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### Attorney-General Javits To Speak At Graduation

The Honorable Jacob K. Javits, attorney-general of New York State, will speak at the commencement exercises of Yeshiva University and receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Tuesday, June 21, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

A former representative from the Twenty-first Congressional District, which includes Yeshiva, Mr. Javits received an LL.B. degree from New York University in 1926 and was admitted to the Bar in 1927. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and a Commendation Ribbon for his services on active duty in the European and the Pacific theaters of operation during World War II.

#### Look to Israel

Upon his election to the House of Representatives in 1946, Mr. Javits was named to the House of Representatives in 1946, Mr. He introduced a measure to authorize a one-hundred million dollar loan to Israel for military supplies and technical aid.

As a congressman, Mr. Javits compiled a liberal voting record, casting his ballot to uphold President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law and opposing the Mundt-Nixon bill in 1948. He introduced bills to provide for a federal F.E.P.C. and the establishment of a federal institute for research into heart disease.



Jacob Javits

### Mr. Vogel Named Acting Registrar At Stern College

Mr. Dan Vogel, assistant registrar of Yeshiva College, has been appointed Acting Registrar of Stern College for Women, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, University president. Mr. Vogel will be relieved of his teaching duties in Yeshiva College next September, and Rabbi David Mirsky, assistant professor of Hebrew, will assume the post of Assistant Registrar.

After his appointment as Instructor of English in 1949, Mr. Vogel became assistant to the registrar in 1951. In 1953 he was appointed Assistant Registrar.

#### Background

He received his B.A. from Brooklyn College in 1948 and was awarded a graduate teaching fellowship to Rutgers University where he received his M.A. in 1949. He is now completing his thesis for a Ph.D. at New York University on "A Critical Study of Melville's Shorter Published Poetry."

A member of the Class of 1942, Rabbi Mirsky graduated from T.I. in 1939 and was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1945. He received his M.A. in English Literature from Columbia University in 1948, and is working on his doctorate.

In his undergraduate days, Rabbi Mirsky was President of the Debating Society and initiated the first debating tour. He also served as Secretary-Treasurer of Student Council.

### Y. U. Drive Beats Last Year's Sum; \$3,300 Donated

Yeshiva University students have contributed \$3,227.01 to the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities to date, surpassing the previous high of \$3,208, disclosed Joseph S. Kaplan '56, chairman of the Drive. The Drive was conducted throughout all the divisions of Yeshiva University and faculty.

These figures represent only the totals to date and are not the final results. Another \$100 is expected before the close of the Drive, which has been running for more than ten weeks.

Including this year's sum, over \$14,000 has been collected in the past five years.

R.I.E.T.S. contributed a total of \$1,400, leading the other six division of the Drive. Brooklyn T.A. turned in \$565.66, while Central collected \$534.

A total of \$411.07 was reached in Teachers Institute, while the entire Yeshiva U. faculty donated \$134.50. Sums of \$84.00 and \$97.78 were collected in Stern College and T.I. for Women, respectively.

Mr. Kaplan voiced his thanks to the student body for their "active cooperation in helping to make this the best Y.U. Drive ever."

### Julius Berman and Nat Lewin Win Veep, Sec'y-Treasurer Posts

Jacob Heller '56, was elected President, Julius Berman '56, Vice President, Nathan Lewin '57, Secretary-treasurer, and Sheldon Chwat '57, Athletic Manager in Student Council elections held yesterday, May 11.

Mr. Heller defeated Yakov Jaffe '56, on the second ballot, 210-160. Joseph Kaplan '56, dropped out on the first ballot with 95 votes. The Vice President-elect defeated his opponents on the first ballot, polling 211 votes. Stanley Fischman received 103 votes and Morton Werheimer polled 77 votes. Receiving 217 votes, Mr. Lewin defeated Allan Scher '57, on the first ballot. Mr. Chwat ran unopposed.



Jacob Heller

### S. C. Votes Down Debating Credits

Student Council decided at its meeting of Tuesday, April 3, to discontinue the awarding of keys to varsity debaters.

At the same meeting Article VI, section D of the Council's Standing Rules, stating that "the editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR must be a senior," was amended to make juniors eligible for the editorship.

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### Mrs. FDR — Oil Interests Determine U. S. - Britain's Middle East Policies

"The United States government must be objective enough to look at values besides its own," declared Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at an assembly sponsored by the International Relations Society, Wednesday, May 4, in Riets Hall.

In keeping with this theme of objectivity, Mrs. Roosevelt, in



MRS. F.D.R.: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt addressing students and guests in Riets Hall.

answer to a question concerning the Israeli-Arab problem asserted, "We must get the United States and the United Kingdom together, free of the oil companies. The U. S. and Great Britain are so concerned with the oil situation that we are losing our sense of

objectivity."

Speaking on the "Role of the United States in the United Nations," Mrs. Roosevelt stated that the United States as an influential nation must take an objective viewpoint toward the nations, in

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### Heller Defeated At Metropolitan

Jacob Heller '56, representing Yeshiva University, was defeated in the metropolitan finals of the Journal-American Oratorical Contest, Monday, May 2, at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Mr. Heller was chosen to appear at the Met after having been victorious in the semi-finals, Monday, April 18. Three other orators from West Point Military Academy, Fordham University and Colgate University competed with Mr. Heller.

A panel of ten judges awarded Langdon Toland of Fordham University first prize of a \$1,000 bond, while each of the finalists received a set of *Encyclopedia Americana*.

Brigadier General David Sarnoff was chairman of the panel of judges, and General Mark Clark, president of The Citadel, presented the Freedom of Speech awards to the high school and college victors.

The program included Paul Lavalley and the Band of America and opera star William Warfield.

Mr. Heller defeated five other speakers in the regionals at St. Johns University to win a \$50 bond, the set of encyclopedia and the opportunity to speak in the finals at the Met.

A graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, Mr. Heller, president-elect, has been active in student affairs. He served as President of I. R. S., the Debating Society and the Dormitory Council. A political science major, Mr. Heller campaigned for improved medical service, improved student placement and coordination of student functions.

#### Class Elections

In class elections, Herbert Gross, Morton Nesis and Herbert Schreiber were elected President, Vice President and Representative-at-large, respectively of next year's Senior Class. Mr. Gross garnered 54 votes to defeat his opponents, Joseph Hartman, Howard Linzer and Martin Schub.

Receiving 50 votes on the fourth ballot, Mr. Nesis defeated Louis Bernstein, Frank Hellner, Charles Rosen, Joel Schechter and Seymour Steinmetz.

#### Fischer Wins

President-elect of the new Junior Class is Josef E. Fischer with 56 votes. He defeated Ronald Rothman and Harvey Shapiro on the first ballot. Louis Wohl was elected Vice President on the third ballot with 53 votes, and Herbert Charney was elected Representative-at-Large on the third ballot with 52 votes.

Sophomore victors were Leonard Shapiro as President, Joseph Chervin as Vice President, and Alfred Becker as Representative-at-Large.

Mr. Berman, the vice president-elect, hails from Hartford, Conn. and was graduated from Mesifita Torah Vodaath. A pre-law student, he was President of the Junior Class and chairman of the Canvassing Committee during the past year.

Mr. Lewin, secretary-treasurer-elect, was President of his class in his freshman and sophomore years. An English major, he is a graduate of Manhattan Talmudical Academy where he served as G. O. president.



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# Jewish Consciousness Inspired Dr. Einstein's Work For Yeshiva

By Arnold Enker and Nat Geller

A few days after the death of Dr. Albert Einstein, Yeshiva University received a copy of a letter which he had written in 1936 to a well-known New York rabbi asking the rabbi's aid in contacting several influential per-

sonalities to support Yeshiva College. mended that the Medical School be named after Maimonides, of whom he said, "He was a far greater man than I."

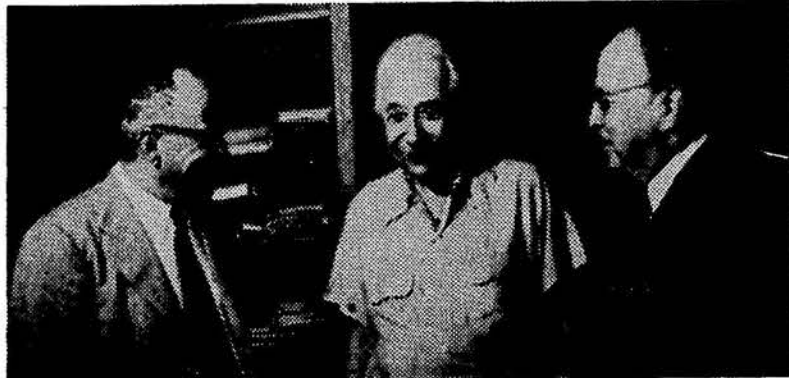
### Jewish Consciousness

The strong, positive Jewish consciousness which motivated his activities for Yeshiva was ex-

Jews and Jewishness. Many cannot matriculate at all. The worst part is the estrangement from the Jewish spirit and the spiritual in general, . . . we must educate our youth as upright, conscientious Jews with a distinct Jewish personality, which is possible only if we offer them a sound Jewish atmosphere."

Dr. Belkin told us of the time he and several other men dined with Dr. Einstein in Princeton. When several of the men said grace after the meal, someone asked Dr. Einstein, "Don't you feel that these religious ceremonies are too long?" Dr. Einstein replied, "No, I think they are beautiful."

And when several Yeshiva students, upon receiving National Science Foundation Awards, visited their honorary alumnus—Dr. Einstein received the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Yeshiva in 1934—they were cautioned that it would be "morally wrong" for them to change their way of life after leaving Yeshiva.



EINSTEIN AND YESHIVA: The late Dr. Albert Einstein with Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University (left), and Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor of Mathematics and director of the University's Institute of Mathematics (right).

sonalities to support Yeshiva College.

Dr. Einstein wrote, "I have preached and advocated . . . that we have to build up schools of higher Jewish learning, which must be conducted by reliable leaders, thus preventing the estrangement of our Jewish youth from the Jewish tradition (which also includes the religious tradition in its formal sense)."

### Einstein and Y. U.

In seeking further information concerning Y. U.'s relationship with Dr. Einstein, we recently met with Dr. Belkin, University president. Dr. Belkin said that although Einstein was a "non-conformist," he still believed that the Jewish community should build its own institutions of higher learning, for "through the study of Hebrew culture, the Jew becomes morally and ethically enriched."

Dr. Einstein was actively affiliated with Yeshiva for almost twenty-five years and gave his support to several of the University's activities. He assisted *Scripta Mathematica*, which is edited by Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor of Mathematics, and served as chairman of its Committee of Sponsors for the University's Institute of Mathematics.

### Recommended Student

In 1948, Dr. Einstein recommended Kurt Eisemann '50, to study at Yeshiva. He took an unusual interest in the young man, whom he described to Dr. Ginsburg as an "autodidact in jure and applied mathematics" and a man of "unusual qualities." Mr. Eisemann was admitted to the University and was graduated two years later with awards for mathematics, scholarship, ethics and character. Now a senior mathematician with I.B.M., Mr. Eisemann also lectures at the Institute of Mathematics.

The culmination of Dr. Einstein's activities on behalf of Yeshiva came in 1952 when he allowed the University to name its College of Medicine after him. (He had already pressed his support for the school more than a year before.) It is interesting to note that he originally recom-

pressed in many of his letters. In the aforementioned letter he wrote the following:

"That part of our youth which is securing a higher education, enters colleges which are guided mainly by antipathy toward the

## Repairs Needed

Although much attention has been called to the fact that the toilet and bathroom facilities in the main dormitory are badly in need of repair, little has been done.

The dormitory is the student's home and he is entitled to live under proper conditions. We once again call upon the administration to make the necessary repairs immediately.

## Correcting A Misunderstanding

It is unfortunate that our editorial "Improving Educational Standards, No. 3—Guidance" was misunderstood. As we have stated in previous editorials, Professor Young and Mr. Herschkowitz are doing an admirable job within the limitations placed upon them.

We do assert, however, that the administration has not given them the cooperation they need and deserve. Working by themselves, they cannot effectively guide almost 450 students. Their accomplishments under these adverse conditions only serve to indicate how much more they could do if they were given a staff to assist them.

## Yom Ha'atzmaut

This year, as in the past, Yeshiva College expressed no official recognition of *Yom Ha'atzmaut*.

At a recent Student Council meeting a motion was passed which stated "that Student Council urge the administration to allot time for an appropriate celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* to be held annually and co-sponsored with Student Council."

We are in full agreement with this resolution. There is no reason why Yeshiva College should not recognize the Fifth of Iyar, which is certainly an important day to Jews all over the world.

## Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

Council, at its last meeting took action in a way that merits the attention of the student body. In ordering the Awards Committee to stop granting service credit for debating, Council took the unprecedented step of removing the Committee's right to distribute service credits as it sees fit. The old arrangement was arrived at after years of experience and should not be tampered with lightly.

Furthermore, and in my opinion far more important, is the method employed in bringing the issue up. The Society was not informed that the issue was to be raised, and neither was invited nor allowed to have its representative present its side of the picture. Such dismissal of the right of those affected to be heard is serious and ought not be practiced.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Fishel Pearlmutter

## Wit's End

By Martin Fingerhut

I was sitting in my dormitory room the other night, reading a joke book, when I heard a knock on the door. It frightened me because the last time someone had knocked it was Mrs. Purvis making a spot check, and I lost my maid service for a couple of weeks.

Three dust pans and ten minutes later, I opened the door. There, smiling like King Farouk, stood a young fellow with a piece of paper in his hand. He had a beanie on his head, the kind with a propellor on the top. His neatly pressed dungarees were second only to his tan sneakers as signs of good taste. I smelled his breath to see if I could detect any other signs of distinction. I couldn't.

### Pinned

On one lapel of his seersucker jacket, under a Stevenson button, was a synthesis pin. The other bore a "co-existence" pin with an "I like Ike" badge.

He looked like a freshman, and I was about to slam the door in his face when he said, "Hi Marty!" This surprised me, as I had never seen him before.

"What do you want, King Farouk?" I sneered. That probably wasn't his real name, but I was a little mad at him.

He laughed as if this were the last joke in the world and he wanted to get in as many chuckles as he could.

### Important Business

"Look, laughing boy," — this really cracked him up — "if you can stop your convulsions for a second maybe you can tell me what you want. I have important business to take care of." I thought of the joke book.

He started laughing again.

"Boy, Marty boy, you certainly are a card," he said. "But really, don't you know? It's election time. I'm running for Student Council President and I would appreciate having your signature upon my petition as you are a highly intelligent fellow and one whose autograph I would cherish even if I don't win the election, God forbid."

### Campaign Poetry

I pulled him in and closed the door; he suddenly interested me. He cleared his throat and began, "Herman Rossheim is my name, if I'm not elected 'twill be a shame; I never smoke, I never drink, concerning friends I never think; I have no vices as you can see, That's why I'm sure you'll vote for me."

"Well, Herman," I answered, a little awed, "I'll sign your petition but I can't promise to vote for you. What's your platform? Who's running against you?"

### Political Ethics!

Herman cleared his throat. "I refuse to discuss my opponents but I wouldn't vote for those bums if they paid me. By the way, how much did they offer you?"

"Did you hear what they're promising?" he laughed hysterically, "a four-day school week and a five dollar stipend to each student. Why those are my ideas!" A large tear rolled down his cheek. "They stole them from me. The main feature of my platform, though, I'm keeping a secret. But, I'll tell you."

I felt flattered. He opened both closets to see if anyone was in them, pulled down the shades and whispered, "If I'm elected, I'll introduce an Empress day on which I'll distribute passes to all."



On the Sidelines

## A Jobless Job-Cause and Effect

By Aaron Freiman

Now that we have reached the tail end of another year of Yeshiva sports, there will undoubtedly be much second guessing as to the whys and wherefores of just how successful the year was.

Let us take a good look at what has been happening to our athletic program. Through the excitement of a winning basketball and fencing season, one thing stands out like a sore thumb. The student body and Athletic Department have been taking great strides toward opposite poles, as can be seen by the lack of school spirit. There is more to this "who cares" attitude on the part of students than just plain indifference.

A major factor which has caused this situation is the shift of responsibility for this program away from the students and into a closed circuit from which the school's athletic manager has been left out.

When students elect a man to manage the affairs of Yeshiva sports, they expect him to have at least a look, if not his rightful say, in these matters. Once they find that as far as varsity sports go, this representation is just a title, they lose interest in the whole situation and the wind-up is that we've had only one man running an uncontested race for school athletic manager.

His status has been reduced from a significant spot in helping to arrange intercollegiate matches and doing his part in the overall workings of the department, to a ticket taker at the gate. We have had competent men to handle the position of athletic manager, but the A.A. has unconsciously removed the wanted duties of the students and taken it entirely onto itself.

Student leadership has proven to be successful in every other phase of activities at this college. Only in sports has this leadership been in effect confiscated. This has manifested itself in the growing unpopularity of the athletic manager's position, and the disproportion of attention given the various varsities by the Athletic Association.

This leaves us in a position for next year where we have an eager and capable athletic manager in the person of Shelly Chwat. It would be rather unfair to leave another athletic manager out in the cold about things with which his very title makes him concerned. Shelly Chwat can do a good job, if the Athletic Department will let him.

We can paint the same kind of picture when approaching the problem from a different angle. The records will show that Yeshiva is an ideal example where the ratio of wins to facilities afforded a team give the expected answer.

During the season, the basketball team works out twice weekly, late at night, at a gym located so that all concerned do their share of tiring travel. That they finished with a 13-8 record is undoubtedly due less to the scrimmage sessions than to the fact that there was an individually strong starting five.

This contrasts sharply with an outfit that has less individual talent but a better chance to work out. With maybe two or three reasonably dangerous men, Yeshiva's fencers still ripped into every team their size and came out way on top, 10-1. Many members of the team were taught the sport from scratch by Coach Tauber. But they were taught right at home in our own gym and so were able to learn fast.

The first time Eli Epstein's tennis squad set foot on an outdoor court was in actual competition against West Point; the second time was when they met Drew. There were no outdoor practices before, after, or between those matches. What's supposed to happen when Dave Lifshutz graduates?

Of course, such rough spots can't be ironed out overnight. The best way to start, though, is for the Athletic Office to spread attention more evenly among the varsities.

## Y. C. Tennis Squad Defeats L. I. U. 5-4 In Conference Tilt

Yeshiva College's Tennis Team came through victorious in its first league match of the season, downing L. I. U. 5-4, Tuesday, May 3. This time Co-captains Dave Lifshutz and Gene Horn shared the limelight with Herb and Seymour Hoffman and Simmy Schreiber.

Lifshutz and Horn once again won their respective singles matches and teamed together to take the no. 1 doubles decision. Herb Hoffman came out on top in a closely contested no. 3 singles match, and Seymour Hoffman and Simmy Schreiber, both first year men, collaborated to win the deciding doubles match which gave Yeshiva the victory.

Following are the results of the match:

Dave Lifshutz (Y) def. Stuart Javetz 6-1, 6-2; Gene Horn (Y) def. Barry Einsberg 6-3, 6-2; Herb Hoffman (Y) def. Bob Busch 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Ralph Heller (LIU) def. Paul Rogoway 6-0, 6-0; Dave Schmeltzer (LIU) def. Seymour Hoffman 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; Mannie Sipress (LIU) def. Stan Rosenberg 6-4, 6-4.

Lifshutz-Horn (Y) def. Javetz-Sipress 6-2, 6-2; Heller-Schmeltzer (LIU) def. H. Hoffman-Rogoway 6-2, 6-4; S. Hoffman-Simmy Schreiber (Y) def. Busch-Einsberg 6-4, 6-3.

## Yeshiva Bows to Iona 7-2; Lifshutz Wins in Singles

A powerful squad from Iona College handed the Yeshiva Tennis Team its first defeat in league play with a 7-2 win at New Rochelle last Friday.

Captain Dave Lifshutz took some of the sting out of the loss by winning the no. 1 singles match. Displaying some of the best tennis of his career, consistent Dave was amazingly accurate in back-court placements as he took the first set 6-0. The second set saw the Iona man rally back, but Lifshutz pulled out a 7-5 victory to win the match.

## Weightlifting Class, Swimming Program Popular at Yeshiva

Two activities which have grown greatly this past year are swimming and weightlifting. These functions are run completely by college students who have donated their talents in these respective sports.

The swimming group, which meets every Tuesday night at the George Washington High School pool, is under the leadership of Chester Berschling, Morty Kwesstel and Freddy Rosner. All are licensed instructors. The object of this aquatic group is to teach non-swimmers to swim and to help those who already swim to receive their Red Cross cards. Sixty-five boys are participating in the program.

Weightlifting, which is under the leadership of Boaz Kahana and Jack Nidelman, has also grown immensely this past year. The main objectives of this group are to help body building and the achievement of correct posture through the use of weights.

### No. 2 Match

Gene Horn, playing in the no. 2 position as usual, dropped his first singles match of the regular season, 6-2, 6-0. His six-foot four-inch opponent showed a strong net game and powerful serve in winning the match.

Herb Hoffman was downed 6-3, 6-1 in the no 3 singles match, while Paul Rogoway dropped a 6-3, 6-3 decision in the no. 4 slot.

Seymour Hoffman bowed 6-0, 6-2, while Simmy Schreiber, playing his first singles match in intercollegiate competition, lost 6-2, 7-5 in a hard fought contest.

### Time Limit

Only one match was completed in doubles competition, since only three courts were available for the entire match and a time limit was made to enable the Blue and White netmen to arrive home on time for Shabbos. In the one completed match, Co-captains Lifshutz and Horn bowed to Iona's no. 1 combination, 6-2, 6-4. This represents Lifshutz's first loss in intercollegiate doubles competition in two years.

In no. 2 doubles, Rogoway and Herb Hoffman looked good as they hustled to a 6-4 victory in the first set. Iona took the second set, also by a 6-4 score, but the match was called because of the time limit, each squad receiving one half-point.

Schreiber and Seymour Hoffman dropped the first set of their no. 3 doubles match, but time ran out and the two teams split the point, thus giving Iona a 7-2 victory.

The loss gave Yeshiva a 1-1 record in Metropolitan Tennis Conference competition.

## Soccer, Fencing, Wrestling Teams Have One Thing in Common-Ingber

A three-letter man at Yeshiva can be compared to a six-letter man at any other university. Sid Ingber shares this accomplishment with "Mickey" Orlian, both having received three varsity letters. This June, Sid graduates.

Sid's first athletic interest was soccer. He was one of the pioneers of the squad, which was begun during his sophomore year, and he was elected captain the following season. His outstanding work at goal won him the plaudits of teammates and opponents alike. The internationally famous sports club, "The Macabees,"

gave him an award as an outstanding player.

For most fellows this would have been enough, but our Sid was just beginning.

### Fencing Next

Fencing was the next varsity that he set his sights on. Here, too, he showed his versatility by gaining letters in foil and saber. Even with his mask on during a match, he was easily discernible in his self-styled uniform of red socks and red plume. With Sid's help, this year's fencing team amassed one of its best records.

Still our boy went on. Wrestling was the next varsity to fall before his drive. Again a pioneer in the field, Sid was one of the founders of the varsity team.

One could go on and on in listing the number of Sid Ingber's achievements, which include First Aid instructor, committee member on the Blood Drive and trainer for our varsity basketball team.

Sid will long be remembered at Yeshiva. E. R. H.

## Soccer News

Hampered by a steady downpour of rain and an early injury to "Mickey" Orlian, veteran booter, the Yeshiva Soccer Team was defeated 5-0 by the experienced Maccabiah team in a game played at Van Cortlandt Park, April 24. Only fifteen enthusiasts, mostly freshmen and sophs, attended.

The booters meet every Club Hour and two hours every Friday afternoon for practice under the newly acquired coach, Ed Lowenstein. Although not yet completely familiar with all the players and not yet fully aware of their best positions, the coach sees a great future for soccer at Yeshiva.

This, the only game of the season for the newly formed Blue and White, was scheduled to see what the prospects for next season are.

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## Campus Capers

S'FIRA? . . . A beard-growing contest at the University of Texas has received the O.K. of the Army and Air Force ROTC.

The contest has five divisions. Prizes will be awarded for the best all-around beard, the bushiest, the sexiest, the most unique and the best peach fuzz.

ELECTION BLUES . . . (from *Daily Reveille*, Louisiana State University)

The girls all smiled at me  
And I began to gloat.  
Then I realized  
That I was just a vote.

**MINYAN ATTENDANCE** . . . Prof. Orville Riggs, noting that Carthage College students are checked for attendance at chapel by secretaries sitting in a balcony, suggested that the students adopt the theme song: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."  
**SHAGGY DOG STORY** . . . We adapted (lifted) this story from the *Syracuse Orange*.

I was sitting in Moishe and Harry's the other night eating a few chocolate-chipped fish tails with pickle sauce—one of their Friday specialties. Anyway, I wanted to get a pack of cigarettes, so I told my friends that I was going to make a phone call.

There, at the cashier's desk I saw him—Sam Slender, Western star.

"Can I have your autograph, Mr. Slender?" I asked.

"No," he said.

**ARE YOU FLABBY?** . . . A society has been formed at Cambridge University dedicated to the advancement and promotion of knife-throwing at the institute.

Last we heard, undergraduate members of the Cambridge Knife-throwing Club were in the process of hunting up targets.

**WE THINK PEARLS ARE NICER** . . . Forty German and twenty Danish students are busy digging gold in Lapland to raise money for their national student unions. They had no small difficulty finding a profitable spot to dig that had not been previously claimed.

**THIS IS NEWS?** . . . A class at Oregon State College organized one day to find out how absentminded a professor can be.

By prearrangement, they protested to a professor that he had failed to announce a test he was scheduled to give them.

Startled—and clearly confused by the mass argument—the professor postponed the test.

[We somehow wonder whether the experiment was purely in the interest of science.]

**EDITORIAL COMMENT** . . . (from *Cavalier Daily*, University of Virginia) We have been sitting around this office, man and boy, for over five years, and we finally decided that education is a process of deadening one end in order to liven up the other.

[Over five years?—sounds like someone is dead at both ends.]

## Debaters Compile Four-Two Record On Recent Jaunt

Touring the Philadelphia area April 25 and 26, two pre-varsity debating teams compiled a record of four wins, two losses and one non-decision.

Yeshiva scored two wins over Villanova, one over Haverford and one over Temple. Yeshiva lost one debate each to Haverford and Pennsylvania University. A second debate with Penn was a no-decision.

Representing Yeshiva on the tour were Mandell Ganchrow '58, Judah Harris '55, Joseph Radinsky '58, and Abraham Shapiro '58. They debated the national topic, "Resolved: That the U.S. Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China."

Joseph S. Kaplan '56, was elected President of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Debate Council, Tuesday, May 3.

Mr. Kaplan has been a delegate to the M.I.D.C. for the past two years and served as its vice president this year.

## Mrs. FDR

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the interests of mankind.

Mrs. Roosevelt also discussed the constitutional processes of treaty-making and stated that any limitation on treaty-making would mean that we "don't trust our constitution methods upon which we have been dependent in the past and that we don't trust the Senate, the President and, in the long run, the Supreme Court."

### Must Build Faith

"The role of the U. S. in the U. N.," she continued, "is a responsible and important one in which the U. S. must build up the member nations' faith in the U. S. delegates."

Jacob Heller '56, president of I.R.S., presided and presented Yeshiva's alumna with a bouquet of roses. He traced the etymology of the name Roosevelt, which means field of roses, and pointed out that the rose is the official flower of New York State.

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## Psychiatry in Bible Discussed by Prof At Psi Chi Meeting

"Psychiatric Concepts in the Bible, Talmud and Zohar" were discussed by Dr. Hersch Laeb Gordon, assistant professor of Psychiatry at New York University Medical School, at a meeting of Psi Chi and the Psych Club, Thursday, May 5, in Riets Hall.

Dr. Gordon, who is former chief of the Neuropsychiatric division of the U. S. Public Health Service, emphasized that "Judaism has always been concerned with emotions and the deep insight of our sages into human nature." This insight, he cautioned, "has not been refuted and extends into many phases of modern day psychiatry."

### Cites Experiences

He cited from his own experiences, where he had the opportunity to apply the theories and comments of Hebrew scholars including Maimonides.

"The Bible and the Talmud also contain the principles of modern psychiatric therapy," asserted the speaker. "Of the approximate 6000 word-roots found in the old Hebrew language the greater part express human feelings and moods from joy to sorrow and from ecstasy to gloom," he continued.

In conclusion, Dr. Gordon pointed out that "the Jewish law has always accepted the psychological approach to human nature in all its shades of strength and weakness."

Mr. Ralph M. Schuchalter '55, president of Psi Chi, has been awarded the National Psi Chi Service award given annually to "a member who has contributed in an exceptional way to meeting successfully the local chapter's goals and the national aims of Psi Chi." The award will be conferred at graduation exercises in June.

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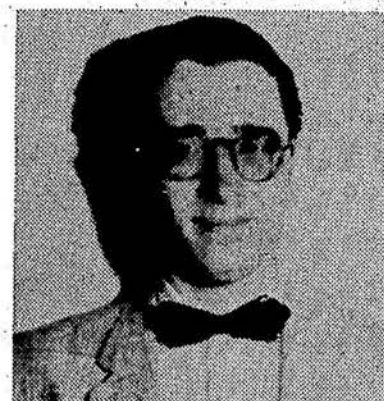
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## New Student Leaders



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## M. Goldman Talks Before Law Club Student Council

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"Always think positively; never negatively," asserted Mr. Milton D. Goldman, prominent member of the New York City Bar, Thursday, April 28. Speaking on "Psychology and Law," Mr. Goldman told members of the Pre-Law Society that "it is thoughtout your college career that you fashion the stepping stones for your future."

He indicated that a successful lawyer must be aware of the "psychological factor" in dealing with people. Mr. Goldman declared that a lawyer must not only possess "good tools" but must be a "good user of his tools."

The Pre-Law Society sponsored a guided tour through the law offices of Kramer and Kaporow by Mr. Bertram Levine, junior partner of the firm, Tuesday, May 3.

## Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Regina Schechter, former secretary to the president, upon the birth of a daughter and to Rabbi and Mrs. Ishmael Cohen on the birth of a daughter.

THE COMMENTATOR also extends its congratulations to Joel Smilchensky '54, upon his engagement to Miss Barbara Hershfeld; to Jules Kreitman '53, upon his engagement to Miss Chanah Grossman; to Stan Zahner '56, upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Harriet Bassiur; to Marvin Pachino '55, upon his forthcoming marriage to Miss Judith Danoff; to Louis Schneider '56, upon his engagement to Sylvia Cooper of Toronto, Canada and to Norman Tokayer '54, upon his engagement to Tova Futterweit.

The Student Council also adopted a resolution that the administration be urged to allot time for an appropriate celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* to be held annually and co-sponsored with Student Council.

### Appointments

Seymour Steinmetz '56, was appointed Chief Delegate to the national Students' Association to replace Stanley Fischman '56, who had resigned. Joseph Chervin, '58, was appointed Alternate Delegate to the Association.

President of Council, Howard Spear '55, explaining the debating key action, said that while the varsity debaters "unquestionably deserve credit, the Debating Society is not under the jurisdiction of Council."

The Photography Society was granted a charter.

## Mr. Dienstag Talks On Jewish Liturgy

"Basic Reference Works in Jewish Liturgy" was discussed by Mr. Jacob Dienstag, chief librarian of the Mendel Gottesman Library, in a lecture before the Cantorial Institute, Thursday, April 28.

Speaking in the Gottesman Library, Mr. Dienstag asserted that "a cantor should be at home in certain areas of knowledge wherein he should not need the help of a rabbi."

Mr. Dienstag emphasized that a cantor should be familiar with different texts of the *siddur* and important compilations and commentaries on customs and Halacha.

"It is the duty of every cantor to know philosophy of prayer and liturgical criticism," he said.

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