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## Students Elect Council Officers

Student Council elections were held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 29th and 30th 1976, under the supervision of the Canvassing Committee and G.O. advisor, Rabbi N. Goldstein.

In the election for the Senior Class Council, Seth Moshman defeated Neal Weissman for President, and Eddie Lowenger ran "unopposed" for Vice-President.

In the Junior Class elections, the only elections in which all the candidates running were not unopposed, Moishe Schwerd defeated Ira Kalfus, Mark Young and David Strulowitz for the office of President! In the race for Vice-President, Robert Mendeles narrowly edged out Mark Hirsch, Stuart Kaplan and Gerald Mayerhoff.

In the Sophomore class, Steven Kadish ran unopposed for President, while Doni Israeli who

also ran unopposed, became Vice-President. In the two uncontested races for the Freshman class, Michael Tarigan was elected President and Arnold Kronengold was elected Vice-President.

**PRESIDIUM** — In previous elections held last June, Michael Teicher and Hillel Suna were elected to head the Presidium of the Student Organization, while Gary Simon was victorious in the race for Secretary General. The election was conducted under the leadership of Daniel Berman and Steve Kronengold and the supervision of Rabbi N. Goldstein.

Mr. Teicher squeezed by Dov Laks while Hillel Suna defeated Gary Katz. In the voting for Secretary General, Mr. Simon defeated Josh Einzig and Rand Apfelbaum.

## RABBI NORMAN LAMM IS YU'S THIRD PRESIDENT

By Joseph Rozenbaum

On July 13, the Presidential Search Committee delivered its report to the board of trustees. On August 3, the Board Presidential Search Committee in turn, reviewed the university wide committee's recommendation at a special meeting. After its approval, the full Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Norman Lamm President.

On August 4, Rabbi Norman Lamm, 48 years old, American born, alumnus of YU, moved into his post as third President of Yeshiva University.

"Yeshiva University, with its 7,000 students, needs the vigor of mind and spirit of Dr. Lamm," said Max J. Etra, chairman of the board of trustees, in making the announcement.

"The Committee leaned towards a younger, dynamic leader who would provide long term leadership for the institution," Etra concluded.

### Introducing Dr. Lamm

Dr. Norman Lamm brings to office the vigor of Jewish tradition, a sensitivity to YU's strengths and needs, and the ability to interpret modern problems and concerns in the light of Talmudic law.

Dr. Lamm, who is a former student, a teacher, and a parent, is able to see the University in different dimensions. Dr. Lamm said that, "YU is striving for excellence in its academic fields and innovating new areas of scholarship and education.

"YU has played and must continue to play, a large role in leadership training for the Jewish community," Lamm said.

Dr. Lamm was greeted to his new post by good wishes from Israeli Prime Minister, Yitshak Rabin, and Shlomo Goren, Chief Rabbi of Israel.

### Native of Brooklyn

Born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, December 19, 1927, Dr. Lamm received his elementary and high school education at



Rabbi Norman Lamm

## Academy News Under Way

This year, Editors-in-Chief, Paul Weinberg and Joel Blass have greatly altered the format of the school newspaper. The editors have stated that they wish to take the emphasis from news items and put it on editorials and features.

"In a school such as ours," said Mr. Blass, "it is difficult to produce a paper so frequently as to keep the news stories up to date."

The aim of the publication will be to provide provocative and informative features. In each issue there will be reviews of a recent motion picture or book. An Op-Ed page will be instituted expressing the various opinions of editors of the Academy News. Jeffrey Spitzer's column "Student Affairs" will be featured in all issues along with the columns of the Editors-in-Chief and the Presidium. News of the General Organization and Student Council activities will provide the basis for a student activities section.



Editors-in-Chief  
Weinberg and Blass

### Opinions Requested

"The Academy News is the Students' paper," stated Mr. Weinberg. "We want all members of the student body involved with its views, its aims, and its causes."

The editors have said they will print all qualified opinions and suggestions in their "Letters to the Editor" column. In many cases, these opinions, which should be placed in the Academy News mailbox in the high school office, may spark editorials which will get action.

## Seniors Elect Elchy Editors

In elections held on Thursday, September 30th, the Senior class elected Blair Flicker and Lewis Wienerker as Editors-in-Chief of Elchanite '77'. The balloting took place in front of the Nathan Lament Auditorium under the supervision of Michael Teicher.

Ech senior cast two votes for the position of Editor-in-Chief. The two leading candidates were elected. In the voting Lewis Wienerker tallied 49 votes to 37 votes for Flicker. Steven Kronengold was tied with Joseph Schwarz in the runner up positions with 32 votes apiece. Over 70 percent of the Senior class cast their ballots for these important positions.

There are many problems the new editors will have to face in the production of Elchanite '77'. With an increasing amount

of students on Co-op it will be difficult to stimulate student interest in the yearbook. As we have seen from past years the editors alone cannot publish a successful publication. A competent staff will have to be organized.

## In Memoriam

The Editors-in-Chief of the Academy News along with the entire student body express their sincere condolences to Mr. Melvin Miller upon the loss of his father. May he and his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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## Student Affairs

By Jeff Spitzer

### Challenge

During the coming year we are sure to hear the usual complaints about the Student Organization and the School Administration fly back and forth, and we hope that this will be the year of progress.

These complaints, most of which are legitimate, are of a constructive nature. It is true that many students have been alienated and excluded from their own Student Government, because they have not been informed of their activities. They are correct in demanding open elections, real platforms of activities, and periodic progress reports.

If the Student Organization is to be successful, it has to reach out and make itself known to its constituents. It has to work in cooperation with School Administration to correct these problems.

I and many students call on our Representatives to speak out for these things. We want to see the Academy News come out more often. We would like to see it expanded. We would like to see students have a real say in programs and scheduling.

Open General Elections, Student awareness, and scheduling, are legitimate, major claims which pose a challenge to the School Administration, Student Representatives, and the Students.

Along with these required reforms, there must be progress on the issue of the G.O. fee. Whether we admit it or not, we all benefit from the G.O. We benefit from the Rosh Chodesh programs payed for by it. It is our teams which desperately need the G.O. subsidies, and the discounts and privileges provided, can be substantial. However, along with a flat required rate for all students who are capable of paying, the G.O. should publicly give account for the uses of the money, and there is no reason why minimal capital could not be invested, so that periodic raffles to raise cash could be held. These plans are necessities. They are feasible and easily implemented if people would only take the time to consider them.

Finally, and most basic of all, I challenge our Representatives, and my fellow students to speak out on the issues. I call on them to demand Periodic General Referendums on specific issues. Contingent of administration approval, I suggest that a separate Elections Board be created to oversee these changes, and to publicize and carry out these Referendums and Elections.

Many, if not all the things I have suggested are subject to modification. By any means they merit discussion and action. It is time we see more results, and on that account I'm sure no one will disagree.

As the writer for student affairs for the coming year, I hope to assist to shed light or correct these problems, and if you have any constructive suggestions, I'd be happy to hear them.

## Mazel Tov to:

Rabbi and Mrs. H. Fishman  
on the birth of a daughter,  
Atasa Michal.

Rabbi and Mrs. Y. Handel on  
the birth of a son, Raphael  
Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lorch on the  
birth of a son, Benjamin Zev.

Rabbi J.T. Hoenig upon his  
engagement to Miss Malke  
Berkowitz.

Rabbi and Mrs. Y. Cohen on  
the birth of a son, Yaakov  
Bezalel.

Rabbi Samuel Shcheinberg on  
his daughter's marriage.

Rabbi Joseph Singer on the  
marriage of his daughter.



## Dr. Lamm President

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Yeshiva Torah Vadaath in Brooklyn. In 1947, he earned his B.A. degree Summa Cum laude from YC. He continued his studies in chemistry at Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn. After choosing to become a Rabbi on the advice of Dr. Belkin, Dr. Norman Lamm received his semicha at Riets and received his PhD in Jewish Philosophy in 1966 from BRGS.

Dr. Lamm was appointed to YU's faculty in 1959 serving first as Philosophy instructor and rising through the ranks. In June 1966, he was appointed Professor of Jewish Philosophy at the University.

### Well Known Author

Dr. Lamm, who is a well known author, has written on several subjects which include a paper written on Talmudic law, especially in comparison with Constitutional Law. Dr. Lamm has written about other subjects such as marriage and Science.

Dr. Lamm has been offered three school presidencies in the U.S. and Israel and two chief rabbinates, but chose to remain with his Alma Mater.

His major Academic Work, Torah Lishmah, deals with the religious philosophy of the mitnaggim, opponents of Hassidim in the eighteenth and nineteenth century Europe.

### Honors and Awards

Dr. Lamm has received numerous awards which include the Bernard Revel Memorial Award for religion and religious education by YC Alumni Association in 1974.

### Community Leader

Dr. Lamm is a member of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Vice-president at Morasha and a member of the Advisory Board of the Jewish College Youth.

Dr. Lamm was married on February 23, 1954, to the former Mindella Mechier. They have four children, Chaye, 21, Joshua, 20, Shalom, 17, and Sara, 15. The Lamms live at 27 West 86th Street in Manhattan.

### WANTED:

Qualified underclassmen to assume positions of responsibility as members of the news and typing staffs of the ACADEMY NEWS.

Excellent opportunities for advancement to higher positions in future years. Service credits will be offered.

Applications may be placed in the ACADEMY NEWS box in room 107.

## Book Review

By Yehudah Mirsky

### 90 Minutes At Entebbe

By William Stevenson

"90 Minutes at Entebbe" by William Stevenson (the author of the book "Cry Zion") is the first book on the amazing Entebbe rescue which took place this summer on July Fourth. Taken from interviews with government officials, former hostages, participants in the operation and official documents, the book is a fast moving account of an operation that (as its name "Thunderbolt" implied) electrified the world. The book explores the hijacking, the rescue, and the event in between, at all levels. The author discusses why the Israelis decided to attempt a military rescue once they had agreed to negotiate. He explains that when the Israeli government submitted to the demands of the terrorists, it felt as if they had been beaten, and more importantly, that it had declared open season upon itself by showing that it would acquiesce to terrorism. This shows therefore, that the raid on Entebbe was not only an operation demanded by the present, but also an investment for the future, a classic example of a government at its

best.

This book does not, due to limitations of time and space, delve deeply into all that went on in that fateful summers week, but it is a fast-moving, compelling narrative of a daring operation.

If you wish, you may wax poetic and editorialize about all that transpired on the Ugandan airstrip. You may hail Israel as the protector of world freedom. You may say that fear has been struck into the hearts of madmen everywhere and that terror has been dealt a crushing blow. The fact is that in the world of the twentieth Century, a world living under the shadow of a mushroom cloud, violence will continue as before. Madmen will stalk the Earth with no mark of Cain to distinguish them from anyone else, for this is the price we must pay if we are to live in an era that creates life with a test-tube and destroys it with a push button. What we must see Entebbe as, is a confirmation of faith from our "Commander-in-chief" that Justice shall always be served, and that freedom shall always triumph.

## A Message From The Presidium

By Hillel Suna and Michael Teicher

Welcome Back! We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable vacation. The General Organization of Yeshiva University High School is eagerly looking forward to launching a new action-packed program for this coming year. We are full of ideas which we hope will help make this year the most interesting and exciting year ever. A great deal of time and effort has been put into the planning and development of new projects. We have already begun ruling on class sweatshirts and school T-shirts. The G.O. will participate in the organization of class Shabbatons which have been tentatively scheduled. They will be arranged throughout the year on several special occasions.

In order to be successful in our efforts, we must have full cooperation from the entire student body. YOU must participate. Without, the G.O. cannot operate. The success of our programs depends on everyone's helping hand. The first step in attaining our goals would be to have 100 per cent student membership in the G.O. You will enjoy your school more if you become actively involved in the many clubs and teams available. There are approximately 15 extra-curricular activities to choose from. Those of us who participated in them last year, really enjoyed the involvement and companionship. Make this your year to join and enjoy!