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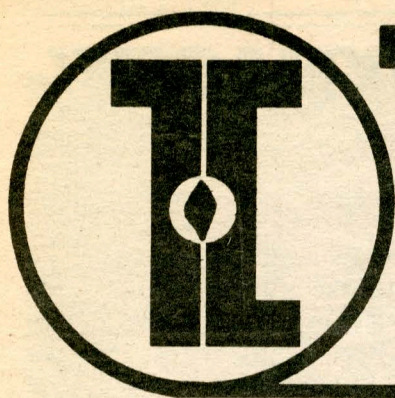


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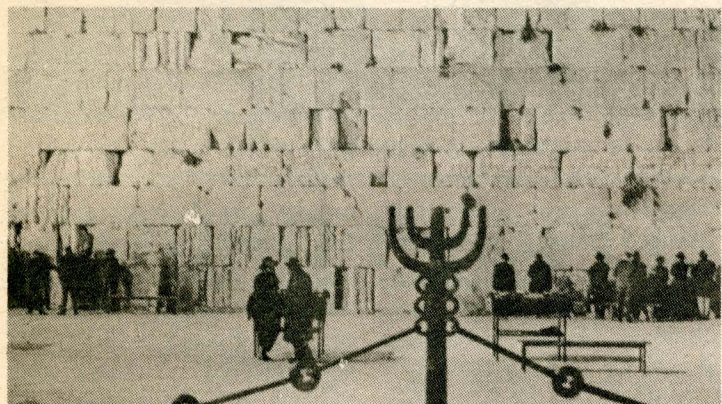
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INDEPENDENT



Time To Go Home: The Kotel in Jerusalem

Kahane Stresses Activism and Aliya

by Shira J. Lieberman

The J.D.L.! Those letters stand out bold and strong in today's political spectrum. I had never been exposed to the views of the J.D.L. until Wednesday, December 7 when Touro hosted a very charismatic speaker, head of the J.D.L. and Kach party in Israel, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Rabbi Kahane spoke eloquently on Jewish Orthodoxy, especially his view that many Orthodox Jews are "Jewish practitioners" and that these Jews are not living as religious Jews should. This can only be achieved by living in Israel and by taking an interest in maintaining a strong Israeli defense.

Besides a very pro-Israeli forte, the J.D.L. believes in a "survival theory" in which they feel that to survive they must destroy the PLO before they come to kill us. Questions were raised after Kahane stated that "Arabs have no civil or political rights in Israel" and if they don't declare themselves as such, Kahane encourages them to leave Israel. He joked that if he (Kahane) was Defense Minister, they (Arabs) would leave willingly.

Kahane discussed that there is a growing interest in the Kach party as a result of Menachem Begin's retirement. The Jewish Defense League was founded by Kahane in 1968. Since then,

they have grown and there are many offices in the United States, but the main concentration of the J.D.L. is in Israel attempting to transform the ignorance of Jews in relation to Israel's hostile enemies, into a realization that Israel needs to have a strong *sechel* (intelligence) as well as a strong aim.

Many who have heard Kahane take a strong opposition, but Kahane still expresses his view, takes in all negative comments, and looks ahead optimistically. From this, Kahane has developed fantastic wit and cleverness which add to his powerful presentation. Yet what upsets Kahane the most is the disinterest of Jews in regard to the political problem that plagues Israel. Kahane says "that Israel's worse enemy is not the PLO but ignorant and apathetic Jews." Kahane implores that Israel is in "G-d's hand" but we must help ourselves as well.

Many questions asked by Touro students concerned Jesse Jackson's political aspirations and his close relationship with the PLO and how this affects Israel. Kahane views Jackson as a "big threat" to the security of Israel. As Kahane discussed the recent bombing in Jerusalem he reiterated the purpose of the J.D.L.

Towards the conclusion of Kahane's remarks, he made clear the idea that all Jews

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by Chana Whinston

On November 9th, Yosef Mendelovich came to Touro and spoke to the students. As a Russian Jew, he gave us his story, and talked about Soviet Jews in general.

Yosef Mendelovich lived in Rega, a small country occupied by Russia. The home of Rav Kook, Rega had a Jewish population of 100,000. His family had not been involved with Zionism or Judaism.

The Russian newspapers had been predicting that Israel would not survive, but Mendelovich had never believed them.

He first got involved in Zionism as a high school student in 1964. The Zionist

group asked him to hide some tapes on Israel. Without telling his parents, he hid them in his basement. When the KGB was checking houses, they didn't suspect him.

There was a graveyard nearby of 50,000 Jews that had been killed in the Holocaust. After high school, he joined 250 others in cleaning up the graveyard. This graveyard became their meeting place, and here he learned Hebrew songs, and about Israel.

In 1968, Yosef Mendelovich applied to leave Russia. He was turned down.

In June 1970, he joined some people trying to escape Russia. They had plans to take over a plane and hijack it to Sweden.

In the airport in Leningrad,

they realized that they had been followed. They were arrested. Yosef Mendelovich was sentenced to 12 years in jail. He was first put in a mental institution, then was changed to a jail.

While he was in jail, the Jews outside of Israel found out about Mendelovich. They pressured the Soviet government for his release. Finally, in 1981, after he had spent 11 years in jail, he was freed. The Russians called him in jail one morning and told him to pack his belongings. He was flown to Israel that day.

Yosef Mendelovich said that we must keep fighting for Soviet Jewry. The number of Jews that have been allowed to leave Russia is falling. They only have a chance if we help.

U.N. Gives Herzog A Rocky Reception

by Reuven Epstein

Israel's president Chaim Herzog recently addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations. It was interesting to note that the viewing section was more heavily populated than was the General Assembly itself.

Mr. Herzog was on a relatively unpublicized 11 day U.S. tour. Not only didn't his visit receive much media attention, Herzog's U.N. address did not either. This is rather odd, certainly in N.Y. you would expect some media coverage! Only *The Times* mentioned Herzog's U.N. address and even there it was buried. I don't know if this is significant, but it certainly did set the tone for Herzog's day at the U.N.

As Mr. Herzog was being introduced, the Iraqi Ambassador objected on the grounds that, according to U.N. resolutions, Israel's claim that

Jerusalem was its capital was "null and void." The president of the General Assembly dismissed the objection saying that Herzog's presence "in no way prejudices U.N. resolutions".

Things then got worse. As Mr. Herzog rose to speak many delegations walked out. All told about 1/2 of the 158

member countries were not present. When he reached the podium, Herzog was given a thundering ovation by the viewers in the gallery. (Touro was represented by a group of students and several student government board members.) The ovation showed President Herzog he was not without supporters, even if the U.N. is not among them.

President Herzog spoke very well. He extended Israel's military tradition of immediate retaliation, to political matters as well. He spoke of the "Politics of Fear"; how some nations receive technological and agricultural aid from Israel, and yet for no other reason than fear left the hall.

Mr. Herzog noted the hypocrisy of the U.N.; how can you reach any solutions when half the members are not even willing to listen to what you want to say? He also pointed

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Herzog reviewing his notes.

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To The Editors Keep On Caring!

Dear Editor,

A few weeks before Thanksgiving vacation, there was quite a bit of tension in both of Touro's dormitories. The incident that occurred is not the subject of this correspondence; the apparent change of Touro's character that the incident points to is what I am writing about.

Touro has always been a school where everyone cared about the students'

overall well-being. It has never been the case that a student was "dumped" once s/he has entered our hallowed halls. However, there is a certain element within the administration that may ruin Touro's reputation as a caring school. It seems a pity to lose such a valuable and scarce attribute no matter what the motives for such a sacrifice might be.

A concerned student

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"I'd Rather Watch DYNASTY"

By Todd Kahn

The following is a conversation I recently had with a freshman girl:

"Are you coming tonight to hear Yosef Mendelovitch speak at Touro?" I asked.

"Who is Yosef Mendelovitch?" she replied.

"He was a Soviet dissident who wanted to immigrate to Israel. The government would not let him leave so Mendelovitch with a group of other dissidents tried to hijack a plane out of the Soviet Union. They were caught and he was sentenced to fifteen years of hard labor in Siberia. His sentence was reduced to eleven years thanks to pressure put on the Soviets by the rest of the world. So, are you going to come tonight to hear him?"

"No, I'd rather watch Dynasty."

Her response outraged me to such an extent that I could not even speak and just walked

away. To place Dynasty over Yosef Mendelovitch, a fellow Jew who risked his life for what he believed in. A man whose feeling for Judaism and Israel made him attempt the impossible. Yossef Mendelovitch who suffered through eleven years of hell on earth with his beliefs intact.

Not to be able to give up one hour of T.V. to hear his story demonstrates such apathy that it is hard to believe an Orthodox Jew could make such a comment. The thing that bothers me the most is that this was not an isolated incident. Many other students both men and women gave equally lame reasons for not coming to the lecture. Touro students pride themselves on their religiousness and Zionism yet do we really know what it means to be religious and Zionist?

When Meir Kahane spoke at Touro two weeks ago and said:

"Eating Glatt Kosher does not make one an Orthodox Jew!" He put his finger on the problem. Touro students and modern Orthodox Jews in general are so caught up in ritual that we become blind to the reasons behind the ritual. The main reason for following the 613 mitzvahs of the Torah is to be able to lead a certain kind of life; a life which will enable one to have the zeal and love for Judaism that Yosef Mendelovitch possesses. That zeal and love is what kept him alive for eleven years in Siberia. If we could have a tenth of that kind of zeal then we too could overcome whatever obstacles life has in store. That is why I feel it is crucial that we have speakers like Yosef Mendelovitch and Meir Kahane at Touro. By being exposed to them we might all be able to gain some of their zeal and become complete Jews.

Israel Pays High Price For Prisoners

By Jonathan Hill

We can learn many lessons from the recent exchange of prisoners between Israel and the PLO. In this exchange, Israel gave up over 5,000 terrorists, many of them hardened criminals serving life sentences in Israel's jails for terrorist acts, in return for six Israeli soldiers. From this we can see the value that we Jews place on a human life. This can be viewed in two different ways.

One side might say that no matter what the cost we must

get our soldiers back. For this side no sacrifice is too great to get their boys back home. This view would of course be held by anyone who knew or knows the captives, but it is also held by a large majority of the people. These people think if they were captured wouldn't they want their government to go to every extreme to get them free.

But then there is the other side. They look at the whole perspective of things. They also want our boys home. They also would exchange a lopsided amount. Ten terrorists for every soldier. One hundred terrorists for every soldier. But when it comes to nearly 1000 terrorists for every soldier that is too much. This side thinks that the chances that many of these 5000 released will resume their terrorist operations and kill many more of our people outweighs the saving of the six.

Indeed, the recent bombing

of a city bus in Jerusalem might possibly have been done by one of the recently released terrorists. This opinion is held by many both in the government and in the private sector. Commenting on the release, the former chief of staff of the Israeli Defense Forces, Rafael Eitan said he would like to see the six who were released court martialed since they laid down their guns without fighting. This view I admit is quite extreme and it is a far cry from the jubilant multitudes of people that greeted the six on their arrival in Israel.

But after the celebrations quieted down the people began thinking and reexamining the situation. Most of the people still and always will believe no price is too high to redeem a captured soldier. But then there still is that influential percentage of the people who believe that the chance they are taking was in this case too high.

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Roslyn Weisberg at her desk.

TOURO PEOPLE

by Evan Lowenthal

There are many people who work on the 10th floor, yet one woman stands out due to the strong, positive impression she creates. She is Roslyn Weisberg, recorder for the Office of Records. A true Touro veteran, she has worked for the school for 8 years. Her current duties include matters concerning transcripts and other documents such as foreign student forms.

Mrs. Weisberg is a native of Savannah, Georgia. She is married to an attorney who works in Manhattan. Her other family members include two daughters; Eileen is married and a registered nurse, as well as being the mother of one. Phyllis is a lawyer for the IRS. In the past, Phyllis has worked as an administrative assistant for the Retired Adult Program (now part of SGS). Aside from her family, Mrs. Weisberg enjoys reading, swimming and travel.

"The office wouldn't be the same without her" said co-worker Arthur Frisch. "Students know her from their first day here until they graduate." This student in particular is glad to have that privilege.

Some other important people who work on the 10th floor can be found in the office of Financial aid. Steven Blum

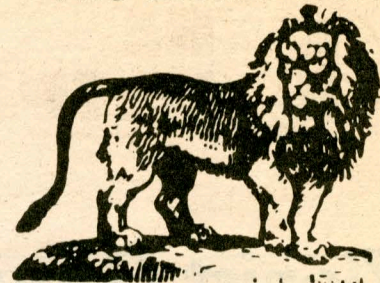
is the recently appointed Director of Student Services. He supervises the operation of the Financial Aid and Bursar offices. His work experience includes 3 years as Financial Aid Counselor at Stony Brook University, 5 years as Director of Financial Aid at Adelphi, and 2 years as an independent consultant to colleges. He is married, the father of two boys and enjoys tennis.

Mr. Blum discussed three common misconceptions that students have about financial aid. The first misunderstanding concerns eligibility. There is no strict dollar limit for eligibility for aid. There is a sliding scale similar to income tax tables. The less one earns, the more one is entitled to. However, there is no strict dollar cut-off since the number of family members and assets are taken into consideration. "We look at total family situation rather than one strict criteria," Mr. Blum explained.

Another frequent error is that students believe that they will be eligible for more aid if they claim independence from their parents. If one is under 25 years of age this is "virtually impossible" to prove without written documentation from a social service agency or child care agency. Furthermore, students are better off applying as dependents if their par-

Support Judaism Not Racism

The Lion's Den



by Evan Lowenthal

"Run, Jesse, Run." This cry is resounding throughout the country, fanning tensions that have been dormant since the days of Andrew Young at the UN (remember him?). This article is not about Jesse Jackson. It is clear to every conscientious Jew that he is not our friend and the mention of his pandering to the PLO need not be repeated. Nor is this column devoted to the subject of Black anti-Semitism; much has been said about that, too. This issue will examine a subject that is easy to ignore: when Jewish people are racist.

Rabbi Kahane makes it clear that he opposes Jackson not because he's Black, but because he is sympathetic to those who would destroy us. A good man is a good man, no matter what his color is, Rabbi Kahane maintains. Similarly, one of the great commentators declares that God created humanity from one ancestor, Adam, so that no one could say that their forebears are superior to the fathers of another man. From an ideological standpoint, it would seem that racism is incompatible with the love of humanity that the Torah encourages.

"But we have to look out for our own interests," you might ask. This is quite true. As Jews we are affected by the social climate of our society. If intolerance or hatred is tolerated, it becomes much easier to hate the Jews. Racist groups like the KKK have killed and persecuted Jews in the United States; it would be foolhardy to mouth opinions similar to theirs or to condone those who do. Therefore, it is very much in the Jewish interest to discourage racism.

Racism has also affected the Jewish people directly. Unlike any other persecution, the Holocaust was the most inescapable terror since the Jew could not convert himself out of existence. The Nazis borrowed heavily from the pseudo-scientific racism that was formulated in France and Germany after World War I. Since the Jews were considered racially inferior, baptised Jews died alongside Hasidim wearing *payot*. The only crime that the six million committed is that they were born Jewish.

The Black Jews of Ethiopia, known as Falashas, have encountered extreme obstacles

in their fight to be accepted and to make aliya. A few high placed officials in various Israeli governments simply did not want "schvartzes" in the Jewish state despite the heroic struggle of the Falashas to remain Jewish and stay alive in that most inhospitable land. Halachic converts to Judaism who happen to be Black tell us that they too have problems being accepted by their fairer skinned brethren. Some of "them" are us!

The solution to the problem of Jewish racism is not guilt. As Rabbi Kahane also pointed out, our ancestors did not sell slaves. The answer is to treat people as equals. If a man is good, we should give him credit and if he is bad, we should oppose him. Period. We should not support the anti-semitic Black Panthers just to prove how liberal we are. Nor should we "bend over backwards" in order to prove to the world that Zionism is not racism. (After all, some gentiles still believe that Jews kill Christian children to make matzoh). We should oppose racism because it is the right thing to do. If that is not motivation enough, we should realize that it is in our own best interest to be non-racist.

ents have low incomes. For example, if the parents earn \$10,000 a year, a dependent student would qualify for full aid. However, an independent student not married, without dependents, who earns \$5,000 a year is not eligible for aid.

The third misconception discussed was work-study. Mr. Blum stated that this is a form of financial aid, therefore one must be eligible for financial aid in order to qualify. The

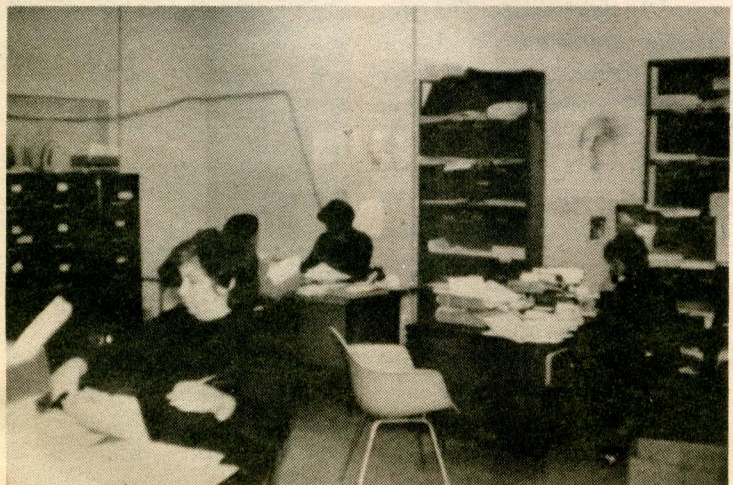
money is made available from a Federal grant, and is therefore not unlimited. Not every request for work-study can be fulfilled, even if there is financial need, since the school gives out only the amount received each year.

Another important official in the Financial Aid office is Carol Sclar. She came to Touro 3½ years ago as a counselor and is now Assistant Director of Financial Aid for LAS, the Law School and the

Physician's Assistant Program. Her job is to deal with students directly and process Financial Aid forms as well as "package" students for aid. She also works with the state and Federal governments regarding student aid and loans.(GSL)

Mrs. Sclar has two children and loves to read novels and write short stories and poetry. She "feels a sense of ac-

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The Financial Aid Office at work.

Let's Can Poverty!

by Eve Ann Sacks

Something that we all take for granted is to have a nice home-cooked meal and the warmth and affection that our families give us. Imagine never having the feeling of being full with food in stomachs and living on love alone.

It sounds nice, but let's be realistic—it would be very dif-

ficult.

There are many Jewish families in Harlem who are starving and don't know what it's like to be full. They have forgotten what it's like to sit down with their families and eat a hot meal on Shabbos. The NAJP (National Association for the Jewish Poor) directed by Gary Moskowitz is

struggling every day to help feed these families. You can help by bringing in any canned foods whether it's tuna, vegetables, or soup to either student government offices at the men's or women's division, or to room #505 at the Beverly. Everyone has canned foods at home. Please help us prevent this problem from continuing,



TOURO CEN

Zionist Group Blasts NBC Coverage of Lebanon; Releases Book and Video Tape

On November 1st of this year the Americans For a Safe Israel released a study of the NBC coverage of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. This study, entitled *NBC's War In Lebanon: The Distorting Mirror*, goes into great detail proving that NBC's coverage of the invasion was slanted against Israel in 6 respects.

The first of these areas is censorship. NBC made it a point of noting that all of these reports were censored by Israel several times in each broadcast. This redundancy could only lead to the negative attitude of "What are they trying to hide?". NBC failed to mention that censorship is practiced in most wars (2 recent examples are the British in the Falklands and the U.S. invasion of Grenada). NBC also failed to make an issue of Syrian censorship or PLO censorship which at times took the

form of killing journalists who opposed them.

Civilian targets are the second area in which NBC biased their reporting against Israel. I think most of us remember the picture circulated at the beginning of the war of the "baby girl" whose arms had been blown off by the Israelis. After an investigation, it was found that this "baby girl" was in fact a baby boy suffering from a broken arm. NBC only reported the original story and did not report the correction. This incident exemplifies NBC's treatment of the issue of civilian casualties. NBC made it appear as if Israel were inflicting tremendous civilian casualties. NBC achieved this through misrepresentation of facts, misleading photographs, using quotes out of context and by using quotes from biased sources.

The third area of NBC's bias against Israel deals with NBC's

using falsified figures to cast Israel in a bad light. The prime example of this is "600,000 homeless civilians". NBC got this figure from the Red Crescent whom they identified as the "Lebanese Red Cross." In fact the Red Crescent is part of the PLO. NBC continued to use this figure of 600,000 even after the correct figure of 70,000 was released.

The fourth area of NBC's bias against Israel deals with NBC's choice of terminology in their broadcast. It is not possible to show an example of this since it is the quantity of these "minor" implications that leads to the conclusion of biased reporting.

The fifth area in which NBC's bias is displayed is in their portrayal of the PLO as "Underdog Freedom Fighters". Rather than portraying them as the terrorists and murderers of civilians (in and out of Lebanon) which is of course the accurate picture. A prime example of this was on July 12 when NBC showed a film of Arafat kissing a baby as he proclaimed, "We resist to protect the children, the next generation".

The last of NBC's areas of bias was in their selection of interviews to be aired. Judging by NBC's interviews one would assume there were no merits in the Israeli invasion and that everyone (including the Jews) were against the invasion.

There are two major issues not dealt with in *The Distorting Mirror*, these are: why did NBC choose to slant the news and what can be done? At first this bothered me a great deal until I realized that neither one of the questions has a definite answer. I will however put forward my thoughts on these two questions.

Why did NBC slant the news? All commercial networks strive for rating points in order to have a large income. Rating points are achieved through popularity. I doubt many people would watch a western or most shows for that matter if there weren't a "good guy" and a "bad guy". It is my observation that it is much less interesting to watch

a sporting event if you have no interest in which team wins or loses. So in order to have a larger viewing audience, NBC chose to make Israel the villain. Why they chose Israel instead of the Arabs could best be answered historically in several encyclopedic volumes.

What can be done? I feel the most effective way to deal with this is to write to NBC explaining you don't approve of the fact that they made a choice in the first place. If you were currently spending advertising dollars with NBC I would suggest that you transfer your account to another network to express your disapproval. Effectively what I am doing is taking the perhaps naive position that in a capitalistic society, a commercial network will do what the dollar says, and as a viewer or an advertiser you represent the dollar.

This article is not meant to imply that CBS and ABC were impartial, only less biased in their reporting. I recommend reading *The Distorting Mirror* to dispel any idealistic assumptions that anti-semitism does not exist in our media. *The Distorting Mirror* can be obtained from **The Americans For a Safe Israel, 147 E. 76th St., New York, N.Y. 10021.** The cost is \$4.95.

Talk and Tape

By Chana Whinston

Is TV news objective? No, charges *Americans For A Safe Israel*. Represented by Peter Emanuel Goldman, ASI has been addressing various Jewish groups about the news coverage of Israel's invasion of Lebanon. Earlier this semester, the Womans Division was invited to hear this lecture with the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. After giving an introduction, Goldman showed a videotape he made up called "NBC in Lebanon - A study of Media Misrepresentation." This tape explained why ASI felt that

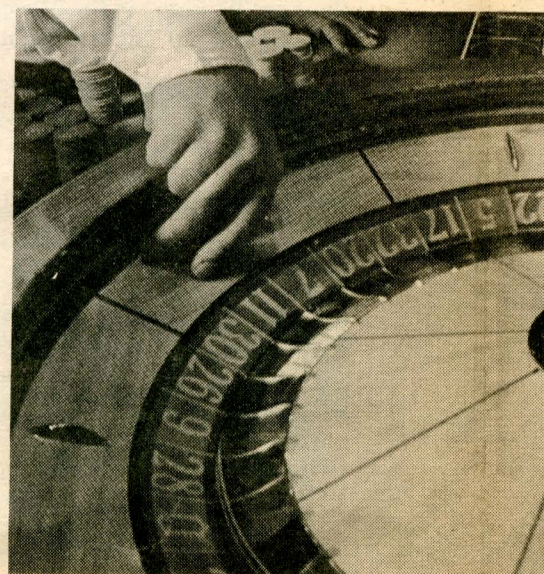
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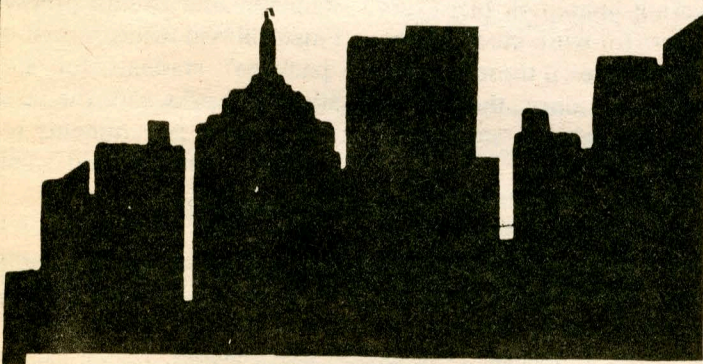


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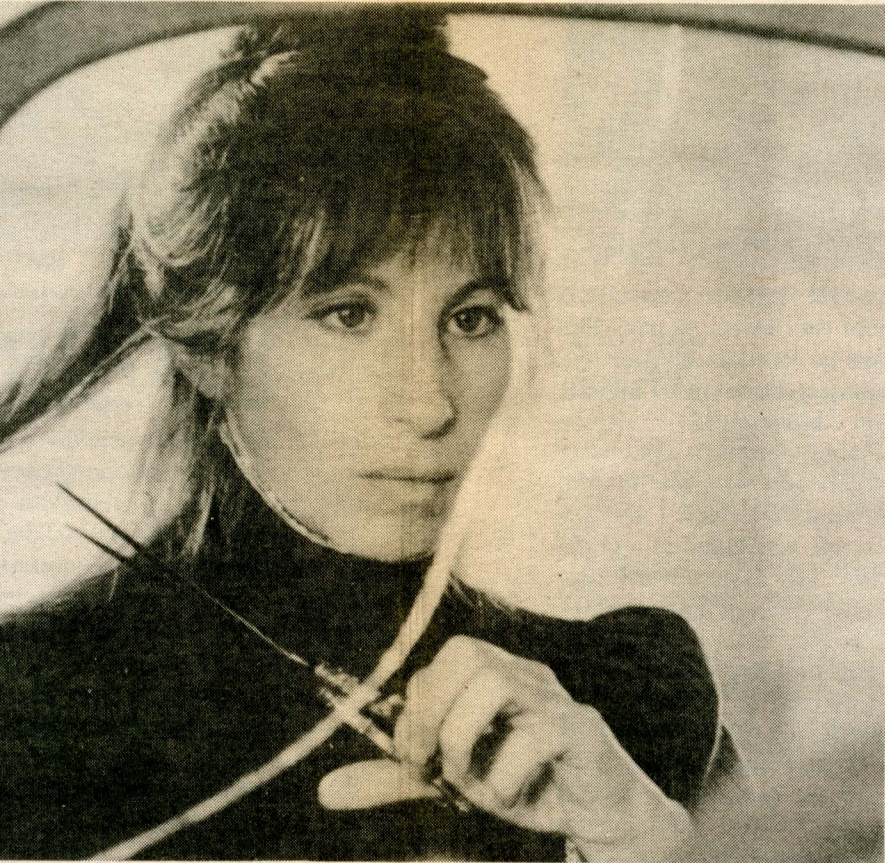
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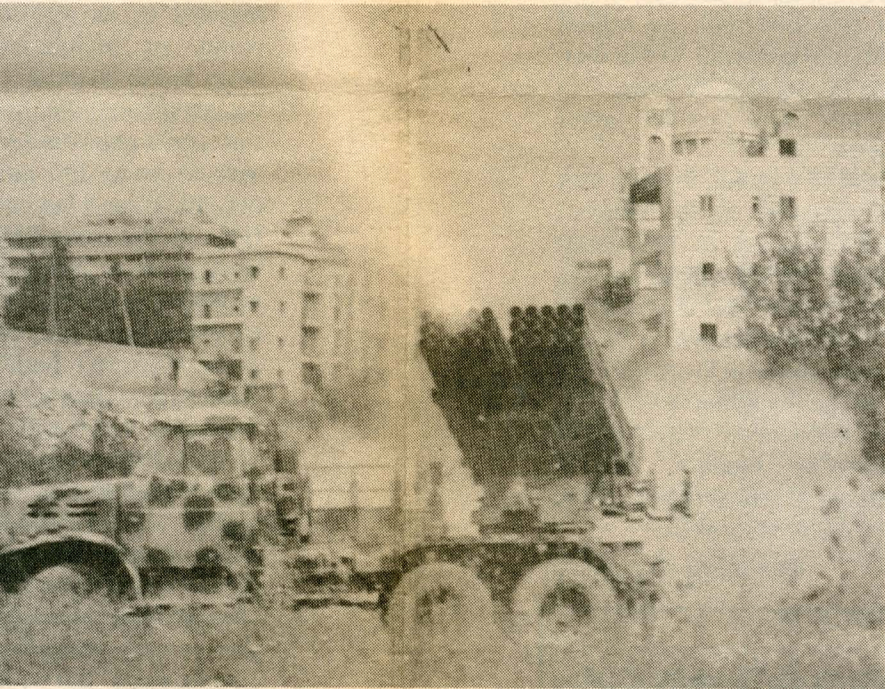
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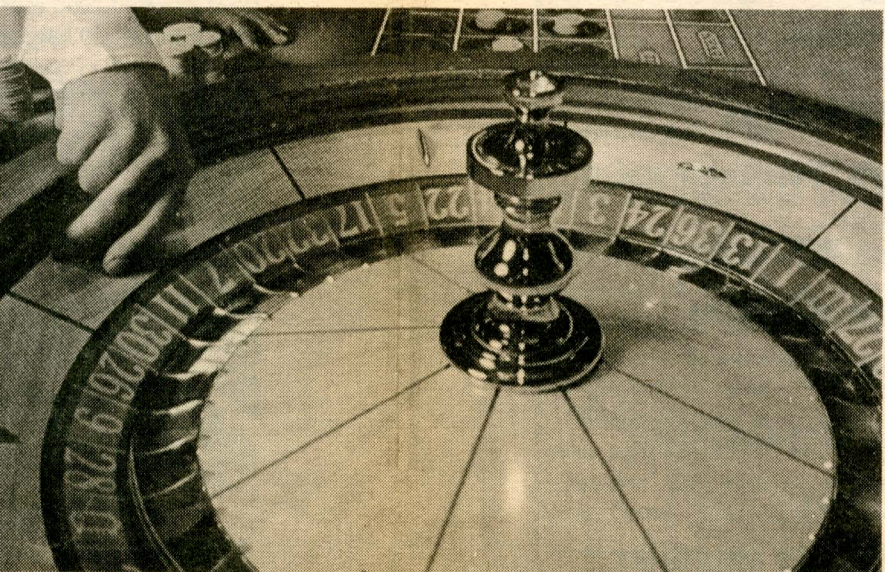
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High Stakes At Touro Atlantic City Trip (page 5).

Streisand Succeeds As Yeshiva Bochur In *YENTYL*

by Paul Babitts

Yentl, a film based on a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, concerns a young, turn-of-the-century shtetl girl who eschews traditional feminine pursuits for the Talmud. The girl, Yentl, must after the death of her father (who secretly taught and studied with his only child), leave town and disguise herself as a man in order to learn Talmud publicly, in a yeshiva.

In the yeshiva at Bechev (Poland), Anshel (as Yentl now calls herself), is paired in a *havrusa* with Avigdor, a handsome rabbinical scholar. The two of them become close friends. So close in fact that "Anshel" falls in love with Avigdor! When Avigdor's suit to Hadass, the town beauty, is rejected by overly particular parents, Anshel becomes a logical substitute for the groom. This is the impetus for the action in the rest of the movie.

Yentl is an important film for two reasons. First, it marks one of the few attempts ever at producing for general release an untested, overly ethnic work. Previous "Jewish" movies (*Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Chosen*) were either proven money makers (on Broadway, for example), or became financial failures. Second, it does for Judaism what few films have ever done: it shows what is truly remarkable about the Jews, what sets us apart. In *Yentl*, we see bearded young men dedicated to knowledge, argue in pursuit of truth and a definite way of life, not the stock market and gold futures. Knowledge and intellect are so prized among the people in *Yentl*'s towns and villages, that women want only to marry and have children with the most learned men, not the best looking or richest.

As entertainment, *Yentl* scores mostly on the performances by Barbra Streisand, who, in addition to starring in the picture, also produced, directed, and co-wrote the production and by Amy Irving,

who plays the part of the subservient Hadass. Barbra Streisand is in top form, although I doubt whether anyone in the audience would mistake her for a yeshiva boy. Miss Streisand uses the proper amount of earnestness, humility, and humor. Amy Irving, who has an almost silent part, perfectly portrays a woman who lives only to serve her husband and make him happy. Mandy Patinkin is cast as Avigdor, and although pushy and overbearing, this is probably necessary for the part.

The best part of *Yentl*, though, is the music. This is not a musical in the traditional sense of choreographed semi-operettas of the 1940's and '50's. In the film only Yentl herself ever sings, and most of what she does sing is running commentary and narration of her feelings and thoughts. In substance the music is good enough, but with Barbra Streisand's voice, which has never been better, the songs, (especially the finale) are excellent and alone are worth the admission, the wait in line, and the two hours and twenty minutes of playing time.

Yentl is highly recommended.

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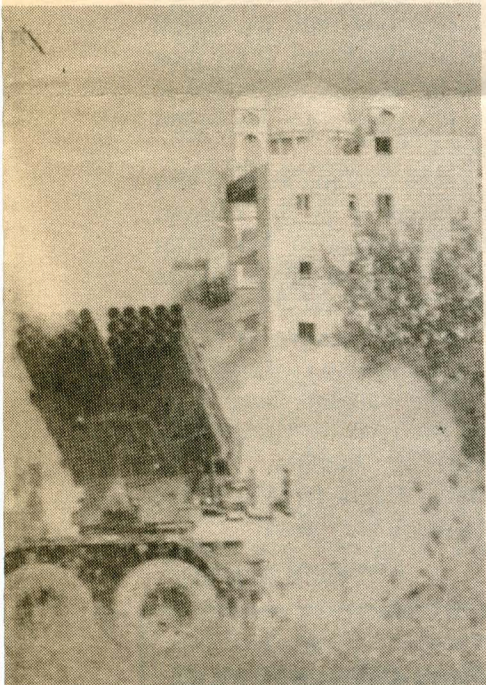
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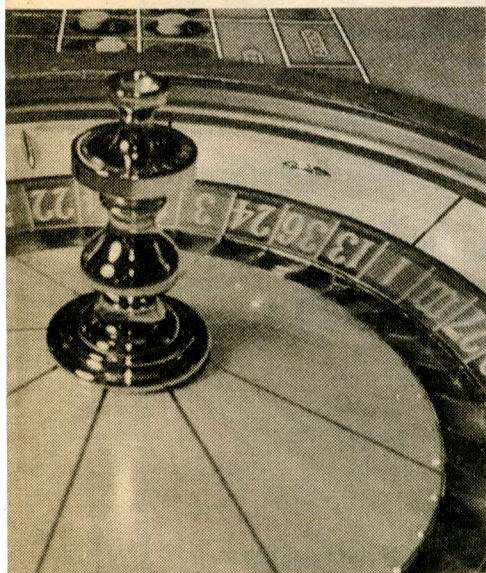
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Barbra in Yentl (page 5).



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Streisand Succeeds As Yeshiva Bochur In YENTYL

by Paul Babitts

Yentl, a film based on a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, concerns a young, turn-of-the-century shtetl girl who eschews traditional feminine pursuits for the Talmud. The girl, Yentl must after the death of her father (who secretly taught and studied with his only child), leave town and disguise herself as a man in order to learn Talmud publicly, in a yeshiva.

In the yeshiva at Bechev (Poland), Anshel (as Yentl now calls herself), is paired in a *havrusa* with Avigdor, a handsome rabbinical scholar. The two of them become close friends. So close in fact that "Anshel" falls in love with Avigdor! When Avigdor's suit to Hadass, the town beauty, is rejected by overly particular parents, Anshel becomes a logical substitute for the groom. This is the impetus for the action in the rest of the movie.

Yentl is an important film for two reasons. First, it marks one of the few attempts ever at producing for general release an untested, overly ethnic work. Previous "Jewish" movies (*Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Chosen*) were either proven money makers (on Broadway, for example), or became financial failures. Second, it does for Judaism what few films have ever done: it shows what is truly remarkable about the Jews, what sets us apart. In *Yentl*, we see bearded young men dedicated to knowledge, argue in pursuit of truth and a definite way of life, not the stock market and gold futures. Knowledge and intellect are so prized among the people in *Yentl's* towns and villages, that women want only to marry and have children with the most learned men, not the best looking or richest.

As entertainment, *Yentl* scores mostly on the performances by Barbra Streisand, who, in addition to starring in the picture, also produced, directed, and co-wrote the production and by Amy Irving,

who plays the part of the subservient Hadass. Barbra Streisand is in top form, although I doubt whether anyone in the audience would mistake her for a yeshiva boy. Miss Streisand uses the proper amount of earnestness, humility, and humor. Amy Irving, who has an almost silent part, perfectly portrays a woman who lives only to serve her husband and make him happy. Mandy Patinkin is cast as Avigdor, and although pushy and overbearing, this is probably necessary for the part.

The best part of *Yentl*, though, is the music. This is not a musical in the traditional sense of choreographed semi-operettas of the 1940's and '50's. In the film only Yentl herself ever sings, and most of what she does sing is running commentary and narration of her feelings and thoughts. In substance the music is good enough, but with Barbra Streisand's voice, which has never been better, the songs, (especially the finale) are excellent and alone are worth the admission, the wait in line, and the two hours and twenty minutes of playing time.

Yentl is highly recommended.

P.A. Program Hosts Cancer Conference

by Reuven Epstein

Touro College's Physician's Assistant (P.A.) program, in collaboration with the American Cancer Society, recently sponsored a full day seminar; *Cancer: A Multi Faceted Disease*.

Touro's P.A. program, is a 2 year, upper division curriculum, designed to educate students in assisting the primary physician. "One out of four people will acquire some form of cancer during their lifetime," says program director Shlomo Twersky. "Therefore, we felt this was an important program for our P.A. stu-

dents."

To address the issue, prominent medical authorities discussed a variety of factors contributing to the onset of cancer. Among them were Dr. Arthur Heller of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Dr. Edward Weiner, director of Cytopathology at NYU Medical Center.

The students also considered the conference important. Rebeca Rothstein, a P.A. student, noted, "the seminar was both informative and interesting. It benefited everyone regardless of their medical background."

Touro Students Take A Big Gamble

With money in pocket and feelings of LUCK, on November 13 approximately forty five Touro college students were determined to attack the Resorts International Casino of Atlantic City and make the managers regret that they came to work on that day.

In reality however, the only winnings that took place that day was in the card games on the bus to and from Atlantic

City.

During the 7 hour stop over not many people came away from the tables and machines as winners. For the losers, the 7 hour stop over seemed like 7 days and for the few winners it seemed like 7 minutes.

In spite of the losses incurred, all enjoyed the day and from the student government point of view the trip can be deemed a success.

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Tips On Taking Tests

Would you like to achieve a high score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the Graduate Management Exam (GMAT), or the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)? There are no secret formulas to help you. However, there are some pointers and tips for "testwise" behavior that should enable students to maximize their chances for doing well on such standardized exams. Some of these tips are given below.

1. Plan your time carefully. Do not spend too much time on any one question—all count equally regardless of their degree of difficulty. Read instructions closely and pay particular attention to definitions.
2. Don't let the length of the exam and the lack of time panic you. Generally, the tests contain more questions than can be handled during the prescribed time. On the GMAT, most students complete only about three quarters of the questions. On the LSAT, few students finish every section.
3. Do not skim or speed-read; underline key words and important passages. Watch out for red flags, trap words such as: *but*, *therefore*, and *however*.
4. Take the problems as they are and work out the answer from the stated facts. Consider all given options. Do not select answers based on your previous knowledge, opinions, expertise, or values. Beware of the so-called "attractive distractor"—the option that looks right but is not. Many questions will contain one such choice.

5. It is advisable to deal with questions in increasing order of difficulty. They are usually arranged in this fashion in each section. For example, on the law boards each of the seven sections begins with questions that were answered correctly by four out of five test takers in the past and they build up gradually in difficulty so that

by the end of the section you find questions that were answered incorrectly by the great majority of test takers on previous exams.

6. If you do not know an answer, guess intelligently. On the GRE and GMAT a quarter of a point is deducted for each incorrect response. To guess with some degree of safety, you should be able to eliminate at least one and possibly two of the given choices as definitely inaccurate. On the LSAT there is no subtraction for incorrect answers. Do not hesitate to guess.

7. Use mathematical shortcuts whenever possible. All these exams have quantitative sections involving some knowledge of geometry and elementary algebra. Be prepared to tackle questions dealing with the diameter of a circle, the surface of a rectangle, percentages, interest rates, fractions, averages, square roots, graphs, pie charts and simple equations. A review course should help you here, especially if your math skills are rusty. At any rate, you should brush up on your math.

8. Avoid silly mistakes in marking your answer sheet. Students often lose points by putting their answer in the wrong column or opposite the wrong question. The likelihood of such mistakes increases towards the end of the exam as test fatigue sets in.

9. Get a good night's sleep before the exam and have a good breakfast in the morning.

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From Missions To MITZVOT: The Story of Rabbi Golding

By Michael Selig

With his beard, *payos* and *tzitzes* he looks like any Orthodox Rabbi that we know. Rabbi Shmuel Golding is not just any Rabbi, however. He is one man fighting a battle against the growing missionary problem in Israel. Rabbi Golding didn't always have the beard and *payos*. He wasn't always known as "Rabbi." He was once on the other side of the fence; he was once a missionary.

Rabbi Golding was born in May 1938. The thirties were hard times for Jewish people. It was the time when Hitler was coming into power. His mother came from Russia and his father came from Turkey. His mother was sent by the Lovers of Zion to their office in Constantinople to help Jewish people leave Russia to go to Palestine. It was there that she met his father, a rabbi in Constantinople. When Hitler was becoming powerful they left Constantinople with their first son and went to Russia to convince family and friends to leave while the going was good. There, in a place called Demidovo in the Ukraine, Rabbi Golding was born.

As a five year old he remembers Nazi stormtroopers with black boots marching into his town and sending his entire family to dig their own graves at Babi Yar. He and his brother were snatched away by well-meaning gentiles never to see each other again.

He found himself in the north of England on the Scottish border. He was brought up a Christian and was told nothing about his Jewishness. Whenever he asked about the past he was told that it was just a bad dream. At twenty one he was told the truth about his past. Even after discovering his Jewishness, he still felt the British were his people, and since he mixed in Christian social circles, a Bishop's daughter became his wife.

At the time of his marriage his father-in-law was the Bishop of Bradford later to become the Archbishop of York. Eventually, his father-in-law became the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primate of the Anglican Church. Being a fundamentalist, the future rabbi

had many differences with his father-in-law so his father-in-law sent him away to India where he was a successful missionary in Calcutta. During the war he moved on to Vietnam and established himself in Saigon with *Aid The Children*. In all his years as a missionary he never came into contact with a Jew. He kept very quiet about his Jewishness.

He went to France and was given a medal of honor and became a minister. The young minister had his own radio and television healing program to make the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the blind see. He shared platforms with Oral Roberts and Billy Graham. You might be asking how could a man like this ever change? How could he ever become a *baal tshuva*?

It all happened when he was offered a position that required him to become a Doctor of Divinity. Then minister Golding began to study the Hebrew Bible and the Hebrew language. When he learned the Hebrew he felt that it was his language and that the Bible was his Bible. He became proud of being Jewish. He began to feel that the G-d of Israel was his G-d, the Jewish people were his people. He remembered his father and mother digging their own graves. He began to think about why he is in the enemy camp, the camp that persecuted the Jewish people for so



Rabbi Shmuel Golding

long. He began to study more about the Jewish people. The more he learned the more he wanted to disassociate himself from Christianity.

Rabbi Golding's wife didn't feel the same way. She left him and took their child. One year later she was killed in a plane crash. His father-in-law put Rabbi Golding's daughter into a convent.

The minister went to Constantinople to look for his father's relatives. Almost all his family had been assimilated, he found no trace of Judaism, until he met his father's uncle who was secretary to the chief rabbi of Turkey. His great uncle gave him an envelope with an ethical will from his father. It was then that he decided he wanted to be the rabbi that his father used to be.

Rabbi Golding went to visit his daughter in the convent and explained to her about himself. His daughter said to him, "when I get out of here, I want your people to be my people and your G-d my G-d." Now his daughter lives in Israel and recently converted to Orthodox Judaism. She is helping Rabbi Golding in his anti-missionary work.

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Arafat: The Terrorist as Superstar

Talk

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NBC was slanted, and showed examples from news broadcasts.

Goldman chose to research NBC's coverage because he felt it was the worst network, but said that the others weren't much better. He said that the reporters felt that the invasion was wrong, so they slanted their coverage.

This was referred to as Begin's "final solution." When quoting any facts from Israel, they started with "Israel claims . . ." Israeli leaders were called "Superhawks" and Gemayel was called a "blood-thirsty tyrant." NBC said that Israel was an imperial country that was solving its problems in other lands. In contrast, they referred to "moderate Saudi Arabia." Reporter Paul Miller called 40,000 Syrian troops a "peacekeeping force."

NBC said that Israel is a threat to that Arab world, and that the PLO was planning to make peace with Israel. On June 13, 1982, they said that Israel has "occupied" Palestine since 1948.

Pictures of Arafat showed him laughing with reporters or kissing babies. PLO families were shown dazed and upset by the violence. NBC said that the PLO "wants to avoid destruction," and quoted a leader saying "I don't want to kill Jewish people. It's not our hobby to kill people."

One way of turning Americans anti-Israel is to portray Israel as anti-American. NBC said that Israel is making a shambles of American policy in the Middle East and that the U.S. is pro-Israel only because of the Jewish lobby.

When judging Israel's invasion into Lebanon, one must consider the history before June 1982. This history was rarely given. The news said that Israel attacked Lebanon because the PLO had killed an

Israeli ambassador, giving the impression PLO had been peaceful before this, and Israel was overreacting to an isolated murder. Out of 500 minutes on the war, less than 30 explained the causes or history.

In Lebanon, NBC interviewed seven pro-PLO leaders to every one pro-Gemayel.

NBC often referred to "random" shellings in Lebanon, ignoring Israeli and American war experts that said that they were very well aimed. They complained of "relentless Israeli attacks on civilians," without mentioning that Israel had warned the towns first, and that many Israeli soldiers had been killed trying to save Lebanese civilians.

Buildings that had been bombed by Israel were shown. The news emphasized that these were schools and hospitals, with no mention of the PLO arms supplies in the basements. Often, while mentioning bombings, they would show a bombed out area without mentioning that it had been bombed out by the PLO before Israel went into Lebanon. Israel was once blamed for a PLO car bomb. NBC never showed attacks on East Beirut by Syria or the PLO, except for showing one PLO bomb in East Beirut that they said was a misplaced Israeli bomb.

Statistics were very inaccurate. Many deaths included in "civilian deaths" were actually PLO fighters. NBC announced that one area had 9,000 civilians killed, 16,000 injured and 600,000 homeless. Less than 600,000 had even lived there. NBC had accepted the statistics distributed by Lebanon's Red Crescent, run by Arafat's brother. On June 16, the Red Cross said that this was incorrect, that the worst was 300,000 homeless, no one hurt. On June 19, Jessica Savitch reported 500,000 homeless.

The following article appeared in Harper's Magazine, September 1899.

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of star dust, lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of; has always been heard of.

He is as prominent on the planet as any other people and his commercial importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk. His contributions to the

world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine, and abstract learning are also way out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers.

He has put up a marvelous fight in this world in all the ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it.

The Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendour, then faded and passed away. The Greek and the Romans followed, and

made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind.

All things are mortal, but the Jew: all other forces pass but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

They never mentioned any of the people killed by Syria or the PLO.

When Israel had 150 bombs, totaling 60 tons, NBC announced that Israel had "thousands of tons of bombs."

Israel found foreign terrorists being trained in PLO

training camps, 540 arms depots, 140 of them in Beirut, and PLO documents showing plans to destroy Nahariyah, Kiryat Shomoneh, and the Galilee. The news ignored this. NBC repeated the Lebanese statement that there is no PLO in Lebanon. Not

until two months into the war, on August 11, did NBC admit that there was.

Americans For A Safe Israel sent a copy of the tape to NBC. NBC first ignored it, then said that their news was unbiased.

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Touro People

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complishment" when she helps students.

Her counterpart is Annette Kurz, Assistant Director of Financial Aid for SGS. Mrs. Kurz has one child and is "devoted to my job and my family." She is working towards a B.S. in accounting in Touro SGS. Like Mrs. Sclar, Mrs. Kurz enjoys working with people and helping students. She has been with Touro for 5 years.

The newest member of the Financial Aid staff is Ogetta Drayton. As Financial Aid Counselor she assists students and processes loans. Everyone in the Financial Aid office is confident that she will maintain their tradition of helping Touro students for many years to come.

Herzog

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out the folly of the U.N.'s spending so much time and money condemning Israel when other conflicts in the region are practically ignored. "One day of fighting in the present Iraq-Iran war, had more deaths than all the Israeli-Arab conflicts combined."

Mr. Herzog then reached the main order of business. "For years, we maintained that dialogue is the only road to peace. Let us begin to talk. Let

us open a dialogue. Let us forget the bitterness of the past." He pointed out that the last time an Arab nation was willing to do this, peace quickly followed. Herzog referred to Sadat as "a great leader of towering stature."

Though the Egyptian agreement has some problems, not one Israeli or Egyptian soldier has been injured since then in a conflict between those nations.

Missions

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Rabbi Golding is so successful that 70% of the people he counsels in his Israel office become *baalai tshuva*. The missionary problem is a very great problem in Israel. Many of our youth are being lost to missionaries. Rabbi Golding is providing an invaluable service to the Jewish people. Rabbi Golding feels that every

moment is needed in his work and the time that he takes to raise funds to support his work prevents him from saving another Jewish soul. He looks for support and is happy to assist anyone who wishes to contact him at:

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Keeping Abreast

There has been a lot of controversy over the years about the dating habits of Touro students. But to some of us, the concept is vastly underrated. When Brenda goes out its not just a date, it's an adventure.

Glenn showed coolness in the clutch on his last date when they planned to visit the observatory of the RCA building. After looking all over for it, Glenn smoothly suggested watching the skaters at Rockefeller Center instead. (Next time Glenn, just look up.)

Aviva Suntag's last date took her to a dog show where, surprisingly, she won! (We put her a close second.)

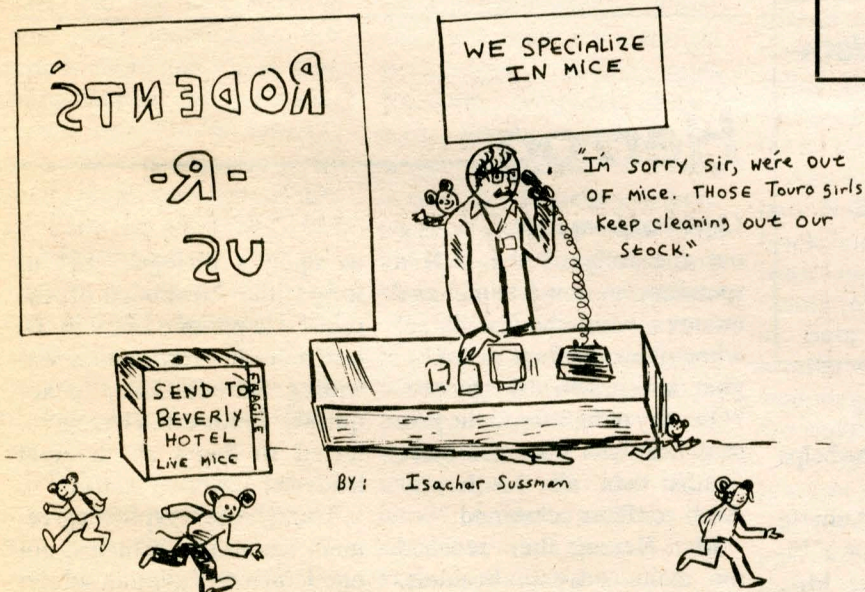
Wendy has crossed that unwritten line and is now proudly an equal opportunity social butterfly.

Its interesting to think that when Ricky Frankel gets married, he and his wife will be madly in love with the same person.

Quote of the month: Concerning the decision of a judge in a rape case giving the defendants the choice between 30 years in jail or castration: a Touro Admissions Director/law student suggested: "It should stand up in court."

Congratulations to Miriam Gewirtz (85) and Bernie Bleen (83) upon their engagements.

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Kahane

should be in Israel, living and working and protecting the land. "You are the future generations and by making *Aliyah* your parents will follow you," Kahane said.

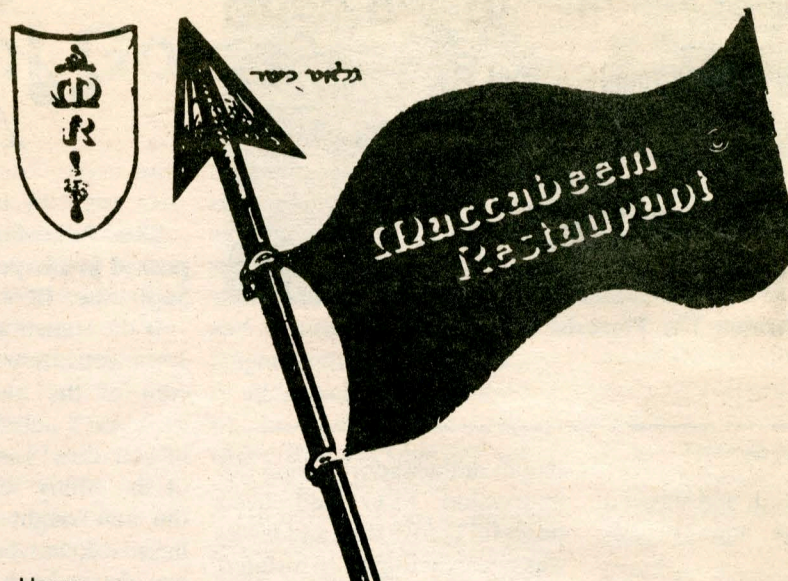
For some, the J.D.L. might be a reality and for others, it can be a radical group with far-fetched political convictions, yet whatever the case, it is important that Jews become more aware of the complex political game Israel is playing

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with the Arabs. This game is called "survival," and it's a real life situation.

Kahane believes the end is approaching and that we must act now to show our strength. Maybe Kahane said that to scares us a little for our own good. We know too, that G-d is with us. Quoting from the *Siddur*, "The Lord will give strength to his people and bless them with peace." *Am Yisroel Chai.*

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