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Alumni Return To Y U Campus —for One Day

The Yeshiva campus brought back old memories to the College alumni, as it welcomed them back to their Alma Mater during Alumni Day. The affair, the first of its kind to be held at Yeshiva, took place on Sunday, December 27. Sports competition, a tour of the campus and a dinner tendered to alumni engaged in scientific work, marked the day's events wherein the "visitors" met their former classmates and future alumni.

The alumni bowed in fencing and basketball competition and drew with the Yeshiva chess team.

Yeshiva's varsity basketball team eased their way to an overwhelming 60-21 triumph over the under-manned alumni squad. Although the contest was one-sided, it proved to be an interesting affair due to the antics of Maurice Novoseller, who changed jerseys midway in the first quarter to prevent fouling out of the game, and some fancy-dan ball handling—Globe-trotter style—by Coach "Red" Sarachek's five.

All of the Mighty Mites saw action in the game, controlling the boards and displaying fine teamwork. "Bam" Soddan topped the scorers with 13 points with Sammy Cohen canning 12 points for the Blue and White. Novoseller led the "ancients" with six counters.

When the fencing match was finally called in order to start the basketball game, the alumni found itself on the short end of a 10-8 score. Among the former fencing luminaries who prove that they "still had it" were Bill Millen, Dave Mostofsky, Fred Klein and last year's captain, Norman Toporovsky, who won their bouts.

The first alumni-varsity chess match in Yeshiva history ended in a draw as each squad scored two points.

The dinner, attended by former science majors, was held in Riets Hall and featured talks by various graduates of Yeshiva on the type of work they have been doing since graduation.

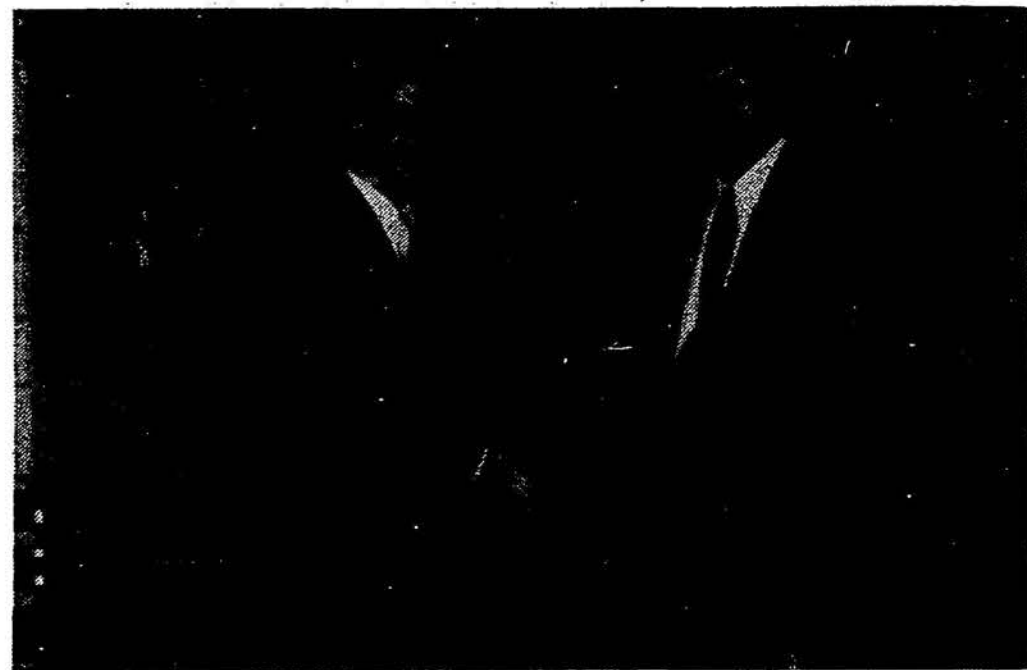
M. Greenhut, J. Kaplan Announce Resignations

The resignations of Martin Greenhut '54 and Joel Kaplan '54, as news editor and associate news editor of THE COMMENTATOR, respectively, have been announced by Sheldon Rudoff '54, editor-in-chief.

Mr. Greenhut has been associated with THE COMMENTATOR as reporter and copy editor. Mr. Kaplan has been active on the News and Circulation Staffs.

Successors to the two vacant posts are expected to be named early next month.

Mr. Rudoff also revealed that plans are being readied for the annual Purim issue. All those interested in contributing are urged to contact him before January 10.



DEAN GREETED: Acting Dean Simeon L. Guterman shown with Fishel Pearlmutter '55, Master of Ceremonies at Dean's Reception held Sunday, December 20.

Food Fills Student Stomach As Student Body Hails Dean

By Allan Scher and Sidney Goldstein

Generally, a Dean's Reception is a much-anticipated event, but when the guest of honor is a new dean, interest runs even higher than usual.

So, on Sunday, December 20, 1953, at 8:45 p.m., when the doors of R. I. E. T. S. Hall swung open, a large assemblage swarmed in to consume the carefully prepared repast and bid gracious welcome to our new Acting Dean and his wife.

Next in the order of things was the entertainment, and strangely enough, everybody flocked into Stern's to view the proceedings. Inside the cafeteria, a typical theater atmosphere prevailed, no doubt brought on by the inadequate lighting, the two pieces of curtain and of course, the aimlessly wandering ushers.

Charge d'affairs for the evening was Fishel Pearlmutter '55, who took command immediately. Chairman of the evening, Manuel Gold '55, the person really responsible for the success of the event, took a modest bow. As the Dean and his wife entered, they were met by a blast of voices, which upon investigation, proved to be the Choral group singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Schachter Makes Radio Appearance In College Forum

Yeshiva University will beat Brooklyn College next year, predicted oracle Oscar Schachter '54 on a radio program entitled "What 1953 Meant and What 1954 Will Mean to You." The program, presented on radio station WINS, on December 31, 1953, consisted of a group of college students discussing politics, fashions and sports.

Mr. Schachter, representing THE COMMENTATOR, pointed out that in 1953, man had accomplished much in the field of science. In 1954 he must prove that he is master of himself, or all his scientific accomplishments will be obliterated.

The University Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Charles Schiff and preceded by songs by Israel Zuckerman '55, rendered several selections in both the classical and unclassical. After a long-winded introduction by F. P. the M. C., Dean Guterman, briefly greeted the faculty and students.

The spotlight was then turned on Gene Horn '55 (stage name—Harn) and his little side-kick and script writer, Joe Kahane '56. Gene's performance was so good that he has since signed an M. G. M. contract. Gene is now trying to get M. G. M. to sign. After several encores, Gene was forced to leave the stage (Fishel is quite strong), to the tune of thunderous applause.

Choral Group Dims Lights

The Choral group, led by Dr. Karl Adler, sang four Hebrew songs. By the time two of their songs were over, the two gentlemen who operated the overhead and spot lights reached some sort of agreement and the Choral group finished their selections in dim light, while Dr. Adler's back glowed a brilliant red.

Professor Abraham Tauber then trotted out his quiz kids and the fun continued. Mrs. Guterman, Professor Daniel Block and Professor Helmut Adler represented the administration and faculty, while Leon Wildes '54 and Martin Schnall '54 stood as the students' champions. The panel show, entitled

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Board of Accreditation To Examine University

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, of which Yeshiva has been a member since 1948, is planning a visitation to the University sometime in 1957.

Acting Dean Guterman, upon returning from the Association conference, held in Atlantic City during the Thanksgiving weekend, revealed that the Association will study not only the College, but the entire University including the Albert Einstein Medical College.

Guidance Profs to Clear Soph, Frosh Programs

Registration for the spring semester will differ in several aspects from the previous procedure, it has been announced by Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College.

The most important innovation is the requirement that all freshmen and sophomores obtain a written permit from their guidance advisers before registering. Since last year, every incoming student has been assigned to a faculty advisor who, with the aid of a

thorough questionnaire, counsels him regarding vocational plans, personal and health problems and academic difficulties. According to Professor Israel Young, director of the Guidance Department, the advisor "learns to understand the needs of the student" through constant contact with him over the four-year period which the student spends in Yeshiva, and is thus in a position to help the student plan his program.

Another innovation in the registration procedure is the distribution of the admission cards to the instructors directly through the college office. Previously, the registering student, upon the payment of his fees, had received his admit cards.

Preliminary registration took place between Tuesday, December 29 and Monday, January 4. Programs are now being checked by the College office. The third step, payment of fees to the Bursar's office, will take place between January 25 and January 28.

All students who desire to revise their programs after January 10, will incur a penalty of one dollar per course dropped or added. No course may be added after February 9; no withdrawal from courses will be allowed after March 3.

Speaks Thursday



Dr. Samuel Belkin

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, announced that he will meet with dormitory residents, Thursday, January 7, at 8:30 p.m. in the Dormitory Social Hall. An informal discussion is planned and Dr. Belkin will entertain questions on any phase of University life.

Psychological Clinic Now Operating As Separate Post-Graduate School

The Psychological Clinic of Yeshiva University, until recently a part of the School of Education and Community Administration of the University, is now functioning as a separate division of the post-graduate schools, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. Dr. Julius B. Maller, who has been with the Clinic since its inception in 1949, is to continue as its director.

In a memorandum to Dr. Maller, Dr. Belkin explained that "because of its expanding program and increased services... it would be administratively advisable to constitute the Clinic as one of the integral units of the University..."

Dr. Julius B. Maller is widely known for his research studies and writings. In addition to his Yeshiva University association, he is presently the Associate Director of the Health Survey of the N. Y. Academy of Medicine.

Born in Lithuania, April 15, 1901, he studied at the famous Yeshiva of Telshe and came to the United States in 1921. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in 1925, a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University in 1926, a Doctor of Hebrew Literature degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in



Dr. Julius B. Maller

1927 and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1929.

The Yeshiva University Psychological Clinic has the distinction of being one of the few University clinics licensed as a Psychiatric Clinic, by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene.

Treatments are also carried on for which moderate fees are charged.

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More Red Tape?

For the first time in the College's history, freshmen and sophomores will be required to submit written permits from faculty advisors assigned to them, before they will be permitted to register for the coming semester. This is in logical and gratifying sequence to the institution of a more complete system of individual guidance under which all incoming students are assigned to a faculty advisor for the duration of their stay at Yeshiva. The problem of guidance has always been an acute one in our school and any innovation in this department is praiseworthy.

However, there have been reports that advisors have been content to limit their "guidance" to a mere question as to whether the student is passing all of his courses, and have felt that an affirmative answer relieved them of their charge. One student has even stated that his advisor had admitted that "I know as much about this whole thing as you do."

We trust that this attitude will not characterize the administration of the advisory system; if it does, the administration will have done nothing but provide itself with some more red tape to clutter up the files of the College office.

For the Doubting

Throughout this semester there has been considerable apprehension on the part of the students concerning the College policy on grade distribution. With final examinations and final grades at hand, we would like to state what the "official policy" is as we surmised it from our talks with the administration.

Firstly, there is no written regulation in effect concerning grade distribution. To quote Acting Dean Guterman, the entire matter is in "a very fluid state," i.e. it is being studied by two faculty committees. For the present, teachers are being asked to grade their students in accordance with accepted educational standards.

Secondly, there has been much talk about plans for increasing the "work hours" required in the average college course, thus "raising the standards of the College." That such a plan has been devised by University officials has been repeatedly denied by Dr. Belkin. Dr. Belkin cites the fine records of our graduates in winning scholarships and fellowships to several leading graduate schools, to prove that there is no need to "raise standards" in the College.

We hope that this statement will dispel any doubts that members of the faculty or the student body might have on this matter.

Dean's Affair

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"What's My Secret?" seemed doomed to an early death, marked by internal strife, when Professor Adler introduced a fellow panelist as "Mr. Schmaltz." However, Professor Tauber tactfully avoided an open clash and the show went on. The two contestants interviewed were, Bert Shuker, who claimed to have an advance copy of Dr. Freed's Hygiene final; and "Doc" Hurwitz, who had the unhappy distinction of being in charge of deodorizing the gym, under the original plans for this event.

The final attraction of the eve-

ning was a wonderful memory demonstration by Morris Narushinsky '57, a protege of Dr. Hurwitz. Such unrelated subjects as *Chicken a la Paprikash*, a *Shtamel*, the Draft Board, and Rabbi Lessen, were among the fifty items Morris was called upon to memorize. His only mistake of the evening occurred when he roamed from mnemonics to delve in lexicography. No, Mr. Narushinsky, a pagoda is not a Chinese house.

Then back to R. I. E. T. S. Hall for refreshments and the end of a pleasant evening. Generally speaking, the affair was a success. But how could any evening fail to be successful when it starts with food and ends with refreshments?

Jews Under the Banner of Torah, Described as Aim of World Agudah

Editor's Note: This article is the second in a series of interviews with leaders of major religious Zionist movements.

By Michael Rosenak

Since it was a Sunday morning, the officers of the Agudath Israel of America were unheated. Having admitted to Mizrahi leanings, I was asked to wait. But since I represented THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Michael Tress, president of the Organization, led me into his office when he arrived and inquired as to my pleasure.

The Agudath Israel of America, I was told, is an organization of 14,000 Jews who are part of the Agudah World Organization, grouped according to sex and age in a total of six branches. Thus far, I hadn't heard anything new, since any number of Jews readily combine into any number of organiza-

tions with as many branches as possible, to provide for as many presidents as possible. Sensing my cynical musings, Mr. Tress hastened to explain that the Agudah was a world organization with an international policy arrived at by a rabbinical council of the leading sages of the age. This rabbinical organization, the "Moetzet Gedolei Ha-Torah," discusses and deliberates on all problems pertaining to Orthodox Jews and arrives at halachically satisfactory solutions.

With the purpose of "uniting all Jews under the banner of the Torah," the Agudah carries on many diverse activities, Mr. Tress informed me. The youth program, designed to "instill in our youth a complete understanding of Judaism through group life," includes youth services, *shiurim*, recreational and athletic activities, conventions

and summer camps. These camps have been amazingly successful, declared Mr. Tress, and the boys' camp, Camp Agudah, has, since its inception, brought 700 boys to yeshivas. The adult program is also largely educational and is composed of the same ingredients fitted to the ages of the participants.

Differs from Mizrahi

Since the Agudah is vitally concerned with unity, I inquired what differentiated it from other Orthodox groups. Mr. Tress' reply was emphatic. "The difference is a difference in the whole approach to the problems which confront us," he stated. "We believe that all problems, whether social, economic or political must find their solution through the Torah." As an example of the difference between the Mizrahi approach and that of the Agudah, Mr. Tress cited the question of the draft of women. The leading rabbis of the world and of the State of Israel declared this legislation to be contrary to Torah law, he stated, and yet the Mizrahi saw fit to compromise on this issue, despite the fact that, "even the Rabbi they claim to listen to" (Rabbi Herzog) had declared that no compromise was possible. Continuing the discussion of the draft of women, the Agudah President decried the "criminal acts" of last week in which religious girls, who, upon rabbinical orders had refused to answer government medical questionnaires, were arrested.

The present conditions in Israel in general also drew a strong protest from Mr. Tress. "The Israeli government has adopted a negative attitude toward religious Jewry in Israel and is compelling religious Jewry throughout the world to develop an unfriendly attitude toward the State," he declared. Debunking the theory which Ben-Gurion had espoused, namely, that the Diaspora has no right to interfere in the internal affairs of the State, Mr. Tress claimed that, "We will not stand idly by and accept the theory that we have no share . . . they are our problems." He also felt that the opening days of Mr. Sharret's administration as Premier had not been promising. "We are patiently watching the tactics of the new Premier," he said. "Thus far, religious Jewry can hardly be pleased."

Rejuvenation of U. S. Jewry
Turning to the rejuvenation
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New Committees Blaze Hot Trail in Dorm Arson Caper

By Henry Kressel

The national trend is toward more investigations, committees and the wholesome fun and excitement that go with them. We, at Yeshiva University, not to be outdone, have of course a large number of both. Everything is good for a little investigating, and since results don't really matter, everyone can have a good time at everyone else's expense. No doubt in the very near future, twenty-three new committees will be set up to investigate the recent fire that broke out in one of the dormitory rooms, with a chairman of chairmen to be at the head of the whole thing.

Our exclusive interview with him will probably go something like this.

Self: "Good afternoon, professor. Could you possibly interrupt your game of solitaire to give our readers some information concerning the dorm fire?"

He: Why . . . Why . . . yes. It was an unfortunate affair . . . not at all in keeping with the ideals of our institution."

Self: "We understand, professor, but what have your committees done to determine its cause?"

He: "Assure your readers, young man, that the matter is being carefully studied and that all possible measures will be taken . . . all in due time of course."

Self: "Do you mean to say that nothing will be done?"

He: "All in due time, young man. One must be patient."

Self: "What have been the results of the investigation, so far?"

He: "Fifteen committees have already decided that their study has not been conducive to definite results while the others are still deciding what to decide. Rest assured that the case is being pushed with the utmost diligence and an early break is, of course, expected."

Self: "In your opinion then, the whole thing will be forgotten."

He: "Uh . . . no. It will be simply left for further study."

Self: "Do you think that there is any truth to the vicious rumor that the fire was a deliberate attempt at the lives of the three 'Commie' staff members residing in the room and was thus an attack on the freedom of the press?"

He: "It's possible."

Self: "If that is true, what should the student body do about it?"

He: "Why, the usual thing, voice a virulent protest, see the dean, blame the one-sided attitude of the administration, and of course deplore the lack of student interest."

Self: "And what would the administration do then?"

He: "Set up more committees and blame the lack of student cooperation."

Self: "Assuming that it was an attack on the freedom of the press, what will be done with the culprit if found?"

He: "He'll be given a degree and sent up the river."

Self: "May we make a parting suggestion, professor?"

He: "Certainly, young man, we always like to receive student suggestions."

Self: "Why not save on repairs by transforming the room into a Fire Prevention Museum. The gate receipts could be used for library improvements."

Upon which he, no doubt, will probably quickly lift the phone, say, "The dean, please," and excitedly begin, "I thought it would be a good idea to set up a couple of new . . ." and twenty-three new committees will be born.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Dr. Marvin L. Aaronson, lecturer in Psychology upon the loss of his father; to Rabbi Morris Finer, director of the Community Services Bureau, upon the loss of his mother; to Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English, upon the loss of his sister, and to David Rosenhan '51, upon the loss of his father. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

The Library Committee, of which I am chairman, would welcome written communications from students embodying one or more specific and concrete suggestions as to how the library might become a more efficient instrument of service to the student body.

Please address all communications to Mr. Dan Vogel, Secretary of the Library Committee, Yeshiva College.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) David Fleisher

Mites Crowned By Queens; Lose to Bloomfield, 60-48

Yeshiva University's quintet lost its third straight contest, bowing to Queens College 81-64 at the latter's gymnasium, Monday, December 21. Although the Mites outscored Queens in field goals, 22-19, the game was a runaway for the Flushing college as they hit on 43 free tosses as against Yeshiva's 20 foul throws.

Returning from a sloppy first half which saw Yeshiva trail 41-25, the Heighters applied a tight zone defense that held the gray

Knights in tow for a period. Leon Green, playing the best game of his college hoop career, sparked the Blue and White with nineteen points in the second half. With minutes to go in the contest, and Yeshiva trailing by seven points, a scoring combination of Green and 6 foot 4 inch Abe Sodden closed the gap to within three points, 61-58. Seconds later Narrowe, Sodden and Cohen fouled out, and the Gray and Black proceeded to rack up twenty tallies with the fine play of Knights Ed Greely, Leo Sladinger, George Wilund and George Reda. This powerful Queens' quartet tallied seventy points between them. High man for Yeshiva was Leon Green with twenty-three points, while Ed Greely led the winners with twenty-five.

Playing two days after their defeat to Brooklyn College, Yeshiva fell before Bloomfield College 60-48, December 14 at Bloomfield. The Heighters dominated the first half, leading at its close 24-19. In the third quarter, the Deacons racked up eighteen points while holding the Blue and White to only three. Thereafter the Bloomfield five pulled further away, avenging their loss at the hands of the Mites earlier in the season. High scorers for Yeshiva were Sodden and Green with 18 and 13 points respectively.

Mighty Mites to Lose Grads Levine, Narrowe

Captain Eli Levine and Morty Narrowe will play their last two games as Mighty Mites Tuesday, January 9 and Tuesday, January 30, in home games with Quinnipiac and Cathedral Colleges at the Central High School of Needle Trades.

Being graduated this semester, Seniors Levine and Narrowe were top figures in Yeshiva's basketball program for four years.

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YESHIVA (64)				QUEENS (81)			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Narrowe	1	5	7	Wilund	5	4	14
Kupietzky	0	0	0	Jasper	0	3	3
Tarrigan	0	2	2	Urelich	0	0	0
Citron	0	1	1	Ueerge	2	4	8
Cohen	0	0	0	Rooney	0	0	0
Green	9	5	23	Greely	7	11	25
Schlusael	1	1	3	Murray	0	0	0
Sodden	7	4	18	Saldinger	2	10	14
Schuchalter	0	2	2	Reda	3	11	17
Teicher	2	0	4	Weinstein	0	0	0
Levine	2	0	4				
Totals	22	20	64	Totals	19	43	81

Hoopsters Clawed By Jersey Quintet

Playing their second game in two days, the Mighty Mites were clawed by the Panzer Panthers 87-74. Tuesday, December 22, at East Orange, New Jersey.

In the first period the Heighters moved the ball deliberately, passing and cutting their way to a 19-12 lead with Leon Green and Captain Eli Levine pacing the squad. Hitting from the foul line, the Panzer five closed the gap and took a 37-36 lead at halftime.

Trailing by a wide margin, the Mites caught afire late in the third frame as three straight sets by Jay Citron and a bucket by Green brought the Blue and White to within two tallies of the Jersey College, 60-58. With a strong zone defense, Panzer managed to stop the surging Yeshiva quintet and racked up its fifth straight win as against no defeats.

Once again Yeshiva was haunted by the foul shooting nemesis, as they tallied on only 35 per cent of their free throws. High scorer for Yeshiva was Abe Sodden with 22 points, while McDonough emerged top man for Panzer with 30 tallies.

Yeshiva's next scheduled game will be against Farleigh-Dickinson on January 5, 1954. This opponent averages well over six feet and was undefeated last year.

The Heighters then meet Pace College on Wednesday, and Quinnipiac on Saturday at the Central Needle Trades court.

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Yeshiva Booters Beat Betar, 3-1; Holstein Resigns

Yeshiva University's Soccer brigade came through with its first win by downing the Betar Athletic Club 3-1, Sunday, December 13, at Van Cortlandt Park, in The Bronx.

The victory broke an eight game losing streak for the Yeshiva booters. Gerald Turk, replacing Sid Ingber as goalie, played a brilliant game holding the losers to only one tally, and that coming in the 2nd quarter.

Early in the first period Blue and White booters Leo Shoenholtz and Moshe Silverberg knocked in a goal apiece, giving the Washington Heighters a quick 2-0 lead. Fast and rough action around Yeshiva's cage saw a Betar pass career off the posts and drop in for the winners' third score. Excellent defense on the part of both squads highlighted the second half, with all the scoring taking place in the first half.

Following the contest, Joe Holstein, team organizer and long-time manager, announced his resignation as soccer team captain due to the "lack of adequate time needed to lead and organize a collegiate team."

Sportlight

(This is the first in a series of profiles on those Yeshiva students who work behind the scenes to promote the various athletic activities of the University.)

If there is one person who is doing a wonderful job purely for the sake of its ideal and without any thought of recompense, we have him here at Yeshiva. These seeds of success may be found in one virtuous pod familiar to all as Zev Hymowitz, the president of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League.

Graduated from Brooklyn Talmudical Academy in 1950, Zev met with Yeshiva grad Denny Geller and the two discussed the possibility of forming a Yeshiva High School Basketball League. After working with Geller for a year, Zev was appointed the League's first official President. During Zev's tenure of office, which began in 1952 and ends with his graduation next month, the Jewish High School League experienced much success and was climaxed with the group's greatest achievement when the two Talmudicals played their championship contest in Madison Square Garden.

Senior Hymowitz puts much time and effort into planning schedules, ironing out problems and working closely with Board Chairman Red Sarachek for a smooth running league. Says Zev, "There is a great need for this type of organization in the American-Jewish community to show the capabilities of Jewish schools in all fields." Besides holding the League presidency, Zev is also the popular President of the Brooklyn Talmudical Alumni Association, another active and successful organization.

The J. H. S. L. has been a great success. It's high time Zev Hymowitz got a well deserved pat on the back for his hitherto unheralded work in the interweaving of Yeshiva High School interests through sports.

Future Bright for Fencers Despite Loss to St. Peters

Although Yeshiva University's Fencing team lost its first contest of the season, 14-13, at St. Peters College, Tuesday, December 16, there was room for great optimism for the coming campaign.

Trailing 9-4 at the halfway mark, Yeshiva made its patented comeback and pulled to within two points, 13-11, only to finally drop the tense match. For the third straight year the saber team continued its undefeated streak by winning 5-4, as the foil and

Foiled

YESHIVA (13)			ST. PETERS (14)		
	W	L		W	L
Foil	4	5	Foil	5	4
Spear	2	1	Trambetta	1	2
Davila	0	2	Muscle	1	2
Greenfield	2	1	Brown	3	0
Berger	0	1	Saber	4	5
Saber	5	4	Hansen	1	2
Rosenberg	1	2	Thompson	0	2
Ingber	2	1	Carducci	3	0
Tokayer	2	1	Spigle	0	1
Epee	4	5	Epee	5	4
Leiberman	2	1	Brady	3	0
Hecht	1	2	Nowacki	2	1
Schonthal	1	2	Francy	0	3

Lifshutz Remains Ping-Pong Champ

Dave Lifshutz, last year's intra-mural title-holder, retained the ping-pong championship by defeating Sol Flug in the finals of the recent ping-pong tournament.

The contest, which consisted of eight entries, was under the supervision of Yeshiva College Athletic Manager, Vel "Red" Hulkower, and was sponsored by the Net Skills class and Eli Epstein, tennis coach of Yeshiva University. The eight contestants were Eugene Horn '55, Dave Lifshutz '55, Sol Flug '55, Menaheim Hirmes '56, Herbert Hoffman '57, Paul Rogoway '57, Zalman Schrader '57 and Robert Taub '57.

In the first round Flug, Rogoway, Schrader and Lifshutz became eligible for the semi-finals by defeating Hoffman, Taub, Hirmes and Horn, respectively. The second round and semi-final opened with Flug playing Rogoway, and Schrader facing defending champion Lifshutz. Flug entered the finals by nosing out Taub 21-18 and 21-15 while Lifshutz, after coping the first game 21-15, just managed to get in under the wire by nipping freshman Schrader 21-19.

Displaying a brilliant style of table-tennis, and using mostly backhanded and forehanded slam shots throughout the tournament, Lifshutz went on to win his second straight championship by defeating Flug 21-16 and 21-7.

epee units bowed to St. Peters 4-5 each. The Foilmen are much stronger this year with Howie Spear, Sy Greenfield, Morty Berger, Dave Stadtmuer and Albert Davila. Epee is the team's big question mark due to the graduation of Dave Mostofsky and Fred Klein. Coach Arthur Tauber, in his fifth straight year at Yeshiva, hopes that in addition to stalwarts Neil Hecht and Barnett Leiberman he may find some strength in neophytes Harold Zigelman, Leon Chamides and Ori Schonthal.

Versatile Sid Ingber, who won two sparkling matches against St. Peters may be the saber replacement for graduate Norman Toporovsky. Besides veterans Herbert Rosenberg and Captain Norman Tokayer, other top Sabermen are Martin Greenhut and Abe Rosenberg. Despite inexperience and little time for practice, Coach Tauber expects much from the squad, saying, "If our varsity members fence according to their abilities then we should have an extremely successful season." Last year Yeshiva emerged with a 7-1 record and this year's edition promises to be a fitting successor to the University's great fencing unit of 1952-1953.

On January 9, the squad will travel to the heart of Flatbush where it will meet its perennial foe, Brooklyn College, whom it defeated last season 14-13 in the year's most sensational match. After engaging Fordham University, the Fencers will seek to avenge last year's 14-13 loss at the hands of City College, which marred an otherwise undefeated campaign. The schedule is rounded out with contests against Pace and Rutgers College.

Speedy Recovery

We wish Yeshiva hoopster, Herbert Charney, who suffered a broken leg practicing recently at the Central High School of Needle Trades, a speedy recovery. Mr. Charney, a freshman, hails from Bayonne, New Jersey, and was graduated from Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School.

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Club Notes

Deutscher Verein

Professor Nathan Susskind of C. C. N. Y. spoke at a meeting of the Deutscher Verein, Monday, January 4, in the Dorm Social Hall. Professor Susskind analyzed the sources of Yiddish.

Eranos

Professor Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy spoke at a meeting of the Eranos Society on Wednesday, December 30, in the Graduate Hall. Professor Litman spoke on "Some Reflections on Aeschylus and Sophocles." A discussion followed his speech.

Jewish Philosophy

Rabbi Aaron Seigman, graduate student in psycho-therapy at the University of Wisconsin and lecturer in Jewish Philosophy at the Hillel Foundation of the University spoke on "Religion and Psychotherapy" and "Psychotherapy and the Yeshiva Bochur," at a meeting of the

Jewish Philosophy and Ethics Society held Tuesday, December 29, in the Dorm Social Hall.

Pre-Medical Society

Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean of Yeshiva University's Einstein School of Medicine, will speak at a meeting of the Pre-Med Society in the Dorm Social Hall on Thursday, January 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Rabbi Seigman emphasized that there is no conflict between Psychology and Religion. He also gave a survey of Freudian Psychology and the psychological makeup of the yeshiva student.

Jacob Dienstag, chief librarian of the Mendel Gottesman Library spoke on "Guides to References in Jewish Philosophy," Thursday, December 24. Mr. Dienstag said that Jewish Philosophy is now being viewed on its own merits and without the attempt to correlate it with Greek Philosophy.

Agudah

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of the American Jewish Community, a subject of concern to all religious groups, Mr. Tress declared that, "The approach of compromise, of offering American Jewish Communities lukewarm Judaism, is a wrong one." Emphasizing his belief that "teachers and rabbis should start out on a promise of no compromise," he stated his conviction that while the American Jew is willing to receive genuine Judaism, "when wishy-washy Judaism is dished out to him the receiver is ready to make even greater compromises." The result of this, according to the Agudah President, is ever-increasing allegiance to reform which "is but a step from assimilation." The yeshivas and their products, if armed with an understanding of the American mind and steadfast in their belief in our faith, can cause a great religious revival in this country, stated Mr. Tress.

Mr. Tress, who is active in

many Jewish communal organizations, declared that Orthodox Jewry must not only continue its internal growth, through the building and maintenance of day schools, yeshivas and Beth Jacob schools, but must strive to maintain leadership in all Jewish communal efforts. It is due to failure on our part in this respect that 95 per cent of Jewish hospitals are *trefah*, he said.

In keeping with the Agudah position of actively participating in groups which deal with problems of importance to religious Jewry, Mr. Tress discussed the organization's work in UNESCO, the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organiza-

tion, in which, it is one of fifteen recognized participating organizations. At present, the Agudah is defending its positions against calendar reform, in this group. The proposed calendar reform would place the Sabbath on a different day of the week every year, and would thus wreck havoc upon its observance. Other issues which the Agudah is working on in UNESCO are the prohibition in some countries of *Shechitah* and the refusal of some Catholics who sheltered Jewish children to return them to their Jewish parents or guardians.

"There is so much to be done. There are problems of general Jewish significance and problems in which only Orthodox Jews are concerned and we cannot neglect any of them," concluded Mr. Tress with a smile.

To Our Readers

Dr. Eli Levine's article on his impressions of the evolution in the Yeshiva student during the last twenty-five years of the College, which appeared in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, has evoked much comment.

We hope to be able to publish some of this comment in the first issue of next semester.

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