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Chaotic Condition Of Placement System Offers Immediate Challenge To Yeshiva

By PAUL ORENTLICHER

The Yeshiva placement system just isn't. After some study of the situation and personal interviews with undergraduates, ordained rabbis and officials, the facts compel me to say that the placement system must be revised or, if necessary, completely shaken up — and fast. The present inefficient setup with its retinue of indifference, apathy and confusion leaves the newly-ordained rabbi floundering in a sea of uncertainty as to his future. If the position and dignity of the rabbi is to be preserved and his confidence restored, immediate action is necessary.

Here are the facts:

There are approximately 20 graduated rabbis who are unemployed at the present moment and a new class is soon to be graduated. In addition, several employed rabbis desire a change because of dissatisfaction with their present positions or for other reasons. All of these add up to quite a startling number of rabbis who are seeking positions.

A year and a half ago, in May 1940, Dr. Bernard Revel, of blessed memory, realizing the deplorable situation, suggested the creation of a placement committee to concern itself exclusively with the welfare of the graduated rabbis. A committee was formed with Rabbi Albert N. Mandelbaum as chairman and Rabbi Meyer Kimmel as Placement Director. The latter soon resigned because of his many duties elsewhere and Rabbi Hyman Cohen was appointed in his place. Under the circumstances, the Committee did its work well, and with the fine cooperation of Mr. Samuel L. Sar, succeeded in placing a number of rabbis.

But—and this is important—even the Committee itself admits that the temporary and haphazard nature of its existence is a serious handicap to its activity. A committee such as this, whose duties and powers are limited, inevitably finds itself impotent to strike a hard blow at the basic evils of the situation, and this one proved no exception.

However, an important contribu-

tion to the alleviation of the placement mess was made by the committee when it published a memorandum, placing before everyone concerned, the facts of the problem and several suggestions to relieve the situation.

The memorandum begins by analyzing the elements of competition which the individual rabbi seeking a position must face. While Yeshiva is neglecting the ordained rabbi "the non-orthodox institutions of rabbinical learning maintain highly efficient staffs that devote themselves exclusively to the placing of their rabbis" even in orthodox communities. In fact, in one particular rabbinical seminary greater emphasis has been placed on Talmudical subjects in recent years because of placement opportunities in the orthodox field. In addition, keen competition is felt from freelance rabbis and undergraduates accepting rabbinical duties gratis.

The worst competition, however is traceable to the Yeshiva itself. The ordained rabbi, realizing the (Continued on Page 4.)

"Fountain Pen Man" Pathetic Figure Roaming Yeshiva Dormitory Halls

"Fountain pen man. Fountain pen man. Any fountain pens to fix? Fountain pen man."

A plaintive voice resounds through the stone-cold corridors of the dormitory. Something about the quality of that voice strikes deep into your heart and you can't imagine why it should affect you so. Despite the fact that you are sunk in your studies you don't mind having that voice obtrude itself on your mind any more than you can mind hearing the wail of a lamenting mourner.

Then, for a week or so, you'll forget all about the voice only to be made aware of it once more with that same cry, "Fountain pen man, fountain pen man." Your desire to become acquainted with this individual is suddenly gratified when, following a gentle rap on the door, a figure enters your room.

And a shabby figure it is. Small though he is, the man is covered with clothes too small for him. His socks show beneath the cuffs of his pants and red, weather-beaten hands protrude from the sleeves of a well worn jacket.

That voice speaks and you hear it say, "I'm the fountain pen man. I fix Yeshiva boys' fountain pens

for years. Everybody here knows me. I'm honest."

You mumble something under your breath to the effect that if you ever break your pen you'll give it to him. As you look at his face you are struck by the beaten expression you see impressed there. That mouth, with the corners of the lips curved downward must never have had occasion to laugh. How could laughter ever have entered this man's life and permitted his eyes to remain so devoid of life?

Perhaps you have a feeling that you'd like him to tell you something about himself. But questions die on your lips for you realize that this man's appearance has been far more eloquent than words could ever be. How replete with tears and sorrow, dejection, despair, and disappointment must be the pages of this man's life story.

"Don't forget then. Goodnight," and as softly as he had entered the room so he left. You sit and think how many others like him there must be in this world. You know you'll always remember him.

Then once again you hear the voice growing faint in the distance. "Fountain pen man. Fountain pen man. Any fountain pens to fix?"

Kaminetsky Will Address Dorm Social Reception

Rabbi Joseph Kaminetsky '32 will address the dormitory reception which will take place here November 2. The affair is being tendered the members of the Manhattan and Bronx Ladies' Auxiliaries by the students.

The speaker, an active worker in Mizrahi Youth circles, is at present assistant to Dr. Leo Jung at the Jewish Center. Rabbi Kaminetsky was the recipient of the \$1,000 Mordecai Ben David award for American and Jewish patriotism, last spring.

Math Club Plans

Continuing last year's activities, the Mathematic Recreation Club will sponsor a series of lectures to be delivered by faculty members, students, and eminent mathematicians, announced Morris Chernorsky '42, newly-elected president.

Included among the projects of the coming year will be the publication of the Yeshiva College Journal of Mathematics patterned somewhat after the plan of Scripta Mathematica. The Journal will contain synopses of lectures of those who were invited to address the club as well as original articles contributed by students.

Student Council Office Open All School Hours

The Student Council office will be open all school hours for students with problems deserving attention or suggestions for improving any unsatisfactory conditions in the college, announced George Cohen '42, president of Student Council.

All clubs desiring to function with the authorization and backing of the Student Council must be chartered by that body. Before being granted a charter, clubs will necessarily have to formulate and adopt a worthy constitution.

All groups—committees, clubs and organizations — intending to hold meetings in the Yeshiva building and the Dormitory must inform the Clearing House Committee of that fact one week in advance. No group will be permitted to meet without first posting a notice on the Clearing House Bulletin located in the Student Council Office. Presidents of the groups will then be notified whether their activity is accepted for the desired date by either Joseph Karasick '43 or Martin Zion '42, Co-Chairmen of the Clearing House Committee.

Milton Kramer '42, chairman of the Student Booklet Committee, has revealed that the distribution of Student Organization booklets has almost been completed during the past week and requests all students who haven't received them as yet to come to the Student Council office as soon as possible.

Student booklets will entitle the bearers to the use of the library, discounts in the concert bureau, receipt of Commentator, and free admission to athletic and social events.

Will Lecture Here



KALMAN LEVITAN

Debaters Sponsor Lecture Bureau

The Yeshiva College Debating Society will assume the duties of the now defunct student lecture bureau. With the cooperation of Professor Jacob I. Hartstein, arrangements have been completed for members of the Society to lecture in synagogues, participate in round table discussions and represent Yeshiva in numerous outside speaking functions, David Mirsky '42, president, announced.

At the initial meeting of the Society held last Thursday evening, he stated that in the very near future a competitive reading contest will be conducted in each class. The winner of the finals will represent Yeshiva College at an annual contest in which the colleges of the metropolitan area participate.

It was further revealed that the Yeshiva debating squad, represented by Arthur Chiel '43 and Joseph Karasick '43 upholding the negative, will meet New York University in the first encounter of the season on November 6 at Washington Square. The subject under debate is the current P.K.D. topic; "Resolved: That the Federal Gov't. should regulate all labor unions in the United States."

In line with the organizational activities of the first meeting, a freshman debating squad, with A. Mandelbaum '45 as manager, was formed on the basis of a speech presented to the group.

Medical Aptitude Test Applications Due Today

Applications for the medical aptitude test, a compulsory examination, sponsored by the American Association of Medical Colleges, will take place on Dec. 5, 1941, and is being given specifically for those students who failed to take it last spring.

SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED

A full scholarship to Yeshiva College in the name of Abraham, Isaac, and Lazar Ellperin, and Frances Jaffe, has been established by Judge Jacob Ellperin, it was announced by Jacob I. Hartstein, Registrar and secretary of the Faculty.

In addition to this grant, a partial scholarship to the college has been established by the Gluck brothers.

Levitan To Lecture On Leadership

Under the aegis of the Vocational Guidance Bureau, Kalman Levitan, noted Jewish youth group leader has been selected to deliver a series of lectures on the subject of Club Leadership.

This plan was motivated by the requests of many rabbis and Jewish leaders who have suggested that such training is very important for students of an institution of this sort.

Since the greatest need is for experience, this practical training in leading groups is to be achieved by placing the students in actual situations where leadership is developed and experience gained. The cooperation of Young Israel and other organizations has already been promised.

The Vocational Guidance Bureau has lately initiated a series of objective tests for Freshman. "The purpose of the examinations," explained the Chairman of the Committee, Jos. Sokolow '42, "is primarily to start the student thinking about their ultimate goal here, as well as to gather statistical data. These tests will soon be followed by other more specific in character designed to analyze the students needs and suggest solutions to his problems." After this series of tests, personal interviews between members of the faculty and students will begin. The question of what to major in will be discussed at these meetings.

Rabbi Rosenbloom Dies Suddenly

Rabbi Ben-Zion Rosenbloom, one of the most prominent rabbis in the Metropolitan area, passed away Monday morning at the age of 42 of a heart attack while at work in his office in the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center.

Arriving at this country at a very early age from Lithuania, he received his rabbinical degree from The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at the age of 22, immediately after which he assumed his first pulpit, that of the Congregation Kehilath Beth Jacob of Savannah, Ga.

Rabbi Rosenbloom held A.B. and A.M. degrees from N.Y.U. and Columbia respectively and was formerly an instructor of psychology at Yeshiva College.

Very active in Jewish affairs, both local and national, he was a past president of the National Poel Hamizrochi, and also the director of Synagogues in the Yeshiva. In the rabbinical world, Rabbi Rosenbloom was also an outstanding figure, having at one time been the Chairman of the Placement Bureau of the Yeshiva, a past president of the Bronx Council of Rabbis, and before his death vice-president of the Federation of Bronx Jewish Congregations.

The spiritual leader of the Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center for the last nine years, Rabbi Rosenbloom was very instrumental in establishing it as an important and leading center in Bronx Jewish life and activity.

EDITORIALS

A Suggestion To The Board of Directors

Rabbinical Placement at Yeshiva is a mess. The facts and figures on the front page of today's "Commentator" should serve to prove that statement. But figures cannot show how the "unemployed rabbi" is psychologically distorted; how his early idealistic enthusiasm is curdled into disgust, and cynical defeatism. Statistics cannot show the ultimate weakening of school morale which the situation produces. Nor can the chaos in Orthodox American Jewish life resulting from lack of leadership be adequately depicted by facts.

We agree with the writer of the aforementioned article that the appointment of a capable full-time Director of Placement is the first necessary step to solving the problem. What is more, we think that the proper man for the position is Mr. Samuel L. Sar.

Until now Mr. Sar has borne many duties in addition to that of Placement. He was so burdened that it was humanly impossible for him to organize an efficient Placement system. Fortunately, his burden has now been lightened and he would be able to devote himself entirely to this essential enterprise, were it made his sole function.

For this reason, we respectfully suggest to the Board of Directors that at any future meeting held, to apportion duties to the newly appointed school officials, Placement be made Mr. Sar's sole function.

It would be naive to believe that the appointment of any one man can entirely relieve the complicated Placement situation. A wider scope of rabbinical training, an effective field bureau and raising the prestige of the entire Orthodox rabbinate in America are steps which must be taken before we can ever approach a complete solution.

We do believe that all of these advances must be directed by a capable person. We believe that Mr. Sar is that capable person. He is experienced. He has contacts. He is available. Put him in the job.

"Selfish Wisdom" and Club Leadership

Wise old King Solomon is not known to have been interested in the Club Leadership Course inaugurated for this season by Mr. Levitan's 1941 lecture series. Whether the sage was interested or not, he might well have been thinking of attendance at this course when he uttered the proverb: "If you have been wise, then your wisdom has benefited yourself."

No matter what profession one enters, leadership is an important quality to possess. The ability to handle youth groups is essential for rabbis, Hebrew teachers and social workers. The wise student will take advantage of the opportunity to learn the theory of leadership and secure practical training in it, through Mr. Levitan's course.

A Great Teacher Leaves Yeshiva

The departure of Dr. Nathan Savitsky, former instructor in abnormal Psychology, deprives us of a truly great teacher. Dr. Savitsky is one of those rare lecturers who is able to infuse so much humor and life into his subject that students gladly attend his course with no compulsions, in many cases without even receiving credit. Anyone who ever attended his classes can easily understand why his course was the most consistently popular for the past ten years.

At the same time we regretfully realize that the press of his medical affairs made it absolutely impossible for him to continue his teaching connections. To his successor, Dr. Abraham Luchins, we extend best wishes for success.

Rabbi Ben-Zion Rosenbloom

Rabbi Ben Zion Rosenbloom was the ideal Yeshiva Rabbi. He devoted his life to the building up of the Jewish Community, and though young in years, he epitomized the synthesis of a scholarly and professional living.

To the rabbinical world in Particular, and to the Jewish Community in general, it strikes as a bitter shock indeed, to learn of the death of a man of his caliber.

—J. K.

Students On The Griddle

Question: What course (or courses) outside of your major, received at Yeshiva, do you regard as most valuable?

Joe Karasek '43, San Francisco: Ethics is my choice. The newly-ordained rabbi leaving the Yeshiva must be able to discuss intelligently the laymen's questions regarding religion, hence have training in "practical rabbinics." Hoping some day to enter the rabbinate, I believe that Ethics offers most towards the achievement of this end.

Mel Rossman '42, Denver, Col:

Speech! I feel that the Speech courses I have taken here at Yeshiva have been of great help to me in all of my every day activities. I do quite a bit of travelling and I feel that being able to speak well to these many and different types of people casts a great reflection on one as an individual and also on the school attended.

Joseph Sokolow '42, Connecticut: My vote for the "most valuable course" would go to the one which lent "meaning" to all the other courses. In "Political Philosophy" I found the approach to and understanding of history and philosophy, without which all of my philo, history and government courses seemed unrelated and without meaning. Then again, maybe it just took me two years to begin to understand Plato?

P. S. I do not take any courses with Prof. Litman!

Martin Zion '42, Reading, Pa.

Offhand I would say that Public Speaking has had its strongest and most direct effect upon me. This is true both from a cultural as well as a practical standpoint. It is perhaps one of the few subjects which has made

its lasting mark upon my personality. Undoubtedly many occasions will arise in the future when I shall have to apply those principles of speech which I have studied in college.

Poet's Corner

PANNING THE PUNSTERS

It has been proven, far beyond a doubt, By men who've turned the problem inside out, That underneath the brightly shining sun No form of humor's lower than the pun. Yet frequently in daily talk are heard Remarks which are, to say the least, absurd. Supposedly provocative of mirth, Nine times of ten they fall to show their worth. The most annoying part about it is That every punster claims to be a wiz, And if he quotes his little puny pun And you don't laugh—then you're the lunny one.

Myron L. Rels '43.

Welber's Cranium Crushers

By BENJAMIN WELBER

This space, devoted to Mathematical Recreations, is a recent addition to "Commentator." We urge our readers to submit any material they may have on the subject, as well as their solutions to the various problems appearing here. Suggestions for the improvement of this column will be most welcome.

As a starter, we offer some mild brainteasers with which to lubricate your gray matter. Solve them and send them in.

1. Titius gave his friend Sempronius a triangular field of which the sides were 50, 50, and 80, in exchange for a field of which the sides were 50, 50, and 60.

I call this a fair exchange. Why?

2. A board is 16 inches long and 9 inches wide. How may it be cut in two to form a square of the same area?

3. Given 6 matchsticks of equal length. Can you arrange them to form four equilateral triangles?

4. If you have any curiosity

you'll try this one. Multiply the number 142857 by each of the numbers 1-7 and observe the results. How do you explain them?

5. Here's one to test your arithmetical skill. Using only four 4's try to express any number from 1-10. For example:

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 $1=44$; $2=4+4$; $3=4 \times 4 - 4$
Can you express 4, 5, 6, etc?

We close with some interesting number curiosa:

1	=12
1 + 3	=22
1 + 3 + 5	=32
1 + 3 + 5 + 7	=42
1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9	=52
[1 × 1]	
[2 × 2]	
1	=13
3 + 5	=23
7 + 9 + 11	=33
13 + 15 + 17 + 19	=43
21 + 23 + 25 + 27 + 29	=53

(The author of this article is indebted to Prof. Jekuthiel Ginsburg for granting permission to use material from Scripta Mathematica.)

On Vocational Guidance

By JOSEPH SOKOLOW

Vocational guidance has long been recognized as one of the most important problems which confront the college student. So intensive and sincere has the specialized work in this field been of late, that in many progressive institutions throughout the country it has received the grave attention which it merits. Yeshiva, too, has at long last awakened to this realization, and with the establishment of the Vocational Guidance Bureau may well be on its way towards concrete achievements in this field in the very near future.

The very nature of the work involved in Vocational Guidance require deep thought, much planning, more work, and expert advice. Added to this, we have to shake off the attitude of complacency and complete self-disinterest with which many of us are cloaked. Before we can begin to offer our services and facilities in the matter of guidance, their lies before us the complicated task of making the student body conscious of the need for such guidance. If the questionnaires distributed to the freshmen this week (and to be handed out to the other classes next week) serve only to make the student body aware that everyone has some serious vocational, personal, or even curricular problems, they will have accomplished their purpose.

In one specific instance, the Vocational Guidance Bureau has succeeded in penetrating through the tough wall of indifference which surrounds the extra-curricular preparation of the future leader in Orthodox Jewry—the Yeshiva student. I am referring to the establishment of a series of lectures on Group Leadership which will be followed by actual experience in field work. As Yeshiva students, we have an added responsibility which no other college student can shoulder. The very fact that we studied at Yeshiva makes it our duty to continue its teachings when we leave. Whether he goes into the Rabbinate, a profession, or any vocation the Yeshiva College graduate must realize that it is up to him not only to be active in the Jewish community, but to be a moulder of opinion and policy, and a leader of men. Under the present set-up, Ye-

shiva men are given no opportunity worth mentioning to familiarize themselves with group work. Consequently, the graduate who enters the Rabbinate is 'stuck' as soon as he has to start his organizational work (and which Rabbi today is not expected to do just this sort of work?) The graduate who goes into teaching finds himself as helpless as the graduate who has become a doctor and wants to do some Jewish communal work and doesn't know where to start. The difference between these two is, that the latter shrinks back into obscurity, and the former loses his job. The Rabbi? He's probably written a letter to Kal Levitan asking him to telegraph directions on how to form a club of one sort or another.

As a student organization, we can but hope to scratch the surface. We can at least show that we have recognized the facts for what they are, and did not confuse them with what we would like them to be. In the future, Yeshiva will not be judged solely on its accomplishments. It will be judged on the bases of whether it has accomplished all that which it is potentially capable of accomplishing. Potentially, we can do all—and more—that other rival institutions are accomplishing. We need but to face the facts, and bear in mind the axiom that "you may ignore the facts, but you cannot ignore the consequences."

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HENRY MARGOLIS

Throughout the country there is a feeling pervading the campuses that there is too much emphasis placed on inter-collegiate sports. Wealthy alumni pull strings and make things plenty hot if the old Alma Mater doesn't show up often enough in the winning columns. But several schools are becoming idealistic and are finding guts enough to disdain the demands of overzealous alumni.

Let's take a look at the record. Since Chicago stopped getting men like Jay Berwanger it found itself forced to give up the intercollegiate football ghost completely and content itself with six man intramurals. The idea of de-emphasis took root on the campus of old Eli and consequently Yale hardly ever wins a ball game. Pitt is no longer sponsoring coal miners and steel workers so instead of having a "dream backfield" Pitt is beset with nightmares. City College is the scene of bitter debates on the question of whether or not it is advisable to maintain a football team any longer.

Colleges De-emphasizing

Those colleges who have cut out subsidation and are really serious about de-emphasis are finding the going rather tough. But they don't mind so much because they have an ideal in mind. And it seems that more and more people are beginning to realize that high pressure tactics and college sports simply do not mix. From season to season you're going to find greater numbers of enlightened educators raising a big stink about the over-emphasis of inter-collegiate competition. In all this we see those good old rah rah days of college life gasping out their final wheezes. It'll take a bit of time but we hope and trust that the enlightenment will some day be universal.

What About Yeshiva?

Well, here we are half way through the column and not a word about Yeshiva. What's the connection? Straight up and down, the point we are trying to make is that we have anticipated those schools who are just beginning to see the light. Educators are not opposed to physical activities as such: it's only when those activities overtake studies in importance that our mentors raise a kick.

Thanks to the set-up in our school the problem of de-emphasis of sports is non-existent. There's hardly anything to de-emphasize.

ON THE SIDELINES

Our problem is not how to de-emphasize but rather how to more forcefully impress the student body with the importance of physical activity.

The only inter-collegiate sports we indulge in is basketball, unless you want to include tennis. This provides abundant exercise for some fifteen members of the squad while also serving the purpose of helping to spread the good name of Yeshiva to the far corners of the metropolitan newspapers.

Intramurals Important

Now everybody knows that this is a unique institution. We must certainly begin to believe that tale when we see so few find exercise and physical competition of such little importance. There are exceptions, it is true. Those are the fellows who give themselves a break and try to work off some fat in a few intramural basketball and baseball games, and you'll find the same fellows at participating in both. What happens to the remainder of the student body? The other fellows work in the classroom all day, and a long day it is, trying to get rid of that fat between the ears and refusing to take care of their bodies.

Most of the latter class belly-aches that they have no proslivity for sports. All we can say is that there is some one sport that you, and you, and you can play, and we intend seeing to it that you do. To assure everyone of an opportunity of doing something for himself and his class, an enlarged program of intramural games has been arranged and will shortly make its appearance. We're starting off with inter-class ping-pong matches and if you're not capable of making your class team you'll have a chance to try your hand at the game in a tournament. If ping-pong is not to your taste, we'll try you in volley ball, touch football, basketball and baseball. When warm weather hits town we're going to have a field day and if you can't run well in sneakers we'll see what you can do with a sack wrapped around your legs. Find something you could interest yourself in then work on it.

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Yeshiva Quintet Scrimmage Tuesday

A basketball scrimmage between the Yeshiva quintet and the Young Israel of the Bronx will be held the evening of Tuesday, November 4, it was disclosed by Coach Al Goldstein. This practice session is the first of a series of such games in preparation for the coming basketball season.

Joseph Peiser '43, athletic manager, has announced that the following will be his assistants for the current year: Erwin Herman '43, assistant athletic manager; Murray Leitner '43, publicity director; Bernard Reiss '43, scorekeeper; Morris Epstein '42, timekeeper; Joseph Karasick '43, tennis manager; Leitner, in charge of intramurals.

Relations Society Hears Lecture On Post-War World

"Upon repatriation, the Jews visualize a Garden of Eden in Germany."

This statement was made Tuesday night by Mr. Z. H. Wachsman, noted lecturer of the Sorbonne, Paris, and former editor-in-chief of "La Presse Juive," in a stirring Yiddish address delivered at the first open meeting of the International Relations Society.

In explaining this statement, the guest speaker proved that Anti-Semitism is merely an economic problem. "Down and out as Germany will undoubtedly be after the war, she will encourage her exiles to return and rebuild the nation," declared Mr. Wachsman.

Emphasizing the discouraging manner in which the various committees and congresses concern themselves only with the refugee problem without looking into the future, the speaker prophesied that at the proposed Inter-Allied Conference the victorious nations will put forth their claims for reparation, but the Jew "will have no claims since the stagnant organizations have not taken upon themselves the responsibility of enumerating the activities of the Jew participating in the present war."

HARRY WONG

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UNDER SUPERVISION OF MILTON ELEFANT

Frosh To Be Guests Of Seniors at Smoker

A Senior-Frosh smoker will be held on November 10, a week from this Monday, in the Dormitory Social Hall, Class Presidents Sid Reiss '42 and Harold Miller '44 announced.

Cigarettes, refreshments, jokes and fun will be the order of the day. Students desirous of contributing to the entertainment are advised to consult Milton Kramer, chairman of Senior Class Affairs Committee.

All Freshmen are urged to attend and learn, from men with four years of experience, the Yeshiva way of life.

Class Nite Date Set For Nov. 30

November 30 has been definitely selected as the date of the annual Yeshiva College Class Nite, it was disclosed by Morris Epstein '42, chairman of the Social Committee.

As this is the only competitive class nite to be held during the current year, all classes are urged to prepare scripts and rehearsals far in advance. In the future, variety shows will be presented as the dramatic fare of the college.

Those classes which are planning post-Class Nite affairs are requested to notify the Social Committee of such decisions as soon as possible. All holders of the Student Organization booklets will be admitted free to the performance while a novel plan has been arranged for the general admission. Upon entering the auditorium, each person will draw from a box a ticket marked with a nominal fee. This stub will designate the price of admission for its holder.

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with Harry Bauer
—ALSO—
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with Frankie Darro

Placement Problems Discussed

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Laodicean attitude and chaotic conditions which now obtain in the "placement division" of the Yeshiva, throws up his hands in hopeless despair and seeks a position by his own efforts.

Out of this state of affairs grows a condition of bitter competition by the individual rabbis for a given position and "the lowest bidder wins." Occasionally, the rabbi, in desperation, gives up his chosen profession completely, as a very recent case illustrates. These incidents are anything but beneficial to the best interests of the institution.

A direct consequence of this situation can be seen in the increasing complaints and dissatisfaction of some of the employed rabbis. During the last year an approximate total of 20 rabbis asked for a change of position. Under the present placement system these protests can be expected to continue.

Well, what's to be done?

To anyone who has conducted even the most casual investigation, the answer is clear and simple: The administration must take upon itself the responsibility of placement and appoint one individual, necessarily one well-acquainted with its problems, to assume the post of Placement Director. He must have no other duties but that of assuring the graduated rabbi a position. If he finds it necessary to have a field man to assist him, so be it, but—and this is the important thing—the office of Placement Director must be a permanent one and must be given adequate powers to deal with the situation. Only in this manner can the problem of placement be progressively relieved.

The present condition of place-

Vocational Notes

A sample survey of actual and potential shortages of male personnel in certain professional fields conducted during the summer by Dr. Francis Brown under the auspices of the American Council on Education and a subcommittee on Military Affairs demonstrates that already there is a serious shortage of male teachers in Vocational Education, Industrial Arts, Health and Physical Education for Men, and the Physical Sciences. A shortage also appears to exist of qualified teachers in mathematical commercial subjects and band and orchestra conducting. There is also an apparent surplus of male teachers of Social Studies, English, Languages, and Fine Arts. In fields other than teaching there is a serious shortage in business administration and accountancy, but no apparent shortage in personnel administration, including guidance.

To make a vocational choice merely on the basis of this information is dangerous. Such information should be considered only as fact-finding, and valid only for the present. Consequently students should remember that it might well no longer be true several years hence, (particularly in view of the war situation,) when some who are just starting might be completing such programs of preparation.

ment is slowly undermining the principles upon which the Yeshiva was founded and is proving detrimental to the prestige and efficacy of Orthodox Judaism. If only for this reason, a permanent office of Placement Director must be created—now.

Yeshiva Library Augmented

The steadily increasing collection of books in the Yeshiva Library has recently been augmented by a three hundred dollar purchase of volumes made through the Mendel Gottesman Endowment Fund, Mr. Jacob Dienstag, assistant librarian, disclosed. The books cover a wide variety of subjects in the fields of Rabbinics, Jewish philosophy, Jewish history, and Jewish education, including such works as: "The Hebrew Scientific of the Apocrypha and Pseudopygraphia," by Khane, in 4 volumes; "The Complete Works of Rabbi I. Kook," in 4 volumes; "The Mishna Coucordia," by G. Kasovsky; "The Philosophic Dictionary," by Klotzkin; and many others.

Through the Gottesman Endowment Fund, over \$150 worth of books have also been rebound, re-

plenishing the Reference department with many rare and valuable volumes.

Announcing library regulations, Mr. Dienstag stated that the library will now be open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m., and during exam week until 12 p.m. Yeshiva library members are now also able to draw books from the Teachers' Institute library.

There will be a Senior-Junior theatre party and entertainment on Saturday evening, December 13, at the Ascot Theatre, 183rd Street and Grand Concourse, Sidney Reiss, Senior class president, announced. The price of admission will be 50 cents.

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