

# DR. NORMAN LAMM ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF YU SELECTION CULMINATES AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH

## Board Names YC Graduate

By JACK GLADSTEIN

On Tuesday, August 3, 1976, Max Etra, Chairman of the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm as the third President of YU. Dr. Lamm is the first American born scholar to assume the office that was also held by Drs. Bernard Revel and Samuel Belkin.

The distinguished 48 year old graduate of YC has led a varied life that has blended both secular and religious worlds. Born in Brooklyn, Dr. Lamm attended Torah Vodath High School. Graduating from Yeshiva College in 1949 as valedictorian with a bachelor's degree summa cum laude in chemistry, Dr. Lamm went on to study chemistry at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and received his semicha from RIETS in 1951.

At the suggestion of his predecessor Dr. Samuel Belkin, Dr. Lamm chose a career in the Rabbinate instead of pursuing science. First as assistant rabbi of New York City's Kehillat Yeshurun Synagogue, and then as spiritual leader of Congregation Kadima in Springfield, Massachusetts, Dr. Lamm epitomized the role of rabbi, as teacher and community leader.

### Community Conscious

Dr. Lamm is world renowned for his many writings on contemporary issues which incorporate Jewish law and tradition. Among his published books are **The Royal Reach**, **Hedge of Roses**, and **Faith and Doubt**. These works deal with important philosophical and practical questions as diverse as Jewish views on law and order, ex-

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## Trustees' Selection Of Lamm Ends Search Committee Role

The naming of Dr. Norman Lamm as the third President of Yeshiva University culminated a long and difficult process of selection by the Presidential Search Committee, headed by EMC Dean Jacob Rabinowitz. During the eight-month search, the fifty-member committee screened fifty-seven nominees before submitting its recommendations to the YU Board of Trustees. These recommendations led to the Board's unanimous selection of Dr. Lamm.

The fifty members of the Committee represented the various undergraduate and graduate divisions

of the university, and outsiders chosen to present perspectives on the needs of the university in the area of communal services. A smaller fifteen member work committee, chosen from the full Search Committee, undertook the difficult task of advising and setting guidelines for the main committee.

Dean Rabinowitz said that the work committee provided a "forum for the thinking and articulation of Yeshiva's goals and objectives," as the Committee's selection of a president had to be compatible with its view of the commitment and philosophy of the University. The Dean stressed that this articulation of ideas and ideals drew the committee members closer together and tightened the bonds between the University's components.

To profile the president Yeshiva

## Many Hear Lamm Speak

By DALE POLAKOFF

For the first time in 30 years, students of Yeshiva College were addressed by a new YU President. Dr. Lamm's powerful and significant address last week in Lamport Auditorium fulfilled the high expectations of the student body audience.

Rick Elfman, President of Yeshiva College Student Council introduced Dr. Lamm. President Elfman drew attention to the fact that after a worldwide search for someone to assume the office of President, the answer was found in "Yeshiva's own backyard". Yeshiva University had at last completed the cycle of self-perpetuation: producing its own leadership. With these words of praise, Dr. Lamm was enthusiastically welcomed with a standing ovation.

### Carrying On

At the outset of his remarks, Dr. Lamm respectfully spoke of his predecessor Dr. Samuel Belkin, declaring that "the greatest tribute we could pay to Dr. Belkin is to carry on the vitally important work which he began." Although beset with many problems "this school is going to be greater than ever before," said Dr. Lamm. His positive attitude prompted much applause.

The theme of "working together" ran throughout Dr. Lamm's speech, as he offered a single promise that, "we are in for exciting times; we are going to have to work hard, have to tighten our

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## AED Innovations Employed In YU Admissions

By SOL LIEBERMAN

In an extensive study of YU, undertaken by the Academy of Educational Development (AED) last spring, Yeshiva College's admissions program was found to be only partially productive and mostly inadequate. Enrollment was down as compared to the previous year, even with City University's imposition of tuition for the first time. The members of the AED felt that a "recruitment blitz" and other new innovations in the admissions office would be effective in boosting enrollment.

A flash campaign was begun by mailing 10,000 "Yeshivagrams" to leaders of various Jewish organizations and selected alumni asking them to locate and inform prospective YU students about the programs YC has to offer.

### Admissions is coming!

The YU Undergraduate Scholarship Program was instituted to give deserving students financial aid. Ads in major newspapers and radio commercials were used as well. The blitz also brought the offices of Public Relations, Student Finances and Admissions closer together in a concentrated recruitment effort. A special hotline, manned by alumni and a team of faculty volunteers,

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## Latin American Jewry Facing Trying Times Arab Propaganda Heightens Anti-Semitism

Jews in Latin America have been confronted with escalating problems within the last decade. These problems have created a sense of uncertainty and fear within the Jewish community. Due to political, economic and social changes, Jewish institutions and Jewish life have suffered. The Jews are experiencing both external problems such as discrimination from the various governments, as well as internal problems, such as assimilation.

Latin America consists of both South and Central America. Some countries such as Argentina contain approximately 300,000 Jews. Others such as El Salvador have only 300 Jews. Most Jews live in the southern regions of the continent.

The various Jewish communities have much in common. Firstly, most of them have been founded within the last century. Secondly, they are situated in one of the world's developing areas. Thirdly, the majority of the Jews are either employers or independently employed, with commerce as the major occupation. Unfortunately, they all share anti-semitism, a common evil, which is more severe in some countries than in others. Within the past ten years this problem has been heightened by the various Arab subversive activities.

### 1933 Again

Argentina has the greatest problem of anti-semitism. Anti-semitic activity in Argentina has reached a level "which exceeds all that's previously known" according to the Committee Against Racism and Other Forms of Colonialism, based in Buenos Aires. In early September, two Buenos Aires synagogues and a drugstore were bombed. A group entitled the Argentine Socialist Front has circulated an article in Buenos Aires claiming responsibility. The letter proclaimed an all out war against a "Jewish Bolshevik Plutocracy" which blamed the Jewish community for the country's growing economic problems.

Equally as threatening to Argentine Jews is the rise of an anti-Zionist propaganda campaign. One main claim of the propagandists is that the Jews plan to establish a Jewish State called "Andinia" in the southern portion of Argentina. The showing of the movie QB VII in the interior of the country was banned because it was labeled pro-

### Zionist and anti-Nazi.

### Arab Pressure

Attitudes toward Israel have drastically changed over the years. In 1948, the Latin American countries were crucial in the United Nations vote creating the State of Israel, supplying one half of Israel's supportive votes. The Arab attack has reversed such supportive positions. Brazil has shifted from an "equal distance" view of the Mideast to a pro-Arab stance. This is the effect of growing economic woes and the need for Arab capital. Their reversal is so strong that the Brazilian government aligned with the Arab bloc and voted in favor of the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Mexico has also voted in favor of the UN resolution, indicating a change from its traditional support of Israel. The Mexican government has explained its vote by referring to the need for a "Suitable and free future for the Palestinian people." Incidentally,

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Dean Jacob Rabinowitz

needed, the work committee presented the full committee with a list of thirty-five possible qualifications for a YU president and asked the members of the full committee to signify the importance which they accorded each by ranking each on an "A" to "F" scale. "A" represented absolutely essential qualifications, and "F" (Continued on Page 3)



## Welcome One

WITH BATED BREATH, Yeshiva University anxiously awaited the long-incoming decision of the Presidential Search Committee. The search evoked not only the interest of the Yeshiva family, but that of the Jewish community at large—a reflection of YU's position of leadership in America.

The selection of Dr. Lamm is characteristic of a school whose goal is "synthesis". Like his predecessors, Drs. Revel and Belkin, Dr. Lamm embodies both the religious and secular worlds and has achieved scholarly distinction in each. Those among us who have learned under him can attest to his eminent scholarship. His pledge to get closer to the college students gives us reason for optimism. His dedication to YU and its ideals brings a sense of security to students, faculty, and administration, and it is the hope of everyone that under his guidance, YU will be restored to academic excellence and economic stability.

RABBI LAMM has already directed his attention to some of the most pressing problems of the University. We strongly hope that he will reverse the administration's efforts to ease the University's financial situation at too great a cost to our undergraduate programs. The various colleges of YU have experienced a stagnation that has led to an increasing rate of attrition. This distressing trend has not and will not be averted by half-hearted and nominal attempts to infuse new life into the schools.

Yeshiva's extensive recruitment program was only a minor success. Despite the newly instituted tuition at CUNY, few students found YU a viable alternative. Numerous surveys of American students in the City College program indicating the unprecedented popularity of business programs have failed to prod YU into instituting such programs. Joint Business programs with other schools pose nothing but a major inconvenience to a student who can find a better, easier, and cheaper program elsewhere. The various administrators who, for their own reasons, are opposed to a Business program, are directly responsible for the absence of a large group of business-oriented students here. The enrollment of these students would ameliorate the financial woes of the University and bolster our existing undergraduate programs.

The reduction in the number of full time instructors and course offerings in recent years has been the result of Yeshiva's growing deficit. Here too, it is up to Dr. Lamm, with his commitment to educational excellence, to reorder the priorities of the university with a renewed emphasis on the quality of undergraduate education.

The problems of Yeshiva not-

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withstanding, hundreds of students continue to find the dual program and friendly atmosphere attractive incentives for attending YC. We are confident that Dr. Lamm will rise to the challenge and carry on the glorious tradition of his predecessors and reaffirm Yeshiva's position in the Jewish community and the academic world.

## Welcome All

The Governing Board welcomes back the entire Yeshiva College community with warm greetings to all incoming freshmen and transfer students. We trust that everyone has had a fine summer and is now prepared for the challenges of the new school year.

Positions are available in all departments of THE COMMENTATOR. Aside from the everpresent need for qualified writers, we offer opportunities in such areas as photography, copy, headline writing, layout, circulation and typing. Working for the newspaper offers not only a chance to become involved in student activities, but also to enjoy oneself and improve one's skills.

As the Yomin Noraim approach, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Gemar Chatima Tova.

## Rabbi Lamm Speaks To Yeshiva College Student Body He Remphasizes His Belief In 'Synthesis' As An Ideal

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belts a bit, and exercise some patience."

### No Cover Ups

Dr. Lamm discussed his philosophy on education and pledged "not to keep Yeshiva's Torah achievements the best kept secret of the University."

"I am committed fully and completely, to the idea of synthesis," the 48 year old philosopher said, "and Yeshiva University is the first and greatest institutionalization of this idea. Synthesis, is not a compromise, it is an ideal. It is a philosophy of education and a way of life. It is . . . a Yeshiva and a University, it is a Shiur and a lab, a Sefer and a term paper, a rosh

Yeshiva and a professor . . . that is what Yeshiva University is all about."

### Experimenting

Dr. Lamm went off to explain that his administration will be marked by an openness, and a readiness to try innovations. The former teacher assured the students that he would search for the best formula to provide them with the basis of a career marked by intellectual sensitivity. Dr. Lamm stressed the necessity of developing a more positive attitude on the part of students.

Praising the overworked faculty and administration of Yeshiva University was an aspect not overlooked by the new president.

Dwelling on the many problems facing Yeshiva, Dr. Lamm warned against student impatience and asked for understanding and only constructive criticism during the hard days ahead.

Elucidating student responsibility, Dr. Lamm asked the students "to learn Torah, to study critically the foundations of Western civilization, to sensitize yourselves to the needs and aspirations of our people everywhere."

Concluding his first official message here, Dr. Lamm wished the students much success in their studies and urged them to fulfill their enormous potential as Jews, Americans and human beings.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Middle Age

By RICKY EISENBERG



On the verge of its fiftieth birthday, Yeshiva College, the oldest school among those that today comprise Yeshiva University, is turning middle-aged. The usual symptom of middle age, depression stemming from the sudden realization of eventual demise, has also been evidenced throughout our university in recent years. The days of YU's growth and vitality, expressed in terms of expansion, are over, and the "Blueprint of the Sixties" has become the red ink of the Seventies.

The late Dr. Belkin, an idealist and visionary, was the driving force behind the rapid transformation of a small college into a respectable, multi-faceted university. With personality and charisma, Dr. Belkin marshalled his powerful drive into an unstoppable force, one of ceaseless expansion and diversification. The vibrancy of the university in its ever increasing number of programs and schools evidenced the realization of Dr. Belkin's aspirations for it. So, at least, it seemed.

The youthful idealism of the Sixties, however, was shattered by the harsh realities of the Seventies. With the poor financial and economic situation, the University suddenly awakened to the fact that it was living far beyond its means. The glorious diversification of the naive Sixties was now seen as rash overexpansion. The health of our leader, our visionary, began failing, and the University was suddenly uncaptured, and adrift in a sea of financial and educational woes. The University began experiencing middle-age depression.

Unlike the late Dr. Belkin who was idealistic and revolutionary throughout his tenure as President, Dr. Norman Lamm brings to Yeshiva University moderation and pragmatism. Without the brash idealist, YC may never have become YU; without a fiscally conscious realist today, Yeshiva may not be able to survive.

Dr. Lamm assumes the Presidency with no illusions. His task is to consolidate and fortify—to preserve that which Dr. Belkin had the vision to create. This unenviable task is probably more difficult and just as important as that to which Dr. Belkin applied himself with so much success.

Although Dr. Lamm cannot afford to be an idealist, his devotion to the ideal of Yeshiva University is his major recommendation to its presidency, and the only explanation for his acceptance of that difficult position. Like the late Dr. Belkin, President Lamm represents the blend of the religious with the secular which results in the edification of both ideals. A product of Yeshiva University, he is the evidence of the realization of Dr. Belkin's dream of "synthesis". It is, therefore, fitting that he now assumes the Presidency, and the entire University must hope that his tenure is long and successful.

It is my great pleasure to be able to extend my best wishes and heartiest Mazal Tov to a few people who are close to me. To my sister, Reva, I can only say that I wish you many years of happiness with Glenn. Your present will come when I get mine (you know what I mean.) To Terry, a person whom I came to know and respect through our work on THE COMMENTATOR, I wish all the best with a fellow Long Beacher, Leah, who has been printer shopper of our paper. Terry, you're a lucky fellow.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

PROFESSOR DONALD DEITCH, Director of Libraries, has announced a book amnesty period until October 22, 1976. All overdue books from Pollack Library from previous years may be returned free of charge during this period. All students and faculty members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to return overdue books.

DR. RUTH BEVAN, Associate Professor of Political Science and chairman of the department, has been granted tenure at YC. Dr. Bevan, who was awarded a National Fellowship at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University for this academic year, is working on her research project "Nation and Class—Profile of a Contemporary Problem in Theory and in Practice."

A TURKEY RAFFLE FUND-RAISING PROJECT has been announced by the Yeshiva College Student Council. Fifty winners will receive certificates entitling them to pick up an Embire Kosher Turkey in any part of the country. All funds raised will be used for student council functions and allocated to various member groups.

A LUNCHEON HONORING students on the Yeshiva College Dean's List will be held this year on Sunday, November 14th. This year's Benjamin Gottesman Lecturer, Yaacov Talman, Professor of Modern History at the Hebrew University, will deliver the first of three lectures following the luncheon. All Dean's List students are invited to attend, and students should check their indices immediately to determine whether they deserve Dean's List placement.

The Alumni Office has provided this issue of THE COMMENTATOR to all alumni at no charge. In the future, THE COMMENTATOR will be mailed by the Alumni Office only to dues-paying alumni.

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## CONTRIBUTING THOUGHTS

## BM IN THE PM



By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

After devoting a great deal of my column space last year to highlighting the major problems and flaws of YU and the world, I have finally decided to change my ways and reject the negativism of my youth.

The most positive developing phenomenon that I could find at YU is by far the most important. When I first began learning here, the Beis Medrash was not the most popular night spot on campus. Today, however, it could very well be. In the past few years, the Yeshiva has experienced a steady and steep jump in the number of students who although burdened with as much college work as anyone else, are willing to dedicate their time to learning sedorim at night. While it was highly unusual in the not too distant past to find twenty people learning in the Beis Medrash until late into the night it is now commonplace for there to be two-hundred students there.

The B.M. is not the most beautiful room on the YU campus. Its decor does not compare with the carpeted lounges of the library nor can it compete with the plush lecture halls of Belfer. Yet, the senses and feelings aroused there are the most penetrating around. Furthermore, one can not really feel that he is at a Yeshiva unless the night seder is a part of his experience, for 'Yeshiva' has always meant a full day of learning and it continues to mean so all over the world. It can never be a partial effort.

Whether YU is really a Yeshiva at all is a source of great contention especially among those people who have never been here and of course never plan to be. I still remember the admonitions of friends acquired during a camping season

who incredulously asked how I could possibly go to YU and attend the Rav's shiur when he compromises himself on the hottest of days by wearing shorts to shiur. (Most probably not even black ones at that.) To their chagrin I must say that so far I haven't even seen the Rav wearing sneakers. Furthermore, I can state with almost absolute certainty that I have never sat next to a nun or a priest in any of my classes (most definitely not a nun). But the biggest surprise to all of these YU experts came about when they suddenly realized that the majority of the staff learning nights in camp were disproportionately from Yeshivat Rabbeinu Yitzchok Elchanon (a name which outside of official functions is used when one is too embarrassed to say YU). All of this information which was contrary to the basic up-bringing of the anti-YU critic had to be analyzed and rationalized. And of course the answer was simple: every rule has its exception. Surely, even YU must have its token Jews.

What the students of YU have proven is that YU is a yeshiva. For the enlightenment of all of those who will never allow themselves to be here, the b'nai hayeshiva are filling the Beis Medrash day and night despite the pressures of being pre-meds and pre-laws. They are too many to be called token anything. For those who are a part of YU's student body and aren't aware of the existence of this 'other' night life, there are still chairs left. Certainly there is also no question that there is no denying that the tests, papers and readings will not go away but there is also no question that there is time that could be made if one is really

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## Presidential Search Committee Concludes Difficult Task Expresses Satisfaction With The Choice of Rabbi Lamm

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represented those of no importance. Although the thirty-five-item list included such criteria as scholarship, academic position, and contacts in the Jewish and secular world, over ninety percent of the committee's members designated dedication to academic excellence, concern for the religious centrality and tradition in the University, leadership qualities, and sensitivity to moral issues as either ab-

solutely necessary or extremely important qualifications. Fund raising, interestingly, was not considered to be of major significance.

Rabbi Rabinowitz stressed the fact that the Board of Trustees took no part in the selection until they received the committee's recommendations on June 30. He said that, "At no time did they interfere in any manner, shape or form" with the selection system that narrowed down fifty-seven

nominees to the eight with whom the committee held discussions, thereby, displaying great confidence in the committee.

Dean Rabinowitz expressed gratitude to the committee, which he termed the hardest working committee on which he had ever served. He said that "everyone" was satisfied with the selection of Dr. Lamm, whom the Board determined to be the best possible president for Yeshiva today.

## AED Innovations Employed In YU Admissions Groff Enthusiastic About Success Of Program

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was set up to explain the various academic and financial programs. The Admissions Office took a more personal approach by following up on applicants. Students who applied and decided against attending were queried about their final choices and their reasons for making them.

## Conservative Party

Although it is difficult to determine the number of students who enrolled at YU because of this campaign, Rabbi Groff and his assistants Mr. Paul Glasser and Miss Judy Paiken conservatively estimate that thirty students out of 250 at YC and 15 of 180 at SCW enrolled as a result of the campaign.

Enrollment, which was low in June, jumped back up to last year's level.

The effects of the campaign, however, have gone far beyond increased enrollment. The revitalized interest in admissions has boosted morale in that department.

The admissions office has prepared an extensive 100 page report suggesting innovations necessary to attract optimum enrollment. Rabbi Groff estimates that each year YC can attract 325 students and SCW 200. Backed by the AED report and the successful

summer campaign, Rabbi Groff is asking for many changes towards a more efficient and productive department. Among his suggestions is a Student Admissions Society whereby a number of undergraduates would become actively involved in recruitment.

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to express a hearty Mazel Tov to Glenn Hirsch, YC '75, AECOM '78, former Station Manager of WYUR 74-75, upon his engagement to Reva Eisenberg, sister of former YCSC President Larry Eisenberg YC '75, and Editor-in-Chief Ricky Eisenberg.

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## ON THE SIDELINES

## Pennant Fever



By LENNY PIANKO

Last week upon returning to school, I immediately sensed a new spirit diffusing throughout campus. Not that this excitement was caused by the many new students nervously anticipating the start of their college life, nor by the experienced upperclassmen awaiting the start of another year, nor even by the presence of the newly appointed president of Yeshiva University. Rather this enthusiasm originated from another source, an alteration in the baseball standings. For the first time in the past 12 years the New York Yankees are leading their division by a wide margin and seem destined to win the pennant.

During the past decade we faithful Yankee fans have encountered insults and have taken much abuse. Not only has our team been quagmired in the bottom of their division, but the hated New York Mets have improved tremendously in this span. Met fans have constantly reminded their friends who support the Yanks, how the Mets have won the pennant twice, and the World Series once. The great success which the Boston Red Sox enjoyed last year has intensified matters as well. Last year I could recall no greater embarrassment than watching the World Series in the crowded Morg Lounge and continuously hearing from the vociferous Boston fans, about the merits of their team. The tables have finally turned, and we, the true Yankee fans, can finally reap the glory; with the Yankees' winning, the scope of affairs has changed. The Yankees are now the New York team featured in the press. Now the Yankee games can be watched publicly, without any embarrassment or discomfort. It is also possible for the Yankee fan to be the outspoken one in a baseball discussion. Best of all, for the fans who have faithfully remained with the Yankees during these trying years, satisfaction has finally been achieved.

I anticipate several problems which may arise from the Yanks' success with the playoffs and World Series taking place only a few blocks from our campus. Many students will be tempted to be spectators at the games and attendance in class may be severely depleted. Many Rebbeim will undoubtedly be bewildered upon seeing their shiyurim half empty. The Dean may even be tempted to abolish the policy of unlimited cuts for upperclassmen. School unity may be affected by the Yankees. With so many students excited over the victories of the Yanks, heated debates may ensue with fans from other teams. Finally, if the Yankees fail to win the World Series, many students may experience severe psychological problems. These fans have waited so long for their heroes to win that anything short of a championship may prove catastrophic.

The Yankees' first year in their "new" stadium has proved to be very successful. One of the reasons for this change can be directly attributed to the increased attendance and support of the club by the fans. Perhaps the Yeshiva students this year may also begin to support their varsity teams, and transform them likewise into champions.

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On behalf of the entire sports community at Yeshiva, I would like to extend a hearty Mazel Tov to former Sports Editor Terry Rifkin, on his recent engagement to Leah Peyser.

## Instability In Latin America Threatens Jewish Community

Argentina abstained in the U.N. resolution, but favored Arafat's presence in the United Nations.

### Assimilation, Antagonism

Latin American Jewry faces another pressing problem. Today's youth are rapidly assimilating and losing all Jewish identity. The previous generations were united, strongly Zionist, and a strong atmosphere prevailed. There were many Yiddish papers and Yiddish theaters. Now many youths are intermarrying and integrating into their country's lifestyle. The trend of nationalism attracts many youths to become active in political and leftist activities, and the result is an antagonism towards the Jewish establishment. Thus, there is worry and skepticism about the future of Jewish life, especially in small communities such as in El Salvador.

There are only token signs of religious Jewish life in Latin America. Religious life suffers from "a low level of participation and affiliation," says Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal, Director, Department of Latin American Affairs for the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. All the resources are available, but more interest and participation are needed to correct the situation.

A large number of Latin American Jewish children receive some form of Jewish education. There is a Conservative seminary, which is the only university rabbinical seminary in Latin America.

In Uruguay, 20% of all Jewish school age children attend Jewish schools, while in Mexico almost 65% of Jewish youth belong to the day school system. There is however, a shortage of qualified rabbis, teachers and leaders to staff the many schools. According to Rabbi Rosenthal, Latin America "is a vacuum for Jewish leadership."

### The Rebbe Notices

The World Zionist Organization launched a "South American Program" that attempted to stop soaring intermarriage and languishing Jewish life. Most of their funds were allotted for Jewish education. In Argentina, the high price of Jewish education nearly prevented many children from attending Jewish schools. WZO funds saved Jewish education there literally at the last moment. Another aspect of this program is the establishment of a "brotherhood bridge", a scheme for South American children to spend the summer in the homes and schools of their Israeli contemporaries.

## Diverse Sports Programs Available For Bachurim Desiring Recreation

By DAVID WOLFSON

Welcome sports fans to another year of inter-collegiate and intramural athletic events at Yeshiva College. This year has the potential to be one of the most successful seasons ever for all our varsity teams. Most of the squads have begun practice already, and are hard at work in order to achieve their goals. To aid Y.U.'s new students, this article will describe our teams, and the stars which comprise them.

The most important innovation this year concerns the basketball

squad. For the first time in recent history, the Maccabees will have their own nearby home court. This past summer, Yeshiva renovated nearby George Washington High School, and all home games and practices will take place there. It is now much easier for fans to attend the games and give their support. The Maccabees are coached by Jonny Halpert, and led by veterans Jerry Joszef, Robert Rosenbloom, Sol Genuth, and Witzzy Hoenig.

Yeshiva's wrestling team is coming off their most successful season ever. With Captains Mitch

Merlis and Joel Schwitzer returning, the Ellmen should record another winning season. Home matches take place in the YU gym, and they are coached by Neil Ellman.

Last year, the fencing team also registered a winning campaign. Prof. Tauber, Chairman of Physical Education, doubles as coach. Many veterans are returning, including Ricky Eisenberg, Bob Berko, Lenny Budow, David Brusowankin, David Wolfson, and Steve Tennenberg, promising another successful season.

The YU Keglers improve every year. The team is led by Bob Gittleman. Team practices and meets take place at Madison Square Garden Arena. Last year, the Keglers finished fifth in a twenty-one team league.

The newest Yeshiva team is the rifle squad. Ably coached by Colonel Marmorstein, practices take place at the Bronx Armory. Glenn Schwartz and Sam Berkowitz are returning lettermen.

All non-varsity athletes are allowed to compete in intramural sports, under the direction of Terry Rifkin. Hockey intramurals are held in the YU gym on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. All those interested must bring their own hockey sticks, and protective gear is strongly recommended. Basket-



Yeshiva's Taubermen at Play

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anxious to make it. The amount of time, large or small, is up to the individual but any night seder no matter how long can definitely be the most productive and inspiring part of the day. No marks, no

## American Scholar Chosen President

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ploration of life on other planets, and family purity. His works on self incrimination, Jewish law and modesty, have been quoted in landmark decisions of the Supreme Court and United States Senate Judiciary Committee hearings. Dr. Lamm's most recent book, *The Good Society: Jewish Ethics in Action*, enumerates the responsibilities of people as individuals and as part of society as a whole.

The many offers that Dr. Lamm received from prestigious institutions throughout the world can attest to his prominence in the worlds of education and religion. Among the positions offered to Dr. Lamm were the presidency of Bar Ilan University in Israel and the Chief Rabbinate of England.

Dr. Lamm is a strong supporter of the Jewish Day School Movement and a proponent of Jewish education for people of all ages. In 1948 during Israel's War of Independence, he worked on a munitions research project under the direction of Dr. Ernest D. Bergman who later became the head of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission.

YU's new president has traveled widely, lectured in nine countries and taken part in many colloquiums around the world. Dr. Lamm's extensive knowledge of Jewish affairs, unbounded optimism, and dynamic personality will no doubt serve him well as president of a university which plays a major role in world Jewry.

credits, no tests, just learning because G-d gave us his Torah and told us to become closer to Him through it.

Now is the time, prior to these days of judgement of life and death, to make this commitment towards completing every day with a seder in the Beis Medrash. Learning in the room, which many people do, is of course still a mitzvah but it can not be compared to the greater fulfillment of learning together in numbers. As a high-school dorm counselor I am forced to learn in my room at night and I can easily attest to the difference it makes, not so much in accomplishment but in the feeling of participating. For people who do have this opportunity, become a part of the most important night spot on campus, the B.M. It not only strengthens ourselves but our entire people as well. And with regard to our Yeshiva, even with all our fiscal woes and ailments, as long as our Beis Medrash continues to be filled, it does not take a prophet to proclaim, that we will still be around and kicking.

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish to express their most heartfelt Mazel Tov to Terry Rifkin, YC 77, COMMENTATOR Sports Editor 75-76, Associate Editor-in-Chief, 76-77 upon his engagement to Leah Peyser SCW.

ball intramurals are held at 8:30 P.M. at George Washington H.S. on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Volleyball, table hockey, and ping pong are also on the schedule and their specific dates will be announced soon.

This year, YU intramural activities will be expanded in an innovative way. For the first time, co-ed events will be held. The first activity planned is a softball game on Sunday, October 24th, at 2:00 P.M. Girls who are interested contact Melinda Teitler (9B) or Elise Denel (8H). Uptown guys who wish to show off their athletic prowess should get their names immediately to Terry Rifkin, M812. Hurry, for there are only a limited number of spots.

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