

Tribute Paid To Dr. Klotz At Assembly

A memorial meeting for the late Dr. Nathan Klotz was held in the Harry Fischel Synagogue on Sunday, February 12.

The first speaker at the memorial assembly, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers Institute, stressed the importance of Dr. Klotz' influence on his students. He also pointed out that the memorial meeting was held at this late date because at the time of Dr. Klotz' death he could not be properly eulogized.

Rabbi Burack Speaks

Rabbi Aaron D. Burack spoke of Dr. Klotz as a teacher and pedagogue. He said that Dr. Klotz was one who learnt, taught and carried out his teachings.

Rabbi Morris Besdin, a former student of Dr. Klotz, laid stress upon his personality and love of study. The speaker recalled the vast amount of preparation done by Dr. Klotz for each of his lectures.

Called "Geniza"

The final speaker was Dr. Glatzer who noted that even in his earlier years Dr. Klotz had already earned such a reputation in Breslau that he was called "Geniza."

With the exception of Rabbi Besdin, who spoke in English, the other three eulogies were delivered in Hebrew.

The meeting concluded with a prayer for the deceased.

Academic Freedom Discussed At Talk

"Repressive measures against academicians would only invite conspiracy and deceit," declared Dr. Ralph E. Himstead, executive secretary, American Association of University Professors, in a speech delivered at Graduate Hall on Monday, February 13.

Speaking on the "Limits of Academic Freedom," Dr. Himstead said that at present, when the hopes of the world are based on freedom and when this country is contributing billions of dollars to strengthen the free nations of Western Europe, it is important that we evidence our confidence in the principles of freedom which we espouse and to which we are so deeply committed.

Dr. Himstead stated that professors and teachers in this country have the great responsibility of clarifying to the American public the meaning of freedom and that the risks of freedom are nothing compared with the risks of repression. The teachers in American colleges and universities should be uninhibited in their instruction by repressive directives either from administrative officers, the institution's governing board, or by outside interference, political or otherwise, he maintained.

Asserting that "the limits of academic freedom are the limits of freedom," Dr. Himstead declared that freedom encourages individual responsibility, while repression, irresponsibility.

Dr. Himstead was presented to the gathering by Dr. Benjamin Fine, Education Editor, The New York Times, and Visiting Professor at Yeshiva University.

Keller Tenders Resignation As Open Class Nite Passes

S. C. Revokes Previous Decision At Special Session, 8-4; American Jewish History Week, Music Society Discussed

At a special Student Council meeting held on February 23 at 8:30 p.m. in Room 405, S.C. President Henry Keller '51 tendered his resignation as president because S.C. voted 8-4 to sponsor a class nite with outside guests attending.

Mr. Keller called the special meeting as a result of a petition signed by a majority of council members for the purpose of reconsidering the "open class nite" resolution, defeated at an S.C. meeting held on Wednesday night, February 15 in the dormitory room of Henry Keller. The voting then was tied 4-4 and Mr. Keller cast the deciding vote against an "open class nite." The request for the special meeting was made on the ground that with a considerable amount of S.C. members being absent at the meeting of February 15 it would not be right to consider the decision made then as final.

Keller's Stand

During the discussion which preceded the vote at the February 15 meeting, Mr. Keller declared that if the motion of an open class nite is passed, he will find it necessary to resign since it would be a violation of a tacit agreement with those who supported his election.

At that meeting it was also decided to run a symposium during Jewish History Week on "The Future Role of Yeshiva in American Jewish Life."

Music Society

A charter for a Philharmonic Organization in Yeshiva was granted by S.C. at the meeting of February 23. The purpose of the organization is to sponsor record concerts and lectures on music.

Another issue taken up at that meeting was the newly established canteen service. S.C. members felt that it is unjustifiable to have a service at Yeshiva which charges higher prices than those at neighborhood grocery stores. It was decided that, unless a satisfactory agreement is reached with the canteen service, S.C. is to inaugurate a canteen service of its own which will sell milk and cake at minimum prices.

Yeshiva Varsity Debates Temple

The Yeshiva College Debating Society held its first event of the season in a non-decision debate with Temple University on Wednesday evening, February 8, in the Dormitory Social Hall. The topic was "Resolved: That the Federal Government should nationalize the basic non-agricultural industries;" Dr. David Fleisher, associate professor of English, was judge.

Aaron Landes '51 and Robert Rosen '53, holding the affirmative for Y.C., maintained that capital in its quest for profit is depleting our natural resources, and that the services rendered by capital have been inadequate.

N.Y.U. Matches Scheduled

Dave Hennessey and Jack Gilson, speaking for the negative, held that private capital can do the same services cheaper than the government can, and that government ownership of industries will lead to bureaucracy.

David Rosenhan '51, president of the society, announced that debates are scheduled at Yeshiva with New York University on Wednesday, March 8; with the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 9; and with N.Y.U. (Heights) on Monday, March 13.

Teams To Go On Tours

He also disclosed that a team consisting of Jacob Schoenfeld

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Chag Ha-Smicha

Almost one hundred rabbis will formally receive their "Smicha," rabbinical ordination, at a convocation to be held Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m., in the Nathan Lamport Auditorium. The convocation is the thirteenth in the history of the Seminary.

Israeli Statesman Discusses Knesset

Mr. Eliezer Libenstein, a member of Mapai and representative in the Israeli Parliament, discussed "The Knesset and the Jewish State" on Tuesday, February 7.

Israeli jurisprudence, the condition of the Sephardic Jews in Israel, religious and secular education in the new Jewish State, and other social, economic, and political aspects of Israel were discussed.

The lecture was the third in a series of lectures sponsored by Tail Piyoth, and was presided over by Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky.

T.I. Purim Chagiga To Show Operetta

The annual Purim Chagiga of the Teachers Institute to be held in Stern's Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 2, will feature an original operetta written and directed by Gustave Solomon '51.

The affair will include renditions by the T.I. quartet consisting of Bill Solomon, Shragal Arian, Bob Kurtzman, and Louis Burack. Grammen will be sung, and group dancing will take place.

The Purim issue of Lapid, Teachers Institute student publication, will be distributed at the affair.

Congrats

The Commentator extends its heartiest congratulations to Herbert M. Pollock '48, upon his recent marriage to Selma Blender, and to Zwi Beitner '51, upon his marriage to Riva Bodeck.

The 'Modern Ba'al Tshuva' Discussed By Prof. Glatzer

At a fireside chat held on Monday, February 6, at the Dormitory Social Hall, Dr. Nachum Glatzer, Professor of Jewish History and Bible at Yeshiva College and the Teachers Institute, spoke before a capacity audience of one hundred on the topic "The Way of the Modern Ba'al Tshubah—From Philosophy to Religion."

Dr. Glatzer depicted, as the modern Ba'al Tshubah, Franz Rosenzweig, who, coming from a West-European assimilated family, found his way back to Judaism. Rosenzweig was specially bothered by the fact that the philosophy of his period dealt with man as a whole and not as an individual. This made Rosenzweig realize the value of religion which, in his opinion, grants man a pre-eminent place.

In his book, "The Star of Redemption," Rosenzweig deals with those questions which can only be answered by religion. As over Christianity, which assumes man to be born as a pagan who has to be educated toward his father in heaven, Judaism advocates God as a starting point for the understanding of man.

In his translation of the Bible, together with Martin Buber, Rosenzweig tries to make understandable to man that the Bible is the book in which God is speaking to the individual and that Bible exegesis constitutes but a secondary aspect for the understanding of the Bible.

Library Publication Issued This Month

The February issue of "Among The Shelves," a monthly mimeographed publication of the Yeshiva College library staff, has come out with its second issue last week. The publication contains an article on library catalogues, an enumeration of the latest book-additions to the Y.C. library, and an appeal to the students to get books for the College library.

Dr. Katz Asserts Med School Need

"A Jewish-sponsored Medical School is a powerful force that will go a long way towards destroying racial and religious bigotry," declared Dr. Elihu Katz, president of the Society for the Establishment of a Medical School at Yeshiva University, at the society's dinner, held on Sunday, February 5, at the Commodore Hotel.

At the dinner, Samuel Levy, chairman of Y.U.'s Board of Trustees, presented Dr. Katz with a certificate introducing him into the ranks of the National Board of Y.U.

Brenner, Shapiro Elected To S.C.

Mark Brenner '51, was elected president of the lower Senior class by a vote of 9-5 over Victor Solomon, and Irwin Shapiro defeated Fred Klein, 7-1, for Freshman class president in Student Council elections held on Monday, February 13. David Gottesman, unopposed, was unanimously elected vice-president of the Freshman group.

Elections were also scheduled for vice-president of the lower Senior class and for president and vice-president of the lower Sophomore class, but since there were no nominations for these positions, postponements were necessitated.

Student Placement Offers Hotel Jobs

The Student Placement Service is now handling applications for Passover and summer positions in hotels. The Placement Service has jobs for camp counselors, waiters, and bus boys.

The office is open from 1-3 daily in Room 223 in the Dormitory.

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The Height Of Indifference

The basic need for student government and student activities arises from the assumption that the student body constitutes a community that takes interest in school affairs and shares a sense of responsibility for them. This year, the lack of responsibility and the failing of taking an active interest in school affairs has reached its height.

This statement is evidenced by the fact that the Lower Sophomore class failed to elect at its February election a President and Vice-President for class representation at Student Council simply because no one bothered to circulate a petition for nomination. Similarly, the Lower Senior class did not have a candidate for the office of Vice-President. In the Lower Freshmen class, out of thirty registered students, only ten made use of their right to cast their ballot.

Even if we take into account the complaint of a few freshmen that they were not informed of the election, this still does not justify the almost complete lack of participation in school affairs. It seems more plausible to assume that Y.C. students are essentially individualists who refuse to participate in the life of the community they live in.

The consequences of such an attitude might very well signify the abolition of student government. It might constitute the loss of the students' right to voice their opinion and decide on matters that affect their well-being in the institution. A community that refuses to care for its own government is bound to be dominated by an authoritarian government which does not allow for democracy.

It has been well said: People get the kind of government they deserve.

A Dramatic Decision

By the time this issue is released and circulated, the Student Council may have reversed its earlier decision not to conduct an open class nite affair this semester. At any rate, that such a decision was originally, if only tentatively, reached, is a bad omen, and takes Yeshiva back approximately two decades.

It is a well known fact that such affairs have been held in the past, as recently as last semester, and that they were always well attended and appreciated by students and outside guests. To eliminate open class nites now, not only deprives the students of the opportunity to show their school to friends and relatives, but actually diminishes student interest in the extra-curricular activities.

Sports and dramatics are just about the only extra-curricular activities which permit participation on the part of the entire student body, either actively or in the capacity of spectators. Yet this year's student council, at one time or another, has found it necessary to oppose measures supporting both.

We cannot help but admire Mr. Keller's honest stand in saying he will resign should the council eventually pass any measure which he, as council president, finds in opposition to his principles. He seems to possess a sincerity rarely found in office holders.

At the same time, the present situation indicates a basic failing on the part of S.C. members. Apparently only half of the class officials thought the matter important enough to attend the meeting.

It is this combination of indifference and the attitudes of those individuals who keep the "Yeshiva" and drop the "College" from the school name, which is working to develop a prototype of provinciality at Yeshiva.

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Meet The Faculty

Yeshiva Men Should Inspire Community, Says Dr. Glatzer

By Philip Finkelstein

"What I would like to see at Yeshiva is a whole generation of warm, fully believing Jews. The Jewish scholars should not be only men of knowledge but they should be able to inspire the entire American Jewish world by the firmness of their convictions."

This statement by Dr. Nahum Glatzer, professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva, should go a long way in dispelling the long held notion that Jewish scholarship outside the Talmud is essentially of a cold nature.

Teacher And Editor

Dr. Glatzer himself is well known as both a scholar and popularizer, thus embodying in his own works the ideal of Talmid Chochom and Ish Maaseh. His books include "Interpretation of History by the Tanaim," "History of the Talmudic Time," "Moses ben Maimon," "In Time and Eternity," and "A Midrash Reader," an anthology in English. At present, Dr. Glatzer, in addition to his courses in the college and T. I., is editor of Schocken Books.

Dr. Glatzer's past is a varied one and perhaps has contributed to his broad outlook concerning Jewish affairs. A graduate of the Yeshiva and of the University of Frankfurt (they evidently didn't believe in synthesis), he was professor of Jewish History at the University from 1931 through 1933.

Maybe I'm Wrong

By Perry London

From my point of view, the Birkat Cohanin has long since been replaced in this institution by the sign on the gates of hell, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." I was certainly mistaken, though, in thinking that that motto applied only to students, faculty, secretaries, and janitors. It has recently been interpreted by the administration as applying to book and Taleisim salesmen as well.

A university, in theory at least, exists for the sake of its students. Anyone, therefore, who provides a service for the students which the university does not, or provides a service better than one the university does, has a perfect right to continue offering that service as long as it constitutes a good. The bookseller was offering his service at a much lower price than any outside bookdealer or the Co-op Bookstore. The Mocher Taleisim was selling goods which cannot be purchased anywhere within the Yeshiva. Forcing them to leave, which exercise may have added to the Police Force appetite, also added to the students' difficulties in procuring religious articles at a low cost.

The administration's reasons for such action are understandable. The lobbies and halls of Yeshiva obviously were not created for running a bazaar. Whoever opens one there may very well be a trespasser. On the other hand, he might not be. These particular "rejects" were not.

Maybe I'm wrong—but I doubt it.

The next four years, Dr. Glatzer spent in Israel, then Palestine, writing and lecturing on Jewish History and acting in charge of education in the Vaad Leumi.

Avid Zionist

Arriving in America in 1939, and before coming to the Yeshiva, he taught at Hebrew Theological College in Chicago and the Hebrew Teachers College of Boston where he was Professor of Rabbinic Literature.

An avid Zionist, Dr. Glatzer be-

lieves in Israel as the center of the Jewish world, although he does not deny the importance of the Golah.

"We cannot and would not demand that a life that has been going on for so long and has developed so many magnificent products as the Golah has, should be dispersed with completely. On the contrary," added Dr. Glatzer, "the American Jewish community has great possibilities, especially if we have leaders with as much enthusiasm as Yeshiva students."

Save the back-patting, the reason Dr. Glatzer is still favorably impressed with the students here is that he gives such an interesting and stimulating course that they actually enjoy taking Jewish History for the first time.

Meet The Seniors



Friedman, Armin Harry—One of Yeshiva's more fortunate Psych. students, Harry behaved himself and was allowed to finish his major. No renegade, he's put in enough hours in the Beth Hamedrash to aspire to the rabbinate.

Although he's known as the serious type, tall, blond Harry has already run out of numbers in Bensonhurst and Williamsburg and is now looking around for local talent.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Harry's interests are not all Bohemian. He considers his college days the golden years of his life and would rather stay here than venture into the big, bad world.

Hertzberg, Isalah—"Shaiky" was born on Feb. 12, but had to wait almost twenty years for the Co-op to build him a book-filled log cabin on the fourth floor.

A mathematical statistician, he is a "buky" in recreation. He became a philatelist by saving all the stamps on letters from his home in Baltimore. At Chaim Berlin, he decided he'd go to Israel only with the coming of the Messiah, preferably a size twelve, blonde one.

An English minor, "Shaiky" still finds it less profitable reading books than selling them. He voted against dramatics at Yeshiva because he finds the dances at J.T.S. good enough.

Gewartz, Werner—Gewartz's origin is disputable. Born in Alsace-Lorraine, Werner never knew whether to "oui" or "ja" so he came to Yeshiva and "nu'ed. A professional globe-trotter, Werner makes weekly trips to "filly" where he unravels his hexa-lingual line to the tune of "Cielito Lindo."

The family tepee having been set-up at Montreal, Werne attended McGill University for two years where he developed an interest in Psychology. He's quite content here as a Social Science major and hopes to combine his wanderlust and propensity for public speaking in a lecture tour discussing "Good Rhumbas mean Good Neighbors." As preparation for his ambassador role, Werne is now being diplomitized.

Haberman, Jacob—1939 wasn't only a bad year for the U. S. Over in Zurich, Switzerland was suffering the catastrophe of Haberman's birth. They got rid of him quickly, though, sneaking him into Italy, where he qualified himself for the presidency of Eranos by studying inscriptions on the sewers of Rome.

Under his brother's influence, he enlisted for subgartelian activities, but, finding the ways of God too obscure, quit early. Looking forward to an ambulance-chasing career, Jacob has become a good friend of Dr. Brody. His promiscuous activities in Dr. Floch's classes provide intensive training in the subtleties of the art.

Letter To The Editor

I have often felt myself prompted to send letters to The Commentator but have never found the issue to concern a matter of great enough importance. I, however, find such now. The matter happens to be myself, and this is of obvious importance.

With regard to my Senior write-up, you may have written things about myself which were not true or which are of trivial significance and of no interest to anyone, but when you ruin a good pun, I must protest. A "Commie" correspondent approached me on my write-up, and I gave him the information, and told him what the first line should be. The epithet was to be "an individual of great length, wit, and depth, but no

time," etc. That is a meaningful remark, not what you wrote. Any individual who would omit wit, lacks it.

Besides, I do not intend to disprove the latest theory of relativity, as you claim, and I hate school and hope to continue my education once I'm out. My plans of visiting Israel are definitely uncertain and my ambition is to do creative work in mathematics, as I have been doing, and whatever else fancies me. I'm serious.

Sincerely yours,
William Frank '50

Commentator sincerely apologizes for changing the first line of Mr. Frank's write-up. As his letter illustrates, he is clearly a person of great wit.—Ed.