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## RIBNER, GABRIEL LEAD WHO'S WHO ON CAMPUS POLL

### Henkin, Goldman, Werfel Also Chosen Among First Five

Irving Ribner '37, president of Student Council; Mordecai L. Gabriel '37, editor-in-chief of the Commentator; Louis Henkin '37, editor of the recently created Masmid Literary Supplement and number one student in academic rank in the senior class; Eliezer Goldman '37, managing editor of the Commentator; and Louis Werfel '37, secretary of Student Council were voted by the student body the five outstanding undergraduates of Yeshiva in the Commentator poll "who's who on the Campus" held last Wednesday.

The Governing Board of the Commentator ratified the choice of the student body and the five nominations for Yeshiva representation in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" were sent away to the publishers of the book at the University of Alabama.

Gerson Appel '38, news editor of the Commentator, and Louis Satlow '37, former student head of the medical department, finished sixth and seventh, respectively. Only juniors and seniors were eligible for the nomination under the rules established by the editors of the "Who's Who". However, Appel was the only junior to poll any substantial number of votes, coming five tallies behind Werfel for sixth place.

The balloting was comparatively light due to the postponement of the special sessions called for voting, when the arrival of the Commentator was delayed. The sophomores cast the greatest number of ballots with forty-five

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## Yeshiva Library's Rare Volumes Constitute An Impressive Array

While Yeshiva students, in the library, were pouring over twentieth century editions of the Talmud or thumbing the pages of the latest encyclopedia, your correspondent, in the balcony above, was blowing the dust of years from the more venerable members of the library's collection. To be specific, he was introduced for the first time to the imposing array of Yeshiva's Incunabula.

The most interesting of these new acquaintances were several portions of the Talmud printed by the Bomburg press at Venice in 1522. The pages containing the text with its perennial body guards, Rashie and the Tosafoth, wore the familiar expression of their younger brothers from the presses of Vilna, Lemberg, and Zitimir. The only strange characteristic which struck the writer was that the volumes could be studied for years by a student minus spectacles.

During the four centuries which

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## Seniors Form Deposit Bank For Class Affairs

For the benefit of those seniors who may encounter difficulty in raising sufficient funds for the several student activities, proms, banquets, key and gown, the class has formed a deposit bank of its own for the sole purpose of permitting those students to deposit small change from time to time. In this manner the burden of raising a large sum at one time will be obviated.

The Senior Bank will begin functioning Monday, Oct. 26, under the guidance of the secretary-treasurer of the class, Edward M. Tanenbaum '37.

## RABBI BERLIN DEPICTS AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE

### Gives Analysis Of Situation Before Assembly

Rabbi Meyer Berlin, president of the world Mizrahi Organization and recognized leader of orthodox Jewry, presented a thorough analysis of the Palestinian situation before an assembly of both Yeshiva and Beth Medrash students early yesterday afternoon.

Rabbi Berlin emphasized the spirit of sacrifice which permeates the atmosphere of Palestine today, and pointed out that for the first time since the destruction of the Temple, are Jews fighting for themselves, and allowing their blood to be shed for their own, native land.

On the other hand, Rabbi Berlin spoke very much in favor of the restraint and self-control which the chalutzim exercised in refusing to blind chauvenistic policies of blind revenge. He claimed this high moral concept to be a product of Jewish tradition and ethical heritage.

In conclusion the students of the Yeshiva were called upon to have faith in the future of Palestine; unflinching and unwavering convictions with respect to the future of our homeland.

## GABRIEL TO EDIT NEW STUDENTS' HANDBOOK; OPENS SONG CONTEST

### College Songs And Cheers Will Be Included In New Publication

A new phase of journalism will be introduced to Yeshiva this year with the publication, for the first time, of a handbook, scheduled to appear in the early part of December. The handbook, a project of Student Council, will include within it, in addition to a directory of the building and general information, a faculty roster, a history of the college, a list of college traditions, and of prime importance, freshman rules. The latter are to become effective with the lower freshmen entering in February.

The book is also to contain college cheers, the school song, and, it is hoped, a new march song. In order to attract the best of college talent in this field, the editorial board is running a contest for the best march song. The prize and other details will be announced next week, and the closing date must necessarily be before publication.

Mordecai L. Gabriel '37 will edit the publication, and Irving Elgart '37 is business manager. Expenses will be covered by advertisements and by subscription. The book will be sold to students at cost, depending of course on the amount of advertising procured. Purchase of the manual will be obligatory upon all incoming freshmen.

## DR. FREED GIVES HYGIENE COURSE

### Jewish Philosophy Taught By Dr. Soleveitchik

A new course in personal hygiene, to be required in the freshman year, will be given by Dr. Alexander Freed, surgeon in charge of the New York City Cancer Institute and former Yeshiva student. The introduction of this course, and a similar one in the sophomore year, was recommended in the survey of the health situation in Yeshiva which was made by the medical staff last year.

Originally plans were made to include physiology as a required course in physical education in the sophomore year, but after a request for reconsideration was made by the class of '39, it was announced by the registrar that it is possible that a hygiene course will be given the sophomores too.

Both courses are scheduled for one hour a week, with credit to be determined in the near future by the faculty committee. Lower classmen were demanding one credit per semester in view of the fact that both courses carried outside preparation and regular lecture periods. The introduction of the new course in hygiene will cause the omission from the regular physiology course of the biology department any applications

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## DORMITORY COMMITTEE MAKES RADICAL CHANGE IN RESIDENT GROUPINGS

### MR. L. SIMON ASSUMES DUTIES AS SUPERVISOR

The new dormitory supervisor, Mr. Isidore Simon, assumed his official duties last week when he moved into his apartment on the fifth floor of the dormitory building. Already he has begun establishing personal contacts with the students residing in the dormitory.

In discussing some of his objectives, Mr. Simon declared that he is primarily interested in creating a congenial atmosphere. He hopes to make the dormitory a true home for the students rather than a mere rooming house. Mrs. Simon and he intend to give the students the personal relationship with an advisor which the boys so greatly require.

### Impressed With Students

With regard to the students of Yeshiva College, Mr. Simon stated that he was favorably impressed. He indicated the activity of the dormitory committee in its attempt to re-group partners as an example of the devotion and sincerity of the students. This appeared to him to justify his hope for full cooperation from the student body.

Mr. Simon has been very active in Jewish circles, especially in the Young Israel movement. He is long connected with the Yeshiva, having helped to propagate the idea of Yeshiva among the Jewish public.

### ONEG SHABOT TO START

The Poel Hamizrachi of Yeshiva College will institute a weekly Oneg Shabot this Friday evening at 8:45 in the Dormitory Social Hall. Zmiroth and informal discussion of current Jewish events will be featured.

### Plan Meets With Vigorous Opposition Upon Announcement

### S. O. Y. AROUSED Commentator Is Petitioned By Belligerent Students

A complete revision of the existing system of selection of room mates was announced to the residents of the Yeshiva dormitory between 10 and 11 p.m. last Sunday evening by the dormitory committee of the S.O.Y., to go into effect immediately, or as soon as the many complaints can be passed upon.

The general idea of the plan calls for the regrouping of room mates to effect the pairing, whenever possible, of students steeped in Yeshiva tradition with students who have not as yet absorbed the ideals of the institution. Thus, incoming residents would room with upper classmen, who would be expected to instill in their room mates an appreciation for the ideals and principles of Yeshiva.

### Draws Comment

The announcement of the plan, catching the student body unawares, drew a variety of comment, ranging from whole hearted approval on the part of committee members to vigorous and emphatic protest from many who would be directly affected by it. Despite the fact that the majority of the committee itself is in favor of the plan, the Commentator learned from reliable sources that the action was not unanimous, and that vigorous protests were to

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## President Revel Extends Greetings To Men Of Incoming Freshmen Class

### HALPERT ASSUMES HEALTH DEPT. POST

Max Halpert '38, is to assume charge of the college health committee this year, it was announced yesterday. Louis Satlow '37, former head of the committee, has relinquished his post in favor of Halpert, who for the last three years has occupied the position of coordinator on the committee.

The offices of the Medical Department will be moved to the second floor of the dormitory, while the infirmary is to be retained in its present quarters, Halpert disclosed.

The lectures on health and hygiene sponsored last year are to be continued again this year and in addition pamphlets on health topics will also be distributed soon. The medical fee is one dollar for each student residing in the dormitory and is to be included in the registration fee at the beginning of the semester.

### By DR. B. REVEL

To the Members of the Entering Class:

My hearty welcome to you, members of the entering class. Few of you—if any—have come here for any other purpose than to delve deep into general and Jewish knowledge and to cultivate lasting and inspiring associations and friendships.

An institution like Yeshiva College, still young and unique in its outlook and aims, is not what we your elders, the founders and faculty, wish it to be. We hope for true loyalty from you, consisting of intelligent recognition of, and sympathy with, the ideals and aims of the institution and sincere effort individually and collectively to contribute the best in you to its advancement and realization. In this way you are in a true sense becoming partners in the work and future of Yeshiva College.

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## A Poor Start

The news that the dormitory problem had finally been recognized and was being dealt with, was welcome to us. Doubly so, when it became known that the reorganization was not to be from above, but that it was to be accomplished by a committee of students, who might be expected to go about the work with a full measure of sympathy and understanding.

Realizing that the only way an equitable solution could be arrived at was by the functioning of such a committee, we eagerly looked forward to a program of constructive, progressive rehabilitation.

We know well enough that neglect and laxness had become ingrained in the dormitory.

We know well enough that reorganization would be a difficult, possibly painful, process.

And we know well enough that complaints were inevitable.

But we were convinced that reorganization must be a slow process. We were, and are, convinced that no patient is ever improved by quarts of castor oil.

How disappointing, then, and how disheartening it was to discover the attitude of the dormitory committee.

Instead of making gradual adjustments after a painstaking analysis of individual cases and their thorough discussion with the principals involved, the members of the committee set themselves up as a dictatorial body with sweeping powers and proceeded to turn the dormitory upside down.

They then went ahead, in spite of all protests, to insist on all changes being carried out within 48 hours of their publication of the list.

Naturally, a blanket upheaval of this sort served only to antagonize—and justly so—students who felt that a more sympathetic consideration of their interests was the very least to be expected from a committee composed of fellow dormitory residents.

Nor is this the only count on which criticism may be leveled at the dormitory committee. It is difficult to understand why the committee found it necessary to railroad the plan into fulfillment before proper deliberation could be made as to its advisability.

In short, we feel that if the plan has any merits, the committee should be glad to let

us see them at our leisure. If the plan has faults, students are entitled to be heard, not as individuals appealing to a committee, but as the student body of the dormitory demanding of the committee an accounting, which it can justly expect.

Dormitory reorganization, as we understand it, is an evolutionary process, not something to be imposed in one crushing edict. The approach that must be made is that of a thorough study of the matter.

The appointment of a commission representing all classes of students is essential. Such a body's function should be to study, not to legislate. That is the way we would have liked to see it done.

That the committee has spent a good deal of its time in working out the reorganization, we are aware. That its members have given unselfishly and unstintingly of their time to put the plan through, we are also aware. We duly appreciate their altruistic aims. Their sincerity we have never questioned.

But we also feel that they have been carried away by their own enthusiasm. We feel that they have become over-zealous, and have gone to extremes in their quest of a solution.

At any rate, the committee must come to a realization of the glaring fact that it is only defeating its own ends by being arbitrary and sweeping in scope, and in rushing the matter through to make dormitory revision a fait accompli, and consequently more difficult to criticize.

No committee, no matter how devoted and efficient its members may be, can be considered the final authority in a matter, which like this one, affects the welfare of the entire student body.

In addition, with regard to the handling of a good number of cases, there is a strong temptation to quote the moral of washing the soap.

Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?

## The Who's Who Poll

The "Who's Who on the Campus" poll held by The Commentator last week points a valuable moral to students. Leaving aside the questions of personalities, or actual details of the poll itself, we wish to consider, rather, the implications of the ballot in themselves.

The most striking thing with regard to the poll, to us, was the mere fact that without previous announcement and with almost no preparation, the student body responded almost unanimously to the request for participation.

In the space of half an hour, ballots of almost all students were collected and filed, with virtually no confusion.

This is a most important fact to us. It demonstrates the complete feasibility of securing accurate student reaction on any problem in the period of an hour or so.

Cynics have frequently made a point of accusing The Commentator or student leaders of not representing the student viewpoint.

Wednesday's poll is the answer to this. It is gratifying to have this indication that student opinion may be thus simply reached and analyzed. It has shown us that the student is alert and alive to student government and student questions.

## Obituary

We learn with deep sorrow and regret of the passing of Louis Friedman, father of Hyman Friedman '34, who was called to his eternal reward Yom Kippur night. We extend to Mr. Friedman, on behalf of the student body, our heartfelt condolences in his bereavement.



## REVIEWS

By HAROLD POLIKOFF

Sidney Kingsley presented a preview of his new play "Ten Million Ghosts" last Monday evening at the St. James theatre under the auspices of the League for Labor Palestine. The play will have its official premiere next Friday evening.

Mr. Kingsley is a very clever and a very ambitious young man. It has become evident that in each succeeding play he experiments with new forms and treatments in addition to employing diversified themes.

Within the hospital background of "Men in White" he told a dramatic story of sacrifice; around Norman Bel Geddes' magnificent waterfront set he dealt with the problem of gangsters in the making; in "Ten Million Ghosts" he portrays the sinister role of the munitions magnate in the game of war, and he attempts to give this oft-discussed topic added significance by employing new methods of presentation. Among other things, he makes use of slides projected onto the curtain between scenes. These consist of war scenes and newspaper headlines which are designed to link the events leading up to and during the war with the action of the play.

This method has been successfully used in motion pictures, but we feel that it does not serve the purposes of the Drama, and only helps to retard the play's action. The camera, which is a mobile force, can present a kaleidoscopic view of both active and static objects and still retain the dramatic intensity of the film. On the other hand, the transition from dialogue and action in a play to a still life photograph destroys the mood created by the preceding scene of the drama.

Aside from this technical fault, "Ten Million Ghosts" lives up to Kingsley's reputation as a first class playwright. The play contains many highly tense moments, and the author presents an effective challenge to the Zabaroffs and Hearsts of the world. The scene in which the war films are shown at the munitions manufacturer's home is magnificent in all respects. The first act alone has a few rough edges which need smoothing.

Donald Oustinger's settings are excellent. His factory scene remains one of Bel Geddes in its effectiveness and realism. A cast of sterling performers contribute magnificent performances, chief among whom are Otto Harter's reporter, Oscar Walker's police officer, and George Oustinger's munitions specialist.

In our opinion, the play will have more success by the time it opens.

## MAYBE I'M WRONG

By ELEAZER GOLDMAN

A Yeshiva student, preaching during the holidays in a small industrial town, touched upon a social problem which in the course of his sermon he attempted to clarify by bringing the attitude of Torah to bear upon it. At the end of the service he was accosted by a rather excited Gentile who by some chance was present in the synagogue. "Rabbi," exclaimed this man, "I am not a religious person; yet if the minister in my church preached in that manner I would attend services every Sunday."

I don't know whether that particular sermon was a perfect sermon. I am even ignorant of the number of people who missed their chopped liver on account of it. However, that a person indifferent to religious values was impressed by the pertinence of the religious approach to a problem of secular life was in itself sufficiently indicative of the sermon's success.

But it is not my purpose to encroach upon the field of homiletic criticism. The significant point is that the same principles which apply to successful preaching may very well be followed in religious education as well. It is not sufficient for students of Torah to be trained, no matter how thoroughly, in Halacha, Jewish traditions, and Jewish literature if Torah is to be made a vital force in life.

In Jewish education, as in preaching, it is essential that the laws and values of Torah be translated into the terms of our present material and moral life. The ideas and attitudes of the Jewish religious tradition must be woven into the very fabric of our existence. They may not be abstracted from their content in the individual and social life of the Jew.

It is rather disheartening that even our orthodox institutions today, tend to foster a fixation of the one on one hand and tradition on the other. Torah is introduced as an isolated separated from and independent of the course of ordinary existence with the result that in practice the life of Torah is relegated to special moments. It becomes an inheritance in a life to which Torah is alien.

The vitality of orthodox Judaism will be maintained by the extent to which this fixation is eradicated. What are we doing about it?

Obviously, as a matter of fact, we should be doing more. In any event, it demands attention.

ON THE SIDELINES

By ABE NOVICK

Football Prospects

Newspaper offices are rather dangerous places. "Cockeyed" ideas (not quoting Landon) are very liable to pop into your head and sort of place your health and well being into jeopardy. I was wandering about the Commentator office the other day after a heated argument with my colleagues of the press on the football prospects of Yeshiva College, when the bulb flashed. An ingenious idea had by some roundabout process forced its way into my cranium. Since its an impossibility for students of the college to find the time necessary to devote to the sport, why not form a team consisting of members of the faculty. Since they have so much time on their hands, merely visiting the school a few hours a week in order to raise the temperature of the building with their fine lectures and curing readers from insomnia by producing a few books, as a sideline, a professorial football squad would be able to further the art of the game and advance Yeshiva in the sports world. So fellow sufferers, here we have the Yeshiva College faculty football team.

Left End: Ken Damon — "Hehheh-heh, well boys its just the demon in me, watch me get them right through the center."

Left Guard: Aarele Margolith — "Only through political science can we possibly reach the goal. I don't have to call the roll, I remember their faces. They can't get through me."

Left Tackle: Natie Savitsky — "Boys forget about definitions they don't go with me. I'm the one who runs all the plays here. Those opposing teams are not gentlemen, they haven't got it so we don't have to worry about them."

Center: Jake Hartstein — "You can't come late around here. Either you're here on time or don't come around here at all. How do you expect us to produce a good team if you're always late. Come on clear out of here, you're blocking my path."

Right Tackle: Lee Jung — "Football is a subjectivistic, relativistic, naive, moralistic rigorism, which denies the will for unity. In order to drive back our will for dispute, we must find the solution to the problem."

Right Guard: Arnie Lowan — "I don't like this game. It's simply too highbrow for me. I suggest we go about it intuitively."

Right End: Solly Flink — "Our economic basis is not sound. We can't continue playing unless the situation changes. Is that clear boys? Do you get that?"

Left Half Back: Ralph Rosenberg — "I wish Mrs. Rosenberg was here to see me. Apropos of that I believe that by following George Sand we could penetrate the line."

Right Half Back: Shell Safir

CHESS PROBLEM

Dr. Abel due to lack of time will be unable to submit any chess problems, this coming season. Enthusiasts are invited to send in their brain storms. This week's problem, a specimen from actual play, is submitted by George Silver '37.

White: K-QR8; P-QKT7; Q-KB8.

Black: k-QB2; q-K5.

White to play and win.

All solutions are to be submitted to George Silver, president of Chess Club.

KAPLAN REVEALS ATHLETIC PLANS

Handball Tournament To Begin Soon

Declaring itself strongly in favor of student participation in all sports the athletic council announced its plans for the coming season.

"Only through student co-operation can anything possibly be done to improve the athletic situation at the college. A fair amount of participation in any activity will warrant the council to further facilities in the sport and thereby assure the proper conditions necessary to make any activity a success."

The athletic council will strive to create an active student interest in all athletic enterprises of the school. Plans to that effect have already been drawn up and will be announced in the near future. Aaron Kaplan '37 athletic manager informed the council that a handball tournament will begin as soon as possible.

"We are striving this year", said Kaplan, "to install enough sport events in the college so that every student may be able to participate in at least one event. Handball is the first of the new events to enable the students to do so, more will be sure to follow."

MEDNICK LEAVES IN FAVOR OF LEVINSON

After heading the Yeshiva Fund for the past two years, Rabbi Bernard Mednick '40, revealed yesterday that he was resigning in favor of Nathan Levinson '38 whom he recently appointed to his former position.

Under Rabbi Mednick's supervision the fund enjoyed a marked success, having sent over three hundred dollars to twenty European Yeshivas to date.

Asserting that it was the sacred duty of all students to continue contributions, Rabbi Mednick expressed his gratitude for the cooperation he has received in the past and voiced the hope that this worthy cause will continue to grow under the new leadership.

"Let us classify all our plays. It is only through systemization that we can succeed. Suppose we have three baskets; we could place this play here, and that play there, and mix them up, etc., etc."

Quarterback: Alex Litman — "What do you call this game again—er—oh yes, eh—football. Ah, that's it. Well, I can't play

Varsity Schedule For Basketball Released

Athletic Manager Aaron Kaplan is drawing up a tentative list of various college athletic activities for the coming year mentioned that his prime efforts will be concentrated in the building up of a strong varsity basketball team.

"I regret the loss of the veterans," said Kaplan, "but with the remaining players under the able supervision of Coach Trupin, we expect to win at least 75 percent or more of all games played this year."

A "call to arms" was sounded by Coach Trupin and Manager Kaplan in urging all students to give their moral support to the basketball pioneers by attending as many games as possible. The supervisors further disclosed that the recreation room will reopen Monday night October 26 and will be open five days a week from 8:30 to 11:30 P. M. Ping pong, chess and checker tournaments will take place. All ping pong performers

will be instructed by Jerry Gordon '36. Recreation materials such as chess, checkers, ping pong sets, and a radio are expected to be placed at the disposal of the entire student body.

"As yet I am undecided as to whether I will form a junior varsity or concentrate my efforts entirely on the varsity," said Coach Trupin, "but later in the term an intra-mural indoor baseball series will definitely be held. Any activity for which there will be sufficient demand by the student body will seriously be considered."

Student scouts who have seen the "Big Four" of last year's performers in action, namely, Sonny Eisenberg, "Stretch" Mager, Marle Levy, and "Midge" Goblins report that under the supervision of the new coach they will play inspired basketball, making each victory a memorial to the loss of last year's veterans.

Basketball Varsity Schedule for '37-'38

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, Place. Rows include Webb Institute, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, Manhattan of L.I.U., City College Evening, College of Paterson, N.Y.U. School of Dentistry, Webb Institute, Lavenburg Corner House, Rils House, City College Evening.

DORM COMMITTEE LAUNCHES CHANGE

(Continued from page 1) be found within the committee.

Legality Contested Commentator also has it on reliable authority that the legality of the action of the dormitory committee was heatedly contested at an S.O.Y. meeting held Monday afternoon, where opponents of the idea maintained that the committee was entirely without its provinces in attempting to separate students arbitrarily.

Indicative of the aroused sentiment over the question was the unusually large number of petitions, by representatives of the committee and by members of the student body, for Commentator sanction and denunciation, respectively.

The plan was scheduled to be administered by Hyman Friedman '34, chairman of the committee, but due to his unpreventable absence, Bernard Lander '36, president of the S.O.Y. took charge. Members of the dormitory committee include Israel Klavan '37, Louis Satiow '37, and Isaac Rose '38.

Non-Members Active

However, other members of the student body were present at the meetings of the committee held on complaints to the plan, and took an active part in the examination of students who objected to committee decisions. Included in this group were Philip Tats '36, Isidore Marine '36, and Herschel Revel '38. One member of this group declared he was present in an advisory capacity, while Tats, in answer to a reporter's question concerning his official position in the matter, said, "I don't know."

this so well. Don't know much about it. Anyway I don't feel like becoming one of the hot polloi."

Fallback: Yukie Ginsberg — "What is the function of this game? And if it has a function what is the function of that function? We simply cannot win unless we get the derivative of the play."

N. B. MEDICOS

The Medical Aptitude Test, arranged by a committee of the American Medical College, for all students who intend to enter medical school in 1937 will be given at Yeshiva, December 4th, Jacob I. Hartstein announced late yesterday.

It was pointed out that a student need not have completed his pre-medical requirements before taking the aptitude test, if he can complete them by next September.

Registrar Hartstein requested all students interested in taking the exam to see him by tomorrow night. A one dollar fee is standard for the test.

CLASS RIVALRY TO BE RESUMED

Intra-Mural Schedule To Be Drawn Up

This semester, intra-mural basketball will once more top inter-class activities, predicted Aaron Kaplan '37, athletic manager today.

"The success of last year's tournament was due entirely to the wholesome response of the undergraduates who saw not only possible chances for class victories, but also acknowledged the recreation and exercise that intra-mural basketball offers its participants," he declared.

This fall, Lawrence Charney and Irving Newman were appointed intra-mural managers. As yet, a schedule has not been drawn up. However, the division of the schedule into two parts, one played this term, and the other next term, followed by the play-offs between the winners of each half as inaugurated last year, will be retained by the two managers this year.

To insure a successful season, undergraduates are asked to both respond to and interest themselves in intra-mural basketball games.

NEW HOURS ANNOUNCED

The office of the registrar will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every school day except Friday, Registrar Jacob I. Hartstein announced yesterday. In addition to being available throughout the day, Mr. Hartstein can be seen evenings by appointment.

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**INSPIRING MESSAGE GREET'S NEW FROSH**

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 volopment of intellectual and spiritual integrity are the primary aims of the Y.C., worthy of its name. A faculty of creative scholarship and sound ideals of education are at your service, but you alone are to determine to what extent you shall truly and permanently benefit by their instruction and fellowship, during your college years. It is for you to resolve to what extent you are to experience the strength that comes with the mastery of the tools of knowledge and the joy of intimate contact with the accumulated wisdom of the ages, and the supreme figures of Israel. It is not my aim to volunteer advice, but may I not remind you that true and lasting progress is not along the line of least resistance, but we grow as we exert ourselves physically, morally and spiritually.

It is my sincere hope that our association will be mutually beneficial and that we will succeed in

**ALUMNI GROUP PLANS QUARTERLY BULLETIN**

At a recent meeting of the Alumni Association of Yeshiva College it was announced that a quarterly news bulletin will be published under the editorship of Eli Levine '32.

The officers elected at the annual dinner of the association are Israel Uppin '32, president; Hyman Muss '32, vice president; Isaac Goldberg '33, secretary; Joshua Matz '32, treasurer, and Eli Levine '32, historian. The membership of the association has been greatly increased, now numbering 110.

Plans for the future include a theatre party during the winter season, the date of which will be announced later.

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**16th CENTURY BOOKS ON VIEW IN LIBRARY**

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 elapsed since these volumes were printed, scores of individuals have left marks and stains and written characters upon their leaves. It was unfortunate that a well known Iraqi scholar walked out of the library just as an Arabic inscription was noticed on the final page of Tractate Me-ilah.

The next book to be observed should be of interest to the senior students of the Yeshiva. It was an edition of the Tur published in 1551 together with what must come close to being a first printing of their Author's (mechaber B'laz) great work, Beth Joseph. The Beth Joseph, as is well known, was completed in 1542. In this case again it appears that out of Venice goeth forth the law.

The most hoary member of our group was somewhat of a stranger, a latin New Testament with Nicholas Delyra's commentary,

**NEW COUNCIL TO MEET FIRST TIME THIS TERM**

The first meeting of Student Council at which the class of '40 will be represented will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 in the Dormitory Social Hall, Irving Ribner '37, president of the council announced recently.

Election of freshman officers was held Monday afternoon. Seymour Krutman '40 was elected president with Max Blachowitz '40 vice-president. In addition to these delegates to Council the class also elected Jacob Spitz '40 secretary, and Irving Koslovsky '40, athletic manager.

printed in 1502. Even this work, however, became associated with a familiar background when your correspondent was told that Delyra's commentaries on the old testament were largely an exposition of Rashi's interpretations.

**RIBNER IS LEADER IN WHO'S WHO POLL**

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 choices, and the unorganized juniors trailed the freshmen with a mere fifteen.

Weakest proportionately in his own class, Ribner amassed forty lower classmen's votes to come out ten ahead of Gabriel, who polled four senior votes to every one of Ribner's. Werfel, too, was strongest with the newcomers, close to one-half of his total bearing freshman marks, and not one junior ballot bearing his name. Both Goldman and Henkin were consistent vote-getters in all classes.

The tabulation (seven highest) follows:

	Frosh	Soph	Jun.	Sen.	Tot.
Ribner	14	26	3	4	47
Gabriel	6	12	3	16	37
Henkin	2	12	3	13	30
Goldman	1	13	4	9	27
Werfel	11	8	0	6	25
Appel	2	14	3	1	20
Satlow	0	17	0	2	19



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