

PRES. SAMUEL BELKIN ANNOUNCES THAT YESHIVA ATTAINS RANK OF UNIVERSITY; CHARTER APPROVED BY REGENTS' BOARD

New York, N. Y.—Expansion of Yeshiva into a university, the first to be established in the long history of the Jewish people outside of the Holy Land, and the addition of new graduate and undergraduate schools designed to make constructive and unprecedented contributions to American and Jewish education, was announced recently by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President, and Samuel Levy, Chairman, Board of Directors of Yeshiva University.

The action approving the corporate change-of-name from its present name, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College to Yeshiva University, with the right to confer six additional higher degrees, was authorized by the New York State Board of Regents at its last meeting, Dr. Belkin disclosed.

"In the development of the University," Dr. Belkin said, "we shall be guided by the same philosophy which has piloted our institution for more than fifty years, that is, not merely to duplicate any of the existing educational facilities of the great seats of higher learning."

"Yeshiva has endeavored, in its own way, to serve the communal, educational and religious needs of American Jewry and thus assist in the creation of an harmonious blending between the cultural heritage of our American democracy and the ancient spiritual traditions of Israel."

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Hails Yeshiva's Accomplishments

Dr. Belkin Speaks At Annual Dinner

New York, N. Y., December 10—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York joined a distinguished audience of fifteen hundred persons last night to pay tribute to Yeshiva University, the first Jewish University to be established in the United States, at the seventeenth annual dinner of Yeshiva College at the Hotel Astor.

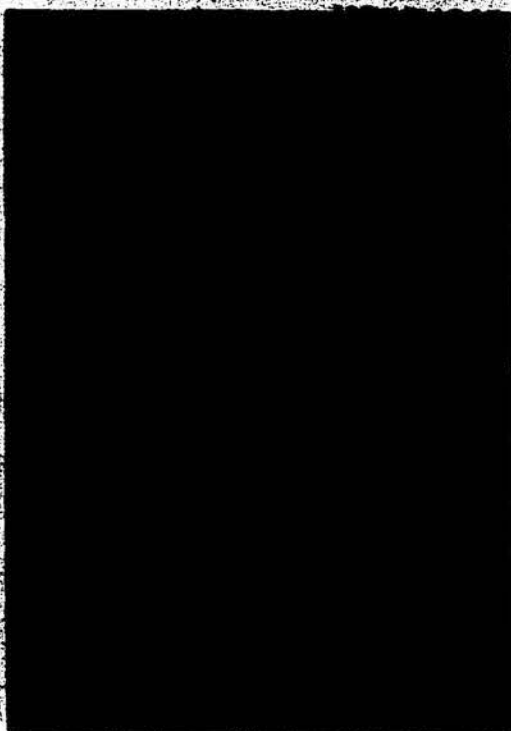
Yeshiva College, the only College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the world under Jewish auspices, is an integral department of the University located at Amsterdam Avenue and 186 Street, New York City.

Yeshiva's Achievements Praised
In a message to the dinner, Gov. Dewey praised Yeshiva's "outstanding achievements and unique contributions as a training ground for leaders armed with Israel's age-old spiritual ideals and democratic traditions in which our form of government is rooted."

"The civilized world, engaged today in an epic struggle to establish a new order based upon human decency, with equality and justice for all, is in great need of leadership which combines abiding ethical and moral values with social consciousness and an awareness of scientific progress and possibilities," the Governor said.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, warned that if we want to avoid future wars, "we shall not succeed in accomplishing this end by atomic bombs or by other inventions of the mechanistic age, but by each group re-dedicating itself to the ancient spiritual interpretation of history in which system, man is not a mere accident and product of our environment, but one endowed with a divine soul and eternal destiny."

Growth Of Yeshiva Traced
In his address he traced the development of Yeshiva, since its founding, some fifty years ago, citing its pioneering contributions



DR. SAMUEL BELKIN

to American and Jewish education, by establishing the first high school under Jewish auspices, the first and only Jewish college of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and finally for the first time, a Jewish University.

"For the first time in the history of our 2000 years of Diaspora life—in the year 1945, a year which has brought us so many disappointments and discouraging news, so many betrayals, and the unfolding of the tragic lot of our European brethren, we are still able to bring to our disillusioned people a ray of light and some good tidings, namely, the creation of a Jewish University to be known as Yeshiva University," Dr. Belkin continued.

He concluded that we can make our contribution to the American way of life "by creating a unity between the Hebrew concepts of the moral and spiritual values of society and the culture and civilization of the West."

Samuel Levy, chairman, Board of Directors, said, "the world needs that for which Yeshiva University stands. The forces released by science need to be harnessed if they are not to destroy the very civilization that made them possible. The atom smashed by man's genius may well destroy its creator."

Mr. Levy declared that we must concentrate on smashing the moral atom and thus release the great spiritual forces of goodness, truth, justice, and faith. "The cyclotrons, or the machines that can produce moral atomic energy are the great fortresses of the spirit and the great institutions of religious education. We salute one of the greatest of these institutions, Yeshiva University."

Attorney General Goldstein of New York, who was chairman of the dinner, remarked that the dual heritage of Jewish culture and liberal modern education which Yeshiva endows its students has won for it a significant place among the great academics of the world.

"The time has come," he added, "when its scope and influence must exceed the narrow confines of its present structure and collegiate status. For it is not just another college. It is a glorious experiment in democracy—the center of learning to which students turn for spiritual enlightenment and secular wisdom."

Scripta Mathematica Praised
He stated that the influence of Yeshiva will penetrate educational circles throughout the world. "I have witnessed the evidence of it in the reception accorded 'Scripta Mathematica' (a mathematical publication issued by the college) in non-Jewish colleges all over the world. This small miracle can be repeated in other branches of learning. I am sure it will be repeated often in the greater tomorrow of the greater Yeshiva we have gathered to honor."

Associated with Mr. Goldstein on the dinner committee were Bernard Baruch, chairman of Administrative Committee, H. H. Butler, Sam Cohn, Herman Galanter, John Gering, Samuel Haysman, Morris Miller, Philip Moskowitz, Queen Elizabeth, Charles A. Silver, Miss Stern, Dr. Israelson, Felix Warshawsky, Yeshiva University, and Jacob Saksman, administrative director.

So as not to duplicate courses already in existence at least universities, Yeshiva has worked out basic its cooperation with metropolitan colleges and universities, and professional schools, whereby students attending the graduate schools of Yeshiva will be able to take courses also at these institutions and vice versa," Dr. Belkin announced.

The action by the State Board permits Yeshiva to carry out its planned program of expansion, which is aimed at the graduate level primarily. This plan includes the opening of graduate schools of Community Administration and Social Research, Education, Adult Education, and a Graduate Department of Mathematics.

Financial Fund Contribution
Initial steps have already been taken to insure the operation of these schools through a \$5,000,000 endowment and expansion drive underway. Already the proposed Summer School of Higher Jewish Studies has been formed under grant from the Harry Fischel Foundation. The Foundation, through its President, Harry Fischel, has made available a contribution of \$10,000 in perpetuity to finance this school.

Discussing the prototypical characteristics of the new schools, Dr. Belkin declared he believes the School of Community Administration to be of great importance, since there exists no similar Jewish institution for the training of such leadership on the graduate level.

It is planned to enlarge the present Teachers Institute into a School of Religious Education offering Bachelor's Degrees in Religious Education and Hebrew Literature.

Courses to Train Leaders
To raise the standards of Jewish education throughout the country, the School of Education will concern itself with research as well as the training of administrative, supervisory, and teaching personnel and granting the master's and doctor's degrees.

Dr. Belkin added that the decision to expand was prompted by the need for training Jewish leaders in these fields, fully aware of their Jewish heritage and able to serve communities and educational institutions in all parts of the world.

Seven Departments In Operation
Located in a \$2,000,000 structure at Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, New York City, Yeshiva at present houses the following departments:

1. Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary—offering an intensive and comprehensive course of study in Jewish subjects leading to ordination as a Rabbi.
 2. Yeshiva College—the only College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in the world under Jewish auspices. Offers the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science (B.A. and B.S.). This department is headed by Dr. Moses L. Isaacs.
 3. Bernard Revel Graduate School—devoted to research in Semitic Languages and Literatures and related subjects and open to college graduates qualified in Hebrew and Semitic studies, offers courses leading to the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature (D.H.L.). Directed by Dr. Jacob I. Horinstein, in charge of the Graduate activities.
 4. Teachers Institute—providing a six-year course of training in Jewish learning and pedagogy for prospective teachers in the Hebrew schools of the country. Headed by Dr. Pinchas Churgin.
 5. Harry Fischel School of Higher Jewish Studies—a summer school of higher Jewish studies. A graduate department.
 6. Talmudical Academy—the preparatory department of the college offering an accredited high school academic course of study leading to a diploma. Headed by Dr. Sholom R. Sifir.
 7. Institute of Mathematics—conducts public lectures, publishes mathematical articles and aims at the dissemination and popularization of mathematics and its teaching. Publishing Scripta Mathematica, a quarterly devoted to the philosophy and history of mathematics, and also publishes numerous mathematical works being used in many colleges and universities. Headed by Prof. Joseph Churgin.
- To meet the increased enrollment and demands now presented by travel, a Brooklyn branch of Talmudical Academy was opened at the beginning of the academic year at 200 Broadway Street. This school offers a course of study similar to that offered at the New York branch.

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Yeshiva University

It is no secret that the various Jewish theological seminaries, orthodox, conservative and reformed, all have been competing in the establishment of a Jewish university, an idea that has titillated the fancy of serious-minded Jews for many years. It is to the credit and honor of world Jewry that Yeshiva, the citadel of Orthodoxy in America, has beaten them to the punch.

The possibilities inherent in the establishment of Yeshiva University are far-reaching. The mantle of Torah long borne by the communities in Europe has fallen upon Yeshiva, and the Jewish world looks to us for spiritual guidance. But with the university idea a reality Yeshiva has the opportunity to spearhead a Jewish cultural renaissance not only in America but the world over. By drawing to itself the best Jewish minds available in all fields, secular as well as religious, Yeshiva could boast a faculty comparable to that of any university in the country. By giving these scholars the physical means and the necessary freedom, research in science, mathematics, Jewish history and philosophy, for example, could enrich immeasurably the cultural life of American Jewry. This would provide an impetus and inspiration to American Jewish youth that has been sorely lacking in the past. It would prove to them once and for all that Orthodox Judaism is not something dead and lifeless, but alive and pulsating. It can instill in the Jewish community a firmer pride in the achievements of its people and stimulate it to greater accomplishments in the future.

There is another aspect to the granting of university status to Yeshiva that to future generations of young Jews will prove to be of grave importance. There are literally thousands of prospective chemists, biologists, doctors and lawyers who are prevented from pursuing their chosen careers because they are Jews. Colleges and universities make no bones about the existence of the numerus clausus. The A.M.A. is not afraid to make public statements to the effect that there are too many Jewish medical students. And the noose is slowly drawing tighter and tighter. In 1920 the Jewish students enrolled in medical schools in New York State numbered 45.3 percent of the total enrollment. In 1940 this percentage dropped to 17.7 per cent. It is time something was done about this situation and it is up to us Jews ourselves to do it. The same may be said of the legal profession and the law schools.

Here is an issue that is pertinent, critical and pressing. A medical school and a law school are two departments that are urgently needed at Yeshiva. The appeal that they would have to the American Jewish public would insure a strong financial backing. The problem facing the Board of Directors would be the opposition of the American Medical Association, a truly formidable one. With the organization of the graduate department, however, and the emergence of Yeshiva as a university of respected standing in the near future, and with continued pressure, the A. M. A. could be made accede to the demands of a sizable portion of the American public.

A great responsibility, therefore, lies upon the shoulders of President Belkin and the Board of Directors. Upon their decisions in the next few years may depend the future of many a young Jew. Upon their decisions rests the future of Orthodoxy in America.

Finally, the alumni organizations of Yeshiva College and the Teachers Institute must begin to function more smoothly and much more actively. They must expand the areas of their work and coordinate their activities with those of the President and the student body. They can and should exert a great influence upon the moulding of the new university. Only with all the departments and organizations in the institution on all levels working together with a minimum of friction and with clearness of understanding, can Yeshiva University become a reality and not just a set of dusty blueprints.

Y. U. Status Is Climax Of Rapid Growth

The term Yeshiva has been used for centuries to denote centers of higher Jewish learning, where creative discussions based on the Talmud and Halachah took place in emulation of the traditions of the sages, whose meetings or sessions were originally called by that name. The first such institution to be established on this continent was the Yeshiva Rabbi Isaac Elchanan (in Hebrew, Yeshivath Mahenu Yitstovok Elchanan) named after Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor, the celebrated *Maaneh Or Mofno*, Lithuania. This institution was incorporated, on March 20th, 1897, as the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary Association.

In 1915, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva Eitz Chaim were merged and moved to new quarters at 9-11 Montgomery Street, the first building designed specifically for the schools' purposes, and Dr. Bernard Revel, of blessed memory, was called to preside over the combined institution.

In 1921, the expanded institution moved to larger, remodeled quarters at 301-303 East Broadway, and took over the Teachers Institute, which was founded by the Misrachi Organization of America in 1917.

College Added

On March 27th, 1924, the charter of The Yeshiva (as Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in general referred to) was amended, authorizing it to confer upon its graduates the degree of *Hebraicarum Litterarum Doctor* (Doctor of Hebrew Literature). On March 29, 1926, its charter was further amended by the Regents of the University of the State of New York adding Yeshiva College with authority to offer courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. The college opened in September of that year in temporary quarters.

In December, 1928, the growing seminary and the pioneering college moved to their present home on Amsterdam Avenue at 186th Street, constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000.

On June 16, 1932, Yeshiva College conferred its first Bachelor's degrees on nineteen students. On May 18, 1933, it acquired the right to confer the honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) and Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

Honorary Degrees Conferred

At the second Annual Commencement Exercises of Yeshiva College, in June, 1933, the first honorary degrees (the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters) were conferred upon the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman and the late Dr. John Huston Finley, at the time Governor of the State of New York and Editor-in-Chief of the New York Times, respectively. The degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was also conferred upon Professor Albert Einstein, at a special convocation in October, 1934. At the June, 1935, Commencement, this degree was conferred upon the late Benjamin Nathan Cardozo, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

In line with the authority acquired through the 1924 amendment to its charter, the Yeshiva

A Biographical Sketch Of Pres. Samuel Belkin

Samuel Belkin, like his illustrious predecessor, the late Dr. Bernard Revel, brings to the presidency of Yeshiva, the talmudic learning of the long-established rabbinic centers of Europe, the inspiration of eminent sages in Israel, and the vigor and enthusiasm of youth, enhanced by the general scholarship and scientific training acquired in modern America.

The son of Solomon and Mirna Belkin, Samuel Belkin was born in Swialice, Poland in December, 1911. His father was his first teacher. He studied at the Yeshivah of Radin and Mir, and was ordained in 1928, at the age of 17. In 1929, he came to the United States and continued his studies at Harvard and Brown Universities, attaining election to Phi Beta Kappa and receiving his Ph.D. degree from Brown in 1935. During the academic year 1929-30, Dr. Belkin served as a lecturer in Talmud in the New Haven Rabbinical Seminary, at Cleveland, Ohio and during the academic year 1934-35 he held an honorary fellowship at Brown.

Appointed To Y. C. Faculty

In 1935, he was appointed Instructor in Greek in Yeshiva College and in 1936 also Instructor in Talmud in the Seminary. In 1937, he was appointed secretary of the faculty and Instructor in Hellenis-

tic Literature in the newly organized Graduate School, now known as the Bernard Revel Graduate School.

In 1938, Dr. Belkin was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the College, which because of a vacancy in the Deanship was exercising the policy making functions connected with that office. In 1940, he was made a full professor.

Upon the passing of Dr. Revel, head of the Seminary since 1915 and founder and president of the College since 1938, Dr. Belkin was named Dean of the Seminary and a member of the seven-man Executive Board, which exercised the presidential functions pending the selection of a successor.

Author's Scholarly Works

In June, 1943, Dr. Belkin was elected president of Yeshiva. He is the author of "Philo and Oral Law", Vol. XI of the Harvard Semitic Series. Also, "The Alexandrian Halakah in Apologetic Literature" and author of many articles on Rabbinic and Hellenistic Literature to various learned publications. He also served as Associate Editor of *Rabbinics* for the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia. He is a member of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, of the Publication Committee of The Jewish Publication Society, and The Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Gov. Dewey's Message

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President,
Yeshiva University,
Amsterdam Avenue and
186th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Belkin:
I am happy to join with your distinguished Chairman, the Hon-



GOVERNOR DEWEY

orary General of the State of New York, and your gracious audi-

ence in congratulating Yeshiva upon its becoming the first university in history under Jewish auspices outside of Palestine. The people of this State have long been aware of the outstanding achievements and unique contributions of the Yeshiva College as a training ground for leaders armed with Israel's age-old spiritual ideals and democratic traditions in which our form of government is rooted.

The civilized world, engaged today in an epic struggle to establish a new order based upon human decency, with equality and justice for all, is in great need of leadership which combines abiding ethical and moral values with social consciousness and an awareness of scientific progress and possibilities.

It is entirely fitting that the State of New York, whose citizenry includes the largest single Jewish community in the world, be the host of Jewry's most extensive educational institution of higher learning and this significant addition to our State's excellent educational system.

With warm personal regards and every good wish for a most happy dinner meeting on this auspicious occasion, I am

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Thomas E. Dewey

began to offer graduate work in 1935. In 1937, this work was reorganized as The Yeshiva Graduate School, which was renamed the Bernard Revel Graduate School, in 1941, as a memorial to Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel, may his soul rest in peace, President of the Seminary from 1938 and the founder and first president of Ye-

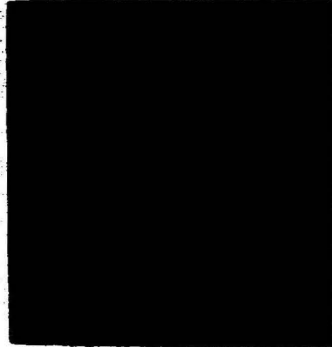
shiva College, who passed away December 1st, 1943.

In June, 1943, the Board of Directors of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Yeshiva College unanimously elected Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin to the presidency of the institution. In December, 1945, Yeshiva and Yeshiva College became a university.

Chem Club Hears Atomic Scientist

Current Talpioth Will Be Dedicated To Rabbi Levinthal

Professor Samuel K. Mirsky, editor of Talpioth, announced that the next issue of the Torah magazine will appear early next week. The issue, containing more than three hundred pages, will be dedicated to Rabbi B. L. Levinthal, dean of the American rabbinate,



RABBI MIRSKY

who will soon celebrate his eightieth birthday. It will bring the second volume of the quarterly publication to a close.

Highlighting the contents will be an article by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, comparing the accepted early version of the commentaries on the Tractate Nedarim with the recently discovered manuscripts in Munich. Rabbi Mirsky will continue his series on sources of Jewish Law in the Medrashim with an article covering the subject of the priestly benediction. This article coincides with the theme and dedication of the book, as Rabbi Levinthal is of priestly lineage.

Pursuing its policy of printing original data, Talpioth will publish a manuscript on the responsa of Rabbi Akiba Alger that heretofore has never appeared in print. It was obtained from the archives of Vienna before they were destroyed by the Nazis.

The next issue, which is already in the stages of preparation will be dedicated to Rabbi Isaac Elchanan, of blessed memory, and will appear on the day of his fiftieth "Yarzeit."

Eranos To Present Lecture On Dec. 24

Eranos, the Classical Society of Yeshiva College, will sponsor a lecture on "Love, Marriage and Morals in Rome During the Reign of Augustus" on Monday evening, December 24th, at 8:30 p.m. in the dormitory social hall.

Stanley Rudoff '48 will treat the subject in regard to references found in the literature of that age and Abraham Felberg '48 will discuss the topic in the light of the critical historical research conducted by modern scholars.

Y.C. Debates N.Y.U. Over WNYC In Jan.

Yeshiva College will debate with New York University of University Heights on Tuesday afternoon, January 3, 1946 over station WNYC at 4:30 o'clock. The subject of the debate is, Resolved: that the Harvard University Educational Plan be adopted by all American universities. Yeshiva, which will uphold the affirmative, will be represented by Abraham Werner '46 and Louis Bernstein '47.

Prof. Lowan Also Talks On A-Bomb

His plane having been grounded due to bad flying weather, Dr. Jacob Goldman was unable to lecture to the Chemical Society, Thursday evening, November 29th. In his stead, Dr. Arnold Lowan, professor of physics at Yeshiva College, spoke.

The topic of his lecture was "The Background Of Atomic Energy Leading Up To The Atomic Bomb." Dr. Lowan told the assemblage that the release of atomic energy was known as far back as 1839 when Dr. Niels Bohr, Nobel Prize winner and famous physicist, announced here in the United States that Dr. Hahn and Dr. Lisa Meitner had performed experiments in Germany whereby energy was released by the splitting of an atom of U235, an isotope of the metal Uranium. "However," asserted Dr. Lowan, "the real secret of the atom bomb lies in the industrial 'know how' or how the various parts of the bomb are assembled without exploding the bomb prematurely."

Describing the complexities in regard to the manufacture of U235 and plutonium, the two explosives, Dr. Lowan informed the audience that the Mathematical Tables Project, a branch of the National Bureau of Standards, of which Dr. Lowan has been director since its inception in 1938, had unknowingly played an important role in this respect. It was only a few days ago that he was informed of the nature of the work performed.

Navigation Simplified

Further explaining the work of the Mathematical Tables Project, the students were told that this organization was responsible for the extremely important Loran (Long Range Navigation) tables. These mathematical tables are the basis of a new system of navigation which dispenses with the use of the magnetic compass and the observations of the position of the stars and heretofore have been kept as secret as the atom bomb. With this method, airplanes, and ships were able to find their way even to the smallest island in the Pacific.

Following the lecture, a question period was held and Dr. Lowan answered as many questions as time allowed.

Goldman Former "Commie" Man

On Thursday evening, December 6th, however, Dr. Jacob Goldman, who graduated from Yeshiva College in 1940, received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and is presently engaged by Westinghouse Research Laboratories, was able to appear before the society to present his talk on "The Atom Bomb". Dr. Goldman is a former managing editor of The Commentator, former president of the student council, and a former laboratory assistant of the physics department.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Goldman stated that he was quite shocked when, while reading one of last year's "Commies" he learned of the abolishment of several extra-curricular activities. He said, "I always felt that it was these activities that showed the 'outside world' that the orthodox Jew can remain orthodox and still

Repairs Are Underway On Y.C. Library

The condition of the college library, especially after the conversion of the Van Schemm Reading Room into classrooms, was so inferior and faulty that it was almost unable to function. The decision to remodel was made during the summer; however, the work was unable to commence until the beginning of the school year. The renovation of the library is expected to be completed by the start of the spring term.

In the concourse, in front of the library, a lobby will be constructed, furnished and lighted so that students may read, relax, and smoke. The right side of the library will be the reading room, while the stock shelves will be on the left side of the entrance. The library will have a seating capacity of eighty and will be furnished with new tables and chairs. New fluorescent fixtures will be installed. Metal shelving is expected by March.

The former medical and gym offices were converted into work and repair rooms.

Library Gains Friends

The library has gained many new friends this year. One of them, Mr. Louis Levine, a member of the Board of Directors, has been an enthusiastic supporter of the project. He is present daily to lend his energies to advise and direct the construction work. Another devotee is presenting several hundred dollars for the purchase of valuable reprints.

Dr. Margalith, Head Librarian, stated that he was sorry that the students have been deprived of full use of the library during the construction period, but circulation has been high considering the state of affairs.

He hopes that the students will volunteer their aid when called upon. "In all," he remarked, "the students are assured of pleasant and comfortable surroundings."

be as liberal and modern as any American. I think the students should strive to restore these better influences of college life to the extra-curricular activities of the school."

Describes Atomic Research

Getting down to the topic of the evening, Dr. Goldman described the principles of the bomb. In explaining the three methods for separating U235 from U238, Dr. Goldman remarked that Westinghouse Research Laboratories was called in on the job since they had perfected a means of separation by an electro-magnetic method, thereby giving him inside information on the bomb. He emphasized that the real secrets of the bomb lie in the different experiments performed before testing the bomb in New Mexico and in one aspect of the separation process.

Speaking of his work at Westinghouse, Dr. Goldman informed us that he is working on a locomotive that would run on atomic energy. This energy would be controlled, thus allowing a definite amount of energy to be released when needed, which in turn would run the engine.

In closing the meeting Paul Feyer, president of the Chemical Society, thanked Dr. Goldman and expressed the hope that he would return to lecture again in the near future.

Dr. Litman Calls For Positive Peace

Zionist Youth, Vets Picket British N. Y. Consulate In Rain

Expressing the determination of the Yishuv to resist any attempt to impede its continued growth, five hundred demonstrators headed by one hundred veterans of World War II, braved a driving rain on Thursday, November 30, to picket the New York Consulate of the British government.

Despite the weather and the refusal of Consulate representatives to see their spokesmen, the young Zionists demonstrated for more than an hour. The picketing was officially terminated by the defiant singing of the "Hatikvah" and with the spontaneous cry, "We'll be back, British representatives!"

Dr. G. Churgin New Chug Ivri Advisor

In accordance with the new program of expansion adopted this year by the Chug Ivri, Dr. Gershon Churgin, instructor in Hebrew Literature at Yeshiva College and professor at the Teachers Institute has accepted the appointment of faculty advisor and will be present at all the future meetings of the Society. Dr. Churgin will be very instrumental in helping the extensive plans formulated by the Chug earlier this season to materialize.

As part of the program the tutoring class in Hebrew composition and grammar will be initiated within the next few weeks.

Chess Club To Meet Ivy League Schools

Yeshiva College will participate in an inter-collegiate chess tournament which takes place from Dec. 28-29. Harry Yanofsky '48, president of the Chess Club, will represent the school. Harvard, Yale and Cornell are among the other colleges taking part in the contest.

The first set of matches to determine the chess champion of the college was played at the last meeting of the Chess Club which took place on Sunday, Dec. 9. Regular meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in room 409.

Hobby Club Holds Its Initial Meeting

The Hobby Club in its first meeting of the year on Thursday evening, Dec. 6, presented an entertaining program of telepathic feats and magic which featured Joel Howard, mentalist, and Signor Raduano, "master of mystery." Highlight of the evening was Signor Raduano's manufacturing of an American flag by mixing together water and crepe paper. "Doc" Hurwitz acted as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The next meeting of the Hobby Club will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 13. Included on the program will be Mr. A. Cooper, ventriloquist. Regular meetings will be held every two weeks thereafter.

Scores Mishandling Of World Affairs

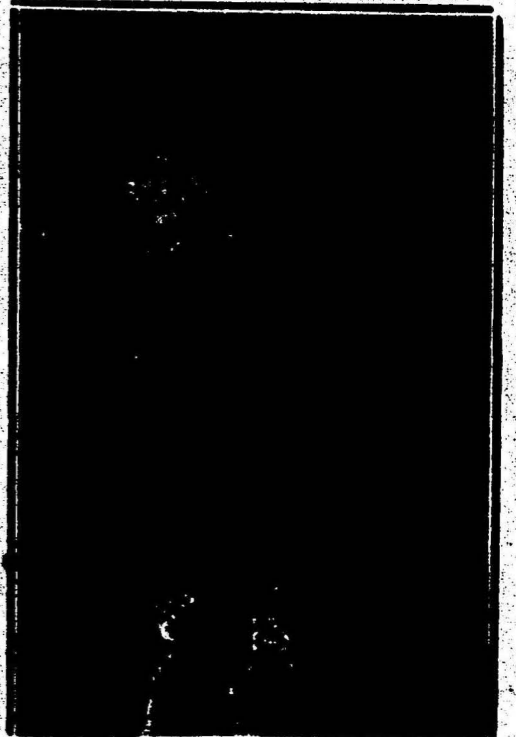
The annual Pearl Harbor Day student assembly was highlighted this year by an address entitled "From Pearl Harbor To Dante's Inferno" delivered by Dr. Alexander Litman, Professor of Philosophy at Yeshiva College. Dr. Litman gave a stimulating account of current problems and pointed out that their causes as well as those of war, were rooted in the present economic and political structure of society.

Abraham Werner '48, President of Student Council, was chairman of the gathering. He argued that the attack on Pearl Harbor was the logical and inevitable outcome of an era characterized by corruption and deceitful international relations. Mr. Werner stated: "Either men will learn to live together peaceably or they will not. There is no middle road. We must remember that an age which yields a Manchuria, a Spain or any subjugated nation will be certain to yield a Pearl Harbor also."

Positive Peace Needed

He then introduced Dr. Litman who proceeded to explain the negative and positive aspects of war.

"The negative aspect or crusade aims at defeating tyranny and the



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exploitation of human beings. It is the only means toward establishing the positive content which consists of the ideals of freedom and peace for all. The positive aspect sanctioned the negative or, in other words, the aims sanctioned the bloodshed and misery." He regretted "that in fighting we have forgotten the aims."

"The reaction of the contemporary statesmen, scholars, scientists and newspaper editors force me to compare their actions with those of the inhabitants of Dante's Inferno. There is a complete lack of conviction in this country of those principles which might have led to a better world."

Expatriation Means War

Dr. Litman attacked the current revision to the pre-Pearl Harbor system of free enterprise which "has continually led the world to war." He stated that you cannot achieve peace in the positive sense under certain economic conditions. "The positive peace has a most important corollary: whenever there is exploitation of human beings,

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Blue And White Cop Duo; Trowned By Panzer Five

Mites Top 'Dents' As Fredman Stars

by Bernard Scharfstein

The Quints opened their '40-'41 successful season by defeating the N.Y.U. College of Dentistry five 41-36, at the Central High School of Needle Trades gymnasium, Saturday evening, Dec. 1. The Quints were considerably weakened by the loss of Jerry Abrams, Irv Weisel, and Stan Doppelt because of injuries.

Captain "Cham" (Jewish Morning Journal version) Pomerantz opened the game with a half court set. This was immediately countered by an N.Y.U. field-goal. Goals by Adler, Kalb, Fredman and a foul by Adler put Yeshiva ahead 8-2. Two fouls by N.Y.U. a great pivot by Marv Fredman, a set and a foul by Kalb, a foul by Pomerantz and another Kalb set made the score at the end of the first quarter 17-6.

In the second quarter the Quints' offense was ineffective, while the "Dentists" hit for several baskets to make the score at the half 23-18 in favor of the Blue and White.

Mites Score In Spurts

Yeshiva opened the second half with a spurt of 10 points, highlighted by Gewirtz's set and two fouls N.Y.U. crept up, but 2 pivots by Fredman made the score 37-22. N.Y.U. scored three consecutive baskets to come within 10 points of the Mites. The score at the end of the third quarter was 40-30.

N.Y.U. scored 5 points to come within threatening distance of the Mites. However, "Homogenized Milk" Adler scored five points to put the game on ice. The score at that point was 45-35. A set by Fredman made it 47-35 and "Doc" Rubin of the dentists hit for a set and a foul which put the score at 47-38 as the final whistle blew.

Juniors Victorious As Fish Cages 12

STANDINGS

	W.	L.
Seniors	1	0
Juniors	1	0
Freshmen	0	1
Sophomores	0	1

The Junior quintet downed the Soph five by a score of 25-14, Thursday evening, November 31, in the Yeshiva gymnasium. This was the starter for both teams in this year's intramural basketball tournament.

Mandel Fisch opened the game with a beautiful angle set and continued racking up points for the victors throughout the contest.

Though the Juniors dominated the tilt all the way, the Sophs led by Myron Fenster, Zelig Chints and Joseph Delman began to find the range in the second half and made a close battle of it.

The Junior and Soph teams were both strengthened by the addition of ex-varsity men, Myron Fenster for the Sophs and Bodo Scharfstein for the Juniors. Scharfstein, Junior athletic manager, expertly rotated his squad which accounted considerably for the victory.

High scorers for the Juniors were Mandel Fisch with a total of 11 points and Morris Sanders with 7 counters. Myron Fenster led the Sophs with 6 tallies.

YESHIVA (40)		G.	F.	T.P.
Friedman M.	.....	5	1	10
Hansen	.....	3	0	1
Adler r.f.	.....	3	0	1
Doppelt	.....	2	1	12
Wissel l.g.	.....	2	0	4
Kalb r.g.	.....	1	1	3
Abrams	.....	0	0	0
Gewirtz	.....	0	1	1
Geller	.....	0	0	0
		18	4	46

QUEENS (38)		G.	F.	T.P.
Tweedy l.f.	.....	4	0	5
Blaser r.f.	.....	5	0	10
Goldman	0	0	0
Mand e.	6	3	15
Schubale l.g.	0	1	1
Gutman	0	1	1
Chenets	0	0	0
Evans r.g.	1	1	3
		16	6	33

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A Jersey Bounce-Panzer Wins 61-42

New Jersey has in past cage seasons been a nemesis to the Yeshiva hoopsters, and this year proved no exception as they dropped a 61-42 decision to Panzer College in East Orange, Tuesday, December 4.

The first half was fairly close all the way and was featured by the decided nervousness of both teams as evinced by the 27-17 score at the halftime whistle. After a foul shot by Kalb and another by Doppelt the Panthers pulled away to a 13-2 lead. Two baskets by Gewirtz and two through the middle by Doppelt kept the Mites within hailing distance of the fancy-passing Panzer quintet. A neat pushup by Fredman and a set by Gewirtz found the Mites ten points shy at the half.

Dressing-Room Doesn't Work Despite a blistering lecture on the fundamentals of basketball by the coach in the rest period, the Quints got some of their worst basketball out of their systems (we hope!) in the second session. The greenness of the newer additions to the squad and a complete reversal of form by the veterans found the Blue and White unable to take advantage of Panzer's weak defense and offered only a paper-thin defense of their own that cracked wide open.

Due to the great playing of Marvin Fredman, who time and time again was neglected in the pivot spot, we threatened in the third quarter to come within eight points of the Panthers, only to fall apart completely in the final period.

Saracheckmen Prep For Tilts With Cathedral, Virginia Union

Victorious in two out of three starts, the Saracheck coached Yeshiva five is being put through the paces, in preparation for the forthcoming sets with New York Cathedral. The two aggregations, traditional rivals on the hardwood, meet in a home and home series; the first game being scheduled at the Central High School of Needle Trades' gymnasium on Saturday evening, Dec. 15th.

Couch Saracheck, who is dissatisfied with what the Mites have shown in their first three trips to the post this season, has the squad burning the midnight oil at practice sessions. To date the team seems to have left its best basketball in the gym at Stuyvesant. There has been little top-caliber play exhibited either against the Dentists, Panzer or

Lucky Quints Win, Trim Queens 40-38

Coming from behind late in the second half, Yeshiva's basketballers edged out a precariously slim 40-38 decision over a decidedly inferior Queens College quintet on the Central High School of Needle Trades' court, Saturday evening, December 8th. The visiting Purple and White aggregation barged into an early 9-2 lead which it relinquished late in the second half only when the heretofore torpid Mites had stored their lethargic hoop tactics in mothballs.

The Saracheck five was just another ball club without the services of the ailing "Stretch" Fredman and the injured Hy Pomerantz. Control of the backboards, a task at which the big blue and white center is generally adept, fell to Mand of Queens. It was this 6' 2" center who nearly wrote fins to the Mite's hopes with his 15 counters and strong defensive play.

Yeshiva muffed opportunity after opportunity to score from under the hoop and was equally ineffective from long range. Only an occasional scoring spurt by the Blue and White and the rugged floor play of the Queensmen kept the Mites in the contest. The home boys wandered far and wide, but much of the traveling was aimless and in vain pursuit of wild passes. The Mites' play was erratic, and the finesse that is the mark of a top-drawer aggregation was conspicuous only by its absence.

Friedman Set Cliche

The apathetic Mites, with "Lady Luck" espousing their cause, knotted the count at 28 all in the final period. From that point the tilt took on a see-saw aspect down to the waning moments. Cy Friedman pumped an angular set into the hoop from half-court with ten seconds of play remaining, and the swishing netting sang a dirge for Queens' victory hopes.

Stan Doppelt with 13 tallies and Cy Friedman with 10 were the big guns of Yeshiva's offense. Mand contributed 15 counters to the Queensmen's cause.

Intramurals

Thursday, Dec. 20th, 8:00 P. M.
Sophomores vs. Seniors
Freshmen vs. Juniors

On The Significance

Is Physical Ed. Possible Without A Gymnasium?

by Lewis M. Glusberg

"Bodily exercise in its different kinds, is necessary for the proper preservation of health in the opinion of him who understands the science of medicine... When people take exercise by playing with the ball, wrestling, stretching out the hands or keeping back the breathing... such actions are mere pastimes in the eyes of the ignorant but the wise do not consider them unimportant." (Mereb Nebuchim III—25:1)

"IF WE are going to invest a college education in a student we want to be sure that he has the necessary health requirements to carry on." The speaker was Mr. Abraham B. Hurwitz, assistant professor of physical education at Yeshiva College—just "Doc" to his vast troop of friends which includes all his students past and present. The topic of physical education and its import to the college man has been broached, and the genial mentor of calisthenics and affined subject matter waxed enthusiastic. "Physical education," he continued, "should enable the student to take part in activities that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating and satisfying, and socially sound."

Then abandoning generalities and bringing the discussion close to home, Professor Hurwitz commented on the significance of physical education for the rabbi and Hebrew teacher. "Before a rabbi opens his mouth his physical appearance speaks for him. We must remember that many a rabbi maintains his leadership because of the social poise he displays in his contacts with his constituency outside of the pulpit." Professor Hurwitz stressed the fact that the gymnasium is a locale where one can work wonders for his physical appearance as well as acquire the qualities of leadership and poise which are so vital to an aspirant to the rabbinate or to anyone else for that matter.

AS THE discussion progressed, the need for a smooth functioning health program at Yeshiva was made apparent. The student here leads a sedentary life as a consequence of the long hours in the classroom. The few hours spent in the gymnasium afford the average Yeshivaman his only opportunity for pronounced physical effort. Health authorities contend that physical activity is necessary to keep one's physiological system functioning properly.

Professor Hurwitz has endeavored to institute a physical education program at Yeshiva with a threefold objective: 1) Every student must have some physical activity. Special attention is given to any deficiency an individual might have such as faulty posture, overweight and underweight, and etc. The recreational requirements of the student are likewise taken into consideration. 2) Every student should learn to swim. 3) Every student should be acquainted with the fundamentals of First Aid so as to be able to cope with emergencies. Yet, important as this undertaking is, there have been obstacles strewn in the path of the physical education department. The gymnasium has been sorely neglected! Not only is it wanting in the matter of necessary apparatus, but also as regards proper ventilation, heat, cleanliness, appearance, and sundry other items. As a consequence, students have been forced to travel to remote sections of the city for their physical education classes where gymnasiums and swimming pools with proper facilities are available. "We will not return to the Yeshiva building for physical education classes until the gymnasium has been thoroughly renovated!" emphasized Professor Hurwitz.

THERE IS a lack of integration and coordination in the health program at Yeshiva, with the result that the student body is afforded only minimum benefits. A crying need exists for the immediate correlation of the physical education, hygiene, and medical departments. There has been much handying of words on this proposal, but like the weather of which Mark Twain speaks, nothing is ever done about it. Progress can be made in the health education program only if there is a genuine display of interest and cooperation on the part of everyone ranging from the faculty down to the janitorial staff.

As a result of a survey that he once undertook for the Jewish Welfare Board, Professor Hurwitz was convinced of the need for health recreation and physical education supervision for our youth in the community synagogues centers. He was further made aware of this pressing need by his subsequent contacts with rabbis and synagogue leaders. The child attends Hebrew school during what would normally be his playtime. More often than not, he attends classes reluctantly, for he sees his friends at play while he has been forced to relinquish his playtime. Lag B'Omer Field Days, Purim and Chanukah parties, etc. must have a place on the school's agenda of events to capture the child's fancy. The Hebrew teacher must be prepared for leading these young people's activities which will create in the children an interest for their studies. Otherwise many of our youth, especially those in America's hinterlands, will be lost to Orthodoxy.

PROFESSOR HURWITZ sees the need for a model community synagogue center at Yeshiva where leaders can be trained to meet these requirements; for leadership can be acquired only through practice. The rabbi or Hebrew teacher trained in physical educational and recreational supervision can be a potent force in dealing with our backsliding youth and returning them to the faith of our fathers. The revitalization of the Metropolitan Health Club, once an important organization at Yeshiva, can be an important forward step in this direction. Not only would it provide for student leadership, but it would enable the participants to acquire a working knowledge of health education—the education for life—a progressive step in their preparation as tomorrow's religious and lay leaders of the Jewish community.

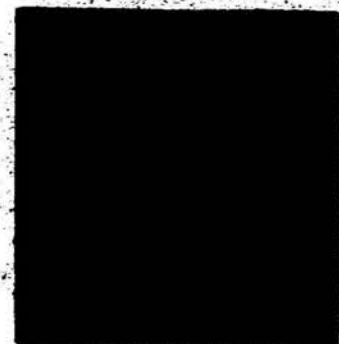
Yeshiva U. Bases Expansion On New Graduate Schools

Yeshiva University's present plan of expansion will be based largely on the new graduate schools to be introduced in the near future. Among the new schools which have already been chartered by the New York State Board of Regents are: The Harry Fischel Graduate School, The School of Community Administration, The Graduate Department of Mathematics, The School of Education, and The School of Religious Education (associated with the Teachers Institute).

Among the new degrees which the state has authorized Yeshiva University to award are: Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Bachelor of Religious Education, Master of Science, Master of Religious Education, and Doctor of Philosophy. The first sessions will commence in the summer of 1946 for new graduate students. Students of the Bernard Revel Graduate School will be given credit toward the requirements for graduation for courses taken in the other graduate departments. The Harry Fischel Graduate School will offer two four-week sessions this summer, which will constitute a full semester.

Building Plans Disclosed

All of the graduate schools of Yeshiva University will occupy a new separate building, Prof. Jacob Harstein, director of the Graduate School stated. Details of site, location and facilities of this new structure were not disclosed.



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The designation of the school as the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary remains the same. The only school whose name has been changed, is the Teachers Institute, which will retain its Hebrew title, "Beth Medresh Lemorim," but will be given another English name, and incorporated into one of the graduate schools.

All courses offered this summer in each of the graduate schools, will be given under the auspices of the Harry Fischel Graduate School. The School of Education will offer courses in Community Administration and Social Research. The Graduate Department of Mathematics, will offer regular graduate courses in mathematics. It is not to be confused with the Yeshiva Institute of

Mathematics, which issues new publications and conducts forum lectures. The School of Education will also award an M.S. in science, Hebrew literature, social research, and religious education.

Reciprocal Courses Arranged

IN ADDITION TO THE regular courses offered in the university graduate schools, forums and conferences will be held for graduate students. At these lectures eminent guest professors will lead discussions on practical problems and modern thought in their respective fields.

To avoid unnecessary duplication of certain courses offered to graduate students, the university has made arrangements with several universities and professional schools in the metropolitan area to enable Yeshiva's students to take courses in their graduate departments. Yeshiva graduate schools will reciprocate and accept students of other institutions who desire to take graduate courses offered here. It was pointed out that this agreement was a work of brilliant "educational statesmanship", placing Yeshiva's graduate schools in special courses, on an equal footing with "giant" universities, and thereby helping the institution to achieve full maturity through the aid of outside facilities and the finest professors obtainable. Yeshiva students will be permitted to take only general courses in these allied institutions and will receive their degrees through Yeshiva University.

Yeshiva Faces Jewish Education

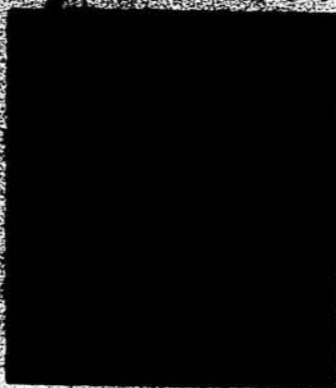
Yeshiva has created several departments which have been adopted as part of the American program of Jewish education. Yeshiva was the first to establish a secular elementary school, later, the first to establish an academic high school under Jewish auspices, then, the first college in the world under Jewish auspices, and now the first university under Jewish auspices.

Yeshiva will now be conferring the following degrees:

1. High School diplomas.
2. Bachelor of Arts.
3. Bachelor of Science.
4. Bachelor of Hebrew Literature.
5. Bachelor of Religious Education.
6. Master of Science.
7. Master of Hebrew Literature.
8. Master of Religious Education.
9. Doctor of Philosophy
10. Doctor of Hebrew Literature.
11. Doctor of Divinity (honorary).
12. Doctor of Humane Letters (honorary).
13. Doctor of Laws (honorary).
14. The traditional "Smicha" (ordination of Rabbi).
15. Hebrew teacher's diploma.

Dean Isaac's Message

Yeshiva University is one of the first and one of the most significant developments of the post-war world. It promises the coming of a golden era of great scholarship and advancement in the standards



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of living such as have been recorded but few times in our history. It will be at once a gathering place

for those with authority to teach and discover as well as for the thousands who will come to seek a share of this concentration of Jewish and secular knowledge.

The students now in attendance at Yeshiva College are part of an historical moment to which they may look back upon through the many years and in the many places where their future will lead them. They are now part of the reality of the event and are an integral part of its future evolution to which we all look forward with such eagerness and enthusiasm.

Congratulations and greetings to all in Yeshiva University!

M. L. Isaacs,
Dean, Yeshiva College.

Pearl Harbor Assault

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the commentators must be wiser."

In referring to the recent demand of certain statesmen and scientists for the complete suppression of the atomic bomb, Dr. Litman stated, "The answer to the atomic bomb is not complete or suppression of progress but, given proper social reconstruction, man will know what to do with the invention."

Professor Litman stated that those who claim that spiritual reconstruction is needed are running away from the main issue. He stated, "Spiritual reconstruction is impossible without a reconstruction of conditions under which spiritual life could thrive."

War Fund Appeal Made

Aaron Fourstein '44, announced that the Victory Loan Drive has officially opened at Yeshiva College. In behalf of the student War Committee, of which he is chairman, Fourstein asked for the student body's cooperation in this important patriotic service.

Ted Conant '44, editor-in-chief of the *Messenger*, was the concluding speaker. He announced that this year's *Messenger* will be dedicated to Yeshiva University and called for the support of the entire student body, in order to insure the publication's success.

Commentator of any change in their address. We are anxious to keep our mailing list up to date so that alumni material will reach members promptly.

ALUMNI JOTTINGS

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, it was decided to send copies of *The Commentator* to all alumni regardless of whether they have paid their dues or not. This action was taken because it was felt that all graduates of Yeshiva College should be kept informed of the activities and news of the institution. The Alumni Association donates to *The Commentator* a stipulated sum to cover mailing expenses, and all those members who have not paid their annual dues are requested to forward the sum to the alumni office immediately.

members who have "come home". All servicemen who have not received notification and invitations to this affair are asked to contact the alumni office.

Moses Fourstein has been appointed chairman of the Organizational Committee of Torah U'Mitzvah, an organization which is working for the establishment of Yeshivoth throughout the country. He presided at the conference of the group which was held at the Riverside Plaza on Dec. 6th, at which time a \$100,000 drive was launched.

All members are requested to notify the Alumni office and The

Sunday, January 6th, 1946, will be a gala Alumni Day at Yeshiva. On that date, the A.A. will run a two-in-one affair. The annual alumni-variety basketball game will be played in the Yeshiva gym at 6:30 and at 8:30 a large social affair, which will be a "Welcome Home" for those members who served in the armed forces, will take place. All alumni should be present to renew old acquaintances with the faculty members and their schoolmates, and also to express our appreciation to

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