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Opposing Factions Review Zion Stand

Symposium Bares Political Discord

Divergent views on the future of Hebrew Palestine were vigorously expressed by leaders of the Yishuv at a symposium held before a tense throng at Riets Hall, Thursday evening, November 21. Sponsored by the college's Jewish Affairs Committee under Louis Bernstein's chairmanship and with the particular assistance of Bernard Rosenzweig, the meeting heard Mr. Yaakov Greenberg, member of Hapoel Hamizrachi world executive, Mr. B. Netanyahu, editor of the Revisionist "Literary Monthly", and Rabbi Moshe Glickman-Porush, a leading Palestinian Agudist.

"Prior to this war's end, the Agudah never received more than 6% of immigration certificates," Rabbi Porush, who spoke first and in Yiddish, charged. "For us there are no new ideas; our tie with Zionism began at Sinai, not at London. Remember, Herzl wanted Uganda—we are the real Zionists."

Three Agudah Generations

"When one comes to Eretz Yisroel one has not fulfilled himself as a Jew. That land and language are all is a dangerous concept...The Agudah is the only group in the Yishuv that can boast three generations of settlers."

Mr. Greenberg—in Yiddish—assailed, what he termed, "the Agudah separation of faith and nationalism."

"Our faith when endowed with nationalism assumes a new essence. There have been changes in the Jewish world—from the Jew of Babylonia to that of the present. In our day, Judaism, ever developing under the light of Torah, was enriched first by religious Zionism, then by religious Labor Zionism. Does the Jew refrain from donning phylacteries because of Zionism? Nonsense!"

"I do not know how you can enter such a controversy", Mr. Netanyahu asserted in English, turning to his colleagues.

Mr. Netanyahu traced a "twenty-five year old conflict in Zionist ranks" between the majority Weizman policy of "going slow and being nice to the British" and the minority Jabotinsky philosophy of "building swiftly and vigorously opposing British illegalities". He indicated that the Mizrahi had collaborated with "Weizman appeasement."

Differ On Ergun

On the question of extremist (Ergun) resistance, Mr. Greenberg warned against internecine struggle with the British "which would destroy all we have left", while Rabbi Porush doubted that resistance, in the form of attack, was consonant with rabbinical precept. To the latter objection, Mr. Netanyahu replied that submission to oppression was not a Mizrahi practice.

Council To Enter New Metropolitan Collegiate Group

In its session of Monday, Nov. 25, 1946, the Yeshiva College Student Council voted to join the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Student Council. This organization consists of student delegates from leading metropolitan colleges and universities and is dedicated to the improvement of intercollegiate extra-curricular activities and student self government.

The Yeshiva College's first activity in connection with the M.S.I.C. will be to participate in the Conference of Metropolitan Colleges which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1946, at Brooklyn College. The Conference will be devoted to a discussion of various phases of student life, such as the student veterans' organizations, student government, athletics, publications, and economics. Each member college is expected to send fifteen delegates.

The Student Council also discussed dormitory activities. The Dormitory Committee reported that it had finally obtained a telephone for the use of the dorm students.

Chess Club Places Second In Match

The Yeshiva College Chess Club placed second in a tri-school chess match held in the dormitory social hall on Thanksgiving Day. The two other participants were Brooklyn College, which won the match, and N.Y.U., which finished last.

Harry Yanofsky '48, president of the club, defeated V. Traibush of Brooklyn while Jacob Altusky played to a tie with N.Y.U.'s Pressman. Captain Philip Zimmerman '48, drew with Captain Norman Abels of N.Y.U. while Teddy Sternberg '49, defeated N.Y.U.'s Sharfman. Seymour Schorr '46, and Milton Shoner '47, were defeated by Kornhauser and Eisenman respectively, both of Brooklyn College.

Philip Zimmerman announced that Yeshiva will play a match with City College and will enter the intercollegiate championship match.

Prof. Braun To Speak Before Eranos Society

Eranos, the classical language society, will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, December 9 at 8 o'clock in the dormitory social hall. Doctor Bernhard Floch, the club's advisor, has arranged for Professor Sidney Braun, of the French department, to address the society on "Classical Influences in French Literature". The lecture will be delivered in English and everyone is invited to attend.

Leading Scholars Eulogize Late Rabbi A. Zelmanowitz

Rabbis Soloveitchik, Burack, Hoenig Mourn Loss Of Renowned Talmudist

Rabbi A. Rhein To Address Chug Ivri On Eretz Yisroel

Rabbi Abraham Rhein, leader of the Noar Agudati of Palestine, now in America for a brief time, will lecture on "Religion, Religious Instruction, and Religious Factions in Palestine", at the Chug Ivri meeting of December 5. Alvin Schiff '47, president of the Hebrew Club, announced that Rabbi Rhein will also discuss Kashruth and the Sabbath observance in Tel Aviv. The meeting will start at 8:30 p.m. sharp.

As another part of its intensive program, the club, in a move intended to enlarge its Hebrew speaking program, has introduced a blue and white button, designed by Menachem Bloch '47, which is worn by all the members of the society.



Schiff also announced that the club will occupy a corner of the College Library. This corner will contain materials dealing with Zionism, in both Hebrew and English.

Three issues of the "Iton Kir", the bulletin board newspaper of the Chug Ivri, have already appeared. Orah, edited by Abraham Sandberg, a regular publication dealing with contemporary problems will appear soon. A series of lectures on the Bible have also been arranged.

T. I. Plans Huge Chanukah Party

On Tuesday, December 17, the Teachers Institute will set a precedent by sponsoring, for the first time in its history, a catered Chanukah Chagiga. To start the entertainment off, they will have community singing of Hebrew songs. Sammy Sklar will then act out his "Fleasure In Fantomine" followed by Doctor Sidney Hoenig who will address the gathering with some "Chanukah Quips". For a finale, the committee in charge of this affair has prepared a fine Chanukah present.

All friends and relatives of T. I. students are invited to attend the Chagiga which will start at 8 o'clock. The admission charge is \$1.00, all of which will be spent for procuring food.

Valuable Volumes Added To Library

The Yeshiva College library has recently received a number of valuable gifts.

Mr. J. Goldblatt has donated a collection of books including many reference works. Mr. J. Manishevitz has presented a large group of books and pamphlets. The library and the Mendel Gottesman library have jointly acquired 4,000 volumes of the Joseph Margoshes library. The library has also received a number of other books.

The library needs volunteers to help in the processing of these books so that they may be made available as soon as possible. All students, especially typists, are requested to contact Mr. Zeldes or Dr. Margalith.

There are many books overdue and the borrowers of these books are requested to return them immediately. Checking on overdue books keeps staff members from doing pressing work.

Bureau Dispenses 350 "Flag" Tickets

The 350 tickets distributed for performances of "A Flag Is Born" on November 19, 20, and 21, to Yeshiva College students were part of a lot of 1200 bought by an anonymous donor who also distributed tickets to other Yeshivos in the city.

Concert Bureau chairman, Arnold Singerman '47, announced that tickets at reduced rates are available for the Joose Ballet, playing at the City Center for the next three weeks, and for the American Repertory Theater's production of well-known plays.

A very large amount of tickets for radio programs is on hand along with a few tickets for the Dramatic Workshop of The New School of Social Research. Although it is impossible to get tickets at reductions for Broadway plays, tickets at list price will be obtained.

Benardete To Talk To French Club

Charles Eprin '47, president of Le Cercle Francais, announced that a lecture on Sephardic culture will be given on Wednesday, December 11, in the dormitory social hall at 7:45 p.m.

Professor Mercedes Jose Benardete of Brooklyn College will talk on the Sephardic diaspora and the French and Spanish influences on its culture. Professor Benardete is a noted scholar, lecturer, author, and teacher in this field.

The French Club extends an invitation to the Spanish Club as well as anyone who is interested in the Sephardic development. The lecture will be delivered in English.

More than three hundred relatives, friends, and students of the late Rabbi Abraham Isaac Zelmanowitz, of sainted memory, gathered in the Harry Fischel Synagogue on Sunday, December 1, to pay their last respects to the deceased. The "maspidim" were Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, a close friend of the late Rosh Yeshiva, Rabbi Aaron Burack, and Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig.

Rabbi Soloveitchik told of the relationship between his father and Rabbi Zelmanowitz. He brought to the audience a vivid picture of the way they knew the deceased best, smiling, erect, and with the dignified bearing of a great scholar and educator.

Wisdom Before Prudence

The friendship between the speaker and the deceased was one in which both identities were merged into one. The departure of Rabbi Zelmanowitz left him with his arms outstretched in vain and with the feeling of a loss that can never be replaced.

The great spiritual value of the late rabbi was not in the fact that he was learned or righteous, but rather that he was a humble man who concealed his virtue. He was famed for his wisdom rather than his prudence, and his desire for knowledge sublimated the desire for material wealth.

Symbol Of Polish Jewry

In Rabbi Zelmanowitz he saw one of the last actors of Polish Jewry. When he looked at the stately figure, he saw not the skyscrapers and concrete of the huge metropolis, but the Torah centers of Warsaw and Lodz.

Rabbi Burack mourned the Yeshiva's loss of a great educator. He described Rabbi Zelmanowitz's devotion to his pupils. He told the audience that the deceased gave a large portion of his small income to charity and that he was in a large degree responsible for the Gerrer rabbi's escape to Palestine. He praised the deceased's family.

Young "Bar"

Rabbi Hoenig described the late gaon from a more personal aspect. He was usually a "bar bar" in the Zelmanowitz household. Rabbi Zelmanowitz gave unselfishly of his time to others; he found time for his personal study either during the late evening or the early hours of the morning.

Rabbi Zelmanowitz was born in Tarnopol, Poland. At the age of six, he was already known as an "bar". He was ordained at seventeen by the Gerrer Rebbe, Rabbi Eliezer, and was the "bar" in the Gerrer synagogue. He was the "bar" on the eve of Yom Kippur.

On The Sidelines

**Hoopsters To Play
Opening Game
Sat. Night, Dec. 7**

by Myron M. Fenster

An atmosphere of tension has permeated the halls of the little school on the banks of the Harlem these days. As you stroll through the halls, you see students talking in hushed tones and gesticulating with the alacrity that only future pugilists could attain. Every once in a while, one of their solemn clan will smile nervously with that simulated look of nonchalance that anxious people adopt in an honest belief that they fool others with it.

The students attend all their classes and sit through the boring lecture periods as always, but they are easily distracted and can concentrate only by forcing the impending issue to the back of their mind.

Of course I'm exaggerating, because rumbly in the alley-ways of the ancient Moorish-architectured edifice are audible only when one puts his ear to the well worn ground. However, I feel that it is an excusable exaggeration, for a sports editor in Yeshiva must perforce play-up anything that even resembles athletic activity or else his malnutritional demise seems almost imminent. In this particular instance, however, we are fortunate in having a nice piece of athletic activity in prospect. This Saturday night, the Yeshiva College hoopsters will inaugurate the '48-'49 season. Coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek has been working his charges at a terrific pace in the last weeks and from all the latest reports they seem raring to go. Their opponents for the eve will be the N.Y.U. School of Dentistry, ably tutored by Coach Iva Ache, and they too are ready and waitin'.

It is plain as the nose on my face, that the grandstands of the Central Needle and Trades gymnasiums are not mere ornaments and were meant to be filled by fans and spectators. So do me, yourself, and the school a favor and drop in at 5:30 on Dec. 7th to the gym located at 24th St. between 7th and 8th Avenue, easily accessible by subway, bus or Hudson tubes.

To the frugal-minded, and I have yet to find a good Yeshiva boy who isn't, the season pass good for nine home games is definitely worthy of consideration. At a buck a throw, you don't have to be well-steeped in mathematics to realize that you're receiving quite a bargain offer.

The hucksters who are working so hard selling season passes, including Wally Spickman, Vic Geller, members of the basketball squad and others, report that some students, when asked to purchase a ticket, reply in very unappreciative ways. I have always sympathized with a fellow who considers it "nonsense" and "a waste of time" to watch his schoolmates compete in athletic functions. I have always sympathized with that type of fellow, because I feel that he needs sympathy. What could be cleaner fun, more diversion and entertainment than to watch a basketball game conducted in a sportsmanlike atmosphere and at the same time enjoying the company of the guy who sweated over a "bet" with you during the week?

A feeling of comradeship usually envelops me at Yeshiva basketball games. The same guy who was absorbed and occupied in his work all week, looks different then. So much so, that you go over, shake his hand and give him a "sholom aleichem". It makes you feel good. Try it and see.

**Ticket Sales Boom;
Schedule Published**

Wally Spickman, Y. C. athletic manager, announced that close to a hundred season tickets have been sold so far. The various ticket salesmen will continue their work until every student in the college has purchased a ticket.

The tickets, which only cost a dollar, are good for the nine home games to be played either at the Central High School of Needle Trades gym, located on 24th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenue, or at Yeshiva.

The following is a complete list of the games to be played this season. The season tickets are good for every game marked with an asterisk.

- *Dec. 7—N.Y.U. Dentistry—Home
- Dec. 10—Panzer—Away
- *Dec. 14—Queens—Home
- Dec. 18—Hofstra—Away
- Dec. 21—Brooklyn College of Pharmacy—Away
- *Jan. 6—N.Y.U. Arts—Yeshiva
- Jan. 8—Cathedral—Away
- Jan. 11—N.Y.U. Dentistry—Away
- Jan. 13—John Marshall—Away
- *Jan. 18—N.Y.U. Engineers—Home
- Jan. 23—Bergen—Away
- Feb. 1—West Virginia State—Away
- *Feb. 2—Alumni—Yeshiva
- Feb. 4—Iona—Away
- *Feb. 8—Cathedral—Home
- Feb. 15—Queens—Away
- *Feb. 22—Bergen—Home
- *Mar. 1—Iona—Home
- Mar. 4—Port Schuyler—Away
- *Mar. 8—John Marshall—Home
- Mar. 15—Brooklyn College—Away

**Paleyeff Comes Out On Top
As Juniors Go Down Bowling**

At seven o'clock Sunday night, November 24, six Juniors left Benny's and fought their way through the wind to the Palace Bowling Alley. This sextet with red faces and numb fingers composed the first bunch of Yeshiva students to try out for an intramural bowling team. Warming up to their work, they soon found themselves on the ball and kept it rolling from then on.

The triumvirate on one of the alleys consisted of Alvin Fredman, Israel Paleyeff, and Melvin Etra, while Martin (The Rabbit) Appelbaum, the organizer and manager of the team, Arthur Heller and yours truly battled it out on another stretch of the hardwood. Fredman, using an unorthodox hop, skip, and jump method, kept threatening "Ixy" Paleyeff's slender lead while Heller, after a shaky start, soon made it a three-way battle. The first game ended with Heller, Paleyeff, Fredman and Appelbaum finishing in that order.

Fredman High Bowler

Al wasn't content with third place and took it out on the pins by knocking them down at a 156 clip, the highest total of the evening. While "Skippy" was banging up the boards, "Ixy" kept matching Heller point for point until Arthur managed to secure his lead and win second place. While everybody was watching this trio fight it out for top honors, yours truly managed to beat out Marty for the fourth slot. By the start of the third game

everybody present was excited and some desperate. Both teams gave vent to their feelings by shouts of praise for any good shots and words of encouragement for those missing the clean shot. This constant chatter brought me to believe that the boys really do have some school spirit and led the basketball team to ask that they bring it along to the hoop contests where it is sorely needed.

Paleyeff Finishes First

"Skippy" cooled off a little. Heller missed a couple of shots and so Paleyeff had pretty easy sailing to gain the number one position. He even threatened to top Fredman's 156 but came a little shy of this score when he only knocked down six pins in the last frame to total 184 points.

After the last pin was sent flying toward the pin boy, Marty Appelbaum got out his pencil and came up with the final standings based on a three game total: Paleyeff 416, Fredman 408, Heller 408, Herakowitz 340, Appelbaum 328, and Etra 287. W. H.

Intra-Morale

The sophs tackle the Juniors in the gym December 5th in what promises to be an interesting tilt. On December 10th the sophs take on the seniors who will be on the rebound after their 31-11 defeat at the hands of the freshman. Come down and cheer your team to victory.

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Voice Of The Alumni

Editor, The Commentator:

I read with deep interest your editorial of Nov. 21 and I heartily endorse its content. I feel as you stated "only by free and constructive criticism can 'Commie' truly continue to be the undergraduate newspaper of the student body".

The student body is in dire need of many things to which the administration many a time closes its doors and only through a powerful mouthpiece such as The Commentator, can the administration be made to realize its demands. Suppression of a college newspaper would violate the fundamental principles of the American form of democracy of freedom of speech and press.

It should be recalled that about a decade ago, thanks to The Commentator headed then by Moses I. Feurstein '36, a general strike on the part of the student body to improve the food in the cafeteria, was won, in spite of the opposition of the administration at that time. The "non-compromising policy" which I proclaimed then as the Dining Room Manager was fully endorsed then by the Student Council headed by David W. Petegorsky '35, and we won after two days of "striking".

Rabbi Nathan Taragin '36

Yeshiva College Meets N. Y. U. In First Debate

Tryouts for the debating team have been completed and the team is busily preparing for its first debate of the season, which will be held in the near future with N.Y.U.

Stan Kessler '47, also announced a projected tour to take place next term. The tour is being arranged by Julius Rosenthal '42 and the team will probably meet both Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Prof. Luchins Institutes Junior Advisory System

Details of an orientation program, to aid incoming freshmen, were announced by Dr. Abraham Luchins, Director of the Guidance Bureau. The program will be put into effect in the near future.

All freshmen will be assigned to a junior who will advise them in all school affairs. Members of the faculty will be assigned to selected groups. It will be the duty of the faculty members to advise the students, and if necessary send them to other faculty members for specialized advice.

Assemblies will be arranged during which heads of the various departments will speak on the requirements in their respective fields.

Letters

(Continued from Page 2) school children think that a synagogue is a place in connection with mother's card parties, or that a Yeshiva is a place where one studies for Bar-Mitsva.

But what a tragedy it is when our own children are not only ignorant of their own religion and history, but have been taught enough by their environment to connect the idea of sacrifice with the founder of another religion.

And is it possible that these students who have no "ahavas" on Thursday afternoon, have neither the time nor the inclination to familiarize themselves with the problems of their people and work towards a solution?

The Release Hour Committee is glad to remunerate students, who, by instructing in the religious hour, will have to relinquish some source of income. For further information please contact Mr. Raphael Levy in the Bais Hamedrash.

Respectfully yours,
SHOLOM REPHUN

"Commentator" Sued
The editors, with the cooperation of Abraham Shalom, Campus Representative for Chesterfield cigarettes, will offer one carton of Chesterfields to the writer of the next letter for the "Letters To The Editor" column on the topic of "What Shall Yeshiva Do

With Its New Property Across The Street?
Condolence
The student body would like to express its heart-felt condolences to a fellow-student, Irving Yeres '36, on the loss of his sister. May he be comforted with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Junior Meeting
The class of '36 will have its first meeting of the year this Thursday, December 3, at 12:30 P.M. The meeting will take place in room 404 and every junior is urged to attend as there is important business on the agenda.



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