

Yeshiva Role Is Theme Of Astor Dinner

School Is Vital In Blending Forces of Mind, Spirit, Dr. Revel States

In these days of spiritual and moral blackout, when a large portion of mankind has repudiated God and faith, vital indeed are such institutions of learning as Yeshiva, said Dr. Bernard Revel in his speech at the sixth annual Dinner of Yeshiva held in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor last Sunday evening.

"The Yeshiva and Yeshiva College," he continued, "is dedicated to the deepening of God-consciousness and the spirit of human fellowship, to the blending of the forces of mind and spirit, in man's selfless quest of reality and abiding truth."

A large crowd of over 800 people, filling the main floor and the gallery, also heard during the evening the Hon. Samuel Levy, Dr. Nelson P. Mead, acting president of C.C.N.Y., and Rep. So. Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Saul Cohen, chairman of the Dinner Committee and president of the National Dept. Store Association, acted as master of ceremonies. In his opening speech he emphasized the fact that the purpose of Yeshiva College was to correlate faith and reason.

Jan Peerce Sings

The entertainment, which was arranged by Mr. W. G. Van Schmus, managing director of the Radio City Music Hall, was mostly of a musical nature. Miss Jane Forrest, coloratura, began the program with two classical songs, after which Anatole Kaminsky, guest violinist of the Philharmonic Orchestra, played "Nocturne" by Chopin-Milstein and "Polonaise" in "D". A short ballet entitled the "Fiddlers Three", which was arranged by Leon Leonidoff, preceded Walter Cassell, baritone, and the Radio City Music Hall Glee Club singing "Old Man River". Yoichi Horacka played two selections by Tschaiikowsky and one by Mante

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SOFFEN TO PERFORM BEFORE MUSIC CLUB

Mr. J. Soffen of Columbia University, will be the guest pianist at the Music Club's next meeting on Thursday evening, December 28. Murray Povzea '40, chairman of the group's executive committee, announced.

Mr. Soffen, who will render and comment on the more famous masterpieces of Mozart, Chopin, Debussy and McDowell, will set a new precedent for the society by offering the first personal performance in the short existence of the club. Hitherto the organization's weekly programs have consisted of musical recordings only.

Povzea further announced that Prof. Damon, of the Speech Department, and Dr. Sandburg, well-known musicologist and composer who is presently conducting a non-credit course in the Principles of Hebrew Music, will act as commentators on the musical programs of the society in the very near fu-

French Group Plans One Act Production

Plans for a forth-coming one-act play to be presented by the French Club are being discussed, it was learned from Benjamin Welber '42, president of the society. This is the first time that such a function has been attempted by a language group at Yeshiva.

Another project being undertaken by the organization is a class for freshmen deficient in French pronunciation and speech. This class will be led by Welber and Felix Wimpfheimer '42.

3 Essay Contests Open To Students

Rules and Awards Differ For Respective Groups

Three essay contests, open to Yeshiva College students, are being sponsored by the Jewish Education Association in celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the United States' adoption of the constitution, a special dispatch from the office made known recently. The various competitions are open to lower classmen, upper classmen and post graduate students.

"The Place of Religious and Cultural Groups in the American Democracy of Tomorrow" or "The Hebrew Scriptures in the Fabric of American Civilization" are the topics offered as subjects of the essays.

The theme for the Freshman and Sophomore classes should be between two thousand and three thousand words, upper class essays are restricted to five thousand words, while post graduate entries have no limitation of their length.

Entries must be received in the office of the Jewish Education Association at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, not later than April 30, 1940.

Following is the list of prizes for the various contests:

Freshman and Sophomore classes—First, \$300; second, \$150; third \$75; fourth, \$25; fifth, honorable mention. Junior and Senior classes—first, \$400; second, \$200; third, \$100; fourth, \$50; fifth, honorable mention. Post Graduate Departments—first, \$500; second, \$300;

Squad To Embark On Debating Tour Of Eastern States

Interesting Jewish Topics Will Be Included In Extensive Tour

The most extensive road tour in Yeshiva debating history, through Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, will commence in Philadelphia Monday, February 12, with the squad meeting Ursinus College, M. Elias Blackowitz '40, president of the debating society, announced. Other institutions included in the projected trip include Temple, Delaware, and American Universities as well as Swarthmore and St. Joseph Colleges.

Three contests are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, the second day of the tour, during which Yeshiva will meet Temple and the University of Delaware at Wilmington. The team is scheduled to debate St. Joseph's and Swarthmore in Philadelphia, February 14, while the American University at Washington, D. C., will supply the opposition for the following day.

The P.K.D. topic concerning the strict isolation of the United States from European affairs and the question of a third term for President Roosevelt will constitute the subjects for debate during the tour. Also included in the plans for the trip are lectures by members of the debating society on matters of Jewish interest to Jewish organizations at various points on the route.

Blackowitz also announced that Eugene Michali '40, and he will uphold the negative of the topic: "Resolved: that the United States be made a cultural center of World Jewry," in the debate against Brooklyn College, which will be held at the Young Israel of Williamsburg, January 3. This contest marks the second time that Yeshiva and Brooklyn have argued on a topic of Jewish interest.

Students are requested to see the Registrar for further details.

Plan Of Courses Now Crystallized

Reichel Chosen Head Of Lost-Found Dept.

A Lost and Found Bureau has recently been organized to alleviate some of the inconveniences of students attempting to retrieve as well as return articles. Oscar Reichel '42, has been appointed as chairman.

All notices announcing lost objects should be submitted in writing to the Co-Op store for posting on the bulletin board.

Theatre Technique Course Is Offered

Initial Lecture To Be Given By Polikoff Tonight

Harold Polikoff, director of the spring vehicle for the Dramatic Society, will deliver the first of a series of lectures on college theatre and stagecraft at the group's meeting tonight, Philip Horowitz '42, president of the Society announced.

The course, the first of its kind ever to be offered here, is designed to provide within a period of four weeks a general survey of dramatic technique for those students interested in the art. Casting for the organization's production will begin shortly before the close of this series of lectures, at which time the classes will assume a more specialized aspect for each of the functions in play production.

Horowitz added that the Society has completed arrangements with the Social Committee to participate in the coming Varsity Show. For the purpose of facilitating such action, a committee consisting of Elvin Kosofsky '41, chairman, Robert Schwartz '40, and Nathan Rabinowitz '41, was delegated to establish contact between the organization and the Varsity Show Committee, at the group's meeting last Wednesday night.

The group's meeting is scheduled to begin at nine o'clock this evening in the second floor Dormitory Social Hall.

Instructors to Advise Students In Choice of Subjects

A revised curriculum designed to prepare students more fully for their careers after graduation was disclosed by the Executive-Faculty Committee early this week. Under the new set-up, the work during the first two years will be prescribed and sufficiently varied so that the student may decide upon his major in his Sophomore year.

The plan calls for a consultation on the part of the student with a designated instructor in his major department which will be in Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, English, Philosophy, or History, at which he will work out a schedule for his future work together with his advisor. The Executive Committee also announced that students will be required to fill out their programs on a form obtainable at the Registrar's office and to consult the instructor at the beginning of their Sophomore year.

Requirements Explained

Requirements of this program as stipulated in the newly-integrated curriculum call for the completion of eighteen points of work in the major subject, and an additional thirty points in the particular field of concentration in which the major is included.

The fields of specialization will be divided into the following three groups of related subjects:

Field of Concentration I—Language, Literature, and Fine Arts. Bible, English, Hebrew, French, German, Greek, and Latin.

Field of Concentration II—The Social Sciences.

Economics, Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

Field of Concentration III—The Pure Sciences.

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

After having met these requisites, the student will be permitted to take a number of credits of free choice either in the same field or in another.

Committee Cites Example

In order to make the application of the rules clear, the Executive-

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Upper-Classmen Reluctantly Shelve Books To Go Out On A Spree Gallivantin' Around With Hunter Lassies

By EMANUEL FISHER '42

As a climax to the Chanukah festivities and dreidel-rotation, the Yeshiva upper-classman emerged from behind his wall of text-books and entered the social brackets. The stimulus for this temporary exodus was furnished through an invitation extended by Miss Etta Powder in behalf of a group of Hunter College seniors for a social and perhaps cultural evening. The purpose of the gathering was to thicken the address-books of our most venerable oldsters and to foster a closer relationship between the respective colleges.

After receiving the invitation "Pinnie" Gorodetzer immediately informed twelve of our glamorous and handsome cabaleros about the affair. Reluctantly, the boys ac-

cepted the burden placed upon them by this call to arms, for undoubtedly they would much rather study than go to any affair, especially where members of the opposite sex were concerned. It was only after much bickering and badgering, that "Pinnie" was able to persuade the young Talmudists to go.

Our gallant cavaliers penetrated the dark and forbidding domain of the Bronx (we believe them fully when they say that their minds were on their studies, and we can well imagine the pangs of remorse they must have undergone in experiencing at the same time a feeling that they were sacrificing a great deal for Yeshiva). It seems, however, that time is the cure for all our ills.

With astonishing alacrity our representatives doffed their atti-

tudes of gloom and adopted demureness of carefree gaiety. They ate—making sure, of course, that the food was kosher. They danced—being certain of course, that all matters of a holy order were farthest from their minds. They played—being doubly positive that the games did not encroach upon any policies of "Yiras Shamayim".

A certain individual from Pennsylvania who courageously acceded to accompany home one of the "blessed damozels", became lost in the labyrinth of streets in the Bronx and only after using some logical deduction did he succeed in arriving at the Yeshiva doors—very early in the morning.

The moral of the story is that when Yeshiva bachurim are in sacrificial mood they can be a "sharp" as the occasion warrants.

PROF. KLEIN TO HEAD LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Associate Professor David Klein was elected chairman of the Library Committee, and Registrar Jacob I. Hartstein appointed secretary of the group, at its last meeting, a bulletin from the office revealed. The other members of the faculty Library Committee are Assistant Professor Aaron Margalith and Assistant Librarian Isaac Goldberg '32.

At its last meeting, the committee decided to request the appointment of a special committee by the Alumni Association to cooperate with it in increasing the number of books on the library shelves. It was also voted to organize a Pro-Library Committee, consisting of a group of booksellers, to aid in procuring books at a low rate for the library.

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administration of the library. The library today is a one man organization, and that one man is, in most matters, responsible to no one and in other matters to a faculty library committee which apparently hesitates to assert whatever authority it has. The test of any system is how it works. And as evidence that the present system is not working I cite the fact that the library, with approximately six thousand books, still has no card catalogue, while at the same time, some NYA students working in the library, are given practically useless tasks to perform.

Leon Rubinstein.

ON THE SIDELINES

by ABE KARP

It is axiomatic, that five factors are essential for a successful team, namely material, coaching, practice, condition, and spirit. Yeshiva is fortunate this year in having the first two, but the rub lies in the practice sessions, the conditions of the players, and the lack of fight of the team.

Potentially the present Quints are the best basketball team ever to take the court for the Blue and White. Coach Hy Wettstein is doing an excellent job. But here the credits end, and the debits begin.

Practice sessions are called at regular intervals, but as the coach aptly put it, "one fellow teaches, one is sick, two have girl friends, and the rest are still looking."

The Quints seem to be obsessed with the idea that a team's training table is the nearest soda counter, and that a diet of frappes and Pepsis is the ideal conditioner. Sleep to them is a vice, to be indulged in only by inferior undergraduates. Exercise, is below their dignity, and is something practiced only in callsthenic studies, by floundering females.

The word "fight" is obsolete to them. Why, they're good enough to trounce any team unfortunate and bold enough to face them. Tales of their prowess, cause their opponents to tremble for fear, and all they have to do, is to don their uniforms, file onto the court, and sink a few shots. If any team is brazen enough to show some fight, the Quints don't know what to retaliate means.

The members of the varsity must once and for all realize, that there is no room on the team, for those who refuse to keep in condition, for those whose alibis exceed their qualities and for those who are just plain lazy.

From the N.Y. Post of Tuesday, Dec. 19.
"Sports Ed.—Is Yeshiva College on L.I.U.'s basketball schedule this year? If so, where are they playing and on what date? And by what score will Yeshiva beat L.I.U.?"

—HAROLD MILLER.
"(Note:—Yeshiva plays L.I.U. on January 6 at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy gym, and since you figure Yeshiva to win, you probably are best qualified to fill in the score yourself.)"

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Quints Top Bergen 22-21; Trounced By Essex 46-19

Bergen's Late Rally Checked In Final Minutes

With Captain Irv. Koslowe, Abe Avrech, and Sam Meyer excelling, the Yeshiva College Quints broke a two-game losing streak by defeating a rugged Bergen Junior College "5" by the close score of 22-21 on the winner's court last Monday evening. Though playing without the services of Art Brandwein, and "Hesh" Esterson, who are out with injuries, the Quints showed enough spunk to hold off a fighting Bergen team in the closing minutes of the game—to emerge victorious.

The game started off slowly with both teams missing numerous shots and it was the visiting team that scored first on a rebound off the backboard. Then followed two quick baskets by Jaret and Avrech which put Yeshiva in a lead which it held for the remainder of the game. Jaret, having had two personals called against him in the first quarter, was replaced by Mel Liebman who played his usual fighting game both on the defense and offense. The Quints then lapsed for the remainder of the period, and the score at the half was 13-10 in favor of the Blue and White.

Displaying fine defensive form, the Quints in general and Koslowe and Avrech in particular held the Bergen team scoreless in the third quarter. Meyer excelled offensively in this period, scoring four points. This was all the tallying Yeshiva did during the period, bringing the score to 17-10 at the end of the third stanza.

The last quarter was the most exciting one of the game, and had the crowd on its feet for the greater part of the period. The Blue and White first "5" having played the greater part of the game, though tiring fast, nevertheless staved off the visitors' belated rally—which brought them within one point of the Quints—and emerged victorious by the score of 22-21. Holowell was high scorer for the visitors with 8 points.

Sophomores Beat Seniors By 20-15

An aggressive Sophomore basketball five outclassed a fighting Senior quintet to win their first game of the current campaign 20-15, last Thursday night.

With varsity-like agility, the victors ran up an impressive 9-6 half-time lead before the aged seniors could gather their wits about them.

Leading the attack for the winners was Milt Kramer with 7 big markers. Other Soph scorers were Cohen with 6, Gellman with 4, Masis with 2, and Karp with 1 point. Ex-varsityite Sol Maimon was leading scorer for the losers with 6 points, while Merrin and Willig accounted for the remainder of their tallies.

*YESHIVA (22)		
G.	F.	P.
Avrech	2	0
Jaret	0	2
Liebman	0	0
Koslowe	3	0
Meyer	2	1
E. Abramowitz	0	0
S. Rosenbloom	2	1
Hartstein	0	0
Schwartz	0	0
Total	9	4

BERGEN J. C. (21)		
G.	F.	P.
Astapuk	2	2
Rauch	0	0
Boylan	0	0
Pfeiffer	0	0
Hamilton	2	0
Padavano	0	0
Moyle	0	3
Holowell	4	0
McGarry	0	0
Thomson	0	0
Total	8	5

ESSEX		
G.	F.	P.
Naideck	3	1
Jenkins	0	0
Maziarzi	2	0
Kanfor	3	0
Vaskol	2	3
Sagerman	0	0
Pra	1	1
Sciempf	0	0
Bloom	7	5
Klentz	0	0
Total	18	10

YESHIVA		
G.	F.	P.
Avrech	0	0
Schwartz	0	0
Jaret	1	1
Koslowe	1	3
Meyer	0	0
Esterson	1	1
Hartstein	0	0
Rosenbloom	3	1
Liebman	0	0
Abramowitz	0	1
Elgart	0	0
Total	6	7

The Powerful Jerseyites Outclass Blue and White Quintet

A powerful Essex Jr. College outfit, routed the Quints on one of their too-frequent "off-nights" 46-19, on the victor's court, last Saturday night. Essex outplayed Yeshiva in every phase of play, as the Quints weren't able to "get-going."

From the opening whistle it was evident that the Jerseyites were the better team, although the quints managed to keep the first quarter score down to 8-5.

In the second stanza, unerring set shots, and fine play under the basket, enabled Essex to roll up 19 points to Yeshiva's 1, and to lead at the half by the wide margin of 27-6. The Quints had many opportunities to score but didn't capitalize on them, for their passing was sloppy, and their shooting wild.

Coming out for the second half refreshed by the intermission and fired by Coach Wettstein's chastising words, the Quints displayed a fine brand of basketball to decrease the Jerseyites' lead to 27-16. But here, their offense bogged down, and Essex came back strongly to pile up point after point while checking Yeshiva's scoring. The game ended with the Blue and White at the short end of a 46-19 count.

High scorer of the game was Bloom of Essex with 19 points, followed by teammates Naideck and Vaskol with 7 each.

Rosenbloom's 7 points led Yeshiva's scoring, Koslowe being second with 5.

SCRIPTA PUBLISHES
Publication of a third in the series of annual portfolios of the Scripta Mathematica, entitled "Portraits of Famous Philosophers, who were also Mathematicians," was announced this week by Prof. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor in mathematics at Yeshiva College and editor of the journal.

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Ditty of the Week:
The thing that troubled Hamlet Was, "To be, or not to be?" But "no B, not even one B". Is the thing that troubles me.

Dictionary:
Orator: A man who uses V-S words to propel a four-cylinder idea.
Hitler: The nut in the slug-nutty world.
Osteopath: A man who works his fingers to your bones.

A Yeshiva boy boarded a Fifth Ave. bus, handed the conductor a ten dollar bill and with a sweet smile said, "I'm sorry, but I don't have a dime."
"Don't let that worry you", the conductor answered just as sweetly, "you'll have ninety-nine of them in a minute."

Quote of the week:
"I don't mind if I see a student fidget at the end of the hour. I don't mind seeing him take out his watch and look at it. But when he takes out his watch, stares at it, puts it to his ear, and shakes it, that gets me."
Any Y.C. Prof.

Thought of the week:
If time is money, and money is the root of all evil, then the wasting of time, is the pre-vention of evil.

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Dr. Revel Speaks

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on the xylophone, and Jan Peerce, famous tenor of the Music Hall, sang "La Donna E Mobile". In answer to many requests he also sang a Jewish song, "A Chazan of Shabbos". As a conclusion to the entertainment Mr. Peerce and a mixed chorus rendered the traditional "Kol Nidre".

Dinner Great Success

Remarking on the dinner, Mr. Salzman, executive director of Yeshiva College Activities said, "This dinner is the largest and most successful of all. We had a representation of the crossroads of New York's best people, and what is more important than either the financial or social success is the fact that Yeshiva has made new friends. This affair means many more scholarships for worthy and needy students, and it has become an annual function in the money-raising activities of the downtown office"

Among the many celebrities present were Mr. Balaban, president of Paramount Pictures, Mr. Kenneth Collins, Business Manager of the New York Times, Prof. Cassius Jackson Keyser, and Mr. Murray Silverstone of United Artists.

CURRICULUM REVISED

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Faculty Committee presented one hypothetical case. A student choosing chemistry as his major will consult the designated instructor in the Chemistry Department. At that time the student will be in the process of completed or will have completed General Chemistry (eight credits) and Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis (eight credits). An additional course in chemistry must now be planned to fill in the quota of required points.

The next thirty credits in the field of concentration exclusive of chemistry must be accounted for. The student has already had Mathematics 1-2 (six credits), and needs twenty-four more credits. These may be acquired by taking either more mathematics, more chemistry, or by pursuing courses in biology and physics.

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