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# **RESOLUTION ASKS OUSTER OF DINING ROOM CATERERS**

Joint Session of College and SOY Councils Gives Decision

LEVIN PRESIDES

#### Mrs. Leo Jung Is Tendered Vote of Confidence Unanimously

A resolution demanding of the authorities that Mr. M. Tenenbaum, dining room concessionaire for the past year, be refused the right to remain, was passed unanimously last night by the Yeshiva College and S.O.Y. Student Councils sitting in joint session.

Meeting separately the two councils passed resolutions approving the joint session, and then for the first time in the history of the college sat together and joined in common debate and decision.

After hearing a letter by Mr. Tenenbaum presenting his case to the president of the Woman's Organization, and after thoroughly reviewing the case in a two hour discussion in which the Dining Room Manager of the S.O.Y. described the situation during the past year as the lowest segment of a decreasing curve, the joint session, passed the resolution against the return of Tenenbaum, followed by a vote of confidence in Mrs. Leo Jung, acting chairman of the Woman's Organiza-

A. Leo Levin '39, president of Student Council; Arnold J. Miller '39, editor of the Commentator, and Morris A. Landes '39, editor of the Masmid, will represent the student body on the Faculty-Student Relations Committee for the coming year, it was decided at the initial meeting of the new Student Council held last

The following students were appointed chairmen of the various extra-curricular functions:

W. Herzl Freed '39-Concert Bureau; Herman Gutterman '41, assistant chairman.

Bernard A. Poupko '39 -Awards Committee.

Sholom Novoseller '40 - Play-

Gilbert Klaperman '40-Press

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## LOAN FUND MAKES APPEAL FOR BOOKS

An urgent appeal for contributions of books for the Book Loan Fund and an announcement of a new policy whereby students may now exchange old books for new ones, has been made by Sholom Novoseller '40. Books for several courses are now available for circulation.

Emphasizing the importance of this activity to the students, Novoseller pointed out that only through active cooperation with the supervisors can this service be effected.

## **Board Positions Open** For Masmid Aspirants

Applicants for positions on the business and editorial staffs of the Masmid should present their names and qualifications to Morris A. Landes '39, editor-in-chief, or Allan Mirvis '39, business manager, Landes announced.

All positions on the governing board of the Masmid excluding the above mentioned two are still open, and will be awarded on the basis of merit, it was stated.

# **Debating Team** To Go On Tour

## **Squad Will Compete** With Ivy Teams

Plans for a tour, covering a number of Eastern colleges as far South as Washington, D. C., have been made by the Yeshiva College Debating team, Bernard Finkelstein '39, newly elected president of the group, announced.

A program, which is in line with the new policy of extended activity adopted by the varsity team, will include debates with work. such "Ivy" institutions as Columbia, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rutgers, Williams and Temple.

It is expected that the home debates will be presided over as in the past, by prominent per- zin. sonalities who are authorities on the subjects under debate.

The policy of radio debates inaugurated last season will be a regular feature of the forthcoming semester.

The Freshmen debating group organized last season as a means fessor of philosopy, who will offer of deevloping debating talent among the lower classmen, will be continued this year under the supervision of Leonard Azneer '21, vice-president.

#### **Business Positions Open**

Students desirous of securing positions on the Business staff of The Commentator should submit written applications to Max Kleiman. Business Manager, as soon as possible. These applications should include the name and class of the All those interested are asked to applicant and his past experience. get in touch with Mr. Nulman.

# **Junior Ethics To Be Required Only**

#### Braun Will Head Fresh Department; Litman Teaches Latin

In an attempt to give the students a greater choice in the selection of courses, ethics, which was previously a required subject in the Junior year, has been made an elective except for those students whose major will be in the department of philosophy, Jacob I. Hartstein, registrar, announced.

Due to the absence of Professor Solomon Rhodes, Mr. Sidney Braun will act as temporary head of the French Department. Mr. Braun graduated from the University of the Sorbonne at Paris with high honors and has been affiliated with years.

A seminar in French has been granted for the first time to Jerome Kestenbaum '39, who will work under the supervision of Mr. Sidney Braun. Only one student in each field where no advance courses are given is eligible for this honor

A new course in German which will enable students who have never had instruction in this language to obtain a reading knowledge within a year is being offered by Professor Solomon Lipt-

Professor Aaron Margalith is to teach the course in American History in place of Dr. Alexander Brody.

The Latin department will be Latin 3, and Mr. Irving Linn will offer the English Literature course for the Sophomore year. The usual procedure of offering the History of Education during the Fall semester and Logic during the Spring semester has been reversed, and Logic is now being offered.

#### Glee Club Planned

A newly organized glee club, which plans regular meetings, is being formed by Louis Nulman '39.

# **COLLEGE ALUMNILAUNCH** For Philo. Majors THOUSAND DOLLAR DRIVE Benefit to College Seen

## Students Requested To Apply For Paper Staff

Students desiring to join the news or business staffs of the Commentator are requested to hand in applications as soon as possible to Jerome Kestenbaum '39, managing editor.

A reorganization meeting of the old and new staffs will be held after the holidays in the paper's office, at which time vital problems of the publication will be discussed.

# **Library Obtains** Language Books

#### this institution for a number of Dr. F. Markiewicz of City College Is Contributor

A large collection of volumes in several foreign languages has been presented to the Yeshiva College Library by Dr. Frank Mankiewicz, a member of the Philosophy department at the City College of New York, Isaac Goldberg, assistant librarian, announced. Large contributions were also received during the summer vacation from Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung, Professor of Ethics, and Dr. Sol Liptzin, head of the department of German.

The library as usual will be open from Monday through Thursday supplemented by the services of Dr. from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 8 to 10 Alexander Litman, assistant pro- p.m. as well as for several hours on Friday mornings. Applications for positions on the library staff are to be presented either to Mr. Goldberg or to Albert Hans '40.

#### Playroom To Open

The playroom will be open to all college students beginning next week, Sholom Novoseller '40, chairman of the committee announced. The play room has facilities for ping-pong, chess and checkers and many other games.

# YIDDISH PLAY TAKEN Quarterly To Be Issued: Will Be Edited By Feuerstien

For the first time in its history the Alumni Association of Yeshiva College is embarking upon a direct fund-raising campaign with a quota of \$1,000 as the announced

If Campaign Is

Successful

The purpose of the campaign, as announced officially with the opening of the drive, is "to enable the organization to aid Yeshiva College by presenting it with a large lump sum" and to "initiate an alumni fund which, we hope, will swell to much higher figures in the future."

The campaign is designed to endure for only ten weeks, before which time the minimum quota is expected to be secured, according to Joshua Matz '32, Chairman of the Yeshiva College Alumni Financial Committee, who is also chairman of the drive.

Letters are being sent at present to all alumni affixing a nominal sum, varying from a minimum of \$3.00 to a maximum of \$25.00, which it will be the duty of the individual member to obtain either through a personal donation or through a donation from interested parties.

The annual theater-party of the Alumni will be held Tuesday evening, January 3 at the Yiddish Art Theater when Maurice Schwartz's "Three Cities" will be presented, it was also revealed.

The Alumni Quarterly, official organ of the organization will make its first appearance in the middle of October under the new editorship of Moses I. Feuerstein '36, former editor-in-chief of the Commentator. Hyman Muss '32 and Leonard Rosenfeld '37 were recently elected as president and secretary of the group respectively, succeeding Leo Usdan '36 and Isaac Goldberg '33 in those posi-

# Forty-five Freshmen Given First Taste Of Yeshiva Life By Newly Organized Orientation Committee

Thursday that the difference between a mere high school graduate and a college freshman was a certain lightness in the vicinity of the pocket book.

Besides Mrs. Levitan's hand extended in greeting they also found a much more pleasing welcome from a committee appointed for that purpose, consisting as always of the president of the Student Council and the editors of the Commentator and the Masmid—but this time it was functioning.

As soon as they entered the main lobby they were button-holed by Hyman Chanover '41, sitting pompously over his desk and papers. He recorded their names and native cities and gave them

necessity for the formal introduc-

Morris A. Landes '39, Jacob Goldman '40, and Seymour Shaer '39 were on hand to direct the in-

#### **NEWLY ORDAINED** RABBIS

Norman Siegel '34, former fellow in the department of English of the college, and Carl Seigel '34 were recently ordained into the rabbinate. Other recipients of the rabbinical degree were Max Bernstein '36, Azriel Weissman '37 and Nathan Bernstein '40.

Forty-five novices discovered last with their pedigrees inscribed to itiate to points of interest on the pin themselves so as to nullify the campus. They were shown to the medical quarters where they took their physical examinations amid shivering that was not entirely due to the fact that they had removed their shirts.

The committee also stood by to give them heart before entering Mr. Hartstein's office for the gruelling task of registering.

They left with heads buzzing with such intangibles as "single majors", "science majors", and 'double majors", to attend their first student dignitary, A. Leo Levin '39, president of Student Council.

They quit the school that day with the firm conviction that stuweird, black moustaches, that talk. of Hapoel Hamizrachi.

## POEL MIZRACHI TO RUN FROSH SMOKER

The annual Freshman smoker sponsored by the Yeshiva College Chapter of Hapoel Hamizrachi will take place this year on October 25, immediately after the Succoth holidays, Ephraim Mandelcorn '41, secretary of the organization, announced.

This affair, which will be part of an intensive program of cultural and social activity, will inaugurate a series of meetings whose aim will be to strengthen the spirit of Ha-Suome Asoleshi idosizimeh 190d the students at Yeshiva. These gatherings will have as their guest speakers outstanding leaders of religious Zionism, who will endeavor dent presidents are things with to explain the aims and functions

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#### A Prologue to the Freshmen

As the college enters upon the eleventh year of its existence, pleasant indeed is the task of The Commentator to welcome the student body back to the portals of Yeshiva. Commentator extend its felicitations and best. That is why we feel confident that each meiawishes and expresses the hope that they will soon become orientated to the peculiar spirit and inspiration which mark the Yshiva man.

Acclimation to the spirit of Yeshiva is not a mere matter of a cursory view of pleasant ivy-clad halls, of a perusal of the haunts and habits of illustrious alumni who once frequented those spots, nor even of an introduction to those former "greats" in a Hall of

Tradition at Yeshiva consists of a more intangible and more fundamental sort. It represents throughout its emergence a brilliant record of striving, devotion, and sacrifice, on the part of both the student body and its chosen representatives, for those ideals and principles which they have always cherished as the embediment of all that is good in the goal of Yeshiva.

The milestones which those who have gone before as have marked along the road of progress are set as steadfast as if in blocks of concrete. They point out to the present undergraduates the correct way to further progress and constructive effort and to the realiration of the comon ideals which have brought us together in this institution.

Already the fruits of their unselfish toil are being garnered by the student body in the form of a Faculty-Student Relations Committee, a necessity even yet considered a radical departure from customs in the tradition-bound. conservative coilege, which has contributed greatly to the improvement of relations with the administration and to the efecting of a mutual respect and consideration of each party for the other. The acquisition of Prof. Moses L. Isaacs to fulfill the duties of dean climaxed vet another long-felt want.

Not alone in Yeshiva, however, have these constructive efforts and far-seeing measures met with success, but also in outside academic and collegiate circles, with whom our contacts

are rapidly growing, the name of Yeshiva College as the home of a dynamic, liberal, and progressive student body is acquiring much recognition.

If any one factor of all the multitudinous factors responsible for the achievements of the previous eventful years could be isolated as most important, it would be that of the tradition of unanimity and complete cooperation among the members of the student body on all critical issues. The Commentator, too, is proud of its record of achievement in behalf of the student body and for the continued betterment of the college. It has ever stood in the vanguard of every struggle for students' rights and has always derived its strength from the united support of those whom it rep-

To us, as to you, Yeshiva tradition means much: The Commentator sincerely hopes that the newcomers to our midst will gain with the passing of time a true appreciation engendered by a healthy, vital, and growing tradition. Perhaps that inspiration will enable them to make their own contributions to its growth.

#### The Alumni Drive on

The news that the Alumni Association is currently undertaking a drive for funds is welcome information indeed. It indicates that the association is coming of age and that with the feeling of growing maturity and increasing power has come the acknowledgement of added responsibilities towards its alma mater.

In the past, the alumni have never been lacking in their loyalty nor have they ever To the incoming freshmen especially does The shirked their duty when occasion demanded ber will respond to the call which is now being issued. Certainly the purpose of the campaign could not be more worthwhile nor could the moment be more opportune for the actualization of the purpose.

The success of the undertaking means much to both the college and the alumni. The attainment of that goal would be the most appropriate manner in which to begin a new and auspicious year.

#### Seeing Double

For the first time in the history of the college a joint session was held by Student Council with the council of the S. O. Y. to who make them up would work and puny ruffians, whose only discuss a question of great importance to both organizations. The issue of securing a suitable caterer for the restaurant is a matter which directly concerns the health and wellbeing of all the students in this institution.

The two councils felt, therefore, that a of this world, it believes that all was ambitious. Perhaps it will unequivocal expression of their honest opinion should be forthcoming: the issue in all tairness could not be straddled. Personal pol- of fascistic regimentation and to English and French Brutuses. ities from extraneous sources have no place in any situation where the health of the students is concerned. Their decision is the decision of the representatives of both student podies. It should not be disregarded.

#### Obituary

It is with sincere regrets and deep sorrow that we learned of the passing of Mrs. Kestenbaum, mother of Jerry Kestenbaum, Managing Editor of the Commentator, who was called to her eternal rest during the summer.

The Governing Board offers to Jerry its deepest sympathy in his bereavement.

# PREVUES

"Avocate d'Amour" (Counsel for Romance) currently showing the Belmont Theatre was the last picture vivacious Danielle Darrieux made before coming to America to become the rage of Paris.

If it was meant as a preview of what Mlle. Darrieux had to offer American fans on the physical side, it succeeded admirably.

The story of the young feminine lawyer who tried to buck France's stern rules of parental supervision over children, especially if they be female, gives the little comedienne ample opportunity to display her voice and that nervous, lively beauty and charm that has already endeared her to the entire French theatre public. True, there are occasions when one feels that the musical sequences were added without ample provocation, but Hollywood has already taught theatre-goers to overlook that in a musical picture and not to expect it to be too much apropos dramatically.

This French musical is happily devoid of that super-embellishment of the American pictures and their coloscal decoration. Its tunes are catchy without the blare of American swingsters although sung none too well by Mlle. Darrieux and Henry Garat, who is the main character of the supporting cast.

The keynote of this cinema is simplicity. In fact, if simplicity is "Avocate itself, an end in d'Amour" accomplished its end

It effects a sort of humor by the very fact that it refrains from dealing with the serious. However, perhaps the critic knew whereof he spoke when he said that one must be a Frenchman who has lived in added to repression of majorities his native land to gain the full import of its comic affects.

Those who had the patience to the minorities? sit through to the end of "Counsel for Romance" were rewarded by goats, were lighted upon. After the Belmont Theatre's supporting much consultation with his reel, "Youth Marches On." an ama- Fuehrer. Mussolini discovered a teur, production by the Oxford few thousand Jews for his new Group.

Admittedly a propaganda picture, the supporting bill propounds the initial telling. History told the doctrine that all would be well of a noble land, housing powerful with present economic and political and gallant soldiers. It now tells systems if only the individuals of a beaten territory with weak together "to rebuild society on the strength is an allusion of its own foundation of changed human lives grandeur. History told of men and to create a new public opinion gloriously fighting men. Now, it through people who place them- tells of brutes ignobly devouring selves under G-d's direction."

With typical Catholic laissez-faire philosophy in dealing with things being killed by Brutus because he worldly wrongs would be rectified. now tell of how modern, stream were man to lead a simple, well lined Caesars are destroyed beregulated life, which smacks much cause they too are ambitious, by adhere to the morality of the Sun- when the latter like the ancient day school under the present order Caesar's friend are forced to act.

# MAYBE I'M WRONG

By MORRIS A. LANDES

History tells us that once, long, long ago, Italy was a country, a proud and noble nation. Roman legionnaires under Caesar spread all over the face of the earth and with the might of their arms vanauished every landmark on the physiognomy of old Mother Earth.

Teutonic barbarians, with their greater physical powers, succeeded. however, in washing away Caesar's triumphs, leaving behind only a stray ruin here, an overlooked temple there.

Recently, history brought a new period into the world, an age of enlightenment. 'No longer was might to be right, but the arguments of reason were to rule. Violence was outlawed and tolerance cultivated. Even its wars were fought for democracy's sake. But, history is an old dotard and fond of repeating itself.

Italy again started to conquer the world, not with force, but rather with a new philosophy. It preached the theory of the Fascist state, where an altruistic omniscient mortal would rule his less gifted compatriots for their greater welfare.

This doctrine of Mussolini's was propagated over the world through peaceful means. True, it had to be imbued in Ethiopian savages by means of the bomb and the machine-gun, but their bodies were mangled for their own good.

Invading Germanic hordes also stole the new Caesar's thunder. without blood-with bluff. They taught how to torture without bodily pain, by mutilating the soul. Even concentration camp intolerance was cloaked beneath the guise of protection.

Oppression of minorities was as part of Italy's new "Fazi" program. But, who were to b

The Jews, history's pet scapewave of discrimination.

All reiterations are inferior to women and children.

But History also told of Caesa? albeit against their will.

# In The Editors Mail Box

tator: Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity of asking the organ of the student body for further development of one of the college necessities.

past that the efficiency of the li- lege library. brary has been greatly impeded because of the lack of a telephone extension.

The necessity for the above mentioned extension is clearly seen when calls from the outside are unanswered due to the lack of contact with the library. In five clocks, the library has

To the Editor of the Commen- this way the library is unable to realize immediate completion of its business.

With the inclusion of an extension in the college library much time would be saved in or dering books and in handling the I have noticed constantly in the various other affairs of the col-

> With your publication of this epistle I hope for betterment of the situation now existing.

> > Yours. ROMA BENEDICTUS.

Ed Note: The main office has

# On The Sidelines...

With JACK GOLDMAN

Another summer has passed into oblivion; returned are we once more to the heights of New York's island where we supposedly sip thirstily from the well of knowledge. Tennis courts, mess halls and pine groves have receded into the fond memories of days gone by .....replaced by "standers", labs, and the "Empress."

There is one distinct advantage which Yeshiva students have when they leave the tumultuous streets of New York to spend the summer out of town. No matter where one goes, wherever there is any semblance of a community, camp or hotel, he is sure to find someone from Yeshiva and is guaranteed the true Yeshiva hospitality. It gives one

a feeling of confidence to know that however distant he might be from civilization and however futile the thumb may have proved to be-there is still some Yeshiva men somewhere near.

Another thing that I noticed this summer on making the rounds -by thumb, of course, -is that the name Yeshiva has at last come to take its place in educational circles as well as in the public mind. No longer are you met with queer gazes of wonder and ignorance when you explain that you attend Yeshiva College. The day is past when a lengthy description had to follow any mention or identification of Yeshiva College.

What can be held responsible for this sudden gain in recognition? Well, for one thing, the fact that Yeshiva men circulate widely during the summer months and during the holidays contributes a great deal to this trend. But, there is something yet greater and more far-reaching than summer jobs, namely, the basketball team. There can be no doubt that the basketball team has been in a large measure responsible for the attainment of the goal we have been striving for these pas ten years.

We know, today, that the Sports pages constitute the chief outlet for college publicity. Large sums of money are spent in financing university teams-just as if they were merely gigantic advertising campaigns. Professionalism reigns supreme in college athletics; yet, Yeshiva, with a strictly amateur (in the monetary sense) team has held its own in colleges of its class.

With the help of our standing and of our athletes who get opportunities to demonstrate their prowess before discriminating audiences — especially in the summer—we have succeeded in spreading the name of Yeshiva and raising its prestige. It is the duty of all us students, therefore, to cooperate with the team and show the sprit which is neces-

sary to spur on a winning quintet.

For the benefit of those select few who insist that I ought to include a prediction or two. (Direct all objections to the renouned Mish Uganch.) It will be Pittsburgh over the Yankees in the World Series; Budge to turn Pro and beat Vines at the Garden. I have also been requested to announce that football practice will be called in the ver# near future—that means some time before June-at the Schwartz Memorial Stadium.

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Zacharia Gellman '39 — Coop-

COUNCILS MEET

The playroom, formerly in the hands of the athletic manager, was placed under the jurisdiction of Student Council proper. The Press Bureau, which was previously connected with the Commentator, will now have an independent function.

Council decided also that every committee and activity under its jurisdiction must present an account of the year's work as well as a list of its active members, in order for them to obtain ser-

#### Plans Revealed By Athletic Manager

Two dates have already been filled for the coming basketball season, it was revealed yesterday by Abraham Avrech '40, Athletic Manager. Despite the fact that the season is still a long way off, the schedule is already taking form. John Marshall College will meet the quinhooplets on January 5, and Brooklyn College of Pharmacy will be engaged on November

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# Alumni **Jottings**

Rabbi Hugo Mantel '32 has lef: the miner's of Pennsylvania to dig for themselves while staking a claim on the spiritual leadership of the aristocrats of Huntington L. I. Aaron Decter '33, the first Yeshivaite to start the hegira (exodus to you) to the annex on W. 12nd Street, is now "delivering sermons" to his flock in Albany.

The first M. D., to our knowledge, to be earned by a alumnus will have the honor of going to Aaron Kellner '34, who will be graduated from Rush Medica! College in June. Maybe we can convert him into a resident physician here.

Information received from our corrsepondents in the Orient tells us of an incident that occurred to Meyer Greenberg '34, who racently returned from a year's stay in Palestine. Gentle Meyer had

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## Empress Theatre

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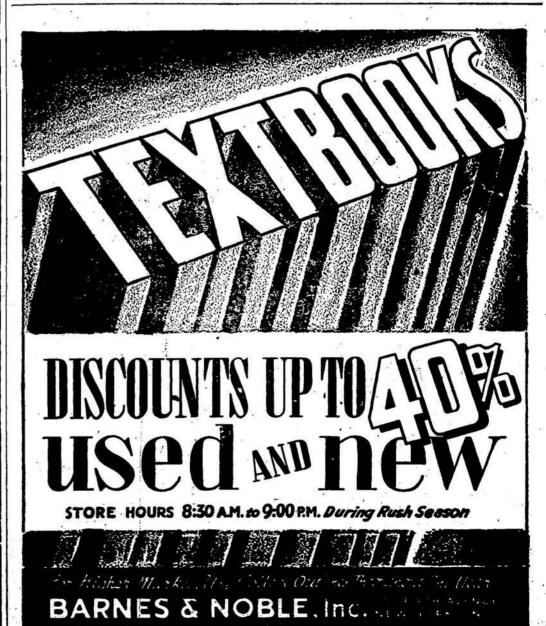
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# Alumni-Here There And Everywhere

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the unenviable privilege of traveling aone on a train with a sociable Arab terrorist who insisted on regaling him with stories of what he would do to those Jews if he ever got one. Nice people—the Chinese.

The Little Corporal, otherwise known as Rabbi David W. Petegorsky '35. spent a year at the London School of Economics. He managed to attend the historic conferences at Geneva and at Evian. When his "rebbi", Prof.

Harold J. Laski, came to America to lecture at Columbia, D. W. hopped the first boat back. And that ardent student of politics, Rabbi "Pop" Louis Simsowitz '31, is now secretary of the Poel Hamizrachi.

Rabbi Sidney Kleiman has recently become the proud father of a seven pound boy. Maybe its another candidate for Y. C or do we know better.

Eleazer Goldman '37 will pur-

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sue a course of studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Hebrew University in Palestine. Philip Tatz '36, who accompanied Goldman, will study at the Rabbinical College of Hebron.

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