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## Grad Schools Add to Curriculum, Faculty

The addition of five new faculty members and twenty-two new courses to the curricula of Yeshiva's School of Education and Community Administration and the Bernard Revel Graduate School was announced by Dr. Jacob Hartstein, Dean of the Yeshiva graduate schools.

The new faculty members include: Dr. Helmut E. Adler, instructor in Psychology, to teach Experimental Psychology; Jacob Churgin, well-known Israeli novelist and editor, to teach Modern Hebrew Literature; Dr. Joseph Levi, Clinical Instructor in Medical Psychology, New York University College of Medicine, to teach Projective Techniques; Dr. Charles N. Morris, assistant professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, to teach courses in Guidance; and Dr. Arie Tartakower, associate professor of Sociology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, to teach courses in the Sociology of the Jews.

### Guidance Training

Dr. Hartstein reported the initiation of a guidance-counselor training program to provide practical experience and field work together with theory.

Among the new courses being offered for the first time are: Social Institutions; Principles and Practices of Guidance; Techniques of Educational and Vocational Counseling; Science for Elementary School Teachers; Seminar in Child Development; Occupational Information; Analysis and Classification of Occupational Information; Advanced Experimental Psychology; Experimental Social Psychology; Rohrschach and Other Projective Techniques; Jewish Education in Modern Times; and Jewish Education in the United States.

## President, Dean Greet New Students Entering Yeshiva

Letters of welcome to the incoming Freshmen and to returning upper-classmen were released by the office of the President and the office of the Dean.

Following is the text of President Belkin's message:  
To The Students of Yeshiva University:

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest welcome to the students who are returning to their spiritual and intel-

## Frosh Have First Assembly of Year

The first Freshman assembly of the year was held Thursday, September 11, in Lamport Auditorium.

The new students were addressed by: Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Dean; Mr. Israel Young, assistant professor of Guidance; Rabbi Abraham Avrech, Chairman of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association; Dr. Karl Adler, professor of Music; Irving H. Goodman '52, president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva; Mr. Arthur Tauber and Mr. Hyman Wettstein, of the Physical Education Department; Irwin Shapiro '53, president of Student Council; and Irwin E. Witty '53, editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

## Alumni Adviser

Dean Isaacs has announced the reappointment of Rabbi Israel Miller as alumni adviser to THE COMMENTATOR.

Rabbi Miller was graduated from Yeshiva College in 1938 and was ordained by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1941. He served as a Chaplain in the Second World War.

## Vacancies Created On Commie Board

Micheal Rosenak '54, news editor of THE COMMENTATOR, has been granted a half-year leave of absence, announced Irwin Witty '53, editor-in-chief. Mr. Witty also disclosed the resignation of David Levey '54 as feature editor.

Mr. Rosenak is expected to resume his post in the spring semester. No appointment has been made to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Levey's resignation.

Freshmen and upperclassmen who are interested in working on THE COMMENTATOR are asked to contact Mr. Witty (dormitory room 328). There are still openings on all staffs.

lectual home, and to the new students who are now being introduced to Yeshiva life.

It is indeed a source of spiritual joy for me to witness the annually ever-increasing student-body; the expansion of our academic life, and the continuous growth of the greatest center of Torah learning on this continent. You have joined a community of scholars who are masters in the fields of divine and human knowledge. I am sure that all of you will benefit from the unique program of studies which only Yeshiva University is able to offer.

As Rosh Hashana approaches may we all pray for a rededication of the eternal values of the Torah, and to a better understanding of human society.

Wishing you well-being and well-doing, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) SAMUEL BELKIN  
President

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## College Posts Initial Dean's Honor Listing

A total of 102 students gained places on the Dean's List for the academic year 1951-52, announced Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Dean of Yeshiva College. This marks the first appearance of the list which recognizes Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors of high scholastic standing.

The list contains three divisions: Highest honors for averages of 3.75 and over; high honors for averages of 3.55 to 3.74; and honors for averages of 3.35 to 3.54.

### Nine Perfect Averages

Twenty-nine students received highest honors, forty-one received high honors, and thirty-two gained honors. The Junior class, with forty-six, had the greatest number of students on the list.

Nine students maintained perfect averages of 4.00 for the 1951-52 academic year. They were: Jack Adelman, Emanuel Forman and Chemia Kleinman, Juniors; Irving Aronson, Joel Balsam, Neil Hecht, Raphael Reichman and Eric Zimmer, Sophomores; and Hersh Galinsky, Freshman.

## T.I. Girls Division Opens in Brooklyn

The newly organized girls division of the Teachers Institute, known as the "Snif L'Banot," opened last Tuesday, September 23, with a registration of seventeen students. The school is being temporarily housed at the Central Yeshiva High School for Girls, Bedford and Snyder Avenues in Brooklyn.

The institution will offer a three year course of advanced teacher training, which will lead to a teacher's degree and license. All of the seventeen students are alumnae of the Central Yeshiva High School for Girls, and have been awarded one year's credit toward matriculation for their intensive high school curriculum in Hebrew studies.

Classes will meet on Sunday afternoons, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The faculty will consist of: Dr. M. A. Regeur, Bible and Prophets; Dr. Shlomo Eidelberg, Jewish History; Dr. Moses Zwick, Hebrew Literature; and Mr. Alvin Schiff, Pedagogy.

The school will be directed by a committee which includes: Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Chairman; Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, Registrar; Dr. Isaac Lewin, Principal of Central Yeshiva High School; and Dean Samuel L. Sar.

## Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its best wishes and hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vogel, upon the birth of a son, Simeon Samuel; to Barry Ginsburg '51 upon his recent marriage to Miss Irene Flierwerker; and to Aryeh Seagull '54 upon his engagement to Miss Ruth Shapiro.

## College Sets Record With 505 Students

An increase of 4 per cent in total registration is indicated in the latest statistics released by Mr. Morris Silverman, Registrar of Yeshiva College. Although this continues the trend of increasing enrollment through the years, it does not come near the record 17 per cent increase of last fall.

The latest available figures show a registration of 505, the highest in Yeshiva's history, as compared with an enrollment of 485 last year. While 115 students either graduated or did not return, 135 newcomers composed of Freshmen and transfers came to Yeshiva. This is somewhat below the number of newcomers last year.

## Debating Society

The first meeting of the Debating Society will take place Thursday, September 25, at 8:15 p.m. in room 444. Election of officers of the Society will be held.

Freshmen and all others interested in debating are urged to attend the meeting. No previous experience is necessary.

## Le Flambeau Cops 1st Prize in Contest

Le Flambeau, the French publication of Yeshiva College, received the highest award in a contest sponsored by the French Embassy, it was announced by Dr. Sidney D. Braun, professor of French and faculty adviser to the publication. The 1952 Flambeau, which marked the journal's tenth anniversary, was edited by Jules Ehrman '53 and Jack Adelman '53.

The judges commented on the "fine linguistic and literary content" of the magazine, according to M. Pierre Guedenet, Associate Cultural Adviser to the French Embassy.

Plans are now underway for a new edition of Le Flambeau.

## Sign Architectural Contracts For Yeshiva Medical School

Architectural and engineering contracts for the \$10,000,000 College of Medicine building, which will be the initial unit of the Medical Center sponsored by Yeshiva University, were recently signed with the firm of Kelly and Gruzen, 80 Fifth Ave., New York City, by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, and B. Sumner Gruzen, senior partner of the architectural firm.

Among those present at the signing were Mayor Vincent Impellitteri; Hon. Samuel Levy, for-

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mer Borough President of Manhattan and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Yeshiva University; Charles H. Silver, Manhattan member of the Board of Education; and Mr. Nisselson, Director of Development.

Mr. Nisselson will be responsible for planning the financing of the University's expansion program, including the direction of the national campaign to establish the Medical Center.

State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, national chairman of the \$25,000,000 fundraising campaign, has announced the following honorary chairmen: Governor Thomas E.

### T.I. Stays at 360

The Teachers Institute has maintained its register of 360 students, the same as last year, Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, Registrar, disclosed. He explained that this was because incoming Freshmen and upper-classmen equalled the total number of those who graduated in June and those who left the institution.

The College office also announced the following faculty promotions: Dr. Michael Bernstein, from instructor to assistant professor of Hebrew; Dr. Walter E. Nallin, from instructor to assistant professor of Music; and Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, from associate professor to professor of German.

### Novelist Joins Faculty

Two new faculty appointments were announced. Ida Dobkin has been appointed tutor in Chemistry; and Herman Wouk, who is the author of the best-selling novel, "The Caine Mutiny," will give a special course in Advanced Rhetoric to alumni and qualified Seniors.

Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Dean, announced. (Continued on page 4)

## Placement Bureau Assigns Positions

More than one hundred students and alumni of Yeshiva University were assigned to various communities in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico by the Student Placement Service, for the High Holidays. The Placement office was open during the entire summer and was in charge of the appointment of rabbis and cantors to conduct services for the New Year.

Shalum Schwadron '50 and Nahum B. Shulman '49 served as co-chairmen of the placement service. They were assisted by Rabbis Morris Finer and Abraham Avrech of the Community Service Bureau.

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## Expression Limited

A year ago, THE COMMENTATOR, after sixteen years of existence as an independent organ of student expression, was put under the supervision of an alumni adviser. At the time, THE COMMENTATOR expressed its opinion (still retained) that such a setup represented an overt infringement on an editor's supreme privilege; that is, to have the final say on what does or does not go into print. For, there is no denying that such was not only the implication of the adviser setup, but this was its unquestionable definition. However, after a year of working closely with Rabbi Israel Miller, our original fears have been somewhat allayed. Rabbi Miller has proven himself to be a careful, competent and critical guide of all the COMMENTATOR's journalistic activities, and we endorse his reappointment.

It should be understood that this endorsement merely means that under compulsion we are accepting Rabbi Miller as our adviser. Let it be clear to all, however, that we still vigorously oppose any form of curtailed freedom of expression.

## Afterthoughts on Registration

Watching the parade of 505 students entering (or returning to) Yeshiva, one could not help but feel that amidst many an emotion being registered with many a Senior registering for his final sojourn in the college, there might have been mingled one of jealousy—and an odd sort at that. For, to the reflecting person, as he meticulously busied himself with properly filling out an intricate form or simple blank check, there might have appeared the vision of registration at Y.U. some twenty or twenty-five years hence. He might then very conceivably grow jealous of his or another's yet unborn brood registering for entry into the class of '75 or thereabouts. To the reader is left the task of rounding out the grotesque apparition, replete with a mechanical device for stamping forms, an atom-propelled bursar, a robot registrar, and automaton dean. While this would present a problem of exaggerated objectivity, or impersonality, there would be an equal amount of exaggerated efficiency.

It has taken some twenty years for the realization that Yeshiva has finally put the lie to the sordid claim that "efficiency" is a word to be struck from an administrator's lexicon at Yeshiva. This great revelation came with the startling discovery that a gym may be used not only for physical education courses and deans' receptions. The arrangement of the entire registration procedure in the gymnasium, so that a student without program and bursar difficulties could complete the entire registration procedure in a matter of less than a quarter of an hour, is a welcome, if not indeed a greatly needed, innovation at Yeshiva. Too, the addition of a staff of some ten student and alumni assistants, along with faculty and staff members, to aid in all phases of registration, added immeasurably to the success of the entire procedure. It is indeed a great step forward; and the college administration is to be highly commended for it.

Now that that taboo word has been reintroduced, albeit only on a very small scale, perhaps it ought not be prevented from roaming into other offices and departments of the university.

Then the class of '75 could really be shocked.

# First Congregation of American Falashans Combines African and European Traditions

By Alex Hoffer

As you walk along Lenox Avenue and reach 128th Street in Harlem, you suddenly catch sight of some large Stars of David set in two dusty second story stained-glass windows. Just another synagogue, perhaps? Well yes, but unique because of the colored Jews who worship in it, as its rabbi, Wentworth A. Matthew, tells you. The synagogue houses the first American Falashan Jewish congregation organized by Rabbi Matthew, thirty-five years ago. Small but tidy, the synagogue is one of four in Harlem, maintained by the eleven hundred Falashas in the area. (Throughout the United States, Rabbi Matthew claims, there are about three hundred thousand Falashas.)

Although most of the members of this congregation hail from West Africa, they and the other Falashas are originally descended from the Falashas of Ethiopia.

### Derivation of the Name

The term "Falasha," according to Rabbi Matthew, is some kind of Hebrew mnemonic or combination of abbreviations meaning "greater nasal space and heavier tongue." If this is true, it would possibly explain the facial and physical similarity of the Falasha to the African prototype. According to Wolf Leslau who, in 1946, made a ten-month study of the Falashas in Ethiopia, under the auspices of the Guggenheim Foundation and the Viking Fund, "Falasha" is derived from Ethiopia and means an emigre or an exile, possibly corresponding in meaning to the Hebrew 'ben hagola.'

The Ethiopian Falashas, although retaining the entire Bible and parts of the Apocrypha in Geez, the ancient Ethiopian dialect, were until recently ignorant of the Talmud. About forty years ago, Jacques Faitlovitch, who spent a number of years studying their history, religion and sociology, introduced this "new" product of Jewish learning to them. Now, the fact that they had no knowledge of the Talmud at all points to their having been out of contact with the rest of Jewry, long before 500 C.E. This supposition is further borne out by their never having heard of Chanuka and so, the gap recedes still further back, before 135 B.C.E.

### Peculiar Customs

Thus, there should be little wonder if the Falashan religious practices seem strange to us. Isolated for (how many) thousands of years, it seems natural that their Judaism should have developed along its own lines and adapted itself in its own unique fashion (as did, indeed, rabbinic Judaism). The Ethiopian Falashas maintain an ascetic Judaism with monks and Nazaries and numerous fasts (in addition to the ones that we observe). Sacrifices are brought once a year, on Passover. Although they observe most of the familiar holidays, and have a solar-lunar calendar similar to that used by other Jews, the dates of the holidays differ slightly from the ones that we have preserved.

They have a number of customs which indicate remnants of Biblical customs. For instance,

some of their synagogues have sacrificial altars and a "Holy of Holies"; ritual garments of the "Kahen" are kept in the "masgid" or synagogue; on Passover, the blood of the sacrifice is smeared on the entrance to the synagogue; they live near rivers or lakes to be able to fulfill a religious requirement of frequent ablutions; only the priests cover their head in prayer; before the Sabbath, very illumination is extinguished and if a circumcision is due on the Sabbath, they postpone it, but if Yom Kippur coincides, they do fast.

### The American Falashas

The Falashas in America appear to be very removed spiritually as well as geographically from the Ethiopian parent community, if, as Rabbi Matthew asserts, they are very similar in the form of their observances to the other American Jews. Rabbi Matthew does admit, though, that since the Falashas' arrival in America, they have accepted the religious practices of Western Jewry, since they "wanted to be up to date." Accordingly you could see that their Torah is written in Hebrew, not in Geez, that there is no "Holy of Holies" in the synagogue (but also no central almemar or platform, actually a post-exilic, perhaps medieval, innovation in the synagogue) and you are told that they observe Chanuka and Purim and the other festivals at the

same time we do and all cover their heads during prayer.

Rabbi Matthew, an only child, was born sixty years ago on the Gold Coast, Africa. He studied for two years in Germany at a Jewish Seminary, the Mannheim Extension of the Berlin University. When he was twenty years old, he came to the United States and studied at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. There he organized the Sharon School of Jewish Thoughts which he directed for the first five years of its existence.

Rabbi Matthew contends that the Falashas are the descendants of Menelik, the son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, although he doesn't completely deny the plausibility of the theory modern Jewish historians have advanced, that their numbers have been increased by numerous converts in Africa. Furthermore, in America, it is supposed that their ranks swelled after the Civil War when escaped slaves, bearing family names of Southern Jewish plantation owners, came North and overtly accepted their former masters' faith. In any event, although there have been those who intimated that these people might not be complete Jews, their story is ample testimony to the diversity and tenacity of the House of Israel through the centuries. . . .

## Penman Discovers Green Frosh Ripen at Shamrock's

By Samuel Silverstein

September 3: Got down to the Commie office to embark upon my first feature assignment for Fall, 1952. Nuts! Find editor's memo—"amuse upper classmen with feature mocking green Freshmen." Sit down to write at 8 p.m. By 12 o'clock waste paper basket is overflowing, one bottle of ink is used up, same to be said of two packs of cigarettes and six bottles of Rhein-gold milk. No lead. Next, browse through fifteen years of past COMMENTATOR issues to do a little plagiarizing. The heck with feature staff principle—going to be honest—will take off one night and intermingle with the greenhorns in their dorm rooms.

Next night—open up a dorm door, arbitrarily chosen, in the new dorm. Freshmen hangout.

### Man Bites Dog

"—so I approached twenty-four Seniors consecutively, politely mooched one cigarette from each one, and now, I'm set for the week."

Uh, oh! No story here—these guys turned ripe too soon.

Well, next room—

"Phil, you remember that instruction sheet issued yesterday? . . . We'll discard that on pure principle."

Nix, getting scared—can't write this—get thumbed off the staff. Eavesdrop on these men a couple of more minutes—see if they're really on the ball.

"—so what if you're potatoes wiped up the floor of the cafeteria—do you expect anything better? Since when are you such a 'yachsan?'"

Gez whiz—really bad off.

Hit upon something—maybe they're smart alecks, but there's no culture there—see what the next floor sounds like. Oh, no, a physics lecture no less.

### Fish Bowl Physics

"In order to solve this comparatively simple problem of the relative apparition of the gold-fish in the eyes of the human situated a distance  $r$  from the fish bowl of radius  $n$ , and in turn to find the relative apparition of the human in the eyes of the gold-fish, we may make use of a trigonometric transcendental equation coupled with a hyperbolic function on dipolar coordinate paper."

Enough for tonight—cooled off with a bottle at Shamrock's (distributors) only to meet other Frosh.

Next day at registration—maybe there's better material here. Tune in on conversation between two '56 buddies:

McKrehtzer: Say, how'd you finish registration so quickly?

Basikmon: Oh, you simply ask one of those good looking br- (noticing English professor) I mean gals sitting at the desk for a date and you effect your registration procedure in five minutes."

Fast workers. Horning in on Seniors.

I see one of my fellow Seniors carrying a load of comic books to the used book exchange in order to pick up some cash for graduate school. They wouldn't let him work in the office.

Oh, well, still no story. I think I'd better take a trip to the Orient. Freshmen?

On The Sidelines

**Scribe Excited Over Arrival of New Y.U. Sports Personalities**

By Sheldon R. Roff

It's your second year "On The Sidelines" and you're beginning to get disillusioned. You're just about fed up with the disorganization of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association and you're ready to succumb to the cynicism and complacency that typifies the Yeshiva student's attitude toward varsity athletics. But now you are all enthused again and you are eager to renew your faith in the future of athletics at Yeshiva. The sudden change is due to your talks with two new personalities on the Yeshiva sports scene: "Chick" Baker and Sol Greenfield.

Charles "Chick" Baker, the new Director of Athletics at Yeshiva, has made a life work of coaching and supervising sports programs. His work at institutional schools has earned him an outstanding reputation as a coach and organizer. His post at Yeshiva calls for the coordination of the various sports programs and, most important of all, the raising of funds to meet the A.A.'s budget, conservatively estimated at \$3,000. At last Yeshiva has a man whose sole task is to do away with the red tape, the reduplication and the general confusion that characterizes the athletic association. At last Yeshiva has a man who can implement a well organized and successful sports program.

The key to the success of the Y.U.A.A. lies in its financial solvency. In order to keep pace with the tremendous expansion of sports over the past few years, the Y.U.A.A. needs more money—and raising it is "Chick" Baker's job. "But all the money in the world can't help us if we don't have student support," Chick told us. "We can't sell our program to outsiders if we haven't sold it to ourselves . . . at least if it's not the money, it's the spirit . . . with student cooperation we can do big things." Unlike the others who have presented this familiar cry to the student body, "Chick" Baker proved he meant what he said. We refer to his work with the Yeshiva soccer team.

The soccer squad, organized last year, is the result of the initiative of several soccer enthusiasts who overcame many obstacles and produced a successful club. There were no uniforms and little glory for the infant squad—but they played and were successful, winning three out of four exhibition games. The soccer team stands as a concrete result of student spirit in action. Last week, the team's captains approached the physical education department for funds to purchase uniforms. "Chick" Baker heard their story, was convinced of their sincerity, and raised the money to outfit the team. "Chick" Baker has the "connections" that can make student cooperation pay off.

Sol Greenfield is an enthusiastic young man who was elected athletic manager of the college last May. Like those who have preceded him in that post, Sol is a victim to "fall-fever" and consequently has made ambitious plans for the coming semesters. He realizes the goal of the athletic manager is to bring the athletic program to every student at Yeshiva. Like his predecessors, Sol will attempt to accomplish this through a varied intramural program. Such a program, with the possible exception of last semester, has always been limited in scope and accomplishment. "A schedule of intramurals in volleyball to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a schedule of intramurals fencing for Mondays and Wednesdays has already been drawn up, and will start immediately after the holidays. When these are completed we will begin competition in basketball and ping-pong," Mr. Greenfield informed us. He then went on to spell out a detailed picture of his program which revealed his background and organizational know-how. But we have heard all these plans before from other equally capable managers. What makes Greenfield different is that he never stops planning. He's just come up with a season ticket plan which enables the student to attend all eight basketball home games for three dollars. At five of these contests he may bring an escort free of charge (an inexpensive date if there ever was one!). He's working on a plan that will provide bus transportation to "away" games. Plans for Y.U.A.A. sponsored talks by prominent sports personalities are being formulated. Sol talks of cheering squad, boosters, enlisting alumni aid, swimming team, etc. . . . he's full of ideas.

There is a common factor that unites both personalities discussed here—their success depends upon our cooperation. Sincerity, enthusiasm and ability are rare qualities in our athletic set-up and both "Chick" Baker and Sol Greenfield are eager to put such qualities to work for them. Maybe I'm just naive or too easily convinced, but they've sold me on the future of athletics at Y.U. You just talk to them and you'll see what I mean. . . .

**Yeshiva Schedules Traditional Rivals In Hoop Campaign**

The Yeshiva University basketball team faces a nineteen game schedule for the 1952-53 season meeting virtually the same opponents as in previous years. The only newcomer to the hoop schedule is Kings College team of Wilkes-Barre, which is scheduled to meet St. Francis College in Madison Square Garden. The Mites plan to travel to Wilkes-Barre sometime in the winter to meet their newest foe.

Yeshiva opens its home season against Bloomfield College after playing six games on the road. Pace, Hunter, Panzer, Maritime, Paterson, Cooper Union and Cathedral will also be met on Yeshiva's home court, the Central High School of Needle Trades' gymnasium.

The schedule follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 25	Webb	Away
Monday, Dec. 1	Adelphi	Away
Saturday, Dec. 6	Brooklyn	Away
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Panzer	Away
Saturday, Dec. 13	Queens	Away
Wednesday, Dec. 17	Rider	Away
Saturday, Dec. 20	Bloomfield	Home
Tuesday, Dec. 30	Hunter	Away
Wednesday, Jan. 7	Cathedral	Away
Saturday, Jan. 31	Pace	Home
Thursday, Feb. 12	Bloomfield	Away
Saturday, Feb. 14	Hunter	Home
Tuesday, Feb. 17	Montclair	Away
Saturday, Feb. 21	Panzer	Home
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Maritime	Home

**"Chick" Baker Chosen to Fill Director of Athletics Post**

Charles "Chick" Baker, of New York City, has been named to the position of Director of Athletics at Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Abraham Hurwitz, associate professor of Physical Education. Mr. Baker brings with him twenty years experience in athletic programming.

Mr. Baker played varsity basketball at Cooper Union, and continued his athletic activities playing semi-pro basketball and foot-

**Freshmen, Sophs Face Swim Tests**

Beginning with the class of '55, no student will be permitted to graduate from Yeshiva College until he passes a required swimming test. Professor Hurwitz announced that the test will consist of swimming the length of the George Washington High School pool. The new ruling will not affect the present Junior and Senior classes.

Professor Hurwitz explained this new ruling by saying, "In all colleges it has become a recognized fact that swimming, like walking or anything else, has become a necessity in life. Too many fatalities have been caused by the mere fact that a person was unable to swim a few feet. The institution of higher learning, which prepares the student for all walks of life, should, in this manner, give the student an added investment in life."

Swim instruction will be given as a Physical Education course to others desiring it.

Saturday, Feb. 28	Paterson	Home
Saturday, Mar. 7	Cooper Union	Home
Saturday, Mar. 14	Cathedral	Home
(no set date)	Kings	Away

ball and toured throughout the United States. Following the termination of his athletic activities on the playing field, he turned to coaching and received the job of guiding institutional children at the Hebrew National Orphans Home. During his tenure as coach at the Home, his basketball team set a national record of 100 consecutive victories.

In the capacity of Director of Athletics, Baker's main job will be to raise funds to insure the success of the expanding sports program at Yeshiva. Among his plans for the coming season he has undertaken to organize a sponsors committee to facilitate the raising of funds. In addition, he plans to try and raise student morale and interest in the school.

Dr. Hurwitz also announced the appointments of Gus Meyer as coach of the soccer squad, a post he held during the latter part of last season, and Artie Stein as assistant coach of the Varsity and coach of Junior Varsity basketball teams.

Student Council President Irwin Shapiro announced the appointment of Walter Silver '53 as Student Council representative to the Y.U.A.A.

**sports profile**

By Bernie Hoenig

(This is the first in a series of articles designed to acquaint readers of the THE COMMENTATOR with prominent sports personalities at Yeshiva.—ED.)

The telephone buzzed noisily every few minutes and old and young sports enthusiasts kept running in and out of "Red" Sarachek's classy sporting goods store. Despite all this hustle and bustle, the Yeshiva University basketball coach managed to answer the questions being thrown at him. "Marvin Hershkowitz?" he smiled. "One of the greatest ballplayers Yeshiva University has ever known. He's very apt to learning, catches on quickly, and gives all he's got, not only in basketball, but in everything else."

The phone rang again, Sarachek placed his hand over the receiver and called, "What's more, when I think of Marv I think of him not only as a fine athlete, but as a fine friend to me and all the students at Y.U. He certainly is one of the finest boys I've ever coached."

**Fullback Marv**

When Marv Hershkowitz first entered De Witt Clinton High School in September, 1945, the idea of playing basketball had not entered his mind. Almost immediately he was offered the job of fullback on the Clinton football team. All the contests were on Saturday, and so, all the contests were played without the services of fullback

Hershkowitz, who deemed the Sabbath far greater than any sport. It was at this point that Marv became interested in basketball, something which he will never regret. In 1946 and 1947, he and Ed Warner, the ex-City star, captained the Clinton Basketball team to the city championship. His hoop career continued in City College where he started on the Freshman team, and finally, with the deep desire to broaden his Hebrew and religious background, Marvin Hershkowitz enrolled in Yeshiva College, to become rated eventually as the greatest player in Y.U. history.

**Intestinal Fortitude**

It was during the close of the 1951-1952 basketball season, during pre-game practice, that Marv injured his left elbow. Unable to compete for several games, he finally returned to action for the season's closing battle against Brooklyn College. While the Yeshiva fans, after a very dull season, were screaming for some excitement, very few realized that the bandage around Marv's elbow was a special cast to hold his arm in place. Brooklyn won the fray, but a certain Marvin Hershkowitz, nursing a bad bone chip with intense pain,

went on to score 11 points in a vain attempt to catch the fleeing Kingsmen. "I'll never forget that," remarked Bernie Sarachek, "when, with a busted arm, that boy gave his all, and played a helluva game. There's a guy with guts and intestinal fortitude!"

This, then, is Marvin Hershkowitz. The record books say he's a great ball player. We've seen him play. We know he's a great ballplayer; the greater still for the fact that all his fame and acclaim hasn't changed him a bit. He's still known as "Modest Marv," a smiling fellow who's always willing to help others. He is truly a credit to Yeshiva and American Judaism.

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# Alumni Associations Choose New Prexies

Milton E. Kramer '42, vice-president of the A. B. Kramer Co., manufacturers of men's clothing, has been elected president of the Alumni Association of Yeshiva College, and Rabbi Morris Berman of the Concourse Center of Israel, The Bronx, was elected president of the Rabbinical Alumni of Yeshiva.

Mr. Kramer, who was graduated from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1947, is a member of the executive board of the Mizrahi Organization of Bensonhurst and of the board of directors of Yeshiva Ohel Moshe.

Rabbi Berman, who was or-

dained in 1940, holds a B.S. from Columbia University and LL.B. degree from Brooklyn Law School. He is vice-chairman of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America; vice-president of Salanter Yeshiva; and a member of the executive body of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Other officers elected to the College Alumni executive include: Jerome Willig '38 and Bernard Auerbach '45, vice-presidents; Rabbi Abraham Avrech '40 and Morris Silverman '45, corresponding secretaries; Martin Lilker '45, recording secretary; and Moses I. Feuerstein '36, treasurer.

Other officers elected to the Rabbinical Alumni include: Rabbis Hyman Tuchman, Emanuel Marcus, Harry I. Wohlberg, Shepherd Z. Baum, and David Hollander, vice-presidents; Rabbi Jacob Adler, financial secretary; Rabbi Jacob Goldberg, recording secretary; and Rabbi Israel Silverstein, treasurer.

Rabbi Leon Katz, retiring president, was named honorary president.

## Messages

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The following is Dean Isaac's message:

May I again, through your columns, welcome the student body, both old and new, back to Yeshiva College. This is the time for good determinations and good resolutions and I hope that they will lead to happiness and prosperity for all of us.

It is a matter of pride that we have continued our growth as a school not only in numbers of students, but in courses and in faculty as well. In terms of age we are advancing too, since we will have our twenty-fifth year of instruction this year. In more glorious terms, we are rounding out a quarter of a century. This anniversary is marked by the presence of two sons of Alumni whom we have registered this year.

Kind greetings to all your readers.

Yours sincerely,  
(signed) MOSES L. ISAACS  
Dean



Dr. Bruno Kisch

## A. V. Releases "Zmiros" Disc

"Sabbath Zmiros," the third in a series of recordings by the Audio-Visual Service of Yeshiva, will be released shortly, Mr. Sidney Pleskin, instructor in Education and Director of the Service, announced. This collection of twenty-one Hebrew melodies will be issued on a new type of red vinylite, long-playing record. The title of the record album was chosen in a contest conducted last spring, which was won by Jack Goldman '53. The records, which were recorded by a Seymour Silbermintz, made use of an echo chamber on several of the songs.

Mr. Pleskin also announced that the tape library division of the Audio-Visual Service is continuing its efforts to provide recordings of the various homiletics seminars conducted throughout the year for members of the Rabbinical Alumni Association.

The Audio-Visual Service is planning the release of a film strip in October entitled, "The Life of Rabbi Akiva," and the publication of a cumulative index of films and film strips of Jewish interest. A series of film forums, which was conducted in past years, will get underway under the auspices of the Dean and the Audio-Visual Service in the near future, Mr. Pleskin said.

## Chairmen Named At S. C. Meeting

The chairmen for various subcommittees were appointed by Student Council at its first meeting, held Monday, September 15. The following appointments were made: Saul Bahn '53, Appropriations Committee; Josef Fischer '54, Constitution Committee; Marshall Korn '53, Special Affairs Committee; and Avinoam Wallis '54, Book Exchange Committee.

At the same session, a Student Counselling Service, to be composed of Seniors and Juniors to advise incoming students on program planning and curricula problems, was formed. The appointment of members to this service will be based on their experiences in and acquaintances with particular fields of study and Major requirements.

Irwin Shapiro '54, president of Student Council, has announced that elections for the office of president and vice-president of the Freshman class will be held Wednesday, October 22, in the Co-op stores from 1 to 5 p.m. Petitions for both offices must bear the signatures of twenty-five Lower Freshmen, and should be submitted to Joel Balsam '54 not later than Friday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m.

## Dr. Kisch To Head Novel Cardiology Lab at Yeshiva U.

The first electron-microscopic research laboratory in the world devoted exclusively to Cardiology to be headed by Dr. Bruno Kisch, professor of Chemistry, will soon be established at Yeshiva College.

### Research Associate

Dr. Kisch was recently elected president of the American College of Cardiology, the largest national organization of specialists, physicians and surgeons interested in research on the heart.

Dr. Kisch, with the aid of the electron microscope, has classified the minute particles of the heart muscle fibre. These particles are concentrated in great numbers both in the heart muscle and the wing muscles of certain fast-flying insects. They have been proven to contain the enzymes and vitamins that are responsible for normal heart functions.

Professor Kisch is a Research Associate in Cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital and a Research Fellow at Fordham University. He is editor-in-chief of the International Archives of Cardiology and the author of more than three hundred scientific articles and papers. He is the founder and former president of the German Cardiological Society and a pioneer in the use of electron-microscopy in his field.

## Teachers Institute Has 1st Assembly

The first assembly of the Teachers Institute, dedicated to the High Holidays, was held in Lamport Auditorium, Wednesday, September 17.

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the T.I., addressed the assembly, and Rabbi Yechial Grossman, a recent appointee to the T.I. faculty, spoke on "Repentance and the Soul." The talks were followed by the blowing of the Shofar and renditions of Ashkenazic and Sephardic cantorial by Joseph Levine '55 and Asher Abittan, respectively.

Bialik Lerner '55, president of the T.I. Student Council, and Kaddish Goldberg '54 led community singing. The assembly concluded with the singing of "Hatikva."

## I.R.S. At Model U.N.

Yeshiva will again be represented at the Model United Nations Assembly which will be held this year at Cornell University, announced Gil Rosenthal '53, president of the International Relations Society.

The other officers of the society are: Jack Adelman '53, vice-president, and Neil Hecht '54, secretary-treasurer.



ARCHITECT'S CONTRACT SIGNED: Shown putting the seal on the contract are, left to right, Dr. Samuel Belkin (standing), Mayor Impellitteri, the Hon. Samuel Levy and B. Sumner Gruzen of the firm of Kelly and Gruzen (standing). See story on page 1.

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