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# President Belkin Announces Yeshiva Expansion; Program To Be Financed By \$5,000,000 Drive

## Student Council Chooses Coach, Graduate Manager, Faculty Advisor

In a session held on the evening of Thursday, May 10, the Student Council voted in favor of Mr. Jammy Moskowitz as coach of the Yeshiva basketball team for the coming season. Mr. Moskowitz is at present basketball coach at the James Madison High School, where he has turned out many outstanding players and championship teams.

A long and vigorous discussion, highlighted by the remarks of Hy Pomerantz '46, Herman Tanenbaum '45, Morton Siegel '45, and several members of the basketball

team probed the respective qualifications of the suggested candidates. By virtue of his character, his 20 years experience in coaching basketball, and his fine reputation at Madison High, Council decided that Mr. Moskowitz was the man most qualified to coach the Blue and White.

### Graduate Manager

Sam Waldman '45, athletic manager of the 43-44 season, was confirmed in office as graduate manager. Student Council further revised the Athletic Committee plan so that it now includes Mr. Hurwitz, instructor of physical education, the graduate manager, and the athletic manager. The duties of the Athletic Committee will remain unchanged.

Alex Soled '47 reported to Council in regard to a rally, sponsored by the Americans United for World Organization Incorporated, which will be held 8:30 P.M. on May 16 at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th St. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the true significance of the San Francisco Conference. An appropriation of \$10 was passed as Yeshiva College's contribution to this rally.

## Green, Dunn New S. O. Y. Leaders

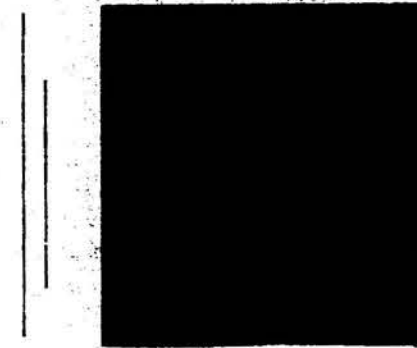
Climaxing a vigorous campaign, an unprecedented turnout of Yeshiva students on May 2 voted 237-154 to elect Jack Green '44, former president of Yeshiva College Student Council, to the presidency of the S.O.Y. over Samuel Bloch '45. Other successful candidates were Nathan Dunn '44, vice president, Solomon Shoulson '47, secretary-treasurer, Yitschak Metchik '45, gabbai. In accordance with the S.O.Y. constitution, the new executive council takes office on May 14.

Among the innovations planned are: a compulsory speakers' bureau in which students to be ordained will be required to give at least three speeches before congregations or organizations; "Hamevasser", a monthly student publication, at present issued in mimeographed form, will be printed tri-weekly.

Next week, "Hazedek", a Yeshiva student publication, presents its first issue. A later issue will appear before the end of the semester and three more are planned for the following year.

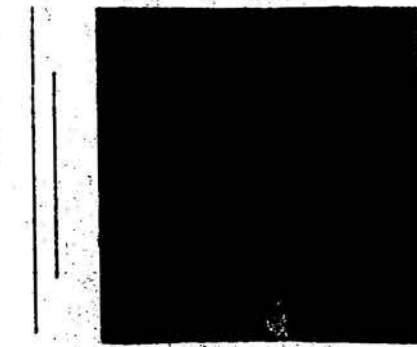
## Details On Two Faculty Members

Dr. Sidney D. Braun, instructor in French and secretary of the faculty of Yeshiva College, has recently received his Ph.D. from New York University. The subject of his thesis was "The French Theatre of the Nineteenth Century."



Dr. Braun has studied both in France and the United States, acquiring his diploma from the Sorbonne and B.A. and M.A. from New York University.

Professor Jacob I. Hartstein, Director of the Bernard Revel Graduate School and Assistant Professor and acting head of the departments of Psychology and Education of Long Island University, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Essex College of Medicine and Surgery, it was announced by Dr. A. R. Koch, president. Essex College is the first and only medical school in the state of New Jersey.



In making the announcement Dr. Koch stated that Prof. Hartstein has also been asked to join the Board of the Essex Medical Foundation. He praised Prof. Hartstein's achievements in the fields of education and psychology and hoped that he would accept the honor. Dr. Koch explained that Prof. Hartstein's plan for medical education would have far reaching results.

Prof. Hartstein has been a member of either the administrative or teaching staffs of all five Yeshiva departments. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College and holds the Masters from C.C.N.Y. and Columbia University. He received his Ph.D. at New York University. He has been affiliated with L.I.U. since 1938 rising rapidly to his present rank.

The Commentator expresses its belated congratulations both to Dr. Braun and to Prof. Hartstein.

## Plans For University Include Adult Education, Schools Of Social Work

An expansion program to develop new graduate and undergraduate divisions and to permit a considerable increase in student enrollment has been adopted by Yeshiva College, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, disclosed recently. A campaign to raise \$5,000,000, was inaugurated last week.

On the graduate level, the college is planning to develop a Graduate School of Community Administration and Social Research, a Graduate School of Education and a School for Adult Education. In addition,

a Summer School for Higher Jewish Education and Community Leadership is to open this summer.

The establishment of a social work school is of great importance, Dr. Belkin said, noting that today there exists no Jewish institution for training social work personnel on a graduate level.

### Training For Teachers

Development of a Teachers' College, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew Literature, is scheduled. Dr. Belkin recommended that a graduate school of education be operated as an integral part of an expanded Yeshiva program to prepare teachers for higher Jewish educational institutions and train research workers and teachers in Semitic languages, literature, and culture.

In the proposed School for Adult Education, courses will be given for laymen in Bible, Talmud, Jewish History, and similar subjects. It is hoped to organize the school in the metropolitan area and to offer certificates to adults who complete the course.

A series of institutes, conferences, courses and workshops will be held for laymen and professional workers in the field of education. An Institute for Parents and a Conference on the Synagogue and Adolescent Youth are listed for the summer school, which will be held from July 9 to August 17.

## Landes' Mathematical Research To Be Printed In *Scripta Mathematica*

Leo Landes '45, vice-president of Student Council, has been accorded the privilege of having an article published in the forthcoming issue of *Scripta Mathematica*. The article deals with the formula

rational right triangles. He then found a transformation between his two results and Whitlock's formulas.

Mr. Landes, a member of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," won the Peter Wiernik award given annually by the Friends of *Scripta Mathematica* to a Junior. Besides doing additional honors work this term, he is also attending the Yeshiva Institute of Mathematics.

Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, editor-in-chief of *Scripta Mathematica*, announced the appointment of Professor Edward Kasner, of Columbia University, to the editorial board of the magazine. Professor Kasner's appointment will fill the gap left by the late Professor David Eugene Smith, one of the founders of *Scripta*, who passed away last year.

The next issue of *Scripta* which will be published the end of this month will consist of ninety-six pages, a reversion to its pre-war size.



for triplets of rational right triangles possessing equal area. William P. Whitlock, Jr., after examining rational triangles of equal area, found a formula for rational right triangles with equal areas. Frans Von Schooten started a problem, to find the formula for two isosceles triangles with equal perimeters and equal areas. Landes solved Von Schooten's problem and worked out an original proof for the aforementioned

## Prayers Said At V-E Convocation

The students and faculties of Yeshiva College and Talmudical Academy gathered in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium on Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m. to offer special prayers and thanksgiving for the victory in Europe. This convocation was held in accordance with President Truman's proclamation that last Sunday—Mother's Day—should be set aside for that purpose.

Rabbi Jacob Lessin recited the appropriate psalms.

A selection from "Hallel" was rendered by Cantor Macy Nulman '45. The assembly then rose as Cantor Nulman concluded the services with the offering of the traditional prayer for the President of the United States: "May the King of kings in his mercy preserve the President in life, guard him and deliver him from all trouble and sorrow. In his days and in ours, may our Heavenly Father spread the protection of peace over all the dwellers on earth; and may the Redeemer come into Zion; and let us say, Amen."

## Connecticut Group Holds Reception For Pres. Belkin

The Connecticut Friends of Yeshiva and Yeshiva College held an official reception for President Samuel Belkin, Sunday, May 13th, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dr. Victor L. Butterfield, President of Wesleyan University, Dr. Albert U. Jorgensen, President of the University of Connecticut, and Dr. Charles Seymour, President of Yale University, were honorary sponsors of the reception.

The principal speakers of the evening included the Honorable Wilbert Snow, Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, the Honorable Wilbur L. Cross, Former Governor of Connecticut, and the Honorable Jasper MacLevy, Mayor of Bridgeport. Dr. Belkin stated that great interest was shown in the work done at Yeshiva and that several new scholarships will result.

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## ON COMPROMISE

Throughout this year, student leaders have been accused of being passive, spiritless, and have been criticized for their relinquishing of student rights and freedom. The student leaders were not fazed by these arguments for they felt that good student government does not mean creating issues just for the sake of having issues, or fighting tooth-and-nail with the administration simply for the interesting news copy and exciting hullabaloo that usually results.

Rather, the leaders were of the conviction that they were in office for the purpose of elevating the student body's government and activities by fostering constructive measures. The student leaders believed that only when equanimity of relationship was achieved between the college administration and student government could ameliorative measures for the student body be effectuated. Hence, since the beginning of the year, student representatives have bent backward and have made unprecedented compromises in order to attain and maintain that *aequanimitas*.

Among other things, they started the year with a clean slate, forgetting about previous administration-student strife. They accepted the suspension of the dramatic activity without a struggle. They agreed to consider the administration's request of establishing minimum scholastic requirements as a prerequisite for participation in extra-curricular activities.

With no diverting squabbles before it, Student Council then turned its energies toward analyzing and presenting to the dean a study of program and curricular problems; toward organizing and submitting to the Faculty-Student Relations Committee a plan for the sorely-needed and "catalogue-promised" faculty advisors; toward improving the functioning of extra-curricular activities by appointing financial advisors. And at its last meeting, Student Council took upon itself restrictions that no previous council had or would have: Student Council, in addition to appointing a graduate advisor to basketball, chose a faculty advisor for that activity. Moreover, in a sincere attempt to improve the calibre of all extra-curricular activities student representatives developed a system of scholastic eligibility rules.

These rules were presented to the dean.

These rules were rejected by the dean, and for the following reason: "Student Council has no right to set up any rules". Commenting further, the dean declared that the faculty would set up "stringent" regulations, and he elaborated: "For the present the faculty will adopt regulations for basketball but, if, in the future students abuse their freedom, regulations will be extended to other activities."

By way of general remark, the dean added: "I have exciting faith in student government".

At this stage of the game it is disconcerting to find that those to whom we turn for inspiration and guidance for the "real" life, have no "exciting faith" in the most basic of educational systems, that of student government. Little wonder that student leaders to-date have had a modicum of faith in the college administration.

And, indeed, it is difficult to reconcile this attitude with that of the president: "... the student body of the Yeshiva College has greater freedom of expression than students of secular colleges. I am rather proud of this fact because it reveals our sincere confidence in our student body... This "sincere confidence" of President Belkin is reassuring, nevertheless, students leaders are impelled to clarify their position, to wit:

As representatives of the student body, the leaders will not accept nor tolerate any further infringement, limitation, or regulation.

If equanimity can be maintained only at the expense of student freedom, then student representatives will go away with equanimity.

Compromise and bending backward are of the past.

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## Meet The Seniors

David Pfister: Being a T. I. graduate is probably one of the reasons that Dave was selected to head the "Omg Juri." However, the indisputable reason behind Pfister's major in political science is that being incidentally included, he has a "good ear." Besides playing the piano, Dave likes to have his hair styled by Prof. Brody's wiggle. Don't kid yourself. As noted Mr. G. says Pfister is nothing to sneeze at!

Seymour Rosenthal: This handsome Brooklynite is more than just a sprout who grew up in Flatbush. Seymour of the deep voice and high intellect is a gentleman who has taken everything from history to Prof. Litman. Obviously he can take it. If you ever grab hold of Seymour's wrist, it's not his pulse that beats rapidly but his miniature "Big Ben."

Simon Schiff: Simon jumped all the way from Springfield into Dr. Floch's class. Finding a trace of the Greek in Latin, Schiff took more courses with his favorite teacher and now he is being showered daily with Dr. Floch's *vesperna sapientibus*. A boy who can handle a geometric circle with as much ease as a basketball, Schiff goes in for horseback riding—as do the other students of the classical department.

Harold Schelwels: In addition to winning oratorical contests and

proving to The Commentator that without a "play" — how not writing, Hal is an ardent student whose essays speak louder than his words. And that's something. Famed with an extreme case of *Lambada*, Schelwels cuts, talks and mostly dreams about the superiority of philosophy over mathematics. A former member of the "Players," Hal still puts on the "set" in Dr. Kist's class.

Jerome Scheller: Built in gargantuan proportions, Jerry was a favorite in Dr. Damon's class. His speeches were so technical that he scored a knockout in each oratorical bout. Good natured to the brim, Scheller used to listen very calmly to Dr. P. Churgin. At present he is taking his orders from Uncle Sam. Best of luck Jerry, and hurry back. "Doc" Hurwitz is waiting to carry you around the gym again. Quite a load even for "Doc."

Leo Schwartz: History, political science, philosophy—what does it all matter to Flatbush's future bridegroom. Leo has his mind on other subjects these days. A far-sighted young man, Leo is about to turn his hobby into a career by tying the knot with Elythe. Don't forget to invite me to the wedding. Leo. Mazel Tov "merchem" by all Seniors.

Manny Seidman: Manny is a philosophy major—so the office tells him. Wavy-haired Seidman

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Joseph Shagrir: "Hey, Josh, how about taking my picture?" Maszid's flash-in-the-bulb boy and Atlantic City's greatest find since Ann Miller, is one of the cutest seniors to be graduated this year. Math and physics keep Josh busy but not busy enough to prevent him from running after Elythe's tail and vice versa. Quite a man with a horse, the milk of human kindness runs unbridled in Josh's bosom.

Bernard Siegel: Hailing from Brooklyn, Bernie is one of those sharp dressers who hides behind chemistry's apoc strings. Siegel who loves chess with all his heartache and soul can become so engrossed in an experiment that the slightest disturbance will make him explode. Thus far he almost blew up the lab on only three disturbing occasions. Bernie likes music and hopes to go far some day.

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## Meet The Faculty:

### Mr. J. Katz Characterized By Diversity Of Interests

Accused by many of being old beyond my years (to put it mildly), the editor felt it only appropriate that I interview the instructor in History 12, Greek and Roman Civilization, Mr. Joseph Katz, the object of my quest, destroyed my preconceived notions of what appearance a student of antiquity should have. Slight of stature, with a rather shy and winning smile, it was difficult to associate the young man before me with the authorship of a formidable array of scholarly articles. The wide scope of his interests, however, soon destroyed any remnants of my "dilettante scholar" bias, and incidentally, changed a cut-and-dried interview into an enjoyable discussion covering everything from astrology to the great books conflict in American education.

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to such publications as the "Journal of Philosophy," "Journal of the History of Ideas," and the "American Scholar," his articles have been on such varied topics as "Aristotle on velocity in the void," "A reply to J. Huxinga on the form and function of history," "Germany can be re-educated," and "On chance and prediction." My dreams of a sedentary intellectual life were further upset by Mr. Katz's disclosure that he combined a taste for literature, music, etc. with a participant's interest in sports. In his brief span of years, he has passed through three distinct environmental patterns, the first being the totalitarian scheme of Nazi Europe, the second was the practically pure humanistic spirit that pervaded Basel, one of the last outposts of the Renaissance, and finally, of course, the mass democracy of the United States.

Answering the stock question, Mr. Katz said that he was favorably impressed by the Yeshiva student's eagerness for knowledge. (Remember, this was at the beginning of the term.) The question-and-answer session was terminated with a Yeshiva student and I was about about leaving the room when Mr. Katz said, "I'm glad you're here." ... (text partially obscured)

## Letter Exhibit By Cercle Francais

A collection of letters written by eighty-eight of the world's most prominent contemporary writers, describing Guy de Maupassant's influence upon their works, was on exhibit in Dean Isaac's office on Wednesday, April 18, and Friday, April 20. Among the authors represented were Thomas Mann, Stefan Zweig, Aldous Huxley, John Dos Passos, Andre Gide, and Benedette Croce.

This material was lent to Dr. Sidney A. Braun, instructor in French, through the courtesy of Prof. Artine Artinian, head of the French Department of Bard College. Prof. Artinian, in making a scholarly study of Guy de Maupassant's influence on contemporary literature, asked these famous authors to submit their personal opinions of Maupassant's effect upon their writings. Other material on exhibition included a caricature of Maupassant, his photograph, and funeral notices.

Le Cercle Francais announces that the organization group will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p. m.

## Annual Assembly To Hear Nominees

The annual student assembly will be held Monday, May 31 in the Yeshiva College Gymnasium between 3 and 4 P. M. All those eligible to vote will be expected to attend. ... (text partially obscured)

## On The Varsity Basic Concepts To Help Clear The Atmosphere

NORMAN L. KRASNER

Before I tear into philosophical platitudes, I want to extend congratulations to our newly elected Graduate Manager of Athletics, Sam Waldman, and to "Doc" Hurwitz, the faculty advisor to athletics. "Schmuel" was our A.M. for the '43-'44 season, so's he's not new to the job, and Doc, besides being our gym instructor, and teaching swimming, magic, and group leadership, has often taken an active interest in extra-curricular athletics. In addition the welcome mat is out for our new coach, Jammy Moskowitz, who's also far from a neophyte. He's been coaching at Madison H. S. for the past ten years, and he had spent a ten year stretch at B.C.P. with distinction.

This is the completely revamped set-up that is to face the new season. It was brought about to meet the new conditions that have developed, and to forestall the repetition of past mistakes in the future. And yet there is one condition that these new men will be powerless to correct without the understanding of the student body as a whole, and the cooperation of the boys on the varsity in particular.

This persistently troublesome factor might be called morale. There are those, and I am among them, who claim, and justly so, that there are members of our team who are deficient, not in character or scholarship, but in their approach to sports, and its integration within themselves.

It may sound naive and unsophisticated to some, but sportsmanship and fairplay, a sense of comradeship and teamplay, are among the prime benefits to be garnered by those who participate in all sports. If such is not the case, or if the nature of competitive sports has so changed that this is no longer true, then I want to be the first to say, "Abolish it!"

But this I do not believe to be true. The lassitude and selfishness that has characterized the attitude of a few of the varsity's members is not typical nor necessary. While no super-human self-effacement is expected, nor desired, a willingness to pitch in at all times, and to sit one out if it's thought necessary is expected—indeed it is demanded. Even if a player is to warm the bench for the next few games, he is expected to appear at all practice sessions—on time!—and to come down to every game anyhow. That the egotistical motive has been momentarily removed is no excuse for letting down the team—and the school—for which all have been striving. If that small spark of school spirit to keep a player doing his utmost under such circumstances is lacking, then, I say unequivocally that such a man should either change radically or turn in his uniform. If personal glory is the only drawing card sports holds for any man, then such a man does not belong in sports—at least not in Yeshiva.

Let it not be said that to make such demands on a ballplayer is unjust. It is not. If it be claimed that such qualities are not possessed by the rest of the student body as a whole, then varsity men must still have them. If the student body grants anyone the privilege of representing them, then such a person must be willing to accept all the responsibilities that accompany such representation. If anyone wants to maintain student rights, he must be willing to accept student responsibilities. This is as true of the leaders and workers in all their student activities as it is in basketball.

Attacking the problem from another angle, the superstructure of athletics has been shoved slightly from its Yeshiva foundations—at least in the minds of some. The purpose of all the varied activities here is to mold a well-rounded individual and yet to afford full opportunity for individual expression. If the indulgence of any one phase of a person's abilities so interferes with his natural development along other lines then such participation should be discontinued. In other words, if any one finds that playing ball—or writing on Councils, or sitting on Student Council for that matter—prevents him from becoming and being a "mentch" in all its connotations, then he should drop it!

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that a little more understanding on the part of all concerned would obviate any and all drastic changes. If everyone would maintain a more tolerant and broader perspective, even in the face of changes of procedure, then the varsity would reach the full potentialities that the new set-up and the existing conditions offer.

## Yeshiva Is Received For Talpioth

In the period of one year "Talpioth," edited by Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, has gained the acclaim of all shades of Jewish intellect. Several of the great Palestine Yeshivas treat with its Halachic material in their studies, while its clear, concise and modern literary style has been hailed by "The Observer." In reading the numerous reviews in the Jewish press, one cannot help sensing the great impact "Talpioth" has had throughout the world of Jewish learning; it is rapidly becoming the organ of expression for the greatest rabbinical minds. Concerning the editing, Mr. Hersh Lebb Gordon in The Morning Journal writes, "The precise, clear and coherent style of Rabbi Mirsky is creating a unique American method."

Indicative of the active interest in "Talpioth," is the letter of Rabbi Kosowaky, brother-in-law of Rabbi Chaim Ozer, of sainted memory, from Johannesburg, South Africa. In addition to his high commendation of the journal he asked that twenty-five issues of each quarterly be sent to him. A group of thirty men in Toronto have formed a group to discuss "Talpioth" articles. From Montevideo, Uruguay, Chief Rabbi Milevsky expresses his satisfaction at being able to aid in the popularization of a magazine of such excellent standard.

### New Issue Appears This Week

Prof. Asaf of the Hebrew University writes, "Talpioth" shows evidence of the determination of American Jewry to shoulder the responsibilities that befell it with the destruction of the center of learning in Europe." In similar vein Mr. I. Levine of The Morning Journal comments that Talpioth is among the best Hebrew publications in recent years. Mr. A. B. Rotkin of The Forward praises "Talpioth" as a medium to clarify and expound Talmudic learning.

The fifth volume of "Talpioth," marking the beginning of its second year of publication appeared this week. Heretofore unpublished annotations of Rabbi Akivah Aiger have been printed in the new issue. Rabbi Jacob Levinson, chairman of the Committee to Strengthen Torah and Judaism, discusses the question of whether tourists fulfill the precept of living in Palestine, while Rabbi Mirsky continues his article on "The Sources of Halacha in the Midrash."

## EMPRESS THEATRE

Friday - Sunday, May 18-20

Dick Powell, Anne Shirley  
"MURDER MY SWEET"

and  
"PAN-AMERICANA"

Monday-Wednesday, May 21-23

Mickey Rooney in

"NATIONAL VELVET"

plus

"HI, BEAUTIFUL"

Thursday-Saturday, May 24-27

Patricia Morison, Betty Field

"TOMORROW THE WORLD"

and

"MONEY FEVER"

"Neither shall the... shall be Yeshiva... graduate schools..."

Yeshiva University that "Yeshiva" (English translation: movement) to "have... higher education is about to be unveiled and already the... are busy dropping their... all over Detroit and..."

Quoth one Dubious Dan the other day: "What the... (one word debated by censor) for are they expanding the secular departments? It's the Yeshiva proper that has to be augmented by some graduated changes."

### Change, Please

For goodness' sake and for Yeshiva's too, I shall prove to you, ladies and gentlemen of the Jewry, beyond the shadow of a certainty that Yeshiva has changed—and is still changing. Its coat of many colors can be seen daily and twice on Saturdays.

There was a time when the Minyan supply was in its dwindling stages. Nowadays, however, attendance has reached a new pique. With the advent of a "mashgiach" in spirit, and a counsellor system in spirit, the ranks of the Minyan have been filled out—also in spirit.

The services proceed in an orderly fashion. Aisles are kept clear and the benches are well stocked—praised be the "Bal-Habatim." Yeshiva is steering along a new course although all hands aren't on deck as yet.

### Baloney Again

Once upon a "Shabbas" dreary the "residents" of the dormitory used to have their meals made up of cold cuts of salami or "lehav-dil" sour cream and cheese. Fortunately, however, Yeshiva gullets are now consuming tripping hot meals, a la push carte. Meat may

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# ELECTION CANDIDATES

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

### THEODORE COMET

Limiting my platform to one-hundred-flit, words is like limiting student activities. Both limitations stifle full student expression. Formerly, student-administration relationship have been characterized by extremes of complete antagonism or complete acquiescence. I will energetically oppose any censorship or curtailment of students' rights. Yet, I will cooperate with the faculty if the students stand to gain thereby.

In the past year, many activities have degenerated into inactivities. I propose to revitalize the extra-curricular program. This will automatically instill within the students the strong college spirit that participation engenders.

My past record is clear; my dealings, open—they will be so in the future. I have been class president twice. I have served on many functioning committees. Never have I submitted to power politics nor acquiesced to administration demands I considered baneful to the student body. If elected, I will maintain this rigid standard and provide a sincere and efficient administration.

### ABRAHAM WERNER

If the student body sees fit to place its confidence in me for the coming year, then it may rest assured that traditional Student Council policy will continue to prevail. We shall continue to insist on the absolute independence of student activities—as a matter of right, not privilege—wholeheartedly accepting the burdens and responsibilities as well as the liberties involved in such a system.

Not enough emphasis has been placed in the past, on our internal affairs, the activities themselves. Next year we shall attempt to revitalize those activities we have. I have served on The Commentator, Masmid, Student Council, and various committees for two years. I know student government well, both in theory and practice. The student body may be certain that I shall pursue a sensible and courageous policy in the future. My record will testify that I have done so in the past.

## VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

### MORRIS GOODMAN

Fewer and fewer have been the number of students participating in extra-curricular activities. I have developed a plan to be pre-

sented in detail at the elections assembly which, among other initiatives, revolves itself about a remedy to this situation.

Only a man who has behind him the background and experience along these lines and a genuine interest in the welfare of the student body, and has participated actively in student activities, can possibly be capable of such an undertaking.

Proof of my qualifications for this office are embodied in the following; member of the Executive Board of the Talmudical Academy for two consecutive terms, vice-president of the Boro-Park Y. I., Concert Bureau, Library Staff, Elections Committee, French Club, and Health Committee.

Furthermore, I sincerely pledge myself to voice student opinion and at all times to fight for our rights.

### MORTON ROSEN

Privileges can not be expected without responsibilities. The student body can not ask for a share in the determination of school policies unless it is fully prepared to discharge the responsibilities which are concomitant with power.

As vice-president of Student Council I shall conduct myself with this principle in mind. I will insistently assert and support my contention that the student body and its organ The Commentator are and, of a right, ought to be free agents. In a spirit of cooperation, I feel that the students, without yielding any of their rights will be able once and for all to resolve their difficulties with the college administration.

### SEYMOUR WELLER

Student government and student activities can function successfully only if conducted by student leaders who are cognizant of the problems and needs of the student body. As such, experienced leadership should be the measuring

rod in the choice of student representatives for the coming year.

My experience in student activities has been long and diversified, including active participation in Student Council, class representation, club activities, Commentator and Masmid.

If elected I shall do my best as head of all committees to bring efficient organization and leadership to the various clubs and activities, and shall at all times reflect in speech and in action the will and desire of the student body.

## SECRETARIAL CANDIDATES

### MANDEL FISCH

The selection of candidates should be based solely upon past achievements and proven capabilities, regardless of personal sentiment.

My varied experiences as organizer and president of an active and influential Mizrachi branch best indicate my abilities and accomplishments. I have enriched extra-curricular activities at Y.C. by establishing the very popular Hobby Club. I am secretary of the Dramatic Society, active in Cercle Francaise, and participant in many student activities.

Student opinion and welfare shall be my constant guide in determining policy decisions.

### JACOB RABINOWITZ

The secretary's duties are twofold. He must keep the student body notified and consciously aware

## Kanner To Lecture

Professor Edward Kanner will deliver the last of the lectures sponsored by the Society of Friends of Scripta Mathematica and The Yeshiva Institute of Mathematics this Wednesday, May 16, at 8 o'clock. This lecture on "Mathematics In Hollywood" will be given in the Horace Mann Auditorium of Teachers' College which is located at 120th Street and Broadway.

of everything that takes place in Council. Sincerity of purpose and a capacity for hard work are essential for this task. My work in the Co-op bears witness to my ability in, and qualifications for, the above.

Secondly, in fitting himself for his duties on the Executive Council the candidate must present a clear, deliberate, and honest program, and this I intend to do at the elections assembly.

### ISRAEL ZEIFMAN

Having actively served on Student Council for two years, the past year as class president, I feel capable to fill this important executive position. Last year was punctuated with the turbulent "Student Rights Affair" and this year has all the incipient possibilities of yet another conflict. This necessitates the election of a man who has actively fought for student rights in an official capacity in past conflicts. I have these qualifications and the foresight necessary for the task.

## Summer Session Planned For July

Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of the Yeshiva, announced that registration for the summer and fall sessions will take place during the next two weeks.

All students eighteen years and over are required to attend classes from nine to one o'clock Monday to Thursday inclusive, during the entire month of July.

All students above and including Rabbi Volk's class will remain in their individual classes, while those students eighteen years and over, below Rabbi Volk's class, will be combined into one shur.

The opening date for Fall sessions will be announced shortly.

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## STUDENT BODY ELECTS WERNER AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT '45-46

### From The Newly-Elected President

As is customary, and yet with gratitude, I thank the student body for having elected me to the Presidency of Student Council. I thank you also for my colleagues, the vice president and secretary. . . . . We shall not content ourselves, however, with proffering our thanks to the students.



We choose to view our victory in the election as the beginning, not the end, of our task.

In my campaign speech I stated: "Your president's duty next year must not be to lean over backwards in attempts to placate the administration. Your president's

duty next year must be to press the just demands and maintain the rights of the students—whom he represents." I also said: "In our demands for power we must not lose sight of the principle that power without responsibility is worse than no power at all." My administration shall be guided by these two axioms.

Yet it is true that a few men—no matter how earnest—can do little if the great mass of the student body is indifferent and apathetic. I urge you to take greater interest and participate more actively in the activities. I urge you to exercise wisdom and discretion in choosing your class officers since they will play an important role in determining student council policy and the success or failure of our undertakings.

There is work to be done. We can only do it together. I trust that a united and high-minded student body shall not be found wanting.

### Candidates Voice Views To Assembly

Candidates for office in Student Council were given an opportunity to present their qualifications and platforms to the student body last Monday at 3 p.m. in the Harry Fischel Synagogue. Leo Landes '45, vice-president of the out-going Student Council, presided.

Throughout this entire assembly, the candidates reiterated their strong convictions that student rights and freedom of expression must be maintained.

Theodore Comet '46, the first of the presidential candidates to address the student body, stressed the necessity of "resisting any further infringements on student rights." He claimed that the planned expansion of Yeshiva College "makes it incumbent upon us to attain for Orthodoxy political and social leadership." Therefore he promised to stimulate student interest in Zionist activities and encourage the students' actual participation in the various Zionist organizations.

#### Will Assist On Rights

Abraham Werner '46, the other presidential candidate stated that the duty of the president next year must be to insist upon the complete freedom of student expression, to demand the students rights of administering their activities without external pressure, and to press for the passage of the Faculty-Advisor Plan. He expressed the belief that he is capable of doing this job because of his varied background in student activities.

Morris Goodman '46, vice-presidential candidate, presented among the highlights of his speech a Senior-Advisor Plan. Morton Rosen '46, another candidate, promised to direct all his energies toward maintaining a strong student government. Seymour Weller '46, emphasizing his previous experience in Student Council, maintained that he could give efficient leadership to the student body. Mandel Fisch '47, Jacob Rabinowitz '46, and Israel Zelfman '47, candidates for the secretaryship, made short speeches in their own behalfs.

Before the introduction of the candidates, Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, associate professor of German, appealed to the students on behalf of "The Greater New York Fund". A collection was made and further donations for the drive will be accepted in the dean's office during the next week. Elihu Elefant '46, urged the student body to increase their financial support of the Masmid. Fred Sommers '44, reminded the students of their obligation to help the O.S.E. drive for the displaced orphans of Europe.

### Rosen Gains Vice-Presidency; Rabinowitz Sweeps Sec'tship

In the closest election since 1942, Abraham Werner '46 was elected president of the Yeshiva College Student Council for the academic year 1945-46, as he defeated Theodore Comet '46, by a margin of four votes, 121-117. Morton Rosen '46 gained the vice-presidency on the second ballot as Morris Goodman '46 dropped out, leaving the final count: Rosen 119, Weller 106. Jacob Rabinowitz '46 won the secretaryship by the largest margin, 141 to 94 for Mandel Fisch '47. Israel Zelfman '47 dropped out on the first ballot.

Werner, who hails from Providence, R. I., has been active in student affairs since his entrance into Yeshiva College. As a junior he was president of his class and in his sophomore year he served as vice-president. He was also elected in his sophomore year to the managing board of The Commentator in the capacity of Copy Editor. At present Werner is a member of the Masmid staff. He has also been a member of various Student Council committees since his freshman year.

The newly elected vice-president, Morton Rosen, is a native of Camden, N. J. He has been an active participant in student affairs throughout his college career. His major activity has been the Dramatic Society in which he has served for the past three years.

Jacob Rabinowitz, the new secretary of the Yeshiva College Student Council, is now serving as associate manager of the Co-op. In his sophomore year he was a member of the Social Committee and took part in the Varsity Show.

Following are the final tabulations:

	Werner	Comet	Rosen	Weller	Rabinowitz	Fisch
Low Fr. ....	4	14	6	8	2	13
Up Frosh ....	31	46	40	35	24	29
Soph. ....	30	23	29	22	20	17
Juniors ....	28	16	24	18	36	1
Seniors ....	28	18	19	25	31	4
Total .....	121	117	119	106	113	64

\*On the First Ballot Zelfman received 63 votes

\*On the Second Ballot Rabinowitz won 141 votes, while Fisch copped 94

### Mathematics-Hollywood Mixture Produces Easy Road To Riches

Professor Edward Kasner of Columbia University concocted a little mathematics, a little Hollywood, a little everything at Horace Mann Auditorium on Wednesday, May 16, as he spoke on "Mathematics in Hollywood" in the final lecture of the Scripta Mathematica series.

The number of buttons on Shirley Temple's dress, the experiences of a parachute jumping native of Yugoslavia, the trials and tribulations of a pullman porter, what the self-assured lady of society should do as soon as she steps into the Stork Club, finally led to a new and entirely undeveloped field of mathematics, known as "Hollywood" addition.

It all started years ago from a song in a superb grade B film, "College Mirth." Here came a rendition by a courageous member of the audience in a not too

melodious bathroom baritone of "Take a number from 1 to 10, double it and add 1,000,000, that's how much you thrill..."

This song was carried out in pantomime in the film. The number picked was 2, doubled it became 4, and then 1,000,000 was added. In the picture the sum was 4 plus 1,000,000 equals 41,000,000. Here is the secret of that new, heretofore unheard of "Hollywood" addition. In this way 7 plus 7 equals 77.

New unexpected possibilities are opened. Imagine working one day, a zealous man now makes \$1.00. The next day he makes nothing, since he decides to rest. His total for the two days, a la Hollywood, is 1 plus 0 equals 10. Who but a fool, or a non-Ginsburgian mathematician would work the third day. The total salary is now 10 plus 0 equals 100. After a few more days of self-enforced idleness the laborer, white collar worker, or even mathematics professor can retire from his job, a millionaire. No mention was made in the lecture of the job from which the millionaire would retire.

Professor Kasner was offered a yearly salary of \$1000 as mathematical advisor for Hollywood productions. He asked for another \$1000. To this day the movie colony has been forced to exist without the valuable assistance of Columbia's Adrain Professor of Mathematics, because it is inconsistent. It was willing to use "Hollywood" addition in the movies, but was willing to pay Professor Kasner's salary only in the old, tried method.

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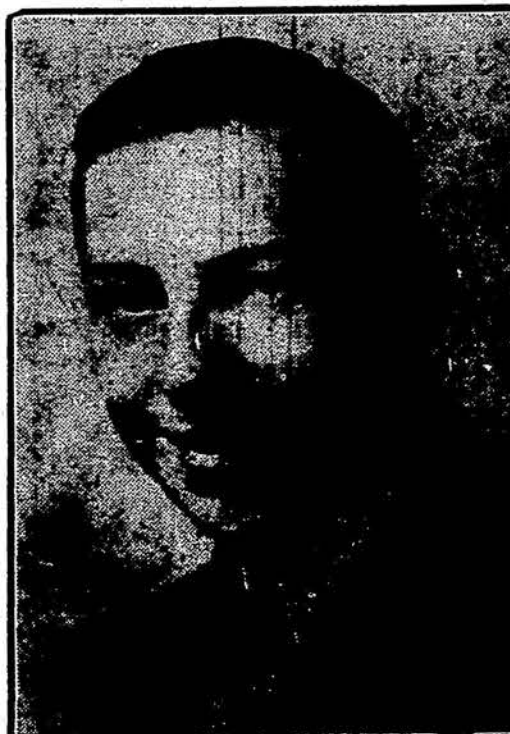
### '45 Masmid To Be Largest In History

With its fund campaign coming to a close, MASMID is going to press as the largest and most inclusive issue in its history. In addition to consisting of more than one hundred fifty pages, the journal includes a complete section devoted to lower-class activity. Lower-classmen also were encouraged to write, and contributed considerably to the literature section of MASMID.

Solicitation of funds culminates on Monday, May 28th. Each student is held responsible for books he received. All books, whether only partially sold or completely unsold, must be returned to class representatives no later than the above date.

### Seized Swastika Sent To Council

"As a trophy in the citadel of its would-be victim" a captured swastika flag measuring 3 1/4 by 2 1/4 feet was sent to the Yeshiva College Student Council by Cpl. Arnold Miller '39, who is now



serving in the armed forces somewhere in Germany. Miller, a native of Worcester, Mass., was editor of The Commentator in his senior year. The following letter was received by President Harold Miller:

"Dear Friend:  
"Under separate cover I have forwarded to you a large swastika flag, which I acquired March 4 in a certain famous German city.

### London Discusses Economic Plan

Mr. Bernard London, noted economist and author of the "Planned Obsolescence" theory, addressed a large audience in the Science Lecture Hall, Sunday, May 13, on the benefits of planned obsolescence and the part it could play in eliminating unemployment.

To achieve national stability, Mr. London stated, we must plan our economy using the economic principles of life, time, and space as foundations. He demanded that we stop using palliatives and instead substitute a new economic concept based on common sense. Financial upheavals start on the durable goods front and to prevent them we must replace obsolete goods. The durability of the goods produced by the worker limits further production and consequently he suffers because of lack of work.

I desire to present it to Yeshiva College as a sort of symbolic gesture marking the forthcoming triumph of good over evil and the failure of the modern Haman's attempt to destroy an immortal people. The flag of the cursed enemy will remain as a trophy in the citadel of its would-be victim. Poetic justice—*is it not?*

"One of the boys,  
Arnold Miller '39".  
Students who wish to see the flag will find it on display in the Student Council office.

EDITORIALS

The last editorial is usually devoted to taking inventory of student administration's accomplishments...

Firstly, we extend our congratulations to the newly-elected school officers. It has been customary in the past for editors to exploit elections by proclaiming how wonderful is the democratic processes of voting...

We do not, nor can we follow suit this year. Circumstances are vastly different. To fulfill our obligation to the new student representatives we must print not universal platitudes, but actual facts on the present situation.

As was pointed out in this space last week, there had been no friction between administration and student leaders, for the latter had yielded ground on every point of contention. Two weeks ago, when Student Council's scholastic eligibility rules were rejected by the dean, discord resulted.

The present claim of student leaders is similar. They willingly accept scholastic rulings upon themselves as is evidenced by their recent actions. However, they resent the administration's finagling behind closed doors.

We understand the faculty will meet this Monday night. Between now and then, we urge the old and new student administrations to clarify their stand to members of the faculty so that they, (the faculty), knowing the student point-of-view, will be enabled to vote intelligently and open-mindedly.

If the above is handled properly, then the faculty will also be allowed to discuss and decide on the representation on the Faculty-Student Relations Committee which, incidentally, has been pending since the beginning of this year.

Trusting the faculty's interest in student welfare, we look forward to favorable decisions on these measures. Assuredly, their passage will result in the restoration of equanimity thereby enabling the new student leaders to strive ever forward in attempt to improve and elevate the status of our democratic microcosmos.

To The Editor:

Dear Sir: I wish to commend The Commentator for its vigorous opposition to the discontinuance of required philosophy in the curriculum.

The student majoring in social studies or the sciences, for example, is likely to see no relevance

of philosophy to his own interests.

This was my own attitude when I was at Yeshiva, for I should certainly never have taken any philosophy had the choice been mine to make when I was a junior.

Sincerely yours, MORDECAI L. GABRIEL

We print the above letter from one of our most distinguished alumni for we believe it states the case for philosophy lucidly and succinctly.

It is useless to continue pressing for the reinstatement of philosophy. The dean states he "is not opposed to the subject" nor does he "prevent anyone from registering for the course".

Those who have not as yet taken a course in philo and feel they must be convinced of its relative merit are urged to re-read Dr. Gabriel's letter.

Refugee's Fate Linked Up With Survival Of Judaism

Dr. Alexander Sady, professor of history, reviews the Jewish Refugee by A. T. ... and M. E. ...

The authors view the Jewish refugee problem as primarily a phenomenon of racial tension.

They see in this problem one of "the tragedies of Jewish existence in a gentile world," and a consequence of racial antagonism and of "racial neo-antisemitism." Hence, they identify the fate of the refugee with the fate of the Jewish people, and the problem of the refugee with the problem of Jewish survival.

The refugee movement since 1933 illustrates for the authors the hitherto precarious position of the Jews in Europe and the latent brutality of the German people. The German Jews, least of all, were spiritually prepared for the denouement.

Future Not Too Bright

"Altogether it appears that close to two and a half million European Jews have flown of their own accord since 1933, or have been evacuated, almost three quarters of a million have been deported from one country to another, and over two million have been displaced within the confines of their country.

Is it possible to ascribe this catastrophe to the nightmare of Nazism and Fascism rather than to racial antagonism? The authors warn against a too hopeful view of amelioration through changing political and economic conditions.

WT'S END

by Nate Rosenbaum

Some time ago I wrote a few memoirs about a couple called among other things, Yosele and Chalka. Ever since then, I have been deluged with a letter entreating me to dedicate another "forget me not" to those two genuine souls.

In picking up the thread which I left dangling for too long an interim, I shall proceed to spin a yarn which shall undoubtedly prove to be a thorn to any one who is on the wrong side of the fence.

Not So Holy Smokes

'Twas the night before Chanukah and all was quiet in the parlor. Yosele had just walked over to the fireplace and was about to put some more Yeshiva catalogs into the dying embers when, "What in blazes are you doing," crackled Chalka in a voice as smooth as corduroy.

"Oh I'm just adding wood to the fire," responded Yosele in heartwarming tones.

"Now you're using your head," gush Chalka as she wiped the gull from her lip.

"Oh Chalka, I have a surprise for you... I know... well... there's

going to be another addition to our family."

"How wonderful Yosele. Why didn't you tell me before... Hmm so your mother is coming to live with us again."

The Law Is Here

The first morning of her arrival found mother-in-law, a kindly old lady with a slight inferiority complex, riding down the bannister wearing a face as long as a... as... well as a mother in law.

"Darling," she croaked, as she placed her broom in the cupboard, "I had the most exciting dream last night. I dreamt that I was a dean in a college. Can you imagine me setting behind a dean's desk?"

"Hm, seems to me I've seen your face before. Oh mother can I get you something to drink... how would you like your egg... do you prefer your toast crisp... or would you..."

"My dear Chalka, stop trying to appease me. I have something to say and you know what it is. Chalka dearest, I have no earthly faith in the way you are bringing up my son's children. In the first place they should not be on his

...of the political, legal, and administrative conditions in which they obtain in the countries of reception and refuge, and their analysis of the problem of cultural and vocational adjustment.

Of significance to the understanding of the position of the refugee is the authors' summary of the political, legal, and administrative conditions in which they obtain in the countries of reception and refuge, and their analysis of the problem of cultural and vocational adjustment.

Of the total number of Jews rescued since 1933-1943 one seventh went to Palestine. The tremendous contribution of Palestine, which absorbed refugees to the extent of over two-thirds of its previous Jewish population, is a striking fact.

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Yosele.

"Alright mother. I'll speak to Yosele and we'll draw up some minimum scholastic requirements."

My Mamma Dese Teid...

"My dear I shall draw up stringent regulations and if necessary I shall adopt regulations which will extend even to your activities. Your bridge parties aren't providing my son with home-cooked meals, you know."

"But really mother, since you've come here to say, he'll be getting them boiled—and do remember mother, I've taken upon myself restrictions that no other daughter-in-law would have attempted. I've bent over backwards to avoid getting combat fatigue from you."

"You have done the right thing to compromise. After all I have more intelligence and more experience when it comes to running other people's houses. And remember a home divided against me cannot stand. My restrictions, suppressions and what have you (still not enough I'm sure) are here to stay. I am the mountain and if you believe, maybe I'll let you come to my... As for compromise, I suppose you would guess satisfaction were I to bend over backwards."

"Well I might get some satisfaction but then you might have some ideas coming."

# Introducing Grad Manager And New Varsity Mentor

## Moskowitz Reveals Varied Background

Having arranged to meet our new coach after class, I was forced to polish off the cosmology of Lucretius with a few words from Jehu and dash up to our A. M.'s room for the introduction. Upon opening the door to Mr. Moskowitz (with a pass key—concessions note!) I found therein two young-looking fellows, one of whom was Hy. To my extreme surprise the other stretched out a hand to grip mine in a warm greeting, and said, "I'm Jammy Moskowitz." He'd been coaching for more than 30 years, and yet he looked only 30.

On the way down to the gym, the epistemological sources of the name Jammy were examined and were found to go back no farther than the jam sandwiches he used to bring for lunch in his school days. But then, overpowered by the healthy gym smell, I was forced to retire—to Harry's for supper.

### His Record

Reinforced by the nutritious victuals, I resorted to direct questioning and ferreted out the following. Our new mentor was graduated from the Savage School of N.Y.U., he played pro ball with Nat Holman; he has been coaching for 20 years at James Madison H. S., where he won 5 city championships; he was coach at B.O.P. for 10 years; and won 6 pharmaceutical championships there; he developed such stars as Rader, Fuzzey Levane, Stan Waxman, Ivy Summer, Larry Baxter, Freddy Lewis, and Stan Harwood; he once sank 112 fouls consecutively.

Although I realized that 112 was a little too much to expect, I wandered out dreaming of the time when a Yeshiva hoopster would cage even 111 consecutive fouls.

## Grade 11 League Proposed by Waldman

By Louis H. Gansberg  
"We're looking forward to a highly successful college season. Preparations are already underway for the coming campaign, and we have engaged a high grade coach. With an all-out effort on the part of the players, and the enthusiastic backing of the entire student body we'll set a rapid pace." This from our newly appointed Graduate Manager of Athletics, Sam Waldman.

With Yeshiva's coming of age, athletically speaking, the need for a Graduate Manager became obvious. The position could be filled only by a cage enthusiast versed in the demands of the game from box office to hardwood. Cognizant of Sam Waldman's ability along those lines the Student Council contracted for his services.

### League Plan

Dynamic Shmuel, aside from merely fulfilling the requirements of his office, has fashioned a plan which would benefit all basketball aggregations of a grade "B" caliber in the metropolitan area. He envisions the formation of an eight team league composed of these clubs. Every member team would meet all the others at least once over the course of the season's play to determine a league champion. The subsequent winner would then face the New Jersey champion for the sectional diadem. Gate receipts would be handled by a central treasury which would mete out funds to the league members. This plan which was conceived during Sam's tenure as undergraduate manager has been favorably received by several influential basketball men.

With Doc Hurwitz, Sam Waldman, and Hy Fomerantz plotting Yeshiva's cage course from their sideline vantage point, and Jammy Moskowitz and the Quints holding forth on the playing court a bright future is evinced for Blue and White athletics.

# Embassy Of Committee For National Liberation

By David H. Schwartz

I recently attended two public meetings sponsored by the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, the Peter Bergson unit which has established an alleged "Embassy" in Washington. I sat in the over-crowded fifth balcony of the Hotel New Yorker during the meetings and people who were blind to be known openly as Revisionists. The occasion was a public memorial service in honor of the two martyred heroes, Ephraim Kishon and Eliahu Hakin, who went to the gallows so that Israel may live. I heard the officials of the committee explain their political platform, I heard Samuel Martin, secretary to the late Vladimir Jabotinsky condemn the political ability of Dr. Weitzman, and I felt more than ever, the tragedy of our beaten people.

Though all of us understand the tremendous importance of unity in a small, oppressed nation like ours, there are times, we know, when honestly sincere convictions and beliefs are not to be sacrificed on the altar of compromise, and false harmony, and if the Bergson Committee represented a program basically different from the political platforms and policies of the other Zionist and New Zionist organizations, I could somehow justify their organizational raison d'être. But, as it appeared, the Bergson Committee, is merely another surplus addition to the already too many Zionist factions, and it differs in no way from the Revisionist Organization, or if you will, the New Zionist Organization. Why is it, then, that Peter Bergson's Embassy has received so much publicity in the press and in the Jewish world? Who is P. Bergson, and what does he mean by the "Hebrew nation"?

### Profile of A Demagogue

Peter Bergson is a short little man, with spectacles, who screams at his audience and waves his hands about in the air wildly, banging them alternately on the lectern, with demagogic vigor and effectiveness. He has risen out of almost nowhere, established his Embassy in Washington, and claimed himself to be the spokesman for the Hebrew nation, the representative in the United States of the Hebrew nation's voice, will and desire. Actually he represents no majority of Jews or Hebrews or Semites in any

country in the map of the world. Bergson himself, Mr. Bergson, and his Embassy are known very little about outside the Jewish circles of Palestine. He has claimed the support of a few agitators, and Peter Bergson who led the Hebrew nation to glory, the Agudah, and the Revisionist at the same time.

Mr. Bergson has received a famous success who writes those paragraphs here and in the N. Y. Post, and who also is the author of that insidiously anti-Semitic novel "A Jew in Love" Ben Hecht. After writing his best seller "A Guide To The Devilville," Mr. Hecht automatically was ordained by "Rabbi" Bergson as an authority on Jewish affairs and Palestine. One may well wonder who the people were who made "The Bride" a best seller, and perhaps better understand Mr. Hecht's sudden conversion. It is easy enough to condemn the Bergson committee as the anarchic procedure with which he assumed the leadership of the Hebrew nation, and on the manner in which an insignificantly minute minority has dubbed itself ambassadors, but this undemocratic action does not fully explain the dreadful consequences following from Bergson's political philosophy.

### "Hebrew" or "Jew"?

Bergson's philosophy is based on a fundamentally fallacious distinction between the terms "Hebrew" and "Jew". The Hebrew nation, Mr. Bergson says, is the 600,000 Jewish men, women and children in Palestine; we, the Jews in America, or in England or in Europe are not part of the Hebrew nation, but are rather Jews by religion. With a proper understanding of this distinction, we can better appreciate the popularity of Bergson's committee. The "Agudah" certainly likes the idea of calling the Jews of the world a religious group except for the few thousand Jews in Eretz Israel. The Agudah is very much in favor of the de-nationalization of our people; and the Sulzberger group is very much in favor of Bergson's distinction between the "white" Jews outside of Palestine who are really not responsible for this Palestine nonsense, and the "black", real Jews of Palestine who are to be blamed for all this ludicrous talk about a Jewish State.

It is not enough that Hitler has destroyed at least one-third of the fifteen million Jews on this earth by physical extermination, but Mr. Bergson by his shrewd political philosophic action has helped reduce the Jewish people to a scant 600,000 souls, who would be completely lost without the financial and moral support offered them by the millions of non-Hebrew Jews living outside of Palestine.

This Committee for Hebrew National Liberation which goes under tons of other pseudonyms, such as Committee for a Free Palestine, Committee for Arab Zion, Committee for Emergency Liberation, etc. is to be watched carefully. It has already done much damage to the responsible Zionist efforts. It has a committee which is busy with the possibility of saving Hungarian Jews

# Bobby Club For Movies

The Bobby Club, under the direction of Doc Hurwitz, secretary of Yeshiva College Health Department, is sponsoring a contest of health education and movie on May 18, in the Student Lounge Hall. The health education program consisted of a series of motion picture shorts, which included the following:

- "The Story of the Doctor's Discovery of a Cure for Syphilis, and the Effects of his Theory on Modern Science."
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- "The Story of the Doctor's Discovery of a Cure for Syphilis, and the Effects of his Theory on Modern Science."

### Entry Contest Announced

The films were discussed with a talk delivered by Dr. Swick, on the importance of health education, in which he stressed the necessity for raising the health standards of Yeshiva students. He also announced that an essay contest on health will be held in the near future.

Julius Koth, a protege of "Doc" Hurwitz, performed before the group, and an added attraction of the evening was Richard Patter, secretary of the Knights of Magic, who exposed some of the tricks of the trade.

The entire program was arranged by Joseph Appleman '47.

# Manhattan Wins Short Story Award

The Jerome Robbins Memorial Award for the best short story submitted by a student of the college has been awarded to Allan Mandelbaum '45. This award was established by the class of '43 in memory of their classmate, Jerome Robbins, who was killed in action on the Western Front.

at the cost of \$50.00 a Jew. Thousands of innocent people sent in their contributions to his organization for that purpose; and as you and I know, the whole plan was mere wishful thinking, not based on any responsible information or political authority.

### Irresponsible Leadership

The Bergson Committee has been and continues, shouting similar irresponsible promises and statements based on the wild dreams of their uninhibited leaders. They are losing for us hundreds of potential Zionist friends, and they are by their anarchic procedure helping our enemies in the Colonial Office with their plan to divide and conquer. From his past record, and his political platform, the Bergson Committee has no justification whatsoever, to exist as a political force in Zion.

Dr. David Swick, director of the Yeshiva College Health Department, announced that he would meet this Sunday night with students who intend to enter his health essay contest. Those who have submitted their names to the office as well as those who intend to submit an essay but have not yet signed the list of contestants are urged to meet Dr. Swick Sunday night at 8:00 p.m.

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# Meet The Seniors



**Merton Siegel:** "Tall, dark and handsome" is an understatement (Ed note: the italics are ours—the quotes Mortie's) when speaking about this year's secretary of Student Council. A student who is definitely the "notes." Mortie's loves include history and philosophy. Ambitious to the core, this well-polished apple of many a teacher's 'eye,' sports a well-broomed moustache with which he hopes to sweep his way to the top. Mortie is an orator of skill, and likes his food seasoned with plenty of Russian dressing.

**Morris Silverman:** If not for the recent announcement smeared across the bulletin board, listing the '45 graduates, one would never know that Morris is a senior. Silent on most topics, "Silvie" is quite outspoken when it comes to such subjects as Professor Brody, chemistry and other odds and ends. As head librarian of the T. I., Morris thought that everything fascinating was found in books. Working under Zeldes has changed this conception, however. In one word, Morris is not just another senior. He's quiet a fellow!

**Harry Sky:** From the moment one professor remarked: "Harry, stand up and tell them what you did," Zvi has been known as a man whose actions speak louder than his words. A former member of the Shomer Hadati, this red-haired Zionist left its ranks and as yet has not filed his affiliations elsewhere. The pride of Newark likes political science and that other moving form of entertainment, the cinema. Harry is strengthening the ties that will bind him to the rabbinate by officiating on the "week ends" of Judaism.

**Israel Slekwsky:** The man who made Professor Margalith famous, "Eeez" is a former star of the Dramatic Society whose histrionic abilities upon being unveiled made at least one of his friends blink twice, (his rival, Bert, no less) No mere imitation, Slug is a genuine character who is presently perfecting his impersonations of the "Cigar." As vice president of the Debating Society, Slug has done a good job of accentuating the affirmative. In any event, he's a swell opponent to trade words with.

David Smith: If you ever want

to have an argument for argument's sake, just let "Smitty" know. You'll see what he won't talk his way out of. Wearing one of the best dressed upper lips in the Yeshiva, Dave indulges in Biology, Chemistry, and the like. Besides his scientific habits, "Smitty" is a rare Talmudist whose gift for the "grubben finger" technique would make any "Am Hoaretz" give him the "thumbs up" sign. A philosopher in his own right, Smitty is never wrong. Isn't that so, Mr. Smith?

**Martin Sefer:** The "Alan Ladd" of the Korchak-Zelkowitz hotel, Marty has a soft spot in his brain for chemistry and Dr. Levine. Marty owes his Talmudic "hah-modah" to the man who sits next to him. To quote Marty, "He treats me just like a father." The most important thing in Marty's life is not "talkies." Is it Marty? Is it Marty?—Must be silent films. To the "Chevrushah" in 504, Marty's theme songs is—"My Cousin and I."

**Marvin Sorscher:** The new battle cry for "Yeshiva Mice Inc." is—"Shh, be as quiet as a Sorscher." "Gabby"—as he is known on the "Bais Olam"—is an ardent Litman follower, following his lectures from the young to the old of Israel assiduously. Marvin is one Yeshiva student, who writes and speaks (?) Hebrew fluently. One of those responsible for the senior basketball team's success on the court, Sorscher thinks that the seniors are in a class all by themselves. But don't worry, Sorscher is in there too—or is he?

## Class Elections

Nomination petitions for the offices for president and vice-president of next year's sophomore, junior, and senior classes must be handed in to a member of the elections committee by Thursday, May 24. Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 29, between 12 and 2 p.m. on the fourth floor near the dean's office. It is the duty of every student to exercise his right to vote.

# Dr. Brody Reviews Jewish Refugee

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the Jewish community in the country. Among the other countries an important part was played by England and France which, before the war, absorbed approximately one eleventh and one fourteenth respectively, of the total. Of the American countries, outside of the U.S. only Argentina admitted a substantial number of refugees but still less than England or France. Altogether, however, the Latin American countries absorbed about one sixth of the total.

### The Land and Short

What solution do the authors propose? There are obviously two distinct though related phases of the refugee problem; the short range and long range. The short range or specific refugee problem is the problem of salvaging and adjusting the lives of many uprooted Jews as individuals. The long range solution involves the problem of group survival. Although the authors are aware of the immediate humanitarian aspects, their discussion tends to merge the immediate with the ultimate or long range solution. As the authors put it, "But it is not only necessary to save the Jewish refugees from starvation and to provide new economic positions for them; no less important from the Jewish point of view is to preserve the ties between them and their people. No real solution of the refugee problem is possible without taking this necessity into account."

Three ways of permanent solution of the Jewish refugee problem are discussed by the authors; namely, repatriation, absorption in the country of temporary refuge, and, finally, emigration to another country or colonization. Of these three methods, the authors see emigration to and colonization in Palestine as the most hopeful in the post war era. Whatever method of solution is used, it cannot be achieved without international cooperation. Accordingly the authors propose a new international agency be created after the war. The new international agency is to have the following characteristics:

### Details of the Plan

(a) "It should be recognized as the supreme international body in all questions pertaining to refugees, and, although cooperating with the various government and private organizations it should be vested with sufficient authority to enforce its decisions if necessary."

(b) "The proposed agency should not only prepare plans and secure the legal means of executing them, but also conduct the work of repatriation, emigration and colonization, and pay the cost of their activities."

(c) "The funds necessary for the activities of this agency should be contributed either by a new League of Nations or by all the States of the world, since the solution of the refugee problem is the concern of all mankind."

(d) "The proposed agency should consist of official representatives of governments."

(e) "Its activities should be limited to a definite period of time within which the refugee problem must be finally liquidated."

Would such a plan be acceptable to the great powers, would Soviet Russia, for example, permit an international body to supervise the work of repatriation, emigration, and colonization of Jews within its borders? The authors seem hopeful. "But given the will, it can be accomplished if the prevailing atmosphere after

the war will be different from that of the prewar years, and if the refugees will be treated as they should be, as equal and useful members of society."

### Jewish Consciousness Needed

The authors plead for an intensification of Jewish consciousness among refugees as the only way to bring about a final solution of their problem as individuals and as a group. No dignified individual or group future can be assured to the refugees unless this condition is fulfilled. "For their final fate both as individuals and as a people will depend primarily upon the extent and depth of their Jewish and human consciousness. Preparing refugees for this sort of life means, therefore, making them not only architects of their own future, but builders of a better and more dignified future."

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