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# MedSchoolCharter Council Accepts Placement Plan

Courses To Lead To M.D., D.D.S. Degree; Plans Outlined For Opening School In 1952

Yeshiva University has been granted a charter to establish Medical and Dental Schools by the New York State Board of Regents, it was announced by William J. Wallin, Chancellor of the Board of Regents. The permission for Y.U. to proceed with its plans to establish a medical school came at a meeting on Friday, December 15, of the State's highest educational governing body. The charter empowers the University to grant the degrees of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and Doctor of Dental Surgery

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Y.U., declared that the projected plans for raising large sums of money to open a Medical School of the highest grade and calibre will be embarked upon shortly. He asserted that negotiations with hospitals in New York City which were begun earlier, will be speeded up and, if necessary, broadened. The immediate goal is to raise, during the year of 1951, ten million dollars which will make it possible for Yeshiva to open the school in 1952.

Dr. Belkin pointed out the fic location is as yet undemined although several spots have been given careful consideration. "In the development of our Medical School, we shall be guided by an Advisory Council on Medical Education, comprising leading medical educators and physicians, now in formation," he said. Admission to the school will be based on merit and character of the applicant, exclusively, he added.

The Y.U. Medical School will be the first to be established in New York City in fifty-two ears. Dr. Belkin expressed his confidence that the American community, and particularly the American Jewish community. will respond enthusiastically to the call of Y.U. to lend their full support towards the establishment of the school.

At present, there are in New York State, with a population of 14,830,000, nine medical schools with a total enrollment in 1949-50 of 2,916 students.

### Dr. Lowan Named U.S.N. Consultant

Dr. Arnold N. Lowan, professor of Physics, has joined the staff of the Naval Ordinance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland, as consultant in applied mathematics. Dr. Lowan will be concerned with the development of mathematical techniques for the solution of ordinance problems on high speed computing machines. He will advise the technical staff on mathematical methods for the solution of problems in supersonic and hypersonic flow, heat transfer. and explosion phenomena. Dr. Lowan will work with Dr. Harry Polachek, Head of the Applied Mathematics Division at N.O.L., and an alumnus of Y.U.

# Granted to Yeshiva Subject To List Of Corrections

Emergency Session Draws Up Series Of Amendments On Proposal By Faculty Committee On Student Affairs After Earlier Rejection

(Full Text of Placement Recommendations on Page 3)

At an emergency meeting of the Student Council held on Wednesday, December 20, the Council voted to accept the Placement proposals suggested by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs subject to a series of ammendments drawn up in a point-by-point discussion of the recommendations. This discussion followed the unanimous withdrawal of the total rejection of the Placement memorandum which had been voted at the previous Council meeting held on Monday, December 18.

Dr.Kisch TalksOn

Science Of Goethe

poet, but they do not realize that

I spent more than half my life

in studying natural science,"

quoted Dr. Bruno Kisch from

Goethe in a lecture on "Goethe

As A Scientist," delivered on

Wednesday, December 20, under

the sponsorship of the Deutscher

"Goethe's scientific inquiry is

another manifestation of the ver-

satility of his gifted and over-

whelming personality. His na-

tural interest in his surroundings

let him to seek 'das Urpheno-

men,' the over-all governing fac-

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"They acknowledge me as a

The Council stated that the minimum mentioned in the recommendation (point j) is much too low

and that the previous agreement of an \$80 per month living minimum should be in effect. Furthermore, financial adjustments are to be restricted to stipends only.

With reference to the number of student members on the committee, the Council agreed that there should be three student representatives, one each from the College, Teachers Institute, and Yeshiva. They also added that the committee is not to be bound by the sug-

gestions of the registrars and the Scholarship Committee as specified in points f and g.

At the previous meeting, the Council yoted that the class representatives be the official channel for all complaints regarding student affairs and activities and that these representatives get in touch with the Executive Council. The student, then, has the right to appear before the Council with his complaint. This was passed in connection with a request by Dr. Henry Lisman that students having problems appear before his committee. Personal complaints by the students may be brought directly to the com-

"Music for Y.U." has been tentatively scheduled by the Council for Sunday evening, February 18. Work has already begun on the program for this affair.

## Importance Of Torah Study Emphazised By Pres. Belkin

Dr. Samuel Beikin, the principal speaker at the Yeshiva Chagiga held on Thursday evening, December 7, in Stern's Cafeteria, stated that the festival of Chanuka in our times, in America, has had its own miracles. "We have witnessed two things which have occurred out of the natural course of events," he said. These, he explained, were the establishment of the State of Israel and the establishment of Torah in America.

The President said that at one time many people believed that learning Torah could not be made an integral part in the life of American Jewry. The common argument was that here in

America "Judaism must exist on externalism"; that we can have no Torah academies here and must hope to preserve Judaism by retaining only the ceremony.

Many leaders, however, realized the necessity of establishing Torah centers. But they had to face the problem of including in their curriculum secular studies. The contention was that Torah had to be the central point in Jewish life as it was in Europe, and there could be no toleration for secular study.

The founders of Yeshiva had to face this problem as well. But they realized that Torah and secular wisdom, do not supplant each other and are not incom-(Continued on page:3)

## College Program Appears Tuesday

The final version of the College program for the coming semester will be ready for distribution tomorrow, announced Mr. Morris Silverman, registrar of the College... Students will have until Friday, December 29, to file their program cards in the office.

The programs will be reviewed by the registrar's office during the week of January 1. Final registration and payment of fees will take place from Monday. January 8, through Thursday, January 11. In announcing the tentative registration schedule, Mr. Silverman stated that the procedure has been so designed this term as to cause a minimum of inconvenience to the students.

#### Fireside Chat

Mr. Milton Arfa, instructor of Hebrew at Yeshiva College, will discuss "The Philosophy of Time in Jewish History" at the second fireside chat of the term, to be held on Tuesday, December 26, at 8:45 p.m., in the second floor social hall, announced Bert Mond '51, chairman of the Fireside Chat Committee.

## Fordham Loses To **Debating Team**

Yeshiva College, represented by Joe Shultz '51 and Irwin Shapiro '54, defeated Fordham University, maintaining the negative side of the national topic, "Resolved that the non-Communist nations should form a new international organization," in a debate held at Fordham on Thursday, December 14.

On Thursday, December 7, Gil Rosenthal '53 and Stanley Siegel '52 met City College in a nondecision debate at Yeshiva.

. In a pre-varsity debate on Thursday, December 14, Jack Schecter '53 and Jack Adelman '53 upheld the negative against Fordham.

The society recently held a meeting at which Nisson Shulman '52, president, reported on activities to date and discussed the coming debating tours. In eight debates thus far, Yeshiva has won against Fordham, tied with Brooklyn and C.C.N.Y., and lost to Columbia. The other four were all non-decision debates.

## Dean Becomes 'Isaacs' In Affair Mixing Faculty, Damsels, Drinks

By Alex Hoffer

Frustrated Frosh: "I'd love to go! It'd be great! Why's it only reserved for the 'upper crust.' Aren't we as good as the seniors

'Sour Grapes" Soph: "We'll be missing sooo much! This year's shindig will be just as terrif as last year's but this time they might even have eight fellows."

"Listen, Gizmo, you'll wise up eventually! Let me tell you, if the Dean himself asked me to go,

I don't think I would. It wouldn't be worth my while. . . . "

... Having overheard this succulent bit of information, I came to the Dean's Reception with mixed emotions, but I kept a stiff upper lip.

Introducing himself merely as "Isaacs," the Dean welcomed everybody, the fellows and even a minyan' of girls, to the second (·?) "substitution affair." After the community singing of "Hevenu Shalom Aleichen" and "Hine Ma-Tov," Marvin Antelman, a T.A. student, gave a more civilized rendition of what might

have been aptly called Spike Jones interpretation of "Malaguenia." The Yeshiva University Choral Society, under the capable direction of Manny Forman '53, sang "Shehechiyanu," "Behadmot Bet-lechem," "Seu Shearim," and "Veyom HaShabbat," which were all very well re-

This was followed by a onescene selection from "Jacob's Dream" by Richard Beer-Hoffman. Jacob and Edom, principal characters of the play, and were very ably portrayed by Aaron

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## Kestenbaum Is New Nir Editor

Leon Kestenbaum '53 has been appointed co-editor of Nir, the Teachers Institute yearbook, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Philip Finkelstein '51, announced David Mogilner '52, president of the Teachers Institute Student Council Barry Eckstein '53 remains as the other co-editor.

It was further reported that Alvin Lieberman '52, Abraham Marthan, and Mr. Mogilner have been named associate editor, literary editor, and managing editor, respectively. Moshe Weiss will serve as business manager.

This issue of Nir, which will mark its twenty-fifth year of publication, is to be dedicated to the late Dr. Nathan Klotz, former professor of Bible in the Teachers Institute, and will contain an article by Moshe Pearlstein '46, who was killed serving in the Haganah during the recent Israeli-Arab war.

#### Congrats

The Commentator extends its heartiest congratulations to Meyer Korbman '49 on his marriage to Miss Mildred Penn; to Alvin Marcus '48 on his marriage to Miss Marilyn Elsen; and to Paul Peyser '48 on his marriage to Miss Suzanne Gunzberg.

#### **Book Review**

## Dr. Janowsky Evaluates J. W. B.'s Role In U.S.A.

By Dr. Alexander Brody

THE JEWISH WELFARE BOARD SURVEY by Oscar I. Janowsky, New York, Dial Press, 1948, 490 pages.

This volume is a first attempt at a historical and sociological account of the Jewish Welfare Board, a major organ in unified Jewish effort in the field of welfare, and in cultural, recreational, and leisure-time activities. This report reveals the dual character of the Jewish Center; on the one hand, it is an agency to a Jewish clientele, and, on the other, it is an agency for the survival of Judaism.

Changing conditions and the changed position of the Jewish community in the United States made it necessary to re-examine and reformulate the fundamental purposes and objectives of the Jewish Welfare Board and its affiliated agencies. In Chapter IV, an attempt is made to establish the basic character of the Jewish Center. Is the Center primarily a medium to prepare Jews to move into the common life of America, or is it primarily an agency for the perpetuation of Judaism?

#### Position of Jewish Center

The most important conclusion is that the Jewish Center should have a Jewish purpose and that primary and greatest attention be given to Jewish content. This is the opinion of the members of the commission and does not reflect the actual findings of the survey. The terms "Jewish content" and "Jewish interests" are not explicitly defined, but are implicit in the proposed conception of Judaism. Judaism, it is said, is more than a religion; it connotes also "a way of life." The ideals and traditions of Judaism are not absorbed by the all-embracing American culture; there is residium, and this residium is supplemental to social life generally. It follows that "Jewish content" embraces the totality of cultural and religious activities which are indispensable to the existence of Jews as an "ethnic" group with distinctive historic institutions. Jewish interests and Jewish needs are not merely those pertaining to Jews as citizens (e.g., discrimination), but to distinctive purposes of the "Jewish way of life."

Not all of the conclusions will be accepted without criticism. Many representative Jews will question such assertions as "a non-denominational Jewish settlement or educational alliance is a contradiction in terms," and that "the Jewish Center ceases to be a segregating agency precisely when it emphasizes Jewish content and a Jewish purpose." A minority report takes issue with the recommendation which limits participation of the Center in social action and civic betterment. The minority report starts with the premise that Jewish interests and needs within the Center are not severable from those outside, and, hence, it is artificial to separate "a public issue which affects Jews directly" from issues which affect Jews as American citizens.

#### Affect on Welfare

An interesting point of view is presented by a group of professional Jewish social workers. This group would equate the work of the Center with general welfare since social purpose "transcends individuals and sects in our modern interdependent life." That primary Jewish needs and issues are justified is conceded, but only as part of the larger problem of social betterment and reform. A report by this group points to the traditional role of Jews in the movement for social justice. "Let not Jewish leadership be jealously reserved for the Jewish group," the report concludes, "but encourage Jewish leadership for the social edification of the larger community." This is a variant of the well-known "mission theory" of the Jewish people.

Dr. Janowsky has focused attention (in a striking and cogent manner) upon the problem of the fundamental purpose of Jewish Center work. But the problem lies much deeper. It is the problem of the future of Jews and Judaism in America. In the last analysis, the reformation of the Center is contingent upon a reformation of the Jewish community life within which it functions. In deed, Dr. Janowsky's analysis points up the dilemma of Jewish life in America. If Judaism is made synonomous with Americanism, the definition is so broad as to lose all mean-

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#### What Is A Recommendation?

On Wednesday, December 20, Student Council, having had the bitter pill of Placement forced into its maw, decided voluntarily to digest it. Council approved the already effective "recommendations" of the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, subject to several amendments, enactment of which might give Placement a running chance of proving of some service to the students.

The first amendment is the raising of the minimum mentioned in the Committee recommendation, ten dollars per month, to the eighty dollars stipulated in the previous agreement. We feel that this demand could hardly be more justified under present circumstances. Even were it to be granted that this figure was of dubious validity in 1948, when originally agreed upon, the considerable rise in living costs since then would validate it now. To make the minimum cash income ten dollars per month without investigation of scholarship would so adjust the situation as to make it hardly possible for a student to earn his basic living needs. Apparently, the Committee considers two meals a day and one-and-a-half clean shirts a week sufficient for students.

A second important amendment is that the Placement Service should not be bound by the suggestions of the registrars or Scholarship Committee as specified in points "f" and "g." This requires some explanation.

Without bandying words or couching diplomatic phrases, student representatives simply do not trust administrators in these matters. In the history of Placement, there are numerous instances where members of the administration, individually and collectively, have acted without honor and without any consideration of prior commitments to the students. Here are some examples:

"Commentator" of November 11, 1948, reports that while negotiations were going on for the Placement agreement of that year, "the administration committee was careful to iterate and reiterate that the plans being drawn up by them are in the nature of recommendations . . . and that nothing decided on would be official until approved by the President. Yet weeks before that meeting, letters addressed to Placement and seen by qualified witnesses in the Service's mail box, were removed by unknown persons under mysterious circumstances . . . that the Community Service Bureau failed to honor an arrangement it had concluded with Placement last year by which it agreed that it would refer all non-rabbinic jobs to the Service, and that upon return to the University this year, the Service chairman found himself minus access to an office and telephone." This last incident recurred again this year.

A year after an agreement had been reached, in November 1949, a memo was sent to the President, the last paragraph of which stated that "in the event that the administration should for any reason find this agreement, once it is in effect, unsatisfactory, it is understood that it may not be discarded without the agreement of the representatives of the I. U. S. C." Dr. Belkin approved this, and yet on October 26th of this year, the Faculty Committee decided arbitrarily that Placement needed revamping-on terms which they set up. Students were officially informed of this on November 3rd. The subsequent Committee recommendations issued December 5th were made without the vote of student representatives. At that time, we were assured that no administrator would give out any part-time jobs until the recommendations were acted upon, yet it is well-known that one administrator offered several jobs during that period. Finally, the Committee-organized Placement began functioning more than a week before S. C. voted on the recommendations.

It is superfluous to say that we have grounds on which to suspect the administration of double-dealing here. Quite

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Play Review -

## 'Circle Of Chalk' Staged At Dramatic Workshop

By Sol Steinmetz

Are you acquainted with the Chinese drama? In case you are not and are willing to study it at any price, pray look for the "Circle of Chalk," which—you guessed it—is a Chinese drama. To be sure, some critics, who are suckers for originality, have unanimously decided to call it 'a delightful Chinese drama," a phrase that if not hastily obliterated should at least end with a question-mark. Now then, if asked, "a delightful Chinese drama?" the answer, of course, would run thus: delightful, yes, though in an infantile sort of way. Something with the effectshall we venture—of an octogenarian reciting Grimm and Anderson on his deathbed. As to Chinese, well . . . it was adapted by the German Klabund from a 14th Century Chinese piece, and one finds a bit more "gemutichkeit" in the pompous (not to mention long-winded) deliveries of the simple Chinese folk than, alas, children would expect.

But assuming we are children (or critics, which is one and the same) the "Circle" would add up to this: a young sweet thing, Hi Tang, sells herself, induced by poverty brought about by the self-inflicted death of her father, to one of those reputed Chinese tea houses. A rich frequenter of the place, Herr Ma, buys her and makes her his wife. It so happens that Herr Ma has a first wife, extremely jealous, and the inevitable triangle is henceforth in action. Frau Ma No. 1 eventually poisons her husband, accuses Hi Tang of the crime, bribes a witness to testify that Hi Tang's new-born babe is actually hers. Since no blood-tests were available during the playwright's lifetime, a current judge accepts the testimonies, ad verbum, and Hi Tang is condemned to death.

#### Sentence Revoked

But just before the Circle of Chalk (a vague equivalent of the horoscope, and incidentally, by some weird fate, the title of the play) marks the girl's doom, the old king passes away and the new king, who happens to love Hi Tang, makes his opportune appearance. This leads to a handsome climax, namely, a scene of princely judgment which disturbingly resembles Solomon's decision in the case of the two women claiming motherhood. Before the curtains, or, in this case, the Chinese blinds, descend, the beautiful cake is topped by the new king's astonishing revelation that Hi Tang's baby is not really Mr. Ma's, but his, a fact that is properly clarified by a number of embarrasing details. After this, the blinds fall rapidly.

Obviously, Klabund, who was not only obsessed a la Marco Polo by the exotic Orient but was also a "blood and iron" patriot, sensed in this play a veiled repercussion of his own sentiments. For Hi Tang's brother, Chang Ling, is here an ardent chauvinist, a member of the White Lotus, and is similarly about to be dispatched when the new king enters on cue. Thus the "message" seekers may, if they will, attach some big meaning to this sadly irrelevant sideplot of the drama.

#### Praised for Technique

From a purely technical standpoint, the Dramatic Workshop, a laboratory that experiments with the rarest of theatrical species, should doubtless be praised for the subtle staging of this play. Taking advantage of the primitive settings that a play of this nature could afford, Mr. Piscator and his associates resorted to the simplest devices to make the "Circle" look as freshly unrealistic as a play by Sophocles or as informal as an Elizabethean show. All sceneshifting problems are eliminated by adding, indirectly, to the cast two stage crew members dressed in Chinese costumes. These move around, ghost-like and unconcerned, and raise and lower the blinds, sweep the stage during intermission, scatter snow upon the scene when winter hits China, and, in short, perform all the expensive labor that, in a sense, draws the line between a workshop and a Broadway production.

The cast, needless to say, is typically alert and approaches the roles with understanding, though its youthful tendency to "give it all out" is never sufficiently under control. There is a skillful performance by Harry Adler as Tong, the

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# Sarachekeers Are Beaten By Cagers, 77-64; Yeshiva Basketeers Mace Pace In Squeeker, 50-48

## Hershkowitz High Scorer For Y.U. With 18 Markers

In its first victory of the season, the Yeshiva basketball team defeated Pace College, 50-48, on Saturday night, Dec. 9, on the court of the Central High School of Needle Trades.

The exciting contest was climaxed by Elihu Levine's brilliant basket with the score tied at 48 all and two seconds left. It was Levine who had put Yeshiva ahead 48-47 a few seconds earlier with a tap in. Then with the Mites attempting a freeze, a foul was called against Irv Forman of Yeshiva. Pace converted the foul attempt which set the stage for the game winning basket. With about five seconds remaining Forman sent up a long shot which missed, but the ever-hustling Levine grabbed the rebound and with two Pace men on his neck he tossed up a twisting, turning jump shot as the gun sounded, ending the game.

The contest started slowly but the Mites soon picked up speed and forged to a 17-10 lead on the sparkling shooting of Hershkowitz, Krieger and Levine. Then Pace started to roll and at halftime they led 24-18.

Box Score

Davidman

H'k'witz

Dryspiel

Krieger

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18 14 50

Swimming Meets

Near Conclusion

Swimming intramurals for the

Freshman, Junior, and Senior

classes will be concluded on

Tuesday night, January 2, at the

George Washington High School

swimming pool beginning at 8:00

p.m., it was announced by Ruby

Races are to be held in the

All students who are eligible

back stroke, side stroke and free

to participate in the intramural

swimming competition are re-

quested to report to the pool on

of the team's

will be announced

style stroke.

standings

shortly.

Final tallies

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Loughlin Cuneo Safran

Denyeau

Galiardo

Stelzer

Garcia

Totals

Keenan

#### 10 Minutes Without A Field Goal

Ahead 16-9 at the end of the first quarter the Mites made only two foul shots in the second period going ten minutes without achieving its six point margin at a field goal, enabling Pace to the half.

Yeshiva fought back in the second half, tying Pace and finally pulling ahead of them, 31-29, as Natie Krieger pumped in a long set-shot. The score then changed hands seven times until the winning goal was sunk by Levine.

Marvin Hershkowitz was the high scorer for Yeshiva scoring 18 points, and Levine trailed him with 13. High scorer of the contest was Denyeau of Pace who countered with 20 markers, followed by his team mate Stelzer, who netted 11.

#### Mites Foul Out

Stein, Krieger and Narrowe fouled out for Yeshiva. A total of 58 fouls were called in the rough contest. Yeshiva converted 14 of 26 charity tosses and Pace canned 18 of 32. Hershkowitz sunk 8 fouls of the 12 he attempted, while Denyau made 10 of his 15 foul shots.

### Yeshiva University Basketball Varsity



From left to right: Coach Bernie Sarachek; Assistant Coach Monroe Edelstein; Hilty Dryspiel, Spring Valley, N. Y.; Morton Narrowe, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Staiman, Williamsport, Pa.; Natic Krieger, B'klyn; Cap't Artic Stein, the team's high scorer and tallest man at 6'6"; Abe Kamer, Hoboken, N. J.; Ruby Davidman, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Marvin Hershkowitz, Bronx; Eli Levine, B'klyn; Irving Forman, B'klyn; and manager Steve Katz, Los Angeles, Calif. Holding the ball is assistant manager Eddic Jacobowitz, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## Panzer Edges Mites, 64-61 In Overtime

Panzer College defeated the fighting Yeshiva quintet 64-61, in an overtime period at the Panzer gymnasium on Wednesday, December 12. The contest was packed with thrills and excitement as the lead changed hands several times.

The Panthers led 26-21 at halftime, but after the intermission, and a Sarachek pep-talk, the Heighters came out fighting and recovered the lead, and were out in front, 41-36, at the end of the third stanza. With Panzer lead-

#### **Box Score**

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H'k'witz	9	2	20	Arnold	0	1	1
Stein	3	3	9	Torcicola	.2	0	4
Kri'g'r	3	1	7	Clark	3	1	7
Narrowe	2	2	6	Lanni	0	0	. 0
Levine	4	1	9	Guthrie	1	0	2
	_	_	-	Marra	9	6	24
Total	25	11	61	Mills	7	8	22
					-	_	-
				Totals	24	16	64

ing 52-50 at 39:45, in the fourth quarter, Natie Krieger sunk a set shot to tie the encounter and sent it into overtime. "Jumpy" Hershkowitz sparkled in the extra stanza, scoring all of the brilliant defensive ball.

#### 20 Seconds Do It

The Heighters led 61:60 at 4:40 in the overtime, when the Panthers recovered the ball on an offside penalty charged against the Mites. In the next twenty seconds, pandemonium prevailed as Panzer scored two successive field goals that bewildered the entire crowd including the officials who had trouble blowing their whistles.

#### Hershkowitz High Man

Marv Hershkowitz led Yeshiva Marra and Mills led the Pancenter, Guthrie to two points.

## Hershkowitz High With 28 In Poorly Officiated Match

The Upsala Vikings defeated the Yeshiva Hoopsters, 77-64, in the 61st Regiment Armory, at Orange, New Jersey, on Wednesday, December 20.

The Mites led from the opening whistle until 19:50 of the first half, ahead by seven markers at that point. With 30 seconds remaining in the half, Upsala came up with a tight full court press, and scored eleven quick points, leaving the floor at the intermission with a 38-34 point ad-

The officiating was sadly deficient, and at times even the Upsala fans soundly booed the poor calls of the referees.

#### Hershkowitz Brilliant

Yeshiva's Marvin Hershkowitz gave a brilliant exhibition of shooting, amassing a torrid .480 percentage from the floor, while scoring a game high total of 28 points. Playing in the pivot Mary clicked for fifteen points in the wild second

Before a minute had elapsed in the second half,

two questionable fouls were called against Stein resulting in his forced removal from the ball game via the "five personal fouls" route, The Vikings then proceded to pour it on, piling up a large lead by dint of successful fast breaks.

Berman led the Upsala Cagers scoring 17 points, followed by Skea who scored fifteen. Stein and Narrowe trailed Hershkowitz in the scoring department for Yeshiva, each collecting 8

## Defeated By City Y. C. Junior Team

Totals 26 25 77 17

The City College Evening School Cagers whipped the Yeshiva Junior Varsity, 53-23, in a contest played at the City Colleeg Tech Hall gym on Monday, December 11.

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Berman

Stewart

Goldberg

Fisher

Bisset

5 Roth

Box Score

Dryspiel

Narrowe

High scorer of the game was Booker, who canned 15 points for City Evening. Larry Staiman led the Y.U. Junior Varsity,

City enjoyed a 15 point lead at the end of the first quarter, and held a 35-10 advantage over the J.V. at the half-time inter-

#### Statistics

The Sarachekeers sunk 25 field goals out of a total of 81 shots attempted, for an average of .309. The victorious Upsala men canned 26 shots out of a total of 68 attempted for a very good .382

The Mites were miserable on the foul line, converting only 8 of the 20 charity tosses they sent toward the basket for a meager .400 average. Upsala fared very well on the line with a .737 mark scoring on 25 of its 34 attempts. Skea, of Upsala, had a scintillating .900 shooting average on the charity line, missing only one of his 10 foul shots.

## Sophomores Nudge Juniors In Intramural Play, 36-31 Mites nine points and playing

The Sophomores defeated the Juniors, 36-31, in an intramural tournament game played in the Yeshiva gymnasium, Thursday evening, December 14.

The game began roughly, and was a foul-shootinb contest in the first half. The action picked up considerably, as far as field-goalscoring was concerned, in the second half. The superior speed and ball handling of the flashy Sophomores proved more effective than the

advantage in height enjoyed by the Juniors.

High scorer of the contest was Walter Silver, who canned 21 points for the dismayed juniors. The scoring for the victorious Sophs was evenly divided. Goder scored 8 while Mond and Beinstock trailed him, each scoring seven points.

The Sophomores now have a record of 3 won and non lost, while the luckless Juniors have yet to win, dropping four straight.

The win over the Juniors assures the Sophs at least of a tie for first place in the first round of the basketball intramurals.

# Chess Team Preparing For Intercollegiate Tournament

The Yeshiva University chess team is sharpening up for the coming intercollegiate chess tournament to be held at Columbia University. The tournament will begin tomorrow, Tuesday, December 26, and will continue through Friday, December 29.

Lots will be drawn the night before the initial contests are to take place. The lots will determine which schools will face each other, and on what days.

David Scheinfeld, '51, co-captain of the Yeshiva pawn-pushers, who, incidentally will see limited service in the impending tourra-

ment, optimistically declared "the chances of our (the Y.U. chess team) winning the intercollegiate tournament are very good, since we did draw with City College." It is to be noted that "City is the defending champion of the intercollegiate chess tourney."

The "double-rounder" to be held this Tuesday morning will see David Steinberg, '51 play the first board. Arthur Silver, '51 will be on the second board, while Bob Rozen is to compete on the third board, and co-captain Barney Koenigsberg will put his chess wares on display on the fourth board.

## Cathedral, Adelphi To Face Heighters

The Mites will take on the Cathedral cagers at the latter's court, on Wednesday, January 3, and will follow that up with an engagement with Adelphi in Garden City, on the following Wednesday, January 10.

The Heighters defeated Cathedral twice last season, by scores of 60-58, and 59-54. The latter victory was achieved by Yeshiva, at home, in a tense overtime struggle.

#### Beinstock Totals

in scoring with 20 points while thers with 24 and 22 points respectively. Ruby Davidman turned in his finest performance of the season as he was the mainstay of the Yeshiva defense and was strong under the boards. Stein played a fine defensive game holding the Panthers' 6'6

## Bus To Adelphi

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The Y.U.A.A. will charter a bus to take fans to Garden City, wheer the Mites will play Adelphi, if at least 50 students reserve seats, announced Steven Katz, '52.

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Reservations for seats on the bus are to be made at the Public Relations Office in Graduate Hall.

## Hot Dogs Are Ersatz Salami, As S.O.Y. Changes Tradition

By Soi Steinmetz

If the assertion that Yeshiva tradition is a constantly changing affair is true, then one cannot find a better illustration of this process than the traditional Yeshiva Chagiga. Take the last Chanuka Chagiga, for instance. Instead of the institution of salami, most masmidim were surprised-to-distraction by the sight of juicy hotdogs neatly enveloped in a jungle of sauerkraut, and rolls. Moreover, this time there was no beer, a fact that may be taken for better or

for worse. Of course, the inevitable nuts, brownies, and fruits were still on the avenue of tables; apparently no better substitutes were to be found.

But the most conspicuous change in the occasion was the fact that everybody - members of T.I., T.A., and what not-were granted free and unconditional entrance. And to think that, once upon a time, one had to make an inventory of his belongings in order to find the moth-eaten registration card that would be his Chagiga admission ticket.

#### "Nigunim" On Franks

The frankfurters were scarcely given time to settle, when a number of "nigunim" began to travel through the cafeteria. Some songs met, clashed, and exploded in one's ears. Nevertheless, they continued.

An instant of silence was enough stimulus for Harry Friedman, president of the S.O.Y., to rise and proclaim the official beginning of the Chagiga. (By that time, unofficially, the food was quite finished.) Mr. Friedman introduced Rabbi Lessin, who briefly summarized the significance of Chanuka. Afterwards, Dr. Belkin, the guest speaker, discussed very lucidly the philosophy of our institution and its place on the American-Jewish

#### Speech Stimulates

When the Rosh Hayeshiva completed his address, even the backrow members of the complaint-squad were in high spirits. Stern's kitchen, from the labyrinths of which Karpol Bender, the African chef, had directed the distribution of red-hot ambrosia, was being closed up.

Entertainment was in order. So who but the never-tiring imitators of the Yeshiva faculty should rise behind that witness to so many blunders, the patient microphone? Thus a series of caricatures some brilliant, some dull, but all possessing the common trait of being true to life, were achieved by the Berman-Gordon-Mostofsky team. Those who had the misfortune of missing the Chagiga can get in touch

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any time, any day, with either Berman, Gordon, Mostofsky, and the three will be only too glad to repeat their respective performances.

#### The Chorus Line

Yet, even the grotesque can become tedious if overdone, and so the imitations—sorry Mostofsky -had to be brought to a finale. Community dancing followed, with rabbis and talmidim in fervent participation. Rabbi Gorelik, his eyes shut in enthusiastic concentration, a burning cigarette dangling on his lips, and his arms waving in the air, presented an unforgettable picture. The spontaneity of rhythmic steps, guided by cheering hands, was overwhelming, and one had to be iron-strong to refrain from joining in the celebration. All at once, students were no more students, but a brotherhood of exalted figures, present-day portraits of inspired Chasidim of yore.

The fire lasted for a long time, but a glance at one's watch was a signal to end the metaphor. Again we were hard-working scholars, and next day was Labor Day. With a last nostalgic look at the few hours of true bliss, we slowly mounted the dorm stairs, wondering whether Yeshiva tradition was really a constantly changing affair.

#### Meet The Seniors (Continued from page 4)

bodyguard, he now has a key to every room worth opening. He is undecided as to what he wants to do when he grows up. One of his minor ambitions is to be named a full assistant to Zeides at \$300 a year. Quiet, unassuming, and an earnest lad, "to see him is to love him" if you like 'em that way.

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## Finkelstein Talks On Classical Music

Philip Finkelstein '51, president of Eranos, addressed the society on the "Meaning of Classical Music" in Riets Hall on Monday night, December 18.

The speaker gave four definitions of "classical music." The first, anything non-popular, he rejected immediately. The second, the music of Mozart's age, he explained in terms of "musical standards," and the "classical spirit" which formed the third and fourth points of the lecture.

"The classical spirit or its Appollonian side," Mr. Finkelstein stated, "is characterized by order, simplicity, and finality. In so far as Mozart's music reflects this, he is classical."

A question and answer period concluded the meeting.

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ing. If, on the other hand, Judaism is to be defined as a distinctive way of life, the problem arises as to its compatibility with the American way of life. Dr. Janowsky affirms the reality of Jewish ideals and values and at the same time makes them compatible with Americanism.

This volume is not merely a theoretical analysis; it is also a guide to practice. Nevertheless, achieving its six point margin at the merit of this book is independent of the recommendations it proposes. To the Jewish social worker and sociologist, it offers a reservoir of information and objective data in areas of communal life heretofore unchartered. To the student of the American social scene, it will show how a minority group has fashioned the instruments of informal education and leisuretime activities for the enrichment of personality and group association.

#### Condolences

The Commentator offers its sincere condolences to Mr. Joshua Matz upon the recent death of his father.

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Mr. Kranzler also reported that the special drug counter has been re-opened. Shampoos, soaps, bandages, and dental necessities will be offered at reductions ranging from ten to thirty-three percent.

## Play Review

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castrated master of the Tea House who has, in his own words, "chosen the happy medium in life." Jack Creley, the corrupt judge, is an effective Rabelaisian character, and Doly Haas, as Hi Tang, acts with feeling and restraint. The entire cast looks quite Chinese, with the exception of Ben Gazarra, Hi Tang's brother, who looks and acts like a wholesome Notre Dame fullback who has been trampled upon once too often.

### Convention

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shortage of medical personnel and a hopelessly inadequate training program which has not kept pace with the growth of our population. He promised that when Yeshiva's projected medical and dental schools are opened "the only requirements for admission will be merit, ability and character, the truly American standards."

Mr. Levine urged the delegates not to relegate education to a secondary category when it comes to the question of support. He stated that in times like ours. when the very future of civilization is threatened, there can be no stronger defense than that of "a well-educated and clear-thinking leadership."

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(Continued from Page 1) Landes !51 and Shimmy Gewirtz '53, respectively.

"The dramatic presentation was constrained to one scene because of the experimental nature of the affair," later explained Bill Solomon '51, chairman of the program committee and master of ceremonies.

Moses Salzberg's violin recital consisted of "Czardas," "Hungarian Dance No. 5," and selections from "Scheherezade." The first part of the program was brought to a close with the audience's participation in singing "Shalom Chaverim," and "Hatikvah."

Bouffet In Stern's

The latter part of the program consisted of a bouffet catered in Stern's cafeteria to which the assembled students and their guests repaired in great haste. Here, the informality of the evening's proceedings was further enhanced by songs spontaneously sung by the students of Goethe, Schiller. and Dr. Rosenberg, "Mein Hut er hat drei Ecken" and "Du liegst mir am Herzen."

Commenting on the Reception. Dean Isaacs said that it was "a successful affair from every aspect and a beginning for future affairs." Yes, deceivingly enough, contrary to that soph's senception, the reception was as one of the "Riets Hall see but it was also referred to "substitution affair." Did it serve its purpose as such? Could it have served its purpose as such? Can Riets Hall substitute for Lamport Auditorium?

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