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The Lord . . .

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## YESHIVA REJOICES AT BIRTH OF ISRAEL; ZIONISTS APPLAUD HISTORIC OCCASION

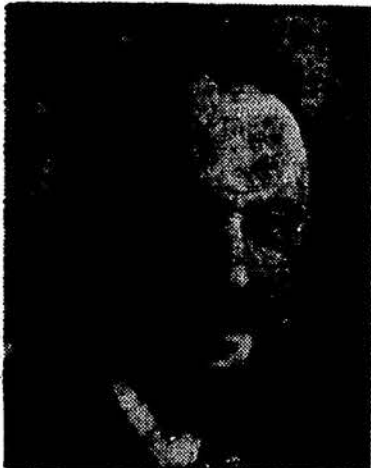
### President, Faculty Acclaim Yishuv's Accomplishment

With the establishment of the Jewish state, "Commentator" felt that it would be of interest to record the reactions of various members of our school's faculty to this historic occasion.

The following are the statements we were able to obtain.

With the official proclamation of the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, we join with our brethren throughout the world in rejoicing at this epoch-making event. We pray to the Almighty that the stone which the builders of the world structure often rejected may become the cornerstone of the building. We pray that this small state may become a symbol of justice and righteousness to the persecuted and oppressed of the entire world, and that the Torah shall once more go forth from Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

"Above all, we pray that harmony and peace may reign in Zion among all nationalities, and that we American Jews who enjoy a true citizenship of a great democracy may become the actual beneficiaries of the rejuvenation of Torah-life and Hebraic civilization in the Land of Israel."



Dr. Samuel Belkin

Dean Pinkhos Churgin of Teachers Institute said:

"All of us should bless the Almighty that we were privileged to witness the rebirth of our people, the reconstruction of our Land, and the realization of the hope that countless generations lived and suffered and died for.

"God has built Zion! That vision which seemed to bystanders in human history remote and futile has now emerged on the mountains of Judah and Zion. Israel has risen from the ashes of oppression to which the desperados of humanity had consigned it. Now with God's help the people of Israel will again see the light of a free and sovereign nationhood. Israel in the state of Israel will be rejoined to that great destiny marked out by her prophets of antiquity.

"Zion and Israel are reunited and within this reunion there breathes a new life in which the mission of Israel—to be a light unto the nations—will find full fruition."

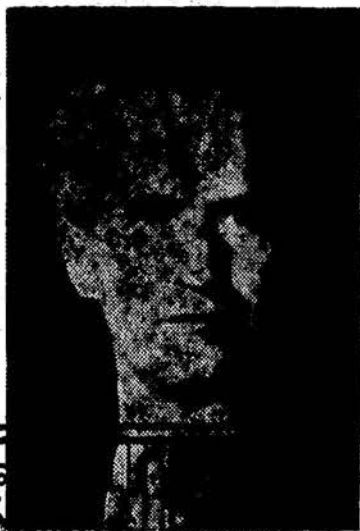
Dean Moses L. Isaacs of Yeshiva College, an avowed non-Zionist, said:

"The creation of a Jewish state has fulfilled the dreams of many thousands of people who, particularly in the recent past, have been homeless and despairing of having a land of their own. To that extent and for that purpose it deserves to survive.

"At the same time it comes as a disappointment and a let-down in that the statehood has been accomplished not through religion but through the spirit of pure statism. We can only hope that the future will bring a reversal of

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### New Premier



### Garden Filled To Capacity As New York Salutes Israel

At a giant rally held in Madison Square Garden on Sunday, May 16, representatives of all branches of the Zionist organizations joined together to pay tribute to the new Jewish State. A capacity crowd packed the Garden itself while 75,000 others braved the rain to hear the orators, via loudspeakers, and in support for the Jewish right and denounce the arms embargo.

"What logic and justice decreed, what prophecy foretold," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, one of the keynoters of the affair stated, "is now an accomplished fact." He reminded the defenders of the new state that the one admonition given Joshua was "Have no fear," and continued confidently: "They will fight and they will win."

#### "Confusion" In Palestine

Silver said that the Palestinian Arabs had nothing to lose and everything to gain from the initiative, skill, and progress the Jews will bring to the Middle East. However, he emphatically stated that the neighboring Arab states have absolutely no business in Palestine, and warned the Egyptians that the distance between Cairo and Tel Aviv is the same as the distance between Tel Aviv and Cairo.

### Israel's Declaration of Independence

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.

Exiled from Palestine, the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and restoration of their national freedom.

Impelled by this historic association, Jews strove throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and regain statehood. In recent decades they returned in masses. They reclaimed a wilderness, revived their language, built cities and villages, and established a vigorous and ever-growing community, with its own economic and cultural life. They sought peace, yet were ever prepared to defend themselves. They brought blessings of progress to all inhabitants of the country.

In the year 1897 the first Zionist Congress, inspired by Theodor Herzl's vision of a Jewish state, proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national revival in their own country.

This right was acknowledged by the Balfour Declaration of November 2, 1917, and reaffirmed by the mandate of the League of Nations, which gave the Jewish people international recognition to the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and their right to reconstitute their national home.

The Nazi holocaust which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe aggravated the agency of the re-establishment of the Jewish state, which would solve the problem of Jewish homelessness by opening the gates to all Jews and lifting the Jewish people to equality in the family of nations.

Survivors of the European catastrophe, as well as Jews from other lands, claiming their right to a life of dignity, freedom, and labor, and unshaken by hazards, hardships and obstacles, have tried unceasingly to enter Palestine.

In the second world war, the Jewish people in Palestine made a full contribution in the struggle for freedom-loving nations against the Nazi evil. The sacrifices of their soldiers and efforts of their workers gained them title to rank with the people who founded the United Nations. On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution for re-establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine and called upon inhabitants of Palestine to take such steps as may be necessary on their part to put the plan into effect.

This recognition by the United Nations of the Jewish people to establish their independent state may not be revoked. It is moreover, the self-evident right of the Jewish people to be a nation, as all other nations, in its own sovereign state.

Accordingly we, the members of National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in solemn assembly by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

We hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine, to be called Israel.

We hereby declare that as from the termination of the mandate at midnight this night of the 14th 15th of May, 1948, and until the setting up of duly elected bodies of the state in accordance with a constitution to be drawn up by a constituent assembly not later than the first day of October, 1948, the present National Council shall act as the Provisional State Council, and its executive organ, the National Administration, shall constitute the Provisional Government of the State of Israel.

The State of Israel will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on precepts of liberty, justice and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture; will safeguard the sanctity and inviolability of shrines and holy places of all religions; and will dedicate itself to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The State of Israel will co-operate with the organs and representatives of the United Nations in the implementation of the resolution of November 29, 1947, and will take steps to bring about an economic union over the whole of Palestine.

We appeal to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building of its state and admit Israel into the family of nations.

In the midst of wanton aggression we call upon the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to return to the ways of peace and play their part in the development of the State, with full and equal citizenship and due representation in its bodies and institutions, provisional or permanent.

We offer peace and unity to all neighboring states and their peoples, and invite them to co-operate with the independent Jewish nation for the common good of all. The State of Israel is ready to contribute its full share to the peaceful progress and reconstruction of the Middle East. Our call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development, and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations—the redemption of Israel.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

He commented on Britain's refusal to recognize the new Jewish state because of the confusion existing in Palestine by saying, "I only hope that Britain does not add to the confusion." It is only proper, he continued, "that the oldest democracy in the world was the first to recognize the youngest democracy, the youngest democracy with the oldest people." However, he argued, "If you believe in a people, you must make it possible for them to defend themselves." Dr. Silver concluded with a plea that the United States embargo be lifted.

#### Miracle of Miracles

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, speaking in a tear-choked voice, announced that he was happy for two reasons and explained that the second was for his joy in saying that, "I am at home again with my fellow Zionists." Calling the Jewish state a miracle of miracles, he declared that the sons and daughters of Israel could not have fashioned this miracle without Divine aid. He was convinced that, "G-d has not forgotten those who did more than just sit and weep by the rivers of Babylon."

He then related that Theodore Herzl had said to him several months before his death, "I shall not live to see the Jewish state, but you are younger, Wise, you will live to see the Jewish state." He concluded by stating that he was overjoyed at seeing this prediction come true.

#### Protection Against Aggression

Senator Taft, speaking for a cause he had long championed, declared, "I never saw how a Jewish state would affect the loyalty of a Jewish-American any more

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## State of Israel

Two thousand years of waiting have at long last ended. The land of Israel, built with the blood, sweat, tears and lives of countless martyrs who so longed for that land, now exists in the cradle of our religion's birth. Our persecuted and down-trodden shall flock to Zion to build anew the glory of old. At this solemn moment, we look towards the East with new hope and faith, expressing fervent thanks that our generation has been blessed with the fruition of our forefathers' prayers.

The value of self-rule in the land of Israel to the inhabitants of the Yishuv and to the D.P.'s is obvious, but it is the worth of a government of our own to the Jews all over the world that really staggers the imagination. The members of our nation who are scattered over the four corners of the earth now have a champion, somebody to speak up for their rights, somebody to protect them against all oppressors, somebody to welcome them when they are not wanted elsewhere. They now have a defendant whose support will be constant, whose backing will not depend on bribes, oil, or politics.

Israel is a country which will teach the democracies what freedom and equality really mean, a people whose bravery will become a byword for courage and fortitude, a nation whose constant insistence that justice rather than expediency become the basis of policy will cause the hypocritical statesmen of other lands to blush with shame. It is a state whose actions will cause the world to regard every Jew with esteem, one which will make the name Jew a proud one and we will be proud of.

It is said that the second commonwealth was destroyed because of dissension among the Jewish people. We cannot allow the third commonwealth to fall because of political differences. The existence of the newly-formed Medinas Yisrael is being threatened by Arab hordes. We must forget party lines in a concerted effort to smash these aggressors. The Jews in America have to do their part by donating their money, their blood, and their services. Do not wait to be called or cajoled. Contact the agencies set up for these purposes and sign up to do your part for our victory.

## The Meaning of The Poll Results

Superficially, the results of The Commentator's poll of presidential preference shows a clear cut victory for Henry Wallace and his Progressive Party. However, a less cursory glance will raise the following questions:

Why does a school which has been pro-Democratic for the fourteen years of the Roosevelt era suddenly show an overwhelming preference for a Progressive slate?

Why were there 42 votes for the Democratic party and not one for its probable candidate, President Truman?

The answer to these queries is that the present Democratic party is not the same one that the students supported for the past four terms. The many lunch-table discussions started by this poll reveal that a high percentage of the Wallace votes were anti-Truman rather than pro-Wallace in character and that many students would still prefer to support the Democrats rather than an unproved third party, provided certain changes are made.

There is no doubt that, if the Democrats show their willingness to return to the progressive policies which enabled them to win decisive victories in the past four presidential elections, they will reduce the number of Wallace supporters significantly. However, it is not enough to present the public with a liberal candidate and a New Dealish platform. A more liberal policy, especially in regard to Palestine, and a domestic civil rights program, particularly in regard to a Jim Crow army, must be carried out during the pre-election months in order to demonstrate that it is a true reform rather than some political hogwash.

The poll also shows that conducting a smear campaign against your opponents is no substitute for a definite policy of your own. The branding of the Progressive party as Communist will not increase the number of Democratic votes; the enactment of a liberal program will.

# S.C. Candidates' Platforms

Student Council elections will be held on Thursday, May 20, Philip Zimmerman, chairman of the Canvassing Committee, announced. The polls which are situated in front of Student Council office, will be open from 12 to 3:30. The election assembly will be held at 4 on Tuesday, May 18.

Class elections will take place a week later at the same polls. Members of the Canvassing Committee include Isadore Hyatt, '48, Joe Abelow, '48, Cy Shavrick, '49 and Alvin Schwarz, '50.

## For President

Samuel Glaser

Too many platforms are built on planks of solid "would." Rather than retreat from reality, I will include in my program those things which can and must be accomplished in order to make this institution a force in Jewish and national affairs.

My program embraces the following:

1. The natural expansion of our activities on behalf of the new Jewish state.
2. The encouragement of research work dealing with American Jewish History and with the role of Yeshiva College in the communities of the U. S.
3. The integration of the activities of the New Schools of Y. U.

within the program of the Student Council.

4. The complete expansion of all interscholastic and intra-mural activities, with an eye on variety, with more active participation by all students.

My platform for the future is based on my accomplishments of the past. I am at present President of the Junior class and a chairman of the Y. C. Zionist Actions Committee. My participation in numerous other activities and chairmanship of various Council committees has enabled me to become well acquainted with the requirements and technique of a student administration.

Mike Korbman

At last we have reached a point in college life that not only allows for, but demands clear thought, and even more, action.

Student — Faculty relations! Student Placement Service! A closely knitted student body! A functioning Social Hall with a radio-phonograph combination! Attractive activities, athletics, discussion groups! Authoritative speakers on burning issues!

Yeshiva University expansion program and subsequent responsibilities! Accreditation and the students' role in it! And of infi-

nite concern to us, our heart-tearing duties to our Jewish State, i.e., the spreading far and wide the ideals and importance of Zionism to American Jewry must become an official function of our student body.

We all realize and know the diverse intricacies of all the aforementioned issues.

With your diligent cooperation and sympathetic attention we will solve most, if not all, of these problems and thereby realize the materialization of the dreams of so many of our predecessors.

## For Vice President

Donald Geller

The past semester has fostered a new and progressive mood at Yeshiva College, which manifested itself especially through the Zionist Actions Committee, of which I am a member. As Vice-President, I will endeavor to strengthen its present structure, so that it will be one of my chief functions to implement and integrate the increased extra-curricular activities resulting from the additional students in our new school. A strong emphasis will be placed upon an intensified program which will encourage and demand the fullest participation of the entire student body.

he has to confine his activities to Shomer and Shabus.

Abraham Shapiro—Abe has gone from T. I. to L. I. to perform two of his many professions, teaching and acting as a cantor. His fine voice has achieved him the position of conductor of the Bes Medrash glee club from which he has resigned 434 times. Although he is a generous boy at heart, as a mohel and shochet, Abe insists on getting his cut.

The appointed vice-president of T. I., and social science major, Abe was given a medal for his service to the school—by not attending classes no doubt. After working at his future brother-in-law's filling station for a while, Abe decided to give up pouring Ethyl and marry Millie.

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# Meet The Seniors



Merril C. Rubin — Mel, a Social Psychology major, has been very active in extra-scholastic activities. In the course of his enterprises, Mel has acquired a B.F. degree to go with his name. This improper Bostonian lists among his more recognized extra-scholastic functions, the organization of a varsity baseball nine, the captaining of the basketball five and a cardinal part in the "Big Four."

After being assassinated by Spanish, his chem courses had him yellin' "Blue Murder." Called Crockett, because he shoots off his mouth, Mel left Boston Hebrew College to attend T.I., but never quite succeeds. A businessman at heart, his father's delicatessen is his meat.

Stan Rudoff — Co-operative Stanley, the John Fiske of Yeshiva, is the first senior to major in Business Administration and Hershey bars. Stan has nosed out all his opponents for the title of top ranking chemist in the school. When he is not found slinking about his fourth floor hovel, Stan keeps busy by earning his reputation as the Women's Home Companion of Williamsburg.

This jeering squad captain Beatled around the Bedford Avenue bush until he got B. B. eyed. Although the reason is known to few, Stan has succeeded in making his Marcus at Yeshiva—including a mysterious B in English Lit. Stan is currently looking for a Ph.D. (Papa has Dough). Oh yes, Stan still attends the Yeshiva.

Marvin Schnalman—The English major prefers to be known by his Hebrew name, Mordchal, pos-

sibly because of his connection with Shoshanas yaakov. A bit Dotty, this shomer has recently switched to suspenders for which act his glasses are in mourning. Convinced of his thespian talents, Marv has undertaken a role in his group's pageant, no Kleiner task.

An ardent philologist, Schnalman is constantly searching for a "goot vort." This Rosh Ken is so busy thinking matters over that

## Reactions

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the relationship of these two forces."

Dr. Meyer Atlas, assistant professor of biology, said:

"It's a very important occasion and everybody ought to be very happy about it and support it as much as possible."

To Dr. Bernard Floch, professor of Greek and Latin, the event brought poignant recollection. Thirty years of teaching in Austria and then sudden expulsion, he said, had refined his palate to fully savour the new Jewish Freedom.

"I see the value not so much in terms of economics and politics but more in terms of psychology. Now Jews will cease to be homeless; they won't be pushed around. This may turn out to be recompense for all the suffering we had to undergo."

Dr. Leo Jung, professor of ethics, said:

"It's a most courageous and significant step and fraught with great responsibility. Under G-d,

the Jewish people will see it through. It behooves the nations of the world to recognize it as a small way to rectify a millennial wrong."

Dr. Eli M. Levine, associate professor of chemistry, said:

"I think it is the most wonderful thing that happened to the Jewish people. Every Jewish young person should join the Haganah and defend the state. If I were young and not married I'd do it myself. I don't think that it would interfere in any way with my American patriotism."

Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, professor of Bible, said:

"We must learn to live with the Arabs. There must grow a liaison of outlook, of interests. The Hebrew language, because of its semitic character, is an important bond; there must be others."

"We must forget our grievance with the British and orient ourselves toward the Commonwealth. Ultimately Israel's interests and Albion's coincide. We should hasten to this conclusion."



# Council Discusses YUAA, Bookstore

## Zionist Committee Chairmen Chosen

At the last meeting of Student Council, the proposed constitution of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association was reviewed. The entire document was read and discussed with the question of Student Council's powers in the new set-up assuming a paramount role. The purpose of the Association is to co-ordinate, expand, and publicize the activities of the athletic groups of the various branches of Yeshiva University.

As a result of the lengthy section by section debate on the charter, several changes were demanded. The revisions stated that hiring and firing of coaches should be determined by a two-thirds rather than a majority vote, if the amount of voting members are increased, student representation should increase proportionately, that all three of the proposed student members have voting privileges, and that students be permitted, via a referendum vote, to decide whether they wish to be a party to the organization.

### Zionist Actions Committee

A committee, consisting of Isaac Hyatt, '48, Irving Schnipper, '48, and Samuel Glaser, '49, was appointed to consult with the dean on the question of returning the bookstore management to the students on the same basis as the co-operative store. The reason behind this move was the loss of revenue which resulted from the assigning of the position to a private individual.

The other matters voted by Council were the appointment of Samuel Glaser, Solomon Blumenfeld, and Charles Bahn, all of the Junior class, to head the Zionist Actions Committee, and to appropriate \$250 to Masmid and \$100 to Commentator. A motion to combine the Zionist Actions Committee, which is in charge of assigning workers to aid in shipping materials to Palestine and obtaining blood donors, with another Zionist group on the campus, was defeated, and Commentator's request for more money was postponed to a future meeting.

## Editor Appointed For '49 Year Book

The new editorial staff of the Masmid '49 has just been announced. It will consist of Matthew Katz, editor-in-chief; Norman Lamm and Bernard Ducoff, literary editors; Cy Shavrick, business manager; Alvin Krasna, photography editor; Al Morgenstern, art editor, and David Halpern, technical editor. Aiding them will be Boris Rackovsky and Chiel Simon, assistant business managers, and Erwin Ruch, assistant art editor.

Work on the 1949 Masmid has already started, and the literary section has completed its plans for the magazine. The editors intend to include a series of research articles on such topics as "The American Jewish Scene." Volunteers are asked to contact the literary editor immediately, as articles will be assigned over the summer vacation.

## T.I. Student Body Hears Palestinian On Zion Defense

Mr. Moshe Prager of Palestine, a leader of the Chalutzim Movement, was the guest speaker at the Teachers Institute Passover Assembly held on April 20. Mr. Prager gave a graphic first-hand account of the strategy employed by the Haganah in Eretz, Israel, discussing in detail the tactics of the successful defense of the religious kibbutzim, Kfar Etzion and Tirat Zvi.

Although the American public has been led to believe that, as a result of the embargo, no arms are entering the Holy Land, Mr. Prager asserted, actually, the Jews are constantly receiving shipments of underground supplies. In addition to these weapons, the gallant defenders of our homeland are manufacturing a variety of modern arms and are even designing new equipment.

## Hobby Club Offers Movies, Speakers

At the last meeting of the Hobby Club on May 5, Mr. Hyman Wettstein, assistant chief of the Dept. of Corrective Therapy of the Bronx Veterans Adm. Hospital and athletic director of T.A., and Mr. David Ser, instructor at the same Veterans Adm., gave informative lectures about rehabilitation of the disabled and corrective physical education. Two films on rehabilitation, one on corrective posture and health hints, and a soccer film topped the evening.

One of the major points stressed was that corrective physical education is neglected and not taught correctly in most schools today. Another important point was that rehabilitation should be started immediately after an operation or illness.

Reuben Heisler, chairman of the Hobby Club, stated that in the near future the club plans to have Mr. Young give a talk on vacation, Mr. Sarachek on basketball, with a demonstration by the basketball players, and Dr. Hoenig on Jewish oddities.

## T. I. Elections

The student body of the Teachers Institute will hold its elections for officers for the academic year 1948-49 in the coming week. All the candidates are students of the fifth class of the Teachers Institute.

## Announce Establishment Of Audio-Visual Society

Rabbi Jung, Rabbi Mirsky, Dr. Grinstein, and Sidney Pleskin, '48, are the incorporators of a newly formed Jewish Audio-Visual Society. The purpose of this non-profit organization is to develop and promote the use of moving pictures, slides, and recordings in the field of Jewish education. Mr. Pleskin plans to do graduate work in the audio-visual field and will assume the position of executive director of the Society.

# Middle States Association Accredits Yeshiva University

## Praises Faculty-Student Relationship; Esprit De Corps, Holds Publications Superior, Student Program Healthy

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced last week that the school had been notified of its accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities. This recognition means that Yeshiva University courses or diplomas will be accepted by all the members of the associations.

Accompanying the notice of accreditation was a report on our school by the investigating committee. The following are several excerpts from their report.

## Sisselman Fund Establishes New Tuition Grants

Dr. Samuel Belkin announced that the H. Jerome Sisselman Torah Foundation of Newark, N. J., has entered into an agreement with Yeshiva University to the effect that beginning with the academic year 1948-49 and perpetually thereafter two students in each entering class of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences shall be awarded scholarships amounting to their full tuition fees for the full 4-year course of study.

The terms of the agreement between the University and the Foundation provide that scholarships shall be awarded each year to those two students who, while qualifying in all other respects for admission to the College, shall be adjudged to have written the best original essays on the general subject of "Land and Its Relation to Human Welfare." It is a condition of the contest that the essays shall demonstrate an understanding of Chapter 25, Verse 23 of Leviticus ("And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and settlers with Me."), and of the land problem as treated by present day economics and economists.

## Dr. Belkin Tenders Awards Assembly

On Thursday, June 24, a reception will be tendered to this year's graduates by Dr. Belkin, in the presence of parents, faculty members, and friends.

Awards will be presented, consisting of general service keys given to students who have proven their merit by general helpfulness to the student body and special service keys for those who have excelled in a particular field. The latter include awards for such items as Co-op, Commentator, Masmid, and Placement Service activity.

Awards will also be bestowed for participation in athletics, in the form of letters, cups, and trophies. Prof. Abraham B. Hurwitz will present the Mortimer Kogon Award for leadership to the senior who has best demonstrated this quality during his stay at Yeshiva.

## Congrats!

The Commentator extends heartiest congratulations to Miss Anita Kassel, secretary of the Community Service Bureau, upon her engagement to Morris Planko; to Miss Marsha Rosenbaum, secretary of the Graduate School department, upon her engagement to Samuel Datz, and to Bernard Goldsmith, '48, upon his engagement to Miss Naomi Snyder.

"Without exception, the instructors appeared to be not only versed in their fields (for the most part with Ph.D. degrees from various universities), but also good teachers; relationship between students and teachers congenial; the students serious, attentive, actively participating in discussion, interested, and alert. One soon became aware of the splendid esprit de corps, doubtlessly nourished by the common cultural heritage fostered by their Yeshiva discipline.

"The following observations are pertinent: The attitude of the students is serious, scholarly and co-operative. They are pleased with and enthusiastic about the college. The college seems to have no serious attendance or disciplinary problems.

"The student activity program is a healthy one. It includes some inter-collegiate activity. The student publications are definitely superior. The present social activities are satisfactory.

### Students Alert

"It is the opinion of the members of the Committee that Yeshiva College is doing a very satisfactory educational job. The proof of the worth of a program is the product and the evidence in the product of the effects of the program. The students of Yeshiva are alert, able, purposeful. The graduates are successful both in university and professional life."

Dr. Belkin, commenting on the accreditation, said:

"The accreditation of our College by the Middle States Association of Colleges is the most significant event in the history of Yeshiva College. The Report of Inspection by the Committee of famous educators, who spent three days in our midst, is brilliant in content and most encouraging for the future development of Yeshiva University. It seems that the five distinguished non-Jewish scholars have really grasped the 'soul' of our institution, and were greatly impressed by our pioneering and trail blazing efforts. They were unanimously enthused by the attentiveness and alertness of our student-body, by the gradual realization of our educational philosophy, by the truly scholarly faculty."

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## Define Irgun Plans At Betar Meeting

The position of the Irgun Zvai Leumi was explained in a meeting at Riets Hall by Rabbi Emanuel Zapinsky, class of '35, a member of the administrative committee of the United Zionists-Revisionists, and Dr. M. Lipschitz, an officer of the Irgun. The speakers, invited by the Ken Betar Hadati on Monday evening, April 19, delivered speeches and then answered questions before an audience of seventy-five students, including several Betarim who have since left for Palestine.

Rabbi Zapinsky told the history of the Irgun and clarified certain acts of the Irgun in the light of its policy. Dr. Lipschitz then presented the plans of the Irgun and its future strategy.

## Dr. Soltes Appointed

The appointment of Dr. Mordecai Soltes as Professor of Community Service at the graduate school was announced.

## Estersohn Elected S.O.Y. President

Culminating a spirited campaign, Nathan Estersohn defeated S. K. Wohlgelemer, 172-147, for the presidency of Yeshiva; H. Hoshander defeated M. Cohen, 230-96, for the vice presidency; J. Kelman defeated B. Cohen, 202-109, for secretary-treasurer; and G. Shohan defeated P. Siegal, 156-141, for Gabbai.

Estersohn deplored the rift existing between the students of the various schools in the institution and pledged himself to work for unity of the student body. The president-elect also made clear his intentions of encouraging those student activities which are vital to the development of the students' personality in harmony with the spirit of Yeshiva.



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## Accreditation

Ever since we received our university charter from the State of New York, the administration has been building up the various departments and facilities in order to meet the requirements of the numerous college associations. Several months ago the officials decided that we had progressed sufficiently and so applications were made for admittance to the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A committee was sent to investigate us and students waited with bated breath for their decision. After several weeks of hoping and praying, the good news arrived; Yeshiva University had been fully accredited.

Aside from the many material benefits which will accrue to the students as a result of this decision, there is a much profound significance to this statement. It means that the only Jewish university in the diaspora has been placed on an equal academic footing with some of the finest colleges in the country and that those students who are preparing for the rabbinate or the field of Jewish education will receive a secular education that is recognized to be of high quality. Congratulations are in order for Dr. Belkin and the other administrators who aided in achieving this goal, and tribute must be paid to Dr. Revel, of sainted memory, who had the foresight to realize the need for an institution such as ours and who devoted his life to realizing his dream.

However, accreditation is not the only step forward. Also on the list of improvements that have either been completed or almost finished are the equipping of a lounge in the Riets Hall building, the setting up of both sports and study facilities on the roof, and the repairing of the passageway leading from the college to the dormitory. We are also grateful for the support being given to the various end-of-the-term affairs.

The Commentator feels a sense of pride because many of the projects were first suggested by our paper. We are sure that the constant use by our students of the new facilities will prove their usefulness.

## Mundt Bill

Mr. Mundt, a dour gent from South Dakota, is making his bid for this year's prize as "America's Reddest Blooded Red-Hunter." He's introduced a bill that would severely harass the reds and pinks. (It's called H.R. 5852.) Trouble is, though, once you stomp on reds and pinks you're liable to become a little color-blind and bother members of the rest of the political spectrum.

The greatest irony about Communists, said a British M.P. recently, is that they force democracies to adopt undemocratic forms of self-defense. In a measure, that's proven true of every totalitarian menace. During the Civil War, for instance, Abe Lincoln's administration treated the country with harsh stringency. Whilst proclaiming civil liberties for the Southern Black, Mr. Lincoln placed that of the Northern White in dangerous abeyance.

We despise American Stalinists. Besides that, we hate them for having to curb them. But curb them we must! Only the naive or wicked will disagree to this.

But how control? How curb? By legislative fiat? Shall we imitate the Bolsheviks? They outlawed the Mosaic religion; shall we outlaw the Marxist religion?

No. Outlawing, even modified outlawing harms our purpose. Mr. Hoover of F. B. I. said so very clearly last year. His Bureau keeps close tabs on the Commies. Its saboteur-fangs having been drawn, the Party does its most harm by propaganda and "fronts." These should be exposed but not martyred. Congress is now in the position of a sorely-stung man trying to chastize the bees by upsetting the bee-hive.

Already American Stalinists are chortling at Mr. Mundt's fumble. The situation is pie for them. It has allowed them to play knight-errant to justly scared minorities. With a great deal of logic they are representing it as a battle between H.R. 5852 and the United States Constitution. How paradoxical that an iron-curtain man could become a heated protagonist of the first amendment.

Proposals like that of Mr. Mundt or Mr. Stassen (he wants complete outlawing) feed grist to the Kremlin mill. Our suppression of the Stalinists must come through public opinion. We must denounce them, fight them, but let them be. In a democracy the best thumb-down is the vote-down!

J. J. Y.

## Letters

## To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On Wednesday, May 12, a notice was issued over the signature of Dean Isaacs announcing the suspension of classes for the coming Sunday, May 16, the date of the establishment of Jewish national sovereignty in Palestine. The reason stated for this suspension of classes was "that many students are expecting to be ill."

On the following day, a notice appeared over the signature of Dr. Belkin, announcing a similar suspension of classes in all departments of Yeshiva University on the aforementioned date. Dr. Belkin's statement included "Sunday, Iyar 7th—May 16, 1948—is a day of historic importance and

significance for all of Israel because of the proclamation of a JEWISH STATE on the sacred soil of ERETZ-ISRAEL. It is, therefore, an occasion for public rejoicing, and a demonstration of our pride in and our solidarity with our valiant brethren of the Yishuv."

### Outrageous Insult

Now, that the dean of Yeshiva College should see fit, presently, as he has in the past, to disagree both with the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people, and particularly with the administration and student body of Yeshiva University, as to whether the establishment of a Jewish State is an occasion for the rejoicing of

our people, is the private concern of Dean Isaacs.

But that the dean of Yeshiva College should ridicule the reaction of the president and student body of Yeshiva University to such an occasion in the above quoted manner is an outrageously vulgar insult unbefitting the dean of the only Jewish College in the entire world outside of Palestine.

### Censor the Censors

An apt apology for such an insult is hardly possible. Perhaps it is not those who are guilty of grammatical errors whose writings alone might be submitted to the censorship and the dispassionate judgment of the powers that be.

Perhaps those very powers should pause to reflect that to mock the most sacred feelings of one's people, in terms however grammatically perfect, is an offense which might also be submitted to the not so dispassionate judgment of that people.

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## Dr. Wachs Talks To "La Tertulia"

"The Lost Generation," was the theme of a speech in Spanish, by Dr. William Wachs, instructor in Spanish at Brooklyn College, to the students of Tertulia.

Dr. Wachs traced the problems facing the young Jewish college student, of European ancestry, who, upon entering college, finds himself confronted with a culture that is seemingly alien and contradictory to the basic tenets of traditional Judaism.

In a lively discussion following the speech, the students stressed the contribution of Yeshiva College towards the solution of problems of this nature and pointed to the fact that most irreligious sentiments and agnostic convictions could be traced to an ignorance of Jewish culture and religion due to a faulty education.

## Accreditation

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ulty, and by the unselfish devotion of the administration to the welfare of the institution.

"The credit for this great achievement does not belong to one or two individuals. It is indeed the gratifying result of the consecrated efforts of the Board of Trustees, members of the administration, faculty, and students. The immediate benefactors of this historic event are the students and alumni of Yeshiva College because it will open for them new doors in higher institutions of learning; it will make possible their acceptance in well recognized graduate schools, and it will give them a greater pride in the knowledge that their Alma Mater is on a par with the most ancient of academic institutions in the United States.

"We should bear in mind, however, that with greater privileges come greater responsibilities. Our future work, our accomplishments, and our conduct will now be more scrutinized than ever before. I am sure that you, the student-body, will not disappoint us in the great honor and obligation that is yours. We, on our part, shall dedicate our time and concentrate our energy to make Yeshiva University even a greater institution of divine wisdom and human knowledge.

"On this important occasion, I congratulate the student-body, the faculty, the alumni, and the members of the administration; and, particularly, I extend my heartiest congratulations to Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, the Dean of the College."

## Judaism's Role In Literature Bared

On Thursday night, May 6, the French Club heard Prof. Charles Lehrman of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. The address delivered in Riets Hall, was entitled "The Bible and Judaism in World Literature."

Professor Lehrman was introduced by Ishmael Cohn, '51, president of the club, as "an outstanding example of the synthesis of Jewish and secular scholarship."

The lecturer analyzed the treatment of the Biblical and post-Biblical Jew in non-Jewish literature. He pointed out that the Biblical Jew in literature "is crowded with glory; the post-Biblical Jew is an object of contempt, or at least pity." He also indicated that Jean Jacques Rousseau was alone among the non-Jews to realize that Judaism is not a thing of the past, but still has a message to impart to the world.

## Meet The Seniors

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Charles Siegal—Charles "Gee, it never happened to FDR this way" Siegal, who has become captain of the swimming team because he was the only man who could obtain votes under water, has been getting along swimmingly, according to the latest fish story. This prospective pill-pusher, already a drug on the market, has acquired a bedside manner worthy of Joyce Jordan.

A Solovet-chick, he lays most of his eggs in Bio, allowing a few to slop over into Chemistry, Math, Debating, and allied botionus.

The man whose voice has the "skin you love to touch" has finally had to face Stern reality.

Jack Singer — K'Schmo Kain Hoo. Possessor of a very unmodulated voice, Jake never stops talking—to people three or four rooms away. Singer has a good mind, theoretically, but Able and Alex just don't appreciate the value of this Brooklyn boy. Author of the non-existing senior play, Puritan Singer has now thrown his dramatic talents to the Wolves.

The Navy is a veteran of Singer and the USS New Jersey has the scars to prove it. In case you don't believe this, ask Jack, but first make sure you have a few hours to spare. A Psych major, Jake intends going to Palestine as a clinician and imposing his abnormalities on the Yishuv.

Dear Editor:

I cannot find words strong enough to condemn the practice of certain students who leave the telephone booths without waiting to be told the overcharge on their calls. I will have to leave the halachic aspect of this contemptible trick to the Rabbinate, but that such a condition should exist is certainly no credit to the student body or to the reputation of the Yeshiva.

Sincerely,

A. A. DAVIDSON.

Dear Editor:

Throughout the past year the college library opened at one o'clock daily. Suddenly a new edict was handed down to the effect that the library was to remain closed until one-thirty. What new power has come to inconvenience more than a third of the college students? If anything, the library should be opened more hours instead of fewer.

Sincerely yours,

ERNEST RAPP.

## Math Publications Issued By Scripta

Scripta Mathematica, Yeshiva's mathematical journal, under the guidance of Professor Ginsberg, is continuing at a full schedule its program of publishing prominent mathematical literature. In the past, this program has brought to light such works as Jacob ben Machir's Hebrew text of Spherical Trigonometry, from which Halley's work was copied. Plans for the near future include the publication of five additional volumes of the Collected Works of Professor Cassius Jackson Keyser, a book by Professor Abraham Frankel of The University of Jerusalem, on modern Mathematics, a History of Analytic Geometry, by Professor Boyer of Brooklyn College, and some material for high school, and college teachers.

## Faculty Promotions

The administration of the College announced the following promotions among the faculty members: Drs. Sidney B. Braun, Gershon Churgin, and Hyman B. Grinstein were elevated from the rank of Assistant to Associate Professor, and Mr. Carl H. Ryan from the rank of instructor to Assistant Professor.





## On the Sidelines

## Sport Minstrel Sings Praise Of Israel Paleyeff

By Sol Blumenfeld

It has been the time honored duty of the poor sports editors who served on this rag to "compartmentalize" some deserving young man and pour plaudits upon his innocent young halo in tribute to the athletic feats the subject has accomplished while on the Yeshiva scene. There always seems to be some coordinated mass of muscles and nerves that stands out like a 'vet' in Yeshiva, or a Yeshiva vet for that matter, and whose face seems to be mirrored on the gymnasium floor. As a result, the Bedo Schaarfsteins, Stan Doppelt's, and Marv Fredman's have been awarded their letters in tune to the praiseful expatiation of the Commie typewriters. Unfortunately, the Alumni tell fairy tales about Sammy Rosenbloom and Abe Avrech, instead of glorifying the '36 or '42 basketball varsities. If the bright stars of this year's squad will please excuse me, this renegade scribe would like to bring to the fore a bochur whose inconspicuousness is in line with his modesty, and who has done, in my very humble opinion, a great deal for Yeshiva athletics. I am speaking of the bespectacled Izzy Paleyoff, the spelling of whose name has given many a neophyte sports hound headaches.

Mr. Paleyoff, the bearer of a great heritage, has made a second home within these four walls, his main office being the Beth Medrash and his branch office the gym. In the former he has developed himself physically keeping track of the gemorahs and empty seats, while in the latter he receives the mental exercise that comes with a good game of "21", in the course of which he has never wagered any bottles of Pepsi Cola or Empress passes. If there ever was a perfect example of Synthesis, it is this T.A. alumnus, and senior in this great and glorious institution with six departments and a Graduate School of Education and Community Organization (these press releases are driving the sports department nuts, too).

Now dear reader, let me discuss some of Izzy's numerous achievements. The reasons he never appeared in the Maccabean dirt columns is twofold. First of all his Saturday night escapades still remain an unknown quantity, and secondly he is one of the editors-in-chiefs of this worthy sheet, for which title he has given much time and effort in addition to becoming a cohort of that notorious character Skippy B. B. Fredman. Izzy has memorized his intramural schedules and after three sleepless days (quit laughing, Herskowitz) I was still unable to recall an intraschool contest, with the possible exception of dredel, at which he was not present, be it bowling, volleyball, handball, ping-pong, baseball, or even basketball. I say "even basketball" because any fellow who is on the varsity, spending countless evenings hopping trains to distant rendezvous and listening to Red's admonishing praise deserves an extra citation in addition to the straight jacket. Our good friend is one of these. As a member of the Mite varsity, Izzy didn't see much action but his popularity was evident every Motzi Shabbos when the stands, under the directions of Joseph Abelow a professional rooter, would raise the roof for a peek at the 6'2" 175-pound masmid in action. Occasionally he came through, but it is agreed by all that he was the very essence of spirit, devotion and punctuality.

It is generally known and even admitted by Jake Singer, the screwball artist and expert on perception, that Izzy is a great baseball player. This was evidenced not many centuries ago when Izzy took over the pitching chores of Mel Rubin, and succeeded in ending the game by hitting the only solid ball in the course of the "contest". The fact that the rival shortstop pulled a Phil Rizzuto on the powerful line drive does not detract from its greatness. As evidence, yours truly struck out in his jaunts to the batter's box.

In College, Izzy is weathering the last of his mad Math courses where he is the pride and joy of the numbers racket. Not much is known about his plans for the future but the usual unreliable sources have it that "Pally" will grace the Beth Medrash for a while to come.

## Y.U.A.A. Plans Athletic Setup For Next Year

The Yeshiva Athletic Association has taken the first moves in the revamping of the present athletic setup. In line with expanding Yeshiva College's role in intercollegiate competition, the A.A. has held tryouts for the varsity basketball team and is compiling a schedule for the next Mite aggregation. In other fields of activity, the A.A. is sponsoring a field day on Lag B'Omer for all Yeshiva High Schools and Yeshivoth K'tanot. Members of the Y.C. student body will conduct the events.

The tryouts were held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights May 13, 14, and 15. The A.A. had received several applications from students attending public and Yeshiva High schools who would like to play basketball for Yeshiva University. Some promising material was uncovered. They will be given further trials by Red Sarachek, basketball coach, and it is hoped that they will be accepted into the school.

### Schedule Arranged

Letters have been sent out by Mr. Samuel Hartstein arranging games. A schedule for next season will be released before the end of this semester. The new varsity, contrary to precedent, will play a few out-of-town games. Our home games will again be played at Central Needle Trades High School with opposition furnished by the larger metropolitan colleges.

The A.A. felt that there is great need for the establishment of an annual Yeshiva athletic event at which all Jewish schools in the city will be represented. By embarking on this program the A.A. hopes to promote friendship between the schools and encourage athletic talent.

## Racketeers Slugged Twice In Collegiate Court Warfare

The Yeshiva tennis team made its debut on the courts, and their performance was far from spectacular.

Everything from defaults to injuries were prevalent—everything, that is, except victories. Yet, as Manager Rackovsky points out, "Is it not the spirit of the squad that counts?" Yeah, Boris, but a little talent helps also. It is indeed amazing that among the many men of the dorm (zey vill not be long here who make so much racket) few can swing one.

The guys trekked out to Madison, New Jersey, for the opener with Drew, on April 19, and the only thing they gained was a view of the surrounding countryside. Unless, perhaps, the fact that they proved that tennis is not a sissified sport. Just ask Sheril Metz about his leg and he'll tell you he can't kick (two thirds of a pun—PV). The Mites were extremely outclassed by the Drewites, but they fought all the way. Bert Rogoway was soundly trounced by the hosts' No. 1 man, Ken Shimizu, 6-0, 6-1. Metz followed suit by losing to Rosenkrantz, 6-0, 6-1. Capt. Herman Shulman played all his aces but fared little better. Jacob Beck and Phil Kaplan kept up with this pace with little difficulty, dropping their matches. Kaplan and Rogoway saved the face of the squad (only a mother could love it) by spanking the Drewites' second doubles team, 6-3, 6-1. The

fellas journeyed home, but this time they didn't look at the scenery.

### Pratt-Yeshiva Meet

The Caton Courts in Brooklyn on May 12 was the scene of a Pratt-Yeshiva meet which turned out to be a replica of the Drew affair.

Once again the Mites were playing over their heads, and the blue-and-white came out on the short end of a 5-2 count. Yep, you guessed it. The two matches were won by default. Capt. Shulman was defeated by Shiffman, 6-1, 6-0, in the initial duel. Rogoway set no new precedent by losing to Tibbens by the identical score. Nate Estersohn lost, but he has a right to lose something, if not an election, around the institution. Nevertheless, Shulman cried, "stuffed tennis balls." Kaplan was downed by Webb, 6-2, 6-2. Shulman and Rogoway combined, but the right formula was yet not discovered, as the duo was walloped in the doubles by Shiffman and Tibbens, 6-0, 6-0. Red Fredman and Beck won theirs by default, and perhaps it's just as well, although Red Fredman will uphold the negative in this debate from now until doomsday. He should keep wearing that sharp white tennis ensemble—we need someone who at least looks like a racket-wielder. It keeps up the morale of the squad. Good Dorm Committee!! We need something.

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## Frosh Senior Five Win All-Star Clash

The Senior-Frosh aggregation won the annual All-Star contest from the Junior-Soph conglomeration, 51-42. The event, sponsored by the Maccabean publication, saw Izzy Paleyeff pace the victors with 17 points and fine backboard work. Sol Blumenfeld led the Junior-Soph combo with 12 points. The Juniors started the contest at a fast pace, but the Seniors came from behind to lead 21-18 at the half. In a poll conducted at the end of the game Paleyeff was voted the most valuable player.

## Seniors Cop Firsts In Bowling Contest

The mighty seniors again showed the way in athletics, this time by copping the intramural bowling tournament, on May 11, at the Palace Bowling Alleys. The upper-classmen finished strongly, garnering a team score of 887. The frosh squad came in second with a score of 200 points, the scores being calculated by totaling three games by the top players of each class.

The Seniors also won the individual scoring honors, making it a clean sweep for the evening. Mel Rubin racked up the highest individual total, rolling for 445 points. Second kegler was Skippy Fredman with a total of 390 points.

## Rally

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than an Irish state affects the loyalty of an Irish-American." The Senator concluded, "We must, of course, lift the arms embargo now." He continued, "We must urge the Security Council to recognize the state of Israel and to give it the same protection given any other state against aggression." He concluded by notifying the assembled that "the American people have always sympathized with a people fighting for their freedom."

### Israel in The U.N.

Mrs. Rose Halpern, president of Hadassah, said that the Jews had a double task, "To fight for defense and to build for the future." The ambassador to the U.N. from Guatemala, Jorge Garcia - Granados, announced that he will continue the struggle "until I see that Israel has taken the position it deserves in the U.N." Mayor O'Dwyer, in a statement addressed to President Truman, remarked, "We love you for what you have done, but follow through, lift the arms embargo."

Among the other speakers were Herbert Lehman, Henry Morgenthau, Hayim Greenberg, Emanuel Newman, and Rabbi Max Kirschblum.

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