. He explained “If look at word visiting- visiting it beautiful word. It has same letters as Goldwicht. So I visiting professor.” (We tried to clarify that this wasn’t actually how the word “visiting” is spelled, but he maintained that it was only off by one, and that Eliyahu fills that spot in)

Rav Goldwicht said that when he is finished

with his visiting professorship he will return to his home in Israel. “This is only a temporary, 25 year job, that I am doing here in America. But really I live in Israel.” Rav Goldwicht was then swarmed by YC Professors who were desperate to find out how to retain a non-tenured position for such a long period of time.



Dean Bacon Announces Day of Celebration in Honor of “No New Changes to the Core”

By Eitan Lipsky

After months of anticipation, Dean Karen Bacon has announced that March 25 2016 will be a huge ceremony celebrating, “Absolutely zero changes happening to the Core curriculum.”

“We were really excited to finally announce all of the exciting things that we haven’t done over the past few months,” Dean Bacon said while chomping on a hot dog. “I mean, months and months of hard work and rumors flying around - and finally it’s all paid off. Thank God for small favors, am I right?” She then went for the high-five before realizing that I legally and religiously (though mostly legally) am not allowed to touch women. She softly laughed it off before continuing with her hot dog.

All of the exciting non-changes include such things as: you will still need 8 Cores to graduate. The Core classes will still be filled with kids who really didn’t want to end up in the class, but were kind of forced into it by Dean Sugarman or a different Academic Advisor. Class discussions will still predominantly take place between said kids who have no interest in the subject and have nothing of intelligence to add. There will still be a token racist kid who surprises everybody by piping up with a weirdly offensive comment every so often. And, best of all, students will still not do any of their reading until scrambling around the night before the midterm when they will take

to Facebook and message everybody else in the class, “Do you have any idea what we’ve been doing in class for the past 3 months?”

“The Core is one of those things that makes YU the place it is,” said Dr. Will Lee. “That and a surprising amount of financial mismanagement mixed with slight administrative bullying. Why would we ever want to change such fundamental components of the YU experience?”

The event will occur when, on March 25, YU

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will be erecting a second mural in Nagel Bagel to commemorate the very joyous occasion. The mural will be placed on a diagonal, completely cutting off access to the elevators because, “We thought getting around Nagel might be too easy as it is. So, what better way to commemorate zero changes to the Core than by erecting another mural making it literally impossible to navigate the area.”

But, that’s not all. Dean Bacon claimed that there were even more exciting things not to come. “We have so many great things staying the same that we need to tell the students about. Like the YStuds system that we promised we were going to change and improve - you’ll never believe it but... it’s not changing! Isn’t that great?! Also we will continue to remain in heavy debt for the foreseeable future because, as they say, if it ain’t broke, or is so broken that fixing it seems like an impossible task, why fix it.”

All of these exciting continuations stand in contrast to the wrestling team that was actually cut. When not asked for comment, the baseball team issued a response saying, “Suck it wrestling! Baseball is the best! Hahahahahaha! You guys suck.” They then slugged their slurpees at us, high fived each other and drove away on their individual mopeds.

At the very least, I know I for one am excited to have to take stupid NAWO at a really inconvenient time.

Two Toilets Clogged on the Wilf Campus—Students Immediately Launch #NowhereButtHere

By Avi Strauss

On Tuesday, two toilets on the Wilf Campus were clogged and put out of service until further notice. The toilets, one in the Morgenstern Dormitory and one in the Gottesman Library were both reportedly clogged at approximately 8:00 PM in the evening.

It is still unclear if the cloggings were related or coordinated, and if more than one student was involved.

Upset by the bottleneck and toilet shortage created by the out of service restrooms, frustrated students immediately launched a new twitter hashtag-- #NowhereButtHere—in an apparent attempt to spoof the YU slogan “Nowhere But Here”. The hashtag quickly rose to twitter prominence, gaining tens of followers in a matter of hours.

Unconfirmed reports tell a story of Black Friday-esque lines rounding corners as students scramble to clear their bowels, fearing the possibility more toilets will clog and remain out of service.

“I just can’t imagine this happens at other colleges” complained one student with Irritable Bowel Syndrome. “This is just another reason I will walk around complaining that I don’t enjoy it here.” The student wished to remain anonymous for fear that his IBS will irreparably tarnish his shidduch resume.

In all the hoopla, several students organized and created a twitter handle @WilfToiletBS, which has been tweeting updates on the status of the clogged toilets as well as other washroom updates across campus. In addition to the up-



dates, the creators of the handle, Dave “just pinched a loaf” Schmeltz (SYMS ’17) and Donny “can you spare a square” Farberstein (YC ’17) say they’ve been in contact with YSU Vice President of Classes and all around fix-it man Jacob Herenstein, who has been continuously reminding them that the Wilf Student Life Committee is aware of the problem and on the case.

The ****storm continued when Rubin Hall ran out of those paper thin, sanitary toilet seat covers. Students complained they’d been consigned to covering the seat “the cave-man way.” One said he plotzed his pants while taking the extra time to lay out strips of toilet paper to cover the seat. He too wished to remain anonymous, citing his shidduch prospects.

Lucky for the mob of upset students, there was a town hall meeting with President Joel the day following the incidents. After some brief remarks about fruit, President Joel opened the floor to questions. The first few queries were about insignificant matters like budget cuts and teacher firings. One student attempted to incite

a riot over the supposed firing of a Syms professor. However, Joel rebuffed that claim, with his trademark “na na na-koosh koosh” rebuttal.

Almost immediately afterwards, however, a real riot developed, with students across the Heights Lounge chanting “Hey hey, ho ho, President Joel has got to go!” It wasn’t immediately clear if the chanters were taunting President Joel for his inability to use the clogged toilets or for other matters related to his term as president.

In a turn of events, after the newly-trained Securitas officers asked to see the rioters ID’s, the mob was discovered to be almost entirely composed of Touro students seeking to agitate the already tense situation regarding the search for the next president. The Touro students were subsequently escorted from the town hall without further incident.

Communications and Public Affairs Director, Dr. Paul Oestreicher, declined to comment on the toilet cloggings or the town hall affair.

In the meantime, the toilets remain clogged and students are resorting to desperate measures to send the Browns to the Superbowl as long as the situation remains unresolved.

“I went out and bought a bucket,” lamented Morg resident Shimon Levy (Syms ’17). He continued “it really just seems like the university dropped the load on this one.”

It remains to be seen what the university is planning on doing to clean up this mess.

Music Vs. to Advance to Conference Semifinals

By Doron Levine

In what has now become a familiar sight in local nursing homes, the perennial battle of Music vs. wheelchair-bound old people once again turned out in favor of Music. Armed with their usual assortment of musical instruments, YU’s Music Vs. contingent once again proved that old women are no match for an intimidating cohort of young men armed with guitars. “I thought we had a good chance of pulling ahead,” said Gertrude, a member of the opposing team. “But then he nailed me in the head with a sharp blow from his banjo, and it was all over.”

When it was first founded, YU Music Vs. team got off to a rocky start, losing in the first round of the playoffs in a hotly contested match against top-seeded Ira Finkelberg from the Lower East Side who entered the match dangerously armed with a disconnected catheter and an oxygen tank. But over the past few years the team has expanded, assembling a massive squad



with bases on every major American university. Strangely enough, this violent sport has mostly attracted students applying to medical school, prompting many to wonder why the ability to take on handicapped geriatrics should correlate with the ability to be a health professional.

The success of this year’s team can perhaps be attributed to their addition of new types of music

to their arsenal. Music Vs. originally limited itself to traditional genres, but they have broadened their horizons in recent years. “At first I thought that jazz and classical piano would be most effective against old people,” said Rafi Schwartz, a pre-med student from Queens. “But this year we figured out that Death Metal and Hard Core Punk are way more effective. When I let my hair down and start growling Megadeth’s Symphony of Destruction, the old people don’t stand a chance.” In fact, the YU players in the quarterfinals match last Wednesday did not even need to land any direct hits on their opponents. They merely belted out some Screamo at high volume, short circuiting their opponents’ hearing aids, and the match was over.

The upcoming semifinal game will be played against the winner of Sandra Horowitz vs. Irving Plotnick and will be aired on macslive with play-by-play commentary by Yosef Robin. On behalf of all the students, we wish our Music Vs. team much luck. Keep fighting the good fight!

Second Floor Glueck 4:20 Mincha Minyan Brings in Consultants, Moves to “Right-Length” Minyan

By Ori Orell Or

Everyone has found themselves in a rush at some point and driven to make use of the speedy 4:20 mincha minyan. Known to be the fastest minyan on campus, especially due to its recent adoption of Hechi Kedusha as minyan policy, the leaders of the minyan are now exploring more ways in which they can shorten the amount of time it takes them to pray to God.

In order to make the minyan more “efficient,” minyan leaders have brought in the davening consulting group Ashrei & Mincha, more commonly known as A&M. Apparently, their consultants have been urging minyan leaders to “right-length” the amount of time spent on the services and have pushed innovative options like “Hechi Ashrei” and a “Hechi Aleinu.” In this way, they claim, they can “trim the fat, while preserving the core of what the 4:20 Minyan is meant to be.”

Currently, the minyan ends at approximately 4:26 and 13 seconds, giving students just enough time to streak to their next class. However, this end time doesn’t usually give students with classes in Belfer enough time to make it, nor does the approximate 6 minute length satisfy the needs of the “get-in, get-out” crowd who

prefer minyanim with “no frills.”

Sam Manberg (YC ‘16), the gabbai of the minyan, has applauded the work of A&M. “we were in a tight spot, shedding tenured minyan goers day after day, but thanks to the consultants we’ve been able to locate our excesses and can now move to preserve the framework of our services that make us who we are.”

Manberg explained how he came to gain a leadership role in YU’s most famous and organized, haphazard minyan: “I just happened to be the guy standing near the support beam by the elevator for a couple days, and all of the sudden everyone was always turning to me to have someone start.”

As Gabbai, Manberg has been the main liaison between A&M and the minyan. In addition to this role, he also fields much of the post-Shemoneh Esrei (and now post-tachanun) gaze, with eager eyes pressuring him to have the Chazan proceed with the services, even when a quorum of ten men hasn’t completed davening.

Most of the student who frequent the 4:20 are applauding the decision, saying it’s about time the minyan take the steps necessary to remain sustainable going forward. Frequent 4:20 minyan goer Jeremy Pre-medrisman explained the need for “right-lengthing”: “some of us re-

ally need to get where we’re going...It’s not that we don’t value davening...we just think everything else is more important.”

Josh Gettingmarriedintwoweeks echoed Pre-medrisman’s sentiment. Some of us already have all our priorities in order and minchas longer than 7 minutes is certainly not one of mine.” Gettingmarriedintwoweeks refused to comment further on the matter, he said he had to go through seating arrangements for an undisclosed upcoming event.

Neither the minyan nor A&M has consulted with the Roshei Yeshiva to discuss any of the changes and the administration of RIETS declined to comment on the matter as they are conducting their own internal investigation into the minyan and its alleged violations to the maximum occupancy laws governing 2nd floor lobbies.

For now, it seems the minyan is going to go through with the changes. “After these changes are instituted, our minyan will be streamlined and only left with a \$50 million budget shortfall, so I’d say we’re in pretty good shape” exuded a cheery Manberg. Time will tell if the “right-lengthing” plays out for the better.

President Joel or President Snow?

By Samuel Klein

Who is really running Yeshiva University? They say it’s President Richard Joel, but I beg to differ. I think that “President Joel” is really President Snow from the Hunger Games in disguise. Think about it. Think about it a little more. Not too much now; he’s watching you. There are so many things that overlap. It’s so uncanny that it’s actually canny. Does anyone remember when President Snow got elected? I sure don’t. I also don’t remember ever voting for President Joel. Interesting...

Have you ever wondered why we have a rose garden in YU? I assume that’s what Tenzer Gardens is. President Snow loves roses. Coincidence? No. Anyone catching what I’m throwing? Smelling what I’m cooking? Rocking what I’m rolling? Bagging what I’m scanning? Buttering what I’m toasting? Hitting what I’m pitching? (The baseball team sure isn’t...)

Have you ever been to a midnight madness during finals? That is basically a hunger games (pun intended). How about this, can you tell me who said this quote: “Hope; it is the only thing stronger than fear.” You guessed it. It is Presi-

dent Joel in reference to YU’s debt. Just kidding, that was President Snow. What’s the difference you ask? Exactly. How about another: “We both know I’m not above killing children, but I’m not wasteful. I take life for very specific reasons.” That one was actually president Joel. He might have had a little too much last Purim. In conclusion, President Joel is a tyrannical leader who, with his laid back demeanor, is manipulating the districts of Yeshiva University to serve the university’s true leaders, Securitas.



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