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Dr. Lamm Invested as Third YU President; Pledges Advancement of Torah 'U'Mada

Over 1800 members of the administration, faculty members, students and friends of Yeshiva University gathered on Danziger Campus on November 7, 1976, to honor Dr. Norman Lamm on the occasion of his investiture as the third President of Yeshiva University. The event was the culmination of a year-long search for a new President of the University to succeed Dr. Samuel Belkin, Z"l. Dr. Israel Miller, Vice President of YU, praised the genius and talent of Dr. Lamm's two predecessors, Presidents Belkin and Revel, and referred to Dr. Lamm's appointment as a "new volume" in YU's history. "He is one of our own," stated Dr. Miller, citing Dr. Lamm's own past experiences as both student and teacher at Yeshiva University.

Miriam Kopelman, a 1976 graduate of Stern College and presently a first-year student at Cordozo law school, expressed her approval of Dr. Lamm's appointment, as a representative of the YU student community. She praised Dr. Lamm's talent for understanding the problems of the contemporary Jewish woman declaring that through his efforts the two worlds of Torah and Madra are combined in unity and synthesis. Speaking on behalf of the student body, Ms. Kopelman expressed the warmth, respect, and trust which she holds for Dr. Lamm.

Also representing his fellow students at YU, Larry Eisenberg, a 1975 graduate of Yeshiva University and presently a second-year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, expressed his admiration of Dr. Lamm as the personification of the philosophy of Torah and Mada which are the ultimate goals of the University. Mr. Eisenberg elaborated upon the problems which face Dr. Lamm as he enters his new position, and expressed his optimism that Dr. Lamm will successfully attack the challenges which await him.



Miriam Kopelman, SCW '76, praises the choice of Dr. Lamm as the new President.

The New York State Commissioner of Education, Ewald B. Nyquist, delivered a lighthearted but sincere speech praising Dr. Lamm and warning him of the tremendous odds which he will face in his new position. Now, says Commissioner Nyquist, is the "toughest time to be in education." He quoted what was said of the climbers who scaled Mt. Everest as they

disappeared into the clouds, beyond sight: "When last seen, they were still climbing." Commissioner Nyquist wished Dr. Lamm the best of luck in his new position, and the strength to climb over and defeat any obstacles which might obstruct his way.

After brief speeches by the Honorable Herbert Tenzer, chairman of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Board, and Jack Weiler, chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, both expressing approval of and pledging support to Dr. Lamm, the University Charter was symbolically presented to Dr. Lamm by Max J. Etra, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Max Stern, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, then conferred the Presidential medallion to Dr. Lamm, thereby investing him officially as Yeshiva University's third President.

Dr. Lamm began his investiture address with an expression of gratitude to the University of which he is now President. He stated that he feels humble in following his predecessors, two of the most innovative and gifted people of their time, and confided his hopes that he will be of service to his own generation. Acknowledging the challenge which he faces in the troubled era, Dr. Lamm criticized the point to which the educational system has developed. He stated

that the emphasis on career training over the true purpose of knowledge for its own sake is "offensive" and must be stopped. One must, said Dr. Lamm, strive to attain learning for its own sake, and the Universities of America "must return to the original purpose of education: transmission of culture and knowledge for their own sake." "The cost of education is high," continued Dr. Lamm, "but the cost of ignorance is higher." The crux of the problem, he stated, lies in the growth of education without correlative spiritual and moral development." YU extrapolates from the sources of the millenium tradition," concluded Dr. Lamm, and added that this extrapolation leads to the goals of Torah U'Mada.

Dr. Lamm closed his speech with a number of pledges: To YU he pledged "all the strength and modest talents and wisdom" granted to him by his Creator; to the Jewish community, he pledged the advancement of Torah U'Mada,



Dr. Norman Lamm proudly wears Presidential medallion.

and announced his intention of renewing YU as the greatest Makom Torah in the diaspora; to the academic community, Dr. Lamm pledged his efforts in furthering and raising standards of knowledge and research in the University. Dr. Lamm's last few words were devoted to his family; he expressed his love and gratitude to them for their unquestioning faith and unfailing support.

A number of receptions were held in honor of President Lamm following the completion of the investiture ceremonies.

SCW, WSSW Institute B.A.-M.S.W. Program

by Ellen Lieberman

After two years of planning, a program has been instituted between Stern College and the Wurzeiler School of Social Work (WSSW), wherein any Stern student admitted may complete the requirements for both the B.A. and M.S.W. degrees in five rather than six years.

At the present time, eight students attend Wurzeiler on the joint program. These include: Meryl Bernstein, Dale Eichenbaum, Ivy Kaufman, Joanne Mirsky, Hope Salmonson, Roxanne Schein, Leah Slivko, and Lisa Weiner.

Students are treated as "full graduate students with a somewhat different program." Lisa Weiner stated that she was "at first apprehensive of being treated with a degree of disdain, and of not being accepted. But, because WSSW has so many different kinds of programs, we're not treated any differently [by the faculty], nor as if we were less qualified. The students have been equally receptive."

One need not be a sociology major to be admitted to the program. Five specific courses are, however, required. By being granted credit for these courses both on the undergraduate and graduate levels, the students are able to complete all requirements for both degrees in a year's less time.

These courses include: Sociology

1, Sociology 33 and 34 — Jews in America, Sociology 14 — Methods of Social Research, and Sociology 16 — Introduction to Social Work. The Introduction to Social Work course given in the spring is also recommended.

The curriculum is a highly structured one, "Concentrating more on field work than on theoretical social work." Electives are available only in the last year. "This is done intentionally to give the student a sturdy and well-rounded basis in social work," explained Professor Steven Donshik, co-ordinator of the five-year program.

The program involves two years at WSSW. In the first year, besides fulfilling any incompleting requirements at SCW necessary for the BA degree, students take courses in Human Growth, Behavior,

Bulletin

On Wednesday evening, November 18, following the faculty union election, The National Labor Relation Board agent who was carrying the untallied votes, was mugged near Federal Plaza, and the box of ballots, stolen.

Consequently, the faculty's decision concerning unionization will not be known until after another election is held.

Rabbi Kahane Chides Jewish Institutions on Indifference Towards Jewish Problems

by Chaya Kleinerman

Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder and leader of the Jewish Defense League, recently criticized institutions such as Stern College which do not acknowledge the important, but unfortunate, problems of the American and Israeli Jewish communities. While addressing Stern College during Club Hour on Wednesday, November 3, he invited Stern students to join a new non-violent organization called the Chug, which will educate its mem-

bers on the above mentioned topics. Rabbi Kahane remarked that not enough teachers at Stern teach Aliyah or support Gush Emunim, which he considers to be integral parts of Torah Judaism and Rabbi Kahane's lecture further elaborated on many issues related to the American Jewish community and to Israel. He warned that he would speak about things which would not be pleasant — of matters that would affect everyone in the audience. "It is difficult to tell Jews the kind of things they don't want to hear," he stressed.

Commenting on Jimmy Carter's victory, Kahane warned that the president-elect will not keep his promises to Israel. According to the JDL leader, when General Brown voiced his negative feelings toward Israel, he was echoing the American government feeling that Israel is a burden. Regardless of whether America prefers the democratic Israel or the dictatorship governments of the Mid-

dle East, America's interests will always be in the oil and business contracts.

Rabbi Kahane continued by introducing the topic of Aliyah. He believes it is every Jew's obligation to return to Israel now. Criticizing the Jews remaining in the New York ghettos such as "Kfar Rockaway," he added that the forgotten anti-semitism will surely return, as it always has in Jewish history. "There have been harsh exiles, and they all ended, as will be this one. He accused the observant Jews in exile of being "practitioners of Jewish folklore" who do not fulfill the more difficult mitzvot, the ones requiring the most faith. "They are as irreligious as the irreligious." He explained that having emunah involves practicing even difficult mitzvot, such as Aliyah. "Who said it is easy to be a Jew?" Rabbi Kahane reflected. Refuting the excuses Kahane has heard from people who do not

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Rabbi Meir Kahane urges students of Stern College to join "Chug".