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Pres. Belkin Reports New Faculty Men

Dr. Samuel Belkin has announced the addition of fifteen new members to the faculties of Yeshiva University to meet the increased enrollment due to the establishment of new schools and the acquisition of increased physical facilities.

Rabbi Abraham Avrech, former Chaplain of the Perry Point Veterans Hospital in Maryland and Field Director, Jewish Welfare Board and the U.S.O., and until recently Executive Director of the Greater New York Council of Hapoel Hamizrachi, has been named Associate Director of the Community Service Bureau.

College Appointments

Rabbi Irwin Gordon, Director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan, has been appointed Director of Community Relations.

New appointments to the faculty of the College include: Milton Arfa (B.B.A., The College of the City of New York 1942; M.S. 1943) Instructor in Hebrew; Daniel Block (B.A., Yeshiva College, 1946) Instructor in Math.; Maurice E. Chernowitz (B.A., The College of the City of New York 1932; M.A., 1939; Ph D., Johns Hopkins Unievrsity, 1939) Assistant Professor of French; William Drazin (B.A., The College of the City of New York, 1928; M.A., Harvard University, 1931) Lecturer in Philoso-(Continued on Page 4)

InitiateRabbinical Research Branch

The establishment of an Institute for Advanced Rabbinic Research was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin. The Institute, which will open formally in October, will be staffed by fifteen outstanding rabbis recruited from all parts of Europe.

The Institute is being set up with the cooperation of the United Service for New Americans represented by Rabbi Isaac Trainin, vocational advisor for religious functionaries. Rabbi Avigdor Cyperstein, former rabbi of Lida, Poland, and famed talmudic scholar and Mizrachi leader, has been selected as director of the Institute.

The fifteen scholars will undergo a two-year training period during which time they will do intensive research in rabbinic lore and literature. At the same time, they will receive training in American educational methods and procedures. "In the light of the complete annihilation of the European centers of learning, the establishment of the Institute assumes added importance," said Dr. Belkin, describing it as a significant contribution to the encouragement of Jewish scholarship throughout the world.

Congrats!

The Commentator extends its heartiest congratulations to Drs. Samuel Belkin and Hyman Grinstein on their election to the Executive Council of the American Jew'sh Historical Society.

Dr. Litman Talks, Defines Freedom

The first of this year's series of Fireside Chats was inaugurated by Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of philosophy at Yeshiva College, in a speech entitled "Socialism and Liberty" given on September, 22. The speaker dealt with the various concepts of freedom as found throughout literature, and different definitions of freedom coined by diverse schools of thought.

"Freedom is a variable word—a weasel word—and being variable it doesn't mean anything unless it is conceived in some specific context," declared Dr. Litman, decrying the popular misuse of such words as liberty and freedom. "Absolute freedom does not exist in any society, nor is it at all conceivable."

One must not expect freedom under a democratic and under a socialistic regime to be the same thing, Dr. Litman stated, for liberty in a socialistic state differs because of its context from liberty in a democratic state.

Among various concepts of freedom, Dr. Litman clarified especially the laissez faire theory and the Hegelian notion that freedom is necessity. In a socialist state, he pointed out, the meaning of freedom is to a large extent derived from the latter view.

Reiterating that absolute freedom is a fable, Dr. Litman declared, "There is no such thing as freedom. There is only freedomin, that is, within the structure of regulations and limitations decided upon by the society and system within which one lives." As an example from daily life, Dr. Litman cited the case of the driver, who is free to drive upon getting a license and following traffic regulations.

The next speaker will be Rabbi Emanuel Rackman.

Name Mr. Hurwitz Activities Director

Mr. Abraham Hurwitz, associate Professor of Phys.cal Education, has been appointed Director of Student Activities. This newly created office includes the Student Guidance Department headed by Mr. Israel Young, Dr. Freed's Health Service, the Veterans Coordinating Association, and the Athletic Association.

Mr. Hurwitz plans to coordinate all student efforts and activities and give them a "university point of view." To eliminate conflicts among the various student groups the Organization of Student Officers is being founded. This group, composed of representatives of all student councils, will act as a clearing house for student activities. Guided by Mr. Hurwitz, it will also help facilitate granting of student budgets, placement of activity advisors, and mass purchasing.

Mr. Hurwitz will also serve in the capacity of Director of Maintenance Operations at the University. He will be responsible for providing office facilities for student organizations.

To Speak At Yeshiva



Mayor William O'Dwyer, who will be the main speaker at the Fifth Annual Conference of the National Council on Organizations, which will be held at Yeshiva or Oct. 31.

Coop To Add Eng. Offices

The Yeshiva College Co-operative Store has undertaken an extensive expansion program, it was announced. The Co-op will now be increased to three times its size by the addition of room 417, the English Department office, to its present quarters.

In line with this expansion in space, Co-op will now be in the position to give the students better accommodations and will carry a greater variety of household appliances and school supplies. An information and purchasing bureau will also be formed in order to assist students in procuring goods not carried by Co-op.

Room Changes

As a result of the remodeling process, the adjacent wall between the Co-op store and room 417 will be taken down. The displaced Engl.sh Department office will then be moved to room 430, the present Talpioth office, which in turn will be moved to one of the new buildings.

The co-op store will continue its policy of selling at a slight increase over purchasing price, the profit going entirely to the Student Council for the upkeep of student activities.

Students To Run Y. U. Bookstore

The Yeshiva Book Store, formerly a private enterprise, is now run as a co-operative venture under the auspices of the Student Council, Chiel Simon '49, and Abe Dražin '49, announced.

The Book Store in the first week of the new term has supplied the student body with close to 750 text books at a reduced rate. Other books of interest to students will be made available, upon order. After the holidays, "we have already made contacts with a new publishing house which will offer Jewish classics in English with discounts up to 40 per cent," said Mr. Simon.

The Book Store is now preraring to expand to larger quarters probably on the fourth floor.

Council Initiates Men Of Fifty-Two

An assembly aimed at guiding the incoming freshmen in the selection of their extra-curricular activities and acquainting them with the various school functions, was held on Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the Science Lecture hall.

After a short welcoming address by Sam Glaser '49, president of the Student Council, Max Frankel, editor in chief of The Commentator, spoke on the function of the school paper and distributed sample copies of the publication. Applications circulated afterwards among the freshmen resulted in the addition of 30 classmen to the staff of The Commentator.

Mathew Katz '49, editor of the annual school journal, explained the workings of his staff, and offered financial returns to students active in raising funds for the Masmid.

He was followed by Sam Kenner '49, the school's athletic manager, who enumerated the various activities which are open to participation by the freshman class. The meeting was concluded by the distribution of questionnaires prepared by student guidance officers.

Professor Mirsky Links U.N., Israel

"A unified world is impossible without recognition of Israel," declared Rabbi Samuel Mirsky, Professor of Talmud, at the Teachers Institute Assembly held in Lamport Auditorium, Sept. 21. "Attempts at creating world unity have repeatedly coincided with efforts on behalf of a renewed and recognized Jewish state. The League of Nations and the Balfour Declaration came into existence hand in hand,"

"That the first official act of the League was recognition of Israel was no coincidence. If the League had failed to recognize and sanction Jewish aspirations, it would have collapsed before it started to function. When Dr. Churgin and I sat in Geneva and saw the League accept Great Britain's defiance of it in the matter of the White Paper, we foresaw the second World War.

"Today, the U.N., which likewise began with an acceptance of Israel, faces the same problem. The existence of the U.N. hangs in the balance. Only by guaranteeing the future of Israel can it guarantee its own future."

Agency Authority Talks To Tertulia

Mr. Benno Weiser, director of the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency, will speak at the first meeting of "La Tertulia," the Spanish Club of Y.C. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 8 P. M. His topic will be "The Contributions of Latin American Jewry to Israel." Mr. Weiser has lately travelled through all South America and was the first Jew to have interviewed President Peron of Argentina.

Dean Of Men Gives Report On D.P. Life

In a report on his recent trip to Europe, Mr. Samuel L. Sar, Dean of Men at Yeshiva, stated "the situation of the Jewish DP.'s has definitely deteriorated. If not for the hope they see in Israel, their morale would be at its lowest."

Dean Sar had spent six months in Europe as director of the Central Orthodox Committee, affiliated with the Joint Distribution Committee, with headquarters in Paris. The purpose of the Central Committee is to "help, guide and rehabilitate the Jews of Europe, morally, spiritually," and educationally." Among Mr. Sar's specific duties were the organizing of Yeshivos, synagogues, kosher slaughtering establishments and other religious functions within the D.P. camps.

Israel Only Hope

During the course of his stay, Mr. Sar visited seven countries and studied the situation first hand. He reports that the Jews in France, England, and the other democratic countries have excellent chances of returning to normal life and establishing communities. This does not apply, however, to the majority of Europe's Jews, Mr. Sar pointed out.

In comparing the situation now with the one at the time of his (Continued on Page 4)

T.I. Announces Staff Additions

Professor Nahum Glatzer was appointed to the Faculty of the Teachers Institute to teach Bible and Jewish History, Dr. Grinstein, Registrar of T. I., declared.

Professor Glatzer held the chair of Jewish studies at the University of Frankfort am Main until 1933, and taught from that time on at various institutions in Palestine and the United States. In Palestine he was a member of the Education Committee of the Vaad Leumi. Dr. Glatzer is the author of many books dealing with the Talmudic time and is at present editor of the Schocken Books.

Other additions to the T.I. Faculty include Mr. Ben Mayer for Hebrew, and Mr. Moses Gutstein for Bible. Mr. Gutstein graduated from the class of 31 of the Teachers Institute.

This year's Freshmen Class, Dr. Grinstein declared, has a registration of 57 students, the highest in the history of T. I. The total registration in T. I. is 257, which also establishes a new record.

At the end of the last term the "Nir" corresponding to the last two years appeared, It included articles about Talmudic Literature, Zionism and Jewish Music.

Article Published

An article, "Forming Impressions of Personality: A Critique" by Dr. Abraham S. Luchins, associate professor of psychology, was published in the Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology, Vol. 43, No. 3, July 1948.

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To Our Readers

Due to the intervening holidays the next issue of The Commentator will not make its appearance until November 4, 1948.

Liberals Unite!

After careful consideration of the present political situation, we have decided to support Mr. Truman's candidacy. That does not mean that we agree with Mr. Truman; as a matter of fact we are much more partial to many of Mr. Wallace's ideas.

But we are not voting in a popularity contest. We are voting in an election. And it is a characteristic of American elections that there are only two candidates with any prospects of success. Support of a Liberal splinter-party candidate serves only to advance the political fortunes of the more conservative of the leading contenders, a purpose to which we can hardly subscribe.

We, we would like to make it clear, are liberals. We are not A.D.A. liberals. We are not P.C.A. liberals. We are liberals. As such we cannot but look with distaste at anything that tends to split the liberals. Mr. Wallace obviously fits into this classification. For as long as Mr. Wallace prevents his followers from joining their fellow-liberals, the liberal cause is severely, if not critically, handicapped.

Under the circumstances, our duty, and the duty of all true liberals, is clear.

Assassination Aftermaths

Far from discrediting the Israeli government, the crisis precipitated by the assassination of Count Bernadotte has only served to reaffirm its strength and stability. The UN, conversely, suffered a severe blow to its prestige because of the irresponsible and jittery reactions of some top UN officials to the murder.

While Israel acted with quiet dignity to halt terrorism, the UN was stunned to the point of hurling accusations blindly at the Israel government. Typical was the official opinion of Ralph Bunche, temporary successor to Count Bernadotte, who placed the blame for the murder squarely on Israel's shoulders.

Objectively viewed, Israel was free of blame. She had not invited the mediator to come to Palestine, even warned him of the dangers of entering Jerusalem. She had never guaranteed his safety, nor encouraged acts of terrorism. That an act of terrorism was attempted despite government vigilance is due to unsettled conditions in the Holy Land for which the UN is partly to blame; that the act of terrorism was successfully carried out is due to the UN's failure to provide for the protection of its envoys, the deaths of many of whom, at the hands of Arab hoodlums, was audibly hush-hushed.

The murder of Count Bernadotte cannot be condoned. It was the irresponsible and senseless act of an extremist fringe of an extremist organization. It is to be regretted because murder as such is wrong, no matter what the circumstances.

The assassination of Count Bernadotte, however, does not materially change the Palestinean problem. The solution which he offered in his last report to the UN, and which is presently being widely heralded, essentially couples the long over-due recognition of the Jewish state with an attempt to delimit and narrow its territory.

If the UN, recovered from its case of jitters, is to regain also its lost prestige, it will have to affirm the main thesis of Count Bernadotte's report, and come to some reasonable agreement with the government of Israel concerning boundary lines. The U. S. has already indicated its tentative position in Secretary Marshall's address to the Assembly of the UN. This position, none too favorable to Jewish territorial aspirations, can undoubtedly be changed to favor Jewish demands, if the needed pressure is applied by friends of Israel. Let's not forget this is an election year.

Thoughts On the Solemn Season

Gee, Arian's Year Was Really A Scorcher; He Done Burnt His Britches Behind Him

By Philip Arian

I got to admit I ain't much on writing. But when it comes to the feel angle, I guess no one beats me. You know what I mean? I mean I feel things. You understand? Yes, I admit I know where to put a period and stuff like that, but I certainly ain't no Tolstoy—if you know what I mean.

Well, let me tell you about this feel angle. At about Rosh Hashana time it hits me smack in the face. It's something like an orange—if you want to be like one of them authors that's always comparing things. As long as the peel's on, it don't squirt you—but take off the peel—and boy!—you get it in the face. Well, same with me and the feel angle Rosh Hashana time.

I get to thinking about all, the jerky things I did and I begin to feel sort lousy. Something like that orange that starts gettin' rotten 'cause the peel's off—if you know what I mean. In the King's English—I sort of take a Din V'cheshbon of myself.

Growing Pains

Well, sometimes, I go up to the guys I sort of didn't talk nice to and ask 'em to forget it. They always do—though I ain't got any reason why. But sometimes, there are things I do that no one knows about. What I mean is that I didn't tell no one that I did 'em. Most times I'd forget 'em—but this year . . . well I guess I'm growing up.

So I said to myself, "You know, Big Boy, you ought to write those things down on paper." It's not that I'm ashamed of these things—it's just that—(even if I ain't no Tolstoy)—what comes out of the paper with me, makes more sense than if it had come from my mouth

So I'm writing these things down on paper.

Ladies First

I hope the people I mention will sort of forgive me—you know a kid ain't an adult.

Well, I'll start off with ladies first—if you know what I mean.

I didn't know, Mrs. Purvis, that you keep using the same sheets for the beds all year 'round. Besides, Doc Atlas said (and I strained my ears) to take a sheet and draw a frog's heart.

So I took a sheet and drew a frog's heart. I never told you—but I guess you found out—'cause the next day I walk into B——'s

room (I got a habit of not mentioning innocent names) and I sees the sheet with the frog's heart tucked under the blanket. I feels sort of funny—after all my best friend wrapped around a frog's heart!

Just A Scientist

You never found out what I did Mr. Stern, even though your wife d.d—but she's nice—she didn't tell you. She only told Dr. Belkin. I just was pretty good in science—that's all—I was fooling around with an experiment—that's all—honest. And what do you know—it worked. So I started to collect all the little pieces of paper that were punched off the stipend, and I pasted 'em back. O' course, I didn't know exactly what I was looking for—but I think I know why they stuck—inertia!

Maybe you'll be mad at this, Mr. Purvis—but please try not to. I couldn't help it. It was crowding up the room. And since I had a closet that was pretty big, I shoved

the doubledecker in it. No one seemed to want to use it. Oh, yeah, there were two guys, but they d.s-appeared when I put the bed into the closet.

Hot Time

It was me, Mr. Baer. I was the guy that started everyone screaming, "fire," that night. But I missed the camp where we had good times and built campfires. I was remembering everything and I built a campfire. Not really. All it was, was the Sunday Mirror. Surprised it made so much smoke. But that taught me. I didn't tell you this either, but next time I burned the Post.

Well, that's about it—those are the jerky things I did in the year. But I ain't going to do 'em again—I'm growing up. O'course it's not everything—but it's the main ones. I'm glad I got it off my chest. Rosh Hashana's a great thing.

Yea, as I said before, I sure may not be Ibsen—but I got the feel you know what I mean?

Letters

To The

Editor

Dear Editor:

To deceive others is stylish, hence the magician or diplomat; self deception, however, is ignominious and foolish.

Ilse Koch, murderess who slaughtered hundreds of thousands, shall be free in four years. In the eyes of the law and "justice" she shall be the equal of any person, doctor, rabbi, nurse or teacher. Roosevelt was mourned by heartbroken lovers of Freedom, while he, (in H. Hopkins private papers) refused to save even one Jew from the hands of the Nazis when given the opportunity to do so.

Why deceive ourselves? Let's face the facts.

We are pitiful fools!

Justice? Righteousness? Free-

Is it justice that hundreds of tortured Jews be left in Europe at the scene of their enslavement while hundreds of thousands of tons of food and coal are flown in daily by our "conquering" army to the "poor, starving, little Nazi murderers?"

Is it right that a parasitic island called England should spread its

ugly tentacles over one-quarter of the earth, spreading hatred and death with its brazen hypocrisy?

Is it Freedom that we, the United States, one of the greatest and most powerful of all countries, should cringe in fear before and crawl canine-like after the policies of the master deceivers and gilded murderers?

Now that we have the approximate moral and political temperature of our society, let us proceed to the "problem" of choosing a fit leader for a state of this nature.

The solution to me seems painfully clear. If we wish to continue in the aforementioned manner, let's elect Truman. He has already qualified himself to be a brazen liar and anti-Semite, vis his present policy towards Israel, as well as his deceptive tactics of crying hysterically Communist at Henry Wallace, whose sincerity is, at least, not less than Truman's.

If we would have a change we might be signing the death warrant of all that is dear to a freedom loving people.

This is because of the unpre-

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 28, 1948

To The Student-Bodies of Yeshiva University:

It is indeed a source of spiritual joy for me to welcome, in the four walls of the Yeshiva, the new and old students.

Our student-body represents almost every state in the Union, and many foreign countries. By your ability to study to-gether, work to-gether and play to-gether you may be instrumental in building an ideal "international home" in the spirit of our divine heritage and American culture. I hope that all of you will avail yourselves of the intellectual instruction and spiritual guidance given to you by your community of sages and scholars.

Wishing you well boing, and well doing.

Samuel Belkin

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To The Students of Yeshiva College:

Cordial greetings to the old students of Yeshiva College and a hearty welcome to the near one hundred who are just joining our ranks.

This year will be one of unusual significance in the history of Yeshiva College in that our sessions begin the twentieth year of instruction. Let us hope that this year will be a pleasant one of good efforts and satisfactory results for both the faculty and student body. With new courses, new classrooms, we are starting out with promise.

Moses Legis Isaacs

On the Sidelines



Scribe Previews Coming Ball Season Of Yeshiva Quints

By Sol Blumenfeld.

With Y. U. athletics it is a case of now or never. The time is overripe, not for sis-boom-bah sport pages and chimerical fantasies, but
forceful realistic action. To this end your resentenced scribe and all the
hard-working members of the A. A. are devoted. They are determined
to surmount every obstacle which may be in their way. Athletics must
reflect the growth of the college into an outstanding religious and
secular institution, and if athletics are in anyway to detract from our
prestige, we had better drop the whole thing, quickly and without
further ado. I shall use basketball as an example, even though it is
only a small fragment of the extra-curricular picture, because it has
served in the past as a barometer of our own organization.

Our hoop squads of yore cannot be underestimated. Considering the hardships on them by lack of funds, facilities, coaching, as well as student, and administrative apathy, their records are brilliant. Their showings were sporadic and woefully unorganized. Each season was accompanied by the wails of renegade importunates constantly deploring the situation but seldom doing anything to remedy the status quo. For instance, in 1944, we had the makings of a good court squad. A competent coach, gym, manager, and equipment were totally lacking. With the squad plagued by all these ills every victory was a minor miracle.

I advise all future sports editors to adopt the attitude I am adopting now. It is senseless to request student cooperation and spirit if there is little reason to demand it. The Y. U. student has been the bystander of a sad sports setup for long enough now. I want to prove experimentally, to myself and other critics, that given a good squad to cheer—spirit and interest will manifest themselves in greater quantities. Such a project is in the offing; not a sudden metamorphosis into a Garden rating but several basic steps which will aid future court aggregations.

In Yeshiva U. there shall never be such evils as athletic grants and subsidies, and rightfully so. These subsidies have been the undoing of too many great schools. Nevertheless, a commodity is as good as the raw materials put into that commodity. We have found that our best material has come from Yeshiva high schools of this city, but not in great numbers. Many of these boys have gone on to other colleges where they became the stars in the dribble sport, but sacrificed their Hebrew educations, and eventually abandoned all their beliefs. This holds true not only of athletes, but also debators, writers artists, and musicians. Due perhaps to infancy and growing pains, Yeshiva U. did not offer these young men the activities which would round out their college life and make it much more pleasant.

We cannot evidence our position as a well rounded liberal institution by stereotyping our activity and remaining isolated within four solid walls. On the contrary we must take the initiative on the outside, manifesting our leadership in the community with athletics as well as with other services. Orthodox youth will take notice and choose Yeshiva for their alma-mater amove other institutions, which lack the traditional Jewish atmosphere. Here they will not only absorb the faith and ethics of Judaism but enjoy college in the best American tradition, where athletic competition plays a vital role.

Yeshiva U. now has the material and facilities. The rest could come with time and effort. The Y. U. A. A. was an important step in the right direction. The membership, which includes Rabbi Avrech, Mr. Sam Harstein, Dr. Hurwitz, Coach Sarachek, Mr. Wettstein, Mr. Sam Kenner, Mr. Denny Geller, and yours truly, has already manifested its willingness to work for the benefit of the school.

Varsity practice has begun. Intramurals have started and the sports staff of Commie looks forward to an outstanding year in sports.

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Netsters Prepare For Court Season

The "Pigskin Parade" has yet to commence, but basketballs are already flying through the hoops at Yeshiva as the stalwarts of the Mite quint go through their paces. Under the tutelage of Coach Red Sarachek, organized practice began on Sept. 20, with the intent of gett ng an early start for the long and gruelling court campaign.

Returning from last year's mediocre but plucky squad are eleven seasoned veterans: Howie Danzig, Ruby Davidman, Hillel Dryspiel, Sam Dyen, Red Fredman, Denny Geller, Dan Komsky, Izzy Paleyeff, Chiel Simon, Art Stein, and Billy Tepper. Geller, a three-year letter man on the varsity, has assumed the captaincy by seniority rating.

The practices were marked by the appearance of a large crop of freshmen. Newcomers showing great promise are: Fingerhut, Krieger, and Novoseller.

The opening sessions were highlighted by limbering-up exercises and extensive drills on fundamentals. Scrimmage will not be held until early October.

The schedule being arranged by the newly formed YUAA will contain games with some of the high caliber outfits in the metropolitan area, including John Marshall and Queens. Everything points to a bigger and better hoop season than ever before in the history of Yeshiva intercollegiate athletics.

Juniors Throttle Freshies 57-36

The Juniors, opening the intramural festivities, trounced the enthusiastic but ineffective neorhytes 57-36. Rousing thelselves from a microscopic 6-4 lead, the 50's popped in 10 field goals to lead 26-9 at the half. Slashing back, the Frosh netted 19 points in the third quarter, scoring only 8 points in the final frame, and failed to overtake the high-flying Juniors.

The Juniors were paced by Dyen, who canned 22 points, closely followed by Rosenbloom and Danzig, who scored 15 and 11 points respectively.

Novoseller, playing a sterling game for the Frosh, netted 18 points with Mendelwitz scoring 12.

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YUAA Plans For The Coming Year Disclosed By Rabbi Abraham Avrech

It was a great privilege to be elected to my position of Chairman in the Y.U.A.A. Much that I have seen since graduating Yeshiva College indicates that athletics plays an important part



Rabbi Abraham Avrech

in the development of the individual and is perfectly compatible with the ideals and philosophy of Yeshiva. Some of the A.A.'s plans are as follows:

 Intramurals. The A.A. is the sponsor and clearing house of all intraschool competition. This means enlarged schedules, more equipment, and class awards.

2) Interscholastic competition. The A.A. will subsidize and manage all varsity squads in an efficient manner. All new teams w.ll be encouraged.

3) Realizing the weak ties between Yeshiva K'tanoth and high schools in N. Y. C., every effort will be made to strengthen these bonds by annual field events. This will help enlarge Yeshiva University's hold in the community.

4) This and much more is on tap for us. The students of Y.U. will be the beneficiaries of these improvements. The extent of their enjoyment will be in direct proportion to their cooperation.

AthleticManagerOutlinesSportsPlans For Coming Season, Lauds Maccabean

By Sam Kenner

Athletics in Yeshiva have taken on a "New Look" this year under the co-ordination and supervision of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association. Its scope has widened to such a degree that the school now has varsity teams in almost every phase of intercollegiate athletic activity. Yeshiva is represented by basketball, tennis, swimming, soccer and baseball teams and, in the fields of manual and vocal athletics, we have chess and debating aggregations.

Intramurals have also taken tremendous strides. Schedules have already been completed in basketball and ping-pong under the direction of Howard Danzig, '50, and plans include inter-class competition in bowling, handball, boxing and swimming. Aaron Landes, '51, and Cy Schor, '50, supervise intramural debating and chess respectively.

Publication of the Maccabean, which proved an outstanding success the past season, will be resumed with renewed intensity this vear under A. Ellery Sokolow, '49, Editor-in-Chief, and Bert Rogoway, '51, Managing Editor. The Maccabean is a paper devoted exclusively to a report of all athletic activities and functions in the school, but primarily those of intramurals.

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Mr. Eyssell pointed out that this was the largest number of scholarships raised by the industry since the formation of the fund in 1939.

Dean Sar Reports

(Continued from Page 1) previous trips, Mr. Sar stated that there has been a marked "upswing in Anti-Semitism among the Germans." He also expressed the opinion that the Jews in Germany would be in danger of their lives the minute U.S. occupation forces were withdrawn. "The Jews of Germany and Austria definitely must leave," declared Mr. Sar. "The first and foremost problem is then to get these Jews out of the concentration camps."

Condolences

The entire study body extends heartfelt condolences to Norman Lamm '49, and Maurice Lamm '51, on the loss of their beloved grandfather.

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paratory division of the University are: Irving Astrachan, Alvin Kamber and Alvin Schiff, two recent graduates of Yeshiva.

The new appointments include seven alumni of Yeshiya University's various divisions,

Letter to the Editor

(Continued from Page 2) dictability of the nature of all candidates.

Hence, voting this year is, in my opinion, one of the gravest responsibilities-too grave to be trifled with. It is for this reason that I urge absence from the polls this year. Let us not interfere with a matter beyond our control.

Respectfully,

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