

## Bloomberg is Council Head; Bayer Chosen to be Veep



New Student Council officers are happy after their installation held Wednesday. Left to right: Ruth Ann Feldman, Rosalie Bayer, Shelly Fink, and Joann Bloomberg.

Joanne Bloomberg '61 was selected Student Council president for 1960-61 in school-wide elections held May 12. Chosen also were Rosalie Bayer '62, vice-president; Ruth Ann Feldman '63, secretary; and Shelly Fink '63, treasurer.

The installation of the new officers last Wednesday featured a candle-lighting ceremony in which each outgoing officer handed a lighted candle to her successor. Anne Rosenbaum Senter '58, first student council president of Stern College, was installing officer.

### Classes Present Songs

Each class presented an original song and chose a class color for the ceremony in order to create school spirit, according to Esther Rivkin, chairman. Seniors chose gold; juniors, purple; sophomores, red and freshmen, green.

Joanne Bloomberg, who hails from San Francisco, is presently serving as president of the junior class. She was active in her sophomore year as chairman of the committee of social activities and was secretary-treasurer of her freshman class.

### Vice-President Plans Assemblies

In her capacity, as vice-president of student council, Rosalie Bayer will be chairman of the assembly program committee. "We hope to schedule more stimulating programs such as school-wide debates and speakers

## CLASS ELECTIONS

Results of class elections held last week are as follows:

### Class of 1961

President — Gloria Galkin  
Vice-President — Sonia Intrator  
Secretary — Esther Rivkin  
Treasurer — Syma Goldenberg

### Class of 1962

President — Sandra Caplan  
Vice-President — Eva Frost  
Secretary — Deborah Marlowe  
Treasurer — Helene Friedman

### Class of 1963

President — Helen Stone  
Vice-President — Judy Fink  
Secretary — Rita Goldberg  
Treasurer — Shulamith Klavan

## Scholarships Awarded to Frost, Miller

Rosalyn Miller '60, has won a three-year National Defense Graduate Fellowship, from the United States Government, to pursue Hebrew and Judeo-Arabic studies at New York University. The fellowship is for the amount of \$2,000 a year.

Rosalyn, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, also received a \$1,000 grant from Brown University Graduate School and she was accepted to the Yeshiva University School of Education under the Teacher Fellowship program. This program enables students to teach while working for their master's degree.

Having studied for a year in Israel at Bar Ilan, Ramat Gan, in 1958-59, Rosalyn later resumed her studies at Stern. She is a chemistry major and aims for a career in that field.

Another scholarship has been extended to a Stern girl, Eva Frost '62, has won a scholarship to Harvard University's summer school where she will take an advanced course in Russian.

Eva, originally from Hungary, is a graduate of Maimonides High School in Boston, Massachusetts. She has travelled through Austria and Germany, and thus acquired her knowledge and interest in many foreign languages.

While at Stern, Eva is majoring in pre-med. and devotes

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from the U.N. This will raise the intellectual and cultural level of the college," she said. Rosalie is now president of the sophomore class.

A native New Yorker, Ruth Ann Feldman attended Hunter College High School. During her term as president of the freshman class, two socials were held in conjunction with Yeshiva College and a carnival.

Ruth Ann was one of the representatives of Stern College for Women at the recent Yavneh Society convention in Boston.

Shelly Fink, treasurer of her freshman class was active on chagiga committees, serving as chairman of the Freshman-Junior social. She performed in the Purim play. Next year Shelly will also be art editor of *The Observer*.

## Fogel to be Valedictorian At Senior Dinner June 15

Paula Fogel will deliver the valedictory address at the senior class dinner Wednesday, June 15, at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine dining hall.

A reception is scheduled for 6:30 followed by a chicken dinner at 7:00 P.M. About 150 people are expected to attend.

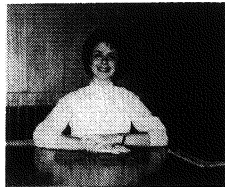
As part of the program, scholastic honors from the University and Student Council service awards will be presented to deserving graduates. On behalf of the senior class, Bobbie Rosen will present a television set to the school.

Deans Dan Vogel and Elizabeth Isaacs will address the class.

With a 3.782 index, Paula holds the highest average in her class. Runners-up were Rosalyn Miller and Miriam Resnikoff Metzger.

Formerly the senior class elected the valedictorian from among the three students with the highest cumulative index. Based on the decision of last year's senior class, now the student with the highest index is automatically named valedictorian.

This year Paula served as president of Student Council.



Paula Fogel

She was also class president during her freshman and sophomore years.

Paula led the Hebrew Dance Club at Stern and was also co-chairman of the Honor Committee. In addition, she has been co-chairman of a Purim Chagiga and Freshman Week.

Next year she will study at Hunter College or New York University for an M.A. degree in English and teach Hebrew in an all day school.

Gita Feiner is general chairman of the dinner. Committee chairmen are: Program, Celia Lehrman and Paula Kestenbaum; Invitations, Ethel Korn and Rosalyn Stein; Seating, Paula Fogel and Shirli Pasternak; and Reservations, Barbara Labush and Ruth Miller.

## Flemming to Talk At 3rd Graduation

Forty-one seniors will be graduated from Stern College at commencement exercises to be held Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 A.M. at the Yeshiva University main academic center.

Weather permitting, the ceremonies will be conducted outdoors on the Danciger Campus. In case of rain the exercises will be held in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, will confer degrees on 720 students of 10 divisions of the University.

Arthur S. Flemming, U. S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare will deliver the principal address and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

### Honorary Degrees

Honorary D.H.L. degrees will also be presented to Ewald Nyquist, Deputy Commissioner of Education of the State of New York; Gustave Rosenberg, chairman of the board of higher education of New York City; Dr. Abraham Silverstein, director of the space flight program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Joseph Mazer, member of the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University.

Professor A. Leo Levin will be the first graduate of Yeshiva College to receive an honorary degree from Yeshiva University. He will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree will be presented to Rabbi David Silver of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dean Elizabeth Isaacs will serve as Marshall for graduates

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## Fall Plans Announced

Stern College students, returning from their summer vacations, can expect to find not only an enrollment of 300 girls, but also at least three new faces in the faculty.

The definite appointees are Mrs. Laurel Mendelsohn, Professor of English; Dr. Meyer Minkowitz, Professor of Jewish Studies; and Dr. Fred Goodman, Assistant Professor of Biology.

### Background Enumerated

Mrs. Mendelsohn, who is a specialist in the earlier periods of English literature, is coming to Stern from N.Y.U.

Dr. Minkowitz, from Dropsie College in Philadelphia, is in the field of jurisprudence, but has also written in the allied areas of Bible and Jewish history.

Dr. Goodman taught at Stern in 1955-56, and is rejoining the faculty after a research position with Columbia University Presbyterian Hospital.

### Receive Applications

To date, approximately 200 applications from prospective students have been received, of which 100-110 have been accepted. By June, more applications will have been accepted, pending receipt of college board results, and other records.

Dean Vogel announced concerning new applicants, that it would not be necessary to refuse any next year because of limited space. Only academic and personality factors are being taken into consideration.

### Committees Make Plans

Committees are already in session making plans for next year's activities. For the fresh-

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## Dorm Elects '61 Officers

Arlene Missan '61, President; Judy Baumer '61, Vice-President; Shirley Wertheimer '61, Secretary; and Hermine Gertz '63, Treasurer, are the newly chosen officers of the Dormitory Council for 1960-61.

Elections were held according to the plurality system on Thursday evening, May 19, following a dorm meeting on Wednesday, at which campaign speeches were presented by the candidates for the officers of secretary and treasurer. The candidates for president and vice-president were unopposed in the running for their respective offices, however.

The office of president was open to forth-coming seniors, vice-president to juniors, and secretary and treasurer to any student.

Floor chairmen will be chosen next year by vote of the students, rather than the selection of the Dorm Council.

It is expected that there will be a minimum of 150 girls in the dorm next year, and rooms shall be assigned so as to integrate upperclassmen and freshmen on each floor.

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## Looking Back

With this issue, volume III of *The Observer* is coming to a close. Another chapter of the Stern College newspaper has been written.

The paper has been published regularly. Its circulation has been increased to include yeshiva high schools and alumnae. It has tried to give a complete and objective account of the news as well as interesting feature material.

In the course of this year the first six page issue was published and now we are witnessing the first eight page issue.

But most important of all, we feel the newspaper has been an important as well as effective voice of the student body. We of the editorial staff are proud of the strides that have been made in our young paper.

*The Observer* is now a member of Associated Collegiate Press, the national college press organization. In their evaluation, A. C. P. rated our editorials excellent and commented favorably on their subjects.

Some of the issues we have taken up were: proper guidance for graduate school, fellowship and job candidates; a program of study in Israel; the establishment of an honor society for outstanding scholarship and service; and a revision of science curriculum and religious guidance. Steps have been taken to remedy some of these situations. Others do not seem to have been considered yet.

We hope that in the future with the support and trust of the entire student body this vital function will continue to be fulfilled by *The Observer* in ever-increasing proportion. It is up to our successors to continue to follow up the issues which we have had the opportunity to begin, as well as those which arise in the future.

We are grateful to Rabbi Howard Levine for accepting the unpopular and difficult position of faculty advisor.

Thanks also to the administration and faculty for their encouragement and cooperation.

And without the Student Council's financial backing, of course, this publication would not have been possible.

## Assembly Attendance

Assembly programs are designed to help enrich your stay at college. They deal with areas outside of the rigid academic concerns of the classroom.

Planned by students, often with much time and effort, assemblies are for the edification and pleasure of the student body as a whole.

The poor attendance at the Yom Haatzmaut assembly is typical of the lethargic

attitude toward school activities which has been felt in recent months. Not only was this assembly in commemoration of an important day for all of Jewry, but it featured a fine program which included original plays in Hebrew.

Most colleges have compulsory assemblies, with severe penalties for non-attendance. At the beginning of this year, a fine was imposed on those who missed an assembly. The outcry that was raised against this practice led to its repeal, and yet, unfortunately, such means appear to be the only language that is understood in many cases.

## A Job Well Done

The religious committee, headed by Ellen Offenbacher, has done its part well in augmenting an atmosphere of Jewishness at Stern College throughout this past year.

Posters with sayings of the week from holy works and reminders of Rosh Chodesh and candle-lighting time, contributed to the spirit which is appropriate for Stern College.

Beautiful decorations for the holidays and parties celebrating them certainly added to the festive feeling during those times of the year.

More recently, the counting of the Omer on the bulletin board kept the students abreast of "Sifrah." Keep up the good work!

## Enthusiasm at Last

Congratulations to the student body for one of the most spirited and successful programs Stern College has had in a long time. The installation assembly held last Wednesday was indeed impressive.

Enthusiasm, which seemed to have abated itself from our school, permeated the auditorium and even the rest of the school during the whole day. We hope such a day becomes a tradition at Stern College.

The planners, song-writers and committee members deserve commendation for their ingenuity.

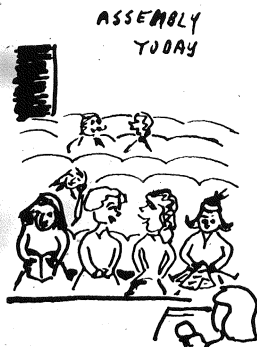
Let us not permit the spark of school spirit which has flared up to become covered with the ash of unconcern.

## Ideals and Actions

The stand voted by Student Council on proper dress for outings is a step taken in the right direction. We will never gain the respect of outsiders or of ourselves unless we adhere to the principles for which we stand.

A significant segment of the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds take the actions of each individual of Yeshiva University as well as of the institution as whole as representative of Jewry. We are looked to for leadership in the realm of ideals.

Remember this wherever you may be this summer.



Bird's Eye View of Stern Audience

# Outgoing S. C. President Leaves Message to School

By PAULA FOGEL

"Dvorim hayotzim min halev nichnasim el halev." Words which come from the heart enter the hearts of others. I firmly believed in the truth of this proverb when I became president and I am convinced of its truth. Once the words have been transferred, then "deeds not words" are important.

My heart was in my work all the time and I tried to do my best. My greatest job was to select the correct words and hope that they would stimulate others to "deeds." Actions are the only insurance against apathy which is a form of stagnation.

There were many who responded, girls who were interested enough in their school to be active. As a result of their activity, Student Council this year functioned as a living, working organization, always bearing in mind the interests of the entire student body.

I tried to organize a student council that would strive to attain ideals. Our most important purpose was to live up to the aims of our Alma Mater—"Torat Chayim Mabaat." This is the atmosphere we have tried to and must keep trying to stimulate.

Look around the world. Where are new hopes, dreams, and

ideas perpetuated? From colleges, and universities. In Korea, South America and Europe, the students have been awake enough to act. Our responsibility to act is even greater, for our standard is the Torah.

We don't always succeed in achieving our goals, but the work and effort are in themselves satisfying. These experiences are everlasting. All of us should be training to take our places in the Jewish Community. This is another reason why Student Council should be of prime importance to you.

To the new Student Council may I say—"Alu V'hatzlichu."

## Mazel Tov

On their Engagements:

Dina Friedma '62 to Mendel Hirsch; Tyra Kellner '60 to Moshe Leiberman; Judy Metzger '62 to Rabbi Moshe Suenik; Shirli Pasternak '60 to Jules Ehrman; Beth Rosenblum '60 to Stanley Mpps; Anita Rubin '62 to Allan Schulman; Juli Schmutz '63 to Jean Grunwald; Bernice Shapiro '62 to Rabbi Lawrence Nesht, Harriet Spierer '63 to Norman Gross and Ruth Zipper '62 to Aaron Beilin.

On their Marriages:

Brocha Brisker '62 to Raphael Edgar and Zeldia Hertzberg '61 to Reuven Moraine.

# Letters To The Editor

To the Editors:

We have been fortunate in our times to witness a modern day miracle—the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel. The realization of this miracle should make the Jewish people "kick up their heels" and celebrate. Perhaps elsewhere the event was celebrated with vigor, but at Stern there was only widespread apathy. The sporadic attempts at festivity were hushed quickly instead of being encouraged by the students. What was the cause of the lack of spirit which permeates our college?

Why couldn't there have been an assembly on the day itself? The delay of the celebration may have been responsible for the lack of awareness on the part of the student body. Wouldn't it have been worth missing school for an hour to instill vitality into the girls and make them feel the importance of the anniversary of such an inspiring event as the birth of the Israeli state?

Rochelle Fink '63

To the Editor:

Headlines in every major newspaper have been filled with details of the Arab League boycott of Israel. Recorded on the pages of these newspapers have been the companies who have directly or indirectly acquiesced to wishes of the Arab dictators endangering the life of Eretz Israel. We have done little to combat this menace; the time has come for us as members of the American Jewish community to act.

A counter boycott has been organized by the Intercollegiate Council of the National Coun-

cil of Young Israel Young Adults. We should all support this move.

The following companies are supporting the Arab Boycott of Israel:

Aramco Arab American Oil Company, owned by ESSO, Texaco, Mobile Gas, Calso-Chevron.

The Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, makers of: Viceroy, Kools, Raleigh, Avalon, Life, Wings, Dumaureir, Sir Walter Raleigh Pipe Tobacco and the Renault Motor Corporation.

We can do the following: Refuse to buy any of the above mentioned products, compliment store owners for posting signs notifying the public of the discriminatory policies of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco company, and call the National Council of Young Israel, 3 W. 16th Street for additional signs to cover establishments and synagogues where such placards are not posted.

For further information contact the Intercollegiate Council of Young Israel. (WA 9-1525).

Arlene Silver '62

To the Editor:

There was dancing in the streets, flowers were strewn about, and everywhere could be heard the joyous singing of Jews who truly realized the significance of the day—Yom Haatzmaut. The scene is Israel, on Yom Haatzmaut.

By contrast, I'd like to set another scene for you. The setting is Stern College. The time is the same, but the atmosphere and spirit are decisively not. Several girls sit at

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## Council President - Elect Lists Next Year's Plans

By JOANNE BLOOMBERG

My sincere thanks go not only to those who placed their confidence in me during the past elections, but also to all those who voted. The large number of voters was indicative of the wonderful way in which Paula performed her duties as president, for everything tended to run well during her administration. She has laid a strong foundation upon which we may build.

Some new additions to student council next year may be:

A chairman of new business to approach students and aid them to form suggestions into the form of bills, which she would then organize, placing the most imminent bills on the agenda for the following student council meeting. The agenda would be posted on the bulletin board in advance of the student council meeting in the hope that all students interested in a given topic will attend the meeting, once they are aware that this topic will be discussed.

Two representatives from each class, in addition to the president and vice president, would help to make more people aware of student council business, and they could approach each classmate personally to explain fully current issues.

A school historian will keep school records and scrapbooks easily accessible; a separate section

of a room should be set aside for this purpose.

A leadership seminar at which outgoing officers will give helpful hints to incoming officers, and a qualified person in organization work will explain the most effective methods to use for organizing activities.

An intercouncil organization among all the girl's colleges of New York would be valuable for seeking successful solutions to student body and administrative problems.

A large calendar listing all student council and class activities would facilitate the students' job in keeping posted on all functions.

Every club might contribute something to the school at large.

Let us hope that next year we will all work for an organized student council that will receive opinions, learn how to deal most effectively with them, and use measures to expedite the carrying out of these ideas for improvements in every possible field.

## Alumnae Hold First Dinner; Levine Guest

Rabbi Howard I. Levine, Instructor of Religious Studies, will be the guest of honor at the first Stern-sponsored Alumnae Dinner, according to Barbara Gross '58, President of the Stern Alumnae Association. The dinner will take place on Sunday evening, June 12, at the Hotel Windmere.

All present Stern seniors and alumnae are invited to attend. At this time the Class of 1960 will be formally inducted as members of the Alumnae Association. It will become an annual tradition to introduce the association to the seniors, and welcome each senior graduating class into it at this time of year.

Previously, this function had been co-sponsored with Yeshiva College.

## Entire School Participates in Clove Lake Lag B'omer Outing

Outdoor sports, rowing, and a wienie roast, high-lighted the Lag B'omer outing at Clove Lake Park in Staten Island. The outing was sponsored jointly by the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. Approximately 100 people attended the May 15 invitational function.

This Lag B'omer outing was the first of its kind held by Stern College. Previously, a Lag B'omer Chagigga similar to our Chanuka and Purim Chagigot had been held.



Lag B'omer outing provided activities for all.

The outing also marked the first time all the classes cooperated in one social function.

The outdoor sports activities, besides rowing included softball and volley ball; followed by the preparation and sale of a picnic supper, and a *Kumstiz*, with the singing of Hebrew songs, and some Israeli dancing.

Warm weather and sunshine favored the success of the afternoon's outing. A week previously, an outing scheduled by the sophomore class at Rye Beach had been cancelled because of inclement weather. Also, the Freshman Class Boat Ride and Outing originally scheduled for Bear Mt. was changed to Clove Lake, and so both the freshman and sophomore classes joined with the other two classes for the one outing on May 15.

After meeting at Stern College at 1:30 p.m. the group travelled by subway or car, and the Staten Island Ferry and bus to Clove Lake.

Miss Champagne, Instructor in Health Education, and Mr. Otto Krash, Associate Professor of Education, acted as chaperones.

## Student Interviews B'klyn College Fotog

By Sema Chaimovitz Menora

"Although I was opposed to the demonstration, I felt I should be there as a photographer doing his duty for his school newspaper," said Elliot Bender.

Mr. Bender is the 19-year old sophomore photographer who was suspended for five days from Brooklyn College for participating in the protest against the air-raid drill that took place May 3 on the college campus.

Mr. Bender, who attended T. A. in Brooklyn, said he complied with a deputy's order to stop taking pictures during the drill, and immediately after that, when the drill was over, he came out to continue taking pictures.

"The deputy, it seems, didn't realize the drill was over. He approached me and asked me to come with him to the dean. The basis for my suspension at that point was the fact that I was taking pictures in general, and not whether or not I took any during the drill itself."

It was the outright censorship of such pictures that forced Lucille Feldman, the Phi Beta Kappa editor-in-chief of *Kingsman* (Brooklyn's undergraduate newspaper), to resign from her post.

Newspaper censorship has been a big problem at Brooklyn College. Two years ago the whole editorial board of *Kingsman* resigned because they were forced to retract a previous article. Last year an associate editor was suspended from the paper because of a controversial farewell column he had written.

Some of the groups strongly represented at the protest were the "Eugene V Debs Society—a socialist club, *Landscapes*—the school's literary magazine, and *Kingsman*, through its editor, Miss Feldman.

These, as well as other individuals constituted a group of about 200-250 students who felt that such drills were useless for protecting the people, should an attack ever come. Also, these students felt that such drills were contradictory to the nation's hopes and plans for peace and demilitarization.

The atmosphere at Brooklyn after all the censorships, suspensions and resignations, is one of sympathy for the resigned and suspended, and apathy for the administration.

## Hebrew Accepted for College Boards

For 33 years the College Entrance Examination Board has voted against adding Hebrew as one of its language Achievement Tests. However, after hearing the views of Rabbi David Mirsky, Director of Admissions at Yeshiva University, the C.E.E.B. changed its mind in less than five months.

On March 17th, the Board of Trustees of the C.E.E.B. approved Hebrew as an Achievement Test. A committee to design the test is now being formed and the first Hebrew test will be offered in March, 1961.

## Clubs Show Year's Work

Some recent developments in the activities held during club hour this semester include:

The *World-Telegram and Sun* recently did a feature on Alfred Parker and the Stern College Culinary Club, which appeared in the Saturday Magazine section of the newspaper.

Pictures of Mr. Parker and some of the members in the club, at work in the kitchen, were featured in the article.

During the term the girls have learned to prepare many dishes. President of the club is Gail Markowitz, and Secretary-Treasurer is Miriam Rosner.

Mr. Parker said he thinks the club has become a success in a short time. "Next year, we hope to have more students and work out a better teaching program, since I will have had more teaching experience."

Members of the art club have presented a display of pictures on the bulletin board leading to the cafeteria. The showcases in the library contain copper enameling, earrings, cuff links and clasps, also made by the members.

Advisor of the club is Mrs. Simeon Guterman, and officers include President Shirley Wertheimer, Vice-President Deanna Sinnet, Secretary-Treasurer Helen Presby.

"Twelve Angry Women," is the name of the play scheduled to be put on by the Dramatics Club in the beginning of next semester, according to newly-elected President Letty Hiller. Melvin Pasternak is advisor of the club.

## Poll Reveals Summer Plans For Camp, College, Travel

By Suzanne Paley

Blossoms begin to appear on the trees along Park Avenue and the married students in their flowery hats assure us that spring is here. About this time most girls' thoughts turn to summer occupations.

The jobs are as varied as the students' interests. Judith Rosenberg will be spending the summer in New York as a social worker's aide of the Jewish Family Service.

Judy is among the many sophomores and juniors across the United States who will gain practical experience towards the profession to which they aspire.

Summer camps will employ approximately 80% of the student body as counselors. Higher positions will be held by Paula Fogel, Eva Brauner, and Gigi Galkin—all of whom will serve as division heads. Judy Lefscheld will be a week of work

at a moshav. Kowitz will act as dramatics and music counselor at a Hebrew-speaking camp.

When Ruchie Barash leaves this all-girls' college for the summer, she will be a secretary at an all-boys' camp.

In the business world will be many girls from Stern working as secretaries. Rena AvRutick will be legal secretary to two lawyers. Rae Ehrman will also work in an office, but she will be control clerk of a social security office in San Francisco.

A continuation of the classroom will be pursued by Judy Warren at Harvard, Nechama Mayerfeld at Hunter, and Miriam Paris at Washington University.

Traveling Mizrahi style, Harriet Bienenfeld, Judy Fink, and Deanne Chill will make a tour of Israel. Included in their schedule will be a week of work at a moshav.

## Erratum

On page one, column 5 of the April 7 issue of the *Observer*, there was a misstatement. The religious guidance situation, prior to the institution of the new program, was referred to as a "system," and the religious studies department was said to be involved in it. There existed no such system previously, and the religious studies department had no official responsibility whatever in this connection.

## Stern College Joins Yavneh

Yavneh, a national religious Jewish students' association, was recently inaugurated into Stern College by the Student Council.

Ruth Ann Feldman, Rheta Weinstein and Rochelle Ziegelman represented Stern at a "Shabbaton" of Brookline, Massachusetts, April 29-May 1, sponsored by the Young Israel, "Taryag."

Among the delegates were students from Harvard, Radcliffe, Barnard, M.I.T., Boston University, Northeastern, Columbia, NYU, CCNY, Hunter, Brooklyn Poly Tech and Yeshiva.

Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz of Elizabeth, New Jersey was guest speaker while Rabbi Yitzchak Greenberg, national advisor, conducted the seminar and a Shiur.

This movement was founded by the Yeshurun society of Columbia and Barnard in February. It originated from the need for a national religious organization to help solve their practical and intellectual problems on campus. It has outlined several basic aims among which are: to promote unity among observant college students, and to provide them with a college-level traditional Jewish education.

# STATE OF ISRAEL EMBARKS ON

## Eventful Era Must Never Be Forgotten

By MOSHE SHAPIRO  
Minister of Interior of Israel

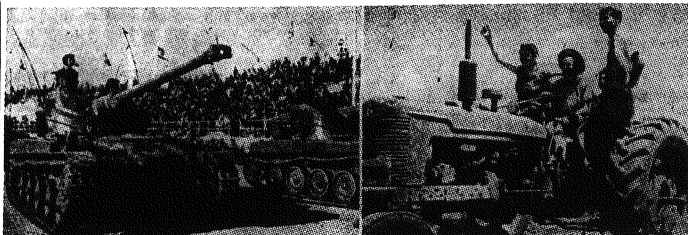
Forgetting is said to be one of the main moral diseases of modern youth.

So, in this Twelfth Year of Israel's independence, let me go back for a while to those great days of the non-distant past. For we, Torah-true Jews, young or not so young, have "Remember!" as a command that will stay in force as long as heaven is above earth.

It was the night before Passover 1948. Jerusalem was already starving under the prolonged Arab siege. The Provisional Directorate of the People had therefore decided that an all-out effort must be made to bring food to Jerusalem. In the thick of the night three hundred large buses were assembled at Kfar Bilu, at the time an outpost of the Yishuv.

At 3:00 a.m. the convoy, heavily laden with food, fuel, and 800 Palmach men gripping their rifles, started out on its way eastwards. Destination: Jerusalem. But before reaching the beleaguered city the convoy will have to pass the widening road which is flanked on both sides with long ridges, some of them wooded, thus providing ideal vantage points for the attackers. At dawn the spearhead of the convoy reached Bab-el-Wad, the entrance into the mountain road. The Arabs were waiting for us. As soon as the forward vehicles entered the road, on the bottom of the valley between the two hill-chains, a hail of fire was opened on them.

Traveling in the convoy with the fighting units were the top commanders of the Palmach, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, our unforgettable leader the late Itzhak Meir Bar-Ilan (Behin), and my humble self. The order for the



"Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

## A People Reborn

Where shall I turn? What shall I do?

I'm an object of scorn wherever I go.

My business taken—my family life shaken

My every neighbor becoming a foe.

Evil has befallen my people. From land to land we are forced to roam

Millions have died—and the living have cried,

O G-d! Restore unto us our home!

We have fought, we have died, and we have seen,

A miracle in our generation, Israel's free—a home for me! We'll rise up from our lowly station.

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drivers and the men was: forge ahead as you fight.

The order was carried out punctiliously. The price paid for the scrupulous performance—and for bringing food to hungry Jerusalem—was eleven young lives. The reward for the survivors was joyous tears of the multitude of Jerusalem, who came out at 7 o'clock in the morning of Erev Pesach into the streets, unbelieving their own eyes, to embrace the drivers and the fighting men.

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## Students Polled on Their Israel Visits

At this time when one is more conscious of the Jewish Homeland, many thoughts turn to visiting it. A few fortunate students who have been in Israel have offered to tell what impressed them most about the country.

Linda Sucherman admired the Israeli lust for life and the absence of material digression—such pursuits that side-track one from living a life of fulfillment.

Bobbie Rosen said, "To hear little children speaking Hebrew impressed me most. To them, it was their native language, but to me it seemed a great accomplishment for such youngsters to be speaking this difficult language."

Miriam Rosner could not help "feeling the past, present, and future all at once." She re-

members seeing the Arab villages which have not progressed in the last hundred years, the ultra-modern homes and facilities in Tel-Aviv, and the projects supported by the entire nation which are yet to be completed.

Deborah Krupnick was impressed by the hospitality and complete unselfishness of the people.

Sandy Mosak was struck by a scene while she was in Kfar Batya. There she saw the white European boys and the dark Africans playing basketball together with complete teamwork. It was a sight she had not seen too often in our country.

Although they were all impressed by different experiences, the girls who visited Israel agreed that every Jew should make an effort to see his Homeland at the earliest opportunity.

## All Must Join the "Chain of Bravery"

By NIRA LIBAI

(Ed. Note: Nira is an Israeli student at Stern College.)

Twelve years ago this month the representatives of the "old-new" land gathered to declare the establishment of a new state—Israel. But this small new state did not step into the world of nations on a road paved with roses. Nor was the sky which spread over the settlements of this new state a clear spring sky; it was a red sky splashed with blood! And so, the young state, struggling for her existence, was forced to bury the best of her sons, the glory of her youths, in the bosom of the dirt. And still, the debt is not paid in full; the battle is still going on.

Consequently, every Yom Haatzmaut must become a time of soul-searching. Every Jew must think in his heart of what he is doing in order that all the past sacrifices will not have been in vain; he must ask what he is doing to fulfill what the others commanded to him with their deaths. He must understand that it is forbidden to break the "chain of bravery."

This moral obligation is the responsibility of every Jew, and he should not ignore it. Every pair of working hands, every thinking mind is needed to carry it out.

Yet, no Jew should dare to think that he, by immigrating to Israel or working for the state in some way, is doing someone a favor. Everything he does is for himself, because the

"the nations will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks" and the words of the prophet, "For out of Zion shall go forth Torah" will be fulfilled.

These two sentences have a very close connection. The State of Israel will be a source of inspiration to other nations only when Israel will be given the possibility to develop all the powers which are lying dormant in her. And this development can come only when the red skies will change to blue—to skies of peace and brotherhood.

And, on the other hand, the world will open its arms to receive what Israel has to offer only when the nations of the world will open their arms to each other, to an inclusive, eternal peace.

## Future of Young State Considered

By AVRAHAM HARMAN  
Israeli Ambassador in Wash.

In this 12th year since the establishment of the State of Israel we look back proudly on the past progress and upbuilding. The hectic work of the early years has given way to the steady consolidation of the economic foundations on which a modern state is based.

Today, still short of our Bar Mitzvah celebration, we are yet able to begin savoring our knowledge and experience with many other newly independent countries of Asia and Africa.

But much still remains done. A modern edifice must be set up upon the foundations already laid. Our task of reconstruction is eased by the aid and sympathy which pours into Israel from Jewish communities throughout the world, and mainly from the great Jewish community of the United States.

We are especially heartened by the affection and interest of institutes of learning such as Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University.

### Israel Special

This centerfold is devoted to the State of Israel in commemoration of her twelfth birthday. Messages from Moshe Shapira, Avraham Harman, and David Rivlin were written especially for **The Observer**.

## Reading Books on Israel Augments Zionist Spirit

By Sema Chaimovitz Menora

On Yom Haatzmaut we all tend to become very zionistic. We might say shalom instead of hello, we might sing a few Israeli songs, we might even hear a lecture on Israel if we are lucky.

But with the coming of the next day all is forgotten. Israel, our free homeland, is another dot on the map.

What can possibly keep us in the spirit of Yom Haatzmaut long after it has passed? How can we understand more about our homeland to which many of us have never been. The answer is to read, read and read. So much has been written, about Israel, her birth, her growth, her social conditions and her everyday life. So much has been written about her heroes, her cowards, her children, her farms and her cities.

Arthus Koestler in his **Thieves in the Night** writes about a group of socialistic intellectuals and their problems of defense, love, and hate in a Kibbutz

bordering on an Arab village.

His book is a vivid description of a glorious period and its unique heroes, a generation of intellectual farmers.

In the same vein, but slightly lighter, is David Meletz's **Young Hearts**, a love story set in a Kibbutz, the protagonists facing the problem of love as well as the problem of socialistic living.

A realistic study of a couple fleeing Germany, going through other parts of Europe until they finally reach Palestine and the fate they finally reach is **The Last Temptation** by Joseph Viertel. It is a novel of "searching" and its climax, which parallels the birth of the State, bites deep into the heart of the reader.

Zelda Popkin's **Quiet Street** can be characterized by anything that is the opposite of quiet. It is a warm, yet vibrant novel of a Jerusalem family during the War for Independence. Tears and laughter, compassion and love are constantly

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Graves in Israel

State of Israel is, in essence, a necessity for him. Without it, he could not lift his head up straight; he was an eternal wanderer without roots and without a place to rest his weary feet.

This responsibility of every Jew is in many ways more difficult than the victory in the field of battle. It is, in fact, a long continuous battle in itself, in such areas as national security, economics, culture and education.

Lastly, we must hope and pray that the day will come, and it is not far off, in which

# BAR MITZVAH YEAR WITH HOPE

## Redemption is Seen As Goal of State

By DAVID RIVLIN, Israeli Consul

The State of Israel is now on the threshold of its Bar-Mitzvah—the 13th Year of its existence as a sovereign political entity and equal member of the family of nations. The twelve years of Israel's existence were, as you know, years of trials and tribulations and constant struggles for the survival of the State and for its political and economic well-being.

The people in the land are faced not only with heavy burdens pertaining to their physical, social and spiritual existence but also with serious challenges regarding the inner aspirations of the Independent State. The people of Israel feel strongly that the independence which they have achieved amidst this tragic and dramatic period in our history is not meant merely to maintain another small state or destined only to provide political independence for its inhabitants.

The idea of Shivat-Zion, of the revival of Jewish nationhood and of the restoration of Jewish traditions and human values unto the land of our forefathers, calls for far greater and wider aspirations, since the return to Zion entails also a great historic mission. In this light we are convinced that the State of Israel is not an end by itself, but only a means to something that is above territorial borders.

The ultimate aim is **Geulat-Haam**—the redemption of our people in accordance with the prayers and hopes of the Jews in all the generations of their dispersion. The redemption of our people through the return to Zion, through the revival of our Holy Land, through the restoration of Jewish nationhood on the soil of Eretz Israel

and through the reunion of the three basic fundamentals of Judaism—Torah, People and Land—into a living entity, is the highest ideal of the State of Israel.

Thus, the State of Israel, as a beginning towards Geulah, carries a message for every Jew everywhere in the world who understand the process of Jewish history and accepts the fundamentals of Judaism in its entirety. The citizens of Israel who have been granted the privilege of living in the State which is the vanguard of the Jewish people, expect therefore every one of our brethren in all the Jewish communities in the Diaspora, first and foremost the Jewish youth of the free democratic countries, to grasp the message of pioneering-Israel and to identify themselves with the Jewish and human aspirations in which the State of Israel is building and growing.

In spite of untold difficulties and dangers, the past twelve years have marked tremendous progress in all fields within the State. Suffice it to mention the ingathering and absorption into Israel of a million and two thousand Olim from over a hundred-and-ten different countries.

The economy of the State, both in agriculture and industry, is constantly growing, and is enabling us to produce and export more and more goods, thus nearing our goal of economic independence. Hundreds of new towns and settlements have been built, hundreds of miles of new roads have been paved.

Above all, the State of Israel is proud of its democratic system of life, market by a stable parliamentary regime and by the fact that Israel is making ever more friends amongst the African and Asian countries who look upon her as a model of a creative society and a true Republic.

## Hebrew Gets Words From Great Variety Of Sources

"ICH HOB EPES"



By SEMA CHAIMOVITZ MENORA

A language with old roots and new branches is the best description for the Hebrew spoken in Israel today. On one hand it is **Lashon Hakodesh**, the language of the Tanach with expressions thousands of years old that compare with the ancient English "thou" or "perchance." Many of these seemingly old-fashioned ways of speaking in Hebrew have found their way into everyday conversation. We can see this in the question **Ulai adoni rotze leashen?** ("Perchance my master would care to smoke?") and the answer **Lo todah, hayishun lo motzea chain beanoi!** (No, thank you, smoking does not find favor in my eyes.)

On the other hand a great many words and expressions come from the Talmud, such as **dafka** (only, just) and **pidka** (a note), which are Aramaic; and **tracklin** (a living room) which is Greek.

Rashi, the famous Bible commentator, is constantly quoted. One of the expressions used by him is **Ma inyan shmitta lehar Sinai?** (What does the subject of Shmitta have to do with the subject of Har Sinai?) and has become an accepted way of saying in Israel today (what in English means) "What has that got to do with the price of tea in China?"

A big source for everyday words and expressions is the immigrants. Although they learn Hebrew, certain of their foreign expressions remain with them and infiltrate into Hebrew. The Russian Aliya (immigration wave) has left us with the Russian suffix **nik** to show one's membership to something, or having something. In Israel there is a **Kibbutznik**, a **mapainik**, a **Bnei-Akivnik** and a **Chutzpanik**.

(Russian curses are not infrequent; since Hebrew has no curse words, whatever there is comes from foreign languages.)

The German Aliya has left us with the **Kumsitz**, a combination of come-sit, which generally refers to a party around a bon-fire where everyone sits, sings, and tells **Chisbatim** (tall tales) while drinking coffee from a **finjan** (coffee pot). The last two words are only a few of the many Arabic words which have infiltrated into Hebrew as a result of Arab proximity to Israel. Also, something is **zift** if it is very bad and one is

mapsut if he is very satisfied, in Arabic.

Incidentally, to Hebraize these foreign words Hebrew declensions and conjugations are frequently given to the foreign word. Thus, we have **kumstans** (we had a **Kumsitz**) or **zifti** (an adjective for something bad). Declining foreign words in Hebrew forms can reach any point. Once an Israeli told how he cancelled a date, saying, "**Kinsalti et hadate shell.**"

Since the British were the mandatory rulers in Palestine for over 30 years and their language was required in most schools, English inevitably had a big influence on Hebrew.

**Karah Puncner** meant something wrong, a **puncner** being the Hebraized version of the English "puncture," a blow up. A redhead is a **gingi**, a small farm truck a **tender**, a jeep—a **jip**, and to hitch hike—to **tremp**, from the English "to tramp."

Yiddish, being the language of diaspora Jewry, also had a big influence on Hebrew. **Kunstm** (clever deeds) and **epes** (something) are Yiddish words used as Hebrew. Yiddish sentence structure has also been carried over into Hebrew. **Ha oseh et Hamavet** (He's killing me) is a poor way of saying "Er mach mir dem tot" and **Ha sochek milmen** (He laughs at me) is taken from "Er lachst von mir!"

As we can see, spoken Hebrew today is not a pure language. Like Israeli music and most of the people living in Israel, the language is a result of the past cultures and the present foreign influences, and it is far from being a correctly spoken language because of this. Only time will tell what the future will bring.

## Israel Books...

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A book which reads like fiction but is actually non-fiction is **The Revolt** by Menachem Beigen. It is the story of the terrorist organization which fought the British in the 1940's and was a main force in driving them out of Palestine in 1947. Among the outstanding descriptions in this book is the fantastic story of Dov Gruner. This is a book every Jew should read; it is a story that makes one feel, and feel very deeply.

On the lighter side is a book by the late S. Z. Cheshin, who was assistant chief justice of the Israeli Supreme Court. The title is self-explanatory: **Tears and Laughter in an Israeli Courtroom**. The author writes sympathetically of his experiences with offenders in Israel, especially with the new immigrant.

Last, but not least, for a non-fiction version of **Exodus** try reading **Fulfillment, the story of Zionism**; by Rufus Learsi, which backwards reads, "Suffer Israel."

## Faculty Members Talk About Israel

By Dvorah Wilamovsky

**Ed. Note:** In connection with this special Israel supplement, two members of the faculty who had spent a good part of their lives in Israel were asked to state their views on various aspects of it.

Mr. Havazelet was concerned with the relations between Israel and the Galut. "There is a tragic lack of understanding between American Jews and Israeli Jews," he said. "Jews here think they are experts about Israeli matters, and Israelis consider themselves experts on the problems of the Galut." One way to remedy this situation, he feels, is for each group to read the literature and periodicals of the other, to become better acquainted with each

other's problems.

As for our visiting Israel, Mr. Havazelet thinks "it is invaluable and necessary, because if we have the sensation of seeing a Shabbat in Jerusalem, of seeing the dream of Zionism coming true, it will leave us with its spirit for many years to come."

However, he feels, a visit to Mr. Feinstein compares life in Israel to that in the Galut. He feels that in one way there is and entirely different approach to religious matters in Israel. This is because any modern country must be provided with all the institutions necessary to its function. Religious Jewry in Israel is faced with problems the Jew in exile is not. The Jew in exile can maintain almost any form of religion he pleases, with the aid of a "Shabbos goy." In

## Israel's Interior Minister Recalls State's Early Days

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It was the greatest Seder I experienced in my life when we sat down to our table that evening. It was reliving the dangers and fears—yes, and the hopes—of going forth from Egypt. The Hagada read like a piece of reality that has stepped down from the roads and ridges of present-day Eretz Israel.

There was all the time the haunting thought of the fate possibly awaiting besieged Kfar Etzion. They are certainly going to save Jerusalem from the onslaught of the motorized hordes of the Arab Legion. But they themselves be saved? "Vayareu otanu ha'Mitzrim

a Jewish country the situation is different, and most Israelis are aware of it. It changes their life philosophy.

This is only one of the reasons for Mr. Feinstein's support of a school sponsored program by which students would be able to spend at least one semester in Israel.

kemo sheneemar." No time for meditating on this Seder night. We have to go forth from here, the Egypt of the world. Here, in cut-off Jerusalem, the issue will be decided.

On Chol-ha'Moed the Battle of Jerusalem began and with it the Battle of all Israel, both the Land and the House of, 'was joined. Kfar Etzion did save Jerusalem from utter destruction but it did not escape extermination of its brave and devoted fighters at the hands of the unplaceable enemy.

On the ruins of these and the suffering and sacrifices of thousands of others Jerusalem was liberated to become, almost within the year, the capital of the revived State of Israel. Let us remember, now and forever, the spirit and devotion of those who gave their lives that the State of Israel may live and blossom forth and ingather the exiles and make all the thousand and one achievements which all of us rightfully boast of.



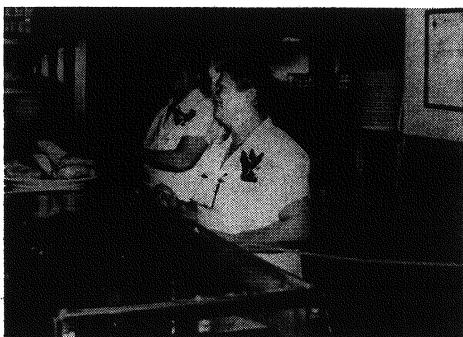


# Kook's Concerns Are Kalories and Kashruth

By Letty Hiller

As the line of hungry, chattering Stern girls forms for "morning chow," a familiar voice emerging from the realms of the cash register calls out. "We have oat-oat-oatmeal today. Gimme a bowl!" In case you are not well-versed in the language and customs of the Stern cafeteria, it should be established that the voice at the cash register is

the Packard School. Aside from the hectic scrambles which ensue at times during lunch and supper hours, and despite occasional squabbles over prices, the cafeteria is a smooth-running and essential part of the school. Just ask Sarah and Jenny, two familiar figures who have been with the cafeteria. What would the lunch hour,



Jenny and Sarah behind the cafeteria counter.

Sarah Babbitt's and the order calls for one bowl of hot cereal.

The scene described above is typical of our cafeteria, which manages to feed calorie-conscious Stern and T. I. students, meditative, coffee-drinking professors, and befuddled outsiders three times a day. All of these hungry people consume forty chickens, two turkeys, four briskets of beef, and eighty-five quarts of milk in one week. The man in charge of ordering these food supplies is Alfred Parker, chef in charge of the Stern Cafeteria as well as those of the Einstein Medical School and Yeshiva College.

Chef Parker, in his charming continental manner, explained that Stern College girls are more interested in quality than quantity, whereas it is the opposite as far as the boys are concerned. He also noted that the girls are diet-conscious and tend to prefer more boiled foods.

Teaching better cooking is the aim of Austrian born Chef Parker at the newly-organized cooking club which meets every Wednesday during club hour. Mr. Parker, who first became interested in cooking at a refugee camp in Switzerland, teaches recipes along the lines of French cuisine.

But what of the history of our cafeteria which boasts a dairy and meat kitchen and a working staff of eleven people? According to Jenny Intravia, who worked here before Stern College was established, the space was once used as an air raid shelter at the time when the building was occupied by

for instance, be like without Jenny's queries of "Who's next, girls?" and Sarah's mathematical price calculations.

Besides serving as the source of nourishment for those connected with Stern, the cafeteria also provides an excellent meeting place where professors discuss their students and students discuss their professors. (Occasionally they get together and discuss nothing.) Much to the pleasure of the students, it is often the "dear" cafeteria that detains an instructor after the bell has rung; yet it often brings displeasure when it detains the student instead.

As efficient as our cafeteria is, there are perpetual bills to be paid and Mr. Parker urges us all to increase its patronage. How can you help? One way, says Mr. Parker, is to bring your dates there. Good advice, eh girls?

## Educated Grooms

(ACP) — The ASIAN STUDENT, published by the Asia Foundation, as a service to Asian students in the United States, reports that a school for Japanese prospective bridegrooms has been opened in Tokyo. The two month course is free.

The Metropolitan Government opened the school in view of many complaints from Japanese women that their husbands were too "bossy."

Classes are held twice a week. Subjects taught include political economy, law, literature, house-keeping and elementary medicine.

## TIW Classes Will Be Held On Sundays

Sunday afternoon classes will be scheduled at Yeshiva University Teacher's Institute for Women starting next September, announced the school's director, Rabbi Baruch N. Faiselson.

The Sunday sessions, scheduled to commence in September, 1960, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:25 p.m., came in response to the heavy demand from current and prospective students, according to Rabbi Faiselson, who is also an Instructor in Hebrew at Stern College for Women, which is housed in the same building.

In the past, classes in the school, which prepares women for teaching positions in Jewish schools, were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings for two consecutive periods—6:40 to 8:20 p.m. and 8:25 to 10:05 p.m.

Seniors also took courses during the following additional periods—in the Fall and Spring Semesters from 5:45 to 6:35 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and in the Fall Semester only, from 6:40 to 10:05 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Established in 1952 to provide comprehensive courses of study in the heritage, literature, and history of Judaism, Teachers Institute for Women is fully accredited by the Association of Hebrew Teachers Colleges in the United States. All curricula are taught in Hebrew and programs lead to the Hebrew Teacher's Diploma, and the degrees of Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Hebrew Literature.

## Brayer Speaks On Legacy Of Leader Of Chassidism

Rabbi Dr. Menachem Brayer, Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature, in commemoration of the bicentennial celebration of the Baal Shem Tov, presented recently the second in a series of lectures on Chassidism.

Dr. Brayer spoke on "The Legacy of the Maggid of Miezricz," on Wednesday, May 11, in the Stern College Auditorium.



Dr. Brayer

Dr. Brayer stressed that he believed it very dangerous and even wrong to translate the Maggid from the original Hebrew into English, as one must be very careful in the examination of the material, and translate verbatim, because of the equivocal meaning of the Chassidic-Hebrew terminology.

Nevertheless, he continued to relate some of the facts concerning the way of life and teaching of the Great Maggid, whom he deems to be "the Torah personified."

The Baal Shem Tov did not permit his students to take down in writing his words, Dr. Brayer went on, and concerning the Maggid's philosophy of life, there are only five books today from which we can directly learn that which some of his disciples came to write down of him later on.

Nor was the Maggid known as a great teacher; his writings contain pedagogical and humane aspects of Jewish learning. It is said that he inspired, and that his students learned from his sheer behavior, rather than his oral tradition.

"As is the Chassidic way," commented Dr. Brayer, he elaborated with several interesting and rather witty stories.

Discussing the belief that some hold, that Chassidism tries to isolate itself from life, Dr. Brayer said that this is not so, "but perhaps from the noise of life."

Dr. Brayer emphasized that the Chassidic tenets could be interpreted and applied to day-by-day life in making man a better human being and in bringing him closer to his fellow man and to his creator.

Professor Taubes of Columbia University served as chairman and introduced the speaker.

This lecture was the first to be held at Stern under Yavneh sponsorship.

## Offenbacher, Voehl Are Co-op Heads

Helen Voehl and Ellen Offenbacher, sophomores, have been appointed co-managers of the co-op, according to Elizabeth Isaacs, dean of students.

Helen will be in charge of supervising the Co-op staff. Ellen will be responsible for keeping the finances in order.

Next year's co-op staff will be delegated more responsibilities than in the past, said Max-Celnick, faculty advisor. A committee will be formed from the staff itself to order necessary supplies.

Helen has served this year as a member of the co-op staff.

Ellen is secretary of the girls division of Inter-Yeshiva Student Council and chairman of the religious committee.

## Accomplishments of S. C. For 1959 - 60 Are Listed

This is a list of Student Council accomplishments during the year 1959-60.

\* The following positions were created: Bulletin Board Chairman, Social Coordinator, Music Coordinator, Religious Committee, and Constitutional Revision Committee.

These changes were made in the Constitution:

\* A girl with no specific class standing should be allowed to become a member of the class either right above her or right below her, depending upon her choice.

\* The constitution is to be reviewed every two years instead of every four years.

\* The preferential system of voting was changed to the majority and plurality method.

\* One qualification for a Student Council executive position is attendance at one-third of all Student Council meetings.

\* Student Council sponsored a school theater party, the proceeds going to P'Eyilm, and a fashion show with proceeds for the Yeshiva University Charity Drive.

\* The initial rules for an Honor Society for outstanding achievement in scholarship and service were drawn up.

\* Student Council purchased a mimeograph machine, and Chanukah Menorah for students.

\* The Fencing Club, Current Events Club, Culinary Skills Club and Yavneh Society were chartered.

\* Stern College became a member in Inter-Yeshiva Student Council.

The "kashruth" of candy in the candy machines was investigated.

\* The Student Handbook was revised.

\* A blood drive was held.

\* An evaluation of the curriculum and extra-activities by the students was begun.

\* The services of a school psychologist were obtained.

\* Student Council asked for a revision of the cuts system.

\* The sale of Barton's candy for Pesach was sponsored by Student Council.

\* The yearbook was changed to a school project rather than an exclusively senior yearbook. The staff is open to the entire school.

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(Continued from page 1) men, there will once again be the "Big Sister" system.

Batya Abramson '62 and Judy Rosenberg '62 are working on a revised edition of the student handbook which will be distributed to all freshmen. The handbook will include the revised school constitution. Judy Borwick '61 and Judy Cohen '61 are chairmen of the constitutional committee.

Students can also expect to find more extracurricular activities in which to participate. These include an anticipated series of forums, and a parents' day, held in alternate years. The faculty has also approved the establishment of an honor society.

Service majors will be interested in knowing that a new major, a pure sociology major will be offered. New courses are to be instituted not only in this field, but also in the fields of history, fine arts, and mathematics.

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## Faculty Closeup:

## Dr. Lichtenstein

By GILDA GOLDSTEIN

A strong sense of dedication to and love for his religion, his students, and his work is that which can best describe Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein. Professor of English at Stern College. Imbued with a great deal of inspiration toward life in a Torah context, he communicates his enthusiasm and insight to his students via literature, man's "vehicle of ideas."

Dr. Lichtenstein's serious contemplation of specializing in literature began when he was in his sophomore year at Yeshiva College. Here, under the instruction of Dr. Fleisher, he became enraptured by the message of literature, for he clearly saw that literature was concerned with human problems, man's destiny and man's relation to G-d. After completing Yeshiva College, he pursued his literary education at Harvard University. Here he became acquainted with Douglas Bush, renowned literary author and critic. He speaks of Mr. Bush as being a great personality, a gentleman, a humanist and a religious thinker, and as such this man had a profound influence upon him in his study of literature.

Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik stands out as the major figure who has influenced the growth of Dr. Lichtenstein as a religious personality. Dr. Lichtenstein stated that the image of Rabbi Soloveichik as an ideal moral character haunted him for years, serving to stabilize his own personality. Born in Paris, France in 1933, Dr.

Lichtenstein came to America in 1940 with his family. The atmosphere of his home was one with an emphasis upon study and learning, and it was at home where he received his initial Hebrew education. He was a child who always wanted to know; a child who possessed a burning ambition. Some of this burning ambition was released through ball-playing, a recreation which he indulged in for some 4 hours daily. When he reached Yeshiva University and continued his rabbinical studies, studying intensively under Rabbi Shatzkes and Rabbi J. B. Soloveichik he sorrowfully reduced his ball-playing to two hours daily.

Dr. Lichtenstein agrees that literature has definite religious implication. "It has," he says, given added insight into man and the awareness of the human situation." He quotes Douglas Bush as having said that a poet must be religious, for poetry delves into the fundamentals of the human soul.

It is Dr. Lichtenstein's view that secular studies in general should be pursued provided that they are presented in an unadulterated way, then focused into the meaningful context of religious values. In addition, secular studies should be approached discerningly—not condemningly.

It is this which is the unique function of Stern College: To help the student achieve intellectual discipline, to make her aware of the need to see all studies in relation to Torah, to see secular material in a religious context.

"To further expose the student to the Jewish view-point in all subjects," said Dr. Lichtenstein, "Dr. Belkin is now making an effort to employ instructors in the university who are competent both in their field and in their knowledge of Judaism." Dr. Lichtenstein considers this a good move.

Dr. Lichtenstein has incorporated his philosophy of life, literature, and education into his teaching approach. He helps the student to see a critical view of life by pointing out life's moral and religious problems; by seeing literature in close relation to the history and philosophy of the period of which it was a product, and by seeing literature in close relation to Judaism. He considers college an experience which should ultimately enable the student to learn how to read and how to think. Thus he considers it the job of the teacher to stimulate his students to think. From his students he expects a serious interest in the subject, a willingness to work hard and a critical and inquiring mind.

Dr. Lichtenstein possesses the ability to make his subject matter come alive. He presents the world as being wide open for the student to conquer, for he is constantly confronting the student with humorous philosophical questions to wrestle with. He feels that the human situation is still open to new interpretation and ideas, and that it is the responsibility of the individual as a human being to formulate his own interpretation of the human situation in order to meet the challenges of life.

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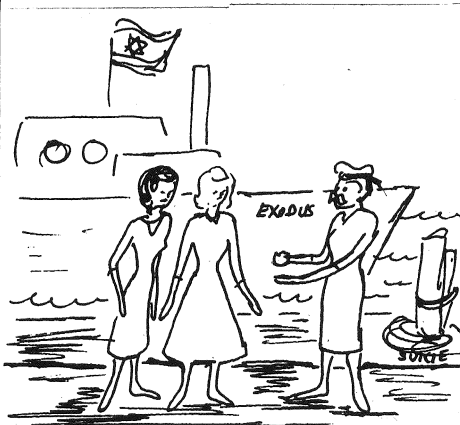
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## Skit and Speech Are in Hebrew At Yom Haatzmaut Assembly

In honor of Yom Haatzmaut 1960, the twelfth celebration of Israel's Independence Day—May 2, 1948, a special assembly was presented during club hour on Wednesday, May 4, under the direction of Sema Chaimovitz Menora '60.

Conducted entirely in Hebrew except for one narration, the program, which was also written by Sema, consisted of two skits enacted by members of the student body. An address was also delivered.



Student Council Vice-President Judy Lefkowitz led the assembly, which began with the visit of "A Prominent Figure to Yeshiva University." In this skit Dvorah Wilamowsky, as Dr. Belkin, introduced Linda Sucherman '62, or D. Ben Gurion, the prominent figure. The Israeli visitor, after donning a yarmulka, delivered an entreaty for pioneer immigrants to come to his country. Thus, Dvorah and Linda re-enacted the highlights of a history-making event at Y. U.

Rosalyn Rosenberg then gave an address on the meaning of Yom Haatzmaut, followed by an adaptation of several scenes from the recent best seller, *Exodus*. As explained by Narrator Sarah Leah Saffir, the purpose of this skit was to show why the ship Exodus had to sail.

In scene one, Tamar Horowitz, as Mark, and Marsha Dubow, as Kitty, discuss the problem of getting 300 refugee children to Palestine. Aboard the ship, paralyzed in the harbor in scene two, Karen (Shulamith Klavan) tries to console a child (Linda Sucherman). Meanwhile Kitty has come to see if Karen has been able to withstand the hunger strike which the children went on. The appearance of Ari (Sandy Mosak) doesn't help solve Kitty's problem either. Soon, the plan for ten children a day to commit suicide creates even more turmoil. Finally, in scene four, Bradshaw (Gila Winer) and Brown (Paula Fogel) are seen trying to decide whether or not the ship should sail.

Many of the students and faculty commented that they hoped this assembly would be the beginning of many more Hebrew programs at Stern.

## Dr. Y. Greenberg Speaks At Frosh Supper Party

Dr. Yitzchak Greenberg stressed the importance of religious unity as a binding and guiding principle in all paths of life at the freshman class supper party and installation of officers held May 18 at Stern College.

Dr. Greenberg is an instructor at Yeshiva College and national advisor to Yavneh, a religious youth movement. He received his doctorate in history from Harvard University.

Entertainment for the event was class singing and corsages were presented to the incoming and outgoing officers. Co-chairmen of the affair were Hindy Fink and Judy Fink.

The sophomore class held its installation of officers and supper party, Thursday, May 19.

## Scholarships . . .

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much time to her duties as Culture Chairman of the dormitory, chairman of the Forum Committee, and a member of the Inter-Yeshiva Student Council. She is very much interested in pursuing her studies in Hebrew and aims to permanently settle in Israel.

Seniors accepted to Graduate Schools include: Barbara Labush to Pratt Institute Library School, and Columbia University's School of Library Science; Paula Fogel to the Columbia University Graduate School Department of English; and Shirli Pasternak to the Yeshiva University Graduate School of Social Work.

## Letters . . .

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a table in the cafeteria singing, and a valiant few try to do a hora.

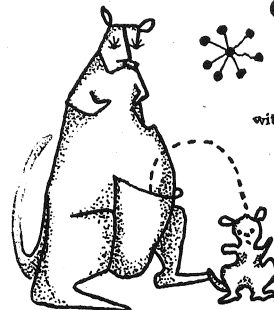
There could have been several planned activities scheduled for that Monday. On that day white blouses and blue skirts could have been worn by all the girls, to give a unified appearance. Posters could have been placed throughout the school a week before to remind students of the upcoming events.

Rheta Weinstein '63.

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