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## SEN. A. BARKLEY SPEAKS BEFORE ASTOR BANQUET

### Delegates at Earlier Session Designate Expenditures

The traditions of the Yeshivah and of Judaism are rooted in the fundamentals of democracy, Alben W. Barkley, majority leader of the U. S. Senate, said Sunday night at the banquet which marked the close of the two-day Jubilee convention.

In recent years the government has succeeded to some extent in making "our soil unfertile for the propagation of the autocratic pretenses and consequences which have afflicted millions of people in other parts of the world," he stated. Former Mayor John P. O'Brien and President Frederick B. Robinson of City College were among the guests. Rabbi Irving Miller, who had formally assumed chairmanship in the afternoon of the \$1,000,000 Jubilee drive, argued against any contention that the Yeshiva would be a ghetto of Judaism. Rather, he said, it would aid us to "play our instrument in the symphony" of American life.

At the session held earlier in the day, delegates approved a general resolution opening the drive and designating the million dollars to be allotted as follows: For the liquidation of the mortgage and other indebtedness of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, \$500,000; for the establishment of chairs and scholarships for gifted and needy students, \$250,000; as a maintenance deficit fund to assure the normal functioning of the institutions in the next two years, \$100,000; for a graduate school, \$100,000; for augmenting and enlarging the library, \$50,000.

## T. I. Turns Back Clock In Belated Chanuka Party With All Trimmings

A gust of ecstatic exhilaration and hee-haws enveloped Fennelbaum's "Ritz" last Wednesday evening as the Teachers Institute held its hilarious Chagiga. Although the last of the eight candles had already become a thing of the past, the McKoyish Chanukah spirit prevailed rampantly everywhere. In fact, many even carried loaded dreidlech with them in a last attempt to increase the family treasury by a few "well-earned" jits.

The main attraction of the evening was Yehudith, she of the fair blue eyes, or to be exact, a play entitled "Yehudith", in which Benny (Fat-Boy) Karp and Manny (minus pants) Jacobowitz '40, starred as two soused generals. Mike Abramowitz '40 once again acted his natural part—a corpse. Some of the script, by the way, would never have gotten by William Hayes' office.

A farce about the affable pedagogues of the T.I. had the fellows holding their sides. The impersonations of Joey Noble, Dr. Ranak, Mr. "J." Turboff, Dr. P. C., and Rabbi S. K. M. (borrowed from Prof. Ugas by request) surprised even the teachers themselves, for they couldn't believe that their pedantic pupils paid so much attention to their very movements. The unanimous decision of all the mimics was to

### Student Aid Raffle Launched By S. O. Y.

Sidney Nissenbaum '33 will be in complete charge of the S.O.Y. raffle for the benefit of the Student Aid Fund. Assisting Nissenbaum will be Solomon Roodman '38, Frank Shapiro '39, and Leonard Rosenfeld '37. Abraham Neustein, vice-president of the S.O.Y. will assist in the campaign.

The drawing, which will be for one complete deluxe edition of the Talmud and one set of the Mishna, will be held on February 22, it was announced.

### Walden Talks On Poel Hamizrachi

#### Ephraim Mandelcorn Is Appointed Secretary

"The Hapoel Hamizrachi is not a new philosophy of Judaism, nor is it a combination of Judasim and Socialism, but rather a direct and necessary outgrowth of Judaism," Aaron Walden '38 stated in his discussion on the ideology of "Torah v'Avodah" at the last meeting of the Yeshiva College branch of the Hapoel Hamizrachi. This movement embracing religion, nationalism and social justice, the three outstanding elements of the Jewish character, aims thus to restore Judaism to its fullest meaning and influence.

Ephraim Mandelcorn '41 was appointed executive secretary of the club. At the meeting it was also decided to distribute J.N.F. boxes among the residents of the dormitory and to sell the monthly Poel Hamizrachi organ, the Horizon, to the students of the institutions.

## Cut System Is To Be Investigated By Committee

### Willig Leads Inquiry; Laster Will Head Award Group

At an important meeting of the Student Council, held last Wednesday, a committee consisting of Jerome Willig '38, chairman, Philip Kaplan '39, Mortimer Sklarin '39, Irwin Isaacson '41, and Hyman Chanover '41, was appointed. This committee has as its specific function the study of the regulation concerning excess absences in other colleges and the suggestion of basic changes and improvement of our present set-up under the cut-system.

Israel Laster '39 was placed in charge of an award committee consisting of Albert Louis '39, Herbert Hurwitz '39, Herschel Schechter '39, and Sidney Greenberg '38. This new committee will recommend students who will be eligible for awards upon graduation, to the Student Council. Henceforth the activities of students will be accurately filed and preserved for future reference in consideration of prize awarding.

The council also granted financial aid to certain extra-curricular activities, among them, donations of five dollars for stamps and three dollars to the chess club.

A report of the extra-curricular activities reveals that they were all functioning well. The co-op store showed a profit of forty dollars for the current term. A curricular committee asked the student to cooperate and hand in their questionnaire so that definite action may be taken in regard to the present course of study.

A committee was also appointed to act upon the appeal for funds made by the Chinese students.

## Classes Present Own Floor Show

### Affair Will Feature Local Talents

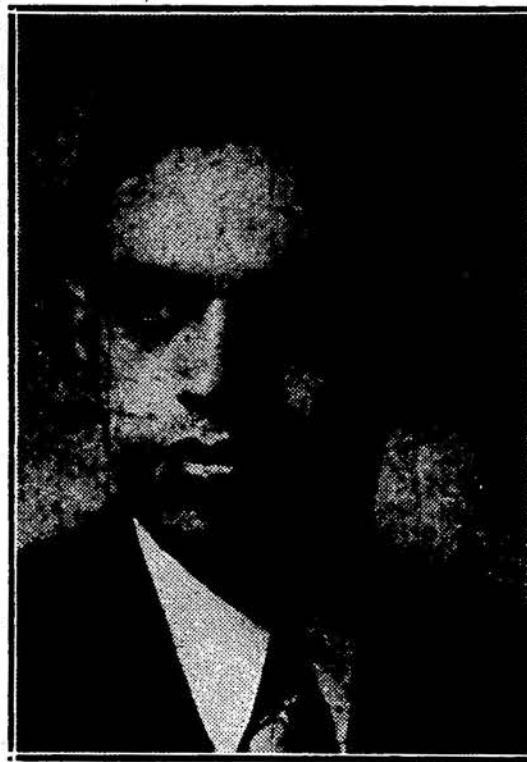
A gala student affair featuring competition between the undergraduate classes for the title of the best floor show entertainers will be held in the Dormitory Reception Room Monday, January 3, 1938, under the auspices of the social committee, Jerry Gordon '38, chairman, announced.

The entertainment of the evening to be provided by the students is expected to be of a hilarious and entertaining nature. Each college class will be limited to a half hour of entertainment consisting of short skits, songs, and imitations of various celebrities of the institution. The judges, who will select the most talented and entertaining class will be the student class presidents in addition to a few faculty members. A valuable prize, the value of which is to be kept a secret until the time of presentation will be awarded to the winning class.

The funds for the refreshments of which there will be an abundance are to be obtained in a unique manner, collegiate in every sense. No standard fee will be charged but everyone will be required to pay according to his weight—26 lbs per penny.

## LIBRARY MAKES PLANS FOR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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## Yeshiva Debates Against C. C. N. Y.

Elias Blackowitz '40 and Benjamin Kreinin '40, firmative of the topic "Resolved, that the Industrial Relations Board be empowered to arbitrate all industrial disputes" against City College on Thursday, December 9, at the latter's institution. The audience consisted of a large body of professors and selected students of City College.

## Gov. F. Murphy Speaks At Yeshiva During First Night Of Convention

In the past the Jews have made valuable contributions to theology, ethics, philosophy, and science, and at present the Yeshiva holds out promise of tremendous good to the future of mankind, declared Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan at the opening session of the two-day celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Yeshiva and the tenth anniversary of Yeshiva College last Saturday night in the college auditorium.

"Protestants, Jews, and Catholics should get together in religion and then bring the spirit of tolerance into the economic and social life of the nation" for democracy is as much a "political faith" as the "brotherhood of man" so often alluded to by religion.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman for the evening, opened the session with a statement of the purposes of the nationwide drive and a short history of the founding and growth of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College. He paid tribute to the memory of the late Nathan Lampport and announced that, by an action of the Board of Directors, the auditorium is henceforth to be known as the Nathan Lampport Auditorium. He announced also the naming of the Beth Medrosh after Mr. Harry Fischel, member of the Board of Directors and benefactor of the Yeshiva since its inception of 50 years ago.

### Moses I. Feuerstein to Help In Campaign; Zucker Continues Work

#### FINES CANCELLED

### Drawing of Library Raffle To Be Held on Sunday, December 19

A concerted drive for members in the Friends of Y.C. Library will be initiated before New Year, was announced yesterday by Isaac Goldberg '33, librarian, in discussing plans for the celebrations this week of the library's fifth anniversary as an independent unit. Prior to December 1932, the college library was under the control of the Yeshiva.

Moses I. Feuerstein '36, according to Goldberg, has signified his willingness to head Yeshiva College Library endeavor in New England. Arthur S. Zucker '39 will continue his pioneering work in this vicinity.

As a means of celebrating this anniversary, Isaac Goldberg announced the canceling of fines on all books which are overdue if they are returned by Sunday, December 19.

The raffle which has been sponsored for the purpose of increasing the number of books in the library will be drawn Sunday, December 19 at three P.M. in the library. As a note of appreciation for student cooperation, a lavish program of music and delightful entertainment has been arranged.

Dr. Revel brought greetings on behalf of the institution to all the assembled guests and stressed the importance of the role Yeshiva has come to play in the life of the Jews in America. "The Yeshiva now becomes part of the chain of lighthouses of Jewish learning throughout the ages", he declared. Introduced by the chairman as an outstanding example of that synthesis of Hebraic and Western cultures which Yeshiva College aims to perfect, Dr. Ludwig Lewishohn acknowledged his complete agreement with the ideals of the institution and described what he called the hunger of American Jewry for knowledge of their own culture and traditions.

"There has been little, if any, true Jewish culture in America in the sense of the Judenwissenschaft of Germany," he said. There exists a pathetic ignorance of their own culture among Jewish intellectuals today which leads them to mental absurdities and paradoxes. The Yeshiva College stands out as the only institution in this country which can give Jewish youth a true education because it alone can offer an integral education.

The final speaker of the evening was Mr. Samuel C. Lampport who acknowledged the honor bestowed upon the memory of his late father.

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## Five Years of Progress

The year 1932 seems buried in the distant past, but to those of us who have paternally watched the constant growth and progress of the college library from its original inconspicuous beginning, 1932 holds a storehouse of fond memories. It was then that a student body still in its formative stage became conscious of its obligations to the institution and of its capabilities to attempt a fulfillment of these obligations. Student endeavor was given its first impetus and the formation of the college library, inadequate as it undoubtedly was at the time, was the first indication of a new force making its appearance on the Yeshiva horizon.

Today the library celebrates the fifth anniversary of its inception. Though still far short of the goal it must eventually attain if it is to serve adequately the vital needs of a growing student body, the strides it has made in the few years of its existence are a decisive indication of the sincerity and honesty of purpose of student initiative. Evident success in the establishment of this important venture and the careful supervision in the library's formative period, are a few of the signs pointing to a student body aware of its potentialities as a constructive factor in the growth of Yeshiva College.

Auspicious as this student undertaking seems and heartening as its rapid growth may be, the very structure and ideal of a college precludes permanent student responsibility for the maintenance of a function so vital to the institutions continued existence. Thus it was that last year final control of the destiny of the library was at last assumed by the college administration.

As we take stock of the library's present facilities we nevertheless feel compelled to indicate the imperative need for more rapid expansion. All efforts on the part of administration, alumni and student body should be directed to the immediate realization of this prime necessity.

## The Right Approach

Student Council has decided to come to grips at last with the problem of excess absences. This decision of Council is by no means an unusual one. All over the country educational institutions are liberalizing their attitudes on this important question, which has in the past been a perennial source of friction between students and administrations.

Yeshiva has been no exception to the general rule. The unpracticability of the announced regulations is indicated by the fact that the Committee on Courses and Standings has for the most part refused to fail students, but resorted to the lowering of grades.

This system, too, is difficult to understand, for in our estimation, a grade is accepted as more of an attempt to indicate intellectual progress than to record a progression of physical appearances.

Of late, it is worthwhile to point out, a number of student bodies, in various sections of the country, have effected a liberalization of the regulations. The results in these colleges have been very satisfactory, attendance in classes having increased rather than decreased.

The important point, however, is the fact that Student Council, realizing the importance of the problem, and the difficulty in working out a solution applicable to the individual needs of Yeshiva, has refused to come out rashly demanding any particular reforms, but has rather chosen first to set about the task of collecting data, and of analyzing its findings in an intelligent manner with a view towards making recommendations the acceptance of which will be of maximum benefit to the student body and to the institution.

We applaud such an approach and feel confident that whatever the decision of Council will be, it will merit full consideration of the most serious nature.

## The Yeshiva Jubilee

As we reflect upon the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Yeshiva with its accompanying conventions and festivities we feel an irrepressible pang of disillusionment. The culmination of fifty years of toil for a principle was, to our utter amazement and disappointment, heralded in a spirit not quite in keeping with the fundamental ideals of the institution and in a manner indicative of a relative indifference to the constituent groups that impart to it its very life and meaning.

As Yeshiva pledged itself to "play our instrument in the symphony" of American life, a discordant note was sounded as we failed to see that array of representative Jewish figures to be expected on the occasion of such inspiring assurances. It is, moreover, disheartening to consider the complete disregard for any student participation in the celebration of this, their Jubilee of Torah.

We do not know how deep-rooted is the tendency in Jewish life to immerse ourselves in a cloud of generalities, or to seek commendation from those alien to our heritage and distinctiveness of background. We regret to note, nevertheless, any manifestation, however slight, of such a tendency in Yeshiva, the fortress of Jewish culture and tradition.

## Obituary

With deep sorrow and regret we note the passing of Mr. Samuel Tatz, father of Philip Tatz of the class of thirty-six, who was called to his eternal rest recently.

To Mr. Tatz we extend our heartfelt condolences in his bereavement.

## PREVUES AND VIEWS

By H. W. CHEVROLE

The most dynamic and dramatically intense production of the current season is Orson Welles' interpretation of "Julius Caesar".

The Mercury Theatre production and imaginative associations dramatic conception of the play with its aurora of moral implication and imagination associations into the sphere of modern life. It is not just the external accoutrements of the players and the staging or even the abandonment of the traditional declamatory flourishes in this, the most rhetorical of Shakespeare's works, in favor of a more personal and intense rendition of the lines that make the play so pertinent and exciting. Welles has succeeded in translating the very spirit of the play into the context of today and in charging its overtones with living meaning; and this without any distortion of the script beyond the necessary cuts and one or two felicitous changes in the order of the scenes.

The identification of Caesar and his followers with the fascist forces and of Anthony with the demagogic leaders who have led western civilization into violent conflict and to the very brink of destruction is not merely a result of association. In the heavy tramp of the military followers of Caesar as they march off and onto the stage one can almost discern the echo of the men marching on Rome or trampling on Spanish freedom.

If there is any specific aspect of the production which requires comment it is, of course, Mr. Welles' revolutionary technique whereby the lights and shadows produced by a system of stage illumination are made to give the effects usually achieved by stage sets. The lighting effects of the Mercury Theatre do not only achieve remarkable results in producing the desired atmosphere or in creating a sense of spacial magnitude as in the vastness of the scene in the Forum which no ordinary stage setting can duplicate; they also succeed in introducing a new set of dimensions measurable in terms of intensity and concentration of attention. It is thus possible without the artificial close-up effect of the cinema to focus attention upon a small group or a person. This results in a feeling of movement and in a greater tenseness of dramatic interest as well as in greater dramatic unity by avoiding both the static stage framework and the necessity for shifting scenes.

## MAYBE I'M WRONG

By GERSON APPEL

A few weeks ago we made mention in this column of the swastika branding incident at the University of Delaware. Today, unfortunately, we are compelled to comment on an occurrence of a similar nature almost within our midst which should serve to jar us out of our smug complacency.

The lead article in last week's issue of *The Campus*, City College student organ, reports a flooding of the college halls with Nazi stickers bearing slogans such as "Perish Jewery," "Ghetto Benches for Jews," "Down with the six pointed star of international Jewish domination," and "Heil Hitler." This was followed a few days later by an anonymous letter to *The Campus* threatening to plaster the walls of the college with more such anti-semitic propaganda.

The communication is highly interesting from a psycho-analytic point of view in that it is unmistakably representative of a neurotic type subject to evident delusions of grandeur and particularly apt at devising such pernicious drive. We quote some of the choicer morsels from this fool's concoction.

"The time for polite words and the mincing of phrases is past. It is time to call a spade a spade, and a Jew a mockey.

"These are the opening guns of the intensive battle of all Christian anti-Semites (White People) to bring about the ultimate destruction of your designs for world domination under the sickle and hammer and six pointed star of Judaism.

"The number of enlightened Americans in our midst, those who are truly concerned with the welfare of the working masses, is constantly increasing and will arise on the day (*Der Tag*) when the heads of all your ignoble ilk shall roll in the sand (*Remember Kishinev*)."

If anything, this incident should serve as a warning against an apathetic attitude based on the self-assurance that the events which take place in Poland today are beyond the realm of possibility here. Anti-semitism is definitely not to be viewed as a scourge which permits of local confinement. It exists unfortunately, as a latent, vicious emotion which, if not unleashed as an avalanche of unbridled hate, manifests itself widely in sporadic outbreaks of varying intensity.

It is imperative that we realize fully the dangerous implications in the fact that such outbreaks are today more and more frequently in evidence in American colleges. In view of such conditions, vigorous and effective action to root out such pernicious elements is obviously the only course to follow.

## In The Editors Mail Box

To the Editor of the Commentator  
Dear Sir:

I wish to clarify the following facts to the student body:

1) News may be misrepresented by two methods:

a) Misquoting the facts contained therein.  
b) Deliberately omitting certain facts.

The Commentator, in its account of the S.O.Y. council meeting, was correct on both counts. It omitted the proceedings of the meeting and omitted that portion of the minutes which did not conform with the partisan view of the editor.

2) This account was followed by an editorial which, in itself, was a breach of promise. The editor had entered into a verbal agreement which included certain measures to be passed by the S.O.Y. council. After said council had carried out its part of the agreement, the editor performed a perfect "double-cross". The editor has flagrantly betrayed the faith placed in him by the student body. Does journalism lie beyond the realm of ethics?

3) To divert the attention of college students from problems fundamental to the welfare of

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# Time Out

By W. HERZL FREED

## This One About Sports

This column finally managed to watch the varsity in action and thoroughly enjoyed itself doing so. Fortunately enough, it was the Webb Institute encounter, which ended in a victory for the Blue and White quintet.

Acting as score keeper in that game and as spectator during the early part of the Washington Square College tilt, I made a few discoveries which may be of interest to the readers, if there are any left.

The Quinhooplets have plenty of fight in them . . . the bigger the opponent, the better they like it. They showed that when W.S.C. appeared on the court last Thursday night. It seems the N.Y.U. School of Physical Education, a powerful team, was expected. Jerry Gordon even went around showing the letter he had received from them. And here were the boys from Washington Square! Well, they thought, they're not so bad either . . . we'll play. And play they did with a good measure of fire. The first jump was for the photographer but after that there was action and no posing.

One of the things that troubled me in both games was the absence of a coach. It's a strange situation, though. When we were without one for many years, we searched high and low for some altruistic basketball champ to volunteer his services. When we had a coach, and paid him for doing his work, we tried to get rid of him. Maybe it's the ambiguity of life. Anyhow, the search has not been renewed with much fervor for someone to mold the squad into a smooth working machine that will allow substitution of parts.

That last sentence isn't simply a cliché dressed up to sound original, it's supposed to convey in few words, the major trouble with the varsity in all games played thus far. The veteran players which usually start in the game benefited by the instruction last year of Milt Trupin. They pass cleverly and manage to get the ball into the hoop. As soon as substitutions are put in, however, the game slows down and the opponents roll in the points . . . a thing that should never, never be allowed.

Normie Goldklang realizes this and would rather keep the veterans in than put in substitutes. He even prefers to risk penalties on too much time out in order to give the best players a few minutes rest. How true his idea is can be seen from the N.Y.U. Dentistry game which was lost by one point. As soon as substitutes were sent in (Normie would consider himself a hog if he didn't) the lead was cut down. It happened again in the Webb game. With Yeshiva leading by ten points and only two minutes to play, the relief team was given a chance to perform. They almost became the grief team but were yanked out in time. Yeshiva won by five points. The final score was 30-25.

Hogging the game shouldn't be sanctioned. Instead, an earnest effort to get a coach would not only allow adequate substitutions but set the basis for next year's varsity. It must be an earnest effort which can be displayed only by producing the body . . . of a live coach, willing to work hard.

So much for the team. As for the spectators, it's a comfort to see such big crowds shouting themselves hoarse for a victory at every game played. There is only one trouble. Seating facilities are almost nil and this results in confusion and much annoyance to of-

# YESHIVA TAKES GAME WITH NYU WASH. SQUARE

## Quinhooplets Impress With 35-27 Win Over Foe

With a record of two victories and two defeats under its belt, Yeshiva won its third game of the season, defeating N.Y.U. Washington Square 35-27. The game was pleasing to Yeshiva rooters in that the first time this season our boys showed the form that was expected of them. Their passing was flawless and they sank most of their shots. The ball found itself mostly in the hands of "Mighty" Mager and Abe Avrech, who passed so effectively that he scored 7 points.

In the first quarter Goldklang dropped two goals in rapid succession after having gained the tap for Yeshiva. Then after a few minutes of slow playing, Avrech made good on two fouls and on some deft passing from the latter to Goldklang to Mager two more points were scored. Mager finished the quarter with a lone tally, bringing the score to 9-3.

The second quarter also started with Goldklang sinking two goals one after another. By the time the period was half over Koslovsky and the opposing center Ruffo, each had three personals and by mutual agreement of the two captains the personals were disregarded. In appreciation of this decision, Itsie Koslovsky dropped in a neat shot which immediately was followed by that of Kid Mager. The half ended with the score at 16-9 in favor of Yeshiva.

The second part of the game was marked by lighting of "hotfoots" to celebrate the impending Yeshiva victory, and by the functioning of our cheering squad. As Captain Goldklang again opened Yeshiva scoring by sinking three goals in succession the boys under Gilbert Klaperman '40 and Eugene Michaly '40 began to let loose some cheers. This so inspired the boys that "Toots" Eisenberg scored his first goal of the game on a beautiful pass from Avrech and then Avrech dropped one in. The quarter ended with Yeshiva ahead 26-17.

The latter part of the game showed Yeshiva slowing up slightly with Avrech and Mager showing the most fight. Koslovsky, Goldklang and Mager accounted for all Yeshiva's points in this quarter and the game ended with Yeshiva's winning 35-27.

YESHIVA COLLEGE (35)			
	G.	F.	T.
Mager lf.	3	1	7
Avrech rf.	1	2	4
Goldklang c.	8	1	17
Eisenberg lg.	2	1	5
Koslovsky rg.	2	1	5
Sklarin	0	0	0
	15	5	35

N.Y.U.W.S. (27)			
	G.	F.	T.
Remer lf.	1	1	3
Reuben rf.	2	2	6
Ruffo c.	4	0	8
Jones lg.	3	1	7
Lauer rg.	0	1	1
Rothenberg	0	0	0
Bellows	1	0	2
	11	5	27

officials of the game. As a representative of Yeshiva I have often been embarrassed by the lack of courtesy shown the score and time keepers who have their view obstructed and always have to listen to "What's the score? Whose favor? What period? How much more time?"

Recommended are two reforms: a score board, which should be easy to get; and either getting enough seats for everybody in the house or shifting the officials table to a spot where no one can interrupt them or pass in front of them, which is also easy to do.

## Y. C. Chessmen Held To Tie By St. Peter's

The Yeshiva College Chess Team ended its first match of the year in a draw with St. Peter's College of New Jersey, Sunday evening, December 12, in the Yeshiva playroom.

Laurence Charney '38, captain, and Bernard Sussman '40 tied with Swierzburski and McFarland respectively. Sidney Mowshowitz '41 lost his game against Rawitt. The sole Yeshiva victory was netted by Benjamin Sincoff '39 against Cooper.

The Yeshiva chess team will compete in an intercollegiate tournament against Columbia University, City College, and Fordham University during Christmas week.

## Webb Downed By Yeshiva Varsity

### Goldklang Paces Five To 30-25 Win

Yeshiva College defeated Webb Institute 30-25 in their annual game Tuesday in the former's gym, to take the third out of the last four games between the two schools.

The Blue and White played a finer game than the score would indicate, keeping the ball in their possession most of the time.

"Mite" Mager '39, sank the first goal of the game, giving Yeshiva first blood. The game then moved along slowly and half of the period was over before Webb scored its first two goals which were followed by a basket apiece by Goldklang '38 and Morty Sklarin '39 who had just appeared on the court. The quarter ended with our boys leading 6-4.

The second quarter was a repetition of the same dull playing of the first. Yeshiva handled the ball poorly and scored only four points thanks to Captain Goldklang's two field goals. The naval engineers took courage from Yeshiva's lack of form and scored nine points to lead at the half 13-10.

With the beginning of the second half the Blue and White showed its proficiency in football as well as in basketball. Irving Koslovsky '40 and Goldklang made some beautiful tackles, each getting his man and in order to vindicate himself "Itsy" sank two baskets. He was followed by Mager who was also good for four points, and by Morty Sklarin who converted one foul. The quarter ended with Yeshiva regaining its lead.

The latter part of the game was the most exciting. Goldklang started off by sinking a goal and two fouls. He was followed by Avrech, who dribbled through the whole Webb defense to drop in a basket. Koslovsky and Mager, not to be outdone, contributed a basket apiece. With two minutes to play and the quinhooplets leading 30-19, before our boys could touch the leather, Webb added six points to their score. With half a minute to play the first five was sent in again to protect the waning lead, the game ending with Yeshiva winning 30-25.

YESHIVA COLLEGE (30)			
	G.	F.	T.
Mager lf.	4	0	8
Avrech rf.	1	0	2
Goldklang c.	4	2	10
Eisenberg lg.	0	0	0
Koslovsky rg.	3	0	6
Lipschitz	0	0	0
Sklarin	2	0	4
	14	2	30

WEBB (25)			
	G.	F.	T.
Henry lf.	2	0	4
Donovan rf.	5	0	10
Shella c.	2	0	2
Bradway rg.	1	0	2
Michel lg.	2	1	5
	12	1	25

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"Life Begins In College"  
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Also Warner Oland in  
'Charlie Chan on Broadway'

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# College Library's Progress from Humble Start Is Described on Fifth Anniversary

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their department, the editor dabbles with matters entirely irrelevant to the development of the college. Little has been done to fulfill the pre-election promises of the present administration. Perhaps Mr. Levin, the "acting president", lacks "either the ability to grasp the situation, or the necessary courage to act upon his convictions." Or, perhaps, he has little faith in the ability of the college student body to see through the artificial smoke-screen he has created.

4) The relationship between the student organization of the college and the S.O.Y. has become very strained. Thanks to the efforts of the editor, who sees in his one-track mind the reflection of student opinions, the much desired harmony between these departments has not been realized. I appeal to the college student body for cooperation with the S.O.Y. This end certainly cannot be attained through the unethical means employed by the editor and his advisors.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the fact that I do not believe the attitude taken by the editor is in accord with the general policy of the college student body.

Sincerely yours,  
ISADORE MARINE,  
Pres., S.O.Y.

ED. NOTE: It is indeed unfortunate that Mr. Marine did not see fit to substantiate any of his "enlightening" charges with a single fact or incident. Were it not for the position that the signator of the letter holds we would not have deemed it worthy of reply.

We categorically deny the falsification of any news in our columns. A comparison of S.O.Y. minutes and our accounts of the proceedings for the past year will bear this statement out.

We emphatically deny the omission of any vital facts. The "inverted pyramid" news style is based on the premise that certain details will be cut for lack of space. This represents adherence to a fundamental journalistic principle, far from being a violation of the ethics of the profession.

We categorically deny any verbal compromise. We further point out, however, that Mr. Marine, who speaks of sins of omission, made no mention of a written memorandum which, if certain parties have not been guilty of "double-crossing", is still extant in the hands of a reliable and respected member of the institution. The memo contained a list of reforms which were to be instituted, and its publication would prove embarrassing to certain parties close to the signator and completely prove the falseness of paragraph 2. Before passing on, our thanks to the president of the S.O.Y. for his indication in the same paragraph that the reforms which were instituted were due to our efforts. We point out with scorn, however, the further implication that Council's action was not based on the merits of the actual questions involved, but rather on certain political considerations.

The author of the letter speaks of Mr. Levin as "acting president". It was called to the attention of the signator that this was an unwarranted, unsubstantiated, personal attack upon the president and as such warranted the withholding of the entire letter from publication, pursuant to

### Disheartening Obstacles Bar Early Progress of Group

#### STUDENTS FEW

### Search for Willing Worker Was Bane of First Librarian's Life

By ISAAC GOLDBERG '33

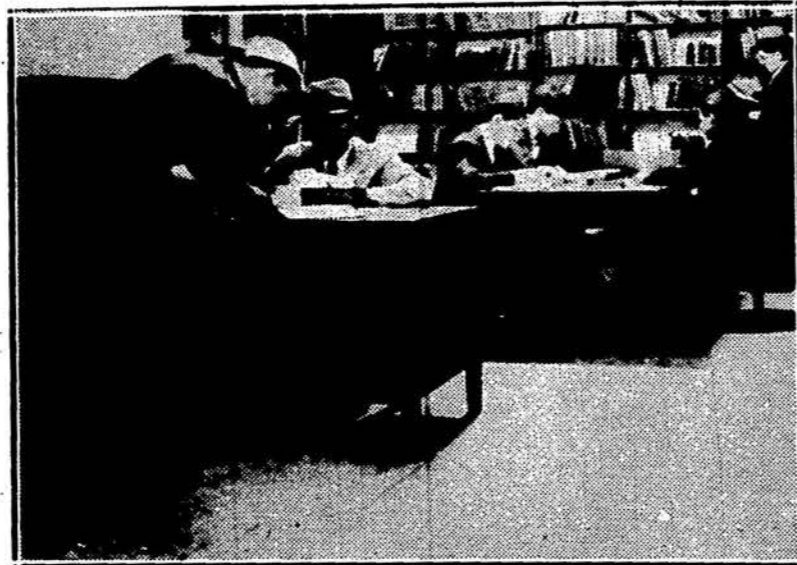
I have been asked by the Commentator to reminisce briefly about our library. Thinking of the past has its disadvantages—not so in this case. It is with nostalgic pleasure that I conjure up vision of that December day in 1932, when Hyman Israel '33, president of that year's Student Council, came over to me in the Dining room and asked me whether I would volunteer to supervise the reorganization of the College



Elihu Kasten '36

Library. I was nothing loath—I felt that my three year's experience in the T.I. library had qualified me to some extent—and set about my new task with the full co-operation of the entire student body, at that time a handful of about sixty.

Finding a good co-worker was difficult. Everybody is willing to



Almost the complete reference section of the Yeshiva College Students' library as it appeared a short time after its inception.

the rules governing letters to the editor. Mr. Marine graciously offered to apologize in the next issue, and refused to make any change. This sense of ethics appears to us typical of the entire attitude of the S.O.Y. leadership, and the brazen shamelessness with which it is flaunted is as revolting as it is symptomatic.

Paragraph three warrants nothing more than the informing of Mr. Marine of existing conditions.

The present administration can stand on its record. A review of its many accomplishments to date proves conclusively that with the half year not yet over the student administration has kept faith and shows every indication of continuing to keep faith. With the facts in mind the cry of "smoke

### THE LIBRARY FIVE YEARS AFTER



An evening in a corner of one of the reading rooms of the library as it is today.

help in a library. Even now, an oft-asked question is "Goldberg, is there anything I can do here?" The spirit of the boys is appreciated, sometimes their help is, but they cannot be depended upon for continued work. Israel had told me that a freshman named Usdan had offered to help me. Having the senior's proverbial disdain for anything a mere "frosh" could do, I thought lightly of the suggestion. Then, one morning, I was approached by a tall, impressive young man, who asked if I was Goldberg. Réplying affirmatively, and making a mental note to follow up the boy, I was informed that he was Usdan and he wanted to help me. Well, to make a long story short, we went to work—the little room on the fourth floor was set aside as our College Student's Library. Purvis, as elusive in those days as in these, installed shelves and a desk, and the college and student body supplied the books. Circulation hours

then were very limited from 2:30 to 3:15 P.M. every day. But we felt we were "on our way". Leo and I would stay up nights with a few volunteer kibitzers, typing cards for books and making them ready for the shelves. All our work was done in one room.

I left the college upon graduation in 1933, but continued my fatherly interest in what I considered my creation. Usdan succeeded me as head of the library and surrounded himself with a capable staff of assistants. The onward march of the library, in books and use, necessitated its removal in the fall of 1934 to more spacious quarters on the third floor. One room was set aside for circulation, the other as a reading room. The library's facilities were made available to the students for an increased number of hours. The Student Council appropriated substantial sums of money (a custom begun in my time), members of the faculty continued their generous support and in general the library showed progress in every way.

Time marched on.

Usdan graduated in 1936 and the library was left without a responsible head. In October, 1936, Dr. Revel invited me—I was then associated with Rabbi Marcus on the Yeshiva Library—to join the faculty of the college as librarian. For me this was in the nature of a homecoming. I recognized Dr. Jung's books, which Usdan and I had accessioned in the "old days". I immediately gathered around me the remnants of the old staff, and "broke inn" a few of last year's frosh. I see no reason why, if a mite of the old spirit of devotion to the school and school activities is reserved, we should not attain our ultimate aims.

### Leo Usdan, Ex-Librarian, Wishes College Library Continued Success

#### STRESSES VALUE

### As President of Alumni, He Expresses Opinion of Organization

By LEO J. USDAN '36

Yeshiva men of the past look fervently to the time when the college library will begin to fulfill its function in the Yeshiva scheme of things. We realize only too poignantly that without a well stocked and smooth functioning library, the student by necessity is deprived of the sources of human knowledge, and consequently cannot achieve that intellectual balance of which



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books form so important a weight. It is gratifying to observe the tremendous strides which the library has been making and the growing interest which the administration has been showing. All alumni join in wishing the library many years of vibrant and dynamic growth.

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