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LEVIN PRESIDES OVER DISCUSSION ON REFUGEE AID

Problems of Jewish College Men Studied ·

KAMINETSKY TALKS

Rabbi Steinberg Delivers Opening Remarks To Students

A. Leo Levin '39 officiated as chairman of the discussion group on refugees at the Intercollegiate Conference of the Federation of Jewish Organizations held at the Community House of Congregation Emanu-El on Sunday. Rabbi Joseph Kaminetsky '32, at present chairman of the Religious Education Club, participated as discussion leader of the commission on Palestine.

In keeping with the general theme of the gathering, "The Jewish Student Faces the World." the to important Jewish student probphilosophies, religion, Zionism. and community activities.

After a general assembly at which Rabbi Milton Steinberg of Park Avenue Synagogue delivered the opening address, the delegates separated to attend the particular commission in which they were by registration only.

The conference concluded in the evening with a general assembly presided over by Alan D. Kardel of Columbia, president of the Federation. The Chairmen of the various commissions presented summaries of the opinions expressed at their groups. The sumdiscussion.

Among the institutions represented at the convention were, in addition to Yeshiva. Columbia, N.Y.U., Hunter, C.C.N.Y., Brookiyn. Queens, and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

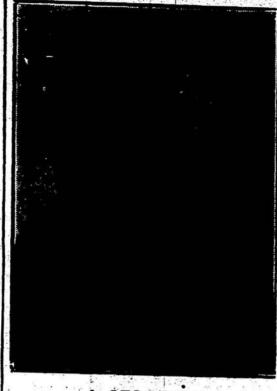
French Club Will Issue Newspaper

To Comprise the Literary Work of Students

Tentative plans for a French literary pholication to appear during the latter part of May were announced yesterday by Jerome Kestenbaum '39, president of the Cercle Francais.

Extending his invitation to all literary-minded members of the French Club and classes, Kestenbaum stated that he would appreciate their submitting interesting articles, short stories, or poems to Hyman Chanover '41 or to Israel Kurtz '41, within the next three weeks.

The French Club in the one year of its existence has enjoyed comparative success and has had the opportunity of listening to some eminent speakers. Its most recent ecturer was Mr. Braun, instructor in French, who addressed the group on the "Philology of Romance Languages."



A. LEO LEVIN

Newark Debate Finishes Season

College Is Invited to Join Tau Kappa Alpha

In its final match of the curmajor part of the conference was rent year, the Yeshiva College devoted to discussions pertaining Debating Society engaged Newark University last night in a debate lems such as political and social on the Phi Kappa Delta topic "Resolved, That The United States Cease to Use Public Funds For The Purpose of Stimulating Business". The team composed of Murray Povzea '40 and Milton Richman '40 upheld the affirmative of the subject against the negative opposition of Clinton most interested. Attendance was Rutan and Carl Stier representing Newark.

> In an interview with Bernard Finkelstein, president of the Debating Society, who acted as chairman of the evening, it was learned that an offer-to join the Tau Kappa Alpha, national intercollegiate debating fraternity, was recently extended to the Debating ream and that at the same time plans are being made to gain membership into the Phi Kappa Delta Fraternity, a similar but more prominent organization.

The Freshman Debating Team will meet the freshmen of New ark University on April 27. Oscar Reichel and Martin Zion will speak for Yeshiva on the desirability of the United States' forming a political alliance with England. On April 21 Oscar Perimutter and Melvin Rossman wili meet N.Y.U. Washington Square.

During the past year, the Debating Team made several innovations in their activities. For the first time in its history, the team went on an extensive tour of Eastern colleges in the Philadelphia area and also participated in several radio debates. non-decision matches were held during the year and two decision debates resulted in victories for Yeshiva thus maintaining its undefeated record.

MASMID NOTICE Undergraduates securing advertisements for the Masmid will receive a ten percent reimbursement of the value of the ad, Morris A. Landes '39, editor, announced. Seniors who have thus far not obtained their quota of advertisements should see either Landes or Allan Murvis '39, before the end of the week or their pictures may not appear in the publication.

Election For College Officers To Be Held On Tuesday, May 2

Delegates to Represent the College At N. S. F. A. Convention

College elections will be held on Tuesday, May 2, it was decided at a regular meeting of student Council last night.

A. Leo Levin '39, president of the student body, Arnold J. Miller '39, editor of Commentator, and Jacob Goldman '40, will represent Yeshiva at the annual Regional Convention of the National Student Federation of America to be held in Schenectady during the week-end of April 28. Goldman, who has been the regular N.S.F.A. representative this semester, will preside at the commission for Student-Faculty Administration Problems.

Council also selected Frank Shonfeld '39, chairman of the Elections and Canvassing Committee, and ratified the appointments of Jacob Heisler '39, Saul Gopin '41, Eugene/Michaly '40, and Israel Nobel '39, who will assist him.

Representing Yeshiva for the first time at an annual national meeting of the Jewish Welfare Board will be Benjamin Kreitman 39 and Hyman Chanover '41. The convention which will take place on Saturday evening, April 22, will feature many outstanding speakers and personalities from the Y.M.H.A.'s and Jewish Community Centers in the U.S.

Aaron Kra '41 and Nathan Rose '41 will attend a joint-commitee meeting of the student membership in the Association for personality training at the Russell Sage Foundation Building on Thursday, April 20.

J. Roosevelt Speaks At Refugee Dinner

Other Celebrities Present at Spectacular Affair

The urgent necessity of extending aid to the unfortunate vicims of racial discrimination was the keynote of the dinner held at the Hotel Astor on April 2 for the purpose of raising a scholarship fund for refugee students at Yeshiva College. The affair, sponsored by the Motion Picture Industries of America, was arranged under the chairmanship of W. G. Van Schmus, managing-director of Radio City Music Hall.

An audience which included numerous celebrities of the film industry heard addresses delivered by such famous persons as James Roosevelt, George J. Schaeffer, president, R. K. O. Radio Pictures who officially acted as representative of the sponsoring organization in the enforced absence of Mr. Van Schmus, Dr. Nelson P. Mead, president of City College, and Dr. Bernard Revel, president of Yeshiva College. The addresses of many of the speakers were characterized by words of consolation to the ten refugees who were the guests of honor and a strong denunciation of the forces which caused their

Goldklang Betrothal Announced at Dinner

The engagement of Miss Belle Lowenstein of Newark to Norman Goldklang '38 was announced at a dinner on Sunday at the Broadway Central Hotel, N. Y. C. The wedding will take place June 11.

Miss Lowenstein attended the University of Newark. She is president of the Alumni Association of Delta Eta Phi Sorority of the university and a member of Phi Sigma Sorority.

While at Yeshiva, Goldklang was captain of the basketball team and vicepresident of Student Coun-

Review Faculty Research Work

Publication of Many Works Scheduled

A recent survey conducted by the administration to determine the amount and nature of research being undertaken by the faculty disclosed that several works are to be published in the near future.

A book by Prof. Kenneth Damon of the speech department, "Public Discussion Method", is scheduled to be published this coming summer. Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, instructor in Jewish history has completed "The Great Sanhedrin of the Second Commonwealth" which will trace the origin, historical development, and composition of that body. It is due to appear in June.

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, assistant prioessor in Jewish sociology, is writing a Ph.D. thesis, "Social Strata in Ancient Society", hich will be published in June. Prof. Aaron M. Margolith, assistant professor of political science has written a book "American Interposition in Behalf of Jews"; in collaboration with Dr. Cyrus Adler, which will be published this spring.

Professor Joseph T. Shipley of the English department, currently on a leave of absence, has written "Pattern of Time", a study of interacting forces of life and literature in the past seventy-five years to be published in the fall of 1939.

Dr. Saul B. Sells, instructor in psychology, also on a leave of absence, has completed an experimental study of prejudice and spring and will appear in the Year Book of the Society for Psycho-sible. logical Study and Social Studies,

Numerous other pieces of research by other members of the faculty are in the process of creation and will be completed within the next 3 years.

GOLDMAN RESIGNS

Jacob Goldman '40, sports editor of the Commentator, submitted his resignation from the governing board of the paper yes-Chief of the Commentator announced.

During his three years! association with the Commentator, the money which the Hebron Goldman served two years on the Academy is not in a position to governing board.

STUDENTS HEAR DR. T. YANOFSKY ONARCHAEOLOGY

Speaker Presents Description of Activities At Expeditions "DIGS" EXPLAINED

Historical Development Of Phenology Also Cited

Stressing the practical phase of archaeology for those wishing to enter the field, Dr. Thelma Yanofsky addressed a school assembly yesterday afternoon in the Dormitory Reception Hall.

After the introduction by A. Leo Levin '39, Dr. Yanofsky began her address by defining archaeology as the scientific treatment of material remains of the unwritten past. She went on to enumerate the various sites which are fertile grounds for an archaeological expedition.

After presenting a description of the various steps which constitute the preparation for an expedtion, the speaker proceeded to give a short history of archaeology. This account included an explanation of the lecturer's special field, phenology.

The final part of her talk was devoted to an analysis of the qualities necessary for achieving success as an archaeologist. An historical approach, a scientific method, and many special talents were pointed out as the necessary qualifications to be successful in the field.

Miss Yanofsky received her early training at New York University from which she was graduated Summa Cum Laude. She earned her Doctorate from Johns Hopkins University last November with a thesis on a phase of Greek archaeology.

Request Proceeds Of Refugee Drive

Funds To Send Students To Palestine

Students who have booklets of tickets which are being sold under the sponsorship of the Students Organization of the Yeshiva for the purpose of raising money to transport German refugee reasoning concerning social issues. students to Palestine are request-Its publication is expected in the ed by Jerome Willig '38 to hand in the proceeds as soon as pos-

> The funds are being raised as part of a plan to transport fifty German students to the Talmudical Academy of Hebron and permission has already been granted the students by the British authorities. However, since \$12,500 is required as a guarantee that the students will not become public charges, the money must be raised immediately.

In addition to this expense, terday, Arnold Miller, Editor-in- funds for the transportation and maintenance of the German scholars must be provided. The S.O.Y. has undertaken to raise a part of provide.

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Our Stand Is

Isolationists to the right of him, Trotskyites to the left of him, pacifists somewhere in between volleyed and thundered. Ours not to do or die, ours but to question why said this strange

Into the valley of death rides Roosevelt, shout they in dismay. If Europe goes to h-ll - well. Too bad, it's sad.

Indeed much is to be said for this attitude. The last war to save democracy and to end all wars proved to be history's most costly disillusionment. The sole result of the sacrifice of millions of lives, of untold suffering, and staggering destruction was to prepare the world for another and greater holocaust. Apparently, however, not all nations have learned that no one is victor in war, for ominous indeed are the present portends and the stage is again set as in 1914.

Moreover, talk of war is once more being freely heard; acceptance of its inevitability is rapidly increasing. This pessimistic acquiescence is in itself a terrifying factor for it provides war propaganda with its most fertile soil of activity. It is removed by one step from actual participation in war.

It is, therefore, that these aforementioned gentlemen denounce in no uncertain terms every attempt of President Roosevelt to clash verbally with the dictators or to brand their aggressive conquests as immoral according to international law. Every such act of his, they maintain, brings the U. S. closer to the brink of war.

We understand this position and yet we beg to differ. At the risk of being termed naive and hopelessly optimistic, we assert our firm belief that America will not readily become involved in another world war. We believe that anti-war feeling has run deep into the consciousness of our national life and that the events of the past few years have but served to strengthen our resolve never to become parties again to a new world war. We are confident, moreover, that Pres. Roosevelt is truly a peace-loving citizen and has no designs of smoothing the way for our entry into war.

To us, therefore, the recent statements of our President are not fraught with danger, nor are they yet the farcical sallying-forth of a Don Quixote to do battle with two dangerous rogues; rather they represent a definite contribution to world peace at a moment when dire necessity called for a firm voice and a courageous stand. cigars.

The reverberations of his peace proposal are being heard around the world and the spontaneous acclaim which it has won cannot fail to help muzzle the mad-dogs of Europe.

The proposal to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 1939 to President Franklin D. Roosevelt receives our whole-hearted support.

Credit to the Debating Team

While enjoying a well-presented (from Yeshiva's side at least) debate last night at the final match of the Debating Society for this season, it was rather disconcerting and disheartening to witness the apathy of the student body as evidenced by the extremely poor attendance at the affair.

Of all the extra-curricular activities carried on by Student Council the Debating Society has always been one of the most outstanding. This year saw the unblemished record of previous Yeshiva teams remain intact while further lustre was added to it. This year saw, too, a greatly expanded sphere of activities and the first tour, which proved highly successful, ever to be conducted of other colleges in the east.

For this achievement the officers and members of the Debating Society are to be congratulated. In light of this the failure to receive the proper support and encouragement from undergraduates constitutes a regrettable situation.

With the time for elections to head next year's Debating Society rapidly drawing nearer and with the not too distant prospect of losing several veteran debaters through graduation, increased interest in the society on the part of the student body becomes imperative if Yeshiva is to maintain its tradition of unbeaten teams.

Information Please

The Commentator is most desirous of securing information from Yeshiva's scattered alumni about their present occupations and activitiesespecially from those alumni who seem to have become lost in the great outside world. Many requests have been received from graduates who want to know what their fellow-classmates are doing. Such information will also be of great value for the files of the college and the alumni organi-

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Tid Bits

Military power in international relations is the subject of a special course being taught at Tufts Fletcher School of Law.—Realism.

Between 40 and 50 U.S. colleges are offered for sale each year.—An old story.

Students running for office in the University of Florida spring elections spent an estimated \$2,500 on their campaigns.-Probably on

Meet the Seniors

Jerome Kestenbaum: - Jerry, as he is known affectionately by all the women, is also called managing editor of the Commentator. Writing a humor column proves a terrible ordeal for him-it slays him as well as ourselves. Was a track man at New Utrecht and keeps in trim pursuing prettier objects now. Jerry maintains a modern Procrustean bed which is open to homeless Yeshiva students if application is made beforehand. French is his main love (women excluded) and his chief claim to fame and future fortune. On the serious side, his earnings from teaching are a big help to his fam-

Max Kleiman: -- Max possesses the admirable technique of chiseling ads for the Commentator from the most difficult and extraordinary places: Is the main reason why Commie is now out of the red. Knows more about business than the Chamber of Commerce and less about education than he would like. Is a graduate of the T. I. and is now engaged in taking sundry civil service exams.

During the past year he has become very broadminded and is a firm believer in the direct approach method-both in business and pleasure.

William Herzl Freed: -- "Fritz", in his modest way, is quite versatile. His talents range from realistic art and journalism to late slumbering. Although a resident of New York for many years, his heart belongs to Boston where one, Ruth, provides the raison d'etre for his existence. Appears to be very prosperous these days. After all, he didn't undertake the job of Concert Bureau director for NBC tickets.

Mortimer J. Sklarin: - "Modest Mort" is one circulation manager who really circulates. Is a social science major who dabbles in basketball for diversion. The "Wandering Jew" from the Bronx (it isn't his fault) wanders from for his coat and books. Notwith- Meet The Seniors. Hy had his standing the antique notebook he day when a juicy volume of the carries around, "Morty" is "one Hedenu was published under his of the boys" and can usually be editorship a few years ago. His located with the rest of them in hobbies are collecting books, quotthe Times Square of Yeshiva Col- ing pesukim, and getting camp lege-Room 4-15.

Isadore Noble: - The East Side's gift to the music cult! Loves to sing, and has quite a collection of Hebrew melodies at his command Doesn't let college exams dishearten him as he is a proponent of the idea "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." He does know however, some nice girls from the East Side, which merits making his acquaintance.

Bernard Finkelstein: -A study in parody. Although "Berny" appears to be a very quiet chap with an easy going slant on life. he really has the gift of gab which he aptly shows in his debating matches. The serious side is brought out by one of the Weinstein twins from Worcester, who evokes other than platonic feelings. A tall, affable chap, his only known weakness is said to be Marty Hinchin, with whom he associates.

A. Leo Levin:-The first name represents Abraham. He dolts on politics which provide him with enough oral exercise to keep his weight down. Became known in his Freshman year as the flash one could see going up and down the corridors. Got in thick with the ruling clique then and has been ruling the roost ever since. Leo would be a good student if he could only acquire the seating habits of a scholar. With a mouthpiece like his, Leo ought to make a good lawyer. However, his bizarre black growth on that upper lip would probably blackball him from any self-respecting society. As ex-editor of Commy and present incumbent of the presidency. Mrs. Levin's boy made out O.K. at Yeshiva.

Hyman Bloom:—"Blumchik" is a veteran of old who really grew up with the institution. He remembers the days when Yeshiva had its unique existence downtown. With persistance and perseverance Hy kept after those philo and psych courses until finally he has achieved one of his place to place to seek a repository ambitions—to have his name in jobs (for himself).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Commenator: Dear Sir:

Some time ago I had the pleasure of reading a Commentator editorial advocating the renovation of the Dormitory Social Room into an adequately equipped and furnished Study Hall. At the time, it seemed but a matter of days at the most until its importance and necessity would be realized, and the change made.

However, as we all know, the fire seemed to die as suddenly as it had flamed up, and nothing more has been seen or heard of what I sincerely believe is the first, and therefore the most important step towards the solution of our well known problem.

We students in Yeshiva College cannot be held in the same light as college men elsewhere. Our scholastic load is considerably

greater than that of other students. It is an impossibility to crowd six hours work into three or even four. We have all made our choice and are willing and desirous of taking the consequences, the bad, if any, along with the good. The opportunities afforded by a well-lit study hall in the dormitory would take care of our problem from both angles. Those who need the extra hour or two of study and cannot get it under present conditions will have it, and at the same time they will not inconvenience either the other students, or our guidinglights of finance.

I hope and trust you will again shoulder the burden, and start the ball rolling in the right direction.

> Sincerely yours, JOS. SOKOLOW.



on the DELINES

By JACK GOLDMAN

It is quite appropriate that I make my farewell ode just at the time when another baseball season is ready to peer above the water to be gathered in by the multitudes of American sport lovers who are still suckers enough to spend a dollar or two on nine innings of theatrical antics all of which passes these days under the name of professional sport. I make sure to emphasize the nine because even I-that staunch crusader against professionalism and organized suckerhood-do occasionally betake myself to the ball park to witness a double-header-but mind you-only a double-header-nothing

But now to get back to the hidden causes of that favorable coincidence which finds me hanging up my glove while the major-leaguers are first picking up theirs. It is customary in all newspapers which have "decent" Sports columns—and it is a matter of precedent on the COMMENTATOR-for the Sports Editor to make his predictions for the outcome of the oncoming pennant races in the two Senior leagues.

My ranking in the Junior loop, the American league, suffers from the subtraction of reason and is governed merely by prejudice. It seems to me that the American league is too uninteresting to warrant careful and accurate analyses of the teams. The races the past iew years have been so one-sided that it would be too easy a job to these past few years and it's about time they paid dividends.

I might venture farther into the unending forest of rash fore-

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Now, when it comes to predictions, this writer buries his head in shame for his record is not so bright and unmarred when it comes to the percentage error of his prognostications. He is the living example of the Talmudic postulate that "When the temple was destroyed, prophecy desisted." Some of you may recall how I foretold last year that the Pirates would beat the Yanakees in the World Series. And, oh was my face red when the Pirates didn't even get into the series. A few weeks later this writer turned his eyes on our own basketball team and had nothing but a shrill note of pessimism to offer. And that same team turned around and gave us one of the most successful basketball seasons in the history of Yeshiva. But he refuses to learn from experience and so here goes--my predictions for the 1939 pennant races.

In the National League, which is by far the superior loop, prejudice and reason have prompted the writer to see no one but our own N.Y. Giants on top. I say prejudice because years of quiet rooting for that team have made it almost a part of me and even when "the going is tough on them and the dukes are up" I would still favor them for the championship. But the more important cause—the irrefutable power of reason tells me that an excellent pitching staff coupled with the strongest outfield in both leagues will more than compensate for the rather weak infield which suffered no little by the loss of Bartell to the Cubs. Bonura-who seems to be the talk of the town these days will multiply in power what he loses in fielding ability. Though only the top ranking interests your correspondent, he is willing to brave ostracism by adding that if Brooklyn is still in the league they might beat the Phillies out for seventh place.

simply pick the Yankees to repeat. And so I'll just say in a wishful manner that the Cieveland Indians will win the pennant in the American League, though some competition should be forthcoming | May 19--1-2-Junior - Soph. from the Boston Red Sox whose holes have been darned with gold

bodings and add that the class of '40 will win championship honors in our own intra-mural race. To be sure, it would not be much of a deviation from the general trend of this department's policy-even though it might sound more chauvinistic. But be it wiser to shout "Let's call the whole thing off" and leave it at that. After all, its all in the spirit of that which the name implies-Sport.

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BASEBALL NINES TO OPEN SEASON

Frosh, Sophs to Play In Intramurals

By M. WOHLGELERNTER

"Foul!" "Srtike three!" These familiar cries will again be heard this Wednesday afternoon when the sophomores clash with the freshmen in the curtain raiser of the 1939 intra-mural baseball schedule.

Once again the students of Yeshiva will leave their texts, notebooks, Chulins, Yoreh-Deah's, and what have you, to chase fly balls in the spacious 173rd St. ball

Except for the Seniors, who have already defaulted to the '40 men, all the teams are anxiously waiting for the first ball to cross the plate. It is hoped that the graduating class will have more to show for themselves in the future than they have done in the past.

The lower class men have al ready started practice during their gym periods and both squads boast of class A teams. Opposing pitchers are warming up and batters are clouding the ball over the park.

At a pre-season get-together of the Freshman and Sophomore ball clubs, Mike Kramer and Nathan Rabinowitz were chosen to captain their respective teams.

The Friday afternoon doubleheaders promise a lot of action. Wednesday will see the openerso "Batter Up".

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 21-1-2-Junior - Soph.

2-3—Senior - Freshman -1-2-Junior - Fresh.

2-3-Senior - Soph.

5-1-2-Senior - Junior 2-3—Soph. - Fresh.

May 12-1-2-Junior - Fresh.

2-3—Senior - Soph.

2-3-Senior - Fresh. May 26—Championship Final

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The 1939 tennis season will officially open for Yeshiva next Thursday when the varsity meets Washington Square College of New York University on the latter's court. This marks not only the opening of the current season but also the first inter-collegiate tennis match in which a full Yeshiva varsity is to take part.

Four other colleges are on the schedule. On May 1, the Y sextet will engage John Marshall at the Marshall courts and May 6 will find Yeshiva pitted against Essex Junior College in New Jersey. Matches will also be played with N.Y.U. Commerce and with Brooklyn Evening though no dates have as yet been scheduled for these contests.

The varsity itself is gradually rounding into shape according to Sol Aber '39 and Jack Goldman '40, co-captains. There are still a number of positions open on the team and all those who can play tennis fairly well are urged to try out for the team. At present, the only three men who are virtually sure of positions on the team are the two co-captains and Herman Gutterman '41.

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nette is to marry has money to burn.

Seymour: Well, he's met his match.

Why is it when we're writing column

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As the girl friend remarked to the boy friend who just finished cating the furniture polish, "Lips that touched lacquer, shall never touch mine."

City Slicker: "Why do you call that pig 'ink'?"

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