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DR. HERZOG VISITS YESHIVA

Dormitory Lounge To Be Provided

Social Hall Will Be Renovated And Furnished

Immediately after the Passover recess the second floor Dormitory Social Hall, which until now has been practically unused, will be turned into a study room and lounge and will be made available to dormitory students. This arrangement has been made possible through the efforts of Mr. S. Maurice Plotnick, dormitory supervisor, and the cooperation of the Women's Organization, which has allocated funds for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

Fifty Leather Chairs

Provisions have already been made to furnish the room with about fifty leatherette armchairs, a dozen easy chairs and several couches. An adequate supply of periodicals and newspapers will be at hand for student use and it is hoped that writing tables will be procured in the near future.

In order to maintain an orderly and quiet atmosphere in the lounge, a committee composed of dormitory residents, under the supervision of the dormitory supervisor, will be formed. It will be the duty of this committee to see that decorum is maintained and to eliminate all unnecessary disturbances. Although the hall is intended primarily for dorm residents, permission will be granted, at times, to clubs of the institution to use the room as a meeting place. However, requests for the use of the lounge in this manner will have to be submitted to and approved by Mr. Plotnick.

Dorm Room Plans

In keeping with this policy of dormitory improvement, plans are being pushed to have the main floor Social Hall refurnished to serve for social functions of the students. All dorm rooms which have not as yet been painted will be taken care of during the Passover recess. In addition, arrangements have been made to install permanent shelves in all rooms and shoe racks in each closet.

Chanover Lauds Actions Committee Before Council Last Monday Night

A lengthy report, concerning the proceedings and results of the Student Council's Actions Committee, was delivered by Hyman Chanover '41, president of the student body, at a regular Council meeting held last Monday night. In his statement, Chanover outlined fully the actions of this committee and enumerated in detail the events leading up to the decision of the Board of Directors.

Following this report, appropriations of \$25.50 to Hy Wettstein in partial payment for his services as basketball coach, and \$5.00 to the athletic staff to cover expenses for the coming intra-mural baseball season, were unanimously passed. The final grant of \$23.00 was made for the purchase of a typewriter, which will be at the disposal of all

organizations under Council supervision. A loan of \$43.50 was extended to the Social Committee in event that Class Nite is held this semester.

After the presentation of a fiscal review of the basketball season by Milton Kramer '42, athletic manager, Council received for its approval financial reports of all Council supervised organizations.

Before adjourning, the appointment of Hyman Laks '41, as chairman of the Awards Committee was ratified. Assisting him will be Elvin Kosofsky '41, and the two other members to be appointed in the near future.

At a special Council meeting held Thursday, March 20, a vote of confidence was extended to the Commentator on its March 19th issue.



The Chief Rabbi Arrives At Yeshiva

Varsity Show Scripts Ready For Production

Casting for parts in the forthcoming annual Varsity Show, which will be held jointly with the Class Nite, will take place this Monday in the Dormitory social hall.

Tickets for this affair, which will be held Sunday, April 27, will be placed on sale today and can be procured from Elvin Kosofsky '41, chairman of the Social Committee, and Jerry Rosenblum '41, chairman of the Tickets and Publicity Committee. The price of admission has been placed at thirty-five cents per person. "The cooperation of the student body is necessary in order to make this affair a success," Kosofsky declared, requesting that everyone do his utmost in publicizing the affair and selling tickets.

Rabbis Belkin, Burack, Mirsky Named Editorial Board Of Halachic Quarterly

The Editorial Board of the Halachic Quarterly, consisting of three members, was appointed at a recent meeting of the Inter-Faculty Council, Mr. Samuel L. Sar, chairman, announced. The Board, which will be responsible for the organizing, and editing of material, is composed of Rabbis Samuel Belkin, Aaron D. Burack and Samuel K. Mirsky.

Speaking for the Board, Rabbi Mirsky explained that the Halachic Quarterly will serve as a "chronicle of events within the gates of contemporary Yeshivoh." Events of importance with relation to the centers of learning of our own day will be discussed thoroughly in the publication.

The editors have decided upon a departmental arrangement of articles as the most expedient method of obtaining this end. There will be a chapter on "Berur Ha-

lacha" wherein contemporary halachic problems will be clarified. In addition, the Quarterly will devote itself to the printing of previously unpublished manuscripts, lectures and discourses.

Departments have also been set aside for the purpose of reviewing books of halachic nature.

Summarizing the purposes of the publication, Rabbi Mirsky concluded, "A need has been felt over a long period of time for a clearing house of writings, wherein scholars would be able to exchange their opinions on urgent vital problems of Jewish law. This clearing house, never before formed in the Diaspora, will tend eventually to become an authoritative source for the thousands interested in leading a true Torah life. It will thus fill a gap in Jewish life which such purely academic journals as Harpades, valuable as they may be in their own right, do not fill."

It is hoped that the journal will be published by Elul.

The next regular meeting of the Inter-Faculty Council will be a dinner gathering in Riets Hall, Tuesday evening, April 9.

DR. REVEL HESPED

Among the numerous memorial meetings held throughout the world in memory of the late Dr. Bernard Revel, of blessed memory, was a Hespel in Jerusalem, Palestine, on the twelfth day of Kislev, it was just learned by Mr. Samuel L. Sar, secretary of Yeshiva.

The Gaonim who participated in the memorial meeting which took place in the auditorium of the famous Yeshiva Meah Shearim, included Rabbis Joseph Gershon Horowitz, Isaac Jacob Wachtfogel, Yechiel Mushkin, and Baruch Margolin.

Senior Students Greet Chief Rabbi At Reception

Appearing for the first time at any institution of learning in America, Dr. Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, was welcomed to the Yeshiva last Thursday afternoon at a reception tendered him by the faculty and senior students of the school.

Arrives 2 p.m.

The noted scholar, arriving at 2 p.m. in the company of Messrs. Samuel L. Sar, Leon Gellman, Gedaliah Bublick and Mendel Gottesman, could not suppress tears of joy as he stood outside for a moment gazing at the imposing facade of the building. Surrounded by an entourage of Roshe Hayeshiva, the guest, with flowing gray beard, horn-rimmed spectacles, top hat, and majestic demeanor, presented an impressive and inspiring sight.

Dwelling on the great genius of the distinguished guest and his position as the spiritual leader of the world Jewry, Dr. Belkin, the first speaker, deplored the fact that the late Dr. Bernard Revel's oft-expressed desire to welcome the Chief Rabbi of Palestine as a visitor to Yeshiva had, unfortunately, never materialized. "The passing of Dr. Revel of blessed memory, followed closely by the decease of Rabbi Moses Soloveitchick, of sainted remembrance, shocked us terribly and immersed us in profound dejection," he said. "Nevertheless," Rabbi Belkin concluded, "diligent learning and study go on at Yeshiva as before, thanks to the indomitable spirit of both our Rabbis and students."

Rabbi Burack Speaks

Echoing Dr. Belkin's sentiments, Rabbi Aaron D. Burack, who followed, added his hearty words of welcome to Dr. Herzog and expressed the hope that Yeshiva would have the opportunity of benefitting from the great knowledge of the visitor in the coming weeks. Rabbi Burack also accentuated the fact that Yeshiva students have been tied by more than theoretical bonds to the Holy Land. "The lives of two of our best young men," declared Rabbi Burack, "were sacrificed for the love of Eretz-Israel in the 1929 Hebron massacre."

Rabbi Zalmanovitch, the following speaker, in expressing his immeasurable joy at the presence of the great guest within Yeshiva's walls, described the office of Chief Rabbi (Continued on Page 4.)

Rubinstein Wins Fischel Award

Samuel W. Rubenstein '40, is the recipient of the 1940 Jane Fischel Memorial Prize, it was learned early this morning, from Mr. Jacob I. Hartstein, registrar.

The prize is awarded annually to the student writing the best essay on the Philosophy or Message of Orthodox Judaism, and is usually announced at the graduation exercises. Last June, however, due to a delay in the decision of the judges, the prize was not awarded at that time and had not been made definite until this week.

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Success At Last

For years there have reverberated in the halls of the dormitory recurrent complaints about the lack of study and recreational facilities in the dorm. For years the call has been taken up to fill this need only to be followed by the customary refrain, a promise of action—but no action did follow.

Now, however, it seems that the dorm will have a study hall (after all, and an adequately furnished one at that. For, according to the Supervisor, equipment has already been ordered and plans for the installment of additional furniture are about to be completed. And so we shall finally have our social hall—a real social hall.

In this connection a word of commendation must be given to the housemaster, and the women's organization which has made possible the successful execution of his plans hitherto. From the very beginning of his sojourn here the Supervisor has been able to effect numerous improvements in the maintenance of the dormitory. True, there are not drastic nor revolutionary changes, but rather minor, almost inconsequential ones. Yet it is the total improvement of the comparatively minor deficiencies which these changes remedied that makes for a more ordered and more habitable dorm.

Basic, major changes, however, require more time and will, it is to be hoped, be consummated before much time elapses. To achieve them the most active cooperation of all students will be required. Many, we know, will be prepared to help however possible for the welfare of the dormitory. A good start has been made toward ameliorating dormitory conditions. It looks as if we may yet realize that long-promised new dormitory life—even in our own day.

For The Greater Glory Of Torah

In the Jewish tradition there is no recognition given to the idea of monopoly where Torah and devotion to Torah are concerned. In fact, every effort to aggrandize the cause of Torah is to be welcomed and even encouraged, for the advancement of the Torah-true tradition means the enhancement of the Jewish community and the furtherance of its ideals, and these are, in the final analysis, the ultimate aims of Jewish life.

It is, then, with sympathetic gratification that we note the celebration of the Mesifita Torah Vodaath upon the dedication of its new home. And indeed this feeling cannot but be shared by everyone to whom Torah and the real Jewish tradition are dear.

To foster loyalty and a devout tenacity to the full tradition of Jewish life is one of the aims shared in common by Yeshiva and such institutions as the Mesifita and other growing strongholds of Torah in other cities. The progressive growth and flourishing of these institutions as a group bears ample testimony to the range of the potentialities hitherto unrealized.

At this time, particularly to the Mesifita, we extend our congratulations, and offer our hope that it emerge as the potent force it can be in strengthening the Torah influences established in this country. Long may it prosper.

MEET THE SENIORS

Meyer, Samuel: After he spent eight years in the building, "Sam" learned to play a decent game of basketball, and seeing no further purpose in higher education, decided to leave (investigating committees notwithstanding). He relaxes from Council meetings in a 1911 Maxwell, in which his theme song is "Marilyn we roll along." A resourceful gent who is class president, ex-basketball captain and will tote around a considerable string of keys at the end of the year, "Beanpole" also slings a mean skillet as cook for his family. To know "Sam" is to admire him for a swell personality and genial friendliness.

Perlmutter, Harry: Struggling desperately to overcome the handicap of a Washington Heights environment, Harry plunged into things literary, such as work in the Y. C. Library and distribution of the New York Times, with ardor. The fact that, as a Chem major, he chose Hydrogen Sulfide as his constant companion bears no organic relationship to his personality or character. Despite the fact that he has to double up to cast a shadow, he is an excellent ball player. Although, in general, a serious and conscientious student, he takes an occasional cue from his more gadabout brethren.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of Commentator,
Dear Sir:

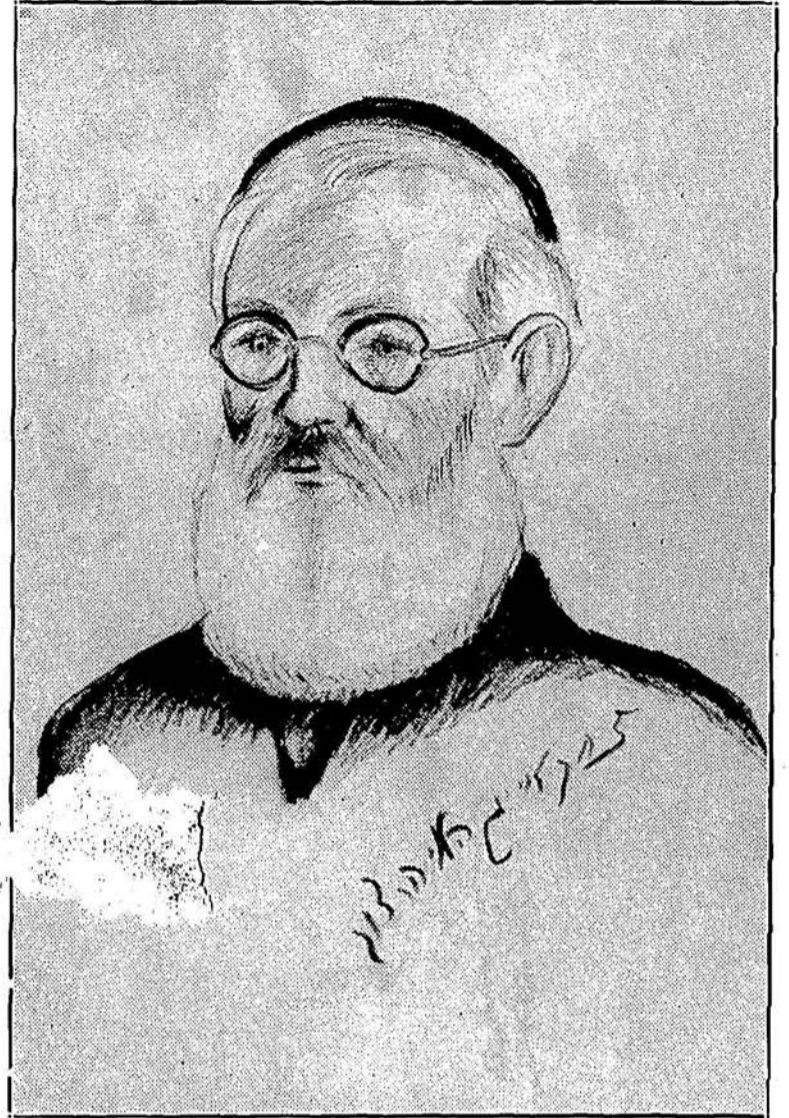
The Executive Committee was profoundly shocked at the intemperate language used in the news columns and editorial in the last issue of the Commentator.

The fact that the Commentator in the past has been free from faculty supervision and censorship signified that the faculty had faith in the good judgment and tact of the editors. The editors on their part should have felt a moral obligation to adhere to accepted standards of good taste. It is one thing to "blow off steam" and quite another to involve the entire institution in a bitter quarrel which in the end can only do harm.

That the editors acted for what they thought was the good of the college or that they dealt with charges for which they thought they had proof does not detract from their breach of faith with the faculty, nor does it excuse the fact that they have acted upon a matter which involved more than the student body without consultation with the college authorities. I am certain that not a single member of the faculty would have approved or given encouragement to your ill-advised action.

The Executive Committee sincerely hopes that repair of the damage done may start at once, and that by word and action all of the members of the student body, editors included, will set themselves to the difficult task. Their department now will be closely watched by their critics and followed with much anxiety by their friends.

Yours truly,
MOSES LEGIS ISAACS,
Chairman, Executive Committee, Yeshiva College.



The above sketch of Rabbi Herzog was hastily done by Alfred Wiesel '42, at the reception for the Chief Rabbi last Thursday. The artist approached the great scholar for his signature, and Dr. Herzog gave it to him, good-naturedly remarking that the Yeshiva does not produce solely rabbis.

Meet The Faculty

By HENRY MARGOLIS '42

To make a study of Dr. Abraham S. Luchins, instructor of psychology, is to make a study in contrasts. There is, perhaps, no better manner of showing this than to relate that as a youngster he was considered a moron and his I. Q. was something less than ninety. Yet, on being examined before receiving his master's degree at Columbia, Dr. Luchins placed in the first percentile of a large group. Further examination reveals that "little Abe" was left back three times before he reached the 5A but, while attending Brooklyn College, he batted out, with a single exception, straight A's. The exception was an F. Just try and make a systematic study of a man like that!

Possessed by a fierce hatred of wasting time, the learned psychologist is not averse to taking an hour of class time to use the boys as guinea pigs. One must realize that he only tests the boys to gather statistics with which to do battle with the Behaviorists who are adamant in their belief that choosing is absolute.

Quiet and reserved out of class, Dr. Luchins becomes a fiery, raging dynamo when he attacks traditional psychology in the classroom. His black hat clamped firmly on his head, with a blond lock or two peeping out, arms waving and tie askew, Dr. Luchins presents an arresting picture. So dazzled and bewildered are his students by his profundity of knowledge in psychology and sundry other fields that they usually forget to ask for an intermission between those two hours on Sunday.

He invariably smiles when he tells this part of his life story. "I was an awful brat, never did the required work but always read

history books and asked questions to stick my teacher."

"But, Doc, what about this business of flunking three times in public school?"

"What's the difference? I made up for it anyway. From 5A on to high school I skipped every B class."

"Yeah, Doc, but an average of eighty for high school isn't so hot. What happened there?" A sheepish grin covers "Honest Abe's" handsome face.

"That's not too hard to explain. I was too wrapped up in reading Turgenev, Shaw, Mann, and Huxley to pay much attention to anything else. Anyhow, you can't get past all those A's I received at Brooklyn."

"Heh, heh. But how about that single exception?"

"That was in freshman math. The teacher used to waste hours talking about baseball and it got my goat. I talked out of turn and was thrown out of class. Didn't even go into take the final."

"We know just how you feel. What came after Brooklyn?"

"Columbia granted me a fellowship and I used it to get my M.A. Then following my work with Professor Wertheimer, of the New School of Social Research, I wrote my doctorate thesis on 'Einstellung in Learning' and received my degree in 1939."

That, very briefly, covers the scholastic career of Dr. Luchins, age twenty-seven. Be he works unceasingly on research on various phases of psychology. He will publish, in the near future, a book revealing his discoveries in the field of mechanization and habit. His work has also led him into the study of productive thinking and problem solving.

"When are you getting married, Doc.?"

Dr. Luchins looked up purkishly, "When I get a job!"

Tennis Team Schedule Is Announced

With the passing of the basketball season, the Yeshiva racquetiers have taken over the top sports position in scholastic interest. Boasting the largest squad in its young history, the 1941 tennis team, comprised of three dependable veterans and a host of freshmen, held its first practice session last night in the gymnasium. Joseph Peysér '43, co-captain, foreworded the drill by stressing the importance of team play rather than individual honor and jealousy concerning future ranking.

The first outdoor trials of the squad will take place this Friday morning on the city courts adjacent to the George Washington Bridge, it was announced by Jacob Walker '43, manager of the team. In addition to open-air practice, a schedule has been arranged calling for gymnasium work-outs each Tuesday and Thursday night under the direction of co-captains Peysér and Al Salkowitz '43.

A tentative schedule of games released by the manager includes the following matches:

- April 29. John Marshall away
 - May 8. Queens College ... away
 - May 21. Jer. St. Teachers .. away
- The schedule also provides for a contest with Long Island University, but final arrangements as to date and place have not been made as yet.

"Since our first encounter is only one week after the Passover holiday, members of the team are urged to practice as often as possible, both with the team and individually," stated Walker. He continued, "Our schedule this year is probably the toughest that a Yeshiva tennis squad has had to face. All of our opponents have excellent teams, and in order to be in the winning column we must be in top form. With sufficient interest and encouragement on the part of the students, and with intensive training on the part of the team, I firmly believe that our boys will turn in the most successful season to date."

Math Club

The magazine of the Mathematics Recreation Club will be published at the end of this month. All articles are in and financial arrangements have been completed. It is expected that the magazine will go to press immediately, Seymour Krutman, president of the group, announced.

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Future Of Betar To Be Discussed By Elias Ginsburg

The third in the series of lectures given by the Y.C. Betar will be given next Monday, April 22, in the Dormitory Social Hall, by Elias Ginsburg, president of the New Zionist Organization of America. The topic of the address will be "The Future of the New Zionist Organization on the Basis of the Past".

A native of Russia, Mr. Ginsburg, after coming to America in 1912, joined the Jewish Legion in 1916 and saw action for two years. He then participated in the activities of the Zionist Commission in Jerusalem, and when the Arab outrages reached a dangerous climax, Mr. Ginsburg assisted the late Vladimir Jabotinsky in the formation of the Jewish Self-Defense Committee.

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Duker Sees Palestine As Jews' Solution

Speaking before the International Relations Society last Wednesday, Mr. Abraham G. Duker, managing editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, painted a very gloomy picture of the state of Jewry on the European continent at the present time.

The speaker, who has travelled extensively abroad, claimed that due to the unhygienic conditions prevailing in the Ghettos into which the Jews have been herded by the totalitarian states there must inevitably result a large increase in the mortality rate of the Jews, particularly among the children and the aged.

Expressing his misgiving at the intolerably low level of Jewish education, Mr. Duker pointed out that this condition has prevailed since the last war, and has made it necessary to "re-Judaize certain non-Aryans". "The only Jew with dignity in Europe today", he stated, "is the Orthodox and Zionist Jew."

Despite the common factor among European Jewry of an aloofness from party politics, the speaker reported the existence of hope for a new life in the Jewish homeland, Palestine, and concluded with the firm opinion that Palestine is the only solution to the problems of Jewry after the war, when the Fascist nations have been defeated.

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Dr. Handler Discusses Fate Of France; Sees Hope For Restoration Of Glory

"France today is the France of yesterday and of tomorrow", Dr. Joseph Handler declared in an address before the Cercle Francais on Monday night in the dormitory social hall. Former secretary to Georges Mandel, Minister of the Interior in pre-Vichy France. Dr. Handler displayed a profound grasp of the French position in international politics today.

After being introduced by Mr. Sidney Braun of the French department, Dr. Handler went on to analyze the three phases of the present French situation, occupied France, non-occupied France, and the "Free French" movement of General De Gaulle.

The former official's tones grew bitter as he described the intrigues of Pierre Laval, who treacherously betrayed France and its people on more than one occasion. Relating the sufferings of the populace in occupied France and the passive revolt that they continually carry on against German domination, Dr. Handler described the existing con-

ditions as critical. The situation prevailing in non-occupied France is one of an entirely different nature, Dr. Handler continued. "Firm in the belief that England would soon be defeated, Petain, who is universally popular in France, endeavored after the military defeat to exact from the Germans the best possible provisions for his country."

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Twelve Students Receive Jobs As Practical Training In Leadership

Twelve students have been assigned to actual leadership of various Jewish groups throughout the city, Mr. Kalman Levitan, lecturer in Group Leadership, announced last night at a regular session of the group.

Discussing the theoretical and practical aspects of programming for various age groups, Mr. Levitan emphasized the value of encouraging spontaneity of ideas in individual members. The leader should, however, constantly be a "step ahead of the group" and allow for long-range planning of activities, the speaker asserted.

Turning from a consideration of the program to the leader himself, Mr. Levitan stated that the importance of the personality and attitude of the leader cannot be overestimated and that the personal regard

in which he is held by the members "can make or break an organization." He also expressed the hope that next year will see the establishment of work shops at the College, which will offer the students materials for actual work in leadership.

In the discussion following the lecture, Mr. Levitan noted the lack of gregariousness and social orientation of Yeshiva students. It is his belief that the Group Leadership course may help to remedy this situation.

At the next session of the course, Mr. Irving Stone, director of vocational guidance at the Washington Heights Y.M.H.A., will lecture on vocational opportunities in group work and a program for vocational guidance.

Education Group Invites Speakers

Ratification of the constitution submitted by Martin Zion '42, president, was the main accomplishment at a meeting of the recently organized Education Society held on Sunday, March 30.

At this meeting the policy was established to invite prominent speakers to address the club. In line with this policy, an invitation has been extended to the Institute for Propaganda Analysis to send a speaker in the early part of May on the topic "Propaganda and Education."

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld '37 was appointed head of the SOY curriculum committee to investigate matters pertaining to the present curriculum. Rabbis Gershion Appel '37 and Max Bernstein, and Messrs. M. E. Blackowitz and Eugene Cohen were appointed to assist him.

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Debate Society Rounds Out Year

The Debating Society concluded its full season of activities in the Dormitory Social Hall on March 9, when Abraham Karp '42, and David Mirsky '42, upheld the negative of the PKD topic, "Resolved; That the nations of the Western Hemisphere be formed into a permanent union," against City College.

Activity of the Society during the rest of the year embraced three other debating engagements, one of which was broadcast over a local radio station on January 6. In this latter contest, the topic of which was, "Resolved: That labor's gains be sacrificed for national defense", Yeshiva encountered Columbia University and was represented Meyer Heller '41, and Abraham Karp '42.

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Dr. Herzog's Visit

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Rabbi of Eretz-Israel as the highest, world Jewry has to offer. This view was seconded by Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, assistant professor of Bible, who, in a Sephardic Hebrew, spoke of Dr. Herzog as "the one man to whom the Jewish world turns for supreme leadership."

The guest of honor himself did not speak. Through Dr. Belkin he begged to be excused from the task due to physical indisposition, promising to return as soon as his health permitted, to deliver a shiyur.

Shortly before leaving, Dr. Herzog received a contribution of \$250 for the Vaad Hatzalah, from Mr. Samuel T. Sar, on behalf of the member of the various faculties of Yeshiva.

Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Palestine since 1936, looks back upon a past replete with hard work and public service. Born in Lomza, Poland, in 1888, he received his secular education at the University of London, from which he was graduated with a B.A. in classical and modern languages and mathematics. Five years later he was ordained as Rabbi and soon afterwards received an M.A. in Semitics, which was rapidly followed by a D.Litt. degree.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Two new scholarships have been added to the college awards. These are the Zissla Shlansky Scholarship of \$1,000 to be made in two payments, offered by her children, and the Martin S. Goldring Scholarship of \$250 to be awarded annually.

Dr. Solomon Asch, assistant professor in psychology at Yeshiva from September 1939 to January 1940, and now at Brooklyn College, was named as a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship Award this year. Dr. Asch is the fourth of professors who at various times have been connected with Yeshiva to have received this award.

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