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Class Elections

Sommers, Comet, Rosenbaum New Class Prexies

In an election featured by close contests, Fred Sommers '44, Nathan Rosenbaum '45, and Theodore Comet '46, were chosen presidents of their respective classes for the coming year. The vice-president-elect of the men of '44 is Leonard Goldstein.

Running unopposed, David Moseason '44, was selected secretary and Aaron Abelow '44, athletic manager of the coming senior class. The other winners in the class of '45 were Harold Miller, secretary, and Earl Korchak, athletic manager. Next year's sophomore class elected Mitchell Cohen to the position of secretary and Meyer Senders to the position of athletic manager.

In a hotly contested, six-cornered race, Fred Sommers finally prevailed over Harold Surchin with a P.R. count of 19 to 16. Leonard Goldstein was victorious over Leo Auerbach in a 26-24 tally.

The vice-presidential elections of the present junior and sophomore classes were contested and the appeals upheld by the Elections Canvassing Committee. Re-elections for those offices will be held on Monday, May 24.

Rabbi Soloveitchik Hebrew Club Guest

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik will lecture on "The Man of Halakah", on Tuesday evening, June 15th, Israel Lerner, Hebrew Club prexy announced. The lecture will deal generally with a description and evaluation of the man of halakah in comparison to the "homo religiosus", and will also include a discussion of several great personalities.

Professor Linn's Contest Publicity Garners Flat Zero, Plus Charlie

It all came about when Professor Linn passed me in the hall a few days before the Pesach vacation and asked me if I wanted a scoop. "Will it keep until we get back?" I asked him. "On the basis of past response it will keep forever, I assure you," Professor Linn (and notice that I am calling him by his newly obtained title) responded. So I put it down on the calendar as not urgent, and needing a story for this space I dropped in on Dram Soc's mentor.

"Paul," he greeted me, when I made known the purpose of my visit, "would you call it news if I were to tell you that there was a picture of me as big as your fist and as prominent as my neck-ties in one of the large circulation evening newspapers and it went unnoticed by every student here at Yeshiva?" I didn't want to

Whatnots of '43 Select Whosits in Senior Poll

There are in existence election polls, Gallup polls, telegraph polls, and Mirachi Poels—but by far the most popular poll among the graduating candidates at Yeshiva College is the senior poll conducted by "Commentator" and "Masmid" which announces to the world at large and to the College student body as well, the whosits, whatits, whatnots and the most popular member of the faculty of the Yeshiva College.

The senior poll was a huge success this year in that only thirteen lucky hopeful graduates failed to register their remarks. The tabulations of the duty-bound seniors

awarded the title of most popular faculty member to Drs. Barvitz, Litman, and Lashin, with Prof. Mirsky and Mr. Kraus receiving other honors.

The Baer Facts

Mordecai J. B. Ebron, of the happy smile and wide face, won acclaim as most popular senior. When the Baer facts were discovered, it was found that he copped honors as most brilliant, most respected, and most industrious. Jaffe who was voted most naive also received a wave of ballots proclaiming him the only male WAAC at Yeshiva. The search for the most handsome man of the class of '43 was in vain as all candidates for the honor received merely one vote.

Maybe They're Wrong

Murray Margolies, former columnist of "Commentator" seemed to be in the right with no maybes about it when his classmates chose him most likely to succeed. The Yeshiva Furst Committee received additional impetus when Milton was accorded the honor of the one who did most for the school.

On the musical tally, the seniors were instrumental in voting Harry James (a trumpet player) as their favorite band leader. Block, who tied Zwillenberg for honors of the class athlete, almost beat the maestro in the hum-drum of the polling.

The results of the poll have proven to be of superior '43 caliber, of refined distaste and of a sense of humor which makes one laugh. And so, with the close of the tabulations, the graduating class concludes its festivities of this its farewell year and pays homage to its celebrities.

Blue Blood 'Debbie' Prunes Family Tree

"Once upon a time," she began, "there was a prince. Now this prince . . ." And so "Debbie" Weisenthal, our smiling P.R. Kappa bursar, began to disclose the existence of royalty in her family tree.

"This prince, Nicholas Radziwill the Black," she continued, who lived in Poland during the sixteenth century decided to do penance. He traveled to Rome and there consulted the Pope who advised him to exile himself and lead the life of a beggar.

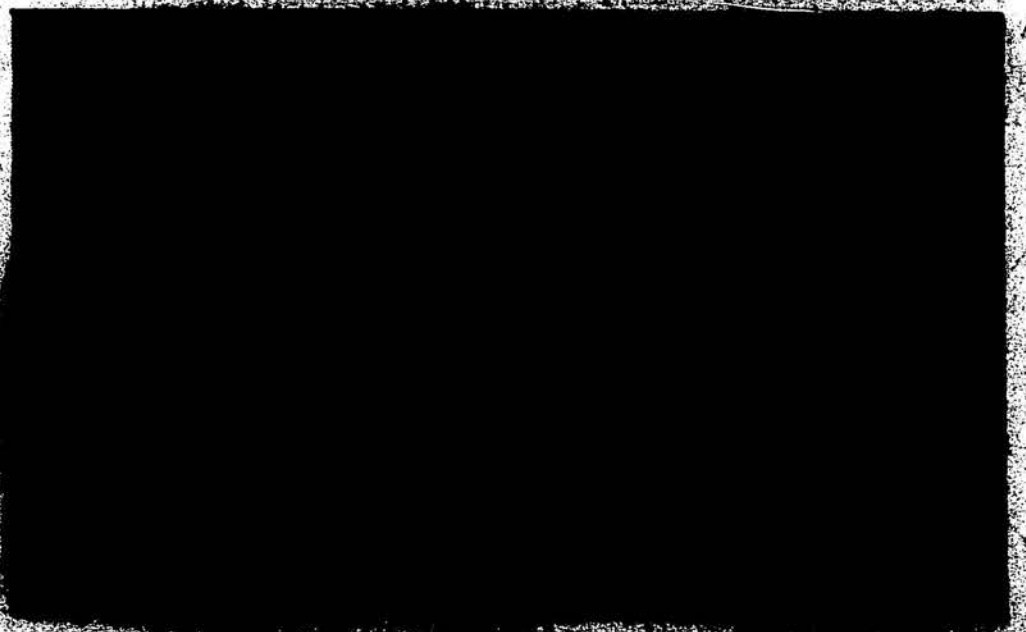
"Upon completing his penance, the prince found himself destitute in Padua, Italy. None would accept his claim to princely origin except Rabbi Samuel Judah Katzenellenbogen, my great, great . . . grandfather who furnished

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Gordon, Mandelbaum, Tanenbaum, Weinstein, Tuchman Complete Board

The new Governing Board which will take over the reins of "Commentator" for the next school year will consist of Fred Sommers '44, Nathan Rosenbaum '45, Theodore Comet '46, James Gordon '44, Herman Mandelbaum '45 and Herman Tanenbaum '45, News Editors; Charles Weinstein '45, Sports Editor; and Louis M. Tuchman '44, Publicity Manager, Joseph Kormanik, outgoing Editor-in-Chief, succeeded.

Outgoing Governing Board



Left to right: Fred Sommers '44, Nathan Rosenbaum '45, Theodore Comet '46, James Gordon '44, Herman Mandelbaum '45, Herman Tanenbaum '45, Charles Weinstein '45, Louis M. Tuchman '44, Joseph Kormanik.

"The precedent of a single News Editor was broken this year," Karasick stated, "because past experience has shown that added duties and responsibilities of a bigger and better paper will require the concentration of two able men. The equality of experience and ability has led Governing Board to choose both Mandelbaum and Tanenbaum as News Editors". Paul Orentlicher '44, the newly-elected Editor-in-Chief, has devoted himself to "Commentator" since his entrance into Yeshiva

College. In his Junior year, he served as Managing Editor and has been active in the Dramatic Society. He also served as head of the Publicity Bureau.

Next year's Managing Editor, James Gordon '44, served his apprenticeship in "Commentator" during his Freshman and Sophomore years but resigned during his junior year to fulfill the position of Secretary for Student Council. In his Sophomore year, Gordon was the newspaper's Circulation Manager.

The two News Editors, Allen Mandelbaum '45 and Herman Tanenbaum '45, in addition to their work for "Commentator" since their Freshman year were active in other school activities. Mandelbaum received the Feuerstein award and Tanenbaum, honorable mention as the freshman who showed most promise and ability in the field of journalism.

The new penman of "On The Sidelines", Charles Weinstein '45, demonstrated his abilities and competency as a reporter for the sports department. Weinstein has been writing for "Commentator" for two years and has been active in athletic circles.

Business arrangements will be handled by Louis M. Tuchman '44, "Commentator" business staff member for two years. Tuchman, twice president of the French Club, was in Student Council as vice president of the Junior class.

Having joined "Commentator" in his sophomore year, Nathan Rosenbaum '45, was appointed Feature Editor while the Copy Editor, Abraham Hartstein '44, served on the school publication for three years. Elmer E. Elefant joined the Circulation Staff this year and was appointed manager of this department.

Reichel, Bloom New S.O.Y. Heads

In one of the largest turnouts for an S.O.Y. election in recent years, Oscar Reichel '41 emerged victorious in a closely contested struggle for the presidency. Reichel defeated his opponent Jack Ackerman by a majority of 94 votes.

Climaxing a week of extensive campaign by the candidates for the vice-presidency, secretary-treasurer, and gabbai, respectively, the following were chosen:

Marvin Bloom '45 over Murray Rothman '45 by 41 votes; Samuel Blech '45 over Meyer Sanders '46 by 9 votes; and Menachem Raab '44 over Norman Twersky by 69 votes.

When interviewed, Reichel, the newly-elected president, stated: "I wish to thank the Yeshiva student body for the confidence given me. Many suggestions for a more dynamic S.O.Y. have already been accepted. This, I think, is a fine indication of a renewed interest in the S.O.Y. which should lead to some very fruitful activities during the coming year."

P. O.

CREDO

This being our first editorial, we think it appropriate to set down briefly some fundamental axioms, some of our basic attitudes and opinions concerning the institution. We think it proper to state the rules, before we begin to play the game.

Our basic theory is this: The faculty and student body are engaged in a cooperative venture on a partnership basis. It is the faculty's duty to help the student learn the facts of the natural world, the major problems in the ethical, economic and social spheres, and the solutions offered by the great thinkers of the past. It is the duty of the student to accept this help in a cooperative spirit, to offer opinions and criticism leading to stimulating discussion and to extract from the mass of facts and theories a philosophy of life conducive to a good and happy existence. A spirit of collegueship must obtain in faculty-student relations.

Faculty

But the spirit of give-and-take must pervade the administrative office as well as the classroom. The faculty has set up a government of its own to administer its affairs. This is called the Administration. The students, too, have organized a government of their own to handle their affairs. This is called Student Council.

Our future policy shall be to bring about an amicable and wholesome relationship between these two governing bodies. Around the conference table all differences of opinion and difficulties can be resolved. Discord and alienation can result only in the tragic failure of the academic enterprise.

However, we, as the editors of the students' organ of expression, shall at all times guard jealously the interests and concerns of the student body. We shall resist any attempt on the part of our partners to take over more than their share of the business. We don't doubt they will do likewise.

This much for faculty-student relations.

Regarding the alumni: We believe the Yeshiva College alumnus has a very definite role and function in the progress of the institution. The extent of his experience and the clarity of his vision are indispensable assets to the smooth functioning of the school and particularly student activities. We intend to draw considerably from this reservoir of experience and inspiration. We intend to promote a close relationship between the Alumni Association and Student Council, a relationship which, too often in the past, has been lacking. There are at least, two sore-spots we can think of now where the alumni can supply the balm: vocational guidance and orientation.

Alumni

Which brings us to our last point.

In the past year it has become increasingly evident that there exists an urgent need for orientation. By orientation we do not mean merely a closer fraternization among students; nor do we refer only to the lower classmen. We think there is a tragic lack of understanding among many students of what Yeshiva College is, what it stands for and what it is attempting to do.

Too often the word "synthesis" has been thrust into our faces; in our hearts and minds we are still confused over its meaning. "Yeshiva College attempts to effect a synthesis of religious and secular studies," we have been often told. What does this mean?

Some of us think that to effect a proper synthesis we must enter the institution with few preconceived notions, with a sort of tabula rasa, and then, faced with a world of religion and a world of secularism, we must juggle them around somehow until a state of peace and harmony exists between them. The result is that religious convictions are lost and secular studies leave a bad taste in the mouth.

By "synthesis" we must understand not a co-existence of equals but an integrated system of religious and secular ideas based on the eternal verities of our religion. We begin our career here with the basic postulates of Orthodox Judaism. Then, as we continue our studies, we fit the secular ideas into the religious pattern, thus broadening our understanding and enriching our religious life.

This is a message we shall attempt to bring home to the students time and time again. We prefer to pronounce the name of our institution as YESHIVA College, not Yeshiva COLLEGE.

These are the rules of the game. Now, let's play.

The Old
Reminisces

By Joseph Karasick

In writing this column, I feel as if an uncomfortable weight has been lifted from these tired shoulders. For the first time since I assumed editorship of "Commy" I can write in the first person singular, legally and without compunction. Whereas it was "... we feel that ..." "therefore, we protest ..." "we suggest ..." now I have ceased being a pluralistic editorial ego, and am once again an individual in my own right.

Looking backwards, it wasn't a half-bad year. Yes, a lot has remained unsaid; but also much has been said, and—more important—eventually carried out into action. It was quite a thrill engaging the administration in the extra-curricular and curfew issues.

I don't mind disclosing, now that it's all buried and forgotten, I hope, or else my good friend, Mr. Orentlicher, is going to get busy again—that we were rather apprehensive over the outcome of these issues. Being on the inside, as it were, both "Commentator" and the student leaders knew how much would be lost by the students if these measures remained, and it was with the satisfaction of winning both a hard battle and a just one, that we witnessed the triumph of student rights.

"Bloodless" Victories

Which brings to mind other victories achieved by the paper, even though they may be classed as "bloodless." Although out of our particular domain, "Commentator" felt that it had the moral right to criticize other departments in the institution. In a series of articles entitled "American Orthodoxy in Review," it was stressed that seminars on vital topics of Jewish interest, both intellectual and practical, should be held for graduates and students of the Yeshiva. The suggestion was accepted, as was shown so successfully at the last Convocation Week.

Also being put into practice, is the suggestion of another of the aforementioned articles, with respect to a shimush plan for senior students in the rabbinical department. I am told that now courses in practical rabbinics are becoming just that, with the theory of actual communal leadership.

Tale of a Hand

Although the special issue we put out was no laughing matter, I nevertheless can't help chuckling to myself whenever I recall an incident which took place in conjunction with it. The day after publication I went in to see the Dean, and before I could say anything, Dr. Isaacs remarked: "You know, Karasick, at first you had

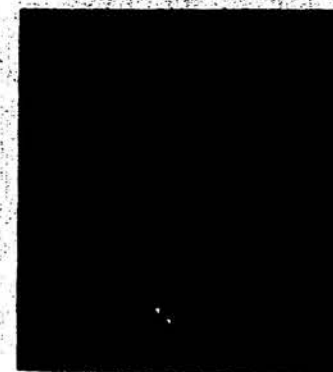
me worried with this issue. When I saw that ominous black hand coming out at me from the front page, I asked myself what I had done now to prompt the boys to such tactics." "Guilty conscience," I should have replied, but I didn't. Everybody really worked hard on that special issue, which served

as but a humble memorial to the plight of our persecuted brothers, caught in the hell of Europe. And it was really gratifying, therefore, to note the wide acclamation it received. Several synagogues posted it on their bulletin boards, various papers discussed it, and requests were coming in constantly for more copies.

Looking Backwards

Much happened which never found its way into print. The breaking in of new men; the little aggravations; the writing of articles and editorials at break-neck speed in the wee hours of the morning; the bull sessions; all contributing to one of the best years any student can spend anywhere.

Yes, looking backwards, it wasn't half bad.

The New
Anticipates

By Paul Orentlicher

Released for a moment from the restrictive anonymity of the editorial "we" I would like to outline a prospectus of some of the things we on "Commentator" hope to accomplish next year. Since I am rather cramped for space, my old boss standing on my head and a suddenly-enlarged masthead pushing my feet up, I cannot go into any detail. I shall merely jot down several points which we intend to keep in mind during our stay in office.

1. We shall attempt, at all times, to give a fair, accurate and complete picture of events in all branches of the institution. We realize that perfect impartiality in journalism is a myth and we do not claim absolute objectivity in our treatment of news stories. We intend to "play up" those clubs and activities which, in our opinion, contribute toward the progress and reputation of Yeshiva College.

2. To realize this purpose, too, our policy shall be to seek and uncover those evils in our system which are blocking the school's progress and to bring these facts to the public eye.

3. We shall maintain a frank, forthright and fighting editorial policy on all issues which may

arise. We shall express both praise and criticism freely.

4. As the organ of the students, we shall, of course, present their viewpoint. But, if at any time we feel that Student Council is pursuing a course inimical to the interests of the student body or of the institution, we shall not hesitate to offer criticism.

5. Besides news and feature stories, we intend to offer to our readers a number of informative articles and symposia concerning current problems.

6. We shall attempt a revivification of old "Commy" features such as a drama column, a humor column, book review, etc.

7. An innovation we intend to introduce will be a regular faculty column authored by a different faculty member every issue.

8. Above all, all our efforts shall be directed to make "Commentator" an eagerly-awaited and avidly-read newspaper that each and every student will be proud of!

This is our prospectus. It is not, and we do not intend it to be, a meaningless jumble of words. To prove that it isn't, we must fulfill every promise.

Please G-d, we intend to fulfill them.

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The student body would like to express its heart-felt condolences to a fellow-student, Nahum Stepansky '43, on the loss of his father. May he be comforted with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

REVIEW OF STUDENT YEAR

Classical Society

Greek, Latin Renaissance

The Classical Society, entitled *Eranos Novus Eburacensis*, was founded by Prof. Floch, head of the Classics Department, late in the fall term, and held its meetings once a month from November, 1942 through May, 1943. It made remarkable progress, in so short a time, and promises to burst forth in full splendor next year.

Members of the society delivered reports on various classical topics, and occasionally guest speakers were invited to address the group. Chief among these was Professor Alexander Litman of the Philosophy Department, who spoke on "The Political Motivations for Cicero's Rejection of Epicureanism."

The formation of a classical museum, for which material has already been prepared, highlights the society's plans for next year.

At the final meeting of this year held Tuesday night, May 18, Louis M. Tuchman '44, Abe Tekuzener '45, and Leonard Goldstein '44, were elected President, Vice-President, and Secretary, respectively.

Concert Bureau, Co-op

Concerts And Confections

Plenty of rate reductions and free tickets for outstanding amusements in the metropolitan area were obtained, as the Concert Bureau continued to successfully serve the social needs of the Yeshiva College student body. In groups, the boys attended such top-notch Broadway productions as "Counselor at Law," "Richard III," and "Winter Soldiers." In addition, they got the chance to hear the best music of all at Carnegie Hall.

Despite the war-time supply shortage, the Co-op Store, under the managership of Herman J. Zwillenberg '43, completed a highly successful year. In addition to a record breaking volume of sale, no less than \$5,000 in war bonds and stamps were peddled across its counters.

Co-op continued its fine program of student service as regards distribution of the *Commentator*, text-book reductions and the sale of candy and school supplies.

The review of student activities on these two pages is presented by the editors of "Commentator" with the hope that it will serve as a guide for future administrations and as a tribute to the outgoing student leaders.

These pages were prepared and written by the editors in conjunction with the "Masmid," Senior yearbook. Our thanks to its editors.

The financial report on this page was prepared by Jacob Walker, Student Council president, and J. Shelley Appelbaum.

Scene: Faculty - Student Committee meeting.

Speaker: Dr. Pinkhas Churgin.

Remarks: Student finances are in a mess. At the beginning of each school year we receive promises of financial stability and at the end of the year the debt is thrown into our laps. Students cannot take care of their own affairs. Every activity must have a financial adviser.

Answer: See financial statement below.

I. R. S.

Gets Inside Dope On World Affairs

The International Relations Society celebrated its tenth anniversary with an expanded program of lectures and discussion sessions. Particular emphasis was placed upon the problem of Post-War Reconstruction, and the possible solutions to it. The guest speakers included Dr. Aaron Margalith, Political Science Department; D. I. Goldstein, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at Prague and Paris; Dr. Theodore Abel, Professor of Sociology; Dr. Simon Siegel, lecturer at the Sorbonne; Dr. Kurt Schwerin, noted German scholar. Herman J. Zwillenberg, '43, was at the helm, assisted by Arthur Chiel, '43, Vice-President, and Samuel Blech, '45, Secretary.

Dr. Kurt Schwerin will deliver a timely lecture to the International Relations class on Friday, May 20, at 12:45 in room 310. All students are invited.

I. R. S. elections for officers will take place, Monday, May 23, in the Dormitory Social Hall at 8:15 P. M.

Basketball

Hoopsters In Greatest Season

A top-notch coach, Red Sarchek by name, spelled the difference between mediocrity and brilliance, as the Blue and White basketballers roared successfully through one of the toughest schedules ever undertaken in Yeshiva's athletic history. Their record of eleven triumphs in sixteen tries clearly indicates that the Quints are capable of a pretty good brand of basketball once they set their minds to it. The spunk, spirit, and drive which Red succeeded in imparting to them did much to eradicate the prima donna individualism which monkey-wrenched their efforts so often in the past.

In any estimation, too much cannot be said for the coach. But the men who worked, sweated, and sacrificed in order to play for dear old Yeshiva deserve plenty of plaudits too. Stan Doppelt and Sammy Rosenblum in particular, excelled in powering the Quints' offensive through many a tight defensive line. Irv Jaret, Marv Fredman, and Red Kalb did yeoman service on the defense, while Bado Scharfstein added much needed height under the boards. And we won't forget Blondy Ferlow's timely set shots either.

Upsets and surprises became a matter of course as the Mighty Mites bowled over such formidable foes as Fort Hamilton, Queens College, New York Aggies, and Webb Institute. In the feature Red Cross benefit game, no less a court power than Fort Totten was humbled by a convincing 50-43 score.

'Masmid' In Review

By Murray Margolies

It is always a pleasurable experience to look back upon hurdled obstacles. This is especially true when these obstacles seem at first to be insurmountable. The satisfaction derived from the realization of successful achievement compensates in a measure for the antecedent "headaches and heartaches and all sorts of pain".

All of which is said by way of reflection upon the soon to appear "Masmid" of June, 1943. At no time before in the history of the student publication had the governing board been immersed in such a financial mess as confronted this year's edition. Since the ensuing tale has a cheerful conclusion, there need be no hesitation in presenting the facts in a straightforward manner.

Financial Chaos

The present editor-in-chief returned from a pleasant summer vacation only to find that his predecessors had left unpaid to the printer and engraver of the magazine a total of \$378, a figure which in normal times was almost enough to put out a "Masmid". It was only natural that the candidates for the financial management of such a liability should be conspicuous by their absence. In due course, how-

ever, Arthur Cohen, a junior, was prevailed upon to accept the managing editorship, thus becoming the first non-senior ever to hold the position.

The nucleus of a conscientious staff was then assembled and was duly impressed with the gravity of the situation. So much so, in fact, that some of the staff members became one-man advertising agencies on their own accord. For example, Lionel Arond, the "Masmid's" likeable photographer solicited close to \$100 in ads. Jerome Robbins and Myron Reis, the inseparable twain who are respectively art and literary editors of the publication, accounted for another \$100. Cohen himself, took care of a like sum, while co-operative H. J. Zwillenberg saw to it that fifty more reached the "Masmid" treasury.

Mail Campaign Successful

A half dozen or so members of the senior class took the editor seriously, went after ads, got them and accounted between them for another \$100. By dint of an unprecedented mail campaign ably supervised by Cohen and Milton Furst, associate editor, the remarkable sum of \$300 poured in through the mails. With the money obtained through the above sources, the total added up to about \$750. A student council allocation of \$300 more was the crowning measure of the resolution of the financial problem. The debt of last year's issue was paid off in full, leaving a sum wholly adequate for all of the expenses to be incurred in the forthcoming publication.

Literary Section

Equally successful was the "Masmid" from the literary point of view. The editorial policy of accepting only articles dealing with the principles of post-war reconstruction was strictly adhered to. Among the articles to be published are included an analysis of world Federation plans by Paul Orentlicher and Bernard Reiss, a discussion of the economic bases for durable peace by the present writer, a presentation of the Zionist case in the post-war world by Israel Lerner and Nachum Stepanisky and an article on the attitude of Judaism to social progress by Aaron Baer. Also included are short stories and poems related to the general theme. Publication of the "Masmid" early next month is eagerly awaited (it is hoped).

Arthur Cohen '44, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of next year's "Masmid" by the outgoing Governing Board, Murray Margolies, editor, announced.

"Cohen has earned the appointment by his fine work as Managing Editor this year," Margolies asserted.

STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES, AND GRANTS OF YESHIVA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL 1942-1943

CASH RECEIPTS

Student Fees Fall Term	\$680.75
Student Fees Spring Term	621.30
Co-Op Store	135.00
Debating Team	15.00
Dramatic Society	128.50
Varsity Show	190.35
	\$1,750.90

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Student Fees	\$14.25
Dramatic Society	43.50
Math Club	18.00
Concert Bureau	14.25
	\$ 90.00

Total **\$1,840.90**

EXPENSES AND GRANTS

Commentator	\$310.00
Athletic Association	226.00
Co-Op Store	50.00
Debating Society	15.00
Playroom	20.00
Dramatic Society	140.00
French Club	30.00
Publicity	10.00
War Council	10.00
Hebrew Club	5.00
Awards	82.00
Masmid	69.25
*Miscellaneous	94.16
Social Committee	118.57
Chess Club	2.00
	\$1,181.96

Total Profit for 1942-1943	\$667.92
Balance in Bank of 1942	10.03
	\$677.95
Masmid Debt for 1941-42	\$247.75
**Other debts for 1941-42	43.00
	\$290.75
Total Assets	\$387.20

*Stationary, Printing, Telegrams and Correspondences, Postage, Faculty Award, and Varsity Show Reception.

**Athletic Association 1941-1942, Math Club 1941-1942 and Printing.

REVIEW OF STUDENT YEAR

A Year Of Progress

By Irwin Gordon

Now that the school year is drawing to a close, the outgoing administration feels that it owes to the student body a report on its activities for the past year. Such a report, we believe, will not be merely a retrospective glance at past accomplishment, but may also serve as a source of guidance and suggestion for those who follow us.

In Sept. 1942, when we assumed office, we realized that we were taking over an organization that was to a great degree unstable and in danger of losing its status as an independent student government. It is our proud boast that through immediate, efficient and systematic planning and action, order was brought out of chaos. This we consider to be no mean accomplishment.

Let us see specifically what was done. Early in the year, we were faced with certain rulings introduced by the school executives which threatened the inherent rights and liberties of the students, i.e. the curfew regulation and the drastic limitations on extra-curricular activities. We did not hesitate to take up the fight for the students, and, with their full approval and united support, we successfully combatted these rulings and the basic principles underlying them.

Another problem which faced us from the beginning was that of finances. When we took our first real look at the books, we noticed that most of the entries were in red ink. We found ourselves the unhappy possessors of a heavy debt which had to be liquidated before we could even dream of doing anything constructive. It is not my purpose to go into details. (See page 4 for complete financial statement.) But through careful budgeting and periodic financial check-ups, finances were again put on a solid basis.

The solving of this major problem left us free to aid, expand and intensify the activities of the various student organizations. Here, I would like to mention one or two outstanding examples of fine work on the part of certain organizations during the year. Of all the various societies, clubs and kindred groups, the award for having been the most active should, I think, go to the Hebrew Club which this year, under the leadership of Israel Lerner, suddenly awoke to take a major part in extra-curricular life by conducting a series of lectures on topics of Jewish interest. There has been a crying need for functions of this kind at Yeshiva. It is the hope of the writer that the activities of the Hebrew Club will be the stimulant for similar enterprises next year.

An undertaking which also deserves much credit was the special issue of "Commentator" published in March, on the grave danger of extermination in which the European Jews find themselves and on the necessity for action by all Jewry. This special issue and the mass assembly which preceded it is a healthy sign that we are at last awakening to the realization that there is a world outside of the "four cubits" of the school.

There are certain problems we tackled this year that must of necessity—since our term is over—be left unfinished.

At the outset of the second semester, we interviewed individually almost all freshmen to determine to what extent they had become orientated to the school. These interviews plus our observations of conditions in other classes and areas of student life convinced us of the necessity of appointing a full-time advisor to help students in orientation, in vocational guidance, and general student problems.

A point we discussed with the administration but which was neither publicized nor solved was that of promoting a man to a rank commensurate with his abilities. I refer to Mr. Joshua Mats of the Mathematics department. We have long felt that Mr. Mats possesses capabilities which should be utilized for the benefit of the students and the institution. It is to be hoped that the newly-elected student leaders will give the matter due consideration and act upon it.

As a parting word, let me say that we, the outgoing administration, will always be grateful to all those who worked with us and to the general student body who helped make our administration the success that it was.

Student Clubs and Organizations Make Considerable Progress In Banner Year

Social Committee

Profs Cavort In Varsity Show

"The Plot Siftens", stellar attraction of the Social Committee during the past year, attracted the largest crowd ever to witness a Yeshiva College social function in the Lament Auditorium.

Co-authored by Jerry Robbins '43 and Myron Reis '43, and directed by David Mirsky '42, the Varsity Show featured a take-off by the faculty on the faculty.

Their caperings were preceded by the mirth-provoking dramatic efforts of the students, with a satire on dorm life serving as a side-splitting vehicle. The Social Committee consisted of Samuel Jaffe '43 and Jerome Robbins '43, co-chairmen, Shelley Appelbaum '44, Allen Mandelbaum '45, Harold Miller '45, and Nathan Rosenbaum '45. Other activities included an alumni-student social and several class smokers.

Cercle Francais

"Le Flambeau" Burns Brightly

During the past year the Cercle Francais sponsored an active and interesting program at Yeshiva College. Many noted speakers, among them Mr. Sidney Braun, faculty advisor, lectured to the group on timely topics. In addition to this, the French Club once again succeeded in putting out a superb edition of the Flambeau, its annual publication, which in the past has been accorded remarkably fine reception in French literary circles everywhere. These activities were coordinated under the direction of Louis Tuchman '44, President, and Arthur Olechinsky '45, Arthur I. Cohen '44 and Morton Gordon '45, Editors and Business Manager of the Flambeau, respectively.

Deutscher Verein

"Hie Und Da" Und Beer-Feste

The German Club (Deutscher Verein) permanently established itself as an integral part of Yeshiva life by inaugurating a series of highly successful Beer-Fests, under the guidance of Dr. R. P. Rosenberg, faculty advisor. At two of these Doctors Hugo Bergenthal and Samuel L. Sumberg delivered lectures on topics pertaining to German-Jewish affairs. These talks were followed by German songs led by the president, Harold Miller '45, and last but not least, by beer and pretzels. These sessions were so successful that they will be continued next year. The German Club also published its well known organ "Hie Und Da" which was widely circulated.

Edmund Neiss and Julian Gorodetsky worked with Miller as Vice-President and Secretary, respectively.

Headlines In Review

Oct. 15, 1942—Faculty, Student Heads welcome Freshman Class.

Oct. 29, 1942—Council rejects Faculty Rule Restricting Student Activities.

Nov. 5, 1942—Faculty-Student Committee Recommends Rule Revision.

Bernard Sarachek to Coach Revamped College Varsity.

Nov. 19, 1942—Student Body Unanimously Protests Dorm Curfew; Urges Further Negotiations. Council Appoints New War Board.

Dec. 3, 1942—Deans Declare Curfew—Protests or No Protests.

Student Body Wins Activities Fight.

Dec. 17, 1942—Yeshiva Mourns Death of Mendel Gottesman.

Jan. 7, 1943—Professor Litman Honored at Gala All-Varsity Show.

Feb. 4, 1943—Players Pick "Yellow Jack"—War Council Expands Work—Quints Sweep Onward In Five Consecutive Wins.

Feb. 18, 1943—Players' Rehearsals In Full Swing Under New Directors.

March 4, 1943—Students Condemn Nazi Atrocities; Demand Action.

Resolution Urges United Nations Send Succor to Jews.

March 25, 1943—Seminars, Symposia On Convocation Week Program.

Y. C. Players Score Big Hit with "Yellow Jack".

April 8, 1943—Sixty Grads Are Ordained at Exercises.

Bang-Up Season Ends In 10 Wins and 5 Losses.

May 13, 1943—Jack Greep Elected Student Head; Steiman Gains Vice-Presidency.

Dramatic Society

Players Catch

"Yellow Jack"

"Yellow Jack" marked another notch in the Dramatic Society's histrionic belt. Directed by Chaim Brisman, noted theatrical figure, the play was an artistic and technical success. Mr. Harry Shumer enacted his benevolent role of unselfish angel in the unassuming manner we have come to associate with his name. The guidance and counsel of Dr. Irving Linn as faculty advisor proved very helpful. Herman Tanenbaum '45, president, J. Shelley Appelbaum '44, vice-president, and Martin Sofer '45, secretary, headed the players.

At the final meeting of the season held last Monday night Shelley Appelbaum '44, was unanimously elected President of the Dramatic Society.

After a heated debate by the members of the society over the candidates for Vice President, Nathan Rosenbaum came through victoriously. Julian Gorodetsky was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Debating Society

Sophists Silent Most of Year

It cannot be said that the Debating Society did not cooperate this year with the war slogan "Don't Talk!" Like most other activities involving extensive travel, debating was forced to embark upon a seriously curtailed program. However our sophists did nevertheless manage to schedule a number of debates with several local colleges, including Columbia University, N. Y. U., and Brooklyn College.

The officers of the society were Irwin Gordon '43, President; Arthur Chieff '43, Vice-President; Allen Mandelbaum '45, Manager; Edward Snow '46, Freshman Manager. Its members included Leo Auerbach '44, Jack Green '44, Morton Siegel '45, Abraham Hartstein '44, Murray Rothman '44, Stanley Kessler (now in the U. S. Army), and Leonard Zion '46.

Chess Club

Pawn Pushers In Eastern Meet

Highlighting our chessmen's activities during the past season was their participation in the Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament, now in its second year, and rapidly achieving national prominence. A last minute entry, which cost them a four game forfeit to Cornell, plus the absences of Rabbi Michael Katz '44 and Samuel Zaitchik '43, (first and second boards respectively) combined to offset the brilliant brain-work of the other Yeshiva stalwarts, who, though limping home in last place, managed to salvage six games in the process.

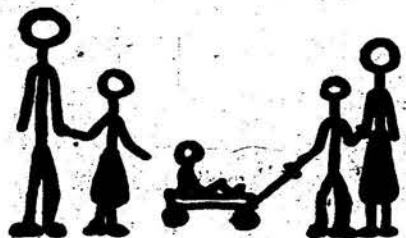
Hebrew Club

Magnificent Work Tops Clubs

The Hebrew Club has just concluded the most successful season in its history, insofar as club membership and activities are concerned. Not only was it largely instrumental in forming the federation of such clubs in the colleges of the city, but it took an active part in its functions. Among the outstanding lecturers who addressed the group were Prof. A. S. Yenuda who discussed Jewish life in ancient Egypt; and Prof. Chaim Chernowitz, famous scholar and Hebrew author.

Israel Lerner '43 did a magnificent job as president of the organization, especially in arousing the interests of the student body in its affairs. Simon Eckstein '44, held down the Vice-Presidency, and Mordcai Garfiel '46 was Secretary.

Meet The Seniors



Nachum Stepanky—Tall, gangling Nachum always gives the impression of having grown too rapidly for him to have made adequate sartorial arrangements. He is an excellent Hebrew student and one of the moving spirits in the Shomer Hadati movement. He has a fine sense of humor but seems to get special pleasure out of exercising it in the dorm corridors in the wee hours of the morning.

Norman Strizower—Quiet Normie is really a little devil. Coming from the borough of Dem Bums, he manages to pull a few cute tricks of his own. Tuesday, 5:45 to 6:30, he substitutes Brenner's courses for his course in Jewish Soc. Dr. Rosenberg has quite a bit of trouble understanding his German, but not more than Strizie finds in understanding the good Dr.'s. Lately he has become a regular habitue of 181st St. Watching him parade up and down this street really presents a moving picture.

Joseph Tabachnick—It is rather difficult to believe that Joe is really a philo major. His Semi-ideas were certainly not culled from Plato. Tabby spends his spare time at the Bronx House as a group leader, and helping his father at weddings, funerals and sundry other such occasions. In his senior year, Hail Columbia broke loose and Joe became a debator. When he is frank he admits his pulse is far from Norma-l.

Jacob Walker—Jake fulfilled his brother's ambition by becoming president of Student Council, and now that he's president the boys have to stand for his nasalized harmonizing. Always in a dither, he drenches all his listeners with a flood of words. Before being elected he studied the lay-out as managing editor of Commie. After graduation he threatens to hit the

rode-a in order to see his Millie in Minnesota.

Joseph Weiss—He has the distinction of being one of the youngest students ever to have been ordained by the Yeshiva. He received his smicha at about the same time that he entered the College, and many professors are duly impressed by having such a young rabbi for a student. He does most of his work in the math and physics courses. Red hair and quiet reserve are his trade-marks.

Walter Wurzbarger—Walter came to Yeshiva from Europe but a few years ago with quite a reputation as a Talmudist. In the short while that he has been here he has acquired a fine command of Americanese with barely a trace of an accent. His major is philo and he is never loath to philosophize, especially after the lights are out. In his quiet way he uses his sharp sense of humor to good, and unexpected, effect.

Samuel Zaitchick—"Schmerel" is a Bostonian with a big Back Bay window. He sits and studies quite a lot now that he is close to smicha. With his rapid-fire chatter he has talked himself into the presidency of the S. O. Y. but after a year let it go with a big OY. He has a habit of twisting his forelock into a curl which he used to distract his chests opponents when his glib tongue and quick wit fail to do the trick.

Herman Zwillenberg—Herman is called Hy, though why we cannot say. He waited until he became a senior before participating in extra-curricular activities, but then he did it with a vengeance. President of the senior class, manager of the co-op store, and member of the library staff is O.K. for a first try. His knowledge of insignificant geographical facts is astounding and very helpful, too, when it comes to working out crossword puzzles. D.M.

A PEEK AT SPORTS' FUTURE

By Samuel Waldman

The new Athletic Management has already launched preparations for the biggest year of sports events Yeshiva College has ever witnessed. Specific plans of operations for next year have already been formulated. These plans include every type of athletic activity heretofore practiced at Yeshiva College with several innovations.

Basketball, our main and most publicized sport, will benefit greatly from these plans. Through my collaboration with "Red" Kasten, the basketball team is obtaining a schedule consisting of top-notch teams. There is a possibility that the member selected by the coach and the team as the most valuable player of next year's

basketball varsity will receive an award. As we are planning a "Big Time" schedule for next year, we will expect the squad to act, both on and off the court, as "Big Time" players.

Similar improvements will be made in every other department under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Management; namely, intra-murals, playrooms, and the tennis varsity.

This year we hope to charter an Athletic Council which will consist of the athletic managers of each class. Specific assignments will be given to these members who will be responsible to the school Athletic Manager.

We can all look forward to next year as the "Red Letter" year in Yeshiva College sports.

Yeshiva Netmen Downed By Queens

Doubles Match Lone Victory

Facing a powerful Queens College team, our netmen went down to a 4-1 defeat in their initial match of the season on Tuesday, May 18, at the Queens court, Al Salkowitz and Irv Fredman, making up the Yeshiva doubles team, blasted through a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 count to chalk up the lone victory.

Playing in the No. 1 slot, Fredman fell fighting before the sharp volleys of Pete Schneiderman, ending up on the short end of a 6-2, 6-1 score. The closest Yeshiva netmen came to winning in the singles matches was in the No. 2 position where Salkowitz went down to a 6-4, 6-3 defeat at the hands of Stan McDowell. In both sets the score was kept at an even pace, but the net game of the Queens man meant the difference in each set.

Auerbach Loses

The No. 3 man, Leo Auerbach, found the consistent play of Dan Pratt too much for him. Nearly every point resulted in a deuce game. Pratt's consistency and polished placements decided the match for him by a score of 6-1, 6-2. Playing his first match for the team, freshman Herb Horowitz uncovered a strong forehand, but was no match for the veteran Dave Zeamer, Queens' No. 4 man. The score was 6-2, 6-0.

In the doubles match, it was the bullet service of Fredman and the spectacular net game of Salkowitz which overpowered Lloyd Rauch and Ed Cooper. The first set was copped by the Queen's men by dint of neat placements. It was a different story in the next two sets with the net-men of Yeshiva completely outclassing the opponents in gaining their lone victory.

Sophs Victors In Intramural Tilt

The Sophs took revenge for a defeat incurred earlier in the season by overwhelming the confident Frosh to a tune of 7-2 last Wednesday.

In the first inning, the Sophs built up a defense against any potential Freshmen treachery with a six run blitz. Pitcher Lipshitz quickly recuperated from the sudden onslaught and managed to limit the wily Sophs to one lone run for the rest of the game. The second inning proved Lipshitz's ability when he blanked three batters in a row with bases loaded and no outs. Starring for the victors were "Slub" Slockowsky and "Red" Gersbaum while Herb Cohen and Ted Comet grabbed honors for the Frosh.

Letters of 'Blood, Sweat and Tears'

Many Yeshiva College students contributed to the New Zionist Organization's project of sending one hundred telegrams to Prime Minister Winston Churchill during his stay in Washington. These telegrams urged the repeal of the White Paper as a necessary condition for the saving of European Jewry and the establishment of the National Homeland which has been solemnly promised to us.

ON THE SIDELINES

By Charles Weinstein

Lock, stock and barrel, the whole shebang plopped into my lap with the well wishes of our crusading ex-sports editor, Bernie Reiss. Now it's my turn at nursing our sports parade along, that is, pounding away at student apathy, ironing out athletic management difficulties, pressing for purposeful intra-mural activity, solving war-time exigencies—a bird's eye view of perfect strike balls whizzing by a novice batter. But I'd like to think this batter is eyeing for home runs on the Yeshiva sports front.

We can start right off bat with the Associated Collegiate Press's well meant criticism of our narrowed sports participation. Basketball appears to be the one and only sport at this school. Although we are limited in the number and choice of sports, there still exists no legitimate excuse for the anemic chess and tennis schedules arranged for the past season. Tennis could have easily become a welcome major sport were it not for the lack of individual initiative and the incapability of some to punch a typewriter. Next year our course at Yeshiva must follow the general war-time increase in over-all sports participation.

It was on the return trip from the cold campus of Drew University where the Quints had just experienced an embarrassing shellacking, when Coach Sarachek dropped these beaded jewels of sarcasm.

"Fat, with your tremendous wasteline I don't see how it was humanly possible for Drew's forwards to get around you!"

The moral of the story explains for us the surefire results (the Drew score of 72-48) obtained by those who strive and succeed in erasing all handicaps and obstacles. "Fat" is a living proof that there are no insurmountable obstacles.

Sam Waldman, our new Athletic Manager, and "Red" Kasten, Graduate Athletic Advisor, display just that will and determination which will carry Yeshiva over the top into basketball fame.

Stalin had his Five Year Plans, the Administration its Five Year Plan, and now "Red" Kasten bobs up with a plan that is both shorter and sweeter. It is called the Summer Plan and is definitely not revolutionary. Nat Helman of City College, Claire Bee of L.I.U. and others have played with variations on the same theme.

The plan is to enlist a camp or hotel as potential practice ground for team basketball play. Last year's squad plus entering freshmen of special athletic merit will be afforded the opportunity to play ball during the summer while working as counsellors or waiters. Meanwhile, the boys will develop a feel for harmonious team play, each familiarizing himself fully with the style and form of play of his teammate.

The benefits from this plan are obvious. Sam Waldman is lining up a big-time schedule and when the squad prances onto the floor there will be none of this bottom-side-up sliding on glistening waxed floors nor tragic stage fright on premier night. This time the boys will be armed with more than plain fighting guts; they will carry into the game the experience of a solid summer of team play.

Go ahead and ask me. "What makes you think Yeshiva can play against big-time ball clubs?" The answer is simple and clear.

St. Frances, City College, and L.I.U. are good criteria for upper level teams. If my imaginary interrogator could have attended the tournament at Madison Square he would have been witness to hopelessly floundering Met. teams—with the exception of St. Johns, of course. Next season, if all goes well, the Blue and White should be able to match any of the top string.

Maybe we can frighten our potential opponents by a quick review of the stalwarts for the coming season.

Marv, Fredman—tall and a fighter. He lacks experience and knowledge of the game.

Bedo Sharfstein—a terrific man under the boards but a bit slow on maneuver.

"Blondie" Perlow—sports a neat set shot. He's a fast ball player, but is not always wide awake on the court.

"Red" Kalb—hot under the boards and a fighter. His poor shot should be improved by the end of the summer.

Stan Doppelt—top scorer and a 40 minute man. Not too good on defense, Stan makes up for it with accurate passes on fast, tricky breaks.

With this, the last issue of "Commie" I picked up my pen and with this issue I pack it away. Now it's time to enjoy spring. Ah, spring, the season for baseball and tennis. Tennyson, although not a sportsman, discovered something else about spring.

"In the spring a livelier iris changes on the burnished dove;
In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love;"—which is another class of sports.

'Debbie' Reveals Her Ancestry

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him with the necessary means for his return to Poland.

"The prince promised to repay his debt by finding the Rabbi's son, Saul, who was studying in the Yeshivah of Poland.

"He scoured the Talmudic centers of Poland, finally found Saul, and was so captivated by his brilliance that he presented him before the court. Saul became a court favorite and his fame spread throughout Poland.

"At the death of King Bathori (1586) the people were divided into two factions. Since there existed a law stipulating that at no time was the throne to be vacant, the prince suggested that Saul be appointed temporary King.

"Saul Kazenellenbogen became King of Poland for twenty four hours. He was given the title 'Wahl' which is the German equivalent for 'election.' (By the way, my middle name is 'Wahl.') As soon as he assumed office, he immediately passed several laws which were intended to ameliorate the conditions of the Jews." Then a royal flush crept into the cheeks of our blue blooded bursar as she said: "If you want to verify the facts, look up 'Wahl' in the Jewish Encyclopedia. It's all in the books—"

"Debbie" explained that the family tree was lost near Brest-Litovsk when her grandfather emigrated. But through an exchange of letters with Rabbi Silver it was discovered that our bursar is a kin to Karl Marx and Herbert Samuels.

As she concluded her tale, "Debbie" graciously outstretched her hand, demanded the tuition and smilingly stated: "Even royalty has to live—"

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Tuesday June 1		Bible 104 Hebrew 102 History 106 History 108	Biology 2 Chemistry 2 Chemistry 15a Education 32 History 2 Physics 2 Science 12
Wednesday June 2	French 2A	French 4 Latin 4 Mathematics 14 Philosophy 102 Psychology 11b	French 2b French 2a Mathematics 16 Philosophy 31
Thursday June 3	English 01 Mathematics 17 Sociology 32	Chemistry 14 Greek 14 Mathematics 12 Philosophy 31 Political Science 32 Psychology 23	Economics 12 Education 11b English 4 Mathematics 2
Friday June 4	Bible 102 Hebrew 106 Hebrew 108 Hebrew 108a History 104	English 34 Hygiene 1 Latin 02 Philosophy 56 Political Science 33	
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Monday June 7	Fine Arts 2	Philosophy 2	

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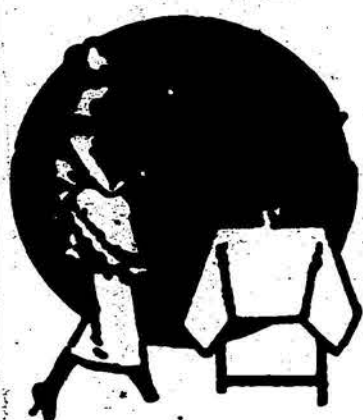
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Rabbi S. K. Mirsky At Convocation

On May 10 and 11 Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, Associate Professor of Bible and Jewish History, spoke at the annual celebration of the founding of the Yeshivahs Beth Yehudah and Chachmay Lublin of Detroit, Michigan.

Upon his arrival in Detroit on Monday, Rabbi Mirsky delivered an address in Yiddish to a group of four hundred women who have organized a Ladies Auxiliary to the Yeshivahs.

The rabbis and the students of both institutions attended a Talmudic Seminar at the Beth Yehudah Yeshiva given in Yiddish by Rabbi Mirsky.

The final lecture was delivered in Hebrew on Tuesday to the students of the Yeshiva Chachmay Lublin.

Rabbi Mirsky was invited to three convocation exercises by Rabbis Rattenberg, Stollman and Wohlgelemler.

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