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Debate Team Splits 3 to 3 In First Meet

The Yeshiva Debating Society, participating in its first inter-collegiate tournament at Fordham University, Sunday, November 30, registered three wins and three losses. The tournament, in which fourteen schools participated, was won by Brooklyn College.

Yeshiva was represented by Gil Rosenthal '53 and Fischel Pearlmutter '55 on the affirmative, and by Jack Adelman '53 and Joseph Erushalmy '53 on the negative.

The varsity debating team has scheduled seven debates for December, announced Mr. Rosenthal, President of the Debating Society.

The schedule follows:

Barnard	December 4	away
Pace	" 8	home
West Point	" 9	away
N. Haven	" 11	away
T. C.	" 11	away
Fordham	" 11	away
Harvard	" 14	home
N. Y. U.	" 17	home

The Debating Society opened its current season by defeating Columbia University in a debate held Thursday, November 13, in the Dorm Social Hall and defeating Pace College, in another debate held Monday, November 24, at Pace. Upholding the affirmative against Columbia were Mr. Rosenthal and Mr. Pearlmutter. Presenting the negative case in the Pace Debate, held in conventional style, were Mr. Adelman and Mr. Rosenthal.

Pre-Med Society Hears Dr. Isaacs

The advisability of limiting the number of science courses taken by pre-medical students at Yeshiva, was discussed by Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, Dean and Professor of Chemistry, at a meeting of the Pre-Medical Society held Monday, November 24. The proposed plan would allow these students to take courses in the Social Sciences and Humanities departments which are recommended by many medical schools. Dr. Isaacs suggested that a representative of those departments present his views at a future meeting.

Medical school requirements and recommendations in Biology and Chemistry were reviewed by Dr. Meyer Atlas, Associate Professor of Biology, and Dr. Eli M. Levine, Professor of Chemistry.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Morris Bergman '53 upon his engagement to Miss Sylvia Zemel; to Rabbi Israel Paleyeff '49 on his marriage to Miss Eugenie Shapiro; to Ruben Davidman '52 upon his marriage to Miss Phyllis Lauer; and to Stanley Rudoff '48 on his marriage to Miss Judith Feder.

S. C. Forms Blood Bank

A Red Cross bloodmobile committee has been set up, announced Daniel Bonchek '53, chairman of S. A. C. Sheldon Kornbluth '55 has been appointed chairman of the committee which consists of Isaac Sherman '55, Bernard Pshoter '53, and Otto Newman '54.

Fifty per cent of the blood donations will be shipped to the armed forces and the remainder will be kept in a Y. U. blood bank set up for the faculty, the students, and their families. Any person above the age of eighteen is eligible to be a blood donor.

Grant Awards For Sciences

The National Science Foundation has recently announced its second graduate fellowship program for the academic year 1953-54. Fellowships will be awarded for graduate study in the biological, engineering, mathematical, medical, and physical sciences.

More than five hundred Fellows will be selected for a year of graduate study. The majority of the awards will go to graduate students seeking masters or doctors degrees in science, although limited numbers of awards will be made to post-doctoral graduate applicants.

Graduating college seniors who are citizens of the United States and desire to enter graduate school are encouraged to apply.

The three-part rating system for pre-doctoral Fellows will consist of test scores of scientific aptitude and achievement, academic records, and recommendations regarding each individual's merit.

The stipends for predoctoral Fellows range from \$1400 to \$1800. In addition, tuition and certain required fees will be paid by the Foundation. Limited allowances will be provided for travel to a Fellow's graduate institution. The tenure of a fellowship is for one year and can be arranged to begin at any

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Cafeteria Changes Suggested At House Committee Meeting

An early solution to the "Cafeteria Situation" is expected, THE COMMENTATOR learned this week. The disclosure came at a Building Committee meeting, held Monday, November 24, where Mrs. Norman Lieberman, President of the Maintenance Committee, submitted the list of improvements suggested by the Women's Organization.

Mrs. Lieberman reported on an inspection of the Cafeteria by an outside caterer. The caterer's

survey revealed that while the food served at the cafeteria is of standard quality but it is poorly cooked and has no "eye appeal." He criticized the distribution of portions as "unequal," and pointed out in his report that the restaurateur has "no desire to please."

The report pointed out that even if the food was good, it is served "without imagination," and the atmosphere and setup are so "negative" that the cafeteria is not conducive to eating. The report recommended that trays be replaced, silverware be polished, table tops should be scrubbed, and the oil-cloth used for meat meals should be replaced.

The investigator based his claim of unequal distribution of portion on a purchase of a meat meal which he made. As an outsider, he had been given a proper sized portion. When he sent over a student to purchase an identical meal, the latter's portions were far smaller.

A bill of particulars will be drawn up for presentation to Mr. Stern, who is in charge of the Cafeteria, the Committee decided. It will incorporate the recommendations listed above, and include the following suggestions:

1. Better qualities, particularly of veal chops, and other meats should be used.
2. More meat per plate should be brought into the stuffed meat.

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T.I. Dean Chosen President Of New Mizrahi University

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Dean of the Teachers Institute and outgoing President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, was chosen President Designee of the new Bar-Ilan University by the thirty-first Annual Mizrahi Convention held in Atlantic City.

The University, to be situated near Ramat-Gan and Bnai-Brak, will be based on the American College system in order to interest Americans to study in a religious Israeli environment. The system would also permit students to transfer credits from American universities.

Together with secular studies,



Dr. Pinkhos Churgin

the University will offer a complete course of Jewish studies "to raise a generation of scholars in religious and secular fields," Dr. Churgin declared.

Dr. Churgin will fly to Israel in February to help implement plans to open the new institution of higher learning by September, 1953. The University will eventually accommodate 5,000 students, he said.

Dr. Churgin plans to return temporarily to the U. S. next summer after which he will settle permanently in Israel. As yet, nobody has been named to fill Dr. Churgin's position as Dean of the Teachers Institute.

"In time," Dr. Churgin said, "the Bar Ilan University will develop a close relationship with Yeshiva University."

Born in Russia in 1894, Dr. Churgin studied at the yeshivot of Wolozhin and Torat Chaim in Palestine. Arriving in this country, he studied at Yale University, where he received his Ph.D degree in 1922, while authoring a treatise on "Targum Jonathan."

Dr. Churgin is the author of a recent historical volume dealing with the Second Commonwealth and is presently preparing for publication a tome on Arabic versions of the Bible.

I. R. S. Discusses "Support of U.N."

The International Relations Society attended its first conference of the season at the headquarters of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations, in the Woodrow Wilson House, Manhattan, Saturday, November 22. Yeshiva was represented by Gil Rosenthal '53, President of the I. R. S.

The theme of the meeting was, "How can we increase support of the U. N. in our colleges."

Dean's Reception On Sunday Features Fun, Food, Faculty

A worthwhile evening to all attending the forthcoming Dean's Reception was promised this week by Marshall Korn '53, vice-president of the Student Council and co-ordinator of the annual shindig. The affair, scheduled to be held in the gymnasium Sunday evening, December 7, is due to feature the cream of Yeshiva talent, with the possibility of a few "surprise" outside entertainers.

To avoid the confusion that oft-times accompanies an informal occasion, name tags will be distributed to students as they enter. Mr. Korn suggested that this might forestall embarrassment on the part of faculty members who will thus know the identity of students and will better be able to "call a spade a spade."

Though the program will not get underway until 8:15 sharp, the doors will be opened at 7:45 to allow a "chummy" attitude to develop. One half hour later, performers will commence their united

attempt to take the minds of their audience off the refreshments which will be waiting upstairs.

A look at the program gives indications that they will succeed. Old-time favorites such as the "singing cowboys," Bernard Sohn '54 and Aaron Dobin '56; Lacy Burack '53 of "dilapidated Adam Hat" fame, with his singing impersonations; and the pantomime artist, Norman Bernhard, who brought the freshmen and seniors tumbling through the smoke clouds recently, will have first crack at the fun meter. But their competition should result in merely cautious optimism on their part. Hardly will the meter have been shattered by their attempts, when the "Can-You-Top-This?" gagsters M. C.-ed by Manny Forman '53, Manuel Gold '55 with Jewish humor, and someone called "surprise entertainment" (we couldn't find the year in the catalog) will probably burst another en-

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Advice Meetings Are Being Planned

A schedule of informal gatherings jointly sponsored by Student Council and the Guidance Department has been announced by Professor Israel Young, Director of the Guidance Department. The meetings, to which all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are invited, will be held on the first four Mondays of December and will be divided according to the majors of the various students and their interests.

Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg, Chairman of the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division, addressed the first gathering Monday, December 1. On December 8, the speaker will be Professor Irving A. Agus, acting Chairman of the Jewish Studies Division, and on December 15, Professor Aaron Margalith, Professor of Political Science, will address majors in the Social Sciences. The series will conclude with a gathering of the Language majors on December 22, at which time the speaker will be Professor Sidney D. Braun, Chairman of the division.

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They Still Need Sleep

However, it might serve as a lesson to those who have not yet learned that coercion does not breed piety. The time has arrived, we feel, for the Dormitory Committee to discuss the entire attendance problem a bit more sensibly.

That the love of morning sleep among dormitory residents has not been diminished appreciably by recent administration threats is evident to any visitor to the Bet Midrash in the early hours of the morning. The situation is to be regretted.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness

We have often had occasion to harp upon — and lament — the lack of pride that the student body has in Yeshiva. One of the most unfortunate aspects of this situation is that this contempt is hereditary and represents not merely a private state of mind, but is reflected in the way the facilities of the building are treated. The carelessness and lack of respect for the building on the part of upperclassmen is certain to be noticed (and adopted) by incoming Freshmen. Thus we find, that as the years pass, the floors, and bathrooms of the school building become increasingly filthy, the chairs and walls assume the burden of more autographic symbols, and the window-sills are stacked everywhere with discarded wrappers, cigarettes, and sundry printed matter.

Anyone who has ever seen the condition of the building before the start of the academic day, cannot in any way place the blame on the janitorial staff. Anyone who inspects the classroom and halls in the evening, will know that the burden of guilt is rightfully that of the student body.

This condition of utter disregard for the cleanliness of the school building would be considered intolerable in a secular institution of learning; in Yeshiva it is even more disgraceful. It indicates not merely a lack of consideration for the conscientious, long-suffering building attendants, but displays a lack of respect for the building itself and what it represents. It shows a sad lack of self-respect.

We urge all-out support for the cleanliness campaign which is being initiated by Student Council and the House Committee.

A Source of Income

Lack of money to conduct affairs is a malady common to national, state, local and school governments. Yeshiva, and its Student Council, is no exception. The situation is made increasingly difficult by the limited means which our Student Council has at its disposal for replenishing its empty storehouse.

To date, budgets submitted by COMMENTATOR, Masmid, and various clubs have yet to receive the full amounts they requested. All that has been heard is an invitation by the Executive Council of S. C. to bargain, to see how corners might be cut from school activities. "There is no money," we are told.

We are not convinced. Last year, the Cooperative Stores made a profit of two thousand dollars. This money, it is claimed, is needed for further investments. However, the approval for investment should come from Student Council, to whom Co-op is responsible. A good deal of Co-op purchases could be made on credit, as has been the custom in the past, and the major portion of the profits could be appropriated for the various student activities.

We are not opposed to bargains. They are of great value whenever birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions of a similar nature present themselves. However, it would not be asking too much of the Co-op, we think, if it would help alleviate the financial straits of Student Council.

After All, Why Not?

Winter is acumen, and this time with a vengeance. In the past, our student body would escape the bitter chills by staying put in one building, to the material loss of the luncheonette across the street. But now, with many classrooms situated in Science and Graduate Halls, most students are forced to race back and forth between 187th and 185th streets trying to defy the weather with chopped fists. The complaints about chronic colds and coats ragged by overuse are record-breaking. It is becoming obvious that unless measures are taken immediately to remedy the situation, the college is in danger of being snowed under by a storm of absences, latenesses and headcolds.

The solution we propose to this problem is the simplest as well as the least costly. A covered bridge, like the one uniting the two buildings of Gimbel's department store, should be built into the second story of the Yeshiva building and drawn to the Graduate Hall, then over the roof of the Pollack Library, to end in Science Hall.

If the Yeshiva, however, in keeping with its expansive aims, wishes to achieve something less provisional and inexpensive, nothing would do better than to construct a subterranean tube. A tunnel somewhat like the Lincoln will not only supply our wants, but will pave, in a deep down-to-earth fashion, a united road for all our undergraduates. The results of such an undertaking should not be underestimated, particularly now that it is clearly getting colder and colder.

Two New Features

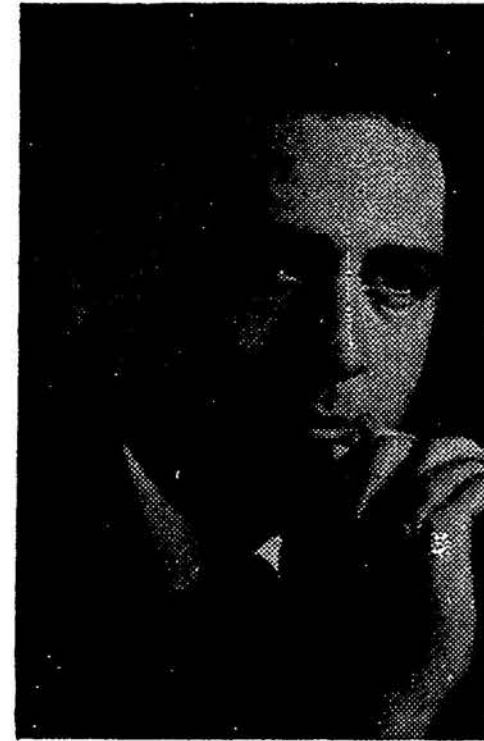
With the increased demand on the part of the student body to learn more about fellowships and scholarships available to majors in certain fields of interest, THE COMMENTATOR has adopted the policy of publishing pertinent news items on these matters whenever space permits.

Another innovation, which will be found on this page, is a column, "From the Files." The new column will highlight events in Yeshiva's past as they were reported in the columns of THE COMMENTATOR over a period of eighteen years.

Best-Seller Author Is Now A Visiting Faculty Member

By Al Hoffer

On Friday afternoon, Herman Wouk and Otto Preminger, the director of one of Mr. Wouk's plays, were rehearsing the script with the play's cast. Play rehearsals are usually all night affairs, but as the Sabbath approached, Mr. Wouk explained to Mr. Preminger why he had to leave and that he could not be contacted by phone on the morrow. The harassed director paused long enough to reflect, "I don't envy you your religion, but I do envy you your Sabbath."



Herman Wouk

Herman Wouk, the author of the best-seller, "Caine Mutiny," teaches at Yeshiva University. He gives a course in advanced rhetoric for rabbinical students which he prefers to call a course in effective communications, verbal and written.

As he sees it, Yeshiva University, "a first-rate divinity school and university," has to bridge the gap between traditional Judaism and secular materialism, to bring the evolution wherein American Jewry would become traditionally observant.

Mr. Wouk attended Yeshiva for a short while in 1930. Since then, he has found Yeshiva more Americanized, in that, except for a certain keenness and eagerness, the students are much the same as they would be in other col-

leges. However, in the Americanization of the Yeshiva, he doesn't find that the intensive Jewish interest has lost any of its prominence. Instead, Mr. Wouk says, that the current students "are more aware of what is required of them."

Need for Religion

"I'm a Talmud Torah boy," he confesses, "who grew out of religion and later matured into it." As he grew up, his Jewish knowledge, neglected, lagged far behind his general studies. His skepticism was inevitable. However, in the course of his literary career, he matured when he came to Hollywood and sensed a need for religion in giving direction and meaning to life. He began to realize that his grandfather, Rabbi Mendel Levine of Tel-Aviv, a simple, pious, very clever man, had more of an understanding of life and was better adjusted than most other people he ever met. Mr. Wouk, then, took the trouble to supplement his religious learning, and since, devotes parts of each day to religious study.

As a naval officer aboard a ship, he also made sure to observe what he could of the Jewish ritual. According to a popular story circulated about him when his ship was being heavily bombarded and the crew suffered severe losses, one of the sailors approached him accusingly, "Damn it, Mr. Wouk," he cried, "you forgot to put on your tfilin, today." When asked how much of this story is true, Mr. Wouk laughed, saying, "The last part isn't true. I put on my tfilin every day."

The best-seller author tells of a Reform rabbi whom he met at Pearl Harbor. Opposing Mr. Wouk's contention that traditional Judaism is the only Judaism from an historical point of view, the rabbi asserted then, that in one decade, Jewish Orthodoxy would crumble and disappear. Recently, ten years having passed, Mr. Wouk happened to meet this Reform rabbi at the dedication of a synagogue — an Orthodox one!

From the Files

December, 1935: Dr. Samuel Belkin has been appointed to teach in the Ancient Languages Department and Dr. David Bidney of Toronto has been appointed Instructor in Philosophy. Although Dr. Belkin's appointment was for this semester, semi-official reports from the administration had offered grounds to believe that he would not actually begin his lectureship until next term, due to a petition of the Greek class. Student Council passed a sharp resolution which strongly objected to the introduction of a new instructor in the Philosophy Department.

December, 1936: At a special meeting, Student Council passed a resolution denouncing the application of the five-year plan to the present Freshman class. The resolution demanded that the Freshmen be given such a program to enable them to be graduated from Yeshiva College in June, 1940. Great indignation was expressed by members of council over the arbitrary fashion in which the plan was introduced. A resolution endorsing the five-year plan in principle was passed at the first meeting of the Alumni Association.

December, 1938: A definite policy of liberalization of attendance requirements in College courses was advocated by the faculty committee on courses and standing. The proposal, which would allow upper seniors an unlimited number of cuts, and all other college students approximately double the number of cuts now permissible, have been advanced in an attempt to ameliorate the severe conditions under which the ordinary college students must work. Dr. Moses L. Saacs, head of the Faculty-Student Relations Committee stated that the ideal situation would be one where all compulsory attendance would be abolished.

Cantorial Workshop

Cantor Macy Nulman's "Sabbath Morning Service" has been published by the Music Department of Yeshiva, announced Dr. Karl Adler, Director of Music. The book will be used as a text for the Cantorial Workshop.

Dr. Adler also stated that the Choral Group will enlarge its repertoire this semester to study German, French and Italian songs as well as English and Hebrew songs. The group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in room 446.

Alumni Study To Be Made By Soc. Club

The next meeting of the Sociological Society will be held Thursday, December 4 at 7:45 p.m. in room 302, announced Macy Gordon '53, President. Mr. Gordon also disclosed that Mr. Leo Krown, Director of the Professional and Technical Workers Aliyah, a subsidiary organ of the Jewish Agency, will address the Sociological Society on the topic, "Sociological Opportunities in Israel," in December. A future meeting will be addressed by Mr. Victor Geller '49, Field Director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, on the topic, "Sociological Aspects of the American Jewish Community."

The Society is planning a questionnaire survey of Yeshiva College alumni, designed to find the effect of their Yeshiva College education on their daily living and social relationships. The results will be indicative in determining the efficiency ratio of Yeshiva College in training members of the Orthodox Jewish laity.

The president of the society also announced that an application has been filed to charter the society in the Alpha Kappa Delta National Sociological honor fraternity.

Top Talent At Dean's Mixer

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will probably burst another entertainment barometer.

The affair in general, and the necessity for purchasing two meters, has proved to be too much for one sponsor. Student Council and the Administration are sharing the honors, though a third party would be appropriate to sponsor Professor Karl Adler's Choir.

We could not get any more information from Mr. Korn who had just passed out as a result of a high fever that had developed from delirious anticipatory enthusiasm. However, from notes that he has left behind, we have learned that admission is free (pay after you leave), and that the band will make sure that "the night will be filled with music."

P.S. Mr. Korn has let it be known that he hopes to be revived in time for the reception. Stanley Witty '53 and Lacy Burack '53 hope that he will recover sooner. They don't want to do all that work alone!

University Receives

New Talpiot Will Appear

The forthcoming edition of Talpiot, Yeshiva's scholarly quarterly, will be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Shlomo Pulchik, announced Professor Samuel K. Mirsky, editor. Rabbi Pulchik, known as the "The Mechtiter Ilui," and a former Rosh Yeshiva in the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, died twenty-five years ago.

Among the contributors to the next issue are: Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog and Rabbi Ben Zion Chai Uziel, Chief Rabbis of Israel; Dr. Gershon Churgin, Dr. Mark Wischnitzer, and Dr. Asher Siev, of Yeshiva; and Professor Patai, Dr. Wolfsberg, and Dr. J. Rosenthal.

Rabbi Mirsky will also publish his own "Notes on the Pinkas of the Posen Synagogue," together with a copy of the original manuscript.

Talpiot was recently reviewed in the Jewish Herald, Johannesburg, South Africa, by Dr. Lustig, and behind the Iron Curtain, by Dr. E. Roth in "New Life" Magazine, Budapest, Roumania.

Prof. Braun Appointed Rhodes Representative

Dr. Sidney D. Braun, Professor of French, has been designated as Institutional Representative of the Rhodes Trustees.

Further information about the scholarships may be secured from Dr. Braun.

Mayor Addresses Yeshiva Organizations Conference

"It would be foolish on our part to shut our doors to immigration at a time like this when the scourge of Communism has blocked out a good part of the world," declared Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, speaking at the ninth annual conference of the Council of Organizations of Yeshiva University at the Hotel New Yorker, Sunday, Nov. 23. "If we are to maintain our place in the world we must extend hope to all people," the Mayor added.

Other speakers at the meeting included Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, New York City's Commissioner of Hospitals, and Dr. Harry M. Zimmerman, Director of the College of Medicine sponsored by

P'elim Activities Planned for Year

The Executive Council of the National "P'elim" Organization held its second meeting November 12, in Riets Hall. A new plan has recently been formulated to hold the bi-weekly meetings in various Yeshivot in order to familiarize the student bodies in their institutions with the work of the organization.

A membership campaign will be initiated in Yeshiva in the near future, and an assembly is being planned to inform students of the activities of "P'elim."

"P'elim" was organized in 1950 to serve as an orthodox educational agency in the immigration camps in Israel.

Morton Summer '54 and Arnold Enker '55 are co-chairman of the Y. U. P'elim Committee.



Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Rabbi Will Direct Funds Committee

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Professor of Sociology, has been named chairman of the University Planning Committee recently established by Yeshiva in connection with its current expansion program, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. The Committee is designed to aid the development of the maintenance and expansion fund of the University.

The board of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, where Prof. Lookstein is rabbi, has arranged to relieve him of certain congregational duties to enable him to devote himself to the University expansion program.

Rabbi Lookstein has served as President of the Rabbinical Council of America and the New York Board of Rabbis.

Yeshiva. Messages from Professor Albert Einstein and Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Honorary Chairman of the Council, were read and greetings were extended to the more than 500 delegates present by the heads of many organizations.

Louis Levine, prominent realtor and communal leader, was re-elected for his tenth term as National Chairman of the Council. Mr. Levine, who is Treasurer and a Trustee of the University, is a member of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress and of the Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Congress.

Mr. Levine presided at the conference.

Dr. Hartstein to Speak At Psych Club Meeting

Dr. Jacob I. Hartstein, Dean of Graduate Division and Professor of Education, will discuss "Opportunities in Psychology" at a meeting of the Psychology Club, Thursday, December 11, in the Dorm Social Hall at 8:30 p.m.

Daniel Bonchek '53 is president of the Psychology Club.

Valuable Collection

Foreign Correspondent Donates Rare Documents of Paris Peace Conference

Five-hundred original documents comprising a four-volume documentary history of the Paris Peace Conference have been acquired by Yeshiva, it was announced recently by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. The collection was presented to the University by Burnet Hershey, noted foreign correspondent, in memory of his father Joseph, who died last November.

"This collection, which includes documents, briefs, treaties, and letters, took Mr. Hershey more than twenty years to assemble and collate, and is unique and invaluable both as Americana and as reference material helpful to students of history and diplomacy," Dr. Belkin declared.

Many of the documents, letters, and treaties were obtained by Mr. Hershey while he was acting as correspondent for the New York Sun, and was officially accredited to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace. Many of the documents marked "Confidential" and "Secret" were furnished by the German delegation at Versailles. Others were obtained from the Allied Conference rooms. "Many of the documents were of such secret nature at the time that, had news of their contents been divulged before authorization, a different kind of Versailles Treaty might have been written," said Mr. Hershey.

Proof Copy of Pact

Volume IV, entitled "First Edition of the Covenant," is one of the prizes of the collection, in the opinion of many authorities. It is a "proof copy" and shows the unsettled clauses of the pact omitted as a result of Conference decisions. This was one of about a half-dozen struck off hurriedly for the personal approval and correction of President Wilson. "This first version has never been made public and there are no other copies anywhere in existence—perhaps not even in the State Department archives—except among the documents retained by Mrs. Wilson," according to Mr. Hershey.

Covenant Draft

The collection also has a copy, marked "Confidential," of the "Second Draft of the Covenant." "Together with the final version as it appears in the original Treaty, they constitute all the links in the chain that was forged to create the League of Nations and are invaluable documents for the student," said Dr. Aaron Margalith, Professor of Political Science and University Librarian.

Among the documents found in the collection are the following:

1. The official, original copy of the Treaty of Versailles (a replica of the copy is in the French National Archives);
2. The first proof copy of the Covenant of the League ever printed;
3. The memorandum for liberation from Japan and reconstruction of Korea as an Independent State;
4. The brief for separation of Transcaucasia and Russia, and the plea for Georgian Independence;
5. The memoir of the Commission of Jewish claims before the Conference; and
6. The United States and Allied Treaty with Germany regarding occupation of the Rhine.

Collection On Loan

"Inasmuch as these are authentic first drafts, original maps, official data, etc., many leading universities and libraries have expressed a desire to possess them. Parts of the collection have been on loan to Yale, University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton, during the past 25 years," Dr. Belkin said.

Women Give Campaign Aid

More than 500 leaders of women's organizations pledged their continued efforts to raise funds for the establishment of the Yeshiva Medical School, State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein, National Campaign Chairman, reported. Two hundred thousand dollars have been raised to date by women participating in the Medical College campaign, he revealed at a luncheon held Tuesday, November 25, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The luncheon, in honor of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, honorary chairman, inaugurated a nationwide campaign by the recently organized Women's Division, which has adopted a national quota of \$1,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 over-all goal.

Speakers and honored guests included Mrs. Roosevelt; Attorney General Goldstein; Mrs. Vincent R. Impellitteri; Fannie Hurst, and Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, honorary co-chairmen of the luncheon; Dorothy Sarnoff, star of "My Darlin' Aida"; Mrs. Gertrude Berg, radio and television star; and Dr. Harry M. Zimmerman, Director of the College of Medicine.

December 17 Set For T. I. Chagiga

The Chanuka Chagiga of the Teachers Institute will be held Wednesday evening, December 17, in Stern's Cafeteria. Kadish Goldberg '54, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, is planning a program which will include a dramatic presentation and musical renditions, announced Bialik Lerner '55, President of the T. I. Student Council.

The Teachers Institute held memorial assemblies for the late President of Israel, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Tuesday, November 25. The assemblies were held in Lamport Auditorium and Room 404 to accommodate upper and lower classmen. Mr. Yaakov Churgin, Instructor in Hebrew Literature, and Rabbi Samuel Mirsky, Professor of Talmud, addressed the assemblies.

"Hanitsots," a new publication of the Student Council of the T. I., edited by Meir Ingber, has

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Solution Is Near In School Cafeteria

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3. Students should be offered a selection of costs for various items of supper meals, so that he may request (or collect) entrees, soups, and meats as desired.

4. More vegetables and natural foods should be used rather than the now used protein and soy bean products.

5. A greater variety of foods ought to be made available.

6. Increases in food portions should be made, and portions should be distributed uniformly to all students.

7. The restaurateur should try to please the students by keeping the dining room cleaner and brighter, and making the food more palatable.

While an increase in price was discussed, no decision was reached, THE COMMENTATOR source said.

Irwin Shapiro '53, President of Student Council, who attended the meeting, told THE COMMENTATOR that many of the above items were reported on and discussed at the meeting, but refused to corroborate the specific details.

New Publication Is Issued by T. I.

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appeared as a supplement to "Hameasef," the student publication of T. I. under the editorship of Zvi Sde-hen '55, Mr. Lerner said.

He also disclosed that the Student Faculty Relations Committee of the Teachers Institute has held its first meeting. The committee consists of: Ralph Bierman '54, Chairman, Michael Rosenak '54, and Abraham Bichler, for the Student Council; and Dr. Solomon Wind, Instructor in Talmud, Dr. Gershon Churgin, Professor of Hebrew, and Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, Instructor in Talmud, representing the faculty.

Co-op Announces Sale On New Style Shavers

The Co-op store announced that it will hold a one day sale this Wednesday, December 10, on Shick "20" Shavers and watchbands. It has just received a new shipment of Y. U. sweaters and will order Chanuka Menorahs on request.

Awards

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time after June 1, 1953, but must not normally be later than the beginning of the academic year at the institution of the Fellow's choice.

Don't be Alarmed, 'Cause You Are Really Average

By Illytch Witebski

You can't argue these days with statistics. Everybody knows them and quotes them. And what's more, they sound convincing. You plunge into a hot argument, you get excited, you stamp your feet. Suddenly a cold voice interferences: "Statistics prove . . . and you know it's time out."

So you pay a visit to Dr. Adler's psych clinic. You're put to work there on some mazes. When you're through, the good doctor glances at the mazes, then glances at you, after which he decidedly glances at himself. Eventually he rises, lifts his forefinger, and begins: "Statistics prove . . ."

In short, I am now taking a course in statistics. I am so elated. I can now prove anything statistically. Just test me. And I am not just average. I merely take the average. Of anything. Will you glance at the following statistics?

1. My father, with whom I share lodgings, pays the average rent (\$49.00, which indicates how old this article is).

2. The family has an average savings bank balance (which means that the bank holds up the savings, father holds up the bank, and he ends up with a balance of 20 years to life).

3. We have the average life insurance, of course, which provides father and I with a reasonable income, if we average at least two accidents per year. We missed up on one last year when father took sick and was unable to push me down the stairs.

Moreover, after many calculations I discovered that I had been kept in after school the average number of times during the average elementary school year by the average teacher; that I had spent (excluding probability, variables, exceptions, mutations and mass-cuts) the average amount of time staring past the window; that I along with 48.7% of the student corpse didn't know the name of last year's Canvassing Committee President. Upon closer scrutiny, I found out that I have a medium size, a mediocre family, and a skull that defies the law of averages.

All this may be much too complex for the layman. Let's clarify it by using a bit of arithmetic:

Suppose Ruben has one third of a scholarship, Shimon has two thirds, and James has seven

eighths, what do you as a layman think is the average per capital? You think you know, I rather gather. You think you merely divide seven eighths by three and get five eighths, no? Well, let me tell you that NOBODY has exactly five eighths! Show me one student, anyone mind you, that ever got a five eighths scholarship and I will put on a tie. Naturally, the only statistical conclusion we get from this is that the average scholarship student is NOBODY.

Now let's switch. Suppose Ruben has one tenth (he is still behind; don't know the right people), Shimon has one half (directly proportionate with his wit), and this time James has nine tenths (75 in Talmud). Now Shimon is the average. At least, I think so. His mother and father, though, as well as his parents, think he is not. Not not, but not. However, his kid sister thinks he is. Not not, but not. His professor does not think.

Then again, he might not be the average at all. The average statistician will glance at this, wet his forefinger, flick over a few pages and point with pride to a line in small prints which reads: "The average person fails to meet the full standard of averageness (or averageity, if you dip into the wrong dictionary) by 3.2 points per head (I could have used per capital, but I am not sure of the way you spell per) on the average."

If you can figure out this one, you need not take up statistics. But I would certainly suggest a visit to the psych clinic.

Sam Governs Yeshiva From Maariv to Dawn

By Sol Steinmetz

Viewed from behind, Sam looks like any Yeshiva man. He wears a striped yarmulke, shirtless sleeves, and always has plenty of time. A frontal glimpse, however, will reveal that Sam isn't a Yesh-man after all, but a nightwatchman named Sam. The bags under his eyes are a sleepy testimony to his profession, and so are certain disgusted punches aimed at the clock down in the basement between midnight and dawn. After twelve years at Yeshiva, Sam has grey hair and still no scholarship.

Sam wasn't born yesterday, but in Brooklyn. "Sam Aronson" he was born, and bred in butter. He has been earning just that ever since he received the Stewart Purvis Fellowship in Janitorials. Notorious for having enforced the twelve o'clock curfew before the establishment of the new dorm, he is now notable for the vast store of information he hauls nightly to the cellar for the Health Department boys to carry off. He is the only person, for instance, who knows how many tables there are in the Bes-Medrash. He claims there are twenty-six, though he prefers not to be quoted on it. He does insist, however, that tables have been added since the depression.

"Don't you know," says Sam, "things improved since dem days. More students, see?"

His modesty is an example to the freshmen. Though he is the boss over the Bes-Medrash and supervisor of the men who clean the upper floors, he is the very personification of simplicity and

of selfless devotion to the ideals of Yeshiva. His office, right across from Dr. Freed's on the second floor of the old dorm, is open to "all" from 12 to 6 a.m. His advice to the perplexed is ever gratuitous, even if somewhat incoherent. Memorable for its pith and soundness is his reply to the question of what he considers the nucleus of his philosophy.

"Don't 'cha know," he declared, "I always says keep the ash-trays where dey belong and don't pile up garbage on no tables."

With a steady income, Sam can afford rising every day at one in the afternoon. After minyan he eats supper, and if in the mood, takes in a show at the RKO Palace on Times Square. Sometimes he subways to the Bronx to visit his sister and family. As to his hobbies, he gets a kick out of pursuing one of Stern's stray cats or Sadowsky, when the latter fails to return all the Gemoras to the shelves. He has no vices. He smokes and drinks moderately. Two packs of Pall Mall a day is all he permits himself, for instance.

In his own unassuming manner, Samuel carries on with the sunny disposition of a night custodian. Yet he is well aware that every night, after the bells stop pealing, he and he alone becomes responsible for the fate of Yeshiva in the American community. He then closes all the doors and rattles his keys with the authority of a man elected by the people to protect their inter-

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BOOK REVIEW

A Maestro Waxes A Master

A Review of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, recently recorded by Arturo Toscanini. Wholesale, \$8.28. Victor.

After many years of delay, reluctance, one could say even fright, on Arturo Toscanini's part, he has finally released a recording of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The musical world has not waited in vain. The result is a new milestone in record history. It is another phase of the maestro's resurrection of the acknowledged master of music.

But why did Toscanini hold back and reject his other attempts before they reached the public? Why was the Ninth retained by the maestro as a too precious jewel when the other symphonies had been revealed for public audition? I would say that the answer lies in the reverence in which Toscanini and many others behold Beethoven's creations.

The Ninth was completed in 1824. It is entitled the Choral after the fourth movement, the "Hymn to Joy," and scored for soloists and chorus as well as orchestra. The question is: Was the choral finale a mistake or a supreme stroke of genius?

The majority of critics hastily and logically come to Beethoven's defense and prove that, as usual, the master had full power over his works. The tersest and most

pleasing interpretation, although not necessarily the only true one, is M. M. Scott's. "The first movement is Destiny and the 'inexorable order of the universe'; the second, physical exuberance and energy; the third, Love; the fourth, Joy, which was to Beethoven 'the one thing without which all else was incomplete.'"

These titles for the four movements provide excellent topics for a discussion of Beethoven's creative life.

First, Destiny and the inexorable order of the universe. There is a noticeable similarity in musical thought between the Third Symphony, the "Eroica," and the first movement of the Ninth. The Eroica is the master's first frightening indication that he meant to sound the depths of human life. Compared with his previous works, it shows a profundity and maturity of realization which does not appear again with such force until the Ninth. While writing the Eroica, Beethoven was experiencing grave personal trials—his deafness was becoming a horror to him as much from pride as from the pains in his ears. In 1802, the year he began the Eroica, he wrote a lengthy confession, discovered after his death, in which he gave vent to all his travail. He writes, ". . . even the high courage . . .

which often inspired me in the beautiful days of summer . . . has disappeared . . . O G-d . . . grant me at last but one day of pure joy." (Note his preoccupation with joy which will be referred to later.) But Beethoven, true to his strength and spiritual courage and love of man's triumph over himself, shortly after this learned to "take Fate by the throat" and conquer his destiny. The Eroica is a symphony of conquest and this theme recurs in the Ninth.

Second, one has merely to listen to the Seventh, "the dance symphony and bacchanal," to realize Beethoven's energy. It combines joy with pure, fierce, physical exultation. It contains "expression of the most fundamental joys of life."

Third, Beethoven was a very romantic person. Although he never married, he had many sincere affairs. He was not (as is commonly supposed) shunned by women. Many of his slow movements express this romanticism. It emerges, of course, in the Ninth in the third movement.

And lastly, Joy—that which he couldn't do without; which to him was life. But it is also a higher joy—that which comes from G-d Himself, the gift that the Creator grants to his chosen ones, the earthly creators—of whom Beethoven was one.

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On The Sidelines

Dryspiel and His Age
Of Basketball Clowns

By Sheldon Rudoff

"Hey Rudoff, I want you to give me a big write-up in the Alumni game, do you hear?" Thus I was addressed by my glorious predecessor "On the Sidelines," Hilty "Drip" Dryspiel on his plans to participate in the "annual classic" held last Sunday evening. But also a freshman reporter assigned to the contest apparently hadn't heard of the great hoop feats of Dryspiel for he wrote nary a line concerning this outstanding personage. Perhaps Hillel's little star lost its glitter among those of the Doppelts and Artie Stein, but Dryspiel was in there alright, and racked up five points. In view of his success and with the possible hope of establishing precedent, (and he's also our editor's room-mate) I feel it incumbent upon me to relate "The Dryspiel Story," a story of one of the unknowns in Yeshiva basketball history.

"They knew me all over," smilingly relates Hilty; and that was no understatement. Opposing fans were fascinated by his many monickers and his erratic playing style. There was no one trying any harder, running around any more, than Dryspiel when he had an opportunity to shake the ants (or the splinters) out of his pants. The object of his efforts may not have always been clear but he was in there trying all the time; a feat that was a virtue on the Yeshiva teams with which Hilty played. It was a great delight to him when informed that the first person I was queried about at the press table at an Upsala game was, "Is that guy you call 'the Drip' still with you?" At last the bench had received recognition!

Dryspiel played four years for Yeshiva and could have played more but Yeshiva "turned legitimate" during his playing years and Hilty found himself off the squad last year. The most serious result of this move was that "Saturday nights began to cost me money." No more inexpensive dates on "comps." The Mites did have a less successful season but rumor has it that this was more due to the loss of Artie Stein than that of Dryspiel. During his first three playing years, "Drip" appeared sparingly in the scoring columns, but frequently in the sports columns. In his fourth and final season he reversed the procedure. He resigned as sports editor and stopped playing defense. He began to shoot more and compiled a season total of 41 points and had the third best shooting average on the squad. For more information the reader is referred to Hilty, who has so mastered the statistics of each game during his four year span, that he can remarkably relate how he fared in each game he appeared.

However insignificant Hillel Dryspiel's scoring feats may be, he has earned his fame as one of the most colorful of a long line of zany Sarachekeers. The memory of how Dryspiel, reluctant to leave his goods in the locker room during a Cathedral game entered the playing court carrying his gym bag, is fondly recalled by yours truly. Sarachek, quickly grasping the humor of the situation bellowed, "Hey, moneybags, come here." On another occasion, during a Fordham game, Hilty was locked in a full-length locker by his fun-loving teammates. When Sarachek entered the locker room the players told him of a secret weapon they had cooked up for the contest. They swung open the door and there stood Dryspiel curled up like the low-man on a totem pole, grinning sheepishly. As it turned out they weren't so very far from wrong for Hilty scored seven points and provided the highlight in what was otherwise a disastrous evening for the Mites. He was enthused with his feats in the contest but left the fame frustrated. I'll always remember joining "the Drip" in the Yeshiva gym a few hours later where he spent several hours sinking baskets and proving to all the onlookers that he really had a "hot-hand" that evening.

Another of Dryspiel's nights of glory was in a Yeshiva-Maritime game. In that contest "Drip" perfected a new technique to draw fouls. He'd drive fiercely toward the basket and invariably discovered that he was fouled. In the following game he employed the same technique and met with dubious success. His opponent neglected to foul him and Hilty was momentarily stunned. He recovered enough of his faculties to do what was second nature to Dryspiel. He passed off to Artie Stein, Yeshiva's greatest hoop star and "Drip's" hoop idol.

In a sense Hilty Dryspiel personifies a foregone era in Y. U. hoop history. The ages of clowns and basketball jokesters is gone and is being replaced by a hard-fighting, earnest crew of young ball players. The new team is determined to win in order to remove the stigma the basketball team carries. The present squad, however, conducts itself in a manner that is far from sobriety. Such an atmosphere is impossible with "General" Abbie Gewirtz and Artie Stein around. But this year's team is different. We haven't seen such an outburst of sheer enthusiasm on the part of the Yeshiva hoop squad as they demonstrated when they pulled the Webb game out of the fire. They cheered Sarachek, were almost deliriously happy and provided the kind of locker room scene that you read about but somehow never see at Yeshiva.

The new squad has spirit plus. They take their basketball seriously and they'll win more games. The age that Dryspiel represents is gone and merely provides us with pleasant memories and nostalgic humor. We hope the new "era" will bring us more victories. In fact we're sure it will.

Mites' Late Rally Clips Webb;
Alumni Beaten in Hoop Opener

In its initial appearance of the 1952-1953 basketball season, the Yeshiva University quintet downed its Alumni 61 to 39. The annual classic was held at the Central High School of Needle Trades, Sunday, November 23.

The new Yeshiva squad, heavy with freshmen, got off to a slow start and trailed at the end of the first quarter, 10 to 9. However, in the second period the Mites took over the lead, which they never relinquished, leading 31 to 26 at half time and 49 to 29 as the third quarter ended.

The Sarachekeers were led by veterans Elihu Levine, Abby Gewirtz, and Marv Hershkowitz, who scored ten, eight and five points respectively. Freshmen Abe Sadden, Jonah Kupietzky and Sammy Cohen contributed much to the cause, with twenty-one points between them.

Representing the alumni were such stars of past eras in Yeshiva Hoop history as Artie Stein, who led the varsity from 1947-51, and Rabbi Abe Avrech, who starred during the first two years the team existed, 1938-40. Also present was Stanley Doppelt, the most spectacular basketball player in Yeshiva history, who led Blue and White in scoring for four consecutive seasons, 1941-45.

Yeshiva (63)				Webb (61)			
	FG	FT	Pts		FG	FT	Pts
H'kowitz	8	3	19	Forsell	0	0	0
Taragin	0	0	0	Manuel	4	8	16
Teicher	2	1	5	Hedges	2	1	5
Levine	7	4	18	Visconti	0	1	1
Cohen	0	0	0	Lawson	1	0	2
Citron	0	0	0	T'nsend	8	3	19
Anisfeld	1	0	2	Sutter	2	5	9
Orlian	0	0	0	Williams	1	0	2
Narrowe	1	0	2	Hove	0	0	0
K'p'tsky	1	0	2	Tornay	0	0	0
Gewirtz	6	0	12	Bethage	2	3	7
Fr'dlich	1	1	3				
Total	27	9	63	Total	20	21	61

Booters Blanked
For Third Setback

Long Island University downed the Yeshiva Soccer Squad 5-0, Sunday, November 23, at Red Hook Stadium in Brooklyn. It was the third successive defeat for the Booters this season.

The Blackbirds, led by Mosso Gabbe, Fred Trippe and Shep Azari scored early tallying once in the first quarter and twice in the second and third periods. Yeshiva had several scoring opportunities but failed to crash the L. I. U. nets which were guarded successfully by Carl Schultz.

Sid Ingber, Yeshiva's goalie, made countless saves winning the approval of the fans.

Basketball Contest

At last, THE COMMENTATOR is sponsoring a contest. In cooperation with Chesterfield Cigarettes, the Sports Department is enabling the students to pick the score of the next five basketball games, with the contestant coming closest to the correct score receiving a carton of Chesterfields. Contestants need only predict the outcome of the Brooklyn Panzer, Queens, Rider and Bloomfield games.

In order to aid contestants in making their choices, we are presenting a summary of how Yeshiva fared against the above opponents in two previous seasons.

Mites			Opponent			1951-52			Opponent		
47	Brooklyn	64	50	Brooklyn	69	46	Panzer	66	48	Queens	71
61	Panzer	65	58	Panzer	74	53	Rider	56	48	Bloomfield	44
54	Bloomfield	49									

All entries should be placed in the suggestion box on the fourth floor before December 15, addressed to the Sports Editor, and marked Basketball Contest.

Yeshiva League Begins Play
Under New Divisional Setup

The Jewish High School Basketball League, sponsored by Yeshiva University, opened its second year of operation Saturday night, November 29, with a new organizational set-up consisting of a two division league.

With the addition of two new schools, Flatbush and Far Rockaway Yeshiva High Schools, total membership has been brought to eight participating teams, thus enabling the League to carry through a two-division plan of four schools each. Far Rockaway, Flatbush Yeshiva,

Ramaz, Mesifta Torah V'daath, comprise Division A; Division B includes Brooklyn T. A. Chaim Berlin, Rabbi Jacob Joseph and Manhattan T. A., last year's champions.

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Hershko's Tally
Margin of Victory

Yeshiva University won its second game of the 1952-53 basketball season by edging out Webb Institute 63-61. The contest was held Tuesday, November 25 at Glen Cove, L. I.

Behind at half-time, The Sarachekeers unleashed a relentless attack during the last quarter that brought them the victory. Sparked by the .600 shooting percentage of Allen Gewirtz, the steady floor game of Eli Levine and the scoring of Marv Hershkowitz, the Mites knotted the score with a minute to play, and by virtue of a tap-in by Hershkowitz, gained their margin of victory.

The Sailors pulled to a quick 2-0 lead on a basket by Hal Townshend, but Yeshiva tied the score on a jump shot by Hershkowitz. Tallies by Manuel and Townshend put Webb out in front and they boasted a 17-12 first quarter lead.

The Heighters bounced back to tie the score at 24-all, through a three-point play by Charley Freundlich. But, on successive drives by "Corky" Sutter and Tom Manuel, the Islanders amassed a ten point edge at half time.

Hershkowitz, Levine and Gewirtz led the Quinchooplet's scoring with 19, 18 and 12 points respectively. Townshend, with 19 points, was high man for the losers.

Coach Bernie Sarachek was well rewarded with his liberal use of the younger members of the Blue and White. Neophytes Marvin Teicher, Mickey Orlian, Fred Anisfeld, Jonah Kupietzky, and Sam Cohen added speed and hustle to the 1952-53 edition of the Mites.

Athlete-of-the-Month

Sid Ingber, goaltender of the Yeshiva U. Soccer Squad, has been named "Athlete - of - the - Month," and will receive a carton of Chesterfields, emblematic of the award.

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Sam Dorman

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ests. Every midnight, when the moon is at its highest, a secret smile of satisfaction may steal over the face of this man. The wise observer may, at that instant, recognize in this smile the ancient grin of a victorious Napoleon or perhaps, the not less triumphant smirk of a Walter Mitty.

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Math Club

Harry Furstenburg '55, President of the Mathematics Club, delivered the first two lectures at meetings on October 14 and 28. He discussed "Topics of Combinational Analysis" and "Summation of Series."

Audio-Visual

The film strip, "The Life of Rabbi Akiba" has been produced by the Audio-Visual Department and will be distributed to the public in the near future, it was announced by Mr. Sidney Pleskin, Director of the Audio-Visual Department. The film, which is in technicolor, will be accompanied by a self-explanatory guide for teachers or group leaders, containing pertinent data and references for future study. The film strip is priced at \$7.50.

Y. U. Swordsmen Score in A. F. L. A.; Saber Squad Eliminated by N. Y. U.

Norman Toporovsky, co-captain of Yeshiva's Fencing Team, placed second in the Amateur Fencing League of America Tournament held in New York City during the first two weeks of November. Toporovsky competed in the individual saber tourney.

The saber squad entered into the team competition and was downed 5-2 by the N. Y. U. contingent. Yeshiva's Nissan Shulman also competed and last year's captain reached the semi-finals before being eliminated. Coach Tauber was very pleased with the Duelists' showing and

is confident of greater success in future tourney. This was the first A. A. U. competition that Yeshiva has entered since becoming a member of the union last month.

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