

Class Nite Plays To Be Performed On Lampport Stage

The 1948 Class Nite will be held on April 4 in the Nathan Lampport Auditorium, Philip Zimmerman, Class Nite Chairman, announced. The event, the first college production to be shown in the Auditorium since the ban on dramatics went into effect in 1944, will have the added distinction of being the first time in the history of the college that class lines have been crossed in the casting of the plays. Originally scheduled to be presented at an earlier date, the affair was postponed due to the intervention of the Purim holiday.

Four different plays will be presented on the bill, representing the efforts of each class. The Senior play, entitled "Napoleon and the Rabbi," was written by Philip Zimmerman. Joseph Yosher authored the Junior play, "The Stone of Ararat." The as yet untitled Sophomore production was written by Philip Arian. The Freshman play is directed by Alvin Marcus '48, while all the other plays are being directed by their respective playwrights.

Mike Korbman is co-chairman of the event.

Last year's Class Nite competition was won by the class of '48 which presented a musical comedy entitled, "Pirates of Yeshiva."

Chess Team Draws With B. C. Sextet

In the first round for the City Championship, played on March 21, in the dormitory social hall, Yeshiva College drew with the Brooklyn College six. Harry Yanofsky '49, chess club prexie, defeated Nick Bakos in sixty moves while Elliot Eisenbach '52, in his first college game, defeated Joe Altman of the Brooklyn club in fifty-seven moves. Chess club captain, Phil Zimmerman '48 drew with Herbert Klubeck, and Arthur Silver '51 split his point with Morris Einer. Both Seymour Schorr '49 and Bernie Koenigsberg '52, playing for the blue and white, lost their games. This was the best attended match in the history of the club, with the games of Yanofsky and Eisenbach drawing especially large galleries.

In a tandem exhibition match held on Thursday, March 5, Yanofsky and Zimmerman won 14 games, drew one, and lost four, playing against high school players.

Skit Spotlighted At T. I. Purim Chagiga

The annual Purim Chagiga of the Teachers Institute was held on Tuesday morning, March 23, at 10:30 A.M. in Rets Hall. The entire student body of the T.I., as well as many members of the faculty, participated in the festivities.

Featured on the program was an original play, satirizing a typical faculty meeting in the Hebrew language. The T.I. Choir contributed several comic songs about T. I. set to the tunes as a number and Sullivan, as well as a number of popular Hebrew songs.

Yeshiva University Acquires New Lots Through Donations

Acquisition by Yeshiva University of two additional parcels of land in the immediate vicinity of its main building was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin. The new land was obtained to enable the University to carry out its \$7,500,000 academic and physical expansion program.

Dr. Belkin declared that in view of the prohibitive cost of construction at this time and the University's unwillingness to request the present tenants residing on one of the sites to vacate in light of the housing shortage, plans for the new sites will be held in abeyance until such a time as conditions improve.

The two sites were described as follows: (1) the southwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 185th Street, 80 ft. x 100 ft., donated by the Harry Fischel Foundation of New York City as an outright gift; and (2) the northeast corner of Amsterdam Avenue and 185th Street reaching to Laurel Hill Terrace, 45 ft. x 278 ft., donated by Mr. Abraham H. Druckman of 100 West 42nd Street.

Senior Debaters Out-talk Juniors

The Spring '48 intramural debating tournament began officially on Sunday, March 14, with a Senior Junior debate on the topic, "Resolved: That the federal government should provide a system of complete medical care to all citizens at public expense." Honors went to the Senior team of Philip Caplan and Judah Rackovsky. The Junior team, which upheld the affirmative, consisted of Charles Bahn and Solomon Poupko.

The tournament, a series of elimination debates extending through June 6, is being conducted by the Debating Society under the chairmanship of Boris Rackovsky '49.

Ben David Arrives At Yeshiva University; Palfrey Acclaimed As Pillar Of Learning

The very air within the four cubits of St. Isaac's was choked with a sense of expectancy. Rumblings presaging big things to come were heard on all sides and Stern's bean soup had nothing to do with them. Even the flying buttresses were revved up with excitement. Finally, Dr. Tag arrived.

I was polishing door knobs (and apples) in the office of the publicity director at the time. I noticed the good Dr. Stonehardt looked a little sluggish and upset. Dr. Stonehardt: Oy! Hand me a liver pill, sonny. (A far-away, \$100. a plate dinner look crept into his eyes.) Ah—those were the days! When men were men and secretaries were women.

Ben David Arrives

Before I had a chance to sympathize, the door opened. In galloped a daring young Ben-Yeshiva on a flying palfrey. The newcomer was clothed from head to toe in

September Opening Planned For New Yeshiva Day College

New Students To Take Non-Credit Hebrew Courses; Schedules Will Be Integrated By Expanded Faculty

The addition of a new day college, embracing a new category of undergraduate students, was announced by Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Dean of Yeshiva College. Planning to begin holding classes in the fall semester with an expected freshmen enrollment of sixty students, the school will be unique in that it will not require its students to attend classes in either the Seminary or in the Teachers Institute. They will, however, be required to register for several orientation courses such as Bible, Jewish History, and Hebrew, on a non-credit basis, the Dean was quick to point out. All these courses will be given on an elementary level, aimed to lead towards a fuller understanding of the Jewish cultural heritage.

The schedule of the new school, while differing in some respects from the present schedule followed by

University Heads Denounce U.S. Reneged On Partition

All of feel, with great intensity, the shock of the sudden change of heart of our government concerning the partition of Palestine. The Commentator approached the heads of the various departments of our school for a statement of their reactions, in order to present the student body with the position of the school authorities. Unfortunately, Dr. Soloveitchik, who has been ill for some time, was not available, and Dr. Isaacs did not care to comment.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, stated that he was too deeply shocked to issue a statement at this time. His only comment was, "This is a morally bankrupt world. What else could we have expected?" Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute, commented as follows: "This decision was not a case of mere injustice or of national immorality on the part of our government, which by tradition and profession should champion justice and moral principles in the affairs of nations. It is a case of deception and open falsehood that only Nazi Germany in the lowest depths of its moral degradation could match.

With G-d's help we will attain the national freedom in Eretz Yisroel which was so soundly confirmed by the nations of the world.

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a long flowing robe with forelocks to match.

His gilt-edged calling card read: THE NEW, IMPROVED MESSIAH BEN DAVID and in smaller letters — Remember: THE MESSIAH DOES EVERYTHING. Dr. Stonehardt: Messiah Ben David, huh? Well, what do you want — an honorary degree?

Dr. Stonehardt gave him the evil eye and continued.

Dr. Stonehardt: How long have you been going to the Yeshiva?

Messiah: Why, almost thirteen years now. And you know what! (At this point his halo brightened up considerably.) Rabbi Sox promised me that I'll be promoted to the Bels Medrash next September.

Dr. Stonehardt: (rubs his hands gleefully and 10 million Washington dance before his eyes) The only Jewish Messiah in the only Jewish university.

But you look a sight, Messiah, old boy. Just look at those payuhs! Don't you know they're not wearing them long this year. You've got to get hep, shlep Well, Troanio will take care of that and I know you'll look simply darling in a bule chemise kapota. A cute Van Dyke beard will make Bels Yaakov go for you in a big way.

Shoulson Branching Out

Messiah's donkey was in, the meantime munching on a few news releases which gave him indigestion.

Dr. Stonehardt: (pointing to Daddy Long Ears) What do you call your mount?

Messiah: Why — uh — nothing — that is — nothing.

Dr. Stonehardt: But my dear Ben Torah, even the most stupid ass is called something. (Takes another puff of marijuana—Shul-

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Yeshiva and T.I. students, will nevertheless be integrated with that of the existing schools. The present faculty will be enlarged with the addition of four full-time men, extra classes for those already serving on the staff, and the employment of qualified men to teach other courses. Most lectures will be held in the new buildings, with the exception of certain laboratory courses, such as Chemistry, which will be given in the main building. Secular and religious subjects will be interspersed on the college program, with sixteen credits allowed a student per semester.



Dean Isaacs

Applications for the new school, the construction of which will be completed by June 1, are now being accepted, Dr. Isaacs revealed. The student body will for the main part, be drawn from individuals with an orthodox background, whose Jewish knowledge the college aims to strengthen by means of both curricular and extra-curricular activities. Out-of-towners will be accepted only if they can find living quarters in the vicinity.

Dean Isaacs expressed the wish that the freshman class be cordially received as members of Yeshiva University, and that the older students cooperate in the formation of wholesome extra-curricular activities for the new students.

Prof. A. Margalith Lectures At N.Y.U.

Dr. Aaron Margalith, professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, lectured on March 4 at the New York University on the topic "Fundamental Concepts of Jewish Ethics."

Dr. Margalith also acted as interrogator on the Albany Town Hall Meeting of the Air at Albany, N. Y., on a recent date. The topic of discussion was "Juvenile Delinquency." A number of upstate college students participated in the forum.

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on Arabian oil, and a group of Nazi-supporting Arab militarists who are seeking to set up an anti-Semiticly inclined dictatorship.

Hiding the real reasons for the decision, the United States delegate, Warren Austin, made a speech proposing a solution whose outcome would cause more havoc and bloodshed than implementation of the November 29th edict he considered too costly to enforce.

The U.S. speech made it clear that the Jews had accepted the plan and that it was only the Arabs who had opposed it. Since armed intervention would be necessary to carry out partition, our government wanted to abandon this plan although force would only have to be applied to subdue the Arab mercenaries who came from outside the Holy Land to fight the scheme. In its place, the United States requested that a trusteeship be set up and was willing to use an international militia to impose this temporary solution on both Arabs and Jews.

Obviously fearing the tremendous wave of public opinion that would result from this treacherous act, the President and the Secretary of State hypocritically kept denying the rumors that such a reversal of policy was in the making although they had almost completed all the details of this betrayal. They refused to broach it openly because they realized that their only chance of succeeding with this nefarious plan was by presenting it as a fait accompli.

This sellout of the American position came as a complete surprise and shock to our Congressmen. Judging from the reactions of these law-makers, this decision does not have the backing of our legislative bodies. Eight out of ten Congressmen questioned by The New York Times, which can not be accused of too much love for Zionism, voiced their disapproval of the stand taken by the executive branch. These officials should make their resentment to this insidious position and this sneaky method of deciding foreign policy felt by annulling this "strategy" of kowtowing to any group which opposes a UN decision with a display of armed force.

We can surely expect that those legislators with presidential aspirations who have publically backed partition will lead the fight to renounce the stand of the State Department on this matter. These men are seeking our votes on the basis of their attitude toward a Jewish state. It is only fair to demand that they do something concrete to enlist our support.

Your Opinion Requested

For the first time this year, the "Maybe I'm Wrong" column has been utilized by a non-member of the Commentator staff. The author of this piece also holds the distinction of being the only person who has written a "Letter To The Editor" during the past several months.

This apathy on the part of the student body is disgraceful. Any pupil who has definite convictions as to the management of school affairs is not only not fulfilling his duty as a student, but may also be harming his fellow-schoolmates by depriving them of the benefits of his views.

Both the "Maybe I'm Wrong" and "Letters To The Editor" columns are open to any student or teacher connected with the college. Although we may disagree violently with your ideas, we will not censor any of them. Take an active part in the running of your school by voicing your opinion on current issues via the facilities expressly created for this purpose.

Overdue Books

The college library staff, in order to complete its inventory and find out what needed titles are unobtainable, has been going around collecting the books that were borrowed by students and faculty members and never returned. The task of asking these people to return the volumes is a very embarrassing one both to the staff and to those approached. In order to save both the committee and yourself from this ticklish situation, please return all outstanding books during the coming week.

Most of the overdue volumes are standard reference works and are sorely needed by students for required readings. It is extremely selfish of these individuals to benefit themselves while depriving others of the use of these works. We hope that in the future all books will be returned on time and such notices as this will be uncalled for.

Maybe I'm Wrong

Immediate Mobilization of Jewish Youths Necessary

By Shlomo Levin

It is clear by now what the attitude of the United States toward partition is. The Truman administration, which is loaded with military brass hats and men from Wall Street as no administration has ever been before, has succumbed to the pressure of the oil interests, anti-Semites, and reactionary generals.

In place of our jubilant demonstrations a few months ago, we must face the cold bitter facts. The military has effected an alliance with the normally reactionary State Department and has directed foreign policy so as to bring us into conflict with Russia. Palestine formerly unique as an area of U.S.-Soviet accord, has become a pawn in the game of cold war politics. It seems inconceivable that our military believe that they can defend the Arabian oil fields against Russia who, if she so decided, could overrun them easily because of her strategic position.

It is hard to believe that our brass hats think that they can buy the friendship of the Arabs—the same Arabs who, when the opportunity presented itself, proved their untrustworthiness by attempting to go over to the Nazi side in the last war.

Russia's Past Record

However, we must not be misled into trusting the USSR completely. We must ask our newly found Communist "Zionists" where they were in '29 when they supported the Arabs who were massacring Jews in Palestine? Why did they constantly oppose Zionism as an arm of reactionary British imperialism? Why are Hebrew, Zionism, and religious teachings outlawed in Russia? They are only capitalizing on the situation and appear to be supporting us because in doing so they are opposing the USA, which is just what they seem to want. Their past record seems to

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son is branching out.) Let's call her Hamda. That's Syrian for pleasing, you know.

Those days after the Messiah's arrival were eventful ones. Why, Rabbi Lessin finally finished his shmone esreh.

Finally, the crowning achievement of all came the Messiah's way. He was invited to join the hallowed ranks of Wall Street shrewdies and distinguished gentiles. Yes! He was going to be awarded an honorary D.H.L.—pretty good for a mere Jew.

Commencement Day arrived. Dr. Welchin was describing Hamda as a pillar of learning when Rufoon dashed down the aisle. He handed a note to our commander-in-grief. After digesting the contents, Smiley stared and turned a deep, borscht color.

Dr. Welchin: Feivel! arrest this scholar. He is a false Messiah. The Un-Yeshiva Activities Committee informs me that on the morning of December 28th, 1943, the accused came to the minyan at 7:31 — only 25 minutes before his councillor.

"Messiah": (takes off his mother-buskah disguise and behold! "Happy" (Koroo) Curses! Felled again!

Rufoon: Your dormitory card, please.

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indicate that they intend to use us only as a tool and drop us when our usefulness is gone.

Mobilize Youth

We must realize that during our long history we have experienced a recurring phenomena. We live in peace in a country for a period of time. Then our enemies get control and trouble begins. Today the pro-Arab, anti-Semitic elements of the State Department are directing their energies against the Jews of Palestine. Tomorrow they will be aided and abetted in their actions against the Jews in America by the growing anti-Semitic element in the U.S. America is not our Promised Land, no matter how we deceive ourselves.

We must mobilize all of our youth immediately for action and openly declare that we are training and raising a Jewish army to be sent to protect our rights in Palestine. Youths with seagoing experience must be sent to engage

in running arms to Palestine. This would do more to arouse public opinion than anything that we have done so far—if public opinion will help us. The Jew must not come to beg for his rights, he must come to demand them proudly, with force to back him if necessary. Then, and only then, will he succeed.

Yeshiva Must Lead

The Yeshiva should be the center of such activity and revive the tradition of the Maccabees, religious men fighting for their rights, and of Rabbi Akiva and Bar Cochba, leaders of the last great revolt against Rome. Our nationalism and Zionism stem from our Torah and Tradition—the two are inseparable. More than just raising money, we must prepare ourselves for action. The Yeshivaman must arouse himself from his lethargy and prove to the world that we religious Jews can fight for our country. A military preparatory course is being given at Yeshiva on Wednesday night. Attendance should be everflowing. This then will be our answer to the world, "Al Tivtchu Bndivim," "Don't trust in princes," but rather in G-d and in our ability to defend ourselves.

Meet The Seniors



Chayim Helfetz—George, as he is known to the girls, has developed a beautiful Frenchship with Dr. Braun while pursuing his major. A specialist in English one, he has taken the course three times so that he would be able to caricaturize Dr. Fleisher. Although he flubbed some of his lines, he gave a very flowery performance.

During his "nightly" study sessions, he usually burns his bridges behind him. Because he is always ready to outdo one's bidding, a process which usually leaves him broke, the phrase "Let George do it" has become a labor saving device to the dorm inmates.

Alvin Kamber—A. K., far from living up to his initials, is quite a busy fellow. He hails from the vicinity of one of the Brooklyn monasteries (accounting for some of his spiritual beliefs); St. Johns to be exact. Self installed president of T. I., he is having a hot time with the editorship of Nir and Lapid.

A major in Sociology and Education, he loves to talk Terkel. Only plans of forthcoming Chagigas keep him awake during one of Rabbi S. K. Mirsky's excitable shurim. When questioned about his social life, his answer, in the form of a question is, "Se 'Diana' Bizeness?"

William Kantrowitz—"Velvet"—the iron man of "Commitee" almost rusted away while Bauming around during his early college years. Searching for the Ruth of the evil, Willie became a roam-matic inhabitant of Brooklyn.

A hard worker in all of his extra-curricular activities (he will be married soon), Willie succeeded in pulling Commie out of the red into the green. Long aware of the economic foundations of modern society, William, a Political Science major, intends to ruin a business of his own someday.

Joseph H. Kelman—Joseph H. Kelman, the "H" representing His-

tory, has Hitch-Hiked his nebulous way from Toronto into Dr. Brody's inner sanctum. When he isn't spending his time toasting Elizabeth with the rest of the Canadian havruss, "Red" indulges in Lincolnian research (perhaps with a view to freeing Y. U. slaves) as well as in ping-pong, hockey, and hockey.

Because of his strong attachment to fiction, he unreservedly believes in "expansion" expecting to open up a branch of Y. U. in Toronto, providing therein a post for himself as professor of History. When Joe builds himself his own ivy-covered cottage, he expects to make good use of his swinging gait, which shows we've got his rhumba.

Raymond Lieman—Ray, Y.U.'s own Iturbi, has been making with music enough to beat the band. Of past years Ray has taken to attending classes when he is not gratifying his desire for concerts or the theatre or relieving an acute ballet-ache.

An occasional user of English, Ray has taken Latin and Greek to get closer to the fountain of knowledge.

After classes he went to Shakespeare where he was bathed with the ilk of human Kleanness.

"Stretch" Y. U.'s imitation of a clothes pole, intends becoming a teacher and already has a T.I. diploma. Basketball's loss is music's gain.

Bernard Lubinsky—Luigi's success in slicing tomatoes in the mountains encouraged him to attempt carving defunct frogs in the Bio laboratory. Subsequently he spent some of the best years of his life taking Bio. 1. After tucking a T. I. diploma under his cocked yarmelke, Bernard harnessed himself to the yoke of Talmud. The most gratifying day in Bernard's life was when he began reading "Be Glad Your's Neurotic." Implicitly trusting his master's voice, this

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