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Greenberg Faces Opposition From *Roshei Yeshiva* as He Assumes Elevator Paperboi Position



By BARED JENJY

In a purported effort to “offer jobs to those who need it,” The Elevator has created the position of paperboi. The Elevator has learned.

The position was advertised on YU and Stern Confessions and YU Black Marketplace Facebook groups. The posts advertised the position with the line, “Have you always wanted to be a ‘lackey of The Elevator?’ Well, now’s your chance!” YSU President Zachary

Lucky Zachy was cordially escorted out of the yeshiva when his sanity was called into question after he began telling everyone in earshot that all of YU is an elaborate game built for generating enormous quantities of shtick.

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Throngs of Catholic Students Apply to YU After Learning About Confessions Group

By A-NUN-YMOUS

A comprehensive analysis of Yeshiva University application trends revealed that approximately 2,000 applicants will be enrolling at YU this upcoming fall semester. However, unlike previous years, more than half of the applicants self-identified as “Devout Catholics.” The Elevator illegally obtained the Catholic applicants’ personal

One confession reflected the cognitive dissonance many Catholic students felt applying to YU: “Jesus, forgive me for applying to Yeshiva University.”

statements — all of which revealed that their reason for wanting to attend YU was solely because of its robust and active Facebook Confessions group.

Applicant and

aspiring Catholic Mary Lou (SSSB ‘23) from Dallas, Texas, detailed her reason for choosing YU. “Confessions have

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YUConnects to Launch ‘Bachelor’ Spin-off ‘The Bochor’ to Promote Shidduch Crisis

By WEIB LIEBER

In a radical move to make the *shidduch* crisis even more of a problem, the creators of YUConnects, currently the third most popular dating app at YU behind The Shuttle App and YUZmanim, have announced that they will be hosting the first-ever

kosher reality show based on “The Bachelor,” to be titled “The Bochor.” The new show arrives later this spring thanks to a generous 18-million-dollar donation by the Azrieli Family and will be streamed on macslive.com with play-by-play commentary by Maciva Papers.

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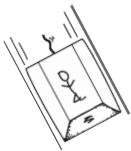
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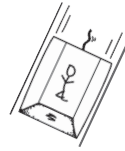
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Rabbi Schachter *Paskins* that Perpetrator of Schottenstein Break-in was not *Yotzei* Lighting the Menorah

Shimon Peter Weyand, perpetrator of the infamous break-in and arson incident at Schottenstein hall, was not *yotzei* the lighting of the Menorah when he lit a candle in the lobby of the dormitory, said Rav Herschel Schachter in a *shiur* that was on YUTorah for a total of 8 minutes before being quickly removed in what many are calling a “Chanukah miracle.” Rav Schachter, who holds that the lighting of the Menorah cannot be done in a dormitory lobby, condemned Weyand as an “*am haaretz*” and emphatically declared that he was “almost like a Reform rabbi.”

Weyand reportedly learns by his *rebbe* in Lakewood, NY (not to be confused with Lakewood, NJ). In an exclusive interview with The Elevator, he explained that lighting the candles of the Menorah was his “*fav mitzvah*,” because he “totally digs the whole fire thing.” When he discovered that matches were lying on a table in Schottenstein Hall for anyone to take, he ran to the entrance of the dormitory, loudly chanting “*zerizin makdimin lemitzvos*” as his payis dangled behind him, swaying to the breeze.

Upon reaching the entrance, Weyand kept running, barely noticing the broken glass of the front door on the floor behind him as he grabbed the nearest match and lit the first flammable thing he saw — a roll of toilet paper — in a desperate bid to be *mekayeim* the *mitzvah* before *tzeis*. When he learned that his Maccabean heroism was all for nothing, he proceeded to break into 5 additional buildings in the area, lighting small fires in each of them.

Great Debate Held Between Remaining Political Clubs After Ban of College Democrats

A “very balanced” debate was held between College Republicans, Conservative Student Union and College Libertarians following the ban of the YU College Democrats in mid-September.

One topic covered in the debate included the allowance of weed in the dorms, since as Dr. Matt Cantalope, moderator of the debate, expressed, “It’s the only thing that makes College Libertarian stand out, so why not?”

“One of the foundations of political discussion is diversity of thought,” said Cantalope. “When students espouse

opinions ranging from advocating for free gun giveaways to converting the Danzinger Quadrangle into a shooting range, the diverse nature of Yeshiva is truly showcased.”

New Elevator Survey Results Summarized So You Actually Read Them

After years of boring and confusing “Comprehensive Analyses,” The Elevator has decided to sum up the results of the latest absolutely ridiculous undergraduate student body survey in a short news brief. Please keep in mind that the methodology of the survey was absolutely foolproof; Elevator editors consulted survey experts such as Buzzfeed for advice. Here is what we have found:

- Four YC students believe in God.
- More than 84% of Beren students wear their Hadaya necklaces “at least twice a week, if not more.”
- 96% of MYP students “will go farther than brushing elbows” with a woman, and 21% of IBC students have taken the 2 a.m. shuttle to Beren.
- Only a single Syms student reported knowing how to “get beyond the second floor of the Gottesman library.”
- Half of all undergraduate female students consider themselves loyal *talmidot* of Mrs. Shoshana Schechter, while the other half admitted to carrying black H&M skirts in their backpacks, to be worn in their Judaic classes only and then ripped off when they take management classes.
- Nearly all Schottenstein residents reported having snuck men into their room at least once, 40% of them do so “regularly.”
- A whopping 90% of Brookdale residents are “very or extremely unsatisfied” with their housing. The remaining 10% live in Deluxe Rooms.

2000 Year Old Syms Test Banks Found in YU Honors Archeological Dig

In what some YU student amateur archaeologists are calling “the find of the century,” 2000-year-old papyrus scrolls with Sy Syms School of Business test banks have been discovered in clay jars during a YU honors archeological dig in a recently uncovered ancient Israelite burial ground on the slopes beneath Rubin Shul.

While the Syms test banks



Ancient clay jars held Syms test banks. YU MUSEUM

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We are united by our confusion about the impossible synthesis of Torah Umadda and a commitment to join our fellow students in plummeting to our doom.

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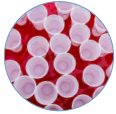
1 The hefker table

I hope someone gets rid of all the moldy pizza and pastries well past their expiration date before Pessach ... leftovers may be served at next year's Welcome Back Barbecue! #BeforeProceedingToBeForgottenAboutForever



2 The Battle Of Our Generation

From free pizza to pornography, what could be more intellectually stimulating?



3 Heights parties

The Twittersphere is now aware of just how lit YU students can get. #JelloShotsandMacklemore



4 A historically male newspaper with *three* female editorial members!!!

We are clearly the most diverse publication on campus.



5 The Glueck beis medrash

See if you can spot all the hidden recording devices and female Commie editors!!! #MinchaAnnouncements



6 At least four ping pong tables on campus

Great for putting your tefillin on when you show up late to 8:30 *shacharis* in Morg. Or a solid excuse to invite girls over to your dorm.



7 Elevators

The time spent trapped inside these pieces of a bygone era until firefighters arrive allows for plenty of introspection... and *Viduy*.

7 Ways to Grow Intellectually as a Woman

by The YU Office of Admissions

Free female hygiene products in the Wilf Library women's lounge restroom, but nowhere on the entire freakin' Beren Campus

Forget the bochrin, this is the real reason why women go to the Wilf Library.

The Brookdale lounge

Public *pritzus*, Spanish music, free food and card games. In sum, YU's version of a college pub.

DMC's and karaoke with shuttle drivers

Contrary to popular opinion, the shuttle isn't only for *shidduchim* or motion sickness.

Rabbi Saul Berman's classes

Come for the stories about Rav Soloveitchik and an incredible account of YU history, stay for the fiance-who-refused-to-sign-the-pre-nup-shaming.

The Magic Touch

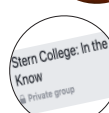
The NCSY response to "Everytime We Touch" by Cascada.

Trader Joe's is a mere seven-minute walk away

I'd take the shuttle for you, Joe <3, if only you took the caf card.

Better than RateMyProfessor: Stern College In the Know

If students respond to your inquiry about a course with "PM me" instead of just commenting on the post, you better drop it like it's hot.



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are written in ancient Biblical Hebrew on authentic papyrus scrolls, they bear a striking resemblance to Prof. Andrew Geller's management tests. After consulting ancestry.com and aspiring academic Duvid Selistein, The Elevator was able to confirm that Prof. Geller has *yichus* to King Shlomo, the author of up to three books in Tanach (depending which Bible professor you ask), and now, the first Sym's test banks in existence.

The uncovered banks, arguably the most significant YU discovery since Dr. Akiva Poppers and Dr. Mili Chizhik's groundbreaking discovery of inflated caf prices, could go a long way towards understanding the ancient near east bro-culture and test study habits during the times of the first temple. For now, the scrolls of test banks are being put on display at the YU Museum between a black and white photo of YU Macs Forward Gabe Leifer holding the luchot at Har Sinai and a blurry video of Rav Moshe Weinberg, Elvis Presley and the Rebbe moon-walking on Mars. Further excavations in the test bank caves have turned up small, white seashells that experts claim might be primitive Apple AirPods and portable opium pipes with Juuls engraved into their handles.

Students Roasted Alive in Elevator; "Everything is Fine," Says Administration

Earlier this week, a packed elevator in Brookdale Hall spontaneously burst into flames, killing everyone inside.

"Elevators, including the Brookdale cars, have multiple redundant safety systems to ensure that it cannot spontaneously burst into flames," explained Chief Facilities Officer

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Greenberg (BSS '21), promptly applied to be a paperboi.

"I honestly just applied to the position for the shtick," Greenberg readily admitted. "I mean, now I get the inside scoop on The Elevator. I get to sit in on meetings. You know, they're like Jedi Council meetings!" An Elevator investigation into the matter confirmed that Greenberg has indeed stood in on meetings, mostly to get coffee from Nagel Bagel.

Other than his coffee obligations, the paperboi position entails Greenberg waking up every two weeks at 6 a.m. when the papers arrive

on the Wilf Campus. He must then make his way to all buildings on campus and distribute the papers to each stack, hollering the line "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Get your Elevator here!" He must strategically place stacks in certain locations guaranteed to be chanced upon by President Ari Berman and other members of the administration.

"I once placed an Elevator on Rav Yitzchok Cohen's *shtender*," recalls Greenberg. "He wasn't there at the time, but his *talmidim* started hissing at me. Amazing shtick!"

While some accuse Editor-in-Chief Ari Hershey of creating the position due to utter laziness, Hershey contends

that he simply "wanted to create a position on The Elevator team for students who don't know how to write." Asked to comment on this accusation, Greenberg smiled widely and said, "Incredible shtick."

According to people familiar with the matter, Greenberg has petitioned Hershey to allow his stalwart friend and dear cousin Jared Benjamin to assume the position of Vice Paperboi. Hershey reportedly refused this request, saying that "the position of paperboi is too prestigious to be stained by the mark of nepotism." Hershey did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Rabbi Etan Schnall has so far proven to be Greenberg's greatest

nemesis. Greenberg vividly recalls how every time he would set the stack up in the *beis medrash*, Rabbi Schnall would immediately lift it up and carry it to the library. When inquired by The Elevator as to why he moved the stacks, Rabbi Schnall said, "The Elevator doesn't belong in a *makom kadosh*. They attack all of the *rebbeim* in Yeshivas Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchonon, except Rabbi Wieder. Having it in the *beis medrash* would be like inviting a reform rabbi!"

"It's all *apikorsus*," he continued. "All of the editors and paperbois should be expelled. You can quote me on that if you want." Rabbi Penner later announced that The Elevator had

no permission to quote Rabbi Schnall since it had no right to exist in the first place.

"This is what politics does to a *yiddishe neshama*," remarked Rabbi Herschel Schachter to his *shiur*, according to illegally obtained recordings. "They're all corrupt. First they force themselves into top unelected positions and then distribute *kefira* all around a *yeshiva*." Greenberg told The Elevator that he believes that Rabbi Schachter's statement was "all in the spirit of good shtick."

Greenberg was last seen being dragged into an elevator by Rabbi Yitzchak Cohen and President Ricky Joel, never to emerge. They claimed he had rabies.



Zack has fully embraced his Elevator lackeyhood.

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always been my favorite part of the Catholic tradition,” she explained, adding that her habit of “partying hard” over the weekends often leads to somber Monday morning confessions. “Having the ability for the Almighty to free me from my many sins is a deeply spiritual and cathartic process.”

But soon enough, things took a turn for the worse for dear Mary Lou. “Unfortunately, I confessed so much that all the churches in my area banned me from confessing. I was left looking for an alternative confession method that would allow me to tell someone all the stuff I keep doing wrong in a guilty-free environment,” she said. “Then the YU Confessions group

appeared in my Facebook feed.”

Shifty Linberger, founder and manager of the YU Confessions group, shared a number of confessions that reportedly began appearing in the group one chilly morning. According to Linberger, one user wrote, “Please absolve me from the sin of haughtiness.” Another user wrote, “Dear God, consider this a get out of jail free card.” One confession reflected the cognitive dissonance many Catholic students felt applying to YU: “Jesus, forgive me for applying to Yeshiva University.”

Linberger said, “I feel really bad. I’m not a priest. People are sending me really detailed and graphic confessions and I have no idea what to do with them. I’ve looked up

priests in the area who’d be willing to read the confessions and do what they do with them.” Linberger added that if the students are accepted to YU she “would consider undergoing formal priestly training to accommodate the Catholic students.”

UTS administrators were unsure how to deal with this new group of applicants, but after consulting legal authorities, they ultimately decided that a fifth morning program centered around in-depth analysis of the New Testament would be added to accommodate the Catholic students. Commenting on the matter, newly-hired Rosh Yeshiva Yonason Paul II noted, “Morning *shiurim* will cover the apostles *b’iyun* and night *seder chaburas* will focus primarily on the biblical



Catholic students have taken over the YU Confessions group.

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apocrypha.”

Rabbi Paul added, “If this trend continues,

RIETS may have to consider adding a special track for aspiring priests.”

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Otto Sirvis over the sounds of student screams and sizzling flesh.

“It seems that the safety circuit on the elevator may have shut down the elevator momentarily — its computer probably reset itself,” added Sirvis. “When that happens, the elevator heats up and shoots flames and then resets itself. This flame-shooting

action can feel like a spontaneous combustion but is a part of the many safety features on the elevator. Essentially, the elevator worked as designed.”

As of the time of publication, no one in the elevator could be reached for comment.

Basketball Team Caught Stealing Signs; Missing YU Recycling Bins Found in Max Stern Athletic Center

The extended YU community

was stunned after discovering that the Men’s Basketball team was caught orchestrating an elaborate scheme to steal signs and game plans from their opponents over the past three years. The scheme dates back to the 2017-2018 Skyline Championship winning season, The Elevator has learned. After carefully reviewing footage from evilscam.com, YU’s Chief of Elevators and Basically Everything Else Candy Rapfelburg was seen banging on

a recycling bin to indicate which play the Macs’ opponents were running.

After celebrating their recent win against Penn State-Harrisburg, Team Rabbi Skyler Gevurah refused to let his teammates take off his jersey because he was reportedly hiding the *Urim V’Tumim*, the divine signaling device under his uniform.

Mistaking Abstention for Abstinence, Student Council Abstains From Absolutely Everything

By WEBSTER’S
DICTIONARY

In a highly predictable move to portray maximum weakness and feed conspiracy theories that they are 90% illiterate robots and 10% related to President Berman, student council presidents decided to abstain from voting on the status of absolutely everything.

In light of their recent victories, YU student athletes, also known as the Maccabees, requested to henceforth be referred to as the Maccabaes, a name, they argued, that more accurately reflected their greatness. After student council presidents consulted numerous focus groups, they published a statement announcing their decision to abstain from the vote on the proposed name change. “This is

a fundamental *hashkafic* issue,” read a statement signed by all student council presidents and some random student named Ariel Sacknovitz. The presidents (and Sacknovitz) argued that their role “is not to determine major ideological decisions — such as sports team names — for the institution.”

This abstention follows a strong tradition of indecisiveness at YU. Only two days ago, student

council presidents abstained from voting on the status of the gardening and knitting clubs out of fear that formal recognition may lead to people perceiving the institution as “less manly,” according to a statement unanimously agreed upon by all members of all YU students councils of the last five years. “Ever since I

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Each season of the show will feature one strapping young man chosen from the upper echelon of the Mazer Yeshiva Program (MYP). Only *bochrim* who learn every day, daven with a *minyan* three times a day, won't go to a beach but will go to movies, completed *shana bet*, are "truly growth-oriented" and "*frum* but also chill" will be eligible for a spot in this high-stakes contest to find their *bashert*.

Moshe Frankel, a bad boy ex-yeshiva league baller from the Country Club side of Teaneck, has been chosen to be the first *Bochur*. Moshe wants people to know that, "Just because I eat at 8 Slices and learn at night *seder* for only one hour doesn't mean that I don't care about Jewish values. I'm definitely the kind of guy who's doing this to find the girl of my dreams, or at the very least the type of girl who makes a mean cholent and lets me chill with the boys when I'm not pounding in the *beis*."

According to a YUConnects representative, modeling the new kosher "Bachelor" after the original Bachelor was an easy fit, since "the actual Bachelor lasts about three months and typical shidduch dating lasts about the same time before marriage anyway." Spin-off shows in the works include "*Bochur* in *Gan Eden*" by rival network JSwipe and "*The Bochur* of Touro," to be co-hosted by the "Yu landers college 4 men club" presidents.

After one disgruntled student submitted a

Title IX complaint alleging discrimination due to a lack of equivalent kosher "Bachelorette" show, YUConnects hastily announced the spin-off show "*The Bachurah*," which was immediately denounced by three anonymous YP students with the backing of unnamed "*rabbonim*," who claimed that the show is "not appropriate for a *ye-shiva* setting." As of the time of publication, Vice President Josh Joseph's secretary insisted he was traveling for a third straight week and could therefore not be reached for comment. In response to The Elevator's inquiries, a YU spokesperson stated, "We are dealing with a dynamic and ever-changing dialogue. We hope to have a more substantial update in the next week or so as we strive to create a community of belonging here on campus."

"The show switches between dates at restaurants and activities, which is basically how the standard Jewish guys and gals go out as well," noted renowned *shadchan* Miriam Greenspan (SCW '95, 40 1/2 couples and counting!). "The only issue we ran into was the hometown dates and Fantasy Suites episodes. However, most of our contestants live 'in town,' so paying for Ubers to meet their parents at Sammy's on Queen Anne Rd. shouldn't be too much of an issue. And all of our contestants are *shomer negiah*, so we decided to switch out the Fantasy Suites episode with one in which our lucky *bochur* spends time in a specially designed *yichud* room with each contestant. But don't worry — the room is equipped with cameras and microphones, so we got a *heter* from Rabbi

Jeremy Wieder."

Some people remain dubious of the show. "I feel like we are trying to perpetuate the *shidduch* crisis here, not solve it," said one anonymous student on the Wilf Campus, who was simply not down to spend three months locked in a mansion with tons of women who all "just really really want to get married and have kids and become PTs before they are even legally old

enough to drink," as one hopeful contestant put it.

A mansion has been reserved in Back Lawrence for the show, and 12 Stern students who are using the show to fulfill their Bible requirements and avoid living in Brookdale Residence Hall have already been chosen to participate.

The host, Yehoshua ben Nachum Segal, was thrilled to get the show on the road. "We can't wait

to see how Moshe does on '*The Bochur*,'" said Segal. "He wants to get married super duper bad so he can live in married housing in Washington Heights to make up for the next four years of an undergraduate psych degree and another four years of *semichah*. This is shaping up to be one *gevaldig* ride!"



A promotional flyer for "*The Bochur*," posted in the Glueck Beit Midrash, was not torn down by Rav Schachter.

YUCONNECTS

After Penning Controversial Article Tentatively Promoting Women's Torah Learning, YP *Bochur* Amazed to Learn Women Have Been Studying Gemara at YU Since the '70s

By TORAS NASHIM
TEMIMA

Following the publication of a provocative and highly controversial article exploring women's exemption from learning Torah without quoting any Torah or Rabbinic sources — to appeal to all readers, including women — a Mazer Yeshiva Program (MYP) *bochur* was shocked to discover that women have, in fact, been engaging in serious *talmud* Torah on the downtown campus for decades.

The once-groundbreaking initiative, intended to promote women's Torah learning (and possibly including *talmud study*), appears to have started over 40 years ago with an official *gemara shiur* taught by none other than Rav Soloveitchik himself. An Elevator investigation uncovered indisputable evidence of not one, but *two* full-time *gemara shiurim* that currently take place at Stern College for Women, with both morning and night *seider*. According to sources familiar with the *shiurim*, female students have been attending them regularly for years with no great fanfare or controversy.

The author of the article

that was responsible for shedding light on this major issue later admitted that he should have consulted with some real women before writing his piece. "I thought it would be sufficient to consult my imaginary friend Moishy, who assured me he has several sisters learning in Beis Yaakov whom he assumed would agree with my arguments," he explained. "I mean I definitely would have preferred to speak to an actual real live woman before publishing my article, but when I stood up at my *makom* and looked around Glueck *beis medresh* I didn't see any."

— ones that are appropriate for women, like collections of *divrei* Torah from our great rabbis and stories of the righteousness and humility of their *rebbezins*."

As the news spread of the existence of a *beit midrash* for women, MYP students seeking *shidduchim* began updating their YUConnects "what I'm looking for" section, explained one of the site's founders. "It seems that this reality of serious women's learning was not widely known, but thanks to the brave article by our courageous MYP *bochur*, men are now reevaluating their priorities and opting to seek out

publication of the article has shed new light on the contentious question of the permissibility of women learning Torah. According to a press release by the administration, until the question is fully resolved by a joint committee of *roshei yeshiva* and a single representative from the "female community," all Torah learning in the Stern *beit midrash* will be indefinitely postponed.

When asked his thoughts about this sensitive issue, an MYP student who wished to remain anonymous remarked, "I think that the real culprit is technology. With the advent of running water and washing machines, women now have time to spend on something other than 'household duties.' I'm deeply disappointed that the *roshei yeshiva* haven't come out against these advances and would then be able to avoid the question of women's *talmud* Torah completely."

Editor's Note: To maintain proper tznius standards, no women were consulted in the writing of this article, but the author would like to think that it adequately represents their viewpoint anyway.

The dialogue that has erupted on the Wilf Campus since the publication of the article has shed new light on the contentious question of the permissibility of women learning Torah.

Nonetheless, upon learning that the women at Stern have their own *beit midrash*, the *bochur* rejoiced. "Having a space for women to learn on a high level is one small step for women, but one giant leap for me and the article I wrote," he said. "My fervent hope and *bracha* is that it will soon be filled with *seforim*

women who appreciate Torah and Judaism just as much as our men do. If nothing else, I can confidently say that we have seen a slight drop in the number of men who turn down a match simply because she learns Torah."

The dialogue that has erupted on the Wilf Campus since the

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heard Lizzo's song 'Boys,' I have been feeling really objectified," said Toni Broth, president of SOY (Straight Oberchuchem Yingelach). "That's m-mash not okay. We need to reintroduce the notion that YU is super macho."

Last week, student council presidents announced they would be abstaining from voting on the approval of the

Meatless Monday club. According to sketchy sources, YCSA President Weib Lieber was reportedly witnessed gulping down hot dogs in the corner of the Glueck *beit midrash*. "How can they expect me to agree with the mission statement of this *shtuss* club," he was overheard remarking, wiping his mustard-stained fingers on his Yachad sweater. "I thought everyone loved

Wieners."

Just last week, TAC President Hella Adler was asked whether she supported a student petition to ban public displays of affection in the Brookdale lounge. "I really don't know what to say," she wrote in a long, heartfelt Facebook post that had no substance whatsoever. "On the one hand, student council presidents are strong advocates for abstinence before

marriage. On the other hand, we need to find a way to incentivize these strong and independent yet tragically single premed girls to go on dates."

According to YSU President Zachylackey Of The Commie Greenberg, student council presidents will also be abstaining from tomorrow's vote on the status of the Quidditch team. "Roshei Yeshiva threatened to leave if we permit this

kishuf," said Greenberg sadly, burning his Harry Potter Purim costume, broomstick and all, in the mysterious fire on 36th Street. "I guess..." he choked, "...abstinence is more important than shtick."

Various media outlets, including Mishpacha Magazine and the NJ Jewish Link, praised the abstinence mentality of YU student council presidents.

From the Vice President's Desk

Greenberg Exposed! — The True Story Behind YSUGate

By **CHRISTOPHER JESUS
(CJ) GLICKSMAN**

It was a cold and dark night. The two men were sitting directly across from each other. One had a look of triumph beginning to spread across his face, the other a look of defeat.

"So you'll step down from the presidency," said President Berman. "You've spent far too much money on the Chanuka Concert. We aren't Goldman Sachs, you know."

"Alright," said President Sacknovitz, finally acquiescing to Berman's demands. "I'll pretend I'm graduating and step down from the presidency." And with one last indignant look at President Berman, Sacknovitz got up and left the room.

"Is he gone?" A sound came from President Berman's office closet.

"Yeah, you can come out now," said Berman. The door to President Berman's closet

opened and out walked Zachary Greenberg, YSU Vice President.

"Thanks so much for your help, Mr. President. He totally bought it."

Berman extended his hand to Zack, "My pleasure — Mr. President."

Zack had done it. He'd bribed President Berman into forcing Ariel Sacknovitz, YSU President, to step down from his position.

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"That's it!" said President Broth, sitting in his dorm room desk chair. "This is ridiculous. Jonathan Schwab has still not dealt with the goat infestation. I can't get these damn billies out of my room!"

Broth suddenly thought of an idea. Ariel Sacknovitz had just graduated, leaving the YSU Presidency to Zachary Greenberg. Perhaps Broth could figure out a way to prevent Zachary Greenberg from assuming the presidency. What better way to take vengeance on Jonathan Schwab, the director of

Student Housing, than to slight one of his precious RAs?

The next day, he and Leib Weiner, president of YCSA, sat for hours, poring over the Wilf Campus Constitution in search of some clause that would disqualify Zack from the presidency.

"I found it!" exclaimed President Weiner. "An RA cannot be President of YSU! Right here in the constitution!"

"Perfect," said Broth. "Let's bring this to the student court."

The Wilf Campus Student Court was in the middle of their daily 2 pm game of Badminton, when Broth and Weiner came running.

"Justice Dolitsky! Justice Dolitsky! Zack Greenberg can't assume the presidency! It says so in the constitution!" President Broth cried.

The judges paused their game, grouped together, and pulled out their pocket Wilf Campus Constitutions.

"He's right," said Justice Jake Stern, pointing to Article VI, Section 12. "It says so right here."

"I'm not sure it's so clear," responded Chief Justice Dolitsky. "It seems clear that he cannot be on the Wilf Campus General Assembly. But the presidency itself? I'm not so sure..."

"For all x, if x Fs, then x Gs ... I'd recommend using it twice..." Justice Sosnowik muttered.

Justice Dolitsky noticed President Broth look quizzically at Justice Sosnowik. "He's truly a man of reason, perhaps the wisest on the court. But he speaks cryptically," Dolitsky remarked.

"Alright, as Justice Sosnowik correctly pointed out, a wrestling match is in order," Dolitsky announced. "The student body cannot know about it, so we will send an email explaining that we will not be holding a public trial. Case dismissed."

The match was held later that afternoon. Greenberg approached the ring, deep in

discussion with Head Coach Rabbi Aharon Binah. His personal sniper, Jared Benjamin, lay in wait, concealed on the top of a nearby building, ready to strike should things go awry. Netiv *bochurim* swarmed the bleachers, chanting "Zack Snack Pack on a Kayak with Crack!" at high volume.

Presidents Broth and Weiner arrived at the ring a minute later, Josh's Joseph and Weisburg trailing at their feet.

Presidents Broth and Weiner stared into Greenberg's eyes from across the ring, preparing for the battle of a century. Greenberg stared back, mostly thinking about what he would eat for dinner that evening. The match began.

Being an expert wrestler since his days on the TABC wrestling team, it took only a few seconds for Greenberg to pin both Broth and Weiner, using only the soles of his feet. He had won. Zachary Greenberg was president of YSU.

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That night, Rubin Floor 7 held a party in honor of President Greenberg's win. As the party died down in the wee hours of the morning and the last stragglers headed to bed, President Greenberg made his way to my room.

"CJ, your plan worked," he said. "We got President Berman to get rid of Sacknovitz, and I became President. All we need now is to assassinate Leib, and you'll become President of YCSA. We'll be co-RAs and co-Presidents. We'll rule the school. We can finally legalize marijuana in the dorms."

As a reader, you must now be wondering "So that's what this is all about? Legalizing marijuana in the dorms?"

Yes, that's what this is all about.

We're coming for you, Leib. Watch your back.



Greenberg proudly showcased his weed collection to The Elevator upon his accession to the YSU presidency.

THE ELEVATOR

Fourth Floor of Gottesman Library Dedicated in Honor of President Ari Berman

By YONATAN KRASINSKI

The fourth floor of the Menachem Mendel Gottesman Library on the Wilf Campus has been dedicated in honor of President Ari Berman and his continued commitment to silence.

The dedication of the fourth floor of the library has been in talks for years. As early as 2017, the silent floor of the library was going to be dedicated in honor of Rabbi Lamm, but the communications department deemed this decision to be too “on the nose.” The committee on the formation of a committee for the rededication of YU spaces did not return a request for comment. However, an anonymous source from the committee on forming committees said that after dedicating the new and improved Tenzer Gardens in honor of President Richard Joel’s efforts to stall YU’s economic growth, the next logical step was to dedicate the silent floor of the library in honor of President Berman.

Since its rededication, student

turnout on the fourth floor has skyrocketed. “While I have never actually seen President Berman in real life,” said Jeremy Gorstein (SSSB ‘20), “going to the fourth floor and dwelling in the silence really allows me to connect to President Berman and the 5 *Torot*: voting for the OIC, making *aliyah*, cutting-edge hi-tech innovation, making a lot of

building floors. The new security office in Strenger Hall was renamed “The Peter A. Weyand Office of Security,” in honor of Weyand’s efforts to bolster security at YU by demonstrating how lax security has been and how breakable the glass doors on campus are, and Nagel Bagel was officially re-dedicated to Philippe C. Starck, acclaimed designer of

be the most prestigious font used in all formal Yeshiva University announcements. Along with an outline of President Berman’s head with the words “Building Tomorrow, Eventually” over where his mouth would be, the years of his term, “2016 - the next YU financial crisis,” and his most important quotation to date, “ ,” are printed below his name.

When asked in person for a quote on this tremendous achievement, President Berman gave his signature smile, mumbled something about anti-Semitism being a bad thing and listed off the five *Torot* before closing his office door. Every other administrator reached out to for comment was unavailable and out of office until graduation on May 26, or thought President Joel was still in charge due to a communications mixup.

“The President Rabbi Doctor Ari Berman floor” will continue to be used for years to come, and students and teachers cannot wait to see what else President Berman will continue to do for the university he cherishes.

“The silence of a hundred working students really connects me to President Berman who has yet to host a town hall meeting or communicate with the outside world.”

—
Jeremy Gorstein (SSSB ‘20)

promises, and not keeping any of them. The silence of a hundred working students really connects me to President Berman, who has yet to host a town hall meeting or communicate with the outside world.”

The success of this initiative has sparked renewed interest in meaningless dedications of

the excruciatingly screechy \$750 aluminum chairs that grace the store.

A plaque dedicated to President Berman’s Floor is hung proudly against the central glass wall that houses the rare book collection. The plaque has President Berman’s name in 105 pt. font in Comic Sans, noted to



A flyer for the re-dedication ceremony of the Gottesman library's fourth floor

SELMA BATMAN

March Scheduled to Protest Straus Center

By **THE REAL
NOGACHEVSKY**

This May, the undergraduate student body will be holding a march to protest the Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought. Since its inception a few years ago, the Straus Center has yet to release a statement on why it actually exists, leaving many students and educators upset, concerned and angry about the lack of clarity surrounding the program.

“Huh?” said Rabbi Kalinsky when asked about what he thought about the march against the Straus Center. “What?” added Rabbi Penner when asked about his thoughts on the Straus Center’s new initiatives. “No way is this a real thing,” said Rabbi Meir “Sully” Soloveitchik, head of the Straus Center, when asked about the Straus Center.

To evaluate student sentiment on the Straus Center, The Elevator ran a scientific poll of the student body, and the results conclusively showed that not holding events on campus and not promoting them to students has been a highly effective strategy to leave students in the dark about the activities of the Straus Center. A whopping 97% of the student body has not attended a single Straus Center lecture or event, and 95% of those students were “highly certain” that the center’s mission has something

to do with the Holocaust.

The organizers of the upcoming march, who happen to be the 3% of undergraduate students who have some working knowledge of the Straus Center, are advocating for five major changes: 1. a statement from the administration clearly stating their own beliefs regarding the Straus Center, 2. the cancellation of all events run by the Straus Center and 99% of their resources to be allocated towards developing more partnerships between undergrad students and Israeli startups, 3. an administrator whose job it is to make sure that the Straus Center stays in line, 4. A comprehensive orientation about the Straus Center for incoming students and why it should be avoided at all costs, and finally, 5. the creation of new undergraduate clubs to promote an atmosphere at YU full of community and belonging to fill the void left behind by the permanent closure of the Straus Center.

“The Straus Center is fulfilling an absolutely crucial role in the future of this institution and all of modern orthodoxy,” insisted President Berman when asked to comment on the potential backlash from the Jewish community that will be caused by the upcoming march. “It has radically advanced the frontiers of Judeo-Christian values and Western thought. Future leaders that the center produces will push the boundaries of what is possible

in extraordinary ways.” When pressed on what extraordinary ways the boundaries of what is possible will, in fact, be pushed, he gestured vaguely at a nearby platter of fresh fruit and chocolate rugelach.

Nevertheless, due to a massive disconnect between the

participants from various other institutions, including but not limited to: the Teaneck Mom’s Facebook group; the entire staff of the Belz School of Music; Cabe, Sofia and Marcus — representing the dining staff — as well as every random person somehow in the 5 Towns Rides WhatsApp

The student body has already secured a permit to march in the Danziger Quadrangle and police barriers have been set up to contain the chaos that will inevitably ensue.

powers that be and the desires of the student body, the march will move forth. The student body has already secured a permit to march in the Danziger Quadrangle and police barriers have been set up to contain the chaos that will inevitably ensue.

“What the hell is a Quadrangle?” asked a very confused Senior VP Rabbi Josh “JoJo” Joseph, when asked to comment on how he thought the march would turn out based on the tiny space allocated for a protest of a student body 1,800 students strong.

The student body will be distributing flags with the Straus Center logo sporting a big red X over it and t-shirts bearing the slogan “Undergrads are the real Center.” The turnout promises to be huge, with at least 50 YU students and over 2,000

group and all the *goyim* who sell jewelry in YU Marketplace. They are all turning out and turning up for what they believe is a cause worth fighting for.

“Yeah I’m pretty pumped to take down the Bastion of Hate known as the Straus Center,” commented the ghost of Fred Phelps, noted leader of the Westboro Baptist Church, as he put on his anti-Straus Center swag and prepared to let loose on the heathens of Yeshiva University. “I don’t know much about what they actually do, but a Google search told me that its mission statement encourages YU students to be Modern Orthodox, intellectual leaders who are well-versed in both Torah and the Western canon. I’m unequivocally against Judaism, Torah and Western culture, so count me in!”

Stomp Out the Stigma To Combine with Sephardic Mega Selichot

By **RABBI ELIJAH
L’CHAIM**

In order to consolidate funds and promote student inclusion on campus, the Office of Student Life and the YU administration have decided to start combining large student-run events in the hope that this will bring new groups together and show donors just how unique and diverse

our university can be.

The first crossover event will take place next fall, with the combination of Sephardic Mega Selichot (SMS) and Stomp Out the Stigma (SOTS). Planning has already begun over half a year in advance with the creation of seven committees and 15 sub-committees to handle all numerous logistics of combining the hugely popular mental health event and the enormous co-ed

selichot featuring shofars, tons of yodeling, *al chets*, and two truck-loads of lachmagine.

The format will involve 20 minutes of speaker time allotted to SOTS and then another 20 minutes for the Mega Selichot. Along with the distribution of pamphlets containing important mental health resources and letters to all the SOTS speakers, the SOTSSMS attendees will receive a free custom-made *tallit* and

an all-you-can-eat coupon to Colbeh.

“This huge mega combo event will bring awareness to mental health on campus and showcase the beautiful Sephardic culture that we *ashkenazim* truly understand and appreciate,” said Senior VP Josh Joseph as he cut the ribbon on the dedication of the new

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To Preempt LGBTQ Club Agenda, RIETS Bans Same-Sex Dancing

By ZACHARIAH NASH

In a pivotal move to halt The YU Alliance's agenda, RIETS and the Office of Student Strife have banned same-sex dancing at all YU events on all campuses. Going forward, all dancing must be mixed.

"We know what the Alliance is really after," said Director of RIETS Rabbi Perry Homowitz about the change. "What they really want is dozens of sweaty men or women holding hands and walking in a circle. But it will never happen! Not in Orthodoxy! The Purim *chagigahs* will be integrated and any same-sex circles forming will be disbanded. Any *mechitzahs* found at the Yom Haatzmaut *chagigah* will be taken down faster than a Brookdale elevator."

The YU Alliance, a student group that advocates for the inclusion and acceptance of LGBTQ students at YU, has met resistance from students and *roshei yeshiva* alike. "Yeah, maybe

Rabbi Willig should stop advocating conversion therapy, but what's next?" said one student who commented on the condition of anonymity so as not to ruin his *shidduch* prospects. "First we need to condemn fraudulent and abusive interventions, next they're gonna demand Rabbi Schachter officiate at same-sex weddings! We cannot give in to any of this assault on our values."

The group, which has thus far been denied approval as an official student club, has faced skepticism from some regarding their claim that they do not seek to change *halacha*. "Every club has a *halachic* agenda! Do you seriously believe the Alliance doesn't want to change *halacha*?!" said a *rosh yeshiva* who accidentally left his recorder on after *shiur*. "Do you also think Haircuts for Hope isn't seeking to be *mevatel* the *halachos* of *payos*? Next you'll *taina* that the Baking Club isn't trying to be *mattir chadash* and *pas akum*. Don't be so naïve! They're all *passul*!"

To protect our holy

yeshiva from these relentless attacks on our foundational beliefs, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Tanach Seminary (RIETS) has been introducing some new initiatives to make *yeshiva* "less gay." Besides for the new ban on same-sex dancing, every Shabbat will now feature a group of ten women from Stern who will make sure to keep all Shabbat programming on the Wilf campus strictly heterosexual. Men will no longer be permitted to give the *dvar torah* after minyan.

An official statement from Dean of Students Evan Kotell explained that while "there is no strictly *halachic* problem with a man giving the *dvar torah* after minyan," a *yeshiva* must hold itself to a higher standard. "It's not appropriate to have a man speaking in front of other men in a *yeshiva* environment. If someone wants men to be able to give *divrei torah*, they should go to a community minyan."

There are also changes being made in facilities. The Benjamin Gottesman

Pool — which used to be accessible exclusively to men — can now only be entered with a buddy of the opposite sex. A man will be required to be in the back Brookdale lounge throughout the entire night. All *batei midrash* will be closed at 8:00 p.m. in order to force *bochurim* to go to the Gottesman Library — where there are women — instead.

Asked if it would be more practical to let women come to night seder, Rabbi Homowitz replied, "Men and women using the pool together is one thing, but learning in the same *yeshiva* together is way beyond the pale."

In the future, the *yeshiva* will only learn *seder nashim*. To avoid any gay symbolism, Parshat Noach has been excised from all *sifrei torah* on campus, and optics has been eliminated from the physics curriculum.

Despite these new initiatives, some students remain unsatisfied. "Maintaining separate campuses and colleges is just too gay," protested Tovah Yoshor (SCW '22).

"I think I might transfer to Columbia or Penn; they're much more heterosexual. I hear everything is co-ed and it's just normal."

So You Think Stern Can Dance has been forced to accept men into the club and is currently preparing to perform a Latin dance routine at the Skyline Championship halftime show, sponsored by Kedem grape juice. YCDS and SCDS have merged, and all characters will only be played by someone of the opposite sex. Their production of Rent will be opening in late March.

In response to these new policies, Keshet Prideman (SSSBTQ+ '21), the president of the YU Alliance, commented, "People always ask why I go to YU if I'm gay. I've realized they were right; YU is too straight now to ever include someone like me. I've therefore decided to transfer to Landers. I hear that over there you never even need to see someone of the opposite sex. It sounds like a much better fit for me."

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wall separating the Sephardic Beit Midrash from the rest of the Morgenstern building. "I personally cannot wait to hear each SOTS story while I chow down on some koobideh and joujeh and use my vocal chords in ways I never could have imagined."

Although there has been some lukewarm student sentiment towards the idea of "combo-events," including multiple petitions, a march and a lot of angry flyers posted around the Wilf and Beren campuses, it eventually dawned on students

that administration approval is all that matters, so the events will be moving forward as planned.

"I tried to get to the bottom of why the school started combining events," said Shlomio Friedburger in a grainy video call from what looked like a darkened room in the Glueck Cellar, "but as soon as I started asking questions, subtle and not-so-subtle threats from certain administrators sent me into hiding. I will probably have to remain in this room until the next massive administrative turnover."

Other students are pleased with the changes. "I get free

broadway tickets, excellent access to the counseling center, unreal food, some dope singing, and I already found at least 10 future dentists and doctors who are offering me sick discounted prices for my healthcare — what is there not to love?" commented Kalman Greundenfeld as he chowed down on three gondi.

An anonymous source who requested that we not use a very obvious fake name like Wash Jeisberg said, "Off the record, there are at least four more combo events coming soon, including a DIY Chassidic Co-ed Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball

Tournament, a Women's-Only Tisch with Rav Schachter at the new monkey exhibition in the Museum of Natural History and a 'Ben Torah in the Workplace' Paint Night sponsored by the Career Center."

Added Jeisberg, "Don't quote me on this, but the upcoming Chag HaSemikhah is being planned in conjunction with a recently approved LGBTQ Safe Space event in the spring. I think LGBTQ students will find that the Chag HaSemikhah is actually maybe the safest place on campus, so we're expecting everything to go smoothly."

President Berman Emerges From Belfer, Six More Weeks of Winter

By **PHILLIP
PUNXSUTAWN**

February 2 was a beautiful day in the neighborhood. The sun was bright, the breeze was cool and that signature smell in the streets of Washington Heights was pleasantly absent.

President Ari Berman decided to take advantage of the fabulous day and venture outside. Since September, Berman had been securely barricaded in his bunker on the twelfth floor of Belfer Hall, with a year's supply of Golan and teriyaki salmon. Here, Berman was safe from probing student journalists, humanities majors, expectations of substantial leadership and the gay agenda. The location was secured by a network of broken elevators promising to trap anyone who dared attempt to ascend the building.

However, for the first time, the outside beckoned to him. The howling winds over the decrepit wasteland that was once Tenzer Gardens called his name. "President Berman! Or is it Rabbi Berman? What? We're supposed to call him Dr. Berman? That doesn't make sense. I'm just gonna stick with PRDAB."

Under the impression that the coast was clear, President Berman determined it safe to walk about openly on campus. President Berman entered the elevator on the twelfth floor which then promptly free fell to the first floor. As President Berman wandered outside, the shadow of a student coming from Rubin began to appear. Jolted, Berman quickly retreated back inside Belfer, and hid behind the security desk.

According to RIETS, *choref zman* will continue for six more weeks.



A poster promoting the Groundhog Day event starring President Berman and Selma Batman

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Chop Chop to Abandon Chinese Menu, Become Pizzeria

By GENERAL TSO

Early Monday morning, Matt “Hashem bless you” Chan, the owner of Chop Chop — YU’s most popular Chinese restaurant, if only because Golden City doesn’t count — announced that, following the success of pizzerias Lake Como and Grandma’s and the subsequent opening of 8 Slices, he would be turning his restaurant into a pizzeria as well. He also announced that, with the switch from Chinese to pseudo-Italian cuisine, he would be changing his name to Matteo Bergliacci.

“It-a only seemed like-a the natural next step for-a this restaurant,” Bergliacci said, gesticulating wildly while giving his quote in a very obviously fake Italian accent.

Moments after Bergliacci announced the news in a Facebook post, Golan Heights and Burgers and Grill put up signs declaring that they would be following suit and also converting their restaurants to pizzerias. Students

across campus had varying reactions.

“Before you know it, every darn restaurant in this city is going to become a pizzeria!” said one anonymous student, before hearing about Golan and Burgers and Grill, sighing, and adding, “I spoke too soon, didn’t I?”

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“I like pizza, so I think this is a good change of pace,” said Mary Intercampus. “Five pizzerias within a two minute radius of each other, in my opinion, is too few pizzerias. We’re going to need more.”

In a surprise announcement later that afternoon, Subaba, a defunct sandwich store that used to be open on 187th and Amsterdam, told the Elevator

that they too would be reopening their doors, this time to serve pizza. The owner of One Stop Kosher, a store whose lack of expiration dates and toasty 65 degree refrigeration area put it out of business earlier this year, announced the same five minutes later — along with a rebrand-

ing: “Just Kosher Pizza.” Yeshiva University Dining Services followed suit later that evening.

“We are pleased to announce that henceforth, the only food that will be legally allowed to be served in New York City is pizza,” stated Mayor Bill de Blasio in a conference early Tuesday morning that was originally supposed to be about the new plastic bag ban. De Blasio cited the changes

on Yeshiva University’s campus as the inspiration for the cuisine change. Governor Andrew Cuomo, who wasn’t even supposed to be at the conference in the first place, got up after him and announced that the change would actually be affecting all of New York State.

“I’m-a not-a sure what-a I have-a done here,” stated Bergliacci in response to the Governor’s announcement, continuing his exaggerated Italian stereotype. “I-a only wanted-a to follow the-a band-a-wagon and serve-a pizza. It-a was-a never my-a intention to cause-a all this.”

By Wednesday, Donald Trump, in an executive order, forced all states to only allow pizza to be served both at restaurants and at home. The United Nations, following suit, made a declaration that any restaurant caught not serving pizza would be forced to appear before the International Criminal Court and pay reparations to the global community, among other punishments.

Elevator Editor Asks for the Time, Panic Ensues

By TIMMY Z. MANN

Last Tuesday, chaos ensued when an Elevator editor asked if anyone had the time, catching unsuspecting students and passersby off-guard. One student, in a desperate attempt to avoid the editor’s invasive inquiry, was sighted riding the Gottesman Library elevator up and down for three and a half hours until it simply gave up, parked itself firmly on floor “C” and took a nap for a while.

Elevator Editor-in-Chief Ari Hershey was on his way to his Sy Syms School of Business class “Disguising Theft as a Meal Plan” when he got caught up in a human traffic jam in front of the Belfer elevators. Due to a free-fall and a spontaneous combustion, only one elevator was in service,

and that elevator was stuck on the 13th floor. After a few minutes, the elevator began to descend, only to go to the basement and skip the first floor on the way back up.

Worried he would be late for class, Hershey asked, “Does anyone have the time?”, and a paranoid frenzy immediately ensued. The crowd scattered, leaving a plume of dust in the lobby of Belfer. Outside, there was a trail of abandoned watches and cell phones that people shed during their escape. Within minutes, the entire campus was deserted.

Students have been known to take extreme measures to avoid Elevator editors. Some students only take stairs in order to avoid the Elevator’s constant monitoring of all elevators on campus. Others only go out publicly to areas Elevator

editors are known to avoid, such as YU sporting events or the beit midrash.

As the news began to spread that an Elevator editor was asking “too many questions,” many club heads frantically sent messages to their boards, reminding them not to answer media inquiries without express permission. One student, who was at the scene, reportedly started asking everyone he knew, “Do you know anyone at The Elevator? I think they’re writing an article about the time. It might be published any minute now! Can you please ask them to hold off?!” The student councils on both campuses are working on a unanimous press release about the time to be released later this week.

As of the time of publication, the administration has

also refused to answer the Elevator’s inquiries. President Ari Berman forgot his email password back in October and has not responded to anything since. When asked for the time, Senior Vice President Josh Joseph said that he has formed a committee of physicists, historians and rabbis to determine what time it should be at YU, but they are not ready to make a decision just yet. Upon follow-up, Vice President Joseph fled to Israel for asylum.

Some roshei yeshiva were willing to discuss the time with their shiur privately, but only once all recording devices were turned off.

One student, who commented on the condition of anonymity due to fear of reprisal by the administration, The Seforim Sale, and The Sneaker Club, told the Elevator, “It’s 3:06 p.m.”

Prof. Carmy, Brilliant Educator, and Reb Tintin Quarantino to Co-produce R-Rated 'Police Philosopher'

By **SGT. DONNY
DONOWITZ**

In a radical move that Caramites (devout followers of Professor Carmy, not to be confused with Karaites) have been awaiting for over 30 years, Prof. Shalom Carmy has completed talks on a deal with the famous director, Reb Tintin Quarantino, to create a brand new Amazon Prime version of his hit show, "Police Philosopher."

Prof. Carmy devised the idea of Police Philosopher early in his career, but it was only recently, with the rise of TV streaming services and the ability to get literally any show idea passed, that he found a niche to bring

his show to life. "It might not be as popular as The Masked Singer or Rav Efreim Goldberg's shiurim on YUTorah," noted Carmy, "but I think that adding a gory aspect to my show will really make it stand out."

Career Center for guidance on how to find a suitable director for the job. After 65 fifteen-minute walk-in meetings, 45 follow-up emails and the Career Center declaring Prof. Carmy's resume completely inadequate, they

his talents to work in shechita and Jewish community work, but the self-described "mensch" decided that writing films for the industry was where his real talent lay. After winning "Most Original Story" at the Mesivta Awards for his ground-breaking "H8full Ate," — a remake of "The Magnificent Se7en," which itself was a remake of "Se7en Samurai" — Quarantino decided that bringing Police Philosopher to life was his next big challenge.

"The idea of a police philosopher was very similar to Sherlock Holmes, Psych, and other shows with random specialists coming in to help the cops," Quarantino

After getting his semicha from RIETS in 2012, Quarantino put his talents to work in shechita and Jewish community work, but the self-described "mensch" decided that writing films for the industry was where his real talent lay.

That's where Quarantino comes in. When Carmy first decided to turn his idea into a reality, he reached out to the

were finally able to put him in touch with Quarantino.

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Prof. Carmy and Quarantino discuss the nitty-gritty aspects of "Police Philosopher" in the Rubin Caf.

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PERHAPS TOO ACCURATE."

— SELMA BATMAN



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pointed out. "The challenge we had was to take an old idea and make it explode. Adding my expertise will allow this show to add some more intense action sequences, deepen the plot and give the show a spicy flair that it may have lacked before. It is the battle of our generation to make content that younger

generations will love and I think teaming up with Prof. Carmy to give the people what they want will really ensure that this project becomes a hit."

Prof. Carmy is also excited about the possibilities of what this show can offer the undergraduate student body. "I think too often we get stuck in sources, lectures and old fashioned ideas," he said. "Creating a live-action Police Philosopher with Quarantino will teach students

about the nitty gritty aspects of philosophy and make a great show about the life of a cop in NYC."

In anticipation of the show's success, Quarantino and Prof. Carmy are already coming up with sequel and spin-off pitches. "My favorite idea that Tintin and I came up with is a show titled 'Reservoir Dogs Butcher Schrodinger's Cat,'" Prof. Carmy remarked. "Anything to teach young strapping lads the ways

of philosophy."

The R-rated version of Police Philosopher is due to make a splash in August 2020. Quarantino and Prof. Carmy will be given the Partners of the Year Awards by the Career Center and clips from the show will be streamed through the new, extremely useful televisions placed in the Belfer lobby, the 245 lobby and the second floor of Glueck Beit Midrash.

Roshei Yeshiva Propose Takana Against Bracha on Rainbow

**By NOACH
ARKSTEIN**

On Sunday morning, Feb. 23, following a thunderstorm that saw kippot and black hats flying over Wilf Campus, the Glueck and Fischel batei midrash were in a frenzy when a rainbow appeared in the sky. For centuries, Jews have recited a bracha upon seeing a rainbow. However, once it dawned on the roshei yeshiva in late 2009 that the rainbow colors were associated with the LGBTQ movement, they began scrambling to find a halachic precedent for people to stop saying this bracha.

The commotion started when Rav Yonatan Dovid

posed a shaila to his shiur. "Talmidim, I hope none of you got soaked," said the esteemed rabbi. "After the storm, I saw a rainbow, a helige keshes. However, it has been desecrated by this group of so-called activists who blatantly announce their intention

of normal seder today I have prepared mekoiros for a takana to stop saying this hateful bracha."

The remarks were recorded by shiur assistant Ruben Morgenstern (SSSB '22) and uploaded to YUTorah, and within minutes, the story was

"I didn't mean to cause rebbe this motzei sheimra on him, but I thought the topic was interesting and I wanted to be mi-farseim Torah." When asked whether LGBTQ students are also part of YU, Morgenstern covered his ears and shouted that

this move and will take decisive action, up to and including filing seven different complaints, lawsuits, and reports with every NYC department that responds to us. We also plan on creating mini rainbows around campus with our 'Science is Fun' kid's science experiment kit, which we were able to purchase thanks to a generous donation from JQY."

The student council presidents, scrambling to release their own unanimously agreed upon statement regarding the ban, sent the following in an email to the entire student body: "We've been informed that some students are being told that some think that it is not necessarily appropriate to say a bracha on the rainbow at this time. We hope this leads to a conversation between the administration and the student body, and the best we can do is just stay out of it while we work on more pressing matters like our upcoming virtual Spring 2020 Chanukah Concert Bash with 20% more cool and inoffensively colored lights, as well as a surprise guest." Several sources confirmed to The Elevator that the surprise guest is exactly who you're expecting.

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to include all students at YU as members of this institution. When I saw the rainbow today, all I could think about were those people chanting about being part of YU, too, and I simply couldn't say zocheir habris. In lieu

covered by publications The Forward, Jewish Press, Haaretz, Tablet Magazine, Hamodia, The Bina Bunch and Al Jazeera News.

Morgenstern quickly apologized for erroneously uploading the shiur.

his rebbe made him sign a non-disclosure agreement barring him from talking with the newspaper.

The Elevator obtained a copy of the mekorot sheet, which was immaturately titled "Chukas Hagayim." It contained not a single actual halachik source but rather 613 pictures of rainbows being used at various pride parades throughout the country, as well as the word "toeviah" written 11 times in a row.

In a statement, the YU Alliance admonished the remarks. "This is the logical next step of the administration's anti-LGBTQ agenda, and we can't say we didn't see it coming," the Alliance wrote in their statement. "The Alliance condemns



The Jewish rainbow blessing may soon be banned.

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Roshei Yeshiva Draft Articles of Impeachment Against Berman

By THE KGB

The Roshei Yeshiva of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) began debate on Monday ahead of a historic vote on two articles of impeachment against God-King Ari Berman, charging him with the high crime and misdemeanor of appointing Dr. Aaron Kooler as Rosh Kollel of the Kollel Elyon and a rosh yeshiva in RIETS, The Elevator has learned.

The vote is expected to fall almost entirely along party lines, between the Kefira Kaukaus and the Bnei Yeshiva, underscoring the deep divide among the Roshei Yeshiva on Berman's general conduct.

Upon his appointment to the Rosh Kollel position, Kooler announced an innovative division of Judaic dogma into four distinct Torot: the Jahwist, the Elohist, the Priestly Source, and the Deuteronomist.

"Ever since I was a

little boy, I always wanted to become a rosh yeshiva. All hail God-King Berman! He answered a little boy's prayers," Kooler said, choking back tears.

The vote, expected in the early afternoon, would result in a trial next month by the deans of the secular colleges that comprise Yeshiva University — and Syms. The deans have shown little interest in removing God-King Berman from office,

God-King Berman has called the impeachment process an "attempted coup" and a "total sham." "Can you believe that I will be impeached today by the RaDicAl RiGht, Do NoThiNg RoShEi YeShiVa, AND i DID NOTHING WRONG! Sad!," Berman tweeted on Sunday at 2:30 a.m. "Our university's finances have never been better! I'd love to see sleepy Rav Schachter run a university."

"I don't know if there should be a university in the first place," Rav Schachter, the



God-King Berman and Rav Kooler pose for propaganda.

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previous Rosh Kollel and de facto leader of the Bnei Yeshiva, replied. "They ask at the beginning of Maseches Brachos: How could Dovid Hamelech know the time of *chatzos* if Moshe Rabbeinu himself did not know it? *Ein hacha nami!* Even though Moshe Rabbeinu knew the time of midnight he told Paroiy that he didn't know. From here we learn that sometimes when I say 'I don't know' I really

do know. That being said, it's a good question! Who knows?"

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— PRDAB

Rabbi Shalom Carrrrrrmy, who was not asked for comment, philosophized, "From a philosophical standpoint, the GLBT agenda which Mr. Kooler professes is quite queer ... in the yeshiva since 1863; still not a philosopher-king ... 74 roshei Yeshiva and they couldn't spare another spot?! ... I once dunked on Rav

Aharon Lichtenstein ... Schrodinger's cat wrote a *peirush* on the Rambam ... I occasionally talk to satyrs in my dreams ... *Osama is Obama...* camels have three eyelids."

Toni Broth, president of SOY, reflected on his own prospects of impeachment from the left-leaning student council. "The Commies are clearly trying to push back with their propaganda against the Bnei Yeshiva for our legitimate grievances against Berman. I am not a crook," he commented. Broth later confessed to The Elevator — off the record — that he is indeed a crook. "I'm stealing your money — fools! Don't quote me on that," he shouted in the Rubin caf after explaining how Olaf from Frozen is his spirit animal. As of the time of publication, Broth was last seen trying to convince people that he actually went to Gush before entering an elevator, never to emerge.



Members of the Kefira Kaukaus dance to the appointment of Dr. Kooler. Rabbi Blau is not amused.

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Disgraced Public Figures Continue to Congratulate Basketball Team

By **BARN A-ROOF**

A number of controversial and morally compromised figures sent their well wishes to the YU basketball team, congratulating them on their phenomenal season, following Robert Kraft's lead. In a perhaps unsurprising move, seeing the subject line "Go YU Maccabees!", President Ari Berman immediately sent the videos along to his mass emailing list titled "Things That Could Get Me In Trouble If I Send, But Screw It I'm Da Prez," before forwarding them to his favorite students and their parents.

Following the spa-gate scandal and having his poster and truly profound words subsequently

removed from the walls of YU, Robert Kraft tried to salvage his once moderately-good-guy persona by congratulating the basketball team on their record-breaking season. Jumping on the bandwagon, Bill Cosby, Harvey Weinstein, Louis CK, Barry Bonds and Jeffrey Epstein sent along their congratulations in a

bid to earn back some degree of their former glory.

Broadcasting from a prison cell, Bill Cosby sent his congratulatory remarks in his signature goofy tone. "You Jews did a superty-bop-bop job hoopin and scoopin the rockety-rock," he remarked brightly. Continuing in a more serious tone, he added,

"First of all, just to clear up the confusion, I didn't necessarily not kill myself, but I wouldn't be caught dead admitting to having not been lying when I said that. But more importantly, go Yeshiva!"

—
Jeffrey Epstein

"But if any of you plan on going to law school, get me out of here!"

Harvey Weinstein and Louis CK sent a joint video of congratulations, but their remarks were flagged by the FCC for containing expletives and grotesque references, and thus the congratulatory message was five minutes of "bleeps" and contained only two and half coherent words: "***** Go Macs."

Barry Bonds offered congratulatory remarks, but also added that "if any Maccabees were looking to take their game to the next level, I have the solution."

Broadcasting from the depths of *gehenom*, Jeffrey Epstein commented, "First of all, just to clear up the confusion, I didn't necessarily not kill myself, but I wouldn't be caught dead admitting to having not been lying when I said that." He quickly added, "But more importantly, go Yeshiva!"

When reached for comment, administrators seemed unsure why President Berman had sent out the videos. Vice President Josh Joseph, having just returned from a month-long vacation in the Bahamas, explained in a closed-door off-the-record meeting with "no recording devices allowed" that "because none of the figures had any connection to the LGBTQ community, it was decided that their congratulatory remarks wouldn't be too controversial. Plus, it's the Macs. What's controversial about that?"

In a statement, YU's Office of Communication added that "these figures will soon grace our new 'Building Tomorrow Today' posters. We're so proud of the YU Maccabees, and the praise they've received from such well-known and highly-regarded figureheads is proof of the tremendous *kiddush Hashem* they create by winning a lot. They truly represent the best this institution has to offer. Did I mention how proud we are of them?"



Bill Cosby decided to show his support for the Macs from the dark recesses of prison.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN

Yeshiva University Announces First 'Dependent' School Newspaper: The Promoter

**By THE WOMEN OF
VOLOZHIN YESHIVA**

Yeshiva University announced the arrival of a third school newspaper: The Promoter. Spearheaded by God-King Rabbi President Dr. Mr. Lord Ari Berman, VP of Communications Doron Stern and all 31 Roshei Yeshiva, The Promoter was initiated in an effort to combat the "venomous, false and anti-Torah U'Madda reporting by The Elevator and The Observer Tabloids," students were told via email March 6.

The announcement of The Promoter comes weeks after student newspapers reported about events happening around campus, such as the denial of an LGBTQ club and various elevator malfunctions. Reports on campus news and administrative failures have sparked controversy amongst the YU administration and students enrolled in the Yeshiva Program Mazer School of Talmudic Studies (YP).

"The Elevator and The Observer are simply focused on the wrong things," Stern tweeted to both school newspapers. "YU is building the next generation of Jewish leaders and investment bankers, has an innovation lab, Torah U'Madda and Marco. Frankly, the concern for these other things is telling of the fake news agenda of the student-run magazines."

Students on The Elevator and The Observer's editorial boards have expressed dissatisfaction at the

introduction of The Promoter.

"We are fighting the good fight," Observer editor-in-chief Maya Lee Mendels remarked. "YU is sexist, ageist, racist, absurdist and speciest, yet we are the only students willing to reveal it. The editorial board of The Observer, as well

reporting." According to Hamantaschen's comprehensive analysis of an undergraduate student survey, of the over 2,000 undergraduate YU students, nearly 1.3% can read and understand ideas contrary to their own, so The Elevator expects to keep their audience of readers.

to get Government Funding and Still be a Sectarian University," "Breaking news: This is a *dvar Torah*," by Rabbi Herschel Schachter, and "I am a YP student and I DO go to *shiur*," by Rabbi Jeremy Wieder.

Funding for the planned 14-yearly issues of The Promoter is

pressed further, God-King Rabbi President Dr. Mr. Lord Berman elaborated, "For starters, the YU caf prices were far too low, so we had to raise them. Then we saw that Stern College for Women had an excess of funding for their art program, and we value Torah U'Madda not Torah U'Art — right?

According to its Facebook page, The Promoter's mission is to "promote the propaganda you want while hiding the coverage nobody needs."



God-King Rabbi President Dr. Mr. Lord Ari Berman showing off his new power hairstyle as he rips up a copy of The Elevator

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as the boards of the YU Democrats, the Feminists and The YU Alliance all vehemently oppose YU's efforts to combat our reporting."

"The stats are not on YU's side," Elevator editor-in-chief Avior Hamantaschen argued. "The Promoter is not sustainable because students gravitate towards true, 'authentic'

According to its Facebook page, The Promoter's mission is to "promote the propaganda you want while hiding the coverage nobody needs." Various Roshei Yeshiva and Beren and Wilf student leaders are signed up as staff writers. Upcoming articles include "Our Basketball Team Won. What a *kidush Hashem*," "How

estimated to be about \$60,000, according to Dean of Sy Syms School of Business Noam Wasserman. When asked where the finances for this project came from, God-King Rabbi President Dr. Mr. Lord Berman explained, "Well, we saw what was not working on the YU campus and decided to make some necessary cuts." When

So we cut from that program, too. However, we really attained the finances when we stopped investing in those elevators that never worked anyway!"

The Promoter has been endorsed by the Orthodox Israel Coalition and Senator Chuck Schumer. Its first issue is set to be released Feb. 30, 2021.

Original Manuscript of YU Student Constitution Found In Qumran Caves

By YIGAL YADIN

The archeological community was stunned earlier this week when a document now widely believed to be the original manuscript of the YU Student Constitution was discovered by Bedouins in the Qumran caves, where the original Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the early 1940s.

"I can't believe it," said archeologist Washington Heights Jones. "This will hopefully clear up so much about the rules of Yeshiva University."

The person who discovered the Constitution, who wishes to remain anonymous, says that he went into the cave to get out of the sun, and almost used the ancient scroll to wipe the sweat off his face before he realized what it was. He further commented that he's not sure if he made the right call to not use it, as from what he hears from students,

the Constitution is pretty much worthless anyways.

Researchers in the YU Library, largely consisting of students of Professor Aaron Koller, now have control over the manuscript, as they pore through it trying to interpret what exactly it means.

"I wish I had the tools to decipher this, but the university hasn't offered Intro to Bible in three semesters," said student researcher Isaac Breuer-College (IBC '22).

Breuer-College further told The Elevator that it is widely believed among the researchers that several of the phrases and characters that appear in the manuscript refer to people in the institution today. For example, the "*moreh tzedek*" that appears several times in the manuscript could be talking about Dr. Moshe Bernstein, while the "*kohen harasha*" and "*ish ha'latzon*" refer to Vice President Josh Joseph and President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, respectively. The last

one was made even more apparent by the discovery of markings over the phrase "*ish ha'latzon*" that, when viewed under a microscope, looked like they were written as "PR DAB."

"What also makes this easy is that it seems to be easily divided into five sections, which the university's legal team and the president's office told us we're obligated to call *Torot*," added Breuer-College. "There are also these references peppered throughout to '*benei or*,' '*benei belia'al*,' and '*benei choshech*,' which we believe to be referring to the student government, the Official YU Meme page, and Touro University — we're just not sure which is which at the moment."

While the team is not done interpreting it yet, they were surprised to note that, much like the current form of the Constitution, the original manuscript is mostly contradictions, mistakes and vague phraseology. Several student leadership positions are

mentioned once and never again, and it is unclear from the document whether The Elevator is banned from campus or is in charge of all student life funding. Breuer-College stated that this was to be expected from a document related to the university.

As of right now, the student government is waiting for the full translation with commentary to be published before making any major decisions. The Bible department, meanwhile, has commented that they have no plans at this moment to add the Constitution to any syllabi, as they want to keep the difficulty of classes in the department at a reasonable level.

"Honestly, I've looked at the thing and I'm surprised the students are making any headway into it at all," said Professor Angel (it doesn't matter which one). "I wouldn't wish the task of transcribing this on my worst enemy."

GPATS Unveils New Baking and Tznius Track

By BASYA JACOBSON

In conformance with its long-stated mission to be an advanced Bais Yaakov for future housewives, GPATS is adding to its current Talmud and Tanach tracks with a new "Baking and Tznius" track.

Instead of a *talmud*-based morning *seider* in the *beit midrash*, *talmidot* will have morning *seider* in the new kitchen facilities in Schottenstein Hall, where they will make their way through all the "Kosher by Design" cookbooks. Advanced students will also complete "The Silver Platter" and "Perfect Flavors". There's an optional night *seider bekius* program as well in "The Bais Yaakov

Cookbook."

Afternoon *halacha* seder will focus exclusively on the laws of *tznius* — the only area of *halacha* deemed relevant to women. Instead of relevant *su-gyos* in Brachos and Kiddushin, *talmidot* will study from "Oz V'Hadar Levusha," "Halichos Bas Yisroel," and that random pamphlet from your morah in Bais Yaakov.

Director of GPATS Nechama Price explained that this was long overdue. "It should be a necessity to have a Baking and Tznius track, especially because a lot of our students plan to go into housewifery or *chinuch*, including teaching *tznius* after GPATS. The opportunity to seriously study baking *b'chavruta* under expert scholars is something

uniquely special."

"This is what GPATS has always been intended to be. It was only due to shortage in facilities that we've been begrudgingly forced to teach women high-level *talmud* and *halacha*. But I'm glad this has finally been rectified," elaborated GPATS *rebbe* Rabbi Kahn. "After over 30 years dedicated to teaching women advanced *talmud*, I can finally return to my passion of baking."

Some, however, were not pleased. "It's not *assur* per se to teach women baking and *tznius*," commented RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Kahn, "but I'm not sure they're learning it for the right reasons."

Now that *talmud* and *tanach* have been safely reclaimed from the clutches of uppity women,

RIETS has also expanded its curriculum to include a Tanach track. "We couldn't have a Tanach track before, because Tanach was for women," explained RIETS Director Yaakov Schenirer while affixing a "NO GIRLZ ALLOWED" sign to the Glueck Beit Midrash. "But now that women have been rightfully relegated to baking and *tznius*, it is safe to teach *tanach* in our sacred masculine space of the *yeshiva*."

When prospective RIETS student Mo Kadosh (MYP '20) was approached with this new possibility of a *talmud*-free Tanach track, he laughed. "No one will ever take a *yeshiva* program seriously if it's not based in *talmud* study," commented Kadosh. "You might as well go to IBC."

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