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## Student Government 73-74 Elected; Committees Established to Aid Students

By H. Alan Schnall

The Student Government is a student initiated body which assumes the responsibility for coordinating and budgeting student activities, committees, and clubs. Elections were held in early November for positions in the Student Government, and elected without opposition were: Joel Kaplan-President, Shmuel Winzelberg-Vice President, Jack Miles-Secretary, and H. Alan Schnall-Treasurer. Quite disappointing was the lack of interest demonstrated by the upperclassmen in this election—only one upperclassman ran for office.

Elections for the Student Council were held simultaneously and three members from each class were elected to the Council. The freshmen representatives elected were Chaim Chaimowitz, Danny Lander, and Steven Stern. Sophomores elected to the Council were Ruvan Cohen, Ben Katz, and Micky Rosen. Mendy Hertz, Jules Leventhal, and Leibel Wolfe were the juniors elected to the Council.

The major goal of the Student Government, in conjunction with the Student Council, will be to instill in the student body a sense of interest, unity, and general concern. The students themselves must make major contributions for the ultimate goal of Touro College to be realized: the establishment of a high quality, intimate college which would fuse Jewish tradition with Western culture.

The Student Government, working with the administration, has been allotted a budget whose monies come mainly from Student Activity Fees. In the past, many activities have been sponsored by the Government, and several committees have been established to continue in this vein.

1) **Athletic Activities Committee**—This committee will organize and coordinate extra-curricular athletic activities. The members of this committee will attempt to foster student interest and participation in sports. The Hockey Team is the major product of this committee to date. Chaim Chaimowitz, Ruvan Cohen, and Ben Katz are the co-chairmen of this committee.

2) **Clubs Committee**—The members of this committee will aid in the formation of any clubs in which there is sufficient student interest. A debating society and a literary journal are but two of the major considerations of this committee. Danny Lander and Steven Stern are co-chairing this committee.

3) **Interorganization Committee**—This committee has been established to maintain communication with various organizations involved in areas of Touro student interest. Through this committee, students are informed about rallies, social gatherings, and seminars which will be taking

place. Aside from keeping Touro students informed, this committee also familiarizes other institutions with Touro. Jules Leventhal and Leibel Wolfe are the co-chairmen.

4) **Jewish Affairs Committee**—The members of this committee will discuss what policies must be adopted in regard to the Jewish aspect of Touro, and will inform the students of major

responsible for leading recruitment in the major Jewish high schools.

7) **Speakers Committee**—This committee will provide Touro with guest appearances by renowned scholars, authors, and other notables. These lectures have been entertaining, inspirational, and educational in the past, and will be of the same caliber in the future. Joel Kaplan



Student Government '73-'74  
Alan Schnall, Jack Miles, Joel Kaplan, Shmuel Winzelberg

developments in the Jewish world. Chairing this committee is Mendy Hertz.

5) **Program Evaluations Committee**—Meeting with the faculty and administration, the members of this committee will discuss various aspects of the curriculum. Valid suggestions for additional courses and modifications of existing courses will be seriously discussed and acted upon. Individual courses and professors will be evaluated, and the information made available to the student body during the coming year. Included in this committee is the Student Grievance Committee, which channels valid student complaints to the administration. The co-chairmen of this committee are H. Alan Schnall and Jack Miles.

6) **Recruitment Committee**—The student body has requested and received a major role in the recruitment of new students for Touro, due to increasing student concern over previous recruitment methodology. Several students will be

and Jules Leventhal are the co-chairmen of this committee.

8) **Student Admissions Board**—This committee will aid the administration in reviewing applications for admission and in interviewing prospective students. The Student Government expressed a dire need for such a committee, as it was felt that Touro has not been selective enough in admitting new students. Co-chairmen of this committee are Jack Miles and H. Alan Schnall.

The entire Student Government will serve as an Appropriations Committee, deciding the validity of certain requests for funds. The Government will also sponsor interclass and faculty-student dinners, in an attempt to blend Touro into a single community.

The coming year is a crucial one in the development of Touro. The plans and preparations of the Student Government are ideally suited for such a year; all that is needed is student involvement to transform the plans into realities.

## Curriculum Committees Meet to Discuss Program Requirements

By Benjamin Strauss

Touro College, now in its third year of existence, has been officially categorized into four major divisions; Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences and Judaic Studies.

Each division of the college contains several departments:

- **Humanities:** History, English Literature, Speech, Languages, Art and Music.

- **Sciences:** Mathematics and the Physical Sciences.

- **Social Sciences:** Political Science, Economics, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology.

- **Judaic Studies:** Talmud, Bible, Jewish History, Hebrew Language and Literature, and Jewish Philosophy.

As Touro will become a four-year institution in Sept. 1974, its administration and faculty have formed four Curriculum Committees, corresponding to the college's four divisions. One faculty member from each division has been asked to organize the corresponding committees. Those approached were: Dr. M. Wohlgernter of the Humanities division, Dr. A. Botwinick of the Social Sciences division, Dr. E. Zauderer of the Sciences division, and Dr. D. Berger of the Judaic Studies division.

The purpose of these curriculum committees is to establish and develop four-year programs in each discipline, which will include departmental requirements as well as major requirements in terms of credits. The chairmen of the committees will ask a member of each department within their divisions to set guidelines for students in the specific disciplines. It is hoped that by January 15th, a complete set of courses for each department, as well as course descriptions, will have been drawn up.

Once all the departmental reports are submitted, a college-wide curriculum committee with student body representatives will consider each set of plans. It

is the objective of this committee to balance each program's requirements. The head of one department may feel that another department's requirements are too heavy, not enabling a student majoring in that field to take courses in his discipline. The committee might compromise the requirements of those departments. The curriculum committee will include Dr. M. Wohlgernter of the Humanities division, Dr. A. Botwinick of the Social Sciences division, Dr. H. Wolf of the Sciences division, and Dr. D. Berger and Rabbi D. Weiss of the Judaic Studies division.

Dr. Aryeh Botwinick stated that his committee will also be discussing requirements for interdisciplinary majors. The following is a partial list of majors, as well as the tentative requirements of each:

—**American Studies:** History, English, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology.

—**European Intellectual History:** History, English, Classics and Philosophy.

—**Jewish Intellectual History:** Jewish Studies, History, Classics and Philosophy.

—**Political Theory:** Political Sciences, Philosophy, Classics, History, Sociology, Jewish Studies and Psychology.

—**Middle East Studies:** Political Science, History, Sociology, and Judaic Studies.

At a recent meeting of the college-wide curriculum committee, serious objections were raised regarding the extent of the Humanities Core requirement. An objection from the Judaic Studies division was that proper preparation for the daily Talmud class was being relegated a secondary status to preparation for the Humanities Core. The committee passed a resolution to lessen the requirements of the Humanities Core, from twenty-four to twelve credits, over a two year period. The implications of this decision

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**Touro College is happy to announce that applications for admission to the newly formed Women's Division are being accepted for the 1974 Fall term.**

**Touro plans to accept approximately fifty women for the '74-'75 school year. The academic design of the Women's Division will be identical to that of the present college. All Classes, however, will be conducted separately.**

**All applications should be referred to Jerry Witkin, c/o Touro College.**



## THE INDEPENDENT

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## Editorials:

# Freshman Centers: Innovation or Failure?

In September of this year, Freshman Centers were initiated at two schools in the metropolitan area. Touro College's centers at the Yeshiva High School of Queens and at the Yeshiva of Flatbush were initially heralded as major innovations in education. High school seniors were to be given the opportunity to take college credit at their respective campuses, and the option to enter Touro College as sophomores or transfer their credits to other colleges.

Hypothetically, Touro College would be offering these high school seniors all the advantages of a college education, without the psychological disadvantages of leaving their high school campuses not fully primed for the rigors of the "college experience." The two high school administrations lauded Touro's efforts as truly innovative, and promised complete cooperation with the coordinators assigned to their campuses.

Unfortunately, many interested observers in the Touro community are now prepared to label this "innovation" a failure. The seniors at Flatbush and YHSQ are enjoying few advantages, and are enduring many disadvantages. Their respective administrations are stifling them, and are refusing them all the privileges enjoyed by Touro students at the main campus in Manhattan.

Touro students believe that the participants of the Freshman Centers are bona fide Touro College students, and as such, should benefit from the unique education that is gleaned by students at the Manhattan campus.

This administration should ascertain whether the administrations at Flatbush and YHSQ have ideals concurrent with its own and with those of the Touro community. If we are preparing students at the Freshman Centers to enter Touro College with a year of credit, then those students should experience the same education, the same privileges, and the same advantages that we experience here, and not the burdens and disadvantages of a limited high school education. If the high school administrators are obsessed with the idea that high school regulations must be instilled in the students before they leave their influence, then we have no place innovating anything for students whose education is governed by people too opinionated to allow change in their curricula.

As things stand now, very few students, if any, at the Freshman Centers will be sophomores at Touro College next September. Our administration should not be apprehensive to label these programs as they are - complete failures!

Change has been a basic element in Touro College's growth to date. The administration has cooperated fully with students in the past, and has never faltered when the need arose to substitute alternatives where existing programs failed. We now call upon the administration to carefully reevaluate its programs at Flatbush and YHSQ. If change and compromise are possible, then perhaps some sparkle of success can be salvaged. If the three administrations concerned cannot agree on a prescribed course for the future, then the programs should be dismissed as failures immediately.

## The fact is, our ads sell:

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The Editors and Staff of the Touro Independent wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Deena Gewirtz, our beloved librarian, upon her recent engagement and forthcoming marriage to Yehuda Cheplowitz.

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## Letters to the Editor:

# T.C. + Kollel = Y.U.?

As I observe the growth of Touro College, I am quite disturbed over the rapid resemblance it is assuming towards Yeshiva University. Had the students of Touro wished to attend a yeshiva, they could have gone to Yeshiva University.

Very few secular subjects are taught at Touro in the morning. The majority of them are given in the afternoon to accommodate those students who are taking Talmud. While I do not object to the teaching of Talmud, I do object to the total disregard of the administration towards students not taking Talmud. Why not offer more secular courses in the morning? There is no prohibition for teaching Talmud in the afternoon and by doing so, secular courses could be offered in the morning as well as in the afternoon.

The Kollel of Touro College is composed of approximately thirty young men who devote full time to the study of Talmud. These scholars are also obligated to learn with the Touro students. Touro has hired these thirty men; why couldn't it have hired more than the eight full time faculty members they currently have? It's true that Touro does have seventy-five faculty

members, but to the majority of them, Touro is simply a place of instruction, and they feel no true commitment towards the school. What is needed is a larger full-time faculty.

The hiring of such a faculty should take precedence over the Kollel, which has grown at a disproportionate rate, far larger than either the student body or the faculty.

Touro students are supplied with ample advice on religious matters, but there are very few advisors for the secular areas of study.

Touro plans to open a girl's school next year. Why doesn't Touro become co-ed instead? How many girls does Touro anticipate will enroll next year? If there are very few girls wanting to take a specific course, while only a few boys want to take the same course, is it logical (rationally and economically) to hire two faculty members to teach the same course? What is the rationale behind a segregated environment? Is it so conducive to learning?

If Touro continues to emulate Yeshiva University, it may find itself minus a few students.

Jack Miles  
Secretary, Student Government

## Recruitment Committee Reports:

This year, Touro students are actively participating in the school's recruiting program. A group of students concerned by the lack of an increase in the size of the classes, decided that a vigorous, enthusiastic student committee, directing recruitment activity, was sorely needed. It was believed that recruitment by students would be able to convey a more lasting and sincere impression upon the prospective student than hired personnel. A committee was formed to supervise and coordinate all recruitment activity.

Numerous meetings of the committee have already been held. The first meeting, held at Dr. Lander's home, served to review and discuss different methods of recruiting. It was decided that the general method of recruiting would be to have a speaking engagement at the Yeshiva high school, supplemented by post cards, parlor meetings and telephone calls. In schools in which speaking engagements would not be possible, there would be a strong

emphasis on the parlor meetings.

A second meeting was held at Norman Horowitz's house. The meeting served to lay the groundwork for activity, which culminated in the publication of a new recruitment pamphlet, composed entirely by students. The pamphlet entitled, "What Touro Has to Offer You..." deals with Touro's uniqueness and advantages.

Specific plans for recruitment were developed at a third meeting which was held at the college. Members of the committee were assigned to work in specific Yeshiva high schools. The committee members will be responsible for all recruiting activity within their designated school. Work on this project has already begun, and various schools are being visited by the committee.

Hopefully, next year's freshman class will consist of high quality students who will be able to make a vital contribution to Touro.

Danny Lander,  
T.C. Recruitment Comm.

## Dream of a Touro Family

I was disappointed to hear of the proposed opening of a sister branch of Touro College next fall. I personally feel that a sister college is a useless duplication of teachers and other resources, and that Touro should instead become coed. My disillusionment does not stem from ideological grounds. I recognize that there are many differing opinions regarding the pros and cons of coeducation, and in no way wish to cite my beliefs as being absolutely true.

What was disheartening was the fact that Touro students were notified of the decision to open a sister school instead of being consulted in the matter. One of the founding tenets of Touro's philosophy, and indeed one of the most appealing aspects that Touro offered to me personally, was an academic family. The founders of Touro College envisioned an environment where "students, faculty, administration and staff

at this institution would work together seeking excellence. The concerns of each member of the academic community would be the concern of all."

Unfortunately, this dream has never been realized. Touro students have not been consulted on the major issues which concern them. We were merely informed of the establishment of the Freshmen Centers, the Law School and the sister school. We were not asked to evaluate the concepts until the final decisions had already been made.

If the goal of establishing a Touro "family" is to be achieved, the administration will have to apportion to us, the students, through our student representatives, a share in the policy-making of Touro College. To continue presenting the students with "faits accomplis" would be tantamount to hypocrisy.

Harvey Fialkoff

## Viewpoint:

# Y.H.S.Q.

## Freshman

For the first time in years, the Yeshivah High School of Queens has developed a constructive program for the senior class. Until this year, the high school had been unable to provide a program enticing enough to keep a large portion of their 11th grade students and to insure a graduating class. In the past, the school has lost many students and much money to early admission programs and to public high schools. In a desperate attempt to keep the fourth year students, the Yeshivah High School of Queens adopted a joint program with Touro College.

The program provides the needed incentive, causing the majority of the students to remain for their senior year. Of course, as in any new program, the students and the faculty have certain misconceptions. The students, however, feel that the program is a worthwhile challenge. It provides the students with an invigorating change and presents opportunities to explore different fields of study. Although the student body would have preferred a wider variety of course offerings and less of the high school atmosphere, which is being thrust upon them by the high school administration, it is felt that the program is working out relatively well.

The subjects that are being offered are: humanities, psychology, chemistry, math and speech. The most controversial course is the Humanities Core, a six credit course about ancient Greek and Roman History, Philosophy and Literature, which was made mandatory. Due to the heavy workload, many of the students felt that the course should not have been mandatory. With the aid of the Touro College co-ordinator for Y.H.S.Q., Rabbi Fialkoff, the students were able to arrange a meeting with Dr. George Cohen, Dean of Touro College, who was found to be very responsive. As a result of that meeting, the Humanities Core has been made optional. As for the other courses offered, the complaints are minimal.

Due to the effort and cooperation of Touro College and YHSQ, the Freshman Center has become a fruitful endeavor, and the students find it a rewarding experience.

A senior at YHSQ

## AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CLARIFICATION OF TOURO'S WOMEN'S COLLEGE

We are deeply concerned with the decision-making policies of our administration. Particularly disturbing is the decision to establish a Women's Division without consulting the Touro community.

We believe it would prove advantageous for the administration, the Touro College community, and the Jewish community in general, if the administration were to meet with Touro students, faculty, and Kollel to discuss and, if need be, alter the existing plans.

We, therefore, call a general meeting of all concerned members of Touro on Wed. Dec. 19, 1973 at 12:00 noon, to deal with this crucial matter.



## Catholic...

Syria and Egypt have both lost more territory to Israel as a result of the Yom Kippur War. Israeli troops have drawn nearer to Damascus and have displaced many thousands of Arabs by the fighting. Despite Egypt's glorified claims of military victory, Israeli troops are stationed on the West Bank of the Suez Canal in Egypt, effectively cutting the flow of supplies of Egypt's III Corps, stationed on the East Bank, in Israel.

Today, however, victory on the battlefield is not sufficient. It must be accompanied by gains on the political, economic, and social fronts. These are the areas in which Israel has been defeated. Not heeding the dire repercussions from their actions, many nations are gradually capitulating to Arab oil blackmail. Powerful countries such as England, Germany and Japan are beginning to modify their stance on Israel because of oil cutbacks, which may severely alter their respective economies.

International economic pressure by the Arabs isolated the United States and Israel in the world forum. Europe, having not been consulted during the crisis, resented the United States' handling of the Middle East conflict and refused to take part in aiding the major powers in reaching a just peace settlement. African states have severed diplomatic relations with Israel, foregoing Israeli technological assistance for Arab money.

America does not savor her role as Israel's lone supporter. The United States will attempt to pressure Israel into relinquishing her possession of captured Arab territory, because of the Soviet Union's total backing of the Arab cause. In exchange for Egypt's renewal of diplomatic relations with the U.S., Dr. H. Kissinger, "the Mideast typhoon," no doubt gave certain commitments to their leaders.

Financial costs of modern warfare are staggering. Israel spends 40% of her G.N.P. on the Military—money it can ill afford to waste. In addition, Israel's economy cannot continue to function smoothly with a call-up of reserves. However, the Arabs, with strong backing from their oil money, are prepared to forego any long-range economic growth or stability for military hardware.

Most importantly, the Arabs, by their initial military gains in the Yom Kippur War, are now convinced that they are a formidable opponent to the Israeli army. This hawkish spirit has united, hitherto, irreconcilable Arab interests, and has given them a formula to seek Israel's defeat. Out of such a united front by the Arabs, demands leading to a complete Israeli withdrawal or the formation of a Palestinian state can be anticipated.

Domestically, the war has created a harsh mood in Israel. This nation, which certainly cannot afford the high losses it has endured, is seeking answers as to why she was so ill-prepared for battle. The population is tired of being in a constant state of readiness for war, and as a result is searching for alternatives. Consequently, the people are split in their feeling: Are major concessions needed to achieve peace, or is a more adamant, hard line approach to irrational Arabs necessary?

The renewed Mideast conflict is now foremost on the agenda of nations, and the Arabs do not want the situation to stagnate and turn against them once again. The Arabs will now seek to capitalize on what they feel is an optimum position for them.

## Mideast Questions

The value of an item declines as the consumer's esteem of it lessens. So it is with the contemporary world, where reason, common sense, and justice no longer prevail, and hence our concept of life loses much of its previous value. The turbulent events which have developed from the fourth Israeli-Arab conflict certainly raise questions which will baffle thinking men.

The Syrians and Egyptians launched an unprovoked attack on Israel on Yom Kippur, the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar, yet none of the "progressive" liberals protested this most recent aggression. Instead of Egypt's pledges of "guarantees" in exchange for total Israeli withdrawal, why aren't provisions being made for a long-range peace plan?

The United Nations, supposed peacekeeper of the world, did not sense any cause for alarm until the tide of the war turned in favor of Israel, and only then was an emergency meeting convoked. Yet, no one protested the incongruity of these events.

It is common knowledge that yielding to blackmail, even once, will lead to harsher demands by future blackmailers. There's no end to it, and the people of the world continue to yield to the Arab oil threats and to terrorist whims.

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# The Yom Kippur War



## ...and Parochial

The latest episode in the continuing Middle East conflict forces us, as American Jews, to hold up a mirror to our individual and collective existences, in order to evaluate our positions and our loyalties. At various junctures in world history, it has been necessary for Jews to maintain a low profile: we had been made the scapegoats too often for virulent and senseless attacks. Jews sensed that safety lay in anonymity—this mode of thought could only have led to the mounting assimilation and intermarriage rather characteristic of American Jewry in the late '60's.

Along with the Six Day War in 1967 came a partial change in this attitude. Jewish consciousness rose, and various Jewish identity groups sprouted forth on many of the nation's campuses. The intermarriage rate was still alarmingly high, to be sure, but it seemed that American Jewry was focused on strengthening its inner foundation and commitment. It is with the knowledge of this background that one must observe the events of this past October.

In a Time cover story three years ago, the question of "Who is a Jew" was explored. The consensus was that a Jew is one who identifies himself as a Jew during times of crisis. The Yom Kippur War was such a crisis, and the outpouring of aid to Israel from America's Jews cannot be overstated.

This aid took several forms, among them: spiritual, financial, and personal devotion. It is in this last category where many of us, as mature Jewish individuals, were forced to make a decision which will live with us long after this war has been entered into the annals of history.

There were two paths open to us: One alternative was to stay in America and do whatever we could to help out. This consisted of raising money, attending rallies, giving blood, and various other forms of transcontinental assistance. The other path was to leave our present lives in abeyance for a while in order to go to Israel and help out directly: in kibbutzim, hospitals, mail deliveries, and other non-military capacities. The decision was not to be an easy one to make, for the ideal and the real very rarely meet.

Some chose to leave America in order to go up to Zion and volunteer; to them we owe our heartfelt gratitude and admiration which we will never be able to fully express. Those who stayed in the States had to reconcile themselves to the fact that they were not going to Israel, that they would have to work from here in order to play a role in Israel's survival. This we did, and we fervently pray that whatever small role we played in Israel's crisis, did, indeed, aid in her victory.

There is a lesson to be learned from this: Judaism in the Diaspora bears within itself concomitant responsibilities and obligations which it may not shirk. We must determine to whom we owe our primary allegiance, whether to America or to Israel, and we must reinforce our allegiance with action. It is in times of crisis that we assess our set of values and relative loyalties. American Jewry have banded together in the recent crisis; it is now, more than ever, that we must remain united, both to strengthen ourselves and in order to be able to withstand any potential outbreak of anti-Semitism arising from the upcoming "long, cold winter."

Shouldn't the members of NATO unite for once in aiding the Netherlands, whose oil supplies have been stopped, and uphold values which they believe to be true? When will the countries of the world stop succumbing to Arab pressure?

In exchange for the United States' wheat, technology and capital, can't Americans demand oil and a genuine peace initiative on the part of Russia?

There are many more perplexing questions which may be asked, but whose answers are not readily available. As Alexander Pope commented, "in the world of the insane it is a species of insanity to be sane."

## P.O.W. Protest Rally Held

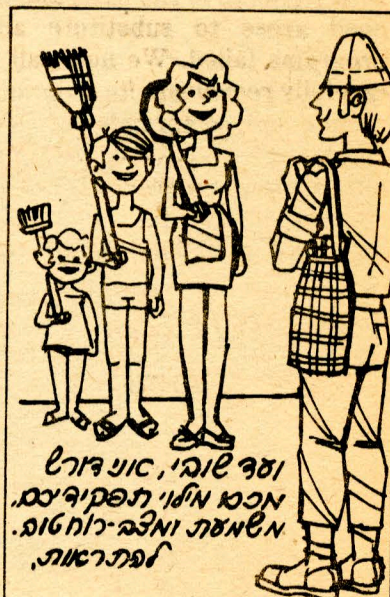
In an unparalleled display of Jewish unity, thousands of people gathered at the Brotherhood-in-Action Plaza in New York City on Monday, November 5, to protest the inhumane Syrian treatment of Israeli prisoners of war.

Considering the extreme importance of the rally, Dr. Bernard Lander, President of Touro College, suspended all classes and urged the student body to participate, and vocalize their support of Israel.

Eminent speakers, including Senator Jacob Javits of New York and Yosef Tekoah, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, expressed shock and disgust over the Syrian atrocities. The speakers exhorted the people to send telegrams to the appropriate organizations and individuals, demanding the immediate release of the prisoners.

The Syrian situation remains deplorable. Israeli prisoners are being ill-treated and tortured. The bodies of soldiers slain in battle are being mutilated beyond recognition. It is imperative that the Syrian government be thoroughly castigated for such barbaric behavior.

Many rallies similar to the one of November 5th must be organized to bring public disfavor upon the Syrians. It is the obligation of Jewish communities throughout the world to their spiritual homeland to participate in these rallies!



"Until my return, I demand from you the fulfillment of your obligations, discipline and a good mood. Until next time, farewell."



# The Dream of a Gentle Prophet



David Ben-Gurion 1886-1973

It was a long road from Plonsk in Poland, where he was born on Oct. 16, 1886, the sixth of eleven children, to Sheindel and Avigdor Green, to the day he was to preside at the fulfillment of the Jews' 2,000-year-old longing for a Zion restored—to stand on the balcony of the museum in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948, to proclaim as the Prime Minister designate the reestablishment of the State of Israel.

His was a career that was to span 40 years at the cutting edge of the Jewish people's battle for the establishment of its homeland, and then for its preservation. Never in that time was Ben-Gurion in eclipse, not even in his temporary retirements—not even when he stepped away from the seat of power for the last time over the "Lavon Affair." Then, newspaper cartoonists pictured the tiny Ben-Gurion standing in front of a massive statue, chipping away at its own image.

However, that image remained, and in retirement, the affection and admiration that the people of Israel and the Jews of the world had for him were soon manifest again. They would no longer recognize his leadership, but they beat a path to his flat in Tel Aviv. The "Zaken"—the "old one," as everyone referred to him—was alive, and vocal, and sharp, and questing as always.



Ben Gurion's last public appearance: with President-Elect Ephraim Katzie at Israel's 25th Anniversary parade.

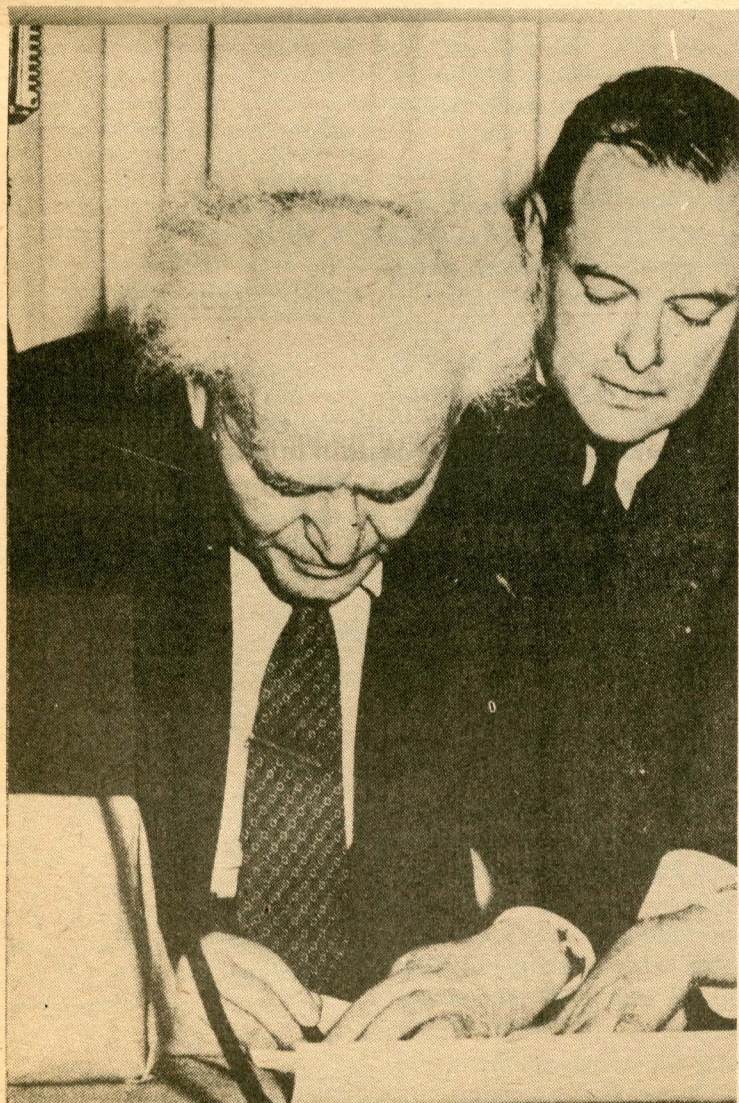
He aged quickly after his final retirement, and more so after the death of his wife, Paula. The white tufts of hair framing his bald spot, which were his trademark, grew shorter and wisper, and he began living in the past, among his books and his memories, seated at his desk over which hung a large picture of his wife.

The Bible was always near at hand.

There was a big party for him at Sde Boker on his eighty-fifth birthday, and his old comrades came to see and drink a lechaim to him. He had not talked to Golda Meir for five years, and she came too, and they talked a bit, but he rejected her pleas to return to the party in the Knesset he fashioned and dominated for so long.

He made his last public appearance in Jerusalem at the 25th anniversary parade where he sat in the grandstand, bent over, watching the army which had grown from his Hagana march proudly by.

Towards the end, he spent all his time in the Tel Aviv apartment, and people from all over the world would come and see him there. They came to see the living legend, which would live as long as a single Jew remained, and who has now taken his place among the heroes of the Jewish people.



Ben Gurion signs the Declaration of Independence May 14, 1948



Dag Hammarskjold with Ben-Gurion and Major General Moshe Dayan, then Israel Army Chief of Staff.



## Full-Time Faculty Air Opinions on Future of TC

By Joe Sprung

The uniqueness of Touro College is in the enthusiasm of its staff to help the student find his individuality, while keeping within the guidelines of Judaism. Touro gears itself not only to the superior student, but also to the weaker student who has a great desire to learn. Some teachers were approached as to their feelings about the school. The following is a brief description of the teachers and their scholarly opinions of the institution:

Rabbi Dwarsitz, formerly of Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin, feels that Touro's environment is one which is highly conducive to learning. He feels that the Kollel requirement of individual study gives the Talmud student the personal contact essential to the individual's search for truth. Rabbi Dwarsitz appreciates the closeness of the relationship between the faculty, administration, and students. He feels that Doctors Lander and Cohen are men with rare idealistic qualities who are seeking to perpetuate a school which will be viewed as an institution of high secular and Torah learning.

Rabbi M. Scheinberg, a former Talmud instructor at Yeshiva University and a first year teacher at Touro, feels that Touro maintains a spirit of individuality that is lacking at Y.U.

It is his feeling that the Kollel atmosphere is one conducive to achievement in the field of Jewish studies. As for the future, Rabbi Scheinberg senses that Touro will succeed, thanks to its incomparable administration and the sincerity of its students.

Miss Gregg, who teaches Speech, has been a member of the Touro faculty for the past three years. It is her impression that Touro's uniqueness is due not only to the closeness between students, but also to the close student-faculty relationship. As a teacher at N.Y.U. and formerly at Montclair State, she feels that the Touro student is more receptive to learning than the students of other colleges. When asked about the Freshman Center Programs, she favored the Yeshiva High School of Queens' program over that of Flatbush because of smaller classes. Following a long career as an actress, teacher, and member of the Sports Illustrated Editorial Board, Miss Gregg brought her talents to Touro College. She thinks that the school can't fail to succeed, because of "an administration which does the work of ten."

Dr. Emil Kon, an extremely well-liked Professor of Organic and Inorganic Chemistry, feels the school will succeed because of the rapport between students and faculty, a consequence of small classes. Dr. Kon makes use

of the small classes to sustain a strong relationship with the students.

Touro's pre-law advisor, Dr. A. Botwinick, has a varied background in the scholastic field: He attended the London School of Economics, received his Smicha from Yeshiva University, and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature from Princeton. It is this varied background which gave him reason for teaching at Touro, as he was given "the unique opportunity to integrate Jewish and secular perspectives under the same set of questions." He feels that Touro is making a good start, and has a solid, workable structure, but injects a note of caution in reminding us that there is a great deal left to be done.

In his first year at Touro, after teaching at Yale University as well as the University of Miami, Dr. Lowin has noticed the concern of the students, faculty, and administration for the substance of education. He feels that Touro could produce an annual turnout of one hundred men and women who would be the leaders in their fields. From his position as freshman advisor, he has recommended to the administration a more discriminating admissions policy. Dr. Lowin feels that lack of formality may be an ultimate fault, yet gives Touro the latitude it needs to succeed.

## Coordinators Discuss Freshman Centers

By Harvey Fialkoff

Touro College has established Freshman Centers at the Yeshiva of Flatbush and at the Yeshiva High School of Queens this past fall. The purpose of these programs is to attract promising high school seniors to Touro College by exposing them to a small sample of Touro's faculty and courses. In an effort to assess the success or failure of these programs, **The Independent** interviewed the coordinators of the two Freshman Center programs: Rabbi Bernard K. Greenberg of Flatbush, and Rabbi Martin D. Fialkoff of the Yeshiva High School of Queens.

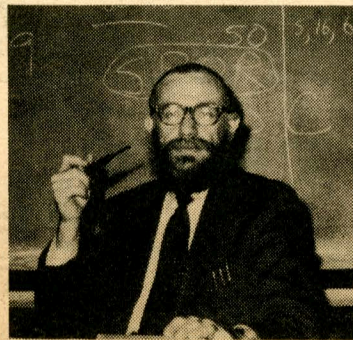
The Freshman Center at Flatbush, with a student population of 123 students, including 45 girls, is substantially larger than that at Queens, with approximately 75 students. Nevertheless, both coordinators indicated many similar problems which must be corrected to insure a successful endeavor.

In characterizing the progress of the Freshman Centers, Rabbis Greenberg and

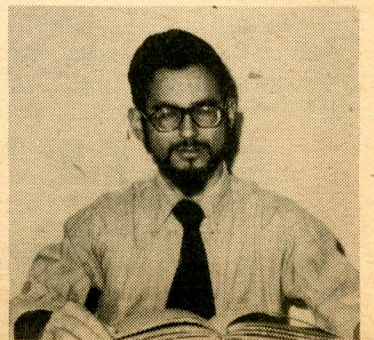
Fialkoff both noted that the major difficulty they are faced with is the adjustment of students, teachers, and administrators to a college program in a high school atmosphere. "You are in a high school atmosphere with bells and (mandatory) attendance", explained Rabbi Greenberg, and it is "difficult to create a college atmosphere within the high school atmosphere."

Similarly, Rabbi Fialkoff considered vital to the fulfillment of the program the "reconciling" of two distinct educational philosophies—the structural approach of the high school policy (of YHSQ), with the more liberal philosophy of Touro. To rectify part of the problem, he suggested that in future years, "an orientation program be introduced, to prepare everyone involved for a new experience."

At Flatbush, Rabbi Greenberg called for a "re-education of both sets of personnel." This "re-education" has been inaugurated through a series of meetings with the administration of the Yeshiva of Flatbush and the administration of Touro.



Rabbi Greenberg—Flatbush



Rabbi Fialkoff—Queens

Rabbi Greenberg, who teaches sociology both at Touro and at the Freshman Center in Flatbush, was asked to compare the character of the courses given at each school. He explained that "the official policy of Touro College is to give the same college level course" at both institutions, but conceded that an inequity does exist. "Realistically, I have to give the college a different structure and a different stress...You can't possibly do the same thing...cover the same ground." Both courses use the same text, but Rabbi Greenberg stated that although the content of the lectures was similar at the two schools, the depth was not.

The Touro College community will evaluate the ultimate success of the Freshman Centers by the number of capable students who decide to continue at Touro. In an effort to stimulate students in the Freshman Centers to remain at Touro, both coordinators are beginning to plan several activities. Included are shabbatons for both Touro students and students at the Freshman Centers, and a seminar, or lecture series, at Touro with students of both institutions invited. Nevertheless, the coordinators caution that it is still too early to even approximate the number of qualified students who will decide to continue their education at Touro.

## Hineni Rally Held; Drawbacks to Movement Discussed

On Sunday, November 18th, Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis, founder and president of Hineni, a Jewish revival organization, delivered an hour-long declamation to an audience of fewer than six thousand people at the Felt Forum.

"The purpose of our rally," explained Barbara Janov, executive director of Hineni, "was to awaken the Jewish spirit in alienated youth." Ms. Janov further stated that "the rally was very successful, and over 65% of the people present were non-religious."

At the start of the program, the participants approached 'Torah booths,' where they asked questions and received information pertaining to all aspects of Jewish life. A movie about Israel was shown, and then Rebbitzin Jungreis gave an emotional speech about Jewish heritage. She reiterated that Hineni was an organization to which Jews should make a commitment.

"Just think of what was accomplished! In my opinion," exclaimed Ms. Janov, "this rally was equal in magnitude to the 600,000 Jews at Mt. Sinai."

Unfortunately, the difference between Mt. Sinai and the Hineni rally was that at Sinai, all Jews were present, while only a small proportion of the Jewish population was present at the Hineni rally.

"I left orders with the head usher that people be admitted to the rally as long as there was room. Of course, there was no room on the floor," stated Ms. Janov. This order, however, was not carried out. I sat on the floor, where at least another forty persons could easily have been seated. There were also two rows of seats which were totally unoccupied. I therefore asked the ticket-taker why those people without tickets were not permitted to enter. He responded that he had orders not to admit anyone without a ticket. I was then referred to two other men, evidently his superiors, and

received the same reply.

The publicity before and after the rally was, at best, negligible. Granted, the Jewish Press did give the rally respectable coverage, but the non-religious Jews, whom Hineni is dedicated to reach, do not read the Jewish Press. Publicity in the "avant-garde" newspapers was required, but Ms. Janov said that this was impossible, due to a lack of funds. Over four thousand tickets were distributed through Jewish organizations and synagogues, yet the non-religious Jews are not affiliated with such organizations.

I spoke to various people who work for Hineni, and although they are extremely dedicated and sincere, their experience is quite limited. Much must be done to properly structure the organization in order for it to fulfill its primary objective to "turn on" non-religious Jews to Judaism. Unfortunately, the Rebbitzin is more dedicated to speaking for and about Hineni than she is to structuring it.

### Curriculum Comm...

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on students presently in Touro has yet to be worked out. In the final analysis, however, it is the President of the College, Dr. Bernard Lander, who will have final say over the matter.

It is hoped that the Touro faculty will use the nation's better colleges as models in formalizing requirements for majors in the respective departments. In this manner, the realization of the objectives of Touro's programs—to be complete, rational and of the highest intellectual quality—will occur in the near future.

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## Nisselson to Assist School as Director of Government Relations

By Bernard Wachsman

The emergence of Touro College as an institution with a myriad of interests has created a gap in the ability of the administrators to handle the diverse problems that constantly arise. In addition to running the undergraduate program which will include a women's branch next year, the administrators are continuously working on the Physician's Associate program. Also requiring much effort is the planning of the Touro Law School, which will commence in the fall of 1975. With this sudden growth, the major problem facing Touro is its acceptance in the community as a sound and responsible institution of higher education. Mr. Michael Nisselson, our newest administrator, has been appointed to achieve this goal.

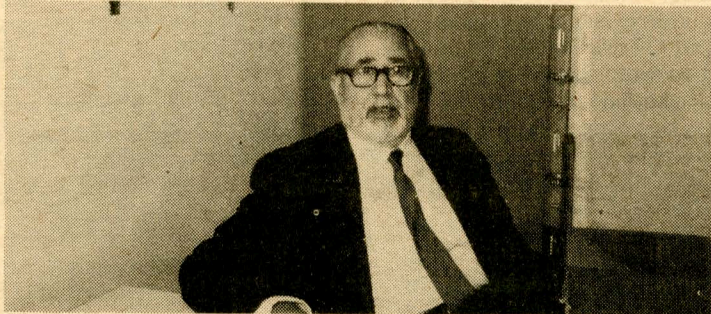
Mr. Nisselson, Director of Community and Government Relations, has actually been given one of the most important tasks in Touro. His title encompasses the direction and responsibility of meeting the financial needs of the college. This is a job of utmost importance, and the enormous

responsibility given to Mr. Nisselson is quite obvious. Without success in the essential function of fund-raising, Touro, or any other organization, could not survive.

Mr. Nisselson, being a man of great ability and determination, has proven to be the right man for the job. He may be described, quite appropriately, as a "man of

and has served as the Executive President of American Friends of Hebrew University. He has also held major positions in UJA and in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

In the political sphere, Mr. Nisselson is a former president of the Amalgamated Bank of New York. He served as an aide to both Franklin D. Roosevelt and



Mr. Michael Nisselson, Director of Community and Government Relations

action." His drive and ambition have led him to many high-ranking positions in the Jewish Community. He is one of the founders of the Yeshiva University Albert Einstein Medical Center, and has served as its Director of Development. He has helped organize the American College in Jerusalem,

Adlai Stevenson, and has recently been appointed Director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation which has been created by an act of Congress.

Those intimately involved in the Touro community are confident that Mr. Nisselson will be extremely successful in his efforts on behalf of Touro.

## PA Program Evaluated as New Class Enrolls

By Murry Zborowski

In 1971, the New York State Legislature recognized as valid the Physicians' Associates, thereby taking the first of many steps to alleviate the acute need for medical services in this state. The role of the physicians' associate is to relieve the medical doctor from time-consuming tasks, by updating patient histories and by examining and treating patients under the supervision of a certified M.D. Supervision does not, however, entail the constant and direct observation by a physician, as the P.A.'s are deemed quite competent. Physicians' associates are operating satellite clinics in areas far removed from the supervising doctor.

Touro has established, in conjunction with the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, a training program for physicians' associates. This program has been greatly aided by a grant of five hundred thousand dollars from the Bruner Foundation. The advice and consent for

Touro's program was obtained from both the American Medical Association and the New York State Education Department's Medical Board.

Touro has been highly selective in accepting applicants to the P.A. program. Only twenty-two students were accepted for the first year of the program, while thirty-six were accepted the second year. Touro expects to receive eight hundred applications this year, yet the size of the classes are not expected to greatly expand.

It is a common misconception that the students of P.A. programs are intellectual failures. They are, indeed, quite intelligent and highly motivated young people, showing an interest in aiding society. These are the people who will fill the void in modern medical fields created by the rapidly progressing specialization of medicine, and will provide society with the proper medical care.

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In addition to Dr. Botwinick, the pre-law advisor, students who have already taken the LSAT exam will be present and will report on the exam and the necessity of review courses.

### ATTENTION All Students And Faculty

Through the efforts of the Student Government, a "Club Hour" has been set aside for the Spring term, from 1:00-2:00 P.M. every Thursday.

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## Gone But Not Forgotten

By Elon Zapinsky

At the start of the school year, Touro moved into a new building, leaving the old building to its renovators. Many words have been spoken in the past about planned renovations of the old campus building, but now at last remodeling is actually progressing.

The major task of constructing an enclosed stairwell along the exterior of the building was completed in late November. The workers, who presently number fifteen but whose ranks have swelled to thirty-five at times,

are currently working on all floors of the building simultaneously. They are now mainly cleaning out and dumping large amounts of debris from the building into large cans in front of the structure. Murray Koslow, superintendent of construction, has made note of the fact that the Department of Highways of the city doesn't permit the debris receptacles to be present in midtown Manhattan during the holiday shopping season.

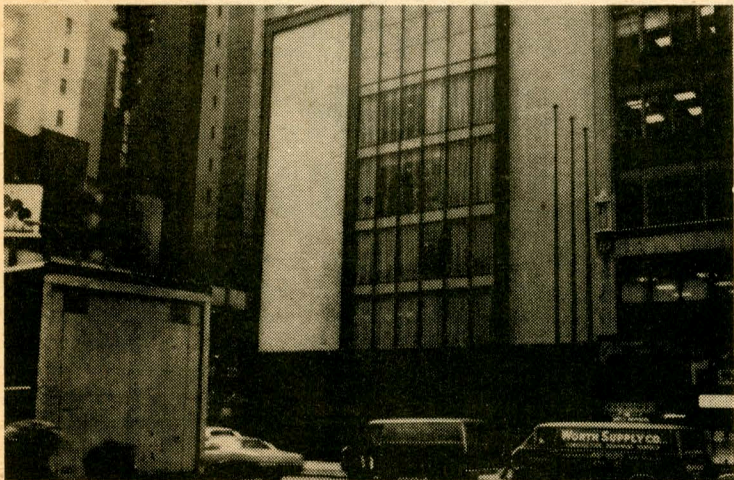
Towards the end of the fall semester, when the renovations will be complete, Touro's 'old-

timers' will hardly be able to recognize the building. The entire facility will have been drastically altered. The basement and first floor will house the library, while the second floor will serve as a lunch area and lounge. The remaining ten floors will contain classrooms, except the ninth and eleventh floors which will house the Beit Hamedrash and the science laboratories, respectively. Provision has been made for an exercise room for Karate and wrestling, but there will be no basketball facilities.

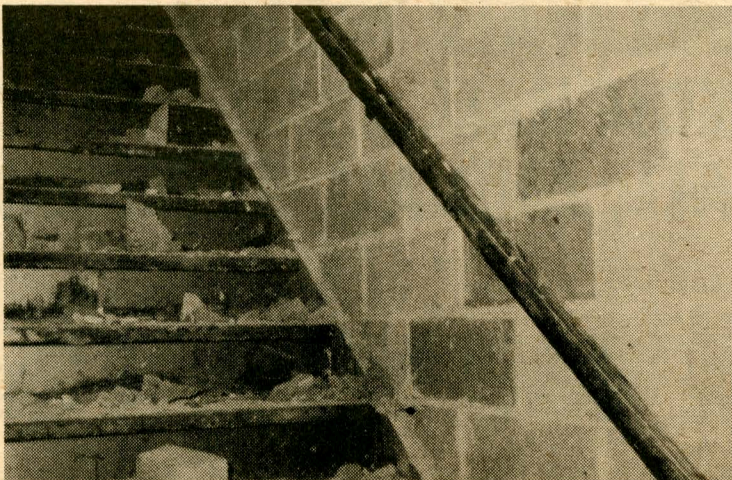
Touro is acting as the general contractor for the building. Although this entails much more work and bookkeeping, it nevertheless eliminates the middleman's profit.

Once the building is totally renovated, it will house the men's branch of the college, while the facility presently in use, the Brotherhood-in-Action building, will be used for another division of Touro college.

It is hoped that Touro will be able to continue its expansion and growth, to meet the needs of an increasing student body.



Brotherhood-In-Action: 560 Seventh Ave.



Touro College Renovations: 30 W. 44th St.

## A Matter of Taste: Jerusalem East

By Ruvan Cohen

If to you Chinese food means chopsticks, waiters dressed in kimonos, or eating in a rickshaw built for two, then Jerusalem East, the Queens home of the Orient, is not for you. If, however, to you Chinese food means delicious Oriental cuisine in a pleasant atmosphere, then you may have found a home in the new Jerusalem East Restaurant, at 73-15 Parsons Boulevard.

On my first stop of a barnstorming tour which will lead me to many of the exotic locations on the Jewish Dining Belt, I found a number of aspects of the restaurant pleasing. While not decorated with moons and stars, or paintings of the Great Wall, the decor is attractive, with private booths for all the tables. The music, while not that of Chin Fu Yang, is nevertheless conducive to eating. Although none of the waiters can recite Mao on request, they are courteous and relatively fast.

The food is excellent. The entrees, priced from \$4-\$7, provide generous helpings. The combination dishes, priced \$4-\$6,

## Around Town

by Mendy Hertz Exhibits

Jewish Museum—5th Ave. at 92nd St., Mon.-Thurs., 12-5; Sun., 11-6: "The Life That Disappeared," a narrated slide presentation about the vanished world of the shtetl—indefinite. "Archaeology of Israel"—indefinite. "Sculpture" by Luise Kaish—through 12/12. "A Scholar's Study," a collection of rare books and manuscripts—through 1/4/74.

Museum of Modern Art—11 West 53rd St.: "A New Perspective" (a greatly expanded exhibition of the painting and sculpture collection) provides a survey of modern art from 1880 to 1970. "Miro"—60 paintings, sculptures, collages, and drawings—through 12/10.

### Books

Elie Wiesel's new book "The Oath" was released last month and the critics claim that it's Wiesel's finest work. "The most beautiful, the most profound"—Les Nouvelles Literature. "Wiesel is so very, very good"—The New York Times.

Also worthwhile are: "Prisoners of Honor—The Dreyfus Affair" by David L. Lewis. It presents disturbing and important new material about the cause celebre that would have raised anti-Semitism to a national passion, and the crime of government officials who remained silent for the purpose of national security. "Desperate Games" by Pierre



Boulle is another highly recommended work. Famous for "The Bridge over the River Kwai," Boulle, in "Desperate Games," envisions the establishment of a world government attempting to abolish the evils of society. Being an utter cynic, Boulle seems convinced that the passion for killing is eternal.

### Plays

"Troilus and Cressida," by William Shakespeare, is a brilliant tragedy. It will be the New York Shakespeare Festival's first production through 1/20/74 at the Mitzi E. Newhouse Theatre, located at

150 West 65th St. Another one of Shakespeare's works, "Twelfth Night," will be performed at the Abbey Theatre, 136 E. 13th St., on 12/29.

"Pippin," an eye-filling musical by Roger O. Hirson about the son of Charlemagne, is being performed at the Imperial, 45th St. near 8th Ave. and features Ben Veren, a fabulous, dynamic new star.

If you enjoy nostalgia, the music of the fifties, bumps and grinds, you won't want to miss "Grease," an amusingly ridiculous 50's rock & roll musical, being shown at the

Royale, 242 W. 45th St.

"Here Comes The Groom," a new Yiddish musical by Moishe Baruch, whom we all know from Cafe Yaffo—that delightful haimishe club with an all-star Israeli revue—is now at the Mayfair Theatre, 235 W. 46th St.

### Food & Entertainment

For delicious food and fine entertainment, try Sirroco, the lively Mediterranean club with Aris San, located at 29 E. 29th St.; The Five Russky's at El Avram; Liza Minelli at the Winter Garden (ticketron starts Dec. 13); Don Rickles will be coming to Nanuet Theatre in early December; The Sky Rink, an Olympic-size indoor ice skating rink, skate shop and school, is at 450 W. 33rd St. (Admission is \$2.50; afternoon sessions will be on Wed., Sat., and Sun., 3-5:15.

### Movies

Some fine, interesting films now being shown in "Fun City" are: "American Graffiti," "The Way We Were," "Mean Streets," and "The Long Goodbye." An entire Marx Brothers' film festival will be coming this month to the 61st St. and First Ave. Screening Room, in conjunction with the new Marx Brothers Scrapbook, by Richard J. Anobile.

### Eating Out?

New dinner club in Queens—Jerusalem East—excellent Chinese food—located at Parsons & Kissena Blvds.



provide enough food for two, with an interesting mixture of dishes. The spare ribs, cooked in tangy sauce, are excellent. Perhaps there could be more meat on them, but spare ribs will be spare ribs. The marinated veal is also very tasty. Of particular interest is the pepper steak. Circular cuts of beef with onions and sauce are unusually delicious. The side dishes, chow mein and rice, compliment the others. Together with the condiments-chow mein noodles, sweet and sour sauces, a meal at Jerusalem East is a relatively inexpensive, delightful taste-treat. For information call: 591-5110.

A word about the column: The purpose of this column is to provide a guide to the finer kosher restaurants throughout the city. It will appear in every issue, with one or more of the eateries being reviewed in each. For any information, please contact the office of the Independent. Keep those cards and letters coming in! Next issue: Cafe Yaffo and others.

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A Citywide Jewish College Graduate Group (ages 22-35) is now being formed and will hold a Chanukah—Get Acquainted Party on Sunday, December 16, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Roosevelt House, 49 East 65th Street, Manhattan. Admission is \$1.00.

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