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## TATZ ASKED TO RESIGN IN FIRST HAZEDK ISSUE

### Yeshiva Reforms Are Outlined; Commend Commentator

The "Hazedek", official organ of the S. O. Y., in its lead editorial of the first issue of the current year, this week demanded the immediate resignation of Philip Tatz from the position of stipend administrator.

The "Hazedek" found the decision of the S. O. Y. Council to interpret the investigating committee's report as an exoneration of Tatz "difficult to understand", but nevertheless accepted it. They asked for Tatz's resignation on the grounds that there exists at present too centralized a control of power.

Reviewing the scene at Yeshiva, the publication pointed out a number of existing evils and suggested reforms, among which were the adoption of the tutorial system in the higher grades. The question of promotion was also discussed. Speaking of the necessity for closer cooperation and greater harmony between the various student bodies the "Hazedek" states: "In this connection we might express our appreciation for the consistent efforts of the Commentator to better relations between the College and Yeshiva despite recurrent slights and rebuffs."

The issue also included a column "Come the Revolution" which severely attacked Yeshiva politics and politicians. It was generally accepted that the references were to Tatz.

An article on the Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva by Bernard A. Poupko '39, emphasized the points of similarity and of difference between our own institution and that of the other side. Rabbi Isaiah Rackowsky of Worcester, Mass. contributed an article on "A Rabbinic Credo" in which he emphasized various aspects of the rabbinate commonly unnoticed by theological students.

The editorial Board consisted of Frank Schonfeld '39 and Samuel H. Prero '37. Jerome B. Gordon '38, was art editor.

## T. I. Students Hear Interclass Debate

### Rabbi Mirsky Addresses General Assembly

A debate on the question "Resolved that the diaspora proved to be a negative influence on the Jewish nation" featured the second general assembly of the Teachers Institute held on November 9.

The Freshman team upheld the affirmative and the Lower-Junior representatives spoke on the negative side of the question. The judges Wasser, Kanovich and Kurtz, awarded the decision to the lower classmen.

Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, of the faculty, speaking after the conclusion of the debate said: "It is high time for us to return to Eretz Israel which has been and remains a source of eternal inspiration to our nation."

Henry Zeisel, '40, president of the T. I. student body, spoke on Jewish current events. Sidney Rackoff '40, and S. Eckstein provided musical entertainment.

### Alumni Theatre Party A Financial Success

"Our affair would never have enjoyed its outstanding success without the aid of the student body," graciously remarked Leo J. Usdan '36, president of the Alumni Association, following the Theatre Party of Nov. 9, at the Yiddish Art Theatre.

A net profit of over \$400. was realized by the alumni as their share of the proceeds, which was approximately twice as much as last year's profit.

Louis Sattlow '37 repeated his last year's feat of making the highest individual contribution by selling \$150. worth of tickets.

## JEWISH GROUPS FORM ALLIANCE

### College Youth Proposes To Coordinate Work

A "Federation of Jewish-University Societies" was formed at a meeting of delegates from the various Jewish college societies of the metropolitan area, held Saturday evening, Nov. 6, in Earl Hall of Columbia University.

The purpose of the federation is to provide a clearing house for the coordination and exchange of ideas among the Jewish student societies of the metropolitan colleges. It will function as a council with each society member entitled to one vote rather than as an entirely new organization.

Resolutions were passed providing for meetings of the Federation to be held every other Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Earl Hall, and retaining the present officers temporarily as a steering committee.

Yeshiva College was represented by Gersion Appel '38 and I. B. Rose '38. Student Council was invited to join.

### RABBI KATZ TO SPEAK

Rabbi Leon Katz will address the student body at the Sabbath table this Saturday, Rahmin Sion '39, dining room manager announced today.

Sion emphasized the importance and desirability of community singing during the meal, and will attempt to bring about a greater amount of participation in order to please outside guests, he stated.

## Litman, Goldman Address Student Peace Assembly

### Levin Represents Students; Appel Reads List of Peace Resolutions

Various views on the possibility of securing world peace were presented at the annual Armistice Day peace assembly held last Wednesday.

Dr. Alexander Litman of the philosophy department addressed the joint assembly in which faculty, students, and alumni participated. Pointing out that the moral indignation expressed by the leaders of the world powers had not resulted in an active fight for world peace, Dr. Litman declared that international harmony could be secured only after social injustice and economic inequality existing in each country had been eliminated. World peace is possible only as a result of internal peace in each land, Dr. Litman concluded.

### OPENED BY APPEL

The assembly was opened by Gersion Appel '38, president of Student Council, who emphasized the important part college students must take in combating the forces which are leading us to war. He then introduced A. Leo Levin '39, editor of the Commentator, who discussed the destructive influence of war propaganda in past history. Levin expressed the hope that by educating the people in the consequences of war we could aid in establishing international security.

The Yeshiva College Alumni was represented by Eleazer Goldman '37, former managing editor of the Commentator. Describing the peculiar characteristics which distinguish modern war as exemplified in the Chinese and Spanish conflicts, Goldman emphasized the point that war must be discussed not as a theoretical conception but as a practical problem. The war situation of today is only a reflection of the economic and social conflicts of the world, which transcend national boundaries. Collective action on the part of the democratic powers can be of value only when backed by the resolution of such conflicts at home through the means of social and economic democracy, he concluded.

## DEAN DEMANDED BY ALUMNI QUARTERLY

### Committee is Chosen To Press Solution Of Problem

KAUFMAN, Editor

### Curriculum and Library Committees Also Appointed

The Alumni quarterly today insisted editorially upon the appointment of a dean of Yeshiva College. Acting upon instructions voted by the Alumni Association last spring the Quarterly reversed its original stand opposing the appointment of a dean, and in its first issue of the current year expressed itself in favor of such action.

The paper also carried a news story of the appointment by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of a deanship committee which includes Rabbi Louis Engleberg '32, of Elmira, N. Y., Hyman Muss '33, Morris V. Dembowitz '36, secretary, A. Friedman '36, and J. Kaminetsky '32. The committee will come in contact with the administration in an attempt to facilitate the solution of this problem.

The appointment of a curriculum committee which includes Hartstein '32, registrar of the Israel Ushim '32, Hyman '36, Moses I. Feuerstein '36, Eleazer Goldman '37, secretary, was also announced.

Commenting editorially on the recent question of stipend administration and S. O. Y. politics the Quarterly deplored the existing abuses and pledged the support of the Alumni in any constructive attempt to improve conditions. The paper reaffirmed its belief in student representation. (Continued on page 3)

WILLIAM KAUFMAN

## RELATIONS CLUB HEARS LOYALIST

### Occasion is First Meeting Of Relations Club

Mr. Rubin Schneiderman, who recently returned from a nine months stay in Spain where he fought on the side of the Loyalists, will address the International Relations Club on the topic of the "Spanish Civil War" at 9 p. m. this evening, in the Dormitory Social Hall.

The guest speaker is lecturing at present under the auspices of the American Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, an American organization of Loyalist sympathizers.

Benjamin Kreitman '39, president of the club will act as chairman of the evening. Dr. Aaron M. Margalith, of the political science department, will continue to act as faculty adviser to the club for the coming year, it was announced.

## Rabbi David Miller Offers \$500 For Brightest Students in Talmud and Bible

Knowledge of the Talmud is now at a premium. In fact the premiums amount to several hundred dollars. All that the students have to do in order to put a few more shekels in the family treasury is to demonstrate convincingly that they know it all, that is, all there is to know about all there is to know.

This challenge to the scholarship of Yeshiva students comes from out of the west, from Rabbi David Miller of Oakland, Cal., author of the authoritative work, "The Secret of Happiness."

While on a visit to New York last summer, Rabbi Miller established a fund of \$5,000 to be used to encourage students in Jewish institutions in America to learn Torah. The money is to be distributed in the form of scholarships and prizes to the outstanding pupils in each of the Yeshivoth, parochial schools, and well-known Talmud Torahs. One tenth of the sum, or \$500, is to be given stud-

ents of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

In collaboration with Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, Secretary, and the other members of the prize committee, Pres. Bernard Revel has already worked out a plan whereby \$100 will be handed without the slightest hesitation to the student displaying a keen knowledge of the tractate 'Gitin', with 'Rishonim' and 'Pothkim.' Of course, the three "Boboth" are taken into consideration. Anyone who knows them by heart, with the slightest addition of a "Yidea" in "Sanhedrin" plus "a well-rounded knowledge of 'Shulchan Aruch', 'Chosen Mishpat', 'Dayanim', and 'Eduth', is entitled to lay claim to another \$100. Examinations, both written and oral, will be given on Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan by a special committee selected by Pres. Revel.

There are various other minor awards offered for proficiency in the Bible, Commentaries, and Mid-

rashim, several prizes for the best essays on various stated topics. If anyone thinks he can tell what's wrong with Rashi's style in 5,000 words or less he's welcome to try.

If any student thinks he can bear the shock of winning one of these prizes, he is advised to register with Rabbi S. K. Mirsky, Secretary of the Committee. With \$500 outstanding, somebody's got to win.

### TUITION REGULATIONS

Several new regulations dealing with payment of tuition fees have been put into effect as of November 8, 1937, according to an announcement from the office of the Bursar.

In the case of a delay in payment of three days or less a fine is provided for on the basis of one dollar for the first day and three dollars for anything beyond that.

## Chanukah Festival Will Be Held Dec

### Musical Program Will Be Feature of Affair

The annual Chanukah concert of the Yeshiva will take place on Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m. in the Yeshiva Auditorium, Rev. Jacob Freed announced.

A program consisting of well-known singers and actors has been arranged. Among these entertainers will be Cantor M. Hershman and his choir who will recite the benediction over the lighting of the candles, and Mordechai Yardenni, Palestinian singer, who will sing chutzim and Yiddish folk songs.

On the same program, there will be Zvi Zeitlin, violinist, who played at the last Chanukah concert, and who is a student of the Talmudical Academy and of the Julliard School of Music, Miss Sarah Durmaschkin, pianist, and Mr. Al Harris, Yiddish humorist.

The names of other entertainers who are expected to take part in the festival celebration, will be published in a future issue of the Commentator.

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## NEEDED NOW—A DEAN

The Alumni Quarterly which appeared today confirms our belief that the Alumni Association has embarked upon a year of constructive action.

The graduates are to be congratulated on having secured the leadership of a man who has devoted himself to the service of the institution from his first days in Yeshiva. The unprecedented success of the theatre party last week is ample evidence of his energetic spirit, and augurs well for future activities.

More worthy of note, however, is the active interest which the alumni are displaying in the immediate affairs of the school. The emphasis on internal problems, reflected in the committee appointments, may yet provide the much needed stimulus to the spirit of progress, dormant within the college.

With this in mind, it is understandable that the first major problem to be considered should have been that of the deanship.

For the past year it has been evident that the college needs a guiding force, under whose influence there can be achieved a coordination of curriculum, an integration of purpose. The current make-shift system of faculty committees is nothing but a farce carried to the point where it threatens to become tragic.

If the college is to become an educational institution worthy of the name, if it is to offer its students something more than a printed sheepskin, then the appointment of a responsible head can not longer be delayed.

The urgent need for filling this vacancy must, however, under no circumstances, serve as an excuse for placing in office an incumbent who does not completely measure up to the required standards. We have, in the past, outlined those essential qualifications which a successful dean of Yeshiva College must possess. They have been reiterated by the alumni, and their validity is self evident.

An appointment on any other basis must inevitably act as a deterrent to the progress of the institution. At best it will simply mean the postponement of the proper solu-

tion, for it is inconceivable that such a man will be able to continue in office for any length of time.

An appointment of this nature which must measure up to such rigid standards, and upon which the future of the institution depends, is one which merits full and open discussion between the interested parties.

It is for this reason that we wholeheartedly subscribe to the alumni objections to anything simulating a fait accompli. With so much at stake, the very attempt at secrecy on the part of the administration might be sufficient to cast serious aspersions on the fitness of the appointee.

We are gratified at the alumni's stand in its attempt to assist in the solution of Yeshiva's most pressing problem. We applaud the appointment of a deanship committee and we commend the executive on its choice of men.

We feel impelled, however, to point out that a deanship committee must function as something more than an administration prod.

The absence of cooperation on the part of the administration last year resulted in rendering such prodding ineffectual, and there are no indications that conditions have changed.

For that reason if the administration refuses to fulfill its obligation in the matter of finding a dean for Yeshiva, the alumni must undertake this task.

Yeshiva needs a dean, and the student body is determined to see that it gets one.

## UNANIMOUS DEMAND

Some time ago we commented upon the politics of the S. O. Y. with special reference to the question of the administration of stipends.

An investigating committee, appointed to look into the matter as it was reflected in the recent elections, submitted a report to council which was officially interpreted as an exoneration of Mr. Tatz, despite the fact the members of the committee are still denying that this was their intention.

By refusing to place the selfish interests of a few above those of the student body as a whole we have been condemned in certain quarters as biased and unfair. Much was said about the inability of the S. O. Y. Council to answer our charges in print.

This week the organ of the S. O. Y. Council was published for the first time this year. It demanded the immediate resignation of Mr. Tatz.

The implications of the Hazedek stand are self-evident. No longer does clamor for removal emanate from so-called sources alien to S. O. Y. affairs, as has been charged, but student reaction has been articulated unmistakably through the very mouthpiece of the S. O. Y. itself.

We heartily commend the editors for their courage and persistence in the face of threats of censorship and reprisal. It is gratifying to note, at last, the appearance on the political scene of students who place principle above the lucrative temptations of partisanship.

But protest is not limited to the institution itself. Today the Alumni Quarterly appeared adding its voice to the general disapproval of the existing abuses.

In view of these facts we feel that the need for consideration of existing conditions is undeniable. The only course open for the Women's organization is to act together with the representatives of the various groups for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory solution to this pressing problem.

## A CONSTRUCTIVE POWER



## PREVUES AND VIEWS

BY ARNOLD MILLER

Through the benevolent functioning of the Concert Bureau, this column enjoyed a stimulating and profitable evening at the Biltmore Theatre, along with about 74 other Yeshiva boys.

"Many Mansions", starring Alexander Kirkland, proved to be a highly provocative attack on organized religion. The economic basis of religious opinion, the subservient attitude of the religious dignitaries to the holders of the money bags are exposed with a bitter cynicism; and the manner in which these unholy influences combine to obscure the true purpose and ideals of religion forms the theme of the play.

The play was like a homecoming to the Yeshiva boys. They gasped in amazement when veritable Yeshiva dormitory scenes were reenacted upon the stage. Whole tableaux of Yeshiva life appeared before them with all the well-known features; the administration stooge, "Stinko", mashkantat, morning minyan, administration pressure, etc. It was all there in good measure, and the boys enjoyed it as their gasps and chortles attested.

The play struck home with a highly dramatic effect. The failure of organized religion to fulfill the social obligations of which it so glibly speaks is vividly depicted. The fundamental issue of a dynamic, throbbing, healthy religion versus a static, rich, and smug church was clearly stated and the audience recognized the artistry of the presentation.

Two pictures remain in mind vividly. Both of them dramatically conceived and eloquently delivered: the first, when the reverend Rog pleads before the ecclesiastical bar not to allow the crusading element, the one redeeming asset of the church, to be cast out; the second, when Peter Brent, before the same bar, expresses his contempt for organized religion, and reaffirms his belief in the simple, pure principles of faith.

Yes, the boys enjoyed it all, but at the same time they went home with a few wrinkles in their foreheads, and a little food for thought to mull over.

## MAYBE I'M WRONG

BY GERSON APPEL

In the conglomerate mass of college student bodies there is to be found, at times hopelessly submerged in the sea of collegiate life, signs of a group feebly struggling to emerge into view. From time to time Jewish student groups attempt to disentangle themselves from the mass and retain a vestige of the individuality which is theirs by right of heritage.

But the struggle is a hard and endless one and many fail, to be swiftly swallowed by the onrushing intellectual waters.

The condition that these organizations find themselves in is anything but heartening. Devoid of a central, unifying agency, they lack the very essential that would give them guidance and scope. As a consequence many of them incapable of adhering to the original purposes which brought them into existence, have either completely disintegrated or have lapsed into a state of fruitless atrophy.

The result is an appalling number of Jewish college students totally ignorant of their heritage and culture, completely indifferent to the distinctiveness of background which is theirs.

In view of such conditions, the recent proposal for the establishment of a Federation of Jewish Collegiate Societies is worthy of consideration as an attempt to mitigate a situation admittedly disheartening.

In its broadest scope it should serve as a central organization, representative of the majority of Jewish students in the country's colleges and universities. Its immediate and fundamental purpose must nevertheless be plotted on the basis of internal unification and rehabilitation.

We at Yeshiva are keenly interested in this move for the revitalization of Jewish thought as a potent factor in the education of the Jewish university man. We cannot help but realize the potentialities of such an organization and the role it must needs play in the future.

It can in the course of time develop into an agency for the assertion of Jewish student solidarity, ready to serve as the medium for immediate expression. If guided in the right direction, it is potentially capable of becoming an articulate organ of a hitherto inarticulate minority on the college campus.

A progressive step of consequence has been taken. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain.

### Time Out

By W. HERZL FREED

#### Hawkshaw Reads Between The Lines

Today's column is guided by the advice of one William Q. Kaufman '36, once principal keeper of this corner, or, as he prefers to be remembered, "pioneer sports editor of the Commentator". He took a brief respite from dummyming the Alumni Quarterly the other night to ask, "Why write about sports? Just because it's a sports column doesn't mean a thing".

I've always admired Bill (he thinks I'm pretty good, too) because he represents my life's ambition. Personal association with him this past summer on the staff of one of the nation's outstanding periodicals has served to strengthen the bond between us and so it would be improper to disregard his counsel. Sports are therefore outlawed this week.

Donations to the college library are always welcomed with enthusiasm whether the donors be students, alumni, or faculty. But members of the last group had better be careful about giving away any volumes before checking up to see that all corrupting influences are removed.

A certain member of the faculty takes his reading very seriously. Not only does he devour every word of the author, but he looks for contradictions of statements and other details, comments upon which he marks with his pencil along the margin.

The book I have in my hand deals with music and was donated by the professor. One chapter tells a story about the effect of rhythm on digestion. It seems a man was wont to eat in a certain restaurant where the slow and even rhythm of the orchestra encouraged good digestion. One day the orchestra surprised him with what might have been "Dinah" jammed in double time. He tried to masticate to the beat of the music but he was no match for the percussionist and what's more he was eating lobster. (For the information of Yeshiva men, this sea food is said to be highly indigestible.) His face turned purple; he began to choke; and there was the face on the bar room floor. Fortunately the orchestra started to play Chopin's Funeral March as was its custom whenever a patron dropped lifeless from his seat. The slow, regular strains had the effect of a pulmotor, and respiration was soon restored. The victim was carried out where he couldn't hear any more music.

Isn't such a bad story and so there is little wonder that the author left a little footnote saying, "This was written for Life. It is entirely my own invention. S. S." The prof didn't seem to think it was so good, however, and therefore left his own note in bitter pencil as follows: "Clear ass!"

I was only mildly perturbed by this criticism, but the blood came rushing to my face in the prettiest blush when I found the next notation. The author speaks of the use of different vocabularies for the prose and poetry of our language and of the resentment to the use of everyday words in communion with the aesthetic. To which the pedagogue exclaims, "What the hell!"

Besides a bunch of horizontal and vertical lines, exclamation points, and question marks, the list would sound like this: Hurrah for music! cf. Browning, advertising titles, why impose — read your own, p.28-29. (and as a bang-up climax) tra-la-la.

## SEASON PASSES NOW ON SALE AT NOMINAL PRICE

### Elgart, Wachtfogel & Gerber Disposing Of Tickets

Season tickets for all varsity basketball games played on the home court are now being sold by the athletic association for twenty five cents, Jerome B. Gordon '38, athletic manager, announced. The tickets are sold with guarantee of a minimum of ten home games, he pointed out.

At present they may be obtained from Maurice Wohlglerner '41, Jacob Goldman '40, Hyman Wachtfogel '39, and Irving Elgart '38, who are the respective representatives of their classes. After this week tickets will be obtainable at the co-op store.

Gordon explained that it became necessary to sell season passes in order to enable the booking of better teams as visiting colleges demand a guarantee sufficient to cover their traveling expenses.

Admission at the gate will vary from five to ten cents, depending on the calibre of the opposing team, he stated.

### Column by Feuerstein In Alumni Quarterly

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sensation on the Student Aid Committee.

The paper includes a comparative study of reduced freshman registration since the introduction of the five year plan which shows decided tendency away from the institution, with decrease percentages close to thirty.

A column by Moses I. Feuerstein '36, former editor of the Commentator, on his trip to Europe and Palestine during the past summer, is also included. Feuerstein visited the World Zionist Congress together with Rabbi David W. Petegorsky '35, former president of Student Council and a Mizrahi delegate from Canada, at that time.

William Kaufman '36, pioneer Sports Editor of the Commentator, is editor in chief of the publication.

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In an effort to round out the evening, Jerome Gordon '38, has pitted the Talmudical Academy five against a visiting high school varsity whose name will be announced later.

This will be the first game at which use will be made of the new season passes. Those without season passes will be charged an admission fee of ten cents at the gate.

### Harmony Disrupted By One Masticator

Louis Mintz Esq. reposes dejectedly on his dias, propelling furtive coups d'oeil at the mobility of Prof. Litman. The professor has centralized his scrutiny on other substantialities not in direct juxtaposition with our corpulent protagonist. A moiety of saccharinity is immediately impelled into the oedematous mandible of Louis.

Sidney Greenberg, aggravated by the Mintzian crunches-crunches, supplicates that he be permitted to partake of the dulcitude. The information is communicated from oesophagus to oesophagus and the methaglin with it.

Spasmodic mastication takes priority over the professorial dissertation until Isaiah Eisenberg's inauspicious exhilaration superinduces the revelation of the occurrence toto caelo.

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To the Editor of Commentator:  
Dear Sir:

In the last issue of your excellent publication there appeared a letter, the tone of which is very liable to render the reader (particularly one unacquainted with the past history of our dear institution) a wrong impression of the matter with which it deals. The writer states: "A student has been given full power and authority to dictate and formulate our school life activities." From this statement, one might infer that Mr. Tatz has been duly authorized and empowered by the authorities to administer student affairs.

Being fully aware of the facts, let me state that several years ago, Mr. Tatz assumed, on his own accord and by no confirmation of the student-body or other body, the dictatorship, which he so ruthlessly carries on among us.

Not alone by his domineering and offensive deportment has Mr. Tatz so clearly indicated what his intentions really are. He occupies, all alone, one of the choicest rooms in the dormitory, which he had painted and furnished to give it the appearance of exclusiveness and officiality. In drawing up the seating arrangement in the synagogue, our "democratic" Mr. Tatz did not deem it dignified, apparently, to allot a seat for himself.

Realizing his insufficiency to car-

ry out his "idealistic" aims, Chancellor Tatz decided to gather about him a number of parasitic satellites who act in the capacity of a brain-trust. To cover up their racketeering, Tattler Tatz's tutelary-saints constantly go about exonerating their Fuehrer by relating his "remarkable" accomplishments in the way of aiding "needy" students; and this is related entirely to Mr. Tatz's pure spirit of altruism!

It is inconceivable that genuine noble character, who truly has the welfare of his fellow-students at heart, should continue to govern student affairs in brazen opposition to the will of the student-body! Rather, it is only reasonable to assume that such a magnanimous individual, were he not interested in self-aggrandizement, would serve his brethren best by unhesitatingly yielding to their clamoring demands for his withdrawal from the position which he, by his own initiative and by no manner of sanction, has created for himself.

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### Mish-Ugas BY MISH LANDES

Take the eminent professor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology who gave up a nice double feature at the local movies to measure the decibels of sound in the men's dormitory between the hours 5 P. M. and 11 P. M. As might be expected by any Yeshiva dorm, student, the average noise was 121.1 decibels, or the equivalent of two riveting machines or of a sustained roll of thunder.

But perhaps the professor out at the University of Cincinnati went him one better when he endeavored to explain history in terms of heat. Perhaps lack of heat here, especially during the winter, may explain in part student lethargy, but when the good old prof. says that if the temperature had been such and such the U. S. A. might never have joined the World Slaughter for Democracy's Sake, or if it had been just a wee bit hotter in 1918 it would really have been "Deutschland uber alles" with the emphasis on the "uber", well — — — — —

For that matter that little incident in Dr. Sell's psych. class the other day is indicative of something or other. Big brother Marvin came in quest of brother Ben Elefant. Dr. Sells, on being informed of the fraternal tie, allowed Ben to consult with Marvin out in the corridor. Ben's serious expression on his return led Dr. Sells to inquire sympathetically after the subject of the conversation. Prefacing his reply with "This should benefit the whole class", brother Ben with a cherubic smile turned to the class and confided solemnly, "My brother told me to make sure to eat my supper tonight."

It took the class several minutes to recover from the shock.

Even now your columnist smiles as he envisions 195 lbs. of Marvin Elefant gently tucking in 194½ lbs. of Ben Joseph Elefant and, with a good-night kiss, leaving the kid to angelic dreams where Freud would

never dare to trespass.

How about some tears for Mother Rachel?

I was in Boro Park a few weeks back, and chance found me in the vicinity of 35th Street and 13th Avenue. Peddlers were blockading the sidewalks with their goods that Saturday afternoon. Some were hawking their wares in Yiddish for the benefit of those shoppers who understood no English. In fact, one raised the plaintive wail of "Sforim!"

Shed bitter tears, mother mine.

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