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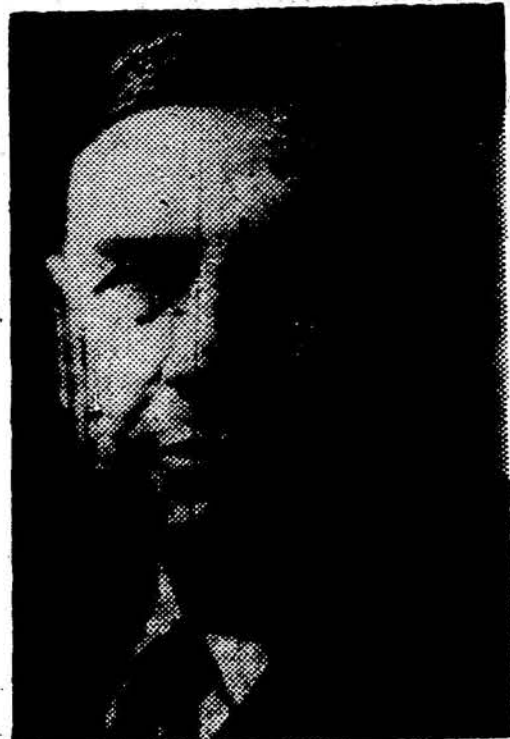
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DR. SAMUEL BELKIN INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT AT IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES



Justice Stone Speaks At Inauguration

"...In all humility I accept the great honor at the hands of President Belkin, teacher of spiritual values in the modern world. I shall regard it as the recognition of spiritual faith and aspirations which I should like to feel that I share with Yeshiva College.

"A college degree is a symbol, and man lives by symbols. It is a symbol of our hope and our faith in the never ending search of mankind for truth. For it is the truth that will make us free. There can be no civilized society, there can be no peace or happiness among men, unless all men enjoy freedom of the spirit and of mind, and I might also say, unless we preserve intact our capacity for moral indignation against cruelty and injustice and the urge to give it vigorous expression.

"I look forward with you to a new and better world in which peace and justice shall prevail. But let us not delude ourselves into thinking that they will automatically prevail, unless with our capacity and opportunity for leadership, we seek righteousness and justice and set our faces against cruelty and injustice. I am confident that all this will come, for after all, man is an intelligent being. He cannot fail to recognize that freedom of the spirit and the mind and all that it implies, is the ultimate goal of the race and the only sure guarantee of the peace and happiness of mankind. If I were to give you a message it would be this, 'Let us resolve to join hands with all men of good will to achieve that goal and thereby give the world its rightful heritage, to the end that justice may triumph over injustice, that man may know truth rather than falsehood and that we can see light rather than darkness.'"

Highlights Of Addresses Delivered

Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, of the United States Supreme Court, gave the following exclusive message to The Commentator:

"I feel greatly honored by the degree which has been conferred upon me. I am very happy to be with you and I bring you best wishes for the success of the institution and the student body."

Dr. Belkin's citation in conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein:

"Isaac Rubinstein — scholar, statesman, and leader among our people; champion of Polish Jewry; living symbol of moral defiance against brutality and tyranny, Yeshiva and Yeshiva College rejoices in honoring you, and through you the martyrs of the Warsaw and Vilna ghettos, the thousands of Jews who gave their lives for the sanctification of the name of G-d."

The Honorable Samuel Levy's address upon inducting Dr. Samuel Belkin as President:

"Our new president is a worthy successor to his illustrious and immortal predecessor, Dr. Bernard Revel. In his own person he symbolizes the philosophy of Yeshiva College which is the synthesis of Jewish learning and worldly wisdom. Under his leadership our institution is looking forward to an era of growth and expansion as the leading Torah sanctuary on this continent...Dr. Belkin is indeed a fitting intellectual and religious leader for this hour of crisis and decision."

Harold Kanatopsky, speaking for the students of Yeshiva:

"With mingled feelings of both pride and reverence the Student Body of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College takes this opportunity to greet our new President, Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin. We see in him the realization of the ideal which Yeshiva symbolizes and which was the dream of his great predecessor. We trust and pray that under his guidance and leadership our institution shall soar to even greater heights and greater achievements. May G-d grant him a long and successful administration.

"But we, the students of Yeshiva, greet Dr. Belkin also as our teacher, or in a more appropriate fashion, as our 'Rebbe,' in the very traditional sense of the term. For he is our 'Rebbe,' who inspires and leads us upon the path of clear and profound understanding of Torah."

Honorary Degrees Awarded To Justice Stone, Rabbi Rubinstein

At a highly colorful and impressive ceremony attended by distinguished educators and prominent religious and civic leaders, Dr. Samuel Belkin was officially inaugurated as the second president of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College at the Nathan Lamport Auditorium on Tuesday, May 23.

The honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, was conferred upon Harlan Fiske Stone, Chief Justice of the United States and the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, upon the eminent Polish-Jewish leader, Rabbi Isaac Rubinstein, former Chief Rabbi of Vilna and a member of the Polish Senate from 1922 until its dissolution. Chief Justice Stone addressed the

overflow audience of more than 1500 people.

Inaugural Ceremony

The traditional inaugural ceremony was opened by the Honorable Samuel Levy, chairman of the Board of Directors of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College, who served as presiding officer. The climax of the ceremony was reached when President Belkin was presented with the charter and the seal of our institution.

In his inaugural address which contained a masterful and scholarly analysis of the philosophy and moral purpose of education in a democratic society, President Belkin stressed the need for a religious and spiritual philosophy as a blueprint for a peaceful and intelligent way of life.

In differentiating between the goals of democracy and totalitarianism, he declared: "Unity is the aim of a democracy. We need a unifying principle in the pursuit of knowledge. We therefore believe that the moral laws of the Torah, the concepts of universal justice of the prophets and the religious and spiritual philosophy of saints and sages through the ages, can serve as the medium for the unification of knowledge and as a blue print for an ideal society."

Greetings Extended

Dr. J. Hillis Miller, associate commissioner of Education, State of New York, greeted the audience in behalf of the state educational authorities.

Others who spoke to the assemblage as representatives of leading educational organizations or institutions were: Dr. Harry J. Garman, dean of the College, Columbia University, representing the Association of American Colleges; Dr. Paul Klapper, president of Queens College, representing the Association of Colleges and Universities of New York State; Dr. F. George Payne, dean of the School of Education, New York University, representing Metropolitan Higher Education and Dr. Roland D. Richardson, dean of the Graduate School, Brown University, for President Belkin's alma mater.

Among the many who delivered addresses and greeted the audience were Rabbi Leo Jung, professor of Ethics, on behalf of the faculties of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College and Rabbi Meir Peiman of Bridgeport, Connecticut on behalf of the alumni. Harold Kanatopsky represented the student body.

The benediction was rendered by Rabbi David Silver of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Representatives of more than 40 institutions of higher learning participated in the exercises.

President Belkin's Message

Role Of Yeshiva Explained In Inaugural Address

The Yeshiva College was established, not for the sake of adding another college to the many excellent institutions of higher learning already in existence in this blessed land. It rather endeavors to blaze a new trail of its own in conformity with the great American democratic traditions of education and in harmony with the spiritual heritage of Israel. Our college is a true college of liberal arts and science. It is not our intention to make science the handmaid of religion nor religion the handmaid of science. We do not believe in a scientific religion nor in a pseudo-science. We prefer to look upon science and religion as separate domains which need not be in serious conflict and therefore need no reconciliation. If we seek the blending of science and religion and the integration of secular knowledge with sacred wisdom, then it is not in the subject matter represented by these fields, but rather within the personality of the individual that we hope to achieve the synthesis.

The Yeshiva is the living incarnation of divine wisdom of the Torah which sends out rays of spiritual and moral light to hundreds of Jewish souls. The Yeshiva endeavors to perpetuate the Jewish spiritual philosophy of education. It seeks to implant in its students a spiritual and moral concept of life based upon the Torah, prophets, and endless traditions of Israel. The Yeshiva considers its primary function to be the training of spiritually-minded men into a collective force for the perpetuation of the spiritual and moral essence of historic Judaism and for the benefit of our great American democracy. The college of the Yeshiva, like any other American college, endeavors to acquaint its student body with the mysteries of the universe, with the researches and discoveries of the human intellect, with the theories and speculations of the human mind.

We shall always look upon the Yeshiva College with its curriculum of liberal arts and sciences as indispensable for the intellectual development of our student body. We shall consider, however, the Yeshiva with its spiritual and moral teaching as the end, for a moral and spiritual way of life must be the aim and striving of every society. It is our intention to give to secular education a higher purpose and make the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College a living symbol of intellectual and moral activity. We believe that with reintegrating our lives with the ideals of the Torah and with our search after G-d's knowledge we may succeed in establishing a medium of unification for human knowledge.

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A Joyous Occasion

The inauguration of President Belkin is an historic occasion in the life of our institution and American Jewry. His leadership assures us that the growth and progress the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College enjoyed under Dr. Revel, of sainted memory, will be continued.

A revitalization of American Jewish life is an imperative in these times. The forces which tend to obscure the identification of the Jew with his nation and religion are in the ascendant. Only a firm presentation of the values which our culture affords can maintain and augment the present ranks of Orthodox Jewry. President Belkin is the man who can perform this task.

His qualities stamp him as a spokesman whose voice will command respect in Jewish society and the academic world. In the Yeshiva itself, he has earned the love and respect of the student body. The welfare of the students has been paramount in his mind, for President Belkin has never forgotten his role as a "Rosh-Yeshiva." The problems of the student have always been his problems.

This faith and trust in our new President has forged a common bond which will grow ever stronger, assuring him of cooperation and support on the part of the student body. We shall rest faithful followers of a beloved leader and teacher.

The Solution

The students have presented their Director plan to the faculty. This plan is the only method of attacking issues which are as real as the very existence of a student body.

If the "reality" of these issues was ever called into doubt, the Administration's recent refusal to accept the signature of the student president on checks releasing student funds destroys such doubt. For what can be more "real" than the purse.

There is nothing in the present set-up which precludes the recurrence of such repressive action. The past record of student-administration relations points to the fact that such measures have been present or implicit in any program which has been in practice until now. The student plan injects an element which is new and promising.

This promise can only be fulfilled if the Director is granted fuller responsibility than is provided for in the faculty proposals. A diluted Director, caught between two fires, will find himself in a most ineffectual position. Obviously, if the plan is to have any meaning, the Director must be sufficiently empowered so that only a majority vote of the faculty in an official meeting could over-ride his decisions.

We feel that the student plan will eliminate friction. It offers a hope which past arrangements do not offer.

The Orlemanski Case

The case of Father Orlemanski is of more than parochial concern. The issues involved are those we must face whenever reaction rears its head, wherever the obscure clamps down on truth with the vise of "authority".

Certainly this "authority" has been most selective in its punishment of wayward sons. Orlemanski is hied to a monastery; Coughlin continues to rant. Mgr. Sheen is allowed to say what he wills; McMahon is severely censured. And while the blood of those Basque priests whom Franco slaughtered attests the shame of the Spanish Insurgents, he himself is hailed as a hero.

Maritain and Shuster have proven that encyclicals and enlightenment need not be contradictory. The Church has yet to prove that Maritain, Shuster, and other men of good will, do not stand alone.

Maybe I'm Wrong

Self-Love May Yet Prove More Fatal Than Self-Hate

By FRED SOMMERS

Jews are on trial for their existence. For a while, there was talk of trying their murderers. But the police mind of the world seems to be impressed by the criminal's record: anybody who can get away so long with so much might by right, certainly must not be interfered with. Thus, we the plaintiffs, have become defendants, desperately justifying our lives, apologizing not for the positions we hold, but for the space we occupy.

The trial is post-mortem, of course. The defendant has been lynched a thousand times over, but his relatives are anxious to prove he was a good man. Or perhaps they are afraid, afraid that a pogrom may have its American version just as anti-Semitism can have its American brand. The Jew is in the witness-box, frantically turning the pages of history books to prove his contributions to

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor Of Commentator:

As a former editor of Commentator, I have been asked by many of my fellow alumni to lodge a formal protest, through this medium, with respect to the abolishment of philosophy as a required subject. If this action were part of a general policy to abolish all requirements from the college curriculum, there might have been some justification; but upon seeing that other, and far less important, subjects yet remain on the required list, we frankly do not understand the logic of this move.

Yeshiva College, perhaps more so than any other institution, has blown to bits the age-old prejudice against philosophy. This study is no more "a devil lying in ambush, waiting to pounce upon the weak-willed mind of innocent youth." The importance of philosophy in all forms of intellectual endeavor, generally, and in an approach towards Judaism, particularly, has been aptly demonstrated to the generations of Yeshiva students. It has been seen in a positive light, as an important complement for the development of the modern mind. Therefore, for us to turn about and relegate this study to a subaltern position, which is tantamount to an apology for ever having fostered philosophy within these walls, is but to add quick-burning fuel to the ever-ready fires of our antagonists.

It may be argued that philosophy has by no means been abolished, that it is available for all who seek it. If the student is not trusted to "seek out" history, mathematics, science, English, or public speaking, then there is no reason why he should burden himself with philosophy. And surely, none can deny that for the well-rounded Yeshiva education, in its unique sense, philosophy is just as important, and I daresay more important, than the above-mentioned subjects.

We therefore request the administration to reconsider its decision, and once again incorporate philosophy as a required subject.

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH KARASICK.

civilization, pricking his skin to prove the impartiality of his blood, turning his nose this way and that to prove there is no Jewish nose.

Jews have no choice. In a world where the greater the libel the greater its success, accusations must be denied. If we must have historians, psychiatrists and anthropologists sign our birth certificates, ours is not the responsibility for the strange procedure.

Tragedy Enters

But tragedy enters when we take our lawyers seriously. Others have pointed out the dangers of Jewish acceptance of anti-Semitic claims, the perils of our neurotic self-haters. It remains to reveal that our apologists and narcissus-like self-lovers are also dangerous. For he who sings our glories to heaven, has the most hellish doubts about Jewish life. He who bases his own private notion of Jewishness upon the briefs our advocates have prepared for our foreign judges, stands on quicksand.

This does not imply that our defence in court is insincere. We don't need forged evidence or perjury. What has been written about Jews and monotheism, holy writ, family purity, intellectuality, patriotism, love of peace, mixed blood race, is true; but as rationalizations of the will-to-live they are puerile.

The defendant whose basis for life is the evidence he presents in court is possessed of a sickly impartiality. If he keeps mumbling his testimony to himself to get it straight for the prosecutor, well and good. But if he goes home and chews it over, and ruminates over it as his license for life, he is abnormal. Perhaps the first step in every suicide is the rational contemplation of one's own existence; otherwise suicide is a biological

impossibility. Man's irrational impulses and blind instincts are all for his own existence, but mind can entertain both death and life as equally valid propositions in a logical analysis.

The Will-to-Live

When rabbis started preaching of missions and Jews started to believe them, the first breach was made in our group will-to-live. If every breath must be taken with Humanity in mind, respiration will be poor. If every morsel of food must have a sermon of Peace preached over it—if every drink of water must wait for an affirmation of Good Will to Men, indigestion is next.

A mission may be a function of a people—it cannot be its justification. For every Agadic statement that Israel was created for Torah, you will find one saying that Torah was given for the people's sake. Even for every remark about Israel serving the glory of G-d, you can find another to show that G-d serves the people, condescends to them, allows His Name to be used as power to drive them on and make them flourish.

Standing amidst the pyrrhus of our dead, we have no time to recite to ourselves the long lists of Jewish geniuses, and the Jewish contributions to civilization. We mourn the dead not because there were so many potential Einsteins among them, or because European progress has been robbed of so many nice, cultured people.

We mourn for those who were once alive and throbbing. We demand protection for those who are not throbbing very lustily anymore but who are still alive. We fight for a place on earth where the full life of our people may go on in existence, in development, in progress, we hope. We have had many missions in the past, and we shall assume many more in the future—if we so choose to do.

Why? If you ask, you are a deader Jew than the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto.

A Message From The President-Elect Of Student Council

By HAROLD MILLER

I want to take this opportunity to thank the student body for electing me to the office of the Presidency.

Next year will be an all important year in student activities at Yeshiva. We must all strive through unity and cooperative effort to maintain the highest standard of work and relationship that is expected from a body such as ours. The new executive council has already met. We have discussed the outstanding problems and have come to certain fundamental conclusions, which will be presented to the student body at the beginning of the next semester. I have met with the Dean and have also discussed different student problems with him. All of these discussions point to one thing—amicable relations with the administration and a constructive student program.

Next term we as a student body shall pursue a course of action which will not merely be limited to school functions but shall encompass different fields of Jewish action. This must be done, and we are the ones to do it—and shall do it. Already a loan fund has been created which will be a

great aid to some of our needy students. The Executive Council is also negotiating with the S.O.Y. to maintain a closer relationship between the two bodies. Committees such as Jewish Affairs, Publicity, and Clearing House will function much more successfully if there is a merger of the S.O.Y. and the Student Council on these committees. There is also a plan to incorporate the War Efforts committees of all the different institutions housed in the Yeshiva building in order to derive the greatest amount of success when the war efforts drive will be started. The Athletics department of Yeshiva College has already gotten to work, contacting other colleges in order to make our coming year's schedule the most impressive in the history of our school. A greater effort will be made to encourage extra-curricular activities and body-building (a sound body and a sound mind etc.).

Yes, the ball has started to roll and as it rolls it will increase its speed, its speed toward the goal of success. That, after all, is the target to which we have set our guns. Unity, cooperation, success—this is the slogan for the coming term.

Two Sections Planned For Summer Term

Complete details of the summer session plan, previously announced by Samuel L. Sar, dean of men, have been disclosed by Registrar Norman B. Abrams. The spring semester will end on Thursday, June 22. The summer session will begin on Monday, June 26 and end on August 17. A stagger system will be in effect.

The classes of Rabbis Arnest, Burack, Gerstenfeld, Paleyeff, Shufenthal and Volk will meet from June 26 to July 20. All students 18 years of age or over, below Rabbi Volk's class, will meet during the latter session which is to be held from July 24 to August 17. Students of Rabbis Belkin, Shatakes, Soloveichik, and those studying Chulin and Yore Deah, may attend any session they choose.

Regular classes will be held daily, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 to 2:00.

All students who intend to continue their studies in the Yeshiva are required to register before Thursday, May 25. Registration will take place in room 102 between 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. and between 12:00 and 3:00 P.M. in the registrar's office.

COMMENTATOR QUIZ

The Commentator examination will be given this evening in R. 426. All members of the News and Sports staffs are asked to attend. Results will be announced following final examinations.

BUY MORE BONDS AND STAMPS

Isaac M. Friedman
New "Masmid" Wins
The Governing Board of Masmid has selected Bushie Friedman '45 as the editor of the yearbook for the coming year. Friedman has served on the senior publication this year as Art Editor.

He has also been very active in the Dramatic Society doing art and construction work for the Players.

Professor Floch Awarded Gift By Classical Society

Professor Bernhard Floch, faculty advisor of the Classical Society since its inception in 1943, was presented with a set of "Paideia" at the last meeting of the group on Wednesday, May 17.

In making the award, Louis M. Tuchman '44, president of the organization, stated that words of praise could not express the gratitude of the Society to Dr. Floch. A more tangible form of praise, he said, was in order. The honor was conferred upon Prof. Floch for his sincerity, devotion, and friendship to the students.

Upon accepting the set of books written by Werner Jaeger who, it was revealed, was a former teacher of Dr. Floch, he thanked the Classical Society for its noble sentiments.

At this meeting, too, Nathan E. Zemel '45, Seymour Weller '46, and Meyer Wisel '47, were elected president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, for the coming year.

Mandelbaum Chosen New "Commentator" Editor

Registration Plans, Curriculum Change Disclosed By Dean

Dean Isaacs has announced that registration for the fall semester will be conducted during examination week. All students are asked to call at the office for the course schedules which will be filled out by checking the courses desired, thus eliminating possible conflicts and the making out of individual subject cards. The schedules are to be made out in triplicate, one copy for the student's reference, and the other two for office use.

Among proposed curriculum changes, is a plan whereby elementary courses in Latin and German, covering the usual three years of high school work, will be given in one year, thus enabling students without previous background to major in the above subjects. In addition, Dr. Fleisher will give a course in seventeenth century English literature, and a course in either Ancient Civilization or the Renaissance will be given by a prominent outside scholar. General Psychology has been changed from a semester to a year course.

Beginning with the present sophomore class, the requirements for graduation have been lowered to 128 credits. The lowered number includes credit given for Hebrew courses.

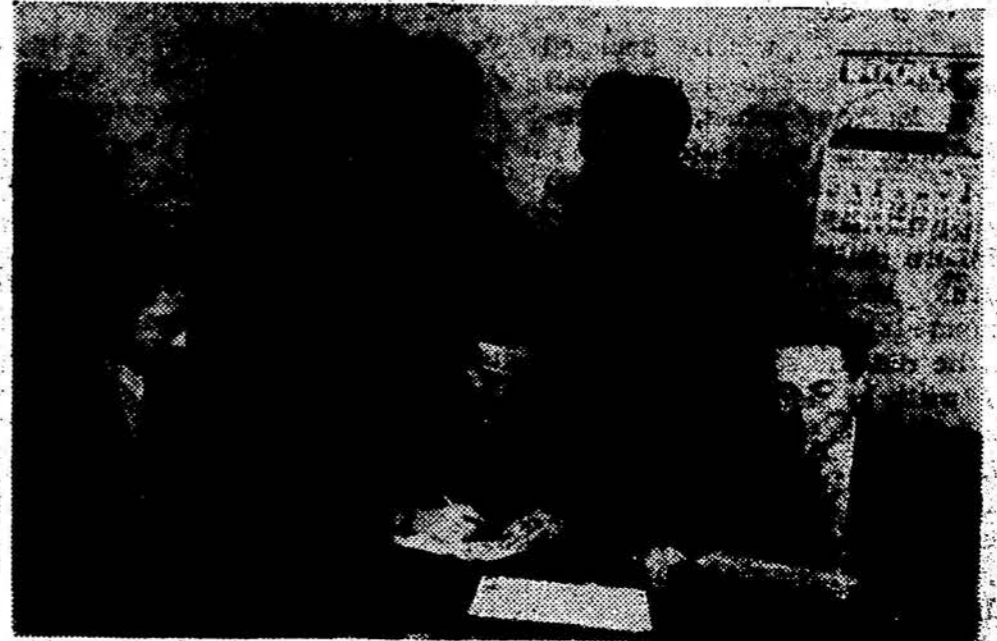
As previously announced in the last issue of The Commentator, Philosophy 1 and 2 and Fine Arts 1 and 2 have been dropped as required courses for graduation.

Tanenbaum, Charny, Tennenbaum, Weinstein, Bloom, Complete Board

The policies and publication of "The Commentator" will be handled next year by a six-man Governing Board, Paul Orentlicher '44, outgoing editor announced.

Headed by Editor-in-Chief Allen Mandelbaum '45, the other members of the Board will consist of Herman Tanenbaum '45, Managing Editor; Carmi Charny '46, and Lloyd Tennenbaum '46, News Editors; Charles Weinstein '45, Sports Editor; and Marvin Bloom '45, Business Manager.

OUTGOING GOVERNING BOARD



Left to Right: Herman Tanenbaum, Charles Weinstein, Paul Orentlicher, Allen Mandelbaum, Louis M. Tuchman.

Orentlicher explained that this year two News Editors were again chosen for both men are equally experienced and able to execute the duties of the News Editor.

The newly-elected Editor-in-Chief, Allen Mandelbaum '45, has been devoted to The Commentator ever since his freshman year when he was awarded the Feuerstein Award for excellence in journalism. He has also been active in other school functions

having taken part in Dramatic Society productions and having served as Manager of the Debating Society last year. Mandelbaum served in Student Council during his sophomore year.

Herman Tanenbaum '45, next year's Managing Editor, has also been a "Commentator" man since his freshman year when he received honorable mention for the Feuerstein Award. He was elected to his present berth on Governing Board as a result of the excellent organizational and supervisory work he performed last year as News Editor. In his sophomore year, Tanenbaum served simultaneously as president of the class of '45 and president of the Dramatic Society.

The two News Editors, Carmi Charny '46 and Lloyd Tennenbaum '46, in addition to their work for The Commentator since their freshman year, have been active members of other school organizations. Because of the promise and ability they showed in journalism during their freshman year, they were both chosen to serve as Copy Editors this past year.

"On The Sidelines" will again be "with Charles Weinstein" next year. Weinstein successfully edited the sports page during the past year, and received special commendation by the Associated Collegiate Press for the improved coverage and accounts of sports activities during the season. The Sports Editor has been writing for The Commentator since his freshman year and has been extremely active in athletic circles.

Marvin Bloom '45, who served on the business staff last year, was chosen to handle the finances for The Commentator during the coming season. Having joined The Commentator in his sophomore year, Julius Lieb '45, was appointed Copy Editor with Abraham Werner '46, who has served on the news staff since his freshman year. Seymour Katz '47, joined the Circulation staff this year and was appointed manager of this department.

To the New Leader of this

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Meet The Faculty

"Hadoar" Editor Takes Time Off For "Commie"

By SAMUEL WEISS

The amused twinkle in his eye assuaged my apprehensions as to the potency of my Hebrew in the impending 'chat'. I was set completely at ease when I perceived that Menachem Ribalow's "r" was purely Semitic in pedigree, devoid of the disconcerting American trill.

The secret?—Odessa.

And at this point Mr. Ribalow, editor of "Hadoar" and eminent author and critic ordered another glass of Harry's tea...

"Yes, my two greatest inspirers were Haim Nachman Bialik and Joseph Klausner, Bialik because of his genius and profound historical insight, and Klausner, for his emphasis on the necessity of integrating Judaism and humanity."

"The real work began in Moscow, the 'Holy City,' where we introduced Hebrew culture in the form of 'Ha'am' the first Moscow Hebrew daily.

The Semitic Bialik

"You see, Moscow was beyond the Pale, but my non-Semitic features were quite deceiving." Luckily for Mr. Ribalow they hadn't detected his Semitic "raish."

Vital disturbances arose as a

result of the Bolsheviks' rise, who forbade the continuance of the School and Kindergarten classes by incarcerating the Hebrew circle. Attempts were made to extract promises from Mr. Ribalow to disavow the Hebrew tongue but, naturally, to no avail.

"We then emigrated from Moscow to Kiev, Warsaw and finally some of us reached New York. It's interesting and tragic to note that "Habima," the Hebrew dramatic society was safeguarded by Gorky until undermined by Jewish members of the party in power."

American Years

During his many years in the United States, Mr. Ribalow, author of several books of essay and criticism, has been a leading figure in the reorganization of the "Histadruth Ivrit." The "Hadoar" has been under his editorship for twenty-three years.

As the interview neared its close I decided to take the plunge...

"The students?—Oh yes... quite learned...they have a fundamental knowledge of modern literature. I notice their proficiency quite often."

The tea was gone and the spell broken. Mr. Ribalow rushed away to edit this week's "Hadoar".

REVIEW OF STUDENT YEAR

Students Display Interest In Many Varied Fields

Dramatic Society

Players Give "In Time To Come"

"In Time To Come," the play revolving about Woodrow Wilson, was given this year by the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society. The production equalled, and possibly surpassed, all previous efforts of the Society.

The drama, which depicted Wilson's tragic efforts on behalf of the fourteen points, was skillfully directed by Anatole Winograd. Under his professional guidance, "In Time To Come," a failure on Broadway, was successfully brought to life on the Lamport stage. If you remember, he did the same a few years ago with a similar play, "The Modern Prometheus."

J. Shealey Applebaum '44, president, and Julian Gorodetsker '46, secretary, headed the theater.

At the Dramatic Society elections held Monday afternoon, Herman Tannenbaum '45 was elected president, Louis Bernstein '47, vice-president, and Mendel Fisch '47, secretary. The elections marked the last official meeting of the Society.

French Club

Cercle Francais

Carries Flambeau

Headed by Louis M. Tuchman '44, president, Lloyd Tannenbaum '46, vice president, and Fred Ehrenfeld '46, the French club enjoyed a successful year. Among the guests who addressed the group were Professor Lifshman, who spoke on the philosophy of Henri Bergson and Mr. Sperin who summarized the activities of the Zionist Youth Movement in France.

The club's annual publication, "Le Flambeau," to be lauded shortly, will feature a French translation of a poem by Blaise and essays on Proust and Anatole France.

Social Committee

"Foul Shot"

Scores Goal

The fourth annual variety show, sponsored by the Social Committee, was presented on December 25, to the largest audience ever present at a Yeshiva College show. "The presentation also yielded the greatest profit in the players' history," Solomon Reichel, co-chairman of the Social Committee, announced.

The play, "Foul Shot," was written and directed by David Mirsky '47; Solomon Reichel '46, built the elaborate set. Between acts, Jack Green, president of Yeshiva College Student Council, presented Private Abraham Lachin, assistant professor of psychology, now on leave to the U. S. Army, with an award, in appreciation of his devotion to, and for his efforts on behalf of the student body.

I. R. S.

Foreign Affairs

No Longer Foreign

The International Relations Society, under the presidency of Samuel A. Welles '44, presented a program which consisted of a series of lectures by guest speakers. Dr. Margalith, professor of political science, gave timely analysis of international trends.

Professor Laserson of Columbia discussed the development of natural laws among the Jews. Speaking of Japan, Dr. Lasker analyzed the causes responsible for Japan's militarism. Dr. Cohen, reporting on the treatment of war prisoners, stated that in most cases international law was observed.

Debating Society

Sophists Air

Timely Topics

The Yeshiva College Debating Society concluded one of its most successful seasons this past year. For the first time in their history the speakers debated and deliberated over the air. Two debates, one with N.Y.U., the other with Oberlin, were aired over Station WNYC.

In accordance with its policy of speaking on matters of vital public interest, the Society debated such topics as: "International Police Force After the War" and "A Jewish State in Palestine."

Leo Auerbach '44, president, and Morton Siegel '45, manager, arranged the limited schedule so as to enable the participation of a maximum number of members.

Co-op, Concert Bureau

Milky Way

To Broadway

The Co-op Store, managed by Harold Furst '44, enjoyed the most prosperous year since it was organized. Despite the wartime shortage of supplies it did over \$9000 worth of business realising a profit of \$200. In addition to the distribution of The Oenomenator, the sale of text-books, candy, and school supplies, it also inaugurated the selling of various Hebrew and English books at a reduction.

Sol Reichel '46 was chosen chairman for the coming year with Jacob Rabinowitz '46, assisting.

Limited by the war shortage of tickets, the Concert Bureau, nevertheless, continued to provide reductions and free tickets to outstanding attractions in the metropolitan area. Groups of Yeshiva College students attended top-notch concerts, operas and plays including "Decision" and Maurice Schwartz's "The Family Carovsky."

Education of his devotion to, and for his efforts on behalf of the student body.

Honors in Review

- Sept. 22, 1945—Dr. Samuel Babin Assumed Office As New President of Institution
- Nov. 4, 1945—White Paper Redwooded By CIVL, Religious Leaders
- Nov. 18, 1945—War Fund Drive Opens At Yeshiva
- Victory Assembly Hears Prof. Lifshman
- Dec. 2, 1945—Meed To Speak At Actor Dinner
- Dec. 16, 1945—Ambulance Plans War Bond Goal
- "Foul Shot" All Set For Opening Dec. 25
- Dec. 26, 1945—Variety Show Scores Hit Before Capacity Crowd
- Jan. 15, 1946—Chaplain Worries Dies In Plane Crash
- Commentator Gets Sponsor
- Feb. 16, 1946—Student Assembly Demands Abrogation of White Paper
- Feb. 24, 1946—History of Student Administration Relations For the Past Six Months
- March 16, 1946—The Commentator Enters Tenth Year of Publication
- March 29, 1946—Curtain To Rise On Y.C. Show Sunday
- Prof. Hartstein Named To New Post
- May 4, 1946—Summer Session Plans Disclosed by Dean Sar
- May 16, 1946—Harold Miller Elected As New President of Student Council

German Club

Gala Beer-Feste To Be Held

Now an integral part of Yeshiva College life, the permanently established German Club will continue sponsoring the highly successful Beer-Feste which were inaugurated last year. The next gala party will be held this Thursday night in the Dormitory Social Hall.

On behalf of the Verein, Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, advisor, extends a cordial invitation to the entire student body.

Classical Society

Latin, Greek Come To Life

The Classical Society, entitled "Eranois Novae Erasmensis", which was founded last year by Professor Froch, head of the Classics Department, held regular monthly meetings this year in which various students lectured on the contributions of the Greeks and Romans to modern culture. Marvin Bloom '46, Abraham Alkin '44, and David Skopp '44 were among the speakers. The Epurean influence on ancient Roman Culture and the prevailing average system were discussed with equal vigor. The heads of the society were Louis M. Tuchman '44, president; Abraham Teukman '44, vice-president; and Leonard Goldstein '44, secretary. During the coming year Nathan E. Zemel '46 will serve as president; Seymour Weller '46, as vice-president, and Meyer Wisel '47, as secretary.

Extra-Curricular Groups Complete Active Season

Science Club

Kidneys And Psychoneurosis

Psychoneurosis

The Science Club, founded in 1943, has completed an active and interesting year. The officers were Phocas Poyser '45, president, David Smith '45, vice-president and Bernard Siegel '45, secretary. Among its various activities, the Scientific Society included the preparation of the nitrate drug, penicillin. The penicillin mold has already been grown, and the project will be continued during the summer months. The Society was privileged to hear noted speakers on various topics. Dr. Samuelson, associate professor of Biochemistry at the Long Island Medical School; Dr. Max Eastland, associate professor of neurology at Columbia Graduate School of Medicine and Dr. Abraham A. Greenberger, director of the department of neurology at the Sea-View Hospital, lectured in their respective fields. The final lecture will be delivered by Dr. Emmanuel Singer, lung specialist of the Polyclinic and Sea-View Hospital. He will discuss the respiratory tract and lung diseases.

Dr. A. Greenberger, director of the department of neurology at Sea-View Hospital, addressed the members of the Scientific Society by Thursday night, May 16. He spoke on the urogenital system and gave detailed case histories of patients suffering from ailments of this system. His informative discussion included much expert material about kidney diseases and kidney malfunctions. Concluding, the professor stated that sex hormones can be injected into the body to stimulate growth.

Hebrew Club

Many Speakers Address Club

Outside speakers and regular meetings with elaborate cultural programs featured the activities of the Hebrew Club this year. The initial meeting was dedicated to the memory of Saul Tchernichovsky. The Hassidic movement and the concept of liberty were the themes of other meetings.

Professor Jetrutiel Ginsburg of the mathematics department, delivered an outstanding address in which he analyzed the contributions of the Jews to practical and theoretical mathematics from Rabbi Jacob Ben Meashe, author of the first book on spherical trigonometry of which Halley's book is almost an exact translation, down to Albert Einstein.

Under the leadership of Ger-shon Weiner '44, the Hebrew Club played a leading role in the activities of the "Near Eastman's" association of college Hebrew clubs.

Elections for the coming year will be held this Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

Sports

Basketballers In Bang-Up Season

Sports can be chalked up as one of the most successful extra-curricular activities of the past year at Yeshiva.

The Varsity entered upon a new phase in Yeshiva basketball history by leading a strenuous schedule that included some of the city's top fives, and emerged with a satisfactory record of 9 wins versus six losses.

Among the teams defeated by the Miles were the Columbia Naval Officers, Cathedral College, Webb Institute, and Queens College. These games and others provided the spectators with the thrills of their lives. The Cathedral games, the heart-breaking contest with Pratt Institute, and the almost-but-not-quite struggle with Brooklyn will stand out in many a Yeshiva fan's memory.

An encouraging angle of this year's basketball season was the large turnout of students at these games. The introduction of a cheering equal whose antics elicited great response from the voliferous fans went a long way in adding the quints sink many a crucial shot.

The New York Times recognized the Miles' efforts and captioned them as representing "a school that has made good considering its size."

The heated interest in inter-mural contests and the gratifying responses to the evening gym programs are ample evidence of the success enjoyed by sports this past season at Yeshiva.

War Council

Blood, Sweat And Bonds

Guided by Leo Landis '45 and Joseph Garsham '45, the Yeshiva College War Council tapped the patriotic veins of the Yeshiva Student with phenomenal success last year. The sale of War Bonds exceeded \$20,000. This record compares favorably with that of its sister members in the college-side War Council, an association of War Councils of Colleges throughout the country. The students further cooperated in the collection of \$650 for the National War Fund.

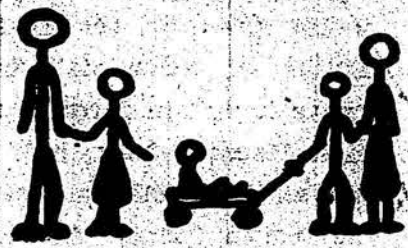
The Blood Donor record is even more outstanding. More than 150 students deposited their corpuses in the local blood bank. Mrs. J. Watson Webb, chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donor Center, has congratulated the council on its efficiency and excellent attendance.

The other members of the council were Isaac M. Friedman '45, Samuel Bloom '45, and Aaron Feuerstein '47.

BUY WORK BONDS AND STAMPS

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

	9:30 A.M.	1:30 P. M.	3:30 P. M.
Wednesday May 31			Philosophy 21 Greek 12 6:15 P. M.— Fine Arts
Thursday June 1	Philosophy 2a Philosophy 2b		Biology 2 Chemistry 2 Physics 2 Sociology 32
Friday June 2	Hygiene 1	Mathematics 2a Mathematics 2b	
Sunday June 4	Economics 12 Philosophy 102a Philosophy 102b	Hebrew 108	Chemistry 2 French 13
Monday June 5	French 4	English 4 Education 11b	Mathematics 12 Latin 1
Tuesday June 6		Chemistry 14	



Meet the Seniors

David Samkin—is one of those T.A. boys who made out so well that he was allowed to go to Yeshiva College. And Y.C. thought so much of him that he was given the commission of Captain—of the basketball team. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds incurred on the bench. Dave is a good-natured Bronx boy whose major extra-curricular activity is that of selling rings to would-be graduates. He's been pushed around quite a bit in his history and political science classes, but that he doesn't mind too much, for comes the Variety and Drama Society's shows and he reaps revenge. For then, as head usher, he can tell his profs where they can go....

at Y.C. to be the careful cultivation of a neat little bumper crop of mustachio rootlets 'neath his roamin' nose.

Louis M. Tushman—sometimes startles his cohorts with that Aryan air about him—blond hair, black-and-blue eyes. Lou is a bit on the brilliant side when it comes to the books. He has a thorough knowledge of the following types of volumes: French, Latin, Greek, Business, and Comic. Louie is very adept at the languages, and as a result of his excellent work in French, he is now doing honors work in Greek. He's been an able Business Manager for "Commie", and the

Drama Soc. has found him useful in dishing out donuts. The Classical Society claims Lou as its own, but the French Club of which he's been president for so-o-o long also claims L.T. All this, and "What's Who" too! As a farewell gift, they're presenting him with a hot foot ignited by the Flambeau!

Samuel Weiss—is considered by many to be one of the most genial of the senior mob. Shmayer, as he is so amiably labeled, was given the rare honor of being chosen the "most brilliant" of his class. This title is now being disputed by Dr. Litman who is giving

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Hazedek To Appear Next Week

This "Hazedek," official organ of the S.O.Y. will be distributed next week. Edited by Joseph Karasick, with Rabbi Israel Shurin as Hebrew editor, the magazine will feature the first translation of "Iggereth Ha Musar" by Rabbi Israel Salanter. Through the courtesy of Rabbi Leo Jung, an essay by Dr. Waldemar Haffkin, "conqueror of the bubonic plague," will also be included. In addition to an article on Jewish education by Israel Lerner and Joseph Kaminetsky, original Halachic dissertations by students of the Yeshiva will be published.

Charles Tannenbaum—is a good example of one of those trees that grew in Brooklyn. Charles has already received his Smicha, and while waiting for a congregation to snatch him up, he's taking a course or two in college. He figures that the best way to get an education is by taking a course in Education. He considers one of his greatest accomplishments

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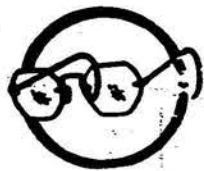
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MEET THE SENIORS

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Shmuyeh the workout of his lifetime in the philo and logic classes. A Talmudist who knows his Talmud, Sam spends some of his time reminiscing about his Meifitah days and nights. When he's not delving into Nietzsche and Kant, he explores the realm of Gestalt Psychology. As a result of his excellent work on the News Staff of "Commie", he was elected Literary Editor of the Masmid.

Jacob Weitzman—answers to the quaint appellation of "Jimmie". A very fine fellow, "Jimmie" (we'd prefer calling him "Jake", but tradition doesn't allow it) read of Stalin's famed five-year plan and tried to carry it out in college. J.B.S. regards him as one of his "good" disciples and that in itself is an accomplishment of great import. Considered by Dr. Margalith as a "pearl", "Jimmie" takes great pride in the technique he's developed in the Political Science laboratory. As he was walking out of the cafeteria the other day, he admitted that the mustache he sports has developed into a won-

derful soup-strainer....

Gershon Winer—is Canada's donation to Zionism. An Hebraist of the first order, Gershon spits forth a mean line of Hebrew. About the only time that he ever stopped talking about his cause, was last year when his larynx was operated upon. But now he's healthy as ever and more garrulous than e'er before. Gershon, a serious lad, looks anxiously toward the future, and is now preparing himself for any eventualities by taking a course in Arabic. Here at Y.C. he serves as the conscientious president of the Hebrew Club. Gershon is Student Council's representative at the Youth Zionist Actions Committee together with....

Benjamin Wolstein—who also is an ardent Zionist. What's so strange to understand about Ben is: how can a guy who is so typically Aryan be so Zionistically inclined! Tall, lean, and nice-looking, Ben claims that he acquired his good disposition together with his blond cheveux from living on the sunlit plains of New Jersey. Before plunging into Zionism, Ben was rather ac-

tive in school affairs. In his junior year he served as News Editor of "Commie" but then "gave it up" in favor of the Sho-meh Hadati. Now he's waiting and serving—both as chairman of the Youth Zionist Actions Committee and as Brenner's reliable standby.

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