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Chaplain Siegel Speaks At Edison

Brings Good Cheer From Pacific Front

The Yeshiva College Alumni Association, at the expressed request of Major Norman Siegel '34, Supervisory Jewish Chaplain of the Pacific Ocean Area, sponsored a gathering of parents and friends of servicemen stationed in the chaplain's area. Sunday, January 14, in the Hotel Edison. Major Siegel returned to this country after having been stationed overseas for more than two years.

The purpose of the meeting was to assure the concerned families that the Jewish soldiers' welfare was well taken care of, that their religious standards were higher than ever before, and that everything possible was being done to aid the orthodox boys in matters of faith.

Signal Corps Films

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, president of the Alumni, introduced Major Siegel and told of his tireless efforts on behalf of Judaism in the Army. Two technicolor Signal Corps films were then shown which depicted the well conducted open-air Passover and Rosh Hashonah services that took place in Hawaii, and over which the chaplain presided. Following the movies, Major Siegel told of the free hand he was given by his colonel in preparing the Passover Seder. "Why we even had 'gefilte fish'."

Proceeding in a serious vein he then stated that he did not know whether those boys who had become more religious in the Army would take an active part in Jewish community affairs after the war. "It all depends on whether we give them a clean, orderly, synagogue, or one that is slovenly and smacks of the ghetto," he emphasized.

"Judaism Is Living"

"In line with the policy that Judaism is not a religion upon whose shoulders we can cry in times of distress and then forget about when happier days arrive, on Lag B'omer we held games, races, swimming contests, etc. We aim to show that Judaism is a living and vibrant way of life!"

Finally, he asked all those who wished to convey a message to a boy in the Pacific area to write it down and give it to him, and he would try to give the message personally to the boy.

Major Siegel was besieged for more than an hour after the affair ended, by eager members of the audience who wished to know personal details concerning their beloved ones. He took pains to reassure them and give all the information he was allowed to divulge.

(Editor's Note: Chaplain Siegel is the first orthodox chaplain to receive the rank of major. A native Baltimorean, he entered the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College in 1930. In college he majored in English, and upon graduation, he was awarded a fellowship.)

Sunday's Musicals

The third in the series of musicales sponsored by The Commentator will be held on Sunday, January 21, 8:30 p.m. in the dormitory social hall.

Following is the program for the evening:

- 1) Overture to the Third Act of Lohengrin (Wagner)
- 2) Dance of The Hours (Puccini)
- 3) Blue Danube Waltz (Strauss)
- 4) La Vie Parisienne (Offenbach)
Intermission
- 5) Bolero (Ravel)
- 6) New World Symphony (Dvorak)

Y. C. Alumni Takes To Air

A radio program entitled "The Jewish Tradition," which presents the Orthodox viewpoint of Judaism is now on the air every Sunday at 6 p.m. on Station WLJB, sponsored by the Yeshiva College Alumni Association.

Rabbi Leo Jung, Professor of Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva College, initiated this new program January 7, with a discourse on the teaching of Judaism in the world of tomorrow and the part it should play in the "inevitable humanization of humanity."

On this past Sunday, January 14, the guest speaker was Major Norman Siegel '34. He told of the part rabbis are playing in this war and of their potentialities in the post-war world.

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, president of the Alumni, announced that next week Rabbi Wolf Lifshitz, chairman of the Alumni Radio Committee, will be the speaker.

Korzybski Next Scripta Lecturer

The next in the series of lectures sponsored by the Friends of Scripta Mathematica will be held on two successive evenings, January 31 and February 1, at the Horace Mann Auditorium of Teachers' College, 120 Street and Broadway. On January 31, Count Alfred Korzybski, founder and head of the Institute of Semantics in Chicago, will speak on "Mathematics As A Language." The following evening, Count Korzybski will discuss "Mathematics and Human Behavior." Because of the unusually large number of requests for admission to these two lectures from various educational groups, admission will be by card only. Interested students may obtain cards at the office of Scripta Mathematica.

Vaad Hatzalah Achieves Record Goal Of \$25,000

Werfel Memorial Fund To Be Established At Meeting

A special meeting dedicated to the memory of the late Chaplain Louis Werfel will be held in the West Side Jewish Institute, 347 West 35th Street, on Sunday, January 28, at 8:30 p. m. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Chaplain Louis Werfel Memorial Fund, and will be sponsored by the Mizrahi Or-

Freshman Class To Enter College In Spring Term

For the first time in the history of Yeshiva College, a freshman class will be admitted in the spring semester, Dean Moses L. Isaacs disclosed. The incoming freshmen will take a program designed to eliminate as much of their required courses as possible. During their first semester, they will take the equivalent of a full year's work in Hebrew, Bible, Jewish Ethics (Philosophy 101-102), and a semester's work in English, Hygiene, and Physical Education.

Dean Isaacs also explained the method of transferring the Hebrew credits of a Teachers' Institute student. By the end of the student's freshman year in college, he is to hand in his choice of credits that he wishes transferred. He must transfer sixteen credits from the Teachers' Institute, all of which must have been earned after graduation from high school. The sixteen credits may be all in Hebrew, or eight in Hebrew, and eight in Jewish History.

Shomer Shabbos Rally Held; Urge Jewish Shops To Close

Sunday evening, January 14, witnessed the first public rally for Sabbath observance, sponsored by the Council For Religious Observance Of Washington Heights. Rabbi David Lifshitz, chairman of the Union Of Orthodox Rabbis' Sabbath Committee and the principal speaker, stressed the importance of the Sabbath to the Jews. He said that due to "chilula Shabbos" much Jewish blood had been spilled. Using various quotations, Rabbi Lifshitz showed that the Sabbath was the foundation of the Jewish religion. He closed by urging the ladies of the neighborhood, and the ladies' auxiliaries of the Jewish institutions in Washington Heights in particular, to force the Jewish shops open on Saturdays to close by not patronizing them.

Symbol of Jew and Faith
Moshe Gerahinsky '44, who opened the meeting with a few remarks about the work of the council, introduced the other guest speaker, Mr. Irving M.

Hamizrachi, the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College Alumni, S.O.Y., and Yeshiva College Student Council. Dr. Asher Siev, instructor in the Teachers' Institute and chairman of the fund committee, stated that the purpose of the committee is to raise a fund for the establishment of a spiritual educational center in Palestine bearing the "Flying Chaplain's" name.

Speakers Announced

Dr. Siev also announced that, addressing the meeting will be Dr. David de Sola Pool, Rabbi Israel Schorr, president of the Hapoel



Late Chaplain Werfel
At Graduation

Hamizrachi; Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, president of the Yeshiva College Alumni, Milton Furst, president of the S.O.Y.; and Harold Schulweis, representing the Yeshiva College Student Council. The offices of the committee are at 545 Fifth Avenue, New York, and all checks for this worthy cause should be made out to the Chaplain Louis Werfel Memorial Fund.

Bunim. Mr. Bunim brought out the fact that the keeping of the Sabbath was what symbolized the Jew and his faith by using the words of G-d: "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever". He said it was every Jew's responsibility to see that the Jewish stores are closed on the Sabbath because "All Jews are responsible for each other". He compared the Jews to a ship and the stores open on the Sabbath as the hole in it, which endangered the entire ship.

Pledge Signed

Cantor Macy Nulman who sang two selections, was followed by Milton Furst '43. Mr. Furst urged the audience to sign their names to a pledge to patronize only stores closed on the Sabbath. "In this way", he said, "we will be able to show the storekeepers that they will lose the Jewish trade if they remain open on Saturday". He concluded by adding a few more names to the ever-growing list of Sabbath observing stores.

Student Participation Aid In Reaching Goal

The goal of \$25,000, set for the emergency Vaad Hatzalah campaign, has been achieved. In the short period of one month from December 11 to January 11 the students, faculties, and alumni of the Yeshiva succeeded in raising a sum, unprecedented in past financial campaigns. This accomplishment was made possible by the realization of the students of their responsibilities to the unfortunate Jews of Europe and by the efficient organization of the drive which was noted for its vigor and intensity. Publicity, through the medium of class charts, activity report sheets and the honorary "chal" signature chart, succeeded in creating an active interest among the students. An interesting innovation was the "Chal Bank." A desk in the main lobby was manned for several hours daily during the campaign to receive the incoming donations and tabulate the progress of the drive.

Realization of Flight

Upon conclusion of the campaign Simon Eckstein '44, chairman of the emergency Vaad Hatzalah campaign issued the following statement: "The unprecedented success of our emergency Vaad Hatzalah campaign was due greatly to the active and energetic participation of students, faculties and alumni of the Yeshiva and Yeshiva College. We have shown that not only do we feel the plight of our unfortunate brethren in Europe but that we are also ready to devote of our time, effort, energy and money toward their rescue and rehabilitation. With the achievement of our \$25,000 goal the Jewish spirit of co-responsibility thus finds a concrete and actual expression in this, the greatest Torah center of Jewry today."

Rating of Classes

Rabbi Volk's class under the chairmanship of Aaron Feuerstein '47 raised \$2,000 to lead the school. Rabbi Lifshitz's Chulin class was first in the Bes Medrash downstairs and Class I-B led the Teachers' Institute. Eight classes topped the thousand dollar mark. They were in order: Volk, Gorelick, Belkin, Yoreh Deah, Burack and Polevoff. Outstanding among individual collectors was Alexander Freedman of Yoreh Deah with \$850. The Pioneers of Israel through Leo Schwartz '45, raised \$750 followed by Jacob Spiegel of Class I-B of the Teachers' Institute with \$716.

Appelman Elected Business Manager

The Governing Board of The Commentator announced its acceptance of Marvin Bloom's '45, resignation from his position as business manager. Joseph Appelman '47, was elected to succeed Bloom. Appelman has served as a member of the business staff since his freshman year.

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Due to illness, the editor-in-chief was unable to pen the editorials. Hence the following edits were written by the managing editor.

A Hard Blow

Needless to say, the news that Jerry Robbins '43 was killed in action while fighting in France, strikes us a hard blow. Those who knew the twenty-three year old youth felt an overpowering sensation of helplessness when they learned of his untimely death after no more than two months overseas and seven months in the army proper.

Jerry's patriotic zeal was veiled by a rather staid and unpretentious exterior. While in school, he was quietly active in own way. He authored a varsity show, acted in several dramatic productions, and was slowly becoming a prolific writer. Then he joined the service. His motivations for enlisting were never fully expressed. To him, his Army career became a great adventure—everything he saw or did was filed away as "material" for the writing he intended to do in his post-war life. He was a fellow with great aspirations.

On behalf of the entire institution, we offer our sincere condolences to the bereaved parents. May they be comforted with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Our War

There should be no need for this editorial.

There should be no necessity for urging the student body to cooperate with the War Council. On this day, when the war on all fronts assumes such Herculean proportions, must we be prodded once more and be reminded to purchase War Bonds and to donate blood.

The death of another of our boys brings war unusually close to home. Bold headlines and heretofore unnoticed casualty lists carry special meaning for us today. The Western front is not only Montgomery's affair; nor is the Eastern battleline Konev's concern alone; nor is Luzon merely MacArthur's headache. They are intimately associated with our Chaplain Werfel, our Lenny Klopholtz, and our Jerry Robbins. G-d forbid that we be called upon to part with another.

But these are our men, and this is our war. We, here in Yeshiva, are duty-bound both to ourselves and to our representatives to aid in this struggle.

The War Council is anxious to help us fulfill our obligations.

A Living Memorial

In the past, we waxed eloquent in editorial print in commemorating the spirit of Chaplain Louis Werfel '37. Now, for the first time, an appreciation for the "Flying Rabbi's" contribution in life assumes a tangible form. No more appropriate memorial could be established in his honor than that of a spiritual educational center in Eretz Yisrael. His life was devoted to the dissemination of Torah ideals and principles; even after death his life's task continues.

This Sunday night the committee of the Werfel Memorial Fund meets to rededicate themselves to the Chaplain's high purpose and to start the fund-gathering campaign.

Further clarification of the importance of raising these funds is unnecessary. We should do everything possible to aid the committee in their worthy task for a gallant cause.

A Belated Welcome

We offer a belated welcome to Major Norman Siegel '34, the first Yeshiva chaplain in the service.

Two years in the Pacific has afforded Major Siegel with an opportunity to witness the spiritual growth of our men. His reports are most reassuring. Our chaplains are doing outstanding work in providing physical and spiritual comfort to Jewish servicemen overseas. The men, in turn, have shown an unusual interest in faith and religion, which we hope will endure beyond the evanescent present.

To Major Siegel and his co-workers we express our gratitude for a job well done.

H. T.

WIT'S END

by Nate Rosenbaum

The good ship "Matrimony" having recently sailed into Yeshiva waters, every Tom and Dick who has a Sunday school job and who has successfully been convinced by his future bride's parents that wedded life would increase his "Hasmodiah" metabolism, has jumped aboard the vessel ready to set sail on the high seas of connubial servitude. Being a ragged individualist and a confirmed bachelor—confirmed at the age of thirteen—I for one have refused to become a member of this gallant crew lest I find myself embarking up the wrong tree. Always regarding supposed marital bliss as one of the gambols of life, I have declined all invitations to serve as bait in this relatively new sport at Yeshiva known as the marriage game.

I'll Sit Alone

Little wonder then, that on a snowy afternoon several weeks ago finding myself all alone, holding down a bench near the Harlem river, I began musing:

"Why not get married?" Just imagine getting up each morning, taking your "Baba Metziah" in one hand, and your other "metziah" by the other and after a lingering good bye, kissing the "mezuzah" and then away to Amsterdam Avenue to an intellectual breakfast of "Lekach Tov."

O. K. Jee?

There I was toying with this frivolous idea when my eye happened to alight upon an emaciated rather haggard looking, some-

what dubious specimen of mankind occupying a seat nearby. After giving the remnant of a multi-cellular organism the benefit of the doubt, I decided that he must be breathing and so I called—but it couldn't be—it just couldn't be. Was this Yosele the Talmud "chochin" who was so happily married?

"Yosele," I shouted.

His eyes moved towards me; he wrinkled his brow; he smiled; his lips parted; he began to talk. It seems that his marriage in heading for the rocks had dragged him along and now he found himself up against a stone wall.

Because Yosele's story contains an invaluable lesson in human as well as in marital relations, it is herein set down in Yosele's own words.

State of the Union

"My full name is Yosele Ben Shmonahesray. When I was but a cherub of three months, my mother took a box of bullrushes and daubing it with slime and with pitch she placed me therein and sent me up the river to Yeshiva. Burning my midnight taper, I was wont to sit up in my high chair until the wee hours in the morning trying to uncoil some thrice twisted brain twister.

One night as my brain lay drowned in a sea of scripture, a sleek character cloaked entirely in black came over to me and remarked in a boorish brogue which sounded like Brooklynes.

"Hey bachur, do you wanna get married?"

Maybe I'm Wrong

The Time For Political Zionist Action Is Now!

by Harold M. Schulweis

The oft-exploited term "post-war" has taken on a dangerous connotation in recent months. Too many people are subconsciously, perhaps, accepting all talk of post-war problems as mediate ones; problems to be solved after the chaos subsides and normality once more is restored. One must but read the newspapers, however, to understand that the post-war world is being molded and shaped today, and that these decisions are not tentative. With this in mind, we can better comprehend the tense strife in Greece and Belgium, and the unwillingness of these people to wait or to delay action until the Messiah of peace arrives. They have experienced too many wars to fall prey to the subtle diplomacy of winsome Winnie who urges them to sit back and take it easy in the meantime. These people are stern realists. They know, quite simply, that forms are molded while the cement is still loose and wet, and that once it dries and settles, it will take an awfully big hammer to break up the solid formation, and make a different block.

"Acted Too Soon"

One would think that our political Zionist leaders would be very well aware of these facts. Yet, in the recent major cleavage in the Zionist Emergency Council, Rabbis Goldstein and Wise have accused Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his friends of having acted "too soon" in pressing the BR 418-419 Palestine Common-

wealth Bill in Congress.

Well, Dr. Wise most assuredly was sorely disappointed to discover that when this crucial question arose, his "influential friends" were nowhere to be found. As for Dr. Silver, the actions of Mr. Roosevelt and the State Department was a particularly severe blow, since, preceding the recent presidential elections, great popular support of the Zionist cause as incorporated in the Palestine Resolution was registered in the press, on the radio, by both major political parties and by the President himself on the eve of election. Public opinion was so strong that the Secretary of War withdrew his insistence that action on the Resolution be deferred owing to war exigencies. The iron was hot, and Dr. Silver recognized a mood in Congress and in the American people which would indicate the mature and appropriate time to strike. Nevertheless, the resolution, on recommendation from Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Stettinius, was deferred a second time. The American Zionists fell into a morbid, despondent mood and a scape-goat was badly needed. Up jumped Rabbi Wise's dauphin, Israel Goldstein, with condemnations and accusations directed against the silver-tongued Silver. The indignant Dr. Goldstein wanted to know what prompted Silver to put pressure on the Congressmen without the assent of the administration, and Dr. Silver consequently was forced

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Assured by the orthodox tongue, I told him to come back the next day.

That night I couldn't stop thinking about his weird English pronunciation. I was terribly afraid that because of his influence I might become a degenerate phonetically speaking that is.

Why Walk Alone?

The next day he came back. He had a friend with him. His friend asked me how I liked "cheder." I told him I liked it very much. He asked me if I wanted to get married. I said: "Mister, I looked the word up in the encyclopedia. I wanna get married."

I saw the girl. I liked her very much. She saw me. Her father told her that I had "Kishronos." She wanted to know if I could be cured. Her father said to her: "If you marry him, I will give you \$10,000."

She liked me very much. We got married. I liked it very much. I said to her: "I want to be boss."

She said to me: "Over my dead body."

I threatened her with a "Yad Hachasoka." I was boss. Marriage changed me. I began learning by day only. Chaika, my bitter half, wanted me to go to night school to get a liberal education.

I said: "What for, I never was a Republican."

Tel Chaika!

I began going to college. I studied everything from soup to college professors. I became very liberal. I stopped learning. Meanwhile Chaika had a baby. I called it Minyan, because its cries used to wake me up every morning. Minyan grew up quickly. Chaika wanted me to take him to school. I told her I would no longer get up for Minyan. Chaika said I was a good for nothing. Chaika had another baby. I called it Seder.

One day the baby was crying in the carriage. Chaika wanted me to go down to the baby. I told her I wouldn't go down to any ole Seder. I began to hate Chaika. She began to hate me. Chaika was always acting up. She would start a fight over nothing. Chaika joined a dramatic club. At last no more scenes at home. Chaika asked if she could leave me. I said "yes." She said she would take the children. I said "oh yeah?"

One day the "shadchon" who matched us came for a visit. Chaika told him a big story. I told him a taller one. The "shadchon" listened to us and then he said:

50-50 Proposition

"My children, marriage is a 50-50 proposition. Yosele—you as the man in the family have no right to be boss and you Chaika stop giving so many orders. Husband and wife should be on the same footing so that nobody should do any unfair kicking. Your marriage should not be: Yosele chaika; It should not be yosele Chaika—It should be Yosele Chaika."

I refused to listen to the "shadchon." I divorced Chaika. The children went with her. Now I am all alone. In the old days the man used to be the boss. Times have changed. A man has to change with the times. I learned my lesson the hard way.

Thus my friends we have Yosele's story. No doubt many of you reading this stranger than fiction narrative may see your lives reflected in Yosele's tragedy.

If then, the shoe fits—and a bit too tightly at that, cast it off for the foot continues to grow but unfortunately the shoe does not.

On The Sidelines

Garden Invite
May Hinge On
Fordham Fray

by Bernard Weisberg

EXTRA! Well, it's finally happened. Yessiree, the day that Yeshiva sports fans have been awaiting for many dry and lean years has finally arrived. As all of you no doubt know by this time, Yeshiva College has been invited to oppose Fordham University in an exhibition of the good old American game of basketball to be played at the Ye Olde Rose Hill Gymnasium this Saturday nite. This is Yeshiva's big chance to make good. This game could be a stepping-stone to Madison Square Garden next season, and it's up to the boys on the team to deliver the goods.

And from your humble reporter's point of view no worthier cause could be found to support than the Infantile Paralysis Fund, in whose benefit this contest is being held. Every penny save for some minor expenses will be donated to the Bronx Division of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive. This month of January is yearly devoted to raising funds to combat this dread disease that each year succeeds in crippling thousands of young boys and girls. And not only does it attack children, for our great President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt himself, was a victim of this disease as a young man. F. D. R. succeeded in overcoming, though not completely, this handicap, and initiated the March of Dimes campaign to aid others in doing the same. I don't think any more need be said on the subject to a people who have always been sympathetic to the sufferings of others, no matter what the cause. So dig deep and come up with 74 cents, the price of admission to the game. . . . Cheap enough! . . .

A HINT: There's another reason, a more subjective one, why Yeshiva fans must turn out en masse to this game. As I said before, this contest could be a stepping-stone to the Garden. Now a Garden invitation is based on two points: ability of the team to play good basketball, and the ability of the school and team to draw crowds. The Mites will take care of the first point, I personally guarantee that. But the second requirement is up to YOU. If you want to see Yeshiva College's name on the Garden's program, grab yourself a ticket and c'mon down to the game. . . . Remizah Lachachimah. . . !

I didn't have the chance to listen to Sam Taub's sports program last Sunday on station WHN, so I missed maestro Earl Korchak and Coach Nat Kra-di-tor (that's how Taub pronounced it) give with the words about Yeshiva vs. Fordham. There's a fellow named Pleskin, though, living in the dorm who owns a recording machine, and he recorded the broadcast. So I used my paskey—counselor!—and put on the record. The coach sounded fine, like an old campaigner. The Earl missed up on a word, though. Sounded like syl-ll- or something. 's good thing Prof. Ryan wasn't listening in, or was he? Better find out, Earl. . . The records were fine as a whole, and Pleskin doesn't charge very much, so if you have a yen to hear yourself as other hear you, and lose the only friend you have in the world, see Pleskin in room 425. . . . I get my cut later. . . .

RUMOR DEPT.: The Yeshiva-Fordham tilt will be broadcast over radio, and that's from a reliable source. . . . A certain person of high esteem at Yeshiva will be at the game. . . . Jerry Smith, Fordham's scoring threat, is going into the Coast Guard before the Yeshiva game . . . but don't bet on it!

Yeshiva - Vs - Fordham For Paralysis Drive

Quinthroplets Capture Pair As Pratt And Hofstra Bow

by Norman L. Kramer

Led by veteran Sammy Rosenblum's record-breaking tally of 31 points, Yeshiva overwhelmed a surprisingly scrappy Pratt aggregation, and romped to a 64-40 vic-

tory Saturday night, Jan. 13, on its home court. Pratt, helpless victim of a previous encounter with the Mites, was out for vengeance, and only after repeated attempts did Yeshiva break the losers zone defense and go into a decisive lead.

Mites - Col. Naval

The Columbia Naval Officers, abetted by a last second field goal, eked out a 43-41 cage decision over the Blue and White hoopsters, at the Morningside Heights Gymnasium Wednesday evening, January 3rd. The Mites succumbed to the speediest attack they have been called upon to face to date.

The Officers found the scoring range early, and their splendid physical condition tended to overawe the Quints, who floundered helplessly around the court during most of the first half. The visitors exhibited long sessions of inadvertent ball handling and displayed a pitiful defensive set-up. With a sudden spurt in the second half the Quints caught the spirit and built up their total in a nip and tuck shooting spree to knot the count at 41 all.

At this stage the sailors' Dowlin, netted an over-the-shoulder heave from the corner, with but four seconds of actual playing time remaining. Sammy Rosenbloom paced the Mite attack with 11 counters, while Dowlin led the victors with 16 points.

Mites - Cathedral

The Cathedral Varsity five seeking to avenge an early season lacing, suffered their second consecutive debacle at the hands of the Mites as they bowed 73-61 on the victor's hardwood Saturday evening, January 6th.

The Kraditormen, led by smooth Sammy Rosenbloom, maintained a 32-29 halftime margin. The Quints played inspired ball in the second half to stretch their lead to even greater proportions. Seconds before the final whistle kid Doppelt, whose 19 points led the individual scorers, wrote finis to this season's Yeshiva-Cathedral series with a one handed delayed shot to record a 73-61 win for the Blue and White. Aggressive Shiah Sass, who is proving himself a freshman find, turned in a fine defensive performance.

Tight First Half

The curtain raiser of the game, played before a packed gallery of fans, was a long set by Bedo Scharfstein. M. Doppelt and Sammy Rosenblum added to Yeshiva's initial bucket, but the Pratt five quickly lashed back to gain a one point advantage. A free toss by Fat Friedman tied the count at 11 all. The game stood thus suspended for several minutes, the fast breaks and numerous near-misses serving only to add to the mounting tension, until Stan Doppelt sank a deft left-hander. A charity toss by Pratt closed the quarter with Yeshiva in the lead, 13-12.

At the whistle Pratt turned on the heat, fighting savagely for possession. First Dobson sank a long set. It was countered; a lay up; countered; free toss; again countered. The drive petered out and Sammy racked up 3 more bringing Yeshiva's lead to 27-20 at the intermission mark.

Rosenblum Breaks Record

Refreshed by the rest, the Pratt squad tried to rally, but the attempt proved abortive, yielding only 4 points. The fast-breaking Mites poured it on for a grand total of 19 points, while the Institute managed three more tallies to close the period 46-27.

In the final round Sammy Rosenblum in his own quiet manner methodically left-handed them in to dominate the scoring and set a Yeshiva record. Shiah Sass showed up well on the defensive and Marv Fredman's play under the boards was noteworthy.

Hofstra Also Victim

A hardy group of hoopsters braved the icy Long Island winds on the coldest night of the year to beat down a Hofstra College aggregation 59-40 at the loser's court, Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The contest was featured by the accurate pivot-pushing of Marv Fredman that netted him 21 markers, and the valiant basket-eering of the second squad, notably Adler, Pomerantz, Abrams

Bronx Home News To Sponsor Tilt

One of the outstanding sports events in Yeshiva College history will explode next Saturday nite, Jan. 20, at 8:30, when the Mites oppose Fordham University at the latter's court in a benefit game for the current Infantile Paralysis Fund campaign. This contest is sponsored by the Bronx Home News and all proceeds will go to the Bronx Division of the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

This invitation is sure-fire evidence of the rapidly growing interest in, and in some quarters apprehension of, the brand of basketball played by the Quints in the past two seasons. So far this season they have rolled up an aggregate total of 555 points in 10 games for an average of 55.5 points per game. This is one of the reasons why Yeshiva's name has lately been appearing so frequently in the papers.

Double Treat

Those who attend this contest will be assured of a double treat. Not only will they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have aided a worthy cause but they will also be treated to a bang-up ball game. Although Fordham has won only one game out of six this far this season, the Rams have been showing a strong scoring punch of late, particularly in the persons of Jerry Smith and Nick Seguljic. Smith especially is deserving of attention, having scored 26 points against the strong Columbia Midshipmen. And it must be remembered that Fordham's opposition has been of a bloom form a powerful combination.

The Quinthroplets, however, will be no cinch to beat. The first five consisting of Stan Doppelt, his brother, Marv Fredman, Bedo Scharfstein, and Sammy Rosenbloom form a powerful combination.

Captain Stanley Doppelt's 134 points places him fourth on the city's individual scoring lineup, and Sammy Rosenbloom's 31 points against Pratt attest to his scoring prowess. If they and their comrades-in-arms are on, the Rams will hear the shofar of judgement.

and Sherman. Coach Kraditor kept a recalcitrant Bedo Scharfstein rightly on the bench for most of the contest, and stuck with the subs. Stan Doppelt, as usual, contributed 19 points to the Yeshiva totals.

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T. I. Dinner To Be Held On Nov. 24

The annual dinner of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University, proceeds of which will be devoted to the issuance of hitherto unpublished Jewish scholarly works and to the establishment of scholarships at the Teachers Institute for students of merit, will be held Sunday evening, November 24, 1946, at the Hotel Biltmore, Solomon Biederman, president, Teachers Institute Alumni Association, announced. Max Halpert, secretary of the Association, is chairman of arrangements.

The Teachers Institute is an integral division of Yeshiva University, Amsterdam Avenue and 186 Street, New York. The Institute provides a six-year course of study leading to Hebrew teachers' diplomas and the degrees of bachelor and master of religious education.

The principal speaker at the dinner will be Major Emanuel Rackman, Rabbi of the Far Rockaway Jewish Center. Rabbi Rackman recently returned from a tour of duty as an aide on Jewish affairs to Gen. Joseph T. S. Sweeney.

It is also planned to enlarge the publication fund of the Alumni Association which is, at present, issuing *Horeb*, a semi-annual Hebrew periodical devoted to original research in Jewish history and literature, under the editorship of Dr. Pinkhas Churgin, Dean of the Institute. In connection with the dinner a journal will be issued.

Tickets To Shows, Concerts Available

With a larger choice of tickets than ever before, the College Concert Bureau is equipped to make entertainment a keyword this year.

The bureau, headed by Arnold Singerman '47, plans to acquire tickets for first run Broadway shows for the coming year. "If we don't get a reduction, we'll at least have tickets at list price", promised Mr. Singerman.

Already available are tickets to the Dramatic Workshop of The New School of Social Research. Six tickets to any of the shows listed on the bulletin board can be purchased for five dollars.

The members of the committee are Gordon Stern '48, Sam Cohen '48, and Abraham Denburg '48. They have contacted entertainment circles and have reported that tickets will be available for all City Center Symphony, Carnegie, and Town Hall concerts.

Congratulations

The Commentator Governing Board joins with the entire student body and faculty in extending congratulations to Professor and Mrs. Abraham Laskin upon the birth of their son, David Enoch.

Two Former Y.C. Grads Now T. I. Instructors

Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman and Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, both former graduates of Yeshiva College, have been appointed as instructors in Talmud for the year 1946-47.

Rabbi Klapperman, president of the Yeshiva College alumni, formerly was a Hillel director at Queens College in Ontario and at the University of Iowa. Rabbi Greenbaum received his D.H.L. from the Bernard Revel Graduate School and was formerly a Rabbi in Portland, Maine.

Yanofsky Leads In Chess Tourney

The Yeshiva College Chess Club started its program of activities for this year with a three-out-of-five game match for the club championship. The present standings show that Harry Yanofsky '48, is one game ahead of his opponent, Louis Firestein '47, by a score of 1-0. The first game, started on October 26, found Yanofsky with the advantage when play was adjourned because of the lateness of the hour. On resumption of the play a few days later, Firestein's position grew worse and he was forced to resign.

During the last week in December, the Canadian master, Abe Yanofsky, brother of Yeshiva's Harry, will speak here and give a demonstration of blindfold chess. Abe, who is only 22 years old, will tell of his victory over the Russian champion, M. Botvinnik, who is considered one of the world's greatest chess players. He will also describe the chess match held at Groningen, Holland. All prospective opponents for the blindfold chess game are requested to contact any of the club's officers.

Musicians Found Y.C. Scholarship

Friends of the late Alexander Oshanesky, composer and conductor, have formed a committee to honor his memory through the establishment of a memorial scholarship at Yeshiva University. Sholom Secunda, chairman of the committee, announced today.

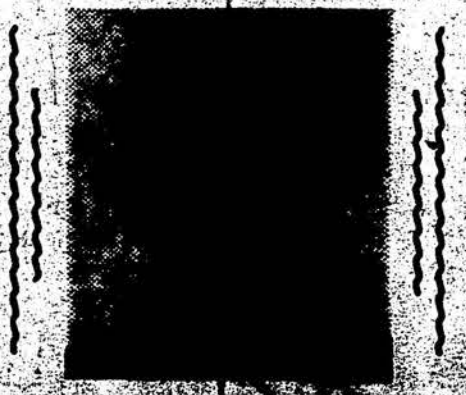
The scholarship, to be known as the Alexander Oshanesky Memorial Scholarship, will be made available to a worthy and needy student attending Yeshiva University, at Amsterdam Avenue and 186 Street, New York City, the only Jewish University in the Americas, Mr. Secunda said.

Officers of the Committee besides Mr. Secunda, include Milton Weintraub, treasurer and Jacob Schuman, secretary. Other members of the Committee are: Philip Grosswald, Reuben Glick, Harry Lefkowitz, Shalom Feldman, Charles Froya, Joseph Rabinowitz, Maurice Schwartz, Sol Schreiber, Samuel Steiner and Benjamin J. Weinberg.

Comet Tells of Dire Clothing Needs Of Europe's Orphans

In a letter to some of his friends at Yeshiva, Ted Comet '48, described the dire need of French orphans for clothing and shoes. Comet is a religious leader and teacher in an O.S.E. camp in the Rhine valley of France.

Ted is one of the three Yeshiva students who responded to a call for aid by Captain Robert Gamson, while lecturing at a Circle Français meeting last year. He edited the '48 *Masnid* and was active on *The Commentator* as a feature writer. The other students, all members of the class of '48, are Maxson Rosen, who was vice-president of Student Council last year, and Carmi



Comet, who is the oldest of the three, will leave for France in the very near future to join his friends.

Cares For Children
"The greater part of my job is like *Pekone*—I take care of ten boys from seven to eleven years old." Besides that Ted teaches Jewish history, Hebrew, and English to the children and also to the adults.

"As for what to send me: First of all, the things they need most urgently are pajamas, undershirts, and shoes. I know they're hard to get in America, too, but if you have the opportunity try to do something. Remember, they're for children from seven to twelve. Besides the candy and gum, they would appreciate some games."

The Commentator will accept all packages and monetary donations and forward them to Comet.

Y.C. Delegates To Attend I.S.C.

Realizing the numerous and diverse problems that confront college students, at present, the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Student Council, a committee of student government delegates from New York City member colleges, has called together a conference of students. The conference to be held Sunday, December 9th, at Brooklyn College, will be entitled "The Crisis in Education". The MISC feels that a very critical situation has been created by conditions such as overcrowded classes, rampant inflation, and disintegrating institutions.

Delegates from Yeshiva College will be present at the coming Student Council meeting.

T. I. Presents Pageant To Observe Chanuka

The Teachers Institute is presenting its first Chanuka supper-pageant on Tuesday, December 17, in the S and R restaurant at 8 p.m. The tickets, which will cost one dollar and fifty cents, will be available in the T. I. office early next month. There is a limit of 200 tickets which will be distributed according to a first-come, first-serve policy. Parents, relatives, and friends are invited to attend.

Sandburg Speaks On Eretz Yisroel

The second meeting of the Chag Ivri, held at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, at Ricks Hall, featured a lecture by Abraham Sandburg '39 entitled "The Peaceful Side of The Palestinian Question".

Mr. Sandburg, who only recently arrived from Palestine, stressed that the Holy Land has for the most part retained the tradition of being the home of peace in spite of the tension which has haunted it for so many years.

He showed that Palestine is a land of contrasts. The difference between the Jordan-Traus-Jordan, home of some of the greatest Jewish and Christian prophets, and the modern Palestine, that is Palestine, catches the eye of the observer. The Jews of Palestine consider Trans-Jordan, as yet undeveloped, as destined to be an integral part of a spiritually and industrially complete homeland.

Mr. Sandburg concluded by mentioning the depth of Zionist feeling in Palestine.

Scripta Offers New Math Course

Scripta Mathematica has recently started an advanced course on Recreational Mathematics. This course is designed to satisfy the requirements of teachers who are anxious to make the subject of mathematics more interesting to their students. On Tuesday, November 19 at 8 p.m., the second of the series will be given by Professor Herman V. Buravalle of Adelphi College on the subject "Beauty of Mathematical Forms".

These lectures are given every Tuesday evening by eminent mathematicians. The lectures will be held in the Joan d'Arc Junior High School, 63rd St. between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

Yeshiva Veterans Club Plans Library Project

Intent on taking an active part in school matters, the Yeshiva Veterans Organization, at a meeting on November 11, called for the hiring of a permanent assistant to the Yeshiva librarian and the installation of a dual system for cataloging books. Professor Stanley Kessler '47 reported that, acting on the veterans request, Mr. Fuchs will increase the lighting capacity of each room by 200 watts.

Bible Courses Required For Future Rabbis

Indicating a major trend toward broadening of Yeshiva curriculum, President Samuel Hildin announced the institution of an advanced course in *Parashot* as a prerequisite for rabbinical candidates and the simultaneous establishment of a limited class for high school students. Together with the Bible courses already given, the new courses will meet a long felt deficiency in Bible on the part of the students.

Professor Samuel H. Hildin has curtailed his teaching duties at the Teachers Institute to lecture three hours a week to both the "Yesh Deah" and "Chashm" groups. Besides his role in rabbinical training, the course will also be available to a Master of Hebrew Letters degree at Yeshiva's graduate school.

Longer T.A. work
Prerequisite for high school students under a limitation of the Teachers Institute will be met by the new course. It will be taught by the Institute's first rabbi, Rabbi Shalom, and will be under the supervision of the Institute of Jewish Studies. The Institute of Jewish Studies ("Mishvat Torah") is a new organization. T.I. students, which courses have always run along lines of Bible study, are exempt.

Formerly Bible was offered cursorily to high school pupils as a part of Hebrew language study. Yeshiva students, enrolled in the college, attended the Sunday afternoon lectures of Est. Klein, Levine, Professor Mirsky, and Dean Sar. These classes have been retained.

Peruvian Describes Latin America Zion

The first meeting of La Tertulia, the Spanish Club, took place on Monday evening, November 11, in Ricks Hall. The guests of the evening were five Yeshiva students who are natives of South America.

An address, in Spanish, was given by Eli Bittner, a student of Lima, Peru, about Zionist activities in Latin America. The other guests discussed briefly the condition of Judaism in their respective countries.

Several Spanish records were played followed by a general discussion of the responsibilities of Yeshiva to the Jews of South America.

Debating

The Debating Society will debate with GALEY, Johns Hopkins University, the superiority of Maryland, Chesapeake, and New York University last year, Stanley Kessler '47, the champion, announced. A date is being arranged for the Society which will probably take place sometime during the next semester.

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Boycott Britain

Last week's "Commentator" carried a story revealing that the Jewish Affairs Committee has decided to endorse the boycott of Britain. It was pointed out that this action was in no manner to be construed as an endorsement of any political party. Yeshiva's students are affiliated with many Zionist organizations, but this statement of policy was favorably greeted by everyone.

Seizure of Jewish leaders on the Sabbath, the atrocities committed by the British soldiers in raiding colonies, the Haifa deportations are indicative of Britain's animosity to Jewish national aspirations. When we read these dispatches, a feeling of futility overwhelms us. Isn't there anything that we can do to fight back against the British aggressor? Must we in America console ourselves with protest meetings, telegrams, and protestations of sorrow? The boycott is one method through which we can hit Britain where it will hurt her most—in her pocket.

Every Zionist meeting is featured by denunciations of Britain. The rank and file is now mentally prepared to participate in a boycott movement. Then why no boycott? No responsible Zionist leader has answered this question yet, even though the question has been broached repeatedly. Zionist leaders will, in their stupid blindness, go all out to defeat their best friends, but will not raise a finger to fight back against their greatest enemy—Great Britain. The battle against British imperialism is a fight to the finish, and Zionist politicians notwithstanding, British must be made to feel the punch of the boycott.

The Commentator

This issue of The Commentator will be a collector's item. We are going to surprise the Administration and some of the Bais Hamedrash politicians whose chief occupation after "Commie" appears is to criticize the editor, Governing Board, and all forthcoming editions. The Governing Board is smiling in anticipation of the feelings of frustration those few "Commie" baiters will experience when they read that in this issue, there will be no criticism of the administration, the Republican party, the Agudah, or the Grand Lama of Tibet. In fact, we have a word of praise for the administration, particularly Dr. Belkin, for the fine start in repairing the gym.

Instead, we are going to discuss what policy The Commentator will pursue in the coming months. There have been broad hints, by those who are in a position to hint, that "Commie" ought to steer clear of such controversial topics as Zionist and political questions, because we might offend someone whose cousin is a fifth cousin of one of the director's mother-in-law. These same sources have hinted, even more broadly, that editorials and columns should not concern themselves with Yeshiva's policies, members of the various faculties (as their status apparently immunizes them from criticism) or even discuss student activities. Some feel that since there is "bitul Torah" in the Bais Hamedrash every time an issue of "Commie" appears, it would be best not to have a college paper at all. So after seriously considering all these suggestions, the Governing Board has decided to continue the policies that have earned for "Commie" first class ratings, almost consecutively during the past decade.

The Commentator will continue the policy of printing the truth as it sees it—regardless of all the howls the truth will provoke. "Maybe I'm Wrong" and "Letters to the Editor" are open to everyone—provided the libel risks are not too great. Only by free and constructive criticism can "Commie" truly continue to be the undergraduate newspaper of the student body.

From Munkatch to U.S.A.; Harry Cohenson's History

My friendship with Harry Cohenson dates back to our first "shib" of the term. Just as the "shib" was about to begin, a bespectacled stranger dropped into the seat next to me. Without a word I pushed over my Hava Bathra. During the course of the "shib", I noticed that the gentleman sitting at my right was older than the other boys in Rabbi Paleyoff's class, and was constantly nodding in agreement with the rabbi's comments, while even the boys up front were scratching their heads in bewilderment.

After class, I asked him how he liked the "shib". My first guess was that he was a visitor from another Yeshiva. He then told me that he was a new member of the class. Gradually he thawed out and bit by bit, in English, Yiddish, and a beautiful Hebrew, I began to learn his story.

Ardent Zionist

Harry was born in Munkatch, Czechoslovakia. He studied in the government sponsored Hebrew high school while attending at the same time the Munkatch Yeshiva, headed by the famous Munkatch rebbi. Here he found himself in the peculiar position of being an ardent Zionist in an extremely anti-Zionist atmosphere. In 1939 Munkatch was incorporated into Hungary. He then left for the Frans Josef Habbiner Seminar in Budapest. But his days of study were cut short by the beginning of hostilities and

along with other Jews, Harry became part of a slave labor division.

In 1941 the entire division of three thousand men were loaded on a train and were told that they were being sent to work in the Serbian copper mines. Knowing only too well the ultimate fate of the copper mine slaves, Harry and the Nazi parted company when the train reached Serbia. After jumping off the moving train, Harry was befriended by the Chetniks who gave him forged papers which stated that he was a German citizen living in Serbia.

But Harry was to know no rest. For soon after, the German citizens were conscripted to work for the glory of the greater Reich. Harry was sent to the copper mines to supervise Jewish slave labor, and among the slaves he found many of his friends. "You're a writer", he told me in Hebrew. "Perhaps you can find more adequate words to describe my feeling then. I couldn't stand it. But no words can more vividly describe his feelings than the choked voice and the glistening eyes.

Sabotage

In two weeks, Harry learned to drive a locomotive and became an engineer. But he couldn't stand aside and do nothing, so he decided to join the Chetniks. They suspected him of being a German spy, so he had to do something to gain the confidence. Harry skill-

American Jewish History Viewed From New Outlook

by Dr. Alexander Bredy

The paucity of historical material on Jewish communal life in America makes Dr. Grinstein's volume particularly significant. The interest of the professional historian in American Jewish life is recent and points to an increasing consciousness of the problem of the Jewish community in the U.S. and to an effort to write its past with greater objectivity and deeper understanding. This is understandable. As long as the Jewish community was renewed by a continuous influx of European Jews, there was little interest in history and little effort to write its past. When the group called immigrants was constantly recruited by newcomers, there was greater concern with the present and future than with the past. The first world war, the immigration law of 1924, and the second world war cut off the stream entirely. By the quota law of 1924, America departed from the historic policy of free immigration. This is of profound importance for the Jewish community as, indeed, for all other immigrant groups.

It is natural that this new state of affairs should have its effect on scholarly studies of the immigrant past in America. More clearly than ever before it is possible to view the history of the Jewish community in America with greater detachment and to appreciate its growth in better perspective. Today, American Jews are displaying a greater feeling of group consciousness and an increasing awareness of a common past. Americans, generally, are more historic conscious, and they

are eager to show that their institutions have deep roots in the past.

Second Generation Americans

It is not surprising, therefore, that the subject matter of Jewish past in America is attracting more and more the interest of the professionally trained historian. In earlier years, Jewish life in America engaged the attention principally of journalists, sociologists and social workers. These conceived of the Jewish problem in terms of the "problem" of immigration and immigrants. They focused attention on the contemporary scene and often viewed the impact of immigrant groups on the American stage with apprehension. Writers like Mary Antin for example, eagerly described the psychological impact of the "Promised Land" on the newly arrived. She glorified the American environment and reminded the immigrant of his eternal debt to the adopted land. To her the American environment was all, the Jewish past very little. Sociologists and educators debated theories of adjustment. They conceived of the problems of the Jewish community in terms of the process of "Americanization," and they were anxious to interpret the role of Jewish values, community organization, education and press in terms of the "Americanizing" problem.

Second generation American Jews regarded themselves as fully "Americanized" and declared their independence of an immigrant past. Writers among them were eager to show how well the Jews discharged their debt to America. Hence they wrote books about the

ally their to the world, through the gates of the sea for some time. But he was arrested, his anti-Semitic English teacher was arrested and he was sentenced to a German concentration camp.

Then began a march of death to Germany. Harry was part of an anti-Jewish convoy that trudged the roads of Europe for eight weeks, until the survivors reached German soil and the concentration camp of Mauthausen. He kept about two phases of his life from me—the march of death, and Dachau. He served as a male nurse in the hospital. Late in 1943 he was transferred to Buchenwald and six months later to Dachau.

From then until the day of his liberation in April, 1945, Harry worked as a clerk in the hospital.

His eyes danced with joy as he described a sixty-five pound skeleton embracing a Negro soldier, the first American he saw.

Alibi in Moscow

When the Joint opened their office, he immediately volunteered to work in their office. His knowledge of English and typing, both dating from his high school days, served him in good stead. He instructed the D.P.'s in filling out immigration blanks, and once, never dreaming of the result, mailed to the U. S. consulate in Munich a sample blank filled in with his name. On the first anniversary of his liberation, the American consul sent him an anniversary present in the form of notification that his application for a visa had been approved.

Harry's credentials have been lost, so he is now waiting for action by the University of the State of New York to grant him permission to enter college. Meanwhile, he is concentrating on studying the Talmud. So when you meet the friendly gentleman with the smiling "hello"—you will see a living symbol of the Jew's desire to survive—the ability to go through so much, and still remain devoted to his G-d.

"contributions" of Jews to their adopted land and proclaimed the national origins of illustrious co-religionists. The attitude of self justification and self praise is illustrated in such books as "The Jews of Philadelphia" and the "Jews of South Carolina." These were filio-pietistic "histories," forms of special pleading, designed to allay suspicion of the foreign born and attempting to accrue for the Jewish group a place in American life.

When immigration stopped, the problem of immigration and of Americanization disappeared. Today, approximately five million Jews are part of the American population, but they are no longer immigrants. They have adapted themselves to the political, economic, and social structure of America and two-thirds of them are native-born. The Jewish community has reached a degree of maturity, and it is natural that the thoughts of many should project back into early beginnings and to ask: Who are these early Jews who came to America, from where did they come, and why? What trials and tribulations did they undergo in attempting to establish themselves in their new surroundings, and how did these early immigrant communities constitute the human connecting link between the old world and the new? The problem is: How can this interest be organized and directed so that the results growing therefrom will be a worthy and

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**On The Sidelines
Fredman Excels
In Sports, Studies,
Political Doings**

By Myron M. Fenster

When Yeshiva's basketball minions take to the hardwood of the Central Needle and Trades gymnasium on December 7th for their opening tussle of the '48-'49 campaign, they will be led by Marv Fredman, their tall, lanky and bespectacled captain. The rapidity with which he has ascended the ladder of basketball success reads like a Horatio Alger novel. Six years ago, upon his arrival from the hinterlands of Illinois, armed with nothing more than some fluorescent lamps and an easy chair, his long legs were awkward while his body was ungainly and uncoordinated. Now he is capable of playing "heads up" ball for a full forty minutes, exhibiting gazelle-like gracefulness all the while.

That he has been able to accomplish this complete transformation, is a tribute to his assiduity. Marv doesn't believe in doing things in half measures. Last year he went out and broke all existing individual scoring records and finished the season as one of the top scorers in the city. The soft-spoken giant attributes a large portion of the credit to Bernie Sarachek. At the beginning "Red" gave his time and effort unstintingly and he too may now view the end product with pride.

Athletics—Marv also is an excellent tennis player and swimmer—however, are not the only proclivities in which he excels. From the coach down, everyone on the squad is "high" on the punctilious Fredman, for it is a rare incident that will cause him to depart from his even-tempered behavior. All the younger players are constantly being advised and helped by him, so that he has become more of an assistant coach than a captain.

Surprisingly enough, what with all this activity plus trying to keep track of the ever-increasing number of members of his family at Yeshiva, Fredman has been able to maintain a high scholastic standing. The record shows that his marks are about evenly split between "A's" and "B's", quite notable when considering that he has majored in sciences, which, in case you're not informed, are anything but "snop" courses.

No article on Marv could be complete without telling the story of the game he played while his dad looked on from the stands. For years Mr. Fredman had been reading of his son's ability in the hoop and dribble sport, without actually having the "naches" of seeing him in action. Last year, however, he had the occasion to be in New York for an abbreviated stay during the basketball season, and was able to get to see only one game. At the half-time of that game the taciturn star had personally racked up 15 markers. Unfortunately, Mr. Fredman did not arrive until the beginning of the second half and much to Marv's disappointment he could not manage to score more than 2 points during the rest of the encounter.

Concerning this year's team, the vice-president of the Student Council—oh, yes, he holds that position, too—thinks that the lack of many individual stars will lend itself to a smoother-functioning unit, and that team spirit will perhaps be able to make up for other deficiencies.

His ambition? To play on Yeshiva College's basketball team for a longer period of time than did one Sam Rosenblum. He must be kidding!

**Spirited Squad Prepares
For Opening Dent.' Tussle**

The 1948-1949 version of the Blue and White cage machine is busily practicing in preparation for their basketball debut against the N. Y. U. Dentistry quintet. The Dents, formerly one of the few push-overs on Yeshiva's schedule appears to besterdai considerably, due to the influx of war veterans.

At first glance, Yeshiva's hoopsters look even weaker than last year's catastrophe-stricken team. The only remaining member of last year's ill-fated first team is Marv Fredman, high scoring center. Gone are the Doppeltz, Scharfstein, et al. Their absence will undoubtedly be sorely felt by the team this season. This year's squad also looks like a pocket edition in comparison with the cagers of years gone by. Only Fredman and Iv' Weisel top the ever important 6 foot mark.

Accent On Speed

However, the outlook need not be as bad as first indications ap-

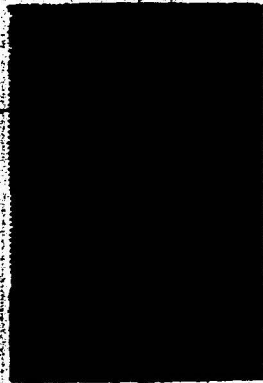
pear, for the account this year will be on youth and speed. Coach "Red" Sarachek is well stocked in this basic commodity with Danny Geller, Chiel Simon, Mel Rubin and Ivy Hyatt, all speedsters in their own right. Jerry Abrams, Fredman and Weisel are being relied upon to serve as steadying influences on the sometimes errant younger members of the squad.

Sarachek has been practicing with the boys quite regularly and has imbued them with a certain esprit de corps which has been conspicuous by its absence on some of the former Yeshiva fives.

**Seniors Unsettled
By Youthful Fresh**

By Myron M. Fenster

The Yeshiva College basketball schedule was initiated Thursday evening, November 6, with a 21-11 freshman upset. The galaxy victims were the hard-fighting senior hoopers who lacked the stamina and speed needed to overcome the fast-moving, court-wise freshman aggregation. Faced by Sammy Dyan who netted 14 points and Danny Kowitz who scored 8, the frosh amassed a 28-6 halftime lead and consequently captured the victory. Reines led the senior scorers with 6 points but the men of '47 didn't have the team-play necessary for a favorable decision.



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Third Generation Interest
An American historian of immigration speaks somewhere of the "principle of third generation interest". The principle is said to

be derived from the almost universal phenomenon that "what the man wishes to forget, the grandson wishes to remember". The thought is suggestive. First generation American Jews can hardly be expected to write their history. Their thoughts and efforts were taken up with the physical problems of existence. The second generation, broadly speaking, is not interested and does not write any history of its past. That is just another aspect of their

policy of forgetting. There is no doubt that the men and daughters of immigrants wanted to escape from their Jewish past. They wanted to forget the foreign language, the religion that continually recalled childhood struggles.

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