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In Tears...

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... Shall Reap  
In  
Joy

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## YESHIVA HAILS BIRTH OF JEWISH STATE; ASSEMBLIES, CELEBRATIONS MARK EVENT

### Spirited Teachers Institute Gathering Joyfully Greet Yishuv's Independence

An assembly, unanimously acclaimed as the most stirring and memorable in the annals of the Teachers Institute, took place on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1947 in Rm. 404. Called by the administration of the Teachers Institute to celebrate the victory of the partition proposal in the United Nations General Assembly and the rebirth of a Jewish state in Palestine, the gathering outdid itself in spirited singing of Hebrew songs led by Philip Arian '50 and energetic dancing of the traditional Hora.

The purpose of the assembly was most ably summed up in a few words by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute, prefacing the reading of two paragraphs from the Psalms and the blessing of "Shehechiyonu."

#### A Day For Joy

Dr. Churgin, visibly moved, told the hushed audience, "The dream of two thousand years has now been realized. The aspirations of two thousand years of exile have



now been brought to fruition... This is a day for joy, indeed. You are the builders of the Jewish nation. It is your joy. Long live Israel."

After the zestful singing of the "Hatikva" and "Techezakna" the assembly was adjourned, but would not break up. Instead, it transferred itself to the halls outside the assembly room, where the spirited dancing of the Hora continued unabated to the inspiring refrain "Manachnu—Yisrael."

From the halls, the crowd of students streamed down to the lobby in front of Dr. Belkin's office, where the singing and dancing were energetically resumed. Dr. Belkin, who appeared for a moment in response to insistent demand, addressed a few words to the students.

### Churgin Addresses 1947 T.I. Banquet

The annual banquet of the Alumni Organization of Teachers Institute was held on December 6 at the Hotel Biltmore.

Mr. Judah Teller, a graduate and a correspondent of the "Morning Journal," was the guest speaker. Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the institute, spoke to the assembled guests. The musical program was directed by Sholom Secunda.

The profits from the banquet will go towards the publishing of "Horeb," a journal containing the works of faculty members of the Teachers Institute and edited by Dr. Churgin.

### Mayor Urges Support For Y.U. Drive

The Fourth Annual Conference of the National Council of Organizations for Yeshiva University convened on November 23 at the Hotel Astor. Mr. Louis Levine, national chairman of the organization, who was re-elected at the conference, presided over more than two thousand delegates, who gave their full support to Yeshiva University's \$7,500,000 expansion program. The conference was honored by the presence of Mayor William O'Dwyer, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Representative Emanuel Celler and Dr. Benjamin Cohen.



The Mayor, in greeting the delegates, told of the city's pride in Yeshiva University for its contributions to New York's cultural life, while expressing the hope that the university would attain its goal in the campaign for funds.

#### Support of Expansion Urged

Mr. Lehman, who is honorary chairman, then spoke and pointed out that education is a basic need for the furtherance of democracy. He said, furthermore, that various conditions created by the war had made higher education inaccessible to many who are deserving of it and that this is "harmful to the welfare of society."

Mr. Lehman, therefore, urged full support of Yeshiva's expansion program with the hope that "Yeshiva University, whose basic educational approach represents a unique blending of general and Jewish culture, may increasingly be given the strength to serve America more and more effectively and to grow into a powerful instrument of communal good for tomorrow."

### Deadline Set For Masmid Scribes

Chaim Helfetz and Aaron J. Weiss, Literary Editors, announced that all literary contributions must be submitted to the editor on or before Thursday, Dec. 11, 1947. No manuscript will be accepted after the deadline unless a specific extension is granted by the editors before that date.

### Dr. Litman Wishes Positive Approach To Peace Problem

In a speech entitled "Whither Man?", given before the International Relations Society, December 3, Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of philosophy at Y. C., discussed the future of mankind and the choice of political philosophies open to it.

"We live," Dr. Litman stated, "in a world which has a complete lack of clarity on the specific problems confronting it. The ignorance is tremendous and the excitement increases in direct proportion to the ignorance of what is going on around us."

Much of the responsibility lies in the use and misuse of words. "Words," he said, "have an emotional appeal which clouds our understanding."

#### Liberalism Negativistic

The general result of this confusion is an attempt to wash away all our troubles by a political harangue against 'isms' in general, which requires no intellectual ability whatsoever and which is fundamentally negativistic.

"This negativistic attitude (of attacking views because they are extreme) is characteristic of the Liberal tradition, which springs from the Aristotelian notion of the golden mean. Liberalism, therefore, frequently finds itself in the classic position of the jackass starving between two piles of hay because of its inability to decide which it prefers."

"The world," Dr. Litman summarized, "has a choice between continuation of the negativistic Liberalism of the eighteenth century, or positivistic recognition of the fact that without a vision of social responsibility, we will perish as we did before."

### Chanuka Chagiga To Hear Dr. Belkin

On Wednesday night, Nov. 19, a meeting of the S. O. Y. was held, at which it was decided to hold the annual Chanuka Chagiga in Riet's Hall on the evening of Dec. 10, with Dr. Samuel Belkin slated to be the main speaker.

The S. O. Y. also announced the opening of a post office to be conducted by the mail committee, where stamps and postcards will be sold.

### Rabbi Samuel Brodt Applauds Decision; Asserts It Will Revitalize Jewry's Soul

"The laws appertaining to blessings of thanksgiving prescribe that the blessing shall be made at the consummation of the prayed-for event," Rabbi Samuel Brodt reminded a victory-flushed audience of faculty and students, celebrating the United Nations decision to partition Palestine. A pre-war leader of the Polish Mizrachi, Rabbi Brodt spoke in Yiddish before a joint Yeshiva-Teachers Institute assembly held December 2 in the Harry Fishel Synagogue.

### Library Presented Collection Of Rare Talmudic Writings

The presentation of the valuable 2,000 volumes and manuscript library of the late Rabbi Chaim F. Epstein, former Chief Rabbi of Saint Louis, Mo., to Yeshiva University took place November 30, 1947 at dedication ceremonies in the Yeshiva's Riets Hall.

The library was declared as containing "many significant Talmudic and Halachic texts, which, with the destruction of the leading centers of Jewish learning in Europe, have taken on added importance since they are the only existent books of their kind in the world."

The late Rabbi Epstein, who was Chief Rabbi of Saint Louis, 1930-42, had gathered this collection since childhood and was the author of many scholarly books and a contributor of many publications on rabbinical and ethical subjects. His heirs made the presentation.

### Meeting Starts Debating Season

The plans of the debating varsity for the coming season were outlined at the first meeting of the debating society which was held on Thursday, December 4. The meeting heard Dr. David Fleischer, faculty advisor of the society, who spoke on the values of debating in the development of personality, and outlined general principles of oratory. A debate on world federal government was then held with Charles N. Bahn '49 and Bernard Ducoff '49 supporting the affirmative, and Aaron Landes '51 and Gilbert Shohan '51 speaking against the proposal. At the conclusion of the debate, Dr. Fleischer rendered a critique of the speeches.

The society was then informed that debates have already been scheduled with Fordham, Columbia, New Rochelle, City College and Brooklyn College. A non-decision debate on the subject of world federal government with Fordham University had been held previously at Yeshiva University on Monday, November 24, with Yeshiva upholding the affirmative, represented by Morton Kogan and Phil Rabinowitz. Intramural debates are held each Sunday afternoon between 1 and 3.

The vicissitudes of creating a Jewish state, the rabbi indicated, should be the prime consideration henceforth. The blessings of thanksgiving, he said, would be more appropriately offered after the Jewish state had come into being.

The speaker drew hope from Akiba Ben Joseph's famous affirmation of faith in the days of the Roman occupation, when he said that as the evil aspects of the prophecies had been fulfilled, so too would the favorable aspects receive accomplishment. "With six million gone," he said, "we can allow ourselves the hope that the favorable prophecies are now unfolding."

#### Decries Dissipation of Energy

"The United Nations awarded us in proportion to what we built. We ought to reproach ourselves for not building more."

Rabbi Brodt, who was once a member of his native country's parliament, declared that "all that we built in the Diaspora in the last two thousand years was taken away. He decried "the dissipation of Jewish energies in alien lands."

"Israel's religious genius was stultified in strange vineyards. The Jewish state will restore the soul which the Diaspora vitiated."

The other speaker was Nathan Bulman '46, a senior rabbinical student. He hailed the U.N. vote as opening a new chapter in Jewish history. Concluding, he quoted from Judah Halevi's poetry which, he said, epitomized the Jewish love for the Holy Land. Mr. Bulman also spoke in Yiddish.

### Lookstein To Talk At Eranos Meeting

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of sociology at Yeshiva College, will address Eranos, Yeshiva College's classical society, Monday, Dec. 15. The topic will be "Social Structure of Greece."

At the first meeting of the year new members were welcomed by Myron M. Fenster, Eranos president. Ray Leiman, club vice-president, spoke on Greek music. The classical society's first president, Abraham Hartstein '44, discussed the importance and value of the classical languages.

Joseph Yoskor, vice president of Tertulia, the Spanish society of Yeshiva, outlined the history of the Mexican Marranos from the period of the Spanish invasion until the present time, in an address delivered by him in the Spanish language at the last meeting of Tertulia.

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## The Jewish State; A Challenge To The United Nations

On November 29th, the UN for the first time since its inception showed that it consisted of nations united, as the Eastern and Western blocs joined together in support of the Palestine partition proposal. Nevertheless, thirty three votes alone are not enough to enable them to realize their decision. Only when both the Arab and Jewish states are functioning in peaceful surroundings can the UN consider this issue settled.

In an effort to reach a settlement which would guarantee passage of the partition plan, the nations decided to let the militias of the nascent states act as the enforcing powers. Something half done also denotes something left half undone, and this lack of an outside police force must be corrected.

The United States has taken it upon itself to sound out various nations on the prospects of their sending troops to the Holy Land. The United Nations can never be a potent force in world politics, if its members, on their own, attempt to solve the problems the organization as a whole has undertaken. If a force is to be recruited to supervise partition, that force should come through the United Nations and through no other source.

A statement by the UN to the effect that any group which resorts to force to prevent the implementation of partition will be considered as an aggressor and will be treated with all the powers delegated to the assembly for such purposes, might force these aggressors to think twice before taking action.

## The Jewish State; A Challenge To The Jewish People

The dream of a Jewish state is rapidly approaching reality. The eyes of the world are focused on Eretz Yisroel to see what sort of edifice the nation which gave the world the Ten Commandments will raise. We must show that the people of the Book can put the ideals of that Book into practice.

Our task is not an easy one, but we dare not fall short of the goal. The main prerequisite for this job is unity. Every group which claims to represent our people must contribute to the new state in a positive manner. No such group can withdraw its support nor can it remain neutral in this undertaking. We will no longer tolerate any group which will boycott the government of our state because it does not see eye to eye with it on certain policies.

This is no longer a time for bickering or factional animosities. All difference must be straightened out over a conference table with the spirit of compromise prevailing. The pogroms and massacres of the past make it imperative that we capitalize on this opportunity.

Hundreds of thousands of our brethren in Europe and Cyprus have announced their intentions of immigrating to Palestine. In order to enable the land to support these immigrants, the proposed Jordan Valley Authority must become a reality. This is just one project where outside aid will be needed by the Yishuv. American Jews must be ready to contribute both money and talent to the building up of the homeland.

Every Yeshiva boy, every Jew who is not a member of a Zionist organization should join one immediately, as it is through such groups that our aid will be sought. The Zionist organizations, on the other hand, will have to revise their powers somewhat, for it is obvious that the Jews of Palestine must be permitted to govern themselves without any outside interference.

There is much work to be done, but people who have dreamed of a Jewish state for thousands of years should not spare any effort to realize their dream. We are indeed fortunate to have lived to see the foundations set up for the embryonic state. Perhaps this time our age-old cry of "next year in Jerusalem" will be fulfilled.

W. H.

## Maybe I'm Wrong

# Courses Of Study In Yeshiva Necessitate Spiritual Guidance

By MYRON M. FENSTER

Not to be outdone by the two political poles of influence existing in the world today, Yeshiva University also offers its students two magnetic forces, with little or no chance for the twain ever to meet.

I refer to the continuous jockeying for position which goes on between the Yeshiva and the col-



lege departments. Many individuals connected with the former have long attempted to minimize the importance of the latter with the result that most students regard the two departments not as augmentary, but divergent in their purposes. As a further resultant we have references to "Yeshiva boys" and to "college boys." And then there are references to a third yet weirder group, the schizophrenic "split type" who in the morning are imbued with a feeling for Torah, in the afternoon are impressed with the importance of secular learning, and, in the evening are usually very confused individuals.

With this as a background we can understand the periodic outbursts that occur among the student leaders of the respective departments. At the inception of this semester, while the freshmen orientation program in the college was being run-off with an unusual amount of efficiency, the Student Organization of Yeshiva felt compelled to run a similar affair for new students of the Seminary. Don't misunderstand, I do not find this Yeshiva-inspired gathering objectionable in any sense, as a matter of fact, I am very much in accord with its motives. Incoming students should be emphatically reminded that Yeshiva University stands for more than Greek and philosophy, for more than basketball games and shows. The importance of Torah-learning should be stressed again and again or else our school has no right to exist.

No, the motives for this Yeshiva indoctrination program were wholly commendable, but the methods employed certainly were not. The program for the evening included one pseudo-comedian, a Y.C. graduate to boot, who in a very poor attempt at humor cracked, "Students taking tests in college are only sitting three seats away from the truth." Coming from a college graduate and being offered up to eager, impressionable students this remark was much too far away from the truth to be considered anything but improper. When desirous of stressing the need for Torah study one certainly need not resort to vilification of other scholarly fields of endeavor. Rather, media far more graceful and far more befitting the dignity due the Torah should be employed. Nevertheless, the students are

not solely to blame. They are merely the end products of an institution which does not offer any well-integrated ideology, which does not even suggest any "mental curriculum" to follow. The students are subjected to the petty bickerings of faculty members, to ideological clashes where they, as the poor children, must sit by and suffer whilst the awe-inspiring fathers and mothers claw at each others' throats.

A newcomer to Yeshiva usually is a most bewildered student during his first year. Coming from an orthodox home he well knows the importance of his religious education; living in the United States he has seen the need for secular study. And yet he cannot possibly know how these two disjointed pieces fit together to form a synthesized individual. The newcomer's need for immediate guidance is an exigent one. Their problems are not of an academic nature but what is far more important, of religious origin. These are totally neglected.

A student may wander through the halls of this institution for years on end without anyone offering him guidance of a religious nature. There is a crying need

for rabbis and other religious leaders who know and can understand the Yeshiva boy's problems, worries, and doubts in the light of the neurotic Atomic Age in which we live.

Mr. Israel Young, appointed recently to head the Vocational Guidance Bureau, is dispatching his duties with smooth efficiency and assiduity. Spiritual guidance, however, is out of the realm of his province. It must be put into the realm of someone's province immediately, someone who could fit the qualifications described above.

A point of clarification should be injected here. I in no way am suggesting the establishment of a bureau for Thought Control. (I have plagiarized far more than this phrase from the same source so please do not hit me with any law suits.) It is good and well to allow liberality of thought and movement, but when these limits are stretched to a degree where a state of nature exists, then something must be done to remedy the situation.

One thing is sure. The ideal of a well integrated, Torah-true, and yet secular-wise individual is attainable. But we cannot expect this unique type of personage to evolve without the proper planning and guidance. Without these factors befuddled, vacillating men will be sent out of the Yeshiva. You think I'm wrong? Speak to a cross-section of Yeshiva boys and then think again.

## Truth Or Counselorquences

# The Short, Unhappy Lives Of Hapless Happy Koroos

By HERBERT FREDMAN

A glance at Big Ben told me that it was already 8:30, time for my favorite radio program. I sprang out of bed and came within an inch of becoming a Freed patient—freed from Hygiene. I should know they installed double deckers in my room! Hardly fazed, I gingerly scooped myself off the floor and turned on the radio.

Ah! I had it—station W-B-V-D. Voices: L-A-V-A, L-A-V-A..... Announcer: Your counselor in peace as in war.....

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We are privileged to have with us today none other than that world-renowned defective, Mr. Mott K. Bosco of the Yeshiva Security Police.

Mr. Bosco: Yes? Is anything troubling you, extinguished scholar?

Announcer: I wonder if you would tell the radio audience about the thrilling pursuit and capture of the mad vicious fiend who terrorized yeshivos of the forty-eight states and Canada, Happy Koroos.

Mr. Bosco: (krechts daintily—one could tell that Bosco was an esthete.) Well...it all began this way. I was in the Bels Medrash learning with my counselor. It must have been long ago, probably the beginning of a "nyah tekufah". We were delving into

the intricacies of a particularly involved piece of Li'l Abner when suddenly we were distracted by a clap of thunder. Before I could say "Bitul Torah", Happy Koroos had appeared in a cloud of smoke—Happy Koroos, the nemesis of all goote boyes, the terror of all Williamsburg!

Needless to say, we were all petrified with fear. Many of us had never laid eyes upon "Happy" before—at least the Mesifita alumni among us. How did he get in? In a chemistry book? In a Commentator?

In this great hour of peril, my counselor alone remained unperturbed. He kissed his fringes, hastily mumbled a few appropriate selections from Derech Chayim (his daily mussar lessin), and—lo and behold—another bolt from the blue!

Voices: Its a red pencil! No, its a stipend book! No, its Superbochur!

Mr. Bosco: Was this my old familiar counselor? Why, his sceptum was even more deviated. His forelocks were a good two inches longer. He had that nuh look. This was no mere door-knocker, this was Superbochur!

One look at our champion and Koroos made for the hall, Superbochur giving chase. Soupy, faster than a shmone-esreh, would have easily overtaken his opponent were it not for the time spent in kissing mezzuzos. By that time, Happy had disappeared into one of the second-floor dorm rooms.

Breathing heavily, I followed the speeding Superbochur up to the second floor.

Superbochur: I am positive that

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On the Sidelines

Mites Hampered  
By Lack Of Gym  
And Late Debut

by Sol Blumenfeld

My literary output for the Commie has thus far been predominantly didactic. I hope my "pearls of wisdom," or at least attempts to be wise, have been recognized, and my fatherly advice to the peasants serving in this palace taken to heart; but far be it from me to take a full-time job expounding "Mussar." So, the major part of this column will be devoted to the more mundane branches of our limited sports world.

The proposed N.Y.U. Dentistry game was the source of much disappointment to the team and the potential spectators, many of whom had traveled a great distance. It is almost unbelievable that a college basketball game, agreed to by both participants, should be called off on the night it is to be played, via a phone call. The dentistry school owes us an explanation, and until we receive it I propose that we do not schedule any more games with them either in this or in coming seasons. Because of this irregularity, the debut of the Mites was delayed until Monday night when they tangled with the highly touted John Marshall five in New Jersey. The score of the game does in some respects show the playing ability of the varsity but that ability will be more accurately measured in the next few games. The fray with the Jerseyites was somewhat in the nature of a grudge affair. The veterans on the blue-and-white remembered last year's game in which they were leading by one point till the final few seconds when a mid-court set gave the opposition a winning margin. Cathedral, a cinch game in past years has been giving the Mites plenty trouble of late, and our contest with them should be well played and close.

I would like to take my yarmilka off, just for one second, in tribute to the Maccabean. Izzy Paleyeff and Skippy Fredman have done a great job of editing sports stories, reporting intramurals, and treating us to choice tidbits of Yeshiva and Boro Park life. Keep up the good work, fellows.

Some students are probably wondering about the regrettable state of affairs concerning the acquisition of a gym, publicity, and the sale of season tickets. The fault does not lie with any one person, but in a series of frustrating coincidences. A suitable court is next to impossible to obtain, publicity is useless without a gym, and the sale of season tickets is difficult without the former two. I personally feel that arguments are useless, but that something must be done immediately to remedy the situation. It has been suggested that the Student Council and Administration exert some effort to help the office of athletic manager. It is impossible to expect one person to arrange everything in the face of so much difficulty. Perhaps Rabbi Avrech, who was recently appointed graduate manager can help us. I hope this is clear: we cannot play on this court and yet make the slightest pretense of having a competent college varsity.

Filling up space. — I'm putting my Shekels (the ones a Betaree sold me) on C.C.N.Y. to again take the city hoop championship. . . . The season ducats are really a bargain at one dollar. Imagine spending only seventeen or thirty-four coppers, as the case may be, on a Saturday eve. . . . The prices at the Knickerbocker games are driving the fellows to cracker and soda luncheons. . . . The N.Y.U. Violets minus Tennenbaum look like philosophy without Prof. Litman; no spirit, no intergration, and everything up in the air. . . . We'd like to see the N.F.L. and A.A.C. joint hands. . . . The intramural team which couldn't win a game while they were juniors is currently leading the league. Must be the upper strata. Thazel.

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Then Drop Duke To Seniors

The all-conquering Seniors added another notch in their victory column by overpowering the Sophs to the tune of 37-34. The game was outstanding for fine ball handling and good sportsmanship as indicated by the score and the lack of a formal protest which usually accompany such tight games.

The Sophs took an early 16-7 lead, but the Seniors then tightened their defense and emerged at the long end of a 20-17 count at the half. From that time on the Seniors held on to their margin and the final whistle found the Seniors victorious.

The high scorer for the Sophs was Lou Lauer who scored 12 points. Sam Dyen and Dan Komsky also gave goodly contributions of 8 and 6 points respectively. For the Seniors Izzy Hyatt was high man with 14. Jerry "Ringer" Abrams dumped in three goals and a foul into the barrel for 7, and Izzy Paleyeff and A. Irving scored 6 points apiece.

Sophs Vs. Juniors  
It took an overtime period, but the Sophs eventually did defeat the dazed Juniors, who frequent

**Basketball Schedule**

Dec. 8	John Marshall	....	Away
Dec. 20	Cathedral (N.Y.)		Home
Jan. 15	Brooklyn College of Pharm.	.....	Away
Jan. 17	N.Y.U. Washington Square	.....	Home
Jan. 21	Bergen College	....	Away
Jan. 31	Queens College	....	Away
Feb. 14	Columbia College of Pharm.	.....	Home
Feb. 25	Cathedral (N.Y.)		Away
Feb. 28	Queens College	....	Home
Mar. 6	N.Y.U. Commerce		Home

First Soccer Fray  
Played To 1-1 Tie

The newly organized Y.U. soccer team played its opening game of this season on Friday, November 28 before a large crowd at the Sterling oval in the Bronx. Stout opposition was furnished by the Talmudical Academy squad and the final score was a 1-1 deadlock. The Yeshiva goal was scored by Eisenbach, and Friedman scored the lone T.A. point on a penalty called against the college eleven.

The wearers of the blue and white captained by Sidney Lieberman include a number of Palestinianians who are well versed in the rugged sport. The game was marked by aggressive play and efficient team work.

A second game with T.A. took place on Sunday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m., at Van Cortland Park.

the league cellar, by a 49-41 score. The game, which was rather rough, was marked by a dispute over the "time".

The Juniors were off to an early five point lead but the unimpressed sophs caught up with them to leave the score 14-13 as the half time buzzer sounded. The Sophs came back in the next half with an amazing assortment of over-the-shoulder, behind-the-back shots which befuddled the Juniors. The Sophs were coasting into an easy victory with a six point lead, when two lay-ups by Sol Blumenfeld and a basket by Denny Geller tied the contest at 34-34, and gave cause for an overtime in which the Sophs showed their superiority.

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"SPECIALS" EVERY NIGHT

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the culprit lurks in one of these rooms. But which one?

Mr. Bosco: What now, Superbochur?

Superbochur: I'll have to make a systematic search of every room on the floor.

Mr. Bosco: System? Here? (Thirty seconds later.)

Mr. Bosco: Well, Superbochur, we've gone through every room on the floor. Every boy was diligently studying Talmud. Where can Koroos have disappeared to?

...Soupy was obviously puzzled. He hesitated for a second, then he walked down the corridor, stopped before a door, and knocked.

Student: I don't want to buy any ties.

Superbochur: No, it is I, Superbochur.

Student: I don't want to buy any of those either.

Superbochur: Okay, Happy, the game's up. Confess now, you may get off easy—say two months on reduced stipends.

Student: (Snarls). Okay, but how did you find out that I was Happy Koroos? As far as you knew it could be anyone—a Commie editor, a T.I. boy—anyone.

Superbochur: All right, I'll tell you. I searched every room and found everyone studying gemorah.

Student: But I was studying Yoreh Deah, myself.

Superbochur: Yes, but like all other criminals you made one little mistake which stamps your whole story as a lie.....You weren't using a Soncino translation.

**Cercle Francais**

Prof. Sidney D. Braun is beaming a broadcast to France on Monday, Dec. 8, 1947. A recording of his address will be presented to Cercle Francais at its next meeting, the date of which will be posted shortly on the bulletin board.

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**Hausman Named Dinner Chairman**

Samuel Hausman, industrialist and civic leader, has accepted the chairmanship of the nineteenth annual dinner of Yeshiva University to be held Sunday evening, Dec. 14 at the Hotel Astor.

This year's dinner will mark the second anniversary of Yeshiva's expansion into a university. A gala program, featuring a distinguished speaker, an outstanding program of entertainment, and the showing of the film "Faith and Learning," is promised for the more than 1,200 friends of the University who will attend the affair.

**Herskowitz Asks Leave; Fenster Acts As Editor**

Due to a protracted illness, William Herskowitz, editor-in-chief of The Commentator, has asked for a leave of absence for the fall term. During his illness Managing Editor Myron M. Fenster will assume the editorship of the paper.

It is expected that Herskowitz will be able to return to his post for the spring semester.

**Congratulations!**

The Commentator extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Augenstein on the birth of their first-born, a son.

SAID THE POET . . .

"What makes life worth the living  
 Is the giving and forgiving;  
 Giving tiny bits of kindness  
 That will leave a joy behind us,  
 And forgiving bitter trifles  
 That the right word often stifles,  
 For the little things are bigger  
 Than we often stop to figure;  
 What makes life worth the living  
 Is our giving and forgiving."

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**Placement Bureau**

All students or graduates who are available for Hebrew teaching positions between the hours of 3 to 6, Monday to Thursday, are urged to apply at the Placement Service office. Aaron J. Weiss, chairman, announced that the present demand for Hebrew teachers far exceeds the application list for these positions. The placement office is open Sunday and Thursday, 12-1 P.M., and Monday and Tuesday, 4-7 P.M.

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