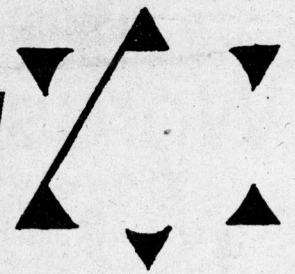




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## Shimon Peres Addresses Students

by Hagal Yardeny

On September 23rd, Shimon Peres the Israeli Foreign Minister spoke at Columbia University. Shimon Peres was surprisingly funny and witty. Mr. Peres' address consisted of laymen terms making the audience break out in laughter several times.

When speaking of the Syrians, Mr. Peres described them as shy. He described Assad as "clear on Golan Heights obscure on peace". The foreign minister compared Assad situation to that of Sadat (Egyptian President who signed peace with Israel) saying that Sadat's visit to Jerusalem gave Israel a sense of confidence that Sadat allowed peace (at least on paper) to be open on all channels tourism, trade etc.) While Assad refuses to meet directly he is vague about the definition of peace.

When speaking of Lebanon, Peres declined to describe the nature of Syrian and Lebanese relations as not to embarrass the Lebanese, as a sovereign nations.

Peres oratory was serious yet humorous. When speaking of the Jordanian Palestinian he said the talks were 2 channels - one channel Palestinian and one channel for the Jordanians.

The Autonomy, Peres said, is to cover everything except for: foreign relations, security and Jewish settlements. The most important element of the Autonomy Peres claimed was the Palestinian elections. This would transform the administration Autonomy into a political one, Peres said.

Peres said that the business of war in the Middle East is no longer, since one of their suppliers went out of business. Peres stressed the



importance of Peace, vs. opposed to territories. With today's technology (missiles) the strategic importance of land has devaluated. "I want peace before the skies of the Middle East are polluted with missiles" Peres said.

Peres hinted that the economic aid given so far to settlements in Judea and Samaria will now be given to residents of the Negev and Galil.

Peres defined a Jew as one whose parents are Jewish namely the mother or one whose children are Jewish thereby stressing the importance of the younger generation.

The foreign minister said half jokingly that maybe G-d created the Jew and then anti-semitism at the same time with thoughts of keeping the Jews Jewish. He stressed the Biblical connection between the Prophets of the Bible and the Israelis today. Saying the Israelis are the only people who still speak the language of their ancestor's. He encouraged the activists on all campuses to help him with the peace process not only between leaders but between people.

When asked about the privatization of the economy Peres replied "we're doing all right".

Peres refused to address the American elections.

## Oded Yinon... "Not Out of Love, Out of Interest"

by Hagal Yardeny

Last Wednesday, Oded Yinon, a Middle East expert and Political analyst formerly of the Institute for Advanced Political and Strategic Studies gave a lecture at the Javits Center live at Stony Brook. The topic for discussion was Israel after the elections.

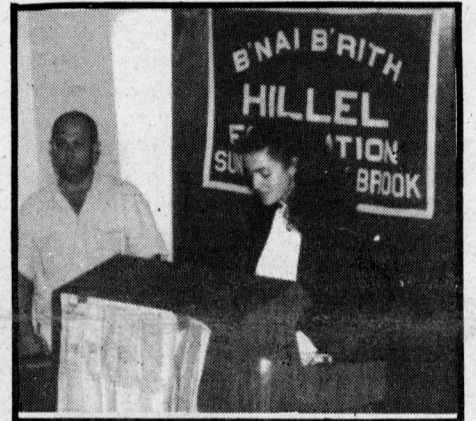
According to Oded Yinon the June 23 elections in Israel demonstrated a change in the way the people of Israel perceive the situation in the Middle East. The radical left parties united to form Meretz, and the radical largest right wing party Tchiai did not get enough votes for a seat in the Knesset. The people chose Rabin of the Labor Party, his platform called for a shift in priorities. Unlike the Likud Party, the Territories, Judea and Samaria, are no longer a priority. This opens up great opportunities in the on going peace negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Yinon stated that regardless of the outcome of the current peace talks, war is not on anyone's agenda for the next few years. The cost of war has gone up and no one can afford it. Israel has to take care of the new immigration and its economy. Jordan took in 400,000 Palestinian refugees who were deported from Kuwait. Syria will be forced to pay for new weapons since the Soviet Union is no longer, and Iraq is in no shape to give out any more support.

Oded Yinon added that Arab rulers need the economic relief peace

brings to appease their people and to fight the growing power of Muslim fundamentalism that is spreading in the Middle East.

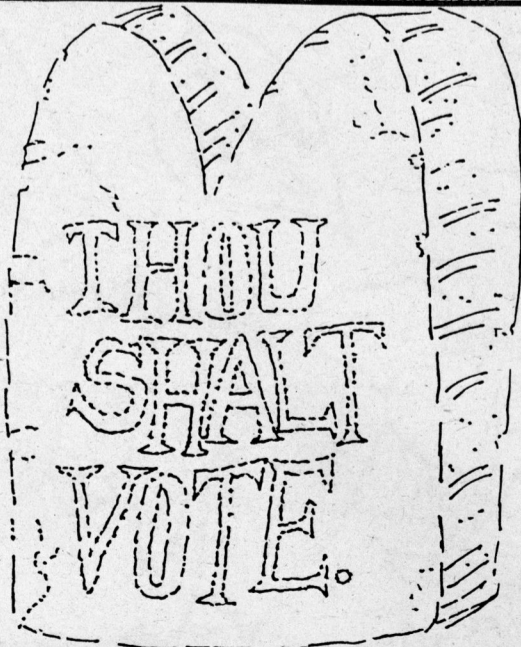
Oded Yinon predicted that Rabin will make peace with Syria first, and probably will give back the entire Golan Heights on the condition that the area from the Kinneret to Damascus will



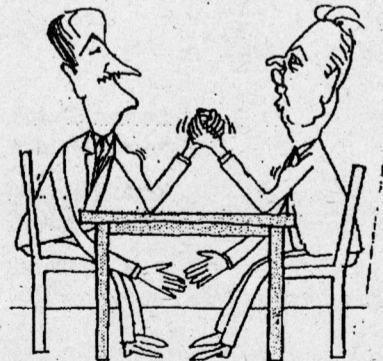
Ruthie Ginsburg introduces Oded Yinon

be demilitarized. After that is achieved, Lebanon and Jordan will follow. Peace with the Palestinians will take place when they agree to the Autonomy. The Autonomy is necessary Mr. Yinon claimed as a corridor, the economical base of the Palestinians is in Israel and it has to be moved to the Territories. That takes time. The Palestinians need to have elections to choose their own leadership, currently the P.L.O. is opposed to elections for fear of losing its power. What will be at the end of the corridor will depend on the Palestinians themselves.

Oded Yinon displayed great trust in Rabin's leadership; Rabin was the Prime Minister for three and one half years, he served as the Chief of Staff for four and a half years and served as Defense Minister for five years. Rabin was in charge of the IDF in '67 when the Territories were acquired, "He is no dove," Oded claimed and reminded the audience that Rabin was in charge of the IDF when the intifada started. Yinon maintained that no great love is flourishing currently in the Middle East, peace is simply in everyone's interest.



**The Eleventh Commandment  
for American Jews**



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# Words from the Pres. Russian Club News

by Kevin Leopold

Every day I stop by the Hillel office (Humanities 165). I steal a few candies and look at Lauren's latest pictures of Jesse, her one year old son. Once these important presidential duties are fulfilled I can turn my attention to other things such as upcoming Hillel events.



With this being my fourth and thank G-d final year at Stony Brook, one might expect I would lose some enthusiasm in Hillel and things would become routine. This year the excitement and energy present within Hillel however has more than compensated such concerns. Every day there are different people enthusiastically working on a wide variety of events.

One day I'll see David Drits

working on the Jewish Russian club or Steven Davidi working on Chevre (Jewish Israeli club). Another day I'll find Hillel vice-president Jessica Blumenfeld in the office along with Aliza Aaronson, Ariel Geker and Paul Cohen brainstorming on future programming. Other days I will find Hagai Yardeny hard at work editing the Shelanu.

As the weeks and semester progress it is my hope that this level of involvement within Hillel continues to grow. L'Shanah Tovah.

by David Drits

Hillel welcomed all Russian students to the Russian Club's first General Meeting. The meeting was held on October 1st at 8:15 pm. in the Upper

Level of the Bi-Level Lounge. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 pm in the Union. For more information you can call the Hillel office at 2-6565 or David at 2-3276.

## From the Editor

by Hagai Yardeny

My name is Hagai Yardeny and I am the new editor of *Shelanu*. *Shelanu* is Hebrew for *Ours*. *Shelanu* is sponsored by Hillel. It targets the Jewish population on campus. *Shelanu* is a monthly paper and therefore "breaking news" is not its primary goal. What we will try to do is encounter issues dealing with the interests of the Jewish community. *Shelanu* will try and tackle some hard questions and topics, like what it means to be a Jew today, is it a matter of tradition? faith? choice? Can one choose not to be Jewish?

According to the Orthodox Halacha (Jewish Law) one is a Jew if one is born to a Jewish mother or if one converted, there is no recipe for

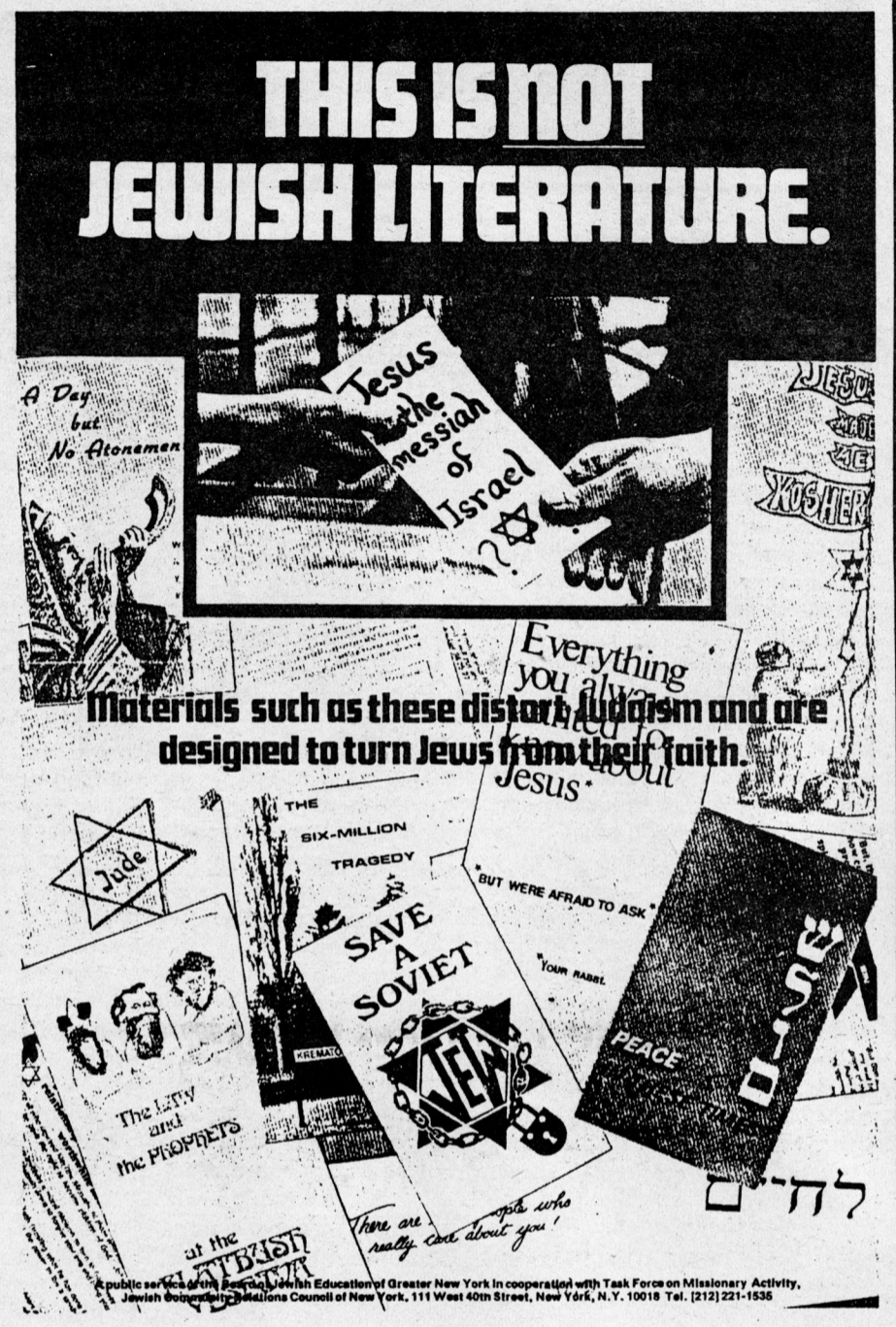
becoming a non Jew.

According to Jean Paul Sartre the reason the Jews survived as a people for so long is twofold; By choice, and because history allowed no alternative, i.e. anti-Semitism kept Jews as Jews.

Today in America there is no institutionalized anti-Semitism; Will the Jews survive by their own choice alone? Is there any reason to be Jewish today?

There are roughly 2500 Jewish students on campus, out of which maybe 200 are involved in Jewish activities.

I hope I did not answer my own question. In any case *Shelanu* is ours and it is here to serve. It will consist mainly of editorials on relative subjects and all are welcome to contribute.



Literature has recently been distributed on campus that bears Hebrew words and Jewish symbols. It is published and distributed by groups that seek to convert Jews away from Judaism to a form of Christianity. Beware of such literature and of groups that distribute it. It is not Jewish literature and is not distributed by Jewish organizations. If you have questions, contact the Hillel office.

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Carol Michael

# Opinion: Bush vs. Clinton

by Lyle Goldstein

On November 3rd, this nation will cast its vote for President of the United States, as well as many other offices. For many of us, this will be the first Presidential Election we will be participating in. That is why it is vitally important that we understand the differences between the two candidates, Bill Clinton and George Bush, in order to choose correctly. Let's look at George Bush's record first.

When re-electing a president, people will inevitably come down to two things: What have you done for me and the country, and what are you offering for the next four? Under George Bush, the country has had the slowest economic growth since Herbert Hoover and the beginning of the great depression. The unemployment rate is at 7.6%, the highest since the early eighties. Just a few weeks ago, this nation's unemployment insurance claims reached a record number. The United States has under his administration, been in one of the longest recessions in U.S. history. There are over 35 million people with no health insurance.

In terms of Israel, he has used Loan Guarantees to force the Israeli government to stop building settlements. A subtle form of blackmail. George Bush has denied Israeli

requests for humanitarian assistance for Russian Jews. He has sold millions of dollars of sophisticated weaponry to Israel's enemies, and forced one sided concessions on Israel to advance the peace process.

What he promises to do in four years may not even matter because four years ago, he promised "no new taxes" and look what happened. Up until a few months ago, he didn't even admit there was a recession in this country. He promises a 1% tax cut across the board, capital gains cut, and 10% reduced spending by the federal government. Under George Bush, we have had the highest deficit, reaching over 400 billion dollars. What he proposes, reducing the tax rate 1% across the board, would of course favor the rich, giving a \$1500 reduction to people earning \$150,000 while giving \$400 reduction to earners of \$40,000. He proposes to reduce capital gains to stimulate the economy. How many middle class voters will be affected by that? Not many middle income or lower income people buy and sell stock and machinery. His proposal for a reduction of roughly 10 percent in all federal spending, would mean cutbacks in Medicare, Medicaid, and COLLEGE LOAN GUARANTEES (like there aren't enough already.) That is what George Bush promises to do.

Bill Clinton is the Democratic

party's candidate and the candidate for change. In 1991, Bill Clinton was voted the "most effective governor" in the United States by his fellow governors. Bill Clinton has been elected five times for governor, making him the longest serving governor in the U.S. Due to Bill Clinton, Arkansas ranks second nationally in job growth and sixth in per capita income growth. The tax burden for Arkansas is the second lowest in the country. He has and continues to support economic and educational reforms. He has fought Political Interest groups, such as NRA. That is what he has done as governor of Arkansas.

Bill Clinton's plan for America is to rebuild America. He wants to invest in America, creating high tech communication and transportation systems so we can compete with the other economies around the world. His plan creates inclusive jobs and provides for job training such as the National Apprenticeship program that trains high school graduates for more sophisticated, advanced work.

Bill Clinton has a health care program that would enable all people of America to be provided with proper medical treatment. It would create a system that would make every employer provide medical insurance to their employees or pay into a government fund that would provide for them.

Bill Clinton plans to increase

funding all aspects of education. He would initiate a system that would allow anyone to receive a loan for college and it would be paid back through taxes or community service. Bill Clinton supports educational reform through national standards and more responsibility of the student.

Finally, with regard to Israel, Bill Clinton has a very different view from the Bush administration's policy. The Clinton administration would not have used the loan guarantees to stop the building of settlements in Israel. they recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and recognizes that Israel must maintain a military edge over its adversaries.

There are two distinct choices for President of the United States. America can either stay in the past with George Bush, and let him create another four years of old ideas and tired rhetoric or choose a new leader with younger, fresher ideas and a vision of the future. Some would say that George Bush is the more honest, caring president with better character. One look at his record tells us this is a lie. Moreover, a lack of record by George Bush tells us that he does not care. America is the second agenda for George Bush. To me, the choice is obvious.

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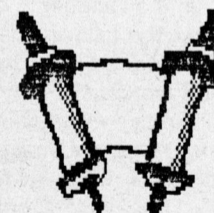
## Hillel Offers Judaica Courses

Two courses are being offered this semester that can help you increase your Judaic knowledge. Both are free of charge and open to all.

### Torah Talk

with Rabbi Reuven Stein, Young Israel of Patchogue

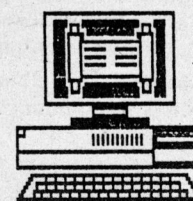
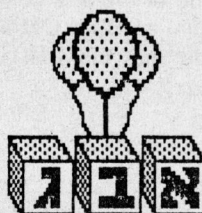
Our guest teacher Rabbi Stein will lead a discussion of how the Torah deals with contemporary issues such as sexuality, business ethics, and life situations. Class begins Wednesday, October 21 through December 9, 7:30 pm, Humanities room 157.



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# Editorials

## Peace for Peace, Not Piece for Peace

by Kevin Leopold

I have always wondered if people ever look at maps. If you do you might notice Israel is smaller than the state of New Jersey (240 miles long and 40 miles wide). The Jewish state is surrounded by hostile nations who all want Israel dismantled and divided among themselves. What do they want? Israel is hardly drowning in oil or tripping over natural resources. Everybody wants a piece of Israel while all Israel wants is peace.

People ask, "What is Israel willing to give up for peace?" or say, "Land for Peace." Well I ask, "What is Syria and Jordan willing to give up for peace?" and I say, "Peace for Peace". Syria and Jordan have just as much to benefit from peace, if not more when you factor in their enormous humiliating military defeats.

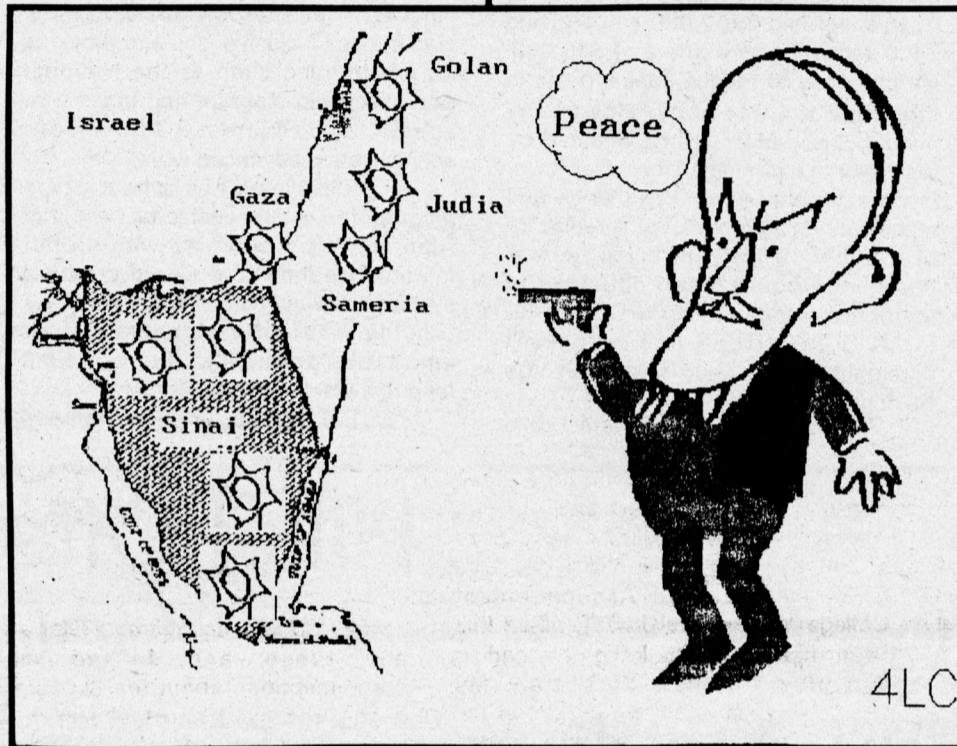
Peace is possible but it is wrong for Israel to give up lands liberated from Jordan and Syria in the 1967 Six Day War.

Have the last twenty five years been so prosperous that we have forgotten how Jordan's King Hussein used tombstones atop the sacred Jewish cemetery of Mount Olives, while occupying Jerusalem, to build latrines and army barracks? Have the scars of children growing up in bomb shelters on Israel's northern border because of Syria's Hafez Assad's continuous bombing healed?

Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt despite its strategic importance (airfields) and natural resources (oil fields). There are, however, two distinctions we must acknowledge between Israel's treaty with Egypt and the peace process with Jordan and

Syria. First of all Egypt wanted peace and secondly the Sinai does not belong to Israel.

Keeping this in mind we must first question whether or not Syria and Jordan are serious about peace. In addition, we must remember that Jerusalem has been the capitol of the Jewish homeland in Israel for nearly three thousand years. Jews have been the majority of the population in Jerusalem even throughout the years of exile. Also the Golan Heights is



imperative to Israel's security as a necessary buffer zone. Jews have ties to the land that date back to when the Golan Heights were first settled by men and women.

## Keep the Golan Israeli

by Steve Davidl

Oded Yinon, Middle East expert and political analyst visited the campus last week at a program sponsored by Hillel. He tried to explain how good it would be for Israel to give the Golan Heights back to the Syrians and autonomy to the Palestinians. He tried to picture the good relationship Israel would have with its neighbors after these negotiations. But, is it the real picture or is it just an illusion?

In theory it looks very good that Israel will live happily ever after, but from the military point of view I see it a little differently. The Golan Heights is the most strategically significant place in Israel. If you stand on the western edge of the Golan Heights facing the Kinneret, with good visibility you can see the lights of Tel Aviv. This was Syria's greatest advantage in the Six Day War.

Oded Yinon said we will have a contract with the Syrians, that the Golan Heights will be neutral and that they will not be able to put their army there. The T72 tank can travel up to 50 mph with the Golan Heights as a staging area and can cross it in 1/2 hour, so I don't think that any contract would insure the security of Israel.

If today we are going to exchange the Golan Heights for peace and go back to the borders of '67, we will simply repeat history. Next time war, however, is going to take a lot longer than six days with a great deal of difficulty and many more casualties.

Contributions to this editorial page are welcome! Please address your comments to *Stony Brook Shelanu*, c/o Hillel, Interfaith Center, campus zip=5335.

If Syria and Jordan are truly serious about peace and not on polluting the airways with a series of empty press conferences filled with idiotic rhetoric, I suggest as a nice

beginning the end to the Arab boycott against Israel.

## Editorial

In the October 2, 1992 issue of *Blackworld*, the following is printed: "No class after 4:30 10/6. No class 10/7 Solomon's birthday."

Firstly, we would like to wish Solomon Moore a happy birthday. Although I do not wish to disappoint him, the University Center at Stony Brook did not cancel classes due to his birthday. In actuality, classes and University activities were cancelled due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the holiest of all Jewish holidays. It is not a day of celebration, but rather a day of reflection and atonement. Yom Kippur is a day when Jews reflect on their actions of the past year toward both G-d and other human beings.

As a Jew I take pride in being a student at a university which cancels class on this holiday so that Jews can worship without missing work or class. The University has realized the need to be sensitive toward multi-culturalism and pluralism. The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation is a member of the Interfaith

Center, which respects the right of all communities to practice and exercise their beliefs.

Newspapers which are geared toward ethnic groups, such as *Shelanu* and *Blackworld*, serve as important tools to the University community. However, it must be remembered that their goal is to supply their perspective audience with information that would otherwise not be available. Rather than stressing cultural gaps, a paper should strive to foster an understanding of other cultures in the community.

We are sure that the Hillel Foundation will be more than happy to supply anyone with information about Jewish holidays and traditions. The number is 2-6565.

Again, happy birthday Solomon, and consider this a formal invitation to join us at Yom Kippur services. One of them is being held in the lower level of Roth Cafeteria in a space shared with the UNITI Cultural Center.

--Shelanu Staff

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# Dan and Dave

by Keith Babich

I had been part of the Yosef household for about four hours when Dan, the ten year old boy pulled my hand and took me into a room which he was obviously very anxious to show me. To me it appeared to be a storeroom with canned foods, old magazines, blankets, and pillows. For the Yosef family it was much more than a storeroom. It was home for several uneasy nights. Dan, with the help of his mother's translation began to point out the intricate protective features of this "storage room," which I soon realized was really a bomb shelter. The walls were twelve inch thick steel reinforced concrete, the door was two inches of steel with a special foam seal to keep out poison gas. The ventilation system was also specially filtered to protect my Israeli family from the ever present threat of enemy attack. It ensured that they could continue to breathe fresh Israeli air even as their enemies attempted to suffocate them. The walls were decorated with Dan's drawings, an attempt to brighten a bleak, sad room. During the Gulf War, when an enemies threat was carried out in the form of scud missiles, this 8 x 12 room served as home for the four member Yosef family and a four member neighboring family who are not as fortunate to own their own bomb shelter. For ten year old Dan and his family, enemy attack, scud bombs, bombshelters, and hostile neighbors are a reality.

As an American, I was fascinated, for how often do Americans get to see bomb shelters; as a Jew, I was angry and guilty. I was angry that Israelis should have to live in such a reality, and guilty because I was so fascinated by the bomb shelter.

I thought back to a week before I left for Israel. I went to a friends house and his ten year old brother, David, took me by the hand and excitedly showed me a room in the house. It too was a "storage room," a room for toys, a room with many games. David anxiously took me around, showing me the intricate features of his playroom. David finally settled down with his complete set of G.I. Joe figures and trench warfare set. We sat down to play and David

explained to me how to properly play G.I. Joe. The playroom becomes a bomb shelter as the imaginary enemy is attacking and the toys become weapons. His Nintendo system becomes a radar tracking device. His Mets cap becomes a battle helmet and his clothes become battle fatigues. His books and board games have become canned and packaged foods safe from enemy gas.

Now, one week later in Israel, Dan was explaining to me how he tried to turn the bomb shelter into a playroom. Drawings on the twelve inch thick walls and an imagination that the canned foods were really toys and that the gas mask was really a catchers mask.

It occurred to me that for David, a bomb shelter was an imaginary game, a way of playing. For Dan the bomb shelter is an ugly but necessary part of life.

The army for David is also a game, a fantasy. The Army for Dan is a certain future.

I spent this past summer in Israel working with Israeli children in a summer camp setting. The goal of the camp was to help these children learn English and become comfortable using it. I was part of a group of volunteers from the New York region who worked in the Lod-Ramle area. The program is in conjunction with Project Renewal, whose primary goal is to help build and rebuild cities in Israel which have fallen into disrepair. The New York Jewish community is paired with the sister cities of Lod and Ramle. The New York B'nai B'rith Hillel/Jewish Association of College Youth (Hillel/JACY), offers this internship to students living or attending school in the New York area. My experiences in Israel were beyond my expectations. As I look back on my summer, I view it as perhaps the greatest learning experience of my life. I was immersed in Israeli culture and life for seven weeks. I lived with Israelis, ate with Israelis, argued politics with Israelis (American and Israeli,) and I became friends with Israelis and with Israel. I have gained an understanding and relationship with Israel that will last for a very long time.

## Poetry:

### Holocaust

by Jason Fordin

More than six million Jews were put to their death,  
But kept their faith till their very last breathe.  
A Nazi dictator, named Adolf Hitler,  
planned to wipe out the entire Jewish race,  
Without leaving behind a single trace.  
He deprived the Jews of their possessions and rights,  
Although at times, they put up a gallant fight.  
He forced them to live in ghettos and work as laborers,  
And many became great saviors.  
Millions of Jews were imprisoned in concentration camps,  
where on their arm they bore the tattoo stamp.  
He starved, tortured, experimented and sent them to be gassed,  
To destroy a generation of the past.  
He separated husbands and wives,  
And also destroyed children's lives.  
They stood in lines...one right, one left,  
Never knowing which meant death.  
He shed them of their pride and dignity,  
And cast upon them great humility.  
And this event went on, while the world stood by,  
And left the six million Jews to die.

### War

by Joe Dahan

"Look out from above" shouted his mate  
but this was his doom this was his fate  
because this is a place where not many survive  
one thing is for sure, birds of prey will strive  
nature and technology clash in a brawl  
earth shatters and flames soon they will fall  
man vs. man this game will not end  
till all go to dust or no men to send  
reason and logic extinct from this place  
madness appears all over his face  
Instincts he follows his objective is pointless  
fear is his enemy and courage is useless  
The same he will never be if he survives  
for he has reached the borders of insanity where logic dies  
Sad but true this is the human being  
smarter then all creatures yet self destructing.

## First Impressions

by K.B. Wills

This is my first semester away at college and I had many preconceptions about the school, the dorms, and my roommate. I'm not totally sure what I expected: An ultra positive African- American soul brother, or maybe a 60's hippie love-child wannabe. Whoever my roommate was going to be, we were going to get along great.

Then he came in. I saw a bald headed white guy. Many thoughts flashed through my mind: Skinhead, Neo-Nazi, and racist are just a few. Of course it wouldn't matter if I was right or wrong, we're stuck together for the first two weeks. He then told me that he just got back from Israel. I thought "Israel? He can't be that bad can he?"

Now I, being the average ignorant person that I am, wondered to myself "what kind of people live in Israel?" As an African- American, I know very little about Jewish people except

for the stereotypes which, unfortunately, are reinforced by television and other media. I don't know why holidays are observed when they are or why they are even observed at all. I don't know if this is normal for an African-American or for an American. But then again, normal is a relative term because in America normal is different things for different peoples.

Anyway, it has been almost three weeks since that fateful day and we are getting along great. I just shaved his head recently. I have also learned a lot about Israel and picked up a little Hebrew. I know some of this sounds like the beginning of a good cop/bad cop movie but it has helped me realize that I was (and still am) the racist. Because of my preconceptions and expectations, I almost missed out on a valuable learning experience. I'm not saying run out and request a foreign roommate but try to think before you let your life be run by stereotypes which dominate much of our lives.

## Catholic Campus Ministry to Sponsor Program on Anti-Semitism in the Church

The Catholic Campus Ministry will host Monsignor Don Beckman on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:00 pm. Rev. Beckman will speak on "Confronting Anti-Semitism in the Church," which will be held in Humanities 157.

Rev. Beckman will discuss contemporary political issues of Catholic-Jewish relations, such as Vatican recognition of Israel, the convent at the Auschwitz death camp, as well as theological underpinnings of

anti-Semitism in the Church and how to confront them.

Rev. Beckman is from the Office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs of the Diocese of Rockville Center. He has lectured at Hebrew Union College, and is a coordinator of Project Understanding, which sends Jewish and Christian high school students to Israel during Passover and Easter. He is a member of the Interfaith Clergy Association of Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

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# Chevre News

by Steven Davidl & Amital Itzhakof

The semester's first Chevre meeting on September 14th which took place in the Student Union Ballroom was a tremendous success. 35 Israeli and non-Israeli students attended the meeting, 15 of which were new transfer and/or freshmen. The evening opened with Humus, Pita, and socializing all to Israeli music playing in the background (Mashina, Ethnix, etc.) This was followed by a round of introductions and

discussions about Chevre's future activities, such activities as parties, picnics, watching Israeli movies and various trips. One of the motions discussed was Chevre's intent on becoming an independent club and hopefully sponsored by Polity. We expect around 50-60 Chevre members by the end of the semester. All who are interested in becoming a Chevre member please call 2- 2888 or 2-4126. Non-Israelis are welcome.

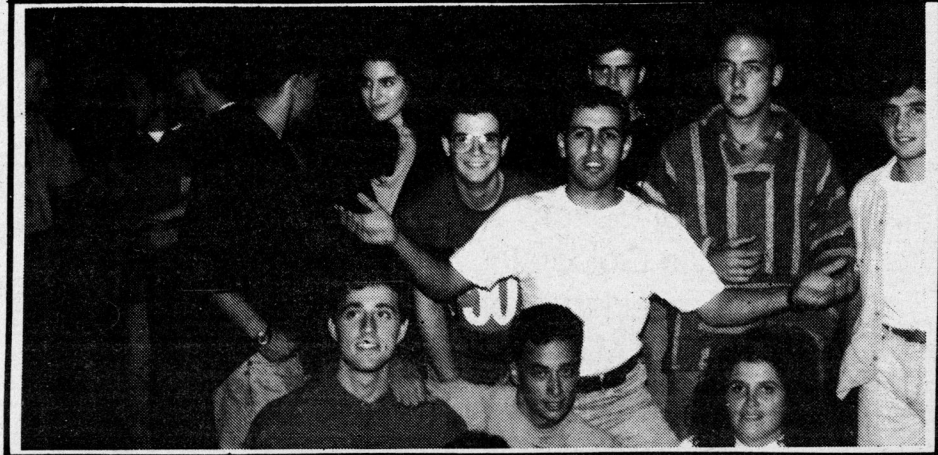
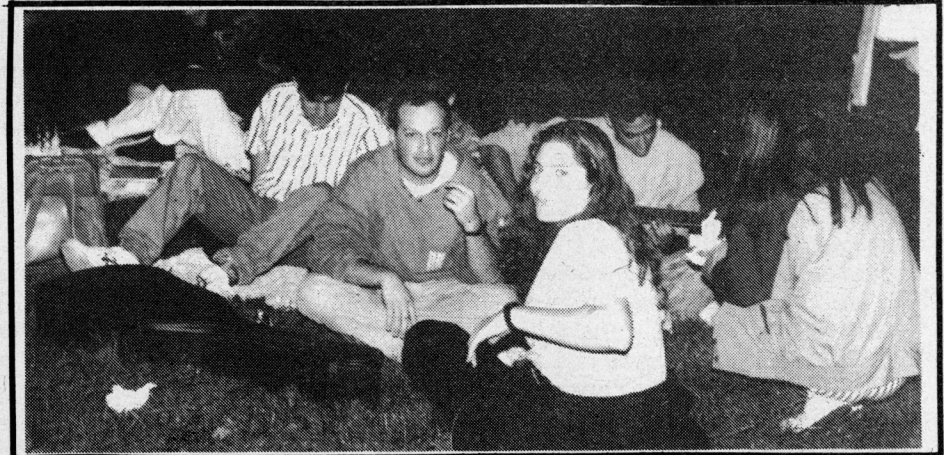
**זוגות ישראלים רבים, החיים ללא חופה וקידושין, נמצאים החל מן השבוע שעבר במצב חדש: עליפי פסקי-דין של בית-הדין הרבני בחיפה, הם עלולים להידרש לתת גט כדת וכדין, אם ירצו להיפרד • הרב האשכנזי הראשי של חיפה, שאר-ישוב כהן, ישב בדין: "בנות ישראל אינן הפקר. גבר לא יכול לנצל אשה, ואחרי-כך לזרוק אותה"**

הנסיון שלי כשר-אד  
אליסה שברלינג  
9/15/92

כיום, מסיבות זוגיות קשה. זה היה הנסיון שלי כשר-אד. התיכנית לקחה שלושה שבועות. במשק השלושה שבועות (האלה), היה לי בעצמותי עתיד סטודנטים מכא תעודים. היה לי גם בן בעצמותי עתיד את התרבות של ישראל ואת האנשים הישראלים. אני נראית תרומתי מהתחממות ובהקדשה של תחילתם בצבא. אני עתידתי 4 1/2 ימים בקודס - מיום שני עד יום חמישי. מיום חמישי בערב עד יום ראשון בבקר, ואחרי היינו יכולים לעבוד באיזה מקום שאנחנו רוצים. כל אחת מהקבוצה העקב עמקו של אלה. המדובר שלי עתה גאת הסדורים קשה כלם. שר-אד עזרו שני טיולים. אחד היה בצפון, ואחד עירובים. הטיולים היו מאד מענינים וחיוכים. אם אני יכולה להביא את הנסיון שלי במידה אחת, זאת תהיה - סטייה - הטעם

במקום עזר אונפורמציה, בקשה עתידית  
אליסה שברלינג או  
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## BBQ and Bonfire Huge Success



## Sukkot Services

Mon. Oct. 12	9:30 am	Sukkot
Tue. Oct. 13	9:30 am	Sukkot
Mon. Oct. 19	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret
	7:00 pm	Simchat Torah
Tue. Oct. 20	9:30 am	Simchat Torah

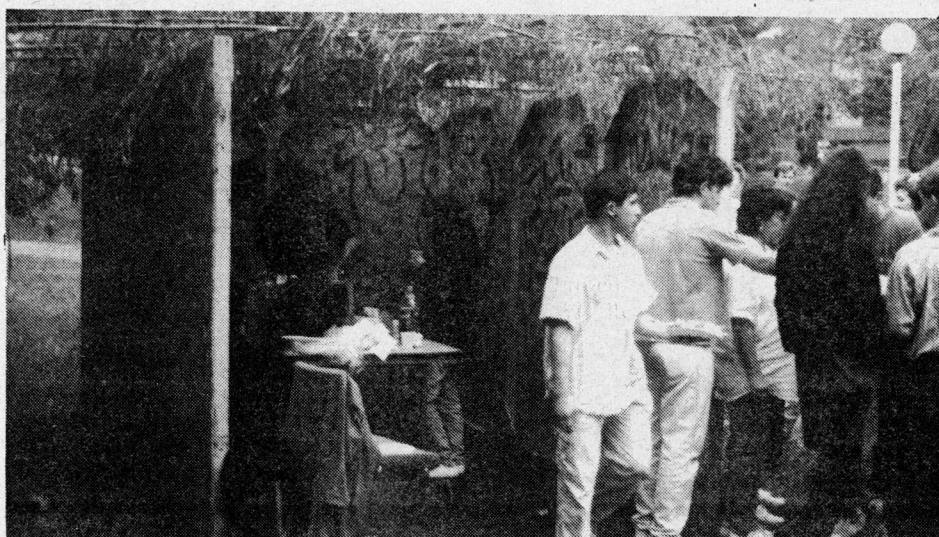
All Services in Roth Cafeteria, first floor

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# Celebrate Sukkot

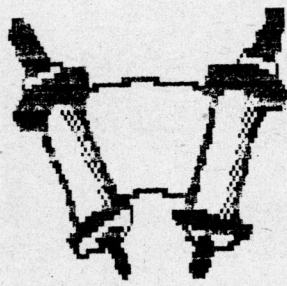
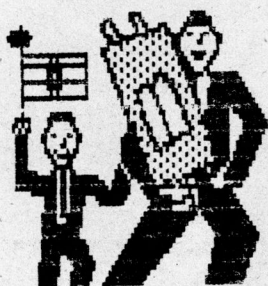
## Help Build Campus Sukkah

Sukkah construction will begin on the afternoon of Thursday, October 8 outside of Roth Cafeteria. Help of all kinds is needed, including those who just want to give advice. Call the Hillel office to volunteer - 632-6565.



## Graduate Students to Hold Sukkah Party

All graduate and professional students are invited to the second Grad Group function of the year, a Sukkah party, on Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00 pm (after Yom Tov). The party will be in the sukkah at the Hillel Directors Residence, 75 Sheep Pasture Road. This is directly across Nicolls Road from the North Entrance to campus. If you are a Jewish graduate or professional student, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and meet nice people. Join us!



## Celebrate Simchat Torah!

Stony Brook's annual celebration of Simchat Torah will be Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in Roth Quad Cafeteria, first floor. Join us for the hakafot, refreshments, and lots of singing and dancing!

## Sukki Yaki Party in Sukkah

On Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 pm, Young Israeli of Patchogue will co-host a Sukki Yaki sukkot party at the Roth Quad Sukkah. Kosher Chinese food will be served, and live musical entertainment will be provided. The party is open to all students and is free!

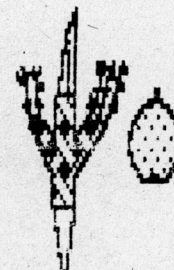
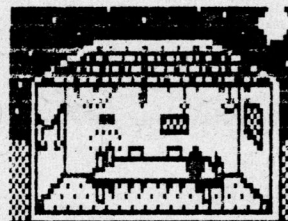
## Come Shmooz in the Sukkah

The October Shabbat Shmooz will be held on Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 pm in the sukkah at the Hillel Directors Residence. Join us for a free Shabbat lunch in the sukkah, an informal discussion, and a relaxing Shabbat afternoon. Directly across Nicolls Road from the North Entrance to campus at 75 Sheep Pasture Road.



## Chevre Israeli Sukkah Celebration

Chevre, the Israeli Student Association, will hold its annual Sukkot Barbecue on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00 pm at the Roth Quad sukkah. The traditional sukkot shashlik will be served, and Israeli music provided. All Israelis, as well as non-Israelis, are invited.



## D'var Torah

by Hal Lyman

This week's parsha is Ha'azinu. In it Moses sings a song of warning to the people of Israel. The scene is on the banks of the river Jordan. The nation is about to end its sojourn through the wilderness, and enter the promised land. Moses has

been forbidden to enter the land as a punishment for disobeying G-d. He now sings a farewell address to the people of Israel. The song foretells not only of Israel's triumphs and strengths to come but also of the woes that await them. Moses likens G-d to a father and Israel to a growing child. Moses encourages Israel to forge ahead to strive to do what

is right. He knows that in the future there will be times that the child will act irresponsibly. G-d is viewed as an even handed parent, one who is protective of the child yet is not beyond enforcing punishment when necessary. In numerous ways the song speaks of the imperfections of human beings. It

acknowledges our tendencies to gravitate toward iniquity. It is our responsibility to be aware of these tendencies. We should constantly seek to liken ourselves to G-d. That is to say, to strive for righteousness in our own lives despite our imperfections. Shavua tov!

Stony Brook  
**Jewish Community Calendar**  
 October, 1992 / Tishrei, 5753

Thursday 1	8:15 pm	Russian Club Union Bi-level lounge Contact David Drits (2-6565) for further information.	Saturday 17	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria (Orthodox & Conservative)
Friday 2	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria Shabbat Dinner follows service.		1:00 pm	Shabbat Shmooz Hillel Directors Residence, 75 Sheep Pasture Road (opposite North entrance)
Saturday 3	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria (Orthodox & Conservative)	Monday 19	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret Services Roth Cafeteria
Monday 5	Look out for our table in the Student Union			7:00 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration Roth Cafeteria
Tuesday 6	5:45 pm	Kol Nidre Service (Conservative) SB Union Ballroom	Tuesday 20	9:30 am	Simchat Torah Services Roth Cafeteria
	5:30 pm	Kol Nidre Service (Orthodox) Roth Quad Cafeteria	Wed. 21	1:00 pm	Russian Jewish Club SB Union
Wed. 7	9:30 am	Yom Kippur Services Conservative - Union Ballroom		5:00 pm	"Confronting Anti-Semitism in the Church" with Monsignor Don Beckman Humanities 157 Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry
	8:30 am	Orthodox - Roth Quad Cafeteria		7:30 pm	Torah Talk with Rabbi Reuven Stein Humanities 157
	4:30 pm	Conservative - Union Ballroom		8:30 pm	Hebrew Reading Crash Course Humanities 157
	4:30 pm	Orthodox - Roth Quad Cafe.	Friday 23	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria Shabbat Dinner follows services.
Friday 9	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria Shabbat Dinner follows service.	Saturday 24	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria (Orthodox & Conservative)
Saturday 10	9:30 am	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria (Orthodox & Conservative)	Tuesday 27	5:00 pm	"Cultural Impressions through time spent abroad" - panel of students who have studied and worked abroad (including Israel) Humanities 157 Sponsored by the Interfaith Center
Monday 12	9:30 am	Sukkot Services Roth Cafeteria	Wed. 28	7:30 pm	Torah Talk with Rabbi Reuven Stein Humanities 157
Tuesday 13	9:30 am	Sukkot Services Roth Cafeteria		8:30 pm	Hebrew Reading Crash Course Humanities 157
	8:00 pm	Graduate Student Sukkot Party Hillel Directors Residence, 75 Sheep Pasture Road (opposite North entrance)	Saturday 31	9:00 pm	Hillel Coffee House Kosher Cafeteria, Roth Quad
Wed. 14	5:00 pm	Chevre Sukkot Barbecue Roth Quad Sukkah			
	9:30 pm	Hillel Board Meeting Humanities 157			
Thursday 15	6:30 pm	Suki Yaki Party - kosher Chinese food & live music! Roth Quad Sukkah Co-sponsored by Young Israel of Patchogue			
Friday 16	6:00 pm	Shabbat Services Roth Cafeteria Shabbat Dinner follows service.			

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