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## 4 Participate In Discussion On Freedoms

Seniors Joel Balsam, Neil Hecht and Sheldon Rudoff and Junior Arnold Enker represented Yeshiva College at an intercollegiate conference which considered "The Nature of American Freedom." The conference, attended by 180 undergraduates from forty-four Eastern colleges and universities, was held February 27, at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N. Y.

The conference opened with an address by Dr. Henry Steele Commager, professor of American History at Columbia University. Dr. Commager's remarks were followed by panel discussions conducted by authorities on four aspects of freedom—in the arts, education, politics and religion.

The historian said that American freedom rested on positiveness, diversity, pragmatism, experience and reason; but that these qualities were being replaced by conformity and a distrust of variety, a desire for mechanical guarantees like the Bricker Amendment and a falling back on notions that are absolutistic in character.

Dr. Harold Taylor, president of Sarah Lawrence closed the conference by stating that the United States public can trust its students and teachers. "Democracy cannot live in a community where people cannot say what they think without inhibition," he said.

## Committee Readies Cleanup Campaign

The week of March 29-April 5 has been designated as "Campus Improvement Week," announced Yakov Jaffe '56, chairman of the Student Repairs Committee. The Committee, in conjunction with the Sophomore class, will intensify its activities to create within the student body an awareness of the existing lassitude on the part of the students toward matters of cleanliness and general appearance throughout the college buildings. In this manner they hope to effect improvements through student understanding and cooperation and so create a "new sense of responsibility within our ranks."

"Refuse and unnecessary damage do not add to the appearance of our classrooms and halls though they frequently add to the atmosphere," remarked Mr. Jaffe, while noting that "this is our home-away-from-home and, as such, should be treated with due respect."

## Hershenov, Greenfield Senior Class Officers

Joseph Hershenov '55, and Seymour Greenfield '55, were elected president and vice-president of the Lower Senior class, respectively, in elections held Thursday, February 25. Twenty-one of the twenty-six registered Lower Seniors voted.

In the presidential election, Mr. Hershenov defeated Gershon Blank '55, on the second ballot 11-10. Eli Lauer '55, polled one write-in vote.

Write-in Seymour Greenfield '55, defeated Gerald Sturm '55, 8-7 on the second ballot.

## Registration Statistics

The total Yeshiva College registration for the Spring Semester of 1954 is 475 students, announced Assistant Professor Morris Silverman, registrar. Twenty students were graduated this past February and a similar number left the institution. This June seventy-eight students will be graduated.

Professor Silverman also stated that Mr. Meyer Terkel is on sick leave and has been replaced by Dr. Tobias Wagner who previously taught at New York University and West Virginia State College. A specialist in Safety Education and Rehabilitation, he received his B.A. and M.A. from Columbia in 1940 and 1941, respectively and his Ph.D. from N.Y.U. in 1945.

## Phila. Salutes YU President

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, was honored by the Philadelphia Jewish Community on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as president of the University with a testimonial dinner held Thursday, March 4, at the Hotel Broadwood. The dinner was tendered by the Philadelphia alumni of the University and by rabbis, congregants and other friends of the University.

A. Leo Levin '39, professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, served as chairman of the dinner committee, with Judge Louis E. Levinthal serving as honorary chairman. Principle speaker was Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of Sociology at Yeshiva and spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York. Rabbis Meyer Kramer '40, of Brith Shalom Community Center and David M. Wachtfogel '35, of Congregation Lenas Hazedek acted as co-chairmen of the rabbinic committee. General co-chairman of the function was Morris Poupko '36.

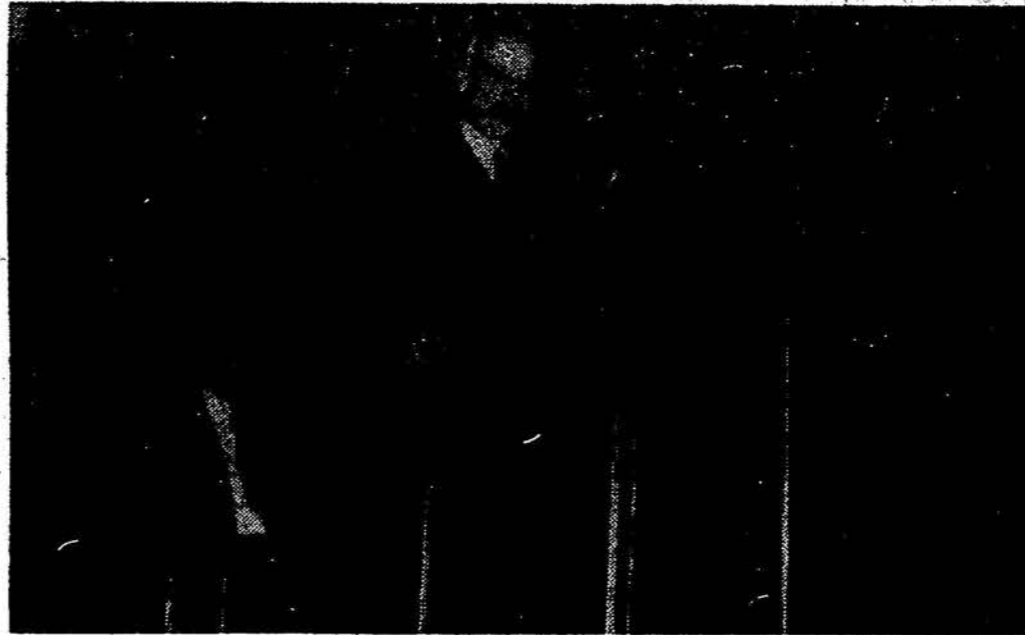
A community-wide gift was given to Dr. Belkin, earmarked for the \$500,000 Tenth Anniversary Scholarship Fund.

## The Commentator Commences Twentieth Year

The historian of Yeshiva (if there is one) may not consider it to be of great importance, but with this issue THE COMMENTATOR enters its twentieth year of publication. We felt it was an occasion that should not go by unnoticed and so in the late hours of press night, we gazed anew upon the hallowed, blue-covered, downed files of THE COMMENTATOR. After careful immunization against the dust, we saw them—the first four pages of "Commie": Volume I, Number 1, March 1, 1935.

We gazed intently at the yellowish, ink-stained, scotch-taped four columns of page 1. The lead story, with a mistake in the headline (Yeshiva College Offer Course), struck our eye. After striking back, we read a story about a new course in general methods of teaching Hebrew as a requirement for a teacher's degree—an aftermath of a "recent ruling by the Board of Edu-

## Norman Thomas Presents Plan For Disarmament at Assembly



Mr. Norman Thomas at College Assembly

"The one antidote to our own false pride is disarmament," said Mr. Norman Thomas, co-founder of the American Civil Liberties Union and former candidate of the Socialist Party for the Presidency. Mr. Thomas spoke on "Universally Controlled Disarmament" at an assembly sponsored by the International Relations Society in Lamport Auditorium, Wednesday, March 3. In his address, the socialist leader proposed a plan for universal disarmament including prohibition of weapons and reduction of all military forces to that level necessary for police protection, elimination of armed bases and armed waterways and the cessation of universal military conscription.

Mr. Thomas criticized the present American policy stating, "The new look of America is its dedication to atomic weapons so that it will not be unprepared for an attack by the enemy." Taking issue with this policy on two counts, he noted firstly that instead of using our vast resources to fill humanitarian needs, such as the fight against disease at home and the fight against poverty abroad, we are diverting them to "that which is most economically wasteful." And secondly, he remarked that we are breeding an atmosphere of fear which not only cannot serve as a basis for permanent peace but may precipitate "a war in which the survivors will envy the dead."

### Plan Feasible

Quoting from history, Mr. Thomas supported his contention that supervised disarmament was feasible even against strong opposition such as Communism. He pointed out that despite the zealotry of the opposing sides in the Thirty Years' War and the weakness of the Treaty of Westphalia, the world has seen no religious wars since 1648. "That the Russian people won't agree to disarmament is inaccurate," he declared. "It is the Communist rulers who won't agree, and even dictators like Stalin have had to declare themselves on the side of peace in order to maintain their power."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower received the speaker's praise as being far ahead of most Americans in his desire for disarmament.

In closing, Mr. Thomas voiced his hope that the world's "common interest in the survival of man" would bring about world peace.

The speaker was introduced by Neil Hecht, '54, president of the I.R.S.

## Co-op Stores Announce New Canteen Service

The Yeshiva College Co-operative Store Canteen opened on a twenty-four hour basis, Friday, March 5. George Ribowsky '56, manager of the Co-op, announced that the Canteen, located on the 4th floor where the candy store was previously situated, will feature ice-cream, soda, juice, candy and cake vending machines.

## Motion Picture "Due Process of Law" Discussed by Panel at A V Film Forum

"Due Process of Law Denied" was the title of the film discussed at a forum, Wednesday, March 3, sponsored by the Audio-Visual Department in R.I.E.T.S. Hall. Mr. Sidney Pleskin, instructor in Education and director of the Audio-Visual Department and Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, professor of German, sat as a panel and led the discussion.

The film which is an excerpt from the motion picture "The Ox-Bow Incident" is a dramatization set in the early days of the West, picturing the dangers of denying due process of law and illustrating the necessity of recognizing the rights of the accused as guaranteed by the Constitution.

The forum opened with a recorded message from Dean Guterman in which he commented on various judicial procedures. Dr. Rosenberg, in his analysis of the film, deplored the conditions existing in a society where there is too great a tendency "for people to take the law into their own hands."

The next forum, which will take place tonight, is entitled "Picture in Your Mind" dealing with the problems of national and racial prejudices.

## Y. U. Drive Behind Schedule - Kramer

"The 1954 Yeshiva University Charity Drive has fallen behind schedule," declared Abe Kramer '54, chairman of the Drive. He claimed that the Yeshiva Department was doing only fairly well, with improvement still possible, and the "main burden of guilt can be laid at the feet of the Teachers Institute, which has lagged behind its quota from the start."

The Drive is having mild success in the Brooklyn branches where local chairmen are working ardently to push the campaign. These chairmen are: A. Steinberg of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy; Sylvia Bluming of Central High School; and Helene Gartenberg of the Teachers Institute for Women.

lege evening and N.Y.U. Law while bowing to the Needle Trades High School team. Professor Damon's Music Appreciation Class (before he moved over to the Speech Department full time) also made news and noise.

There were no "ears" on the masthead (though the second issue advised students "Don't Read Hearst Newspapers"), only two advertisements and two columns, one of which was the first "On the Sidelines." Three letters reached an editor who did not have a paper in print when they were written. One of them was from Dr. Safir, then dean of the College, congratulating the new staff in behalf of the faculty.

The editorials did not deal with school matters but bemoaned the failure to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Maimonides' birth and decried the endorsement of the

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## Let's Talk About

## Guidance; A Book And a Program

By Joel Balsam

A good example of student imagination achieving results is the Student Guidebook which at present is being completed by the Student Activities Committee under the direction of Leon Wildes. For years the need for such a book has been desperately felt as one Freshman class after another has had to spend many months before it acquired what the experienced student considers a minimum knowledge of the facilities and opportunities of our institution. Similar efforts in recent years did not pass the embryonic stage; the difficulty in securing the necessary labor was matched by the difficulty in securing funds to finance it.

This year, without any definite idea from where the funds would come, SAC adopted the Guidebook as its major project. By January a blueprint was completed and arrangements were considered whereby Student Council would absorb the expense over a number of years. When shown the model guidebook, Dr. Belkin was sufficiently impressed to decide to use it in an expanded form as a University guidebook covering not only the College but the entire University. The full cooperation of the Public Relations Office was promised and all costs will be paid by the administration. Faced with the challenge of an expanded guidebook whose final layout will be left to professional hands, SAC is busy at present revising some of its original material and preparing new material. Its goal is a vivid pictorial representation of Yeshiva that will serve as a guide to new students. More important, it will serve as a long needed advertisement to attract to our institution graduates of Yeshiva high schools. According to present plans the Guidebook will go to press within several weeks.

Another step, as yet in the rudimentary stage, being taken in the field of guidance is the new Student Guidance Program under which volunteers from the Senior class will act as advisors to incoming freshmen. With the present growth of the institution and the concomitant waning of the personal element, the need for an adequate guidance program has become imperative.

The administration is fully aware of the situation and has attempted to solve the problem by augmenting the understaffed Guidance Department with counselors selected from the faculty. This system, begun last year, covers the present Freshman and Sophomore classes. Yet it is a poor substitute for the adequate staff of professional counselors that we need. Giving guidance counsel is as much a specialized field as any other and it is rash to assume that the average member of the faculty qualifies in this field. The experience of the past year has shown that few members of the faculty have their heart in the program. To most of them a guidance interview is a brief session in which a student's program is quickly scanned, a series of perfunctory questions asked, answers checked on a prepared form and the session quickly terminated as the advisor wishes the student the best of luck, smiles and dismisses him as confused as ever. Moreover, even where the faculty advisor devotes the necessary time to each student assigned to him there usually exists a barrier between the two that prevents the student from confiding in the advisor.

The proposed Student Guidance Program, were it to fulfill all our expectations, could never obviate the need for enlarging the Guidance Department to include more professional advisors. Its purpose is rather to supply every freshman with an experienced friend whom he can feel free to approach at any time to ask frank questions and receive equally frank answers. As yet only the preliminary steps have been taken. At their last meeting I presented the proposal to the Junior class and their response was a unanimous decision to undertake the responsibility. The volunteers will report to Professor Young of the Guidance Department who will train the student counselors and administer the program. By the beginning of next semester we hope to have operating a program that has been proved successful in other colleges.

An event occurred several weeks ago that augurs well for the future of student activities. A group of about thirty students of the Freshman class spent their evenings working in the Pollack Library for an entire week, rearranging disordered shelves, relieving the librarians of this burden so that they might be able to devote their full time to cataloging thousands of books which cannot be put into circulation until they are cataloged. We are all indebted to Messrs. Fischer, Lewin, Rudman, Silverberg and Co. for an exhibition of school spirit that is not often seen at Yeshiva.

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### In Retrospect

This issue marks the beginning of the twentieth year of publication for THE COMMENTATOR. Though some may say that "anniversaries are too much with us," that for once we might keep our evaluations to ourselves, still the occasion to redefine and clarify our goals is highly relevant to some basic misconceptions about the official undergraduate newspaper of Yeshiva College.

THE COMMENTATOR has always attempted to faithfully report, in its news columns, the events pertinent to Yeshiva and its students; on its editorial page, it has voiced student reactions to and reflections on these events in terms of the aims of Yeshiva and the ideals of free and vigorous student government.

Viewing this as its basic function, THE COMMENTATOR has, during the twenty years in which it has grown up with the institution, taken cognizance of progress and praised those responsible; perhaps more often, it has criticized measures and attitudes which it felt were inconsistent with Yeshiva's goals and in violation of the rights of a student body.

This statement of THE COMMENTATOR's task and function is consistent both with the principle of free student government and with identification with Yeshiva as a university with a mission. Nevertheless, it seems that the clarification and explanation of the above function is never finished for there are some who do not understand what unfettered student opinion is and thus see disloyalty and cynicism in well-intentioned and honest criticism. These people fail to understand our goals and objectives and thus misinterpret our motives. It is for them that we clarify.

We hope that the fortieth anniversary of THE COMMENTATOR will see a student newspaper still faithful to these ideals and gratified in their partial fulfillment. For our part, we would like to thank those in the past who have transmitted these ideals to us.

Happy Birthday, COMMENTATOR.

### Competition from the Chem Dep't

Rather than reflect on the words of speakers at student assemblies, our unfortunate lot after each such affair seems to be to chastise members of the faculty for deeming their classes more important than organized student activities. Last Wednesday, at an assembly at which Norman Thomas was the featured speaker, the Chemistry 2 section of Professor Moses L. Isaacs was conspicuously absent. Professor Isaacs had decided to hold classes and, as a matter of fact, had scheduled an examination for that period.

Yeshiva resounds constantly with moans of student apathy and lack of student spirit. Various causes and remedies have been suggested. Perhaps taking the attendance of instructors at assemblies might be a step in the right direction.

### Our Task

Once again our brethren across the sea in Israel, a land still torn with strife, still ringed by enemies, still overburdened with its task of physical and spiritual rehabilitation, ask for our aid. The Yeshiva University Charity Drive spreading its help equally to further both physical and spiritual revitalization in Israel, has launched its annual campaign for funds. Suffering has not visibly abated during the last year. The need is still great. It is our task to continue our splendid record of the past.

## First Sight of Israel Thrills Y.U. Students

By Leonard J. Mogilner

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mogilner, former vice-president and secretary of the Teachers Institute Student Council, is one of nine graduates of the Teachers Institute who has just returned from a six-month stay in Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency "travel and study" scholarship plan.)

It has often been said that the more the elements of time and distance separate one from a thing beloved, the more it is endeared to him. How clear today is this to me; barely six weeks after watching the slope of Mount Carmel sink into the distance as we left Haifa Bay. We had been fortunate enough to have been selected as Teachers Institute recipients of scholarships tendered by the Jewish Agency to recent graduates of the various Hebrew teachers' colleges in the United States. Our group, thirty in number, had the opportunity of pursuing courses in teacher training in Israel.

It was the same harbor which had welcomed us six months before. As the dawn broke over the calm Mediterranean, the beautiful S. S. Jerusalem, the flagship of the Israeli lines, quietly moved into Haifa harbor. We had not slept a wink all night in anticipation of our arrival and were huddled together in a small group on the fore-deck of the ship, bracing ourselves against the cold biting breezes of the East Mediterranean morning. Through the early morning mist we saw land take shape before our eyes.

Anu Banu . . .

"Anu banu artza, livnot ulhibanot ba." The refrain of the hora resounded over the waters as the group, as if hypnotized by what it had seen, was drawn, magnetically, into the circular ring. We danced without stopping, the perspiration dripping from our faces into the collars of our clean white shirts, worn this day in honor of our arrival "home" to "the fount from which our fathers had drawn." Finally, in utter exhaustion, we left the circle, one by one, again huddled together, our elbows resting on the railing. The mist had lifted and the heat of the *chamsin* descended. No one, however, was cognizant of this for the first thing on the docks that caught our eyes was the Israeli flag, lazily rippling above the customs house, a cool, soothing blue and white.

The feeling has been described so often that it has become trite, and yet it is indescribable. The flag was that of the Jewish State and it was flying majestically over the heads of scores of Jewish officials and Jewish stevedores, who were scurrying about below, welcoming a Jewish flagship home into a Jewish harbor. And I was a Jew.

We filed off the "Jerusalem," passed the deck where our passports were stamped with the seal of the State, a seven branched *menora*, and trod on the holy earth where but meters away and thousands of years ago, the prophet Elijah overthrew the prophets of Baal.

Modern Haifa

And yet, this seems far removed from Haifa, a model port city, clean and bustling. Prior to the War of Independence, the Jewish section was centered around the campus of Technion, where the *yishuv* trained its engineers. When the area was engulfed by the *jihad* (holy war), the Arab inhabitants fled, turning deaf ears to the pleas of the Jewish officials who begged them to stay as citizens of the new republic. Thousands of immigrants poured into the city and repopulated the Arab sections. With its impressive Bahai Temple on the Carmel slopes, with its colorful Abbas Effendi Gardens, coupled with scores of breathtaking, beautiful scenes and historical sights, Haifa is a city of the past and of Israel's future.

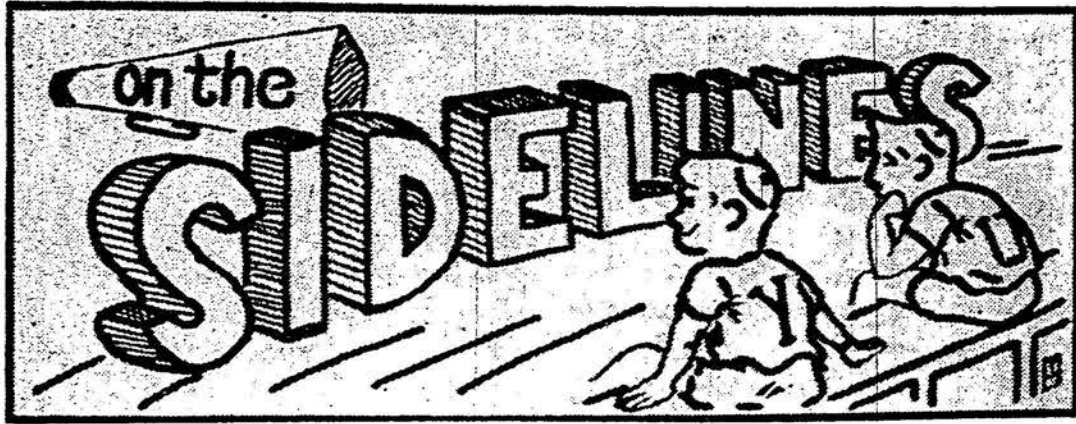
The same day, we motored out of the city and began the ascent to Jerusalem. We drove past plowed fields in which farmers could be seen methodically working the land. To the right lay the royal blue waters of the sea and to the left, past the settlement founded by the survivors of Gush Etzion, we saw our first *maabara*, a truly sympathy-evoking sight. Dozens of canvas-walled huts, each with its garden, lay sprawled before us. What a cold and wet winter season could do to one of these homes," I thought, as we passed by.

After passing numerous settlements, each with its identical cubical houses, we arrived in Tel-Aviv, the Israeli counterpart of the American city, noisy and bustling, with large crows walking its broad tree-lined avenues and streets.

We worked our way out of the city, and entered on the Kvish Tel-Aviv-Yerushalayim. Numerous *pardeisim* (orchards) of tree-ripened oranges lined the roads, but here and there, amidst the fields, new factories were under construction. Before us were sprawled the historic Judean hills, upon which the early Israelite kings battled their enemies. To our left, was a new settlement, Tsora, opposite Eshtaol, also of Biblical fame. It

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By Bernie Hoenig

"I'm not used to speaking at dinners; locker-room talks are more in my line. But I shall try to the best of my ability to portray to you a picture of one of America's fastest growing universities, Yeshiva University."

With these words, Bernard "Red" Sarachek began his talk to the Yeshiva Booster Club members who had gathered at the Farmfoods Restaurant, Monday, February 11. "Red" traced the Yeshiva sports program from the late twenties to the present day, constantly reiterating the importance of sports for the religious American-Jewish youth.

"Besides alleviating the strain of Yeshiva's double curriculum," continued Mr. Sarachek, "the sports program teaches the participant how to work with a team and how to be a leader, qualities that the religious Jew should not lack in later life."

Over sixty men sat along the tables listening intently to this first speaker. Some were alumni, some were new to Yeshiva. There were Dave Weiss, Israel Cummings, Mike Howard, George Gingold representing the Gingold family, Dr. Eli Sar, Dr. Shelly Sapphire, Rabbi Abraham Avrech, Sam Hartstein, Dean Guterman, Maurice Podoloff, Johnny Nucatola, Maury Rose, Lou Lefcourt, Haskel Cohen and countless other Boosters. There was no secret as to why the dinner was arranged. The purpose was to set the ball rolling toward the \$10,000 goal which would supply Yeshiva with new equipment, more intramurals, better gymnasiums, referees and coaches. It would also provide funds for Jewish H.S. League expenses, covering new varsities, trophies, publicity campaigns, dinners and other things important in the making of a good athletic program.

Vel Hulkower, Seymour Essrog and yours truly were the only undergraduates present at the dinner. As the program progressed we felt sorry that more Yeshiva students could not have been present to listen to the heart-warming talks of some of the Boosters. Until that evening I had always wondered just why these men were so interested in promoting Yeshiva's sports. The answer was simply supplied in the speech of Mr. Israel Cummings.

The silver-haired gent spoke about his early days on New York's Lower East Side. We laughed with him as he reminisced about the ball games in the dirt lots near the Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges. There were no Jewish leagues then, no sleek uniforms to be sported and no shiny new equipment. If you wanted to play basketball you had to learn to breathe in the dust of the court. But, stressed Mr. Cummings, while the obstacles were many, the profits were even greater. You learned to respect your fellow man, you understood teamwork and you became a leader.

That is perhaps the answer in a nutshell. Mr. Cummings and the other Boosters realize the values of sports and they want today's religious Jewish youth to gain the same. It must be emphasized that the only personal interest of these Boosters is that they will see the religious American Jew stand on a high level with others in the field of sports and in the professional and business world in later life.

## Maritime Scuttled As Abie and Abbey Set New Records

Playing before a disappointingly small crowd, a determined Yeshiva University five ended its home season stand by easily defeating New York State Maritime College, 85-56, Saturday, February 21. The contest, played at the Central High School of Needle Trades, saw the Blue and White finish at home with a successful 6-1 record.

At the very outset of the tilt, victory was evident for the Mites as "Abbey" Gewirtz, Abe Sodden, Marv Teicher and Jay Citron displayed top form. Teicher and Sodden led the scoring parade in the first half, tallying on a variety of set and drive shots. Citron turned in an impressive rebounding game and Gewirtz set a new Yeshiva record with fifteen assists.

In previous contests, the Mites repeated last year's upset performance by downing highly rated Kings College. The Kings encounter was

### Ahoy There

YESHIVA (85)			MARITIME (56)		
	G	F P		G	F P
Citron	4	2 10	Bottas	4	1 9
Kupietzky	1	0 2	Mack'sey	2	1 5
Schlussel	2	1 5	Nemeth	2	1 5
Sodden	13	2 28	Turi	2	3 7
Gewirtz	7	4 18	Bac'glini	1	4 6
Teicher	7	2 16	Rich'son	7	5 19
Green	2	2 6	Chrysth'sin	2	1 5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13 85</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16 56</b>

marked by Marvin Teicher's eleven consecutive points in a period. Yeshiva scored seventeen straight points in that same period before the Kings squad could tally.

The Heighters' record, however, was marred by recent losses to Rider, Panzer and Rutgers of Newark. In the Rutgers contest, Abe Sodden became the first Mite to score over 331 points in one season, as he deftly topped Marvin Fredman's record which was untouched for ten years.

## Basketball Team Honored in Bronx

Yeshiva University's Mighty Mites were royally welcomed and honored by the Van Cortlandt Park Jewish Center in The Bronx, Sunday, February 28, at the Center's Parent-Child Breakfast.

Rabbi Jacob Sodden, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center and brother of Yeshiva star Abe Sodden, introduced the Yeshiva basketball players and managers. Speaking before a crowd of over two hundred people, Rabbi Sodden praised Coach Bernard Sarachek and his squad "for doing a great service to the community by developing American Jewry's leaders and giving the Jewish youth of today a pride in their institutions of higher learning, through the medium of athletics."

Other speakers at the affair were Dean Guterman, "Red" Sarachek, Lou Eisenstein and Rabbi Abraham Avrech. Following the speeches which took place the main synagogue, the Yeshiva team was ushered into the catering hall where it was served a very tasty breakfast by the Center's Sisterhood.

## Swordsmen Slash Rutgers; Defeated by Pace and City

The Rutgers College of Newark Fencing Team met with the Yeshiva University fencers for the first time Wednesday, March 3, and discovered that Yeshiva wasn't the "soft touch" they had expected.

Yeshiva's Swordsmen handed the Rutgers' squad a drubbing, winning the match with a score of 18-9. After taking an early lead Yeshiva kept widening the gap until it had clinched the match in its fairly early stages by a score of 14-8. Saberman Herby Rosenberg took the winning bout for his third score of the evening. Also boasting a three win evening was Howard Spear, Yeshiva's ace foilsmen. Rutgers, which had beaten some of Yeshiva's previous opponents, including Pace and St. Peters, presented Y.U. with its first victory of the season.

### Sport Lite

By Julie Landwirth

There is a carrot-topped livewire prancing about Yeshiva University who bears the name of "Vel" alias "Red" alias Walter Hulkower. He's the spunky Athletic Manager of Yeshiva University and the most spirited of those about whom this series is being written.

A graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, "Vel's" interest in building up school spirit stems from his activity in high school as athletic manager. Entering Yeshiva in 1951, Mr. Hulkower became treasurer of the Y.U.A.A. and of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League, where he further promoted Yeshiva school athletics.

Every time you speak with "Vel," he has another "bug." If it isn't a high school game at Madison Square Garden, it's a new intramural schedule or a "Beat Brooklyn" campaign. When the two Talmudicals played in the Garden last year, "Vel" Hulkower and Bernie Hoenig boosted school spirit to the encouraging tune of 984 tickets sold within a period of two days.

### Plugs Intramurals

"Red" gives all he has to keep intramurals running smoothly. It's not unusual to find him tip-toeing around the dorm hallways slipping intramural schedules under doors in the hope that "maybe some of these guys will come down to root for their class." As for "Beat Brooklyn," "Vel" insists "We wuz robbed."

"Vel's" interest in the Mighty Mites is enthusiasm at its best. We might even say he takes a "motherly" interest in the team. Last week he was discovered laundering sixteen towels for the team so that they might be ready for the forthcoming game.

Presently, the Yeshiva High Schools are dependent financially on the Y.U.A.A. It is Mr. Hulkower's hope that the High School League will eventually become self-sustaining and more successful.

There certainly aren't many guys who plug as hard for Yeshiva sports as does Walter Hulkower. Perhaps, if a few more would follow his lead, a new and badly-needed spark might be put into school morale.

Since the match was won early in the contest, Coach Tauber had an opportunity to give his substitutes a chance to show their fencing prowess. All three subs in epee and one in saber won their bouts.

The teams in each weapon compiled impressive records for the match, each winning six of its nine bouts.

A week earlier Y.U. dropped its

### Pierced

YESHIVA (18)			RUTGERS (9)		
Foil	Won	Lost	Foil	Won	Lost
Spear	3	0	Nerres	1	2
Greenfield	2	1	Schwartz	2	1
Federbush	1	2	Baver	0	3
H. Rosenberg	3	0	Saber		
Saber			Kidsgrab	2	1
Tokayer	2	0	Lipowitz	0	2
Ingber	0	2	Mircof	1	2
A. Rosenberg	1	0	Matula	0	1
Peysner	0	1	Epee		
Epee			Solom	2	1
Hecht	1	1	Yonteff	0	2
Schonthal	2	0	Lomozoff	1	2
Lieberman	0	1	Bolmer	0	1
Siegal	1	0			
Fischer	1	0	Totals	9	18
Karten	1	0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>			

match with City College by the score of 15-12. One of the big reasons for the loss was the fact that the saber team was not up to its usual form, winning only two out of nine bouts. The epee team, led by Neil Hecht with three wins, took six out of nine.

Three days previous to the City College loss, Y.U. fencers were downed by Pace 15-12 despite an excellent showing by the foil team. The foil men won seven bouts out of nine and Manny Federbush nailed down third position with three wins in his first three intercollegiate bouts. The foil wins however were overbalanced by losses in saber (3-6) and in epee (2-7) for a final score of 15-12. Yeshiva's record is now 1-4. The Swordsmen close their season March 21, when they face the Cooper Union squad.

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# Club Notes

## Chorus

Joseph Levine '55, Eliezer Jaffee '55, and Yaakov Jaffe '56, were elected to the offices of president, secretary and campus publicity manager, respectively, at a meeting of the newly reorganized Yeshiva University Choral Society held Thursday, February 25. This action resulted after formulation of a constitution based upon recognition of the chorus as an official club.

The group, led by Dr. Karl Adler, professor of Music, meets regularly Thursdays and consists of volunteers from the student body and those who attend for college credit.

## Israeli American Society

Dr. Emanuel Marcus, who recently returned from a comprehensive tour of Israel, spoke Thursday, February 25, before the Israeli American Society on "Why I Am A Mizrahi." Dr. Marcus emphasized that Mizrahi was the first religious organization to take an interest in Israel during the early thirties, and Mizrahi today is still interested in coordinating the growth of the Jewish State and Torah.

## Sociological Society

The Sociological Society held a panel discussion with members of the Hunter College Hillel Foundation, Tuesday, March 9, in R.I.E.T.S. Hall.

The topic discussed was "Can an American be a Good Zionist Outside of Israel?" Yeshiva upheld the negative. Participants in this panel discussion were Michael Rosenak '54, Sherman Siff '54, and Norman Tokayer '54. Leon Wildes '54, president of the Society, was chairman for the evening.

# Commentator

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Histadrut in Palestine by Reform and Conservative groups.

There was no mention of the aims or the purposes of the paper, but merely the statement that is used to this day—"THE COMMENTATOR, Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College."

## Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Abraham H. Hurwitz, professor of Physical Education, upon the loss of his mother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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# Israel

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was in the same area, between Tsora and Eshtaol that Samson ventured forth to throw back the Philistine oppressor.

## Bab-el-Wad

We turned right at Bab-el-Wad, "the gate to the valley." Continuing to our left, was the old road leading towards Latrun, now in Arab hands. A few hundred meters behind us, almost covered by vegetation, lay the Kvish Hagvura, the named for the Arab chieftain, who

hundreds of years ago, founded this Israeli Burma Road, which saved beleaguered Jerusalem from siege. Flanking the road, ascending the slopes of the mountains, were the remnants of the great forests which once spread over the large area.

"Bab-el-Wad, lanetzach zchor na et shemotainu, Bab-el-Wad baderech el ha-ir." These words ran through our minds as we saw the burned vehicles and armored cars lining the road. It was these cars that strove to bring food and help to Jerusalem. The road now skirted past the famous Arab village of Abu Gosh,

village on the main road to the capital of the world and extracted taxes from pilgrims who traveled en route to the city.

"Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, hairei panayich livnaich." It seemed as if these words were being fulfilled as we saw the first buildings of the city appear over the crest of the next hill. The city of our fathers... "Hair Ba David Hana" the city where David encamped...

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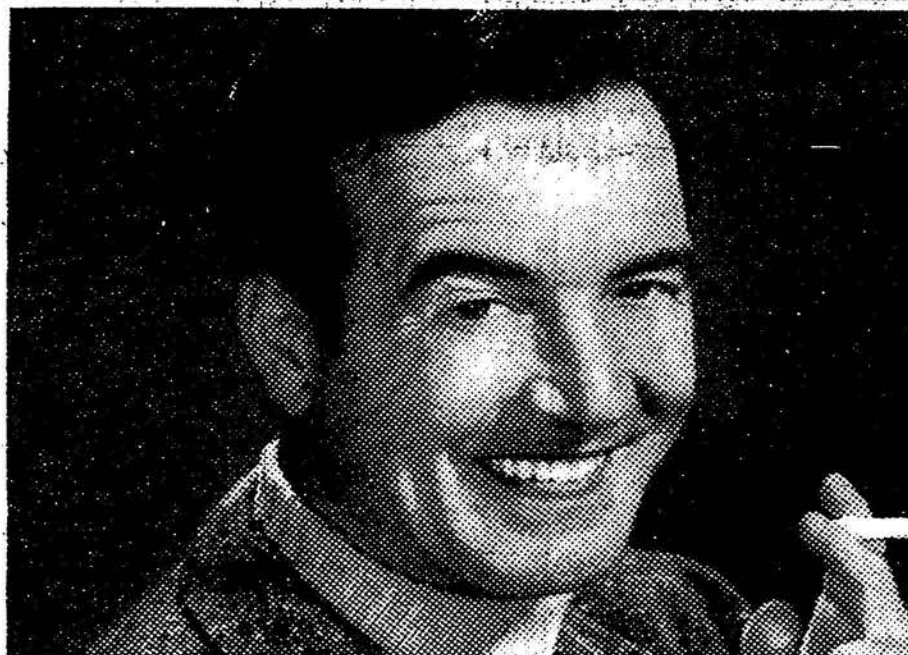
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