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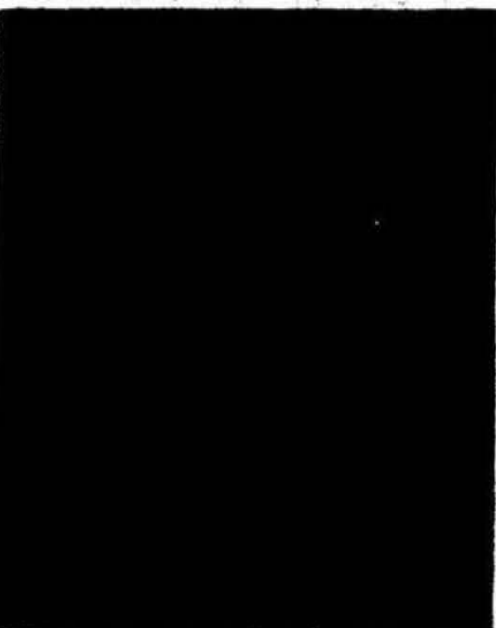
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SMICHA CONVOCATION PACKS YESHIVA; PANELS DISCUSS COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

Dr. Belkin Opens Synagogue Panel

In the first session of the Conference on the Synagogue, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, made the keynote address. The topic of the address was "The Synagogue and Rabbi as Reflectors of Jewish Life." Rabbi William Drasin of the First Congregation Anshei Sfard of Brooklyn, presided at the conference which took place on Wednesday, March 12, at 8 p. m.

Dr. Belkin commenced his report with an historical approach to the role of the synagogue in Jewish life. "The synagogue never claimed to be the sole dispenser of salvation. Furthermore, the synagogue never held a mortgage on the spiritual life of the individual Jew. To be sure, the Talmud characterizes a Jew who does not attend the synagogue as a bad neighbor. But no penalties were ever inflicted on one for not be-



ing associated with a synagogue, and I cannot recall any instance in Jewish history when one was excommunicated for not identifying himself with a synagogue. One can be a good Jew and pray at home, or any place under God's heaven."

Synagogue's Role

On the other hand, Dr. Belkin did not minimize the importance of the synagogue. He believes it exercised a most profound influence upon the course of Jewish life, "so that the very preservation of Judaism depended on it." The Jewish community has remained alive through the centrality of the synagogue. He continued:

"The entire concept of the Jewish community has its origin as well as its vitality in the synagogue. The rabbis said that the spirit of holiness descends in the presence of a group...and God's name is sanctified, according to Jewish tradition, only through community association."

Social Welfare

The president stressed the importance of social welfare. Judaism should not escape to another-worldly philosophy and leave the community to disintegrate. But rather it should vest the com-

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Rabbi M. Beadin Addresses First Education Session

The first session of the Conference on Jewish Education was held at Reits Hall on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p. m. This conference officially opened the six-day celebration preceding the Smicha Convocation. Professor Samuel L. Sar, Dean of Men, presided at this first session whose purpose it was to discuss the role of "The Yeshiva Ketana" in the United States.

Rabbi Morris Beadin '36 presently at the Congregation Beth Hamidrash Hagadol of Washington Heights, spoke on the "Ideal of the Yeshiva Ketana". He gave a detailed analysis of many of the major problems confronting the modern Jewish Yeshiva Ketana.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rabbi David Lifshitz, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University. He attacked the pessimism prevalent among the American Jews while claiming that there is a great deal of potential religious strength which must be directed towards the building of Yeshiva Ketanas.

Dr. Joseph Kamintaky '31, director of the department of education of Torah Umesorah, gave an encouraging picture of the recent growth of Yeshiva Ketanas. He appealed to the students and graduates to volunteer their services to help form the many needed all-day schools. Rabbi Daniel Peikes, principal of the Yeshiva of Hudson County, and Rabbi David L. Silver of the Kasher Israel Congregation, Harrisburg, Pa., gave lectures on their experiences in the educational world.

Dr. Churgin Heads Talmud Torah Talk

The second session of the Education Conferences preceding the Smicha Convocation was held at Reits Hall on Wednesday, March 12, 1947 at 10:30 A. M., under the chairmanship of Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers Institute. The topic under discussion was education on the Talmud Torah level.

Several noted Jewish educators spoke on various phases of Talmud Torah education. Mr. Morris Benathan, director of the Associated Talmud Torahs of St. Louis, made the opening address. Mr. I. Z. Frisberg, Educational Supervisor of the Va-ad Hacharedi and Mr. Herman C. Axelrod, Educational Director of the Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun spoke on requirements of the curriculum, while Mr. Israel Margolies, Executive Director of the Mizrachi National Education Committee confined himself to a discussion of the duties and functions of the principal or supervisor in the Talmud Torah.

Lookstein Decries Groups' Multiplicity

"We are reaching a stage in American Jewish life when this, the stronghold, the most powerful authoritative Torah institution on the American continents will in some way—I do not know how—have to be wedded to the body of orthodox synagogues in America," Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, associate professor of sociology, declared before a Reits Hall audience at the third and concluding session of the Conference on the Synagogue, held Thursday evening, March 13. Rabbi Leo Jung, professor of ethics, presided.

Speaking on the subject, "Toward Centralization of Orthodox Congregational Effort", Rabbi Lookstein bemoaned the multiplicity of organizations in Jewish activities. He cited examples of multiplicity in charitable fund raising, day school organizing, (orthodox) rabbinical training and Zionism.



Rabbi Lookstein delved into the historical background of Jewish secularization. He alluded to the first attempt to establish a formal New York Jewish community, which failed and "killed the man who tried it," a reference to Rabbi Jacob Joseph's death. This secularization, the speaker said, has weakened the Synagogue and adversely affected observance of basic Jewish rites. "Marriage has become the domain of quadruplet cantors.... Certain New York hospitals forbid circumcision."

Texan Speaks

Earlier Rabbi Israel Weisfeld of Congregation Shearith Israel of Dallas read his paper, "Practical Aspects of Synagogue Administration." The Texan, too, deplored secularization, calling for a "relentless, unrelenting battle toward restoration of the Synagogue's importance.... Two ideals are paramount: the primacy of God in Jewish life and the centrality of the Synagogue in Jewish life."

Both commentators—Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Dr. Samuel Mironstajn, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations—concurred with Rabbi Lookstein's proposal for greater Yeshiva leadership.

Rabbi Miller, who occupies the pulpit at Congregation Beth Jacob of Baltimore, suggested a study of reform and conservative organizational techniques, warning that multiplicity of these factions could injure a lax orthodoxy.

Rabbi Soloveitchik Informs Crowd Yeshiva Indispensable To Orthodoxy

Roshei Ha-Yeshiva Honor Graduates At Seudas Prida

A capacity crowd of "musmachim", their families, and guests gathered in Reits Hall at the "Seudas Prida" (farewell banquet) tendered for "musmachim" by the Roshei Ha-Yeshiva, on Sunday, March 16, at 11:30 A.M. Rabbi Aaron D. Burack, Rosh Yeshiva, acted as toastmaster at the banquet, and introduced several speakers, all of whom greeted the guests of honor and wished them success in all their future enterprises.

Presenting a challenge to the young rabbis to stand firm in their belief in orthodoxy, despite all temptation of the American community, Rabbi Moses Shatzkes, the first speaker, exhorted them to "fit the times to the Torah and not the Torah to the times."

Responsibility to Judaism

He reminded them of the need for continuous study and the necessity of preserving the ideals of the Yeshiva. "You have attained the rank of ordained rabbis," he stated, "but you have not yet exhausted, nor will you ever exhaust, the endless possibilities for study of Torah."

Rabbi Mendel Sacks, the next speaker, called on the "musmachim" to come to an awareness of their responsibilities to Judaism. "You are the future leaders of the orthodox Jewish community," he said. "Don't be falsely modest. Be proud and strong in your leadership." He bade them to remain fixed in their purpose and to view all decisions they would have to make in the light of the long-range effect on the position of the orthodox community.

Lander Disputes Interfaith Value

Rabbi Bernard Lander, one of the commentators on Dr. Belkin's speech at the first session of the conference on the synagogue, tackled up the portion of the president's talk dealing with the futility of pulpit-trading. Rabbi Lander, associate director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity and an instructor in sociology at Hunter College, stated that most interfaith work had a negligible effect on prejudice.

In some instances this movement harms Judaism by weaning uninformed Jews away from their faith. A rabbi from the floor took issue with his statement, asserting that interfaith activity "on neutral ground" was efficacious.

Eighty-five rabbis, graduates of The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University during the war years when all public functions were suspended, were formally ordained at a Smicha Convocation held Sunday afternoon, March 16, in the Nathan Lampert Auditorium. Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Rosh Yeshiva and professor of Jewish Philosophy, addressed the overflowing audience which included sixty-two of the celebrating rabbis. Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, presided at the exercises.

As per custom, these exercises took place on the anniversary of the death of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spector, renowned Jewish scholar and saint, in whose honor the Seminary is named. The Smicha Convocation, the twelfth in the history of the Seminary, also marked the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, which was incorporated on March 20, 1897.

Dr. Belkin's Welcome

Dr. Belkin welcomed the "musmachim" following their procession in which faculty members of all the departments of the university participated. He referred to the "musmachim" as the dynamic agents of genuine traditional Judaism, whose goal it is to transmit the religion of their forefathers—but not to reform and destroy it.

The audience applauded vehemently when Dr. Belkin again reiterated the importance of Zion in Jewish spiritual life. Nevertheless, there is a tremendous opportunity for constructive religious activity in the United States. It behooves the "musmachim" to participate in this holy work.

Dr. Belkin assailed the watering-down and abolition of the traditional smicha prevalent among the irreligious groups. Judaism can apply new methods in the modern world, but must keep the traditional platform.

"Musmachim" Presented

Professor Samuel L. Sar, Dean of Men, officiated in the presentation of "musmachim". Following the presentation, Rabbi Joseph Speiser of West Chester, Pennsylvania, led the audience in the singing of "Boruch Hachaim". Dr. Belkin then introduced the main speaker, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, who spoke on behalf of the Roshei Hayeshiva.

The main theme of Rabbi Soloveitchik's address was a detailed outline of four instructive admonitions which will help to alleviate the future burdens resting upon the young shoulders of his students, the "musmachim", in their arduous task of transmitting the ideals of the Torah to the American scene.

Rabbi Soloveitchik Speaks

He felt that the major difficulty (Continued on Page Four)

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The twelfth Chag Hasmicha will go down in history as the most momentous one to date. This editorial is being written four hours after its official conclusion and it is yet too early to evaluate fully the week's speeches and events. But even now, if some of the basic principles laid down by the recognized leaders of our Yeshiva are carried out, they can not but usher in a new era in American communal life.

In what undoubtedly was his greatest speech since his affiliation with the institution, President Belkin proclaimed what might easily become the credo of American orthodoxy. Those reading the speech, when it appears in pamphlet form, will understand what we mean. It contains a clear statement of the position of the synagogue and the rabbi. There is the dynamic assertion that Judaism is not a theology to be practiced only on Friday night—but a way of life (not another-worldly philosophy) which has survived cultures of every shade and hue. There is the optimistic, hopeful declaration that American Jewry will carry on the glorious tradition of more than three thousand years, and that Yeshiva will do more than its share.

The Smicha Convocation, in itself, is a link between the past and the future. Those who have renounced the smicha have abandoned the Torah, and Judaism per se. As Dr. Belkin in his opening remarks on Sunday pointed out, those who have depreciated the traditional ordination have found it inconvenient to observe the Sabbath and necessary to write new "siddurim", which in itself is a rejection of the Jewish tradition, as the prayer book is not the creation of a group, of people—but of generations of traditional Judaism.

It is unfortunate that comparatively so few rabbis attended the various conferences. The Yeshiva students who attended found them to be enlightening and enjoyable. For the first time, contemporary problems facing the Jewish community were discussed with everyone participating. For the first time, we have the admission that these problems exist and that "no policy" is not a policy. For the first time, we have the emergence of a definite, concrete program of action.

A slashing, powerful counter-attack was launched against the so-called "liberal" Judaism in America. Rabbi Soloveitchik logically and coherently exposed the flaws and dangers embodied in the conservative and reform movements. And Yeshiva is the sole bulwark standing in their path. If traditional Judaism is to survive, its sole source of power and energy is Yeshiva. From Yeshiva must emerge spiritual leaders strong and firm enough in their conviction to dispel the legend of the American atmosphere.

"Our ideals are the same as always. But our methods may be different." The American community will now look at Yeshiva from a new perspective, with optimism instead of apathy. Yeshiva will not fail them.

On behalf of the student body, we extend a "Mazel Tov" to all the "musmachim". We who know them best are certain that they will preserve the proud tradition entrusted to them. Wherever they go, whatever they do, our best wishes, and those of the entire institution go forth with them.

In their behalf and in behalf of the Yeshiva administration, we thank the hundreds of people who crammed every available spot in the auditorium, the balcony, and the outer lobby. It is a genuine cause for rejoicing when more than 2,000 people turn out to honor the Torah and its servants. We are sure you enjoyed the ceremonies and hope you will be with us again in the future.

To Dr. Belkin and to Rabbi Morris Finer, who was greatly instrumental in the planning and execution of the celebration, to the Roshai Yeshiva, and to all others responsible for its success, we say "Yeeshar Koachem". May there be many more such events in the future.

It was but a matter of time that the passage of the Austin-Mahoney Bill seemed inevitable. Since the Republican state administration found it necessary to spend thousands of dollars in investigating the proven need for a state university, it seemed that a possible solution to end religious discrimination by leading colleges and universities was the proposal of Senator Mahoney and Assemblyman Austin — to remove their tax exemptions.

But just when victory was in sight, a group of prominent Catholic clergymen made a grand entrance. They denounced the bill as being tainted with communism—now the favorite smear term of all reactionaries and fascists the world over. The American Jewish Congress fought back bravely—but to no avail. Why it didn't strike the Church to state its views at a time when a compromise might have been reached is still a mystery.

But the greatest danger inherent in the Catholic position is the assertion that education is a parental function—not that of the state. This is contrary to the basic American axiom of separation of Church and State. And if the Catholic Church does believe that education is a parental function, why does it constantly belabor Albany for state aid for parochial schools under various pretexts?

Louis Firststein—It is indeed a pleasure to meet Lou this year, on this his tenth anniversary of his entrance to our college. Lou is one of the doly students at Yeshiva who has taken every course in the catalogue twice. This situation was caused by the fact that when he was taking German he would study Russian and Portuguese and when he was taking history, he was teaching Klein how to play the guitar.

"Lukhan" has served as official advisor to several Student Council presidents. He expresses his Philadelphia brotherly love by strutting down Yeshiva halls with a big smile on his face and greets each of his acquaintance with a slap-on-the-back *Sy Eckstein* style.

Emanuel Greenwald—This "Mas-mid" spent three years in the Don Burack choir until they found out that his voice was not all that it was cracked up to be and he was shipped across the hall to Rabbi Paleyeff's sun-filled fiestas. Manny is one social science major who intends to make history by presenting the yearbook before the gold on the keys tarnishes.

A man of letters (make your checks payable to Masmid) Manny took a special hair-cut when he called a girl for the senior-faculty mixer. He surprised the East Side "chevrone" by not showing up with any of the grandmothers he visits on Saturday night, but with a pretty B.O., co-ed.

Gerry Homalak—Gerry, as he is known in the morning, alias Yaakov, as he is known in the afternoon, alias God's Gift to Women, as he is known on East Broadway, has increased his fame since his high school days. He is no longer content with holding a "prom" in the back of an East Side delicatessen, but is holding out for the "Blindes Room" at Rainers.

Gerry proved to be such a valuable convert from T.I., that Rabbi Volk almost refused to let him go. Besides studying in Talmudic lore, his Jewish studies extend to the "Thomeres" clock—eleven and other.

Karl Klein—Living proof that all the characters in Hollywood aren't in the movies, Karl is the first Student Council president who gets along with the dean (and his pretty daughter). This banjo-strumming secret operator went to sleep in Math 1 and woke up as president.

Earl's deaf ear for music is only matched by his blind eye for beauty. Every time he goes out for an evening, his companion gets an attack of the "shakes" or else its the "flo".

This undiscovered glamor star from Holywood High has failed to keep his campaign promise to bring Hedy Lamarr and Betty Grable to a Y.O. assembly. That's Earl—brother.

Joe Mandelkern—When Joe gets his diploma this June there should be a special citation given with it for meritorious service beyond the call of duty. He singlehandedly supplied enough ballast in physics class to float himself, a certain Fisch, and a major portion of the class through all the exams given.

Right now Joe is engaged in a personalized Phys-Chem course with Dean Isaacs, in which he is sharing his vast knowledge of Physics and chemistry with the Dean. When positron energy is discovered, Joe will have a project for it.

Milton Mats—Phylum; Student. genus; senior, is the biological classification of the burden on Atlas' shoulders. "Molsha" by his own admission is a talented musician. Called Harry by some, his musical mistakes can be ignored; for to err is Truman. We may add that when he played the piano at the senior affair, all present arose in homage to his skill. He played The Star Spangled Banner.

"Milly", who claims he is not attached to his father's purse strings, has quite a witty pen....we all hope he learns to write with it soon. His claim that his major interest is biology, is borne out by his address book which contains many interesting specimens.

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mentally affairs with sanctity—the “holiness” of which the Torah instructs. Orthodox Judaism does not stand for its relegation to the “Olam HaChai” exclusively.

Theoretic and theological belief in God has little value in Judaism. He said that abstract theories are not sufficient; they must be bound up inextricably with deeds. Action is preferred rather than theory. Judaism is not a theology; it is a theocracy—a community governed by God's morality.

Eastern Pale Handcrush

Dr. Belkin maintained that the main problem confronting Judaism today in the United States is the unfortunate fact that it has become the religion of the synagogue only. One's loyalty to Judaism is no longer judged by one's private life as a Jew, nor by his adherence to the laws of the Torah as a divine way of life, but by one's usually slight association with the House of Worship.

The remedy for this shortcoming in Dr. Balkin's opinion, must be spearheaded by a major effort to reinstate the Bat Mitzvah in the synagogue. This will once again make instruction in the Torah an organic part of worship and its most prominent feature. "If the rabbi and the synagogue do not wish to function in a void, they must not permit the totality of Jewish living to float like a cork only to synagogue worship."

Social Research Schools

There are two ways of coping with the problem. "One is to make all efforts to restate the synagogue to its historical position in Jewish life so that it may once more exercise its traditional influence on the community. Secondly, the realization of the great need of today for the establishment of a Jewish School of Social Research and Community Administration where our social worker may learn not only the social science of the community organization, but also the underlying spiritual forces which makes Jews and Judaism inseparable...that they may realize that Jewish philanthropy, education, recreation, and worship are interdependent."

Dr. Belkin challenged the recent establishment of a "dehydrated" religion where Jew and Christian can worship together in the same church. He said that such a movement will, if not overthrown, certainly undermine the entire existence of the synagogue. Such an inter-faith approach does not serve to strengthen Judaism but confuses those of our own people who are not well versed in the tenets of our faith.

Mixed Fays Demanded

In discussing some of the recent irreligious actions of synagogues, Dr. Belkin stated that synagogues which have mixed pews cannot be identified with the traditional synagogues. In analyzing the trend toward such irreligious behavior in the synagogue, he showed how the movement is actually no more than an imitation of the church. He then declared what the official attitude of the administration will be towards mixed pews: "The Yeshiva cannot and will not sanction this abrogation of the most essential and most characteristic element of the synagogue."

On The Sidelines

Players Advised
Sports Must Keep
Functioning At Y.C.

by Myron M. Fenster

The season's finale with Brooklyn College on Saturday night marked the end of an era in Yeshiva basketball. For as the boys rounded out the season, and the boys traded back to the locker room for their showers, Merv Friedman, Bodo Scharf and Irv Weiss ended their collegiate careers. They represent the last basketball of the '44 squad, the one that came closest to crushing the "wrecker" hoop club. Even with Scharf and Friedman, whose performance will be sorely missed next year, the Blue and White suffered the tragedy of dropping thirteen encounters.

It is natural, therefore, that some of the non-graduating athletes might become reluctant about pursuing Coach Sarachek's call for spring practice. They may feel that it is useless to spend arduous hours of preparation if their work will not be commensurate with success.

But these boys must be impressed with the importance continually plays in sports, especially at Yeshiva. The difficulty of maintaining a dormant sport has become increasingly evident these past weeks in connection with the tennis team. If the hoop-and-dribble sport were allowed to disintegrate, the boys responsible would not only be depriving themselves but in all probability future basketball aspirants would be denied the gratification developing from athletic competition.

During the course of the next year or two, or until such time as Sarachek can build up a potent cage machine, the squad may be forced to undergo humiliating defeats. It is their duty, however, to "keep the ball rolling."

THROUGH THE FENSTER—An accolade is due the fellows who have industriously assisted during the past campaign. On the whole, theirs is a thankless task, but it is pursued nevertheless with heart-warming assiduity.

Wally Spielman, who performed his duties as athletic manager with earnestness, preparing the schedule, arranging endless details, etc., deserves a special word of recognition as does Sam Kenner, who kept the balls bouncing in his usual reliable style. Both were of immeasurable service to "Red" throughout the year and were a constant source of inspiration to the ball players.

Irv Pomerantz pursued his position as Graduate Manager of Athletics with energy and for the first time since its inception, that particular position contributed to the over-all welfare of the club.

A special note of thanks to omnipresent Lew "Rotund Gopher" Ginsburg, whose indomitable spirit and enthusiasm were pleasurable to coach, players and writers. Score-keeping was capably performed by Irv Pomerantz and "Tiny" Scheinfeld lent a helping hand as ball boy. Last in line of praise, but certainly not least, is Lou Bernstein, the perpetual bench-pockey and always the vociferous antagonist of referees.

Viewed from a won and lost standpoint the season was far from enjoyable. However, it served the purpose of affording athletic activity to the boys and many hours of entertainment to the students.

Before closing the basketball "shop", I would like to express thanks to "Red" Sarachek on behalf of the team and the student body. Under prevailing conditions his was a job well done.

B'klyn Kingsmen
Crown Blue-White
By 74-46 Count

By Herbert Friedman

The evening of March 15th once again found the Kingsmen of Brooklyn College reigning supreme on their home court as they decisively trounced the Yeshiva basketball quintet by a 74-46 margin, in the closing contest of the '45-'46 season for both fives. An attack which consisted of a fast break interspersed with accurate set-shooting and inescapable off-balancing swamped the Quincepersters, despite the valiant efforts of Bodo Scharf and Merv Friedman.

The Bender-coached cagers were off to an expeditious start and their ever-mounting lead was never even challenged by the hapless Sarachekians. The fast-breaking offense of the Bedford Avenue Maroons was paced by "Whitey" Levy, recipient of honorable mention on the All-Met basketball team, Al Gottlieb, and 6 foot 7 inch Don Siegelman, who amassed 16, 11, and 9, respectively. Bodo Scharf, pivoting beautifully, garnered a total of 17 points for his evening's toil.

"Scharf Shooting"

Midway in the second half, breaking forth from a mass of Brooklyn basketballers, Bodo sank an underhand toss, which succeeded in bringing the electrified crowd to its feet. Following a listless opening stanza, Merv Friedman quickened at his pivot-post and registered 14 markers to boost his season's aggregate to 331. Irv Weissel, who, like the aforementioned Scharf and Friedman, was playing his last contest in the spangles of the Blue and White, played well, bravely ignoring a painful injury to his arm. "Denny" Geller and "Imy" Hyatt played their hearts out, but Brooklyn was not to be denied.

Sophie vs. Juniors

A five minute overtime period saw the Soph quintet win a 43-41 victory over the Junior basketballers. Denny Geller led the Soph's and Imy Hyatt the Juniors' scoring in the well played intra-mural tussle.

Scribes Elect
All-Rival Five

The conclusion of every athletic campaign evokes myriad lines of copy pertaining to All-Star aggregations selected by the sports scribes of the nation. These selections, readily seized upon by a sedulous public long since addicted to the selection of "All" teams, give impetus to vendetta and polemic.

The Commentator's page three microscopics, never more than a hop, step, and a jump behind the parade, and determined not to be outdone by their big brothers who manipulate the typewriter keys of the nation's dailies, have selected an All-Opposition five as their contribution to the "All-Star" hysteria.

Leading the honor five at a forward berth is John Mills, Hofstra sensation, whose scoring proclivities won him a post on the All-Met five. Covering at the other front station is Brooklyn's Al Gottlieb, whose deadly set-shooting gave quietus to Yeshiva's cause. Selected for the center post is Ed Lloyd, West Virginia State's predatory pivot ace, stretching 6 feet 6 inches into the stratosphere. Rounding out the quintet at the guard berths are Panzer's Proclitti and the Kingsmen's "Whitey" Levy, a veritable brace of hardwood titans.

Honorable Mention: Lefty, Panzer; Gilmer, N.Y.U. Arts; Healy, Borden, and Salmon, Cathedral; LaBella, Morison, and Greenberg, John Marshall; O'Hagan, Iowa; Siegelman, Brooklyn.

Yeshivaites Drop
Heartbreaker To
Legalists, 42-41

A Yeshiva victory was within immediate reach, when Dave Morison of John Marshall stood at half-court and heaved a "set", which rang the bell to give the Lawyers a 42-41 victory.

The Blue Devils from Jersey who had previously topped the Miles were in the lead three quarters of the game with Morison, who scored 14 points setting the pace; but came the last period and "Bodo" started looking at his shoe-laces while scoring the greater part of his 14 points, aided and abetted by a below par Merv Friedman who contributed 10 markers mainly on foul throws. A slow first half which yielded a 19-14 Marshall advantage gave way to a fast and furious second chapter in which a fast-break was employed by both teams. The Sarachekmen grasped a one point lead after a series of see-saw goals, and things looked rosy until the fatal tally.

Intra-murals

The initial Junior-Senior intra-mural mele, which was under protest, was replayed on Tuesday evening, March 18th.

The Frosh decisively upset the Sophs in the inaugural for both fives, 44-34.

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Rabbi Soloveitchik's Address

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which the "musmachim" need to erase is the fact that they themselves are suffering from an inferiority complex. This psychological feeling of inferiority, if allowed to continue, will lead to the deterioration of Torah-true Judaism. Dr. Soloveitchik claimed that there is no actual reason for the inferiority complex when associating with conservative and reform leaders and philosophers. These "modern" men are merely pseudo-philosophers. Their knowledge of Jewish law is superficial and thus their consequent philosophies are baseless and irresponsible. Dr. Soloveitchik advised the "musmachim" not to be influenced by them, for their philosophies are the "necessary result of their ignorance."

Urges Self-Confidence

"Your faces should exhibit hope, enthusiasm, and pride which is based on Torah. You should audaciously retort to their cynical

queries: 'I have a dynamic Torah and an ancient tradition that gives me my courageous faith!'"

The second point in the Rosh Yeshiva's program aimed at developing a critical attitude on the part of the "musmachim" in their reflection upon current ideologies and their resultant movements. He explained that majority opinion is not always an indication of the justice of any particular cause. The orthodox leader of today should embrace the critical methodology of Reish Lakish with his twenty-four queries.

He did not deny the importance of unity and peace in joint social and political matters. However, in religious and halachic problems the orthodox leaders must be autonomous and militant.

"We cannot build an effective rabbinate together with reform and conservative rabbis . . . We must be firm in our stand that the Torah Shebaal Peh is our ruling standard—or there is nothing!"

Musmachim And Students Celebrate Yeshiva Shabbos; Conferences Held

Yeshiva Shabbos, ushered in Friday evening, March 14, was celebrated by many of the former "musmachim" together with the students of the Yeshiva who acted as hosts.

After dinner Friday evening, Rabbi Walter Wursburger of Dorchester, Mass., presided at a conference discussing the relationship between the rabbi and the community. Rabbi Wursburger emphasized the unity between the life of the student at Yeshiva and the role of the rabbi in the community. He asserted that the same uncompromising orthodoxy that is inculcated in the students at the Yeshiva can be carried over to the community.

Rabbi David Masis stressed that a differentiation must be made when one studies the results of the urban rabbi with that of the rural. Allowance must be made

for the religious chaos with which the rural and Western rabbi is confronted. Rabbi Irwin Gordon, Hillel director in Saskatoon, Sask., agreed with Rabbi Masis' theme and appealed to those aspiring to the rabbinate to accept positions in the provinces where religious work is most urgent. Rabbi Abraham Avrech delivered an informative talk on his experiences as a chaplain.

Rabbi Abraham Zuroff, administrator of T.A.'s Brooklyn branch, delivered the sermon Saturday morning on "Parashas Hapara". At 3:30 p.m., Rabbi Norman Bronsnick gave a Halacha She-ur in the synagogue.

Following Sholosh Seudas, Rabbi Maurice Wohlgelegen presided at a conference including the following speakers: Rabbi O. Asher Reichel, Rabbi David Sofer, and Rabbi Feigen.

Appeal For Unity

In the final part of his program, Rabbi Soloveitchik appealed for unity within our own ranks. He stated that the "musmachim's" spiritual existence is bound up indissolubly with that of the Yeshiva and that the very future of orthodoxy lies in the Yeshiva and Yeshiva alone.

The traditional Smicha symbolizes this unified relationship be-

tween teacher and pupil which is an integral part of the continuous golden chain of tradition.

"The tradition which you must keep alive is virtually the continuous implementation and realization of Torah-personalities," he concluded.

Rabbi B. I. Levinthal, Dean of the American Rabbinate concluded the exercises with the traditional priestly blessing followed by the singing of Hatikva.

Synagogue Panel

The second session of the twelfth conventional exercises of Yeshiva University featured a conference on the "Practical aspects of Synagogue Administration." Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, professor of Homiletics at Yeshiva University, presided at the meeting.

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