

Dr. Fleischer Chats On Lit.

Dr. David Fleischer, associate professor of English at Yeshiva College, lectured on "The Old Testament in English Literature" at a Fireside Chat on Tuesday, March 21 in the Dormitory Social Hall.

Dr. Fleischer stated that biblical references have been found throughout English Literature, among other things, in the form of similes, such as in Keat's "Ode to a Nightingale," or as subject material, such as in Milton's "Samson Agonistes." "But," explained Dr. Fleischer, "what is of more importance than the mere prevalence of biblical quotations and references in literature is the interpretation given to that material by the authors."

For illustrations of various interpretations of biblical material, Dr. Fleischer cited an early Anglo-Saxon work, "Exodus," and a poem by Browning, "Soul." In "Exodus," Teutonic bellicosity is exemplified by the crossing of the Red Sea. Similarly in Browning's "Soul," Saul's "sickness" is interpreted as melancholia or Weltschmerz.

"The thing to be noticed is how a biblical theme is transformed according to the psychology of the period and the character of the writer," reiterated Dr. Fleischer.

A discussion period followed in which modern trends to religion and interpretations of the Bible in contemporary literature were mentioned.

Federal Support Of Ed. Analyzed

"Federal financial assistance to education is inevitable and will continue to increase at least until Congress has the courage and conviction necessary to change the present tax structure," stated Dr. Francis J. Brown, executive secretary of the American Council on Education, on Monday, March 6, at Graduate Hall. Dr. Brown, speaking on "Federal Relationships to Education" was the second speaker in the series of lectures dealing with "Current Issues in American Education."

The speaker criticized the American Medical Association for its opposition to federal aid to medical schools.

"The American public and the government will demand health service. They will no longer permit any organization or group to block the aid necessary to provide the expansion of such service in proportion to the expanding need," said Dr. Brown.

The next lecture in the series will be by Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, on Monday, March 27, on "Religion and Education."

Congrats

The Commentator extends its best wishes to Mr. Dan Vogel of the Department of English on his marriage to Miss Sybil Ehrenfeld on Saturday, March 25.

Varsity Debates Fordham, Rutgers

Yeshiva College debated against Fordham, Rutgers, and the University of Pennsylvania last week on the National topic: Resolved that the U.S. should nationalize the basic non-agricultural industries. Yeshiva maintained the affirmative twice and the negative once, registering a score of 1-1, and one non-decision.

On Friday, March 9, Aaron Landes '51 and Nisson Shulman '52, maintaining the affirmative, lost to the University of Pennsylvania, 30-29. Joseph Erushalmy '52 and Gilbert Rosenthal '53 met Fordham's representatives on Wednesday, March 14, and won.

The schedule of home debates following the Passover holiday was announced by Mr. Rosenhan, president of the Debating Society, as follows:

U.S. Naval Academy, April 14.
Columbia University, April 17.
Brooklyn College, April 18.
Howard University, April 19.
Brooklyn College (at Brooklyn), April 25.
Princeton University, date undecided.

Professors Speak At Language Clubs

Professor Tricaud, professor of philosophy at the Lycee Francais in New York, spoke on Existentialism at a meeting of "Circle Francais," the French Society, on Thursday evening, March 16.

The lecture traced the development of Existentialism after the World War, showing its origin to be a loss of the feeling of security which leads to indifference to the practical problems of life.

French films were shown preceding the lecture.

Dr. Maurice E. Chernowitz, assistant professor of French and Spanish at Yeshiva College, addressed "La Tertulia," Y.C.'s Spanish club, on "The Outstanding Representatives of Spanish Art."

After analyzing the general characteristics of Spanish art, Dr. Chernowitz discussed the artistic works of Goya, Velasquez, Murillo, and El Greco.

Faculty Notes

Rabbi Leo Jung, professor of Philosophy at Y. U., has been elected president of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has also been elected vice-president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America.

Rabbi Jung's translation of the Tractate Arakhim has recently appeared in the Soncino edition of the Talmud. His second edition of "Israel Of Tomorrow" (in two volumes) will appear at the beginning of April.

Dr. Arnold N. Lowan, professor of Physics, was sworn in as Consultant to the Ballistics Research Laboratories at a conference at Aberdeen Proving Grounds on Monday, February 20. Dr. Lowan, who was formerly head of the Computation Laboratory of the National Bureau of Standards, which he organized in 1938, left his position last June to assume his duties of Professor of Physics at Y. U. on a full time basis.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, lecturer in Political Science lectured on Jewish Jurisprudence before a class at Temple University on Wednesday, March 9. The lecture was also attended by lawyers of the neighboring communities.

Dr. Soloveitchik Addresses Packed Semicha Exercises



Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik

I.R.S. Hears Talk By Prof. Kemeny

Dr. John Kemeny, noted atomic mathematician of Princeton University, spoke on "World Government" on Wednesday evening, March 15, at Riets Hall, in a talk arranged by the International Relations Society.

"The importance and urgency of the problem of world government can not be over-evaluated; any other problem shrinks to insignificance by comparison," explained Dr. Kemeny. It was for this reason that he began to take an active part in the United World Federalists' Organization.

"Because of present evils and drawbacks in the United Nations, among them the use of the veto power and the lack of a police force, the United World Federalists believe that true world peace can only come about through an international body," he stated. "The world government would have a police force that would be the dominant force in the world."

In refutation of the common argument that Communism will not be compatible with Capitalism, Dr. Kemeny stressed the point that "the purpose of World Government is not to get the United States and Russia together, but to keep them apart."

Discusses Jewish Traditional Stand On Contemporary Social Problems

"The Jewish tradition is based essentially on two principles, the principle of intellectual activity and of forming a well regulated life," declared Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik at the thirteenth Chag Hasemicha convocation, held on Sunday, March 12, at Lamport Auditorium, before an overflow crowd of three thousand people.

"The Beth Hamedrash is the center of Jewish intellectual activity, of the abstract, theoretical tradition," Dr. Soloveitchik continued. "The Jewish home, however, is the reality of Torah. Judaism is only to be understood in terms of these two institutions," he asserted.

Talpioth Sponsors Hellenism Lecture

Professor Moshe Schwaabe of the Hebrew University discussed the Hellenistic influence on the Jewish Community in Palestine, at the Boris Smolin Tal-pioth lecture on Thursday, March 16, in Riets Hall.

Whereas Roman culture had no effect on the Jews whatsoever, said the speaker, Hellenism became an intrinsic part of Jewish life. "This bi-culturalism was responsible for the existence and preservation of the Jewish nation under Greek and Roman dominion," he declared.

Cities, tombs, theatres, and coins which have been unearthed during the last few decades have shed light on Jewish life during the Second Commonwealth and during the first century of Christianity. The speaker quoted from numerous Talmudic and Greek sources dealing with the above-mentioned period and also noted that recent excavations in the Negev have discovered the ancient city of Chultza.

Professor Samuel K. Mirsky, editor of Talpioth, was chairman of the evening.

T. I. Inaugurates Hebrew Debates

The Teachers Institute met Herzliah Institute in a Hebrew debate on Sunday night, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Science Lecture Hall on the topic: Resolved, that all Zionist Organizations in America be merged into one organization. T. I., maintaining the affirmative, was awarded the decision.

T. I. was represented by Leon S. Levy '51 and Shlomo Levin '49, while Miss Sue Schiff and Matthew Mermelstein debated for Herzliah.

The debate was under the chairmanship of David Mogilner '51 of T. I., and marked the first time the Teachers Institute has entered interscholastic competition.

Community Service

The Office of Community Administration was merged with the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America on Wednesday, March 15, Rabbi Irwin Gordon, director, declared.

Dr. Soloveitchik stated that Judaism is to be identified with Halachah (Jewish law). "Only halachic Judaism can be sustained historically. The philosophical language of Judaism, on the other hand, is similar to the one used in Christianity and Mohammedanism. It is significant that the first step of early Christianity was to eliminate the Halachah thus making it a religion based only on sentiment and metaphysics."

Directing his remarks to the musmachim, Dr. Soloveitchik pointed out that the Semicha constitutes the symbol of Torah continuity. "This continuity provides for constant creativity and gives Judaism its dynamic character," he said. "The application of Halachah is by no means limited to questions of a ritual nature but offers an approach of its own towards the social, economical, and political problems that confront society."

Dr. Soloveitchik also took issue with the commonly accepted conception of Tzedaka (social righteousness). He stated that in our times it has degenerated into a 'dollar philanthropy.' Tzedaka, however, constitutes an approach towards life, in identifying oneself with the fate of one's fellow man.

The convocation was opened by President Samuel Belkin, who addressed the assembled in Yiddish and English. Samuel Levy, chairman of the board of trustees of Yeshiva University, delivered a short address of welcome, recalling the memory of Dr. Bernard Revel, the Yeshiva's founder and first president.

Talpioth Features Works Of Hameiri

"Chapters of the Book of Teshuva by R. Menachem Hameiri" by Prof. Samuel K. Mirsky is the leading article in the latest issue of Talpioth, a quarterly published by Yeshiva University under the editorship of Prof. Mirsky.

Other notes and discourses on the books of R. Menachem Hameiri were written by Prof. Abraham Sofer and Rabbi Yeruhim Lainer and Isaiah Epstein.

Among other articles included in the issue are "The Nuptials of the Prophet Hosea—Imaginary or Real?" by Prof. Joshua Finkel and "Jerusalem—Capital of Israel" by Israel Zeev Hurwitz.

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Past, Present, And Future

Anniversaries are traditionally times to view the past with pride and the future with hope, and to measure ourselves against the record of those who have preceded us.

Commentator has much reason to survey its past with pride. These pages record the stories of many who have done their work loyally and well, sometimes at great cost to themselves. True, they also chronicle the dubious achievements of many who acted basely or ignobly, sordid tales of chicanery and betrayal from all sides. But on the whole, we seem justified in assessing our past with restrained admiration.

Judging our present position is somewhat more difficult. We cannot look past our last issue without wincing. Ever willing to realize that the task of Commentator is to publish the news, represent the students, and fight for what it considers the right, we often find our practice lagging behind our theory. We can only rededicate ourselves to the tradition of free, courageous, and impartial journalism which this newspaper has tried to foster and to the work of realizing an actuality, the potentialities for good which it has always possessed.

If we review the past with not unmixed pride and the present with well founded modesty, we must view the future with misgivings. The ever tightening net of administrative control grows increasingly menacing. While we face the future with quite a determination to do our duty, we cannot help noticing the indications that the days of a free press and a free student body at Yeshiva are numbered. It is our sincerest hope that our apprehensions are groundless.

The Alumni Association

The recent success of the Alumni-Faculty affair, the first in a decade, marks at least formally the reassuming of activities of the Y.C. Alumni Association. The affair was not only successful as far as entertainment and liveliness are concerned, but from a standpoint of interest and attendance as well. The Dean, many faculty members, and a goodly number of graduates all saw fit to attend.

The neglectful conditions under which the association has worked in the past, have long been a source of disappointment to many students who saw the need for strengthening the ties between a school and its graduates. It was indeed strange that in a small school like ours, where close relationships always existed among and between faculty and students, there should be such difficulty encountered in organizing the Alumni. But, then again, the school and its graduates were young and perhaps they are first now coming into their own.

As an afterthought, we might, however, consider that the Alumni as the students of yesteryear are probably only reflecting the attitude of the Yeshiva student down through the school's history. While the feelings of friendship and the ties, themselves, are rather strong, efforts are rarely unified and directed towards the achievement of a common cause. The leaders have always been there; it was the following that lagged behind.

It is with these thoughts in mind, then, that we observe the activities of the Alumni association. We wish it success and sincerely hope that it may not fall victim to the same Yeshiva lethargy that has killed many a hopeful student movement.

We should like to urge the Class of '50 to lead the way and join the Alumni immediately upon graduation. Perhaps some resourceful seniors would be willing to round up their classmates in advance and make arrangements with the Alumni office, which is situated in Graduate Hall.

If such a procedure were arranged and followed, it would be possible to have a powerful and responsible Alumni to take an active part and to carry weight in Yeshiva affairs.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In the past, I have read "Meet the Senior" write-ups with considerable enjoyment. The cracks were always made in good fun—even if not always in good taste—and were taken as such by the student body.

It is quite another thing, however, when the column assumes overtones of bitterness, stoops to the level of vicious slander, and becomes the tool of the writer's personal vengeance.

I wish to give voice to the strong objection of a large number of students to this recent development. If the effect was deliberate, the writer should be condemned for his smallness of spirit, and if unpremeditated, the column should in the future be written by someone with a better sense of humor.

The student publication must not serve to give expression to an insulting estimation of any student, especially when this estimation is necessarily completely subjective and yet the writer passes his responsibility to the paper by hiding behind a cloak of anonymity.

Respectfully,
Jack Adler '51

(We are sorry Mr. Adler does not enjoy our senior write-up anymore. We fear, however, that he bases his generalization on the instance of one particular write-up that appeared in our issue of March 12 and believe the general content of his letter to be an exaggeration.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Now that tempers have subsided and the open class nite controversy is closed, temporarily, at least, some of us thought we could return to the college man's favorite pastime—that of dissecting the sometimes ranting, sometimes casual comments of our professors.

But our professors have stopped ranting; they have even stopped commenting. Instead they are contenting themselves with the Book and are piously following, without deviation, all the instructions and explanations of their courses to be found in the catalogue.

The entire discussion of class nite, for example, was passed over with a lift of the eyebrow or a scholarly reference to "Paradise Lost"—and this by some of our more talkative professors.

This, as any serious college student knows, can not only be frustrating to the professor, but downright intellectually unfair to the student.

Frankly, we're not quite certain, yet, if this state of affairs is due to a decree issued from above, a new trend in progressive education, or self-punishment inflicted by the professors themselves.

All we do know is that a lot of us still feel a college to be a virtual "seat of stimulation." We certainly do not wish to agree with those who maintain that college can interfere with one's education.

Yours truly,
Shragai Arian, '50

Faculty, Alumni Get Together Celebrating Library Donation

By Alfred Solomon

The Yeshiva College Alumni Association decided to have an "open" affair without going to the polls to vote on it. This was the Association's first affair since Pearl Harbor Day, 1941, and its first mixer since 1939, sayeth Prof. Margalith, historian.

The affair held on Saturday night, March 18, at the Pollack Library, was called to honor the first installment of chemistry books for the College Library. The books were donated in the memory of Moshe Pearlstein.

M.C. Apologizes Rabbistically

Arriving late, M.C. David Mirsky '42, explained, rabbistically, that he had been glued to his radio listening to the basketball game (Yeshiva vs. Cooper Union). After concluding his sundry apologies he greeted the faculty who had turned out en masse to see their rich, former students, who in turn came to see if they could raise some old marks.

The entertainment was highlighted by Jack London, a self-styled magician, who told how he

wormed his way through Yeshiva, with illustrations of high class watch and wallet lifting. Jack brought along with him Nat Reagan, his face shining with T.V. paint (at least that's the excuse he gave for it), who mimicked some British and Russian battle scenes.

Chasidic Rendition Presented

A treat was served to the audience in the person of Chaim Ostrowsky, who is the founder of "Teatron Ivri," first Hebrew Theatre in Israel.

He gave an inspired and moving Chasidic rendition of "Sholom Aleichem," and also recited, to the pleasure of all, some Hebrew and Yiddish poems.

Following Mr. Ostrowsky's lead, Hal Miller '45, former Student Council President, offered a dramatic recital of Vachel Lindsay's "Congo." This was done much to the pleasure of the dramatics-starved students who sneaked in.

The evening was drawn to a close to the strains of the Yeshiva quartet, doing their usual, and with "Prof." Sonny Sklar doing his usual.

Meet The Seniors



Keller, Henry—A believer in the adage "Fight fire with fire," Henry fought open dramatics with the most dramatic performance of the year. It is to be hoped that he did not thereby set up any precedents for future S. C. presidents.

Now retired to the private life of the Beth Hamedrash, Henry is now happily arguing with all the people who agree with him. A native of Bayside, L. I., who travels extensively to the city and back, he finds little encouragement in the American-Jewish scene. He plans to go to Israel because of the plague of low-flying moral planes here. Quick, Henry, the Flit!

Lichtenstein, Joseph—Known as the darling of the Physics class, Joe managed to talk himself out of a brilliant career in science, while Prof Lowan cried at the loss of this potential Einstein. One man's loss being another man's loss, Joe is now taking his naps in the Political Science courses.

The adventurous type, Joe sometimes travels way down to Times Square if he's already seen every movie in the neighborhood. An active member of the Math Club, he has a perfect attendance at all their parties. He's now in Palayeff's shiur and intends to sit around until Smicha.

Lipschutz, Ismar—Commie's nominee for the "most tolerant student" award, Ismar is the only Agudanick who is friendly with Gershon Churgin. An erstwhile member of this paper's staff, he finds his own Or Chodosh, of which he is the sole editor, much closer to his uncompromising ideals.

Hereditarily or environmentally, "Red" had to turn out the way he is. His lineage goes back to

the founders of the Agudath Israel, where, his mother is now secretary. His background includes the Telser Yeshiva in Cleveland and the writings of Samson Raphael Hirsh. A student of Classical Languages, Ismar wants to teach in Israel and strengthen the religious bloc there.

Matlin, Norman—A pal of the Latin-American boys who never learned a word of Spanish, a chem major who never learned the difference between a test tube and a professor, Norm is the only man of principle left at Yeshiva. He is determined to learn nothing.

The great abstainer, Norm doesn't drink, smoke, cheat on exams, or complete lab courses. His only outlet is his mouth, which is large enough to accommodate both of his size twelve feet. This Bayonne boor keeps his yap open even while he sleeps in class. Norm the ghoul wants to be a Hebrew teacher so that he can do nothing and scare somebody at the same time.

Rapp, Ernest—Oscar Wilde wrote the play, but Rapp is the one who's really working at "The Importance of Being Ernest." Ernie has been so inspired by his Hebrew Literature courses that his ambition is to become a printer and publish the great works of his generation. As chairman of the Zionist Action Committee who acts, he raised enough food to put the Yeshiva campaign over the top last year and enough money to put the Lapid in business.

A Frankfurter, originally, Ernie is bound to yell "Hot Dog" at any responsibility and work. A sociology major, he combines just the right amount of naivete with a basic sincerity to make him the type of boy that everybody wants in this institution.

1935

Fifteen Years Of Publication

1950

1935-36

On March 1, 1935, The Commentator made its first appearance in Yeshiva College. The Governing Board and staffs included names which are now famous in Orthodox Jewish circles. Moses I. Feuerstein '36 was the founder and first editor-in-chief, Max Bernstein '36, associate editor, Simon Novick '36, managing editor, Mordecai Gabriel '37, news editor, William Kaufman '36, sports editor, and Seymour Kornfeld '36, business manager.

In the first editorials, "Commie" insisted that petty quibbling should not interfere with plans commemorating Maimonides' octocentennial. In another editorial, the lethargy of Orthodoxy in regard to Zionism was deplored.

"Histadruth" Attacked

The Commentator, in its first year, consistently attacked the anti-religious policy of the "Hista-



Moses I. Feuerstein

druth." But resented most was the inactivity of Orthodoxy. Orthodox rabbinical societies were sharply reproached for their aloofness from Zionist affairs.

On April 8, 1935, "Commie" was able to publish that the lectures on Maimonides would be given. It began an intensive campaign to introduce Hebrew, Jewish philosophy, and Jewish history into the curriculum of the college. When Yeshiva authorities were considering instituting a Department of Business Administration, "Commie" objected claiming that before expansion in that direction was feasible, it was necessary to integrate more closely the college and Jewish studies.

Censorship Opposed

In one of its earnest issues, The Commentator cried out successfully against a threat of censorship by the administration. It suggested several constructive criticisms aimed at raising Yeshiva's scholastic standing. For the first time, a suggested Faculty-Student Relations Committee attracted serious attention by both the students and the administration.

The very first issue of the new volume carried an editorial denouncing all rumors to the effect that a faculty advisor to the "Commie" would be appointed. It greeted the incorporation of the Hebrew department into the college, a program that was due in no small measure to the continual editorializing of "Commie" on that subject. The Governing Board first welcomed the appointment of Dr. Samuel Belkin to the faculty on November 21, 1935. In the same editorial, however, it opposed the addition of another instructor to the philosophy department. It pointed out that because of limited finances, it would be more advantageous to the student body to introduce instead much-needed courses, such as education and embryology.

"Commie" did not neglect the every day problems of the student.

It constantly advocated editorially the installment of a locker room, the improvement of the library, and was consistently concerned with the physical appearance of the school. The first presentation of the Dramatic Society, "Journey's End," was given an enthusiastic reception by the student body and "Commie" kept the students informed of the progress of the production.

1936-37

The Governing Board of 1936-37 was confronted with one of the most antagonistic programs ever presented by the faculty—the five year plan. Mordecai Gabriel '37 was the new editor-in-chief, Eliezer Goldman '37 became managing editor; Gershon Appel '37, news editor; Abraham Novick '37, sports editor; and Myron Saal '38, business manager.

In December, 1936, Student Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning the five year plan. The faculty's substitute plan which would have permitted cum laude students to graduate in four years was rejected as meaningless. A strong student stand resulted in the gradual deterioration of the plan and in the raising of scholastic standards generally.

Appointment of Dean Urged

The week between April 7 and April 14, 1937, was highlighted by the jubilee commemorating the establishment of the Yeshiva, and was given much space in "Commie." Two thousand children made a pilgrimage to the Yeshiva and some of the most outstanding Jews in



Mordecai Gabriel

America participated in the celebration, which also honored Dr. Revel, of sainted memory.

The student body, in conjunction with the alumni, began a drive for the appointment of a dean to relieve Dr. Revel of the laborious executive work of the college. A campaign to facilitate registration was also inaugurated by "Commie." It appealed to the students for support of the library. Increased participation in extra-curricular affairs, such as Debating and the Dramatic Societies, made the first page.

Meanwhile "Commie" continued to maintain its policy of opposing aggression and militarism. It commented on the international situation referring particularly to the Spanish Civil War. Nor was the student body permitted to forget its obligations to the Zionist cause. They were urged to buy "Shekels" and support the religious element. In an editorial, "Much Ado About Nothing," the Governing Board commented on the Agudath Hara-bonim convention and pointed out that in a four day session, the rabbis had successfully avoided all main issues and accomplished exactly nothing.

1937-38

The academic year 1937-38 found The Commentator, under the able leadership of A. Leo Levin '39, fighting the ill-famed five year plan to a successful conclusion. With the Governing Board consisting of Arnold Miller '39, managing editor, Morris A. Landes '39, news editor, W. Herzl Freed '39, sports editor, and Jacob Goldman '40, business manager, "Commie" was in good hands.

The paper, on behalf of the student body, urged that the faculty membership of the scholarship committee be increased and that a special faculty committee be appointed to study the curriculum. It pleaded for expansion of the library and for better lighting. A questionnaire, first printed in The Commentator to register the opinions of the new freshmen,



A. Leo Levin

was circulated by Student Council.

The numerous editorials urging the selection of a dean, started the year before, finally resulted in the appointment of Dr. Moses L. Isaacs to the position. After "Commie" had protested time and time again the interference of faculty members in the S.O.Y. election, it, in conjunction with "Hazedek," succeeded in solving the problem satisfactorily. It sponsored a course in journalism for its reporters, and suggested that a course in the history of Zionism be required for graduation.

In February, W. Herzl Freed '39, resigned and Jerome Kestenbaum '39, was made news editor, Morris A. Landes '39, became sports editor, and the position of business manager was still held by Jacob Goldman '40.

1938-39

With Arnold J. Miller '39 as editor-in-chief, Jerome Kestenbaum '39 filling the position of managing editor, Philip Kaplan '39 as news editor, Jacob Goldman '40, promoted to sports editor, and Max Kleiman '39 replacing him as business manager, The Commentator continued its crusading for student welfare.

The first sore spot hit was the Tennenbaum regime in the cafeteria. As a result, a committee was appointed to take charge of the dining room and the stipend rate was reduced. Other problems tackled were the lack of fire extinguishers in the building, and the terrible basketball conditions on Yeshiva's home court. A college lounge and a social hall were demanded, and the latter eventually obtained. A vocational guidance system was suggested and put into effect.

That year's "Commie" introduced a series of cartoons, "Moish" Epstein's "Drama Ticks" column and feature articles. A pleasant innovation was the gay, garish, green Purim edition. In this special

issue, the staff poked subtle fun at the school, the officials, the faculty, and themselves. Among the laugh-provoking stories was



Arnold J. Miller

the one celebrating the "discovery" of a girl(?) on the Yeshiva College swimming team.

1939-40

Under the editorship of Hyman Chanover '41, the following were selected to the Governing Board of The Commentator for 1939-'40: Ephraim Mandelcorn '41, Julius Rosenthal '42, Abe Karp '42, and Philip Gorodetzer '40.

As the guns of war began to rumble in Europe, The Commentator gave expression editorially to its opinions on current national and international issues. In a front-page editorial it attacked the petty filibustering and the narrow isolationism of the United States Senate.

In the columns, Morris Epstein turned a critical eye on the Rialto as he wrote of "Drama Ticks." The Commentator urged "Let Us Support Dramatics" and gave impetus to the production of Rolland's "The Wolves." The Debating Society went on a lengthy tour and drew the plaudits of the critics.

Among the accomplishments of



Hyman Chanover

The Commentator that year was aiding in lowering of the ten-dollar registration fee, and in the establishment of a Faculty-Student Vocational Guidance Committee. The latter was a committee whose need was long felt among the students at Yeshiva.

1940-41

The Commentator of 1940-41 had the heart-rending task of proclaiming to the world the demise of Rabbi Dr. Bernard Revel, of sainted memory, founder, Rosh Hayeshiva, and president of Yeshiva College. A special memorial issue was jointly sponsored by the Yeshiva College Student Council and the Student Organization of Yeshiva. In answer to Dr. Revel's last words to his students, "The Yeshiva is yours to build," The Commentator voiced the feelings of the entire student body in vowing to perpetuate the ideals which he embodied, as a lasting tribute to his memory.

Shortly after this, the student body was again shocked by the passing of Rabbi Moses Soloveitchik, of sainted memory. "Reb Moshé," senior Rosh Yeshiva for eleven years, was the inspiring teacher and beloved father of

generations of Yeshiva students. The Commentator was under the leadership of Ephraim F. Mandelcorn with Julius Rosenthal, Abraham Karp, and Joseph Sokolow comprising the Governing Board.

The Commentator again and again stressed the importance of careful deliberation and level headedness in the selection of those who were to fill the vital positions in our institution. Its policy to obstruct any attempt on the part of individuals or groups to further their own interests where the welfare of Yeshiva was involved was manifested in its expose of the Agudath Hara-bonim's attempted smear campaign.

In the course of the academic year, the faculty adopted a resolution to name Professor Moses L. Isaacs as Dean. He was supported



Ephraim F. Mandelcorn

by "Commie" because of his constant work in the students' behalf.

1941-42

The Commentator inaugurated its activities for the 1941-42 school year with Julius Rosenthal '42 handling the reins as editor-in-chief. Rounding out the Governing Board were Jacob Walker '43, Erwin Herman '43, Henry Margolies '44, and Al Wiesel '48.

That year the publication clamored editorially for the clear outlining of the duties of the Dean of Men, for the appointment of Mr. Sar as full-time Placement Director, and for a college alumnus to succeed to the post of Head Librarian. It urged the extension of the unlimited absence privilege to upper seniors. It commended the Board of Directors upon the selection of Dr. Belkin as Dean of the Yeshiva and praised Mr. Maurice Plotnick and the Women's Organization of the Yeshiva for their efforts on behalf of the social hall and the dormitory.

On the occasion of Dr. Revel's Yahrzeit it commented, "—in living Torah-true lives, we are holding aloft that flaming torch of the spirit which was the essence of the man—Dov Ber Revel."

Dr. Isaacs became Dean of Yeshiva College and "Commie" hailed the appointment and commented, "Only time will tell whether the new Dean will fulfill all of his brilliant promise . . ." A rollicking Purim edition was printed which cast jokes good-naturedly at the students and faculty alike. The issues which followed urged all-out student support of the Red Cross Blood Bank, and the war effort in general.

1942-43

Early in the '42-'43 academic year, The Commentator was faced with two administrative rulings which threatened the basic rights and liberties of the students. A ruling placing arbitrary restrictions on all extra-curricular ac-

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tivities was rejected by the student body and its news organ, The Commentator. "Commie" protested against the essential injustice and unworkability of the ruling and condemned the high-handed manner in which it was presented to the students.

The faculty then clamped a curfew upon the residents of the dormitory, manifesting the administration's lack of faith in the responsibility of the student body. The administration's exclusion of student representatives from the discussion of measures which vitally affected them was vigorously denounced.

That year of progress in "Commie" history was under the leadership of Joseph Karasik '43, editor-in-chief, assisted by Paul Orentlicher '44, Benjamin Wolstein '44, Bernard Reiss '43, and J. Shelley Applebaum '44.

A series of articles entitled "American Orthodoxy in Review" appeared, touching upon the problems of Orthodox Judaism. It was stressed that seminars on vital topics of Jewish interest, both of intellectual and practical value, should be held for graduates and students of Yeshiva.

1943-44

The academic year 1943-44 commenced with Dr. Samuel Belkin assuming his office as the new president of the institution and concluded with his inauguration at a highly colorful and impressive ceremony.

Paul Orentlicher '44, the new editor-in-chief, had devoted himself to The Commentator since his entrance into Yeshiva College. Aiding him on the Governing Board were Allen Mandelbaum '45, Herman Tanenbaum '45, Charles Weinstein '44, and Louis Tuchman '44.

1943-44 found the mounting friction between the Administration and the student body culminating in the presentation of the students' case by Jack Green, president of Student Council, in The Commentator. The paper backed Green and the student body to the hilt, printing a detailed history of student grievances against the administration.

Listed among the grievances were the rejection of Dr. Litman on a number of faculty committees, the setup of the Faculty Student Relations Committee, and the unwholesome attitude toward student government in general. At this critical point a regrettable split among student

leaders resulted in the resignation of editor-in-chief Paul Orentlicher and in the breakdown of student plans for the resolving of these problems.

1944-45

With Allen Mandelbaum '45 serving as editor-in-chief and Herman Tanenbaum '45, Lloyd Tennenbaum '46, Bernard Weisberg '46, and Joseph Appleman



Herman Tannenbaum

'47, holding Governing Board posts, "Commie" entered its tenth year of publication.

It was sorrowful duty of the year's opening issue to report the passing of Rabbi Judah L. Weil, of sainted memory.

Dramatics Banned

The Commentator, in one of its early issues, published a letter to Dean Isaacs containing the findings of the Student Council Committee on Curriculum and Program, and possible solutions for a number of difficulties confronting the college. A later edition of "Commie" carried a front page letter to President Belkin seeking clarification and definition of issues vital to the student body. This letter was a direct consequence of the ban placed by President Belkin on all dramatic activities. Dr. Belkin's reply in the form of a prospectus occupied the front page of a succeeding edition.

For the first time in The Commentator's history a new Governing Board took over in mid-year. Herman Tanenbaum '45 directed the policies of the publication for the latter half of the year assisted by Bernard Weisberg '46, Lloyd Tennenbaum '46, Norman Krasner '45, and Joseph Appleman '47. Nat Rosenbaum reached his "Wit's End."

Roosevelt Mourned

At the passing of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, The Commentator published a special issue dedicated to the memory of the departed leader.

Plans for Yeshiva College's becoming Yeshiva University were frontpaged in the newspaper as the \$5,000,000 drive for funds got under way.

1945-46

The academic year 1945-46 heralded Yeshiva's elevation to the rank of University by the State Board of Regents. The Commentator published a special issue which included a history of the school, a description of the expansion plans of the University, and a message from Governor Dewey hailing Yeshiva's attainments. The issue's editorial called for the establishment of medical and law schools to enable Jewish students to study the professions of their choice without discrimination.

Despite the handicap of a four man Governing Board, consisting of Bernard Weisberg '46, Louis Bernstein '47, Lewis Ginsberg '48,



Bernard Weisberg

and Joseph Appleman '47, "Commie" stood fast on student rights and activities. The student loan fund which had been organized the previous year was strongly criticized for inefficiency. The students also demanded a better lighting system and a more adequate library.

Favor Faculty-Advisor Plan

In the second semester of that year a campaign was waged for the establishment of a Faculty-Advisor plan to advise students on their curriculum and also to provide vocational guidance. Student Council threw its full weight behind the plan, under the leadership of Abraham Werner '46. In a Report to the Students he stated that "it may well be that the administration, far from favoring the Faculty-Advisor plan, is even opposed to it—unless it is on their own terms, whatever

those may be."

Commentator's editorial policy again showed an awareness of Jewish problems by its pro-Zionist stand. The British Labour party was criticized, while a more realistic Zionist policy was urged. The S.O.Y. overseas campaign for the relief of D. P.'s in Europe was effectively publicized.

In the final issue of the year, a page was devoted to a complete review of student activities during that school year.

1946-47

The first issue saw a vehement protest against the raise in tuition. In a 'Maybe I'm Wrong' in the same issue, Earl Klein, Student Council president criticized Yeshiva's antiquated policies, and its failure to arrive at synthesis. Synthesis became the predominant theme in the edits and 'Maybe I'm Wrong' columns. Louis Bernstein '47, editor-in-chief, fought against separate compartments for Talmud and secular subjects (including Hebrew and Bible).

The last issue of the fall term carried a report by Dr. Abraham Weiss on the Basle Congress. The question of Dramatics was



Louis Bernstein

broached in this issue and was continued throughout the Spring semester in both the edits and

the opinion columns. Lack of clear cut policy left the students befuddled. The dramatic problem culminated with a closed class nite.

The Purim issue announced the proposed appearance of a fifteen story building.

The Yeshiva relief drive was inaugurated by an address from Rabbi Wolf Gold. In connection with the drive, the Vaad Hatzalah was severely criticized for its party partiality.

The first Semicha convocation after the ending of the war was widely publicized in Commentator columns. Panels and discussions on Jewish education and community organization were held during the week preceding the Semicha convocation. The speech of Rabbi Soloveitchick at the Semicha convocation ceremonies was a lead story, which was later reprinted by various Anglo-Jewish papers.

Louis Bernstein, Joseph Applebaum, Aaron Feuerstein, William Hershkowitz, Myron Fenster and Maurice Aranov constituted the Governing Board of the year.

1947-48

Two themes monopolized Commentator coverage in 1947-48: The birth of Israel, and the University's expansion program. Under the editorship of William Hershkowitz '48, with Myron M. Fenster '48, Max Frankel '49, Joseph Yoshor '49, Sol Blumenfeld '49, and William Kantrowitz '48 on the Governing Board, student activities were given full coverage but were relegated to secondary importance. The first term was run exclusively under the managing editorship of Myron Fenster, due to the editor's illness.

In the first issues of the year,

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Governing Board, 1947-48



Left to right: William Kantrowitz, Sol Blumenfeld, William Hershkowitz (seated), Max Frankel, and Joseph Yoshor.

Anniversary

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Yeshiva's expansion stole the limelight. Construction of new buildings between 185th and 186th streets was begun, and a co-ed Yeshiva high school in Queens was founded. In the "Maybe I'm Wrong" Column, Yeshiva's expansion program was criticized for not properly integrating the expansion plan with the improvement of student living conditions.

On Purim, the students' attention was pleasantly distracted from the more serious issues by the appearance of the "Geshmata" in which the "Begorra" was the center of attraction.

Yeshiva received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities.

The Palestine conflict was brought home to Yeshiva with the death of Moshe Pearlstein. Student activities continued with a class nite that won approval from the students and faculty. A Commentator poll was conducted to determine who would be the students' choice for President, with Henry Wallace gaining a clear cut victory.

A special issue was dedicated to the birth of Israel with Israel's Declaration of Independence taking up most of the front page.

1948-49

Under the editorship of Max Frankel '49, Commentator launched its activities for the academic year 1948-49 and succeeded in gaining its first All-American rating from the Associ-

ated Collegiate Press. Other Governing Board members were Joseph Yoshor '49, Norman M. Matlin '50, Solomon Blumenfeld, and Abraham Drazin '49.

"Minyan Expulsions" Blasted

In an editorial and a "Maybe I'm Wrong" column, the dormitory committee was blasted for the unwarranted expulsion from the dormitory of several students found "guilty" of violation of Minyan attendance.

In mid-season, Murray Stadtmauer '51 was appointed News Editor to round out the Governing board.

The Jewish Education Series on the Jewish educational set-ups of various cities in the United States and Canada was initiated.

Faculty Member Dismissed

"No Time For Retaliation," and editorial on the dismissal of a faculty member, stated that evidence seems to indicate that the action taken by the dean in the case was part of retaliation measures against faculty members who had participated in the wage fight the previous year.

"The Fraternalist" Purim issue featuring the Constitution of Mechtza University came as a pleasant mid-year break, which was strangely prophetic.

In the Israel Anniversary issue Commie scooped the world with the story that V. P. Alben Barkley and Louis A. Johnson, Secretary of Defense, would speak at Yeshiva.

The final issue of the year announced the acceptance of a compromise on the new school constitution which was greatly modified from its original form.

1949-50

Early in the 1949-50 school year, Commentator underwent its greatest mid-term revamping in its 15-year history. Half of the Governing Board members who had been appointed the previous year had to be replaced as they were no longer students at Yeshiva. Murray Stadtmauer '51 became editor-in-chief, with Ludwig Nadelmann '51, Leon S. Levy '51, Myron Rakowitz '51, Phil Rabinowitz '51, and Hillel Dryspiel '51 rounding out the Governing Board.

Referring to the shake-up,

Commentator assured the students that it will not allow itself to be intimidated and "that it will remain their vehicle of self-expression."

Highlights of the term were the expansion of the Co-op and "Music for Y.U.," a mid-winter affair. In a series of mergers the Co-operative Store joined with the Book Store and the Concert Bureau.

The final issue of the term recorded the sudden death of Dr. Nathan Klotz, of blessed memory, beloved professor of Bible.

The Purim issue of the Commentator featured "the Code of Bushida," a take-off on the University Constitution. The issue of dramatics was once more brought to the fore with the resignation of Henry Keller, because the Student Council had voted to sponsor an open class nite. The issue was bitterly fought, and a referendum was held, showing overwhelming student approval of open dramatics.

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Yeshiva Tops Cooper Union In Overtime Period, 92-89

Yeshiva completed its basketball season with a 92-89 overtime win over Cooper Union, on Saturday night, March 18, at the Stuyvesant gym.

Lynch, of Cooper Union, threw in the first field goal, but the Mites soon tied the game at four-all, and went ahead on baskets by Krieger, Stein, and Davidman. The Sarachekeers piled up a ten-point lead which was maintained until the final moments of the first half. The Mites led at the intermission, 42-35.

The Heighters added to their lead at the start of the second half on a basket by Novoseller and free throws by Hershkowitz. At the 30:30 mark Cooper Union drew to within seven points as Davidman, Krieger, and Novoseller fouled out. With eight minutes of playing time remaining, the Heighters employed a zone defense in an effort to halt the rush of their opponents. The Union lads finally came to within two points, 72-70, 3:45 left to play. With 3 seconds remaining, Kolb scored a basket, sending the game into overtime, the count knotted at 81-all.

In the extra period, Cooper Union drew first blood to lead by four points. With one minute and twenty-five seconds left,

before fouling out with 55 seconds remaining to play. The Union inaccuracy on the charity line saved the Mites, who froze the ball for the last thirty-five seconds.

High scorer of the contest was Stein who scored 33 points. Superb in the season's finale, he countered with 13 of 20 shots for a sparkling .650 percentage. High man for the losers was Kolb, scoring 29.

The Mites did well from the foul line, sinking 26 of 39. Hart-

man led the parade with 8 counters in 9 attempts, for an .889 mark.

Box Score

Yeshiva (92)			Cooper Union (89)		
	G. F. P.			G. F. P.	
Da'dm'n rf	2 1 5	Lynch rf	11 1 23		
N'v's'll'r	1 2 4	Franklin	1 9 2		
H'k'witz lf	7 7 21	T'kewitz lf	2 1 5		
Dryspiel	1 1 3	Keates	0 1 1		
Stein c	12 7 35	Downs c	6 3 15		
Narrowe	0 0 0	Lillie	0 0 0		
Kri'g'rg	3 0 6	D'm'w'h rg	6 2 14		
Danzig lg	2 0 4	Kaplan	0 0 0		
Hartman	4 8 16	Kolb lg	12 5 29		
Shevrin	0 0 0	Swik	0 0 0		
Total	33 25 92	Total	38 13 89		

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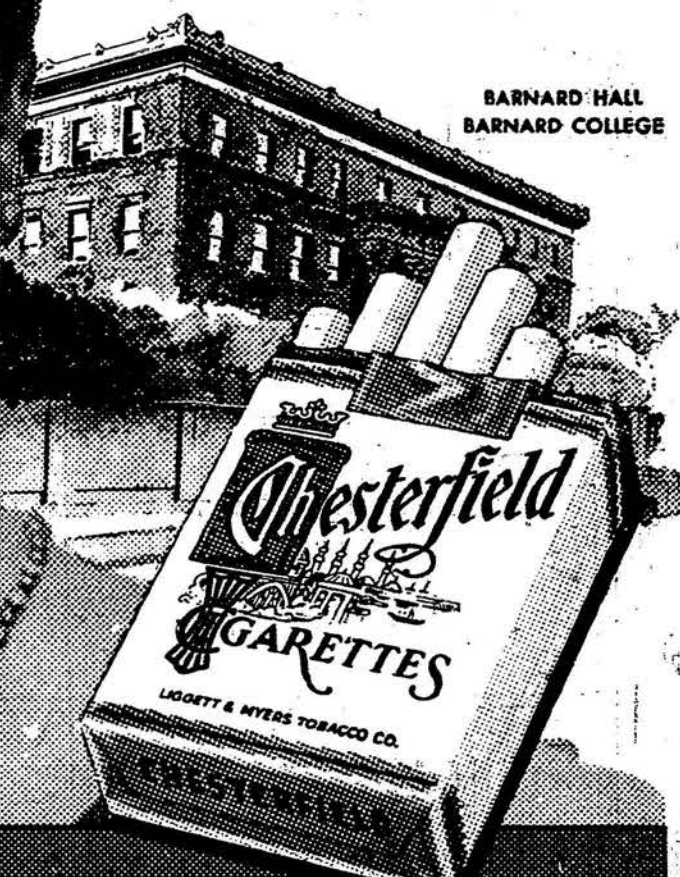


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