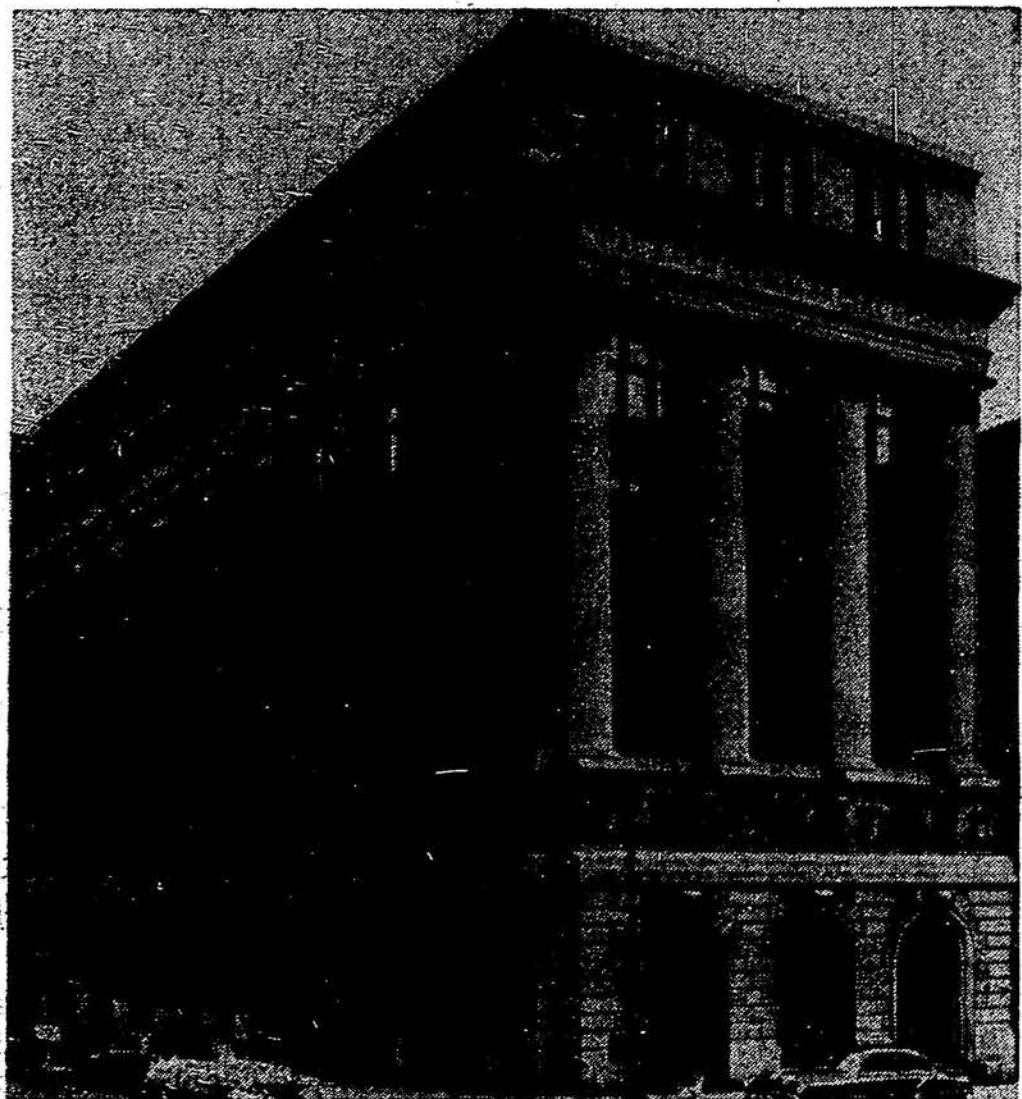


Building Which Will House Stern College for Women



Shown above is the Packard Junior College building which will house the Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University. Built in 1910, the building contains twenty-five classrooms, an auditorium and stu-

dent lounges. It will be renovated during the summer months and will be equipped with laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics. The University will take possession of the site July 1.

Freshmen Frolic Features Fine Food, Fair Fun, Fuchs

By Melvin Adler

A stag Lindy team, the clowning of Phil Fuchs, and food highlighted the Freshmen Frolic held in Stern's Cafeteria, Wednesday, April 7. The Friendless Frolic, sponsored by the Freshmen Council, got under way at 7:15 when a few freshmen paid admission and entered the Cafeteria where pretzels and potato chips awaited them. Soon more freshmen, after finishing up their homework (?) walked in, and Nat Lewin, President of the Freshmen class, breathed a bit easier.

At about 8:30 things started popping as soda bottles opened, beer flowed and frankfurters were devoured. The race for food was soon over as filled stomachs and empty larders attested.

Phil Fuchs, Master of Ceremonies, hushed the audience to a low roar and proceeded to start the evening's entertainment. The first act consisted of piano plucking and drum-banging by Gus Goldberg and Louie Wohl respectively. Their performance aroused audience participation in the form of super-sized spitballs hurled at the drummer.

Let's Lindy

Larry Teitell and Herbert Charney followed, and danced off with the Lindy contest, as no other contestants entered. This concluded the exciting part of the show and left a two act play and a rendition of Abbot and Costello to follow.

The play, entitled "The Undecided Molecule," dealt with the physiochemical concept of free will. Lecturer Herman Wouk's influence was manifested in the show's setting—a trial scene. Stolen from Norman Corwin, the play was rewritten by directors Nat Lewin and Arnie Silverberg and starred a host of freshmen. One of them, Arnie

Freedman, showed his class spirit by playing a dual role.

More Merriment

Although the entertainment had come to an end, Mel Lieberman, assistant M.C., and Phil Fuchs insisted on presenting their comedy act. Its conclusion was widely applauded by the few remaining guests.

S.O.Y. Distributes Annual Publication

The third issue of *Beth Yitzchak*, annual halachic journal of the Student Organization of Yeshiva, was distributed March 21. The publication contains twenty-eight articles on Jewish legal problems by students and faculty of Yeshiva.

The issue is dedicated to the late Rabbi A. S. Borvick of the Boston Rabbinical Court. In a statement of tribute, the editors said, "It is our fervent hope that the *Beth Yitzchak* will help to perpetuate his name."

Editors of this year's issue were Rabbi Sholom Schwadron '50, editor-in-chief, Rabbi Azriel Rosenfeld '50, advisory editor and Dov B. Pikelney '53, managing editor.

S. C. Rebukes Luncheonette And Stern's

The Yeshiva College Student Council passed two resolutions expressing concern over conditions at Stern's Cafeteria and the Collège Luncheonette at a meeting held Monday, April 5.

The resolution concerning Stern's stated: "In the light of the numerous cases of dysentery among dormitory students during two successive weekends, Student Council instructs its President, Mr. Balsam, to bring to the immediate attention of the House Committee the serious problem of the quality of food in Stern's Cafeteria." The motion about the Luncheonette stated: "Student Council demands the institution of minimum hygienic practices in the Collège Luncheonette and requests the House Committee to invite the proprietor to account for the improvements that he had promised would be made." This motion referred to a meeting in March when Mr. Lichtenstein, part owner of the Luncheonette, was summoned before a meeting of representatives of the Student Councils of T.I., S.O.Y. and Y.C. to hear specific complaints regarding the cleanliness and quality of food and service at his establishment. Mr. Lichtenstein had then pledged his cooperation in improving conditions.

Enlarge Co-op

Mr. Balsam informed Student Council that the Building Committee had completed plans for the enlargement of the Co-Operative Stores by breaking through the wall of the Main Store. All three branches of the Co-op would thus be able to operate from one centralized locality.

Report Ranks Poli Sci Most Popular of College Majors

Political Science with 72 majors is the most popular at Yeshiva, it was announced by Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College, in his annual report on majors. This represents 15.1% of Yeshiva's four hundred and eighty-one students. Pre-medical and pre-dental Studies, with 59 students, ranks second. Psychology is third, with mathematics a close fourth. Chemistry, English, Physics, Sociology, Hebrew, History, Biology, French, Philosophy, Classical Languages and German follow in that order.

Categorizing these majors by divisions, Professor Silverman pointed out that the Natural Sciences are first with 42.3% of the student body. The Social Sciences are next with 40.1%. Languages and Jewish Studies capturing 11.1% and 6.5% respectively, round out the picture.

It should be noted that this year, the Natural Sciences is the most popular division. Last year, Political Science attracted the largest number of students with 17% of the Student Body. Psychology, Chemistry and Mathematics followed.

Record Number Due To Give Blood Today

Blood Drive Accepts N.Y.U. Challenge; Israeli War Vets Among Contributors

"Two hundred and fifty students have volunteered to donate a pint of blood, today, to the American Red Cross and Yeshiva Blood Banks," announced Sheldon Kornbluth '55, chairman of the Yeshiva University Blood Drive. Once again, a record turnout is expected at the Red Cross Headquarters which have been set up in Riets Hall and will be open until 3:30 p.m.

Five Y.U. Science Students Receive Academic Acclaim

Five Yeshiva students were recent recipients of honors and awards for academic achievements in the field of science. Irving Aronson '54, Norman Rosenfeld '54, and Judah Schwartz '54, received honorable mentions from the National Science Foundation for their projects in physics while Elihu Schatz '54, was acclaimed for his work in chemistry.

Mr. Aronson was also granted a Research Assistantship in theoretical physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, he now attends R.I.E.T.S. and is majoring in physics at the College.

R.I.E.T.S., physics and the Math Club kept "Normie" Rosenfeld busy during his four years at Yeshiva. An East Side boy who came to Y.U. from R.J.J., he plans to continue his studies in mathematics and physics.

B.T.A. Graduates

Mr. Schwartz, a graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy who attends the Teachers Institute, also received a Teaching Assistantship in physics at the University of Chicago. He plans to continue his studies in theoretical physics.

Another B.T.A. alumnus, Arnold Knoll '54, received a fellowship to Harvard in applied physics. Mr. Knoll is active in extra-curricular activities, serving as Literary Editor of the 1954 Masmid, Vice-President of the Senior Class and a Student Council representative to the Faculty Committee on Student Relations.

Audio-Visual Dep't Forms Film Group

A Yeshiva University Film Society has been organized under the auspices of the Audio-Visual Service, announced Professor Sidney Pleskin, director of the Service. The Society will hold three film showings this year featuring documentary, psychological, artistic and otherwise unusual films. Professor Pleskin stated. The showings, which will each include three films, will take place May 6, May 13 and May 20 during club period and for those who cannot attend at that hour—at 8 p.m. Membership cards are now on sale at the Audio-Visual office. Free preview showings were held Wednesday, March 31, and Thursday, April 1. Among the films seen at that time were "Boundary Lines," a study of prejudice and fear, and "Nature's Half Acre," which showed the wildlife which lives in the great outdoors.

Yeshiva has entered an intercollegiate contest, sponsored by the New York University Blood Drive Committee, to determine the metropolitan college with the highest percentage of donations. Among the schools which have accepted the challenge are St. Johns University, City College, Columbia University and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Through the efforts of the Chairman and Co-chairmen Bernard Pshoter '53 and Otto Newman '53, in charge of the Yeshiva and Teachers Institute Departments, respectively, Yeshiva stands a good chance of copping honors in this contest.

This year's registration figure of 250 is higher than the 1953 total of 227. Included among Yeshiva donors are several Israeli Army War Veterans who are Y.U. students and Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg, professor of German, the only registered faculty member.

Kosher Canteen

Acting Dean Simeon L. Guterman and other members of the College faculty have also aided in the Drive. The Acting Dean has announced that he will excuse any student who feels he is unable to attend class because he donated blood, while other faculty members have consented to dispense with examinations for the day.

Students who have not officially registered before today, are still able to join in the Drive by appearing at Riets Hall during the designated hours. The Red Cross has set up a free kosher canteen of coffee, milk, juice and cake to be served to all students after they donate their pint.

Yeshiva Charity Drive Passes \$2,000 Mark

The Yeshiva University Charity Drive has raised a total of \$2100 as of the week ending April 8, announced Abraham Kramer '54, chairman of the Drive. This total includes \$800 from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, \$230 from Central Yeshiva for Girls, \$35 from Brooklyn Talmudical Academy and \$400 from the Teachers Institute. Mr. Kramer also announced that the Drive will close a week after the Passover Holiday and should net a total of \$5000.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincere condolences to Gershon Broustein '52, upon the loss of his mother, and to Rabbi Murray Tobias '49, upon the loss of his father. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Needed: A Genuine Solution

Several weeks ago all college students received a letter from the Guidance Department listing the hours when and the places where they could reach faculty members to discuss their future plans. While this step is an improvement over the guidance program, or rather the lack of it, in the past, it can by no means be considered a solution to a problem that disturbs a great percentage of the college students.

Firstly, among the faculty members who must carry out this program, there are few, if any, who have the background or the training to give guidance counsel. One who is proficient in English literature or physics, is hardly an expert, or even a competent, counsellor.

Secondly, this program only meets the needs of the group of students who have decided upon their future and chosen their fields of concentration. Meeting with the faculty members who may be familiar with the opportunities in their chosen fields can be very helpful to the students. But what about those who literally roam Yeshiva's halls with lack of purpose, who take the easiest courses with the most convenient hours to earn their diplomas? It is they who sow the seeds of discontent which balloon into the poor school spirit which plagues Yeshiva. They have not been able to find anyone in the College in whom they can place their confidence or who might give them much sought-after direction. What is actually needed are professional men specially trained in counselling work, whose sole full-time job at Yeshiva would be guidance, men whom the students will respect and to whom they will bring their problems. Only then will we have an effective guidance program. What we have now is far from a genuine solution.

Sinai and the Hydrogen Age

Last month, a test bomb was set off completely obliterating a Pacific island and leaving in its place a huge crater. Thus, within a period of ten years, science had brought us from the Atomic to the Hydrogen Age, an era fraught with danger for the very existence of our civilization.

The event was claimed as a great scientific victory, but men everywhere shuddered, for in the hydrogen age, a victory for science is a defeat for man, its acknowledged slave.

There are those who will say that the fault lies with science, that it has been perverted to destroy rather than to serve. But science, in truth, cannot be perverted because, being amoral, it has no standards and no goal but the complete knowledge of the physical universe. Science is only as moral as the age which discovers its principles; the atom is no more malicious than those who drop it on the cities of man. When science is looked to for salvation, it must breed destruction; it is only as a tool of an ethical humanity that it can improve the lot of men, a function which is often assumed to be basic to science itself.

It will be the lot of our time to fear as long as we look to our creations rather than to our Creator. If we do not return to the spiritual heights of Sinai, we will continue to fearfully contemplate a cloud one hundred miles long and still growing.

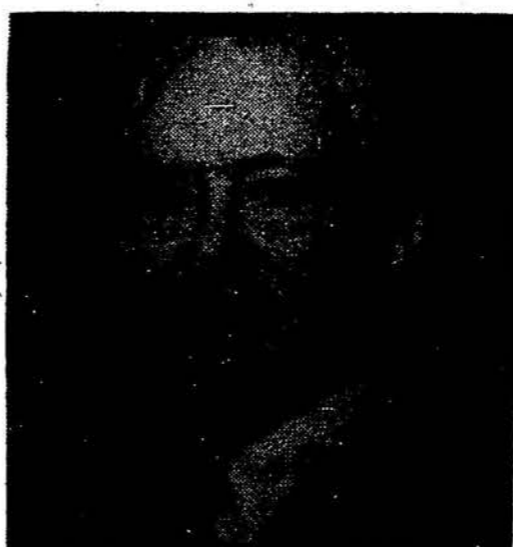
Practically No Comment

The outburst of dysentery among weekend frequenters of the College Cafeteria for two straight weeks merits some editorial comment. However, wishing to keep our editorials in equally good taste with Mr. Stern's food, we will limit ourselves. To balance the effect we recommend a trip to Harry and Morris'.

Mr. Louis Levine, Head of Building Committee, Dedicated to Making Yeshiva Pleasanter Place

By Alan Scher

The average day for Mr. Louis Levine, noted New York realtor and treasurer of Yeshiva University, usually begins at 8:30 a.m., and not in his realty office in Midtown but in the confines of the Yeshiva building. Mr. Levine, who is also chairman of the House Committee, can usually be found in the Yeshiva building till half-past noon, when he leaves for business, making the rounds with Mr. Stuart Purvis, cus-



Louis Levine

todian-engineer, and supervising the necessary repairs that are daily being made.

If there is construction of any sort being done in one of the Yeshiva buildings, more often than not, Mr. Levine will be there, personally supervising the work and looking for shortcuts in method to save money and materials for the Yeshiva. As Mr. Levine says, "You would be surprised to see how small sums of money add up after a week,

a month or a year." Often, when there is something of greater than usual importance being done in the way of repairs, Mr. Levine takes the whole day off from his business—or whole days, if necessary—to be on hand to make split-second decisions.

It is to him that Yeshiva students bring their complaints of everything from faulty plumbing in the dormitory to broken desks in the classrooms. Yet it is to this thankless and never-ending task that Louis Levine has dedicated himself, for it is his goal to make the University a more pleasant place for the student to study and live in.

Many Improvements

Since Mr. Levine has been associated with the Yeshiva many changes and improvements have been realized with that end in view. The Pollack Library, once a powerhouse belonging to the Third Avenue Railroad Company, has been shelved and stocked, the Science and Graduate Halls, gifts of the U.S. Government, have been equipped and altered to the needs of the Yeshiva and the main lobby, once closed to students and the public because of the crude layout of the offices has been replanned, the offices redone and benches and tables installed.

The new Co-op Canteen was obtained through his cooperation. Mr. Levine is now planning to reconstruct the Co-op Store during the summer months, expanding it so that the Book Store and Main Co-op Store can be merged.

The cooking room, in existence for the past three years, is the re-

sult of an idea of Mr. Levine and both the electric ranges and washing machines were put in at his insistence. It is also chiefly through his efforts that a trophy closet has been installed in Riets Hall and a room set aside for the storage of graduation gowns.

Modest Man

When asked for some details of his own background, Mr. Levine was quite modest, but after informing us of a schedule for repainting four classrooms a month, and of

Draft Dodger:

One of the interesting sidelights revealed by Mr. Levine to our reporter was his curious assignment of saving Mr. Joseph Ellenberg, assistant bursar, from the draft. This was accomplished by building a vestibule outside the door of the Bursar's office. We only wonder what Washington will think?

fire department regulations against cooking in rooms, he finally disclosed a few vital statistics about himself. Born in Nosoftea, Russia, in 1888, he fled to America in the wake of the pogrom of 1904. Thirteen years later, he entered the realty business in which he has been engaged since. Mr. Levine became interested in Yeshiva University around 1935 and began to take a greater interest in its affairs in 1943 with the appointment of Dr. Belkin as president.

Mr. Levine, it seems, is the man to know to get things done at Yeshiva.

New Ingredient in Food Guarantees Swift Elimination of all Complaints

Editor's note: In honor of the 225th anniversary of the publication of the famous "Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift, we publish this proposal by our Feature Editor. We hope Swift won't mind.

By Henry Kressel

It is a melancholy object to those who visit our institution when they see the undernourished mien of our students. These students, unable to get satisfying meals, are forced to fill themselves with cakes and other sweets that are most detrimental to their constitutions. It is agreed by all parties that what is needed is a cheap, efficient and easy scheme to remedy this situation. It is not my intention only to improve on the taste of the food, nay, my proposal is of much greater extent and shall take account of various other oft heard grievances.

Having turned my thoughts for years upon this important topic and having weighed the schemes of other projectors, I found them to be unrealistically expensive and therefore unfit to be applied at the College Luncheonette. I have always found that good quality foods are too expensive and normal sanitary conditions too unrealistic. Eliminating the roaches, flies and other insects found in the place would be foolish since it would remove whatever taste the food has. I shall now present my plan which I dare hope will meet with no objections.

I have been assured by certain

persons attached to our Chemistry Department that they would consider it a pleasure to develop a cheap, potent, yet tasty arsenic compound. I propose to add such a compound to a different dish each day, the name of such dish to remain a secret to the public.

No Loss of Profits

The price of the choicest vegetable residue being currently reckoned at one cent per pound including salt, pepper and the labor necessary to retrieve it, the addition of a quarter of an ounce of the solution would add only half a cent to the cost. The cost of stale fish and prime dishwasher is somewhat higher and although more solution would have to be added to make it palatable, the increased cost would in no way affect the profits.

The immediate advantages of my plan are obvious. The taste of the food would be immeasurably improved. The expectation of a palatable meal even if it would be their last, would bring a great number of students into the Luncheonette and put a speedy end to their consumption of unwholesome tidbits.

I will now, if I may, present the collateral examples of my scheme. Since only "A" students would be able to guess which food had been treated, the less desirable members of the student body would be speedily eliminated. This will result in the raised scholastic level that certain people have been clamoring for.

Though this method of achieving it has been objected to by well-meaning friends on the grounds that it is somewhat harsh, I dare say that it is no more so than the methods presently used.

Superior Cadavers

A second great advantage would be the large supply of healthy, if somewhat thin cadavers that would be available to our Medical School. I have been assured by some learned professors that these would be far superior to the common gutter variety, provided they were not of the priestly class.

Some people of despondent spirit have shown concern over the great decrease of the student body that is sure to occur. I wish to assure these simple souls that the administration will in no way resent this since it would only facilitate the application of rigid bureaucratic methods to the survivors. Besides, students are in general considered a hindrance to the proper functioning of any school administration.

It has been said that my scheme is somewhat extreme. I wish to reassure these misguided mortals that any student of this institution would rather eat one satisfying last meal than be slowly poisoned over a period of four years.

For my part, I put forth this proposal only for the good of the public and the greater expansion and glory of our University.

I cook my own meals.

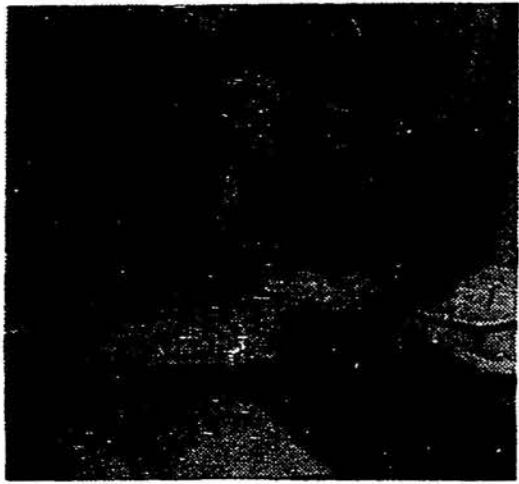
Spotlight on College Alumni

Y. C. Alumni Glad to be Back at Alma Mater; Feel They Can be of Greater Aid to Students

By Sheldon Kornbluth

Yeshiva College students are, of course, great idealists. It is thus only natural that many of them be enticed back to Yeshiva which, although "unique," like any other college, is a haven of idealism and thus, to a certain extent, unreal. Today more than thirty "idealistic" alumni sit in offices in which they once stood and stand in classrooms where they once slept.

Upon surveying a cross-section of them we found that they agreed that the school should consolidate its gains; that it can make a positive contribution to the Jewish community; that they are in a good position as alumni to appreciate student problems and anyway wages are higher these days. This philosophy, often called existentialistic impressionism because it impresses one with the desire of these



Sam Harstein

alumni for continued existence, was shared by Rabbi Abraham Avrech '40, Victor Geller '48, Sam Harstein '43, Rabbi David Mirsky '42, and Professor Morris Silverman '45.

The "Little Atom"

Rabbi Avrech, remembered as the "little atom" for his basketball prowess in college, lives on in the Atomic Age as Associate Director of the Community Service Bureau. Having gone through all of Yeshiva's departments, except T.I., he believes that closer relations between all departments and better rapport between faculty, students and alumni are needed. Rabbi Avrech feels that many of the alumni can be brought back to Yeshiva through the extracurricular activity they participated in while at college. Following his own suggestion, he is generally considered Yeshiva College's no. 1 hoop fan.

Mr. Victor B. Geller, who recently assumed duties as Field Director of the Community Service Bureau speaks with enthusiasm of Yeshiva "as serving every facet of Jewish life" and as "the source of the leadership of tomorrow." A veteran field director from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Mr. Geller was working in Detroit and subsequently in Chicago when he received the news of the women's College, and he reports how favorably it was received. Unlike

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Alumni Carve Niche in Many Fields; Excel in Rabbinate, Law, Medicine

By Sheldon Rudoff and Ralph Schuchalter

Among its 1030 alumni which include rabbis-turned-lawyers-and-businessmen and vice-versa, Yeshiva boasts representatives in practically every phase of professional life. In this article, we would like to relate some of the stories of the men who are proof of Yeshiva's varied service to the American Jewish community.

Community Service

One of the more prominent graduates is Dr. David Petegorsky '35, who is making an outstanding contribution in the field of community administration as executive director of the American Jewish Congress. Dr. Petegorsky's background is one of genuine academic achievement. Coming to Yeshiva from Ottawa, Canada, he was a high ranking student in both scholastic and extra-curricular activities. At college he served as Student Council President (1934-1935), Associate Editor of the Masmid, and as a member of the first Yeshiva College Debating Society. After being ordained by R.I.E.T.S. in 1936 he went abroad to study at the London School of Economics from which he received his Ph.D. degree in 1940. With Europe in the midst of war, Dr. Petegorsky returned to

the States to join the faculty of Antioch College, but Pearl Harbor and the entry of Canada into the conflict resulted in his return to his native land to serve on the Canadian Wartime Information Board.

Throughout these busy years Dr. Petegorsky contributed extensively to academic and popular journals and was an active member in the Zionist movement, serving as the Canadian delegate to the 1937 World Zionist Congress. At the completion of the war Dr. Petegorsky was named to his present post with A. J. C., an organization dedicated to the protection of civil rights in America.

Finance

While Dave Petegorsky was "slaving" over his doctoral thesis in London, back at Yeshiva, Eli M. Black (then it was Blackowitz) was racking up all the popularity honors from his classmates—the graduates of '40. Voted "the most respected, handsomest and most likely to succeed," Eli Black has not let his classmates down. His is a success story with a Midas touch.

Upon being graduated, Eli decided to put the oratorical talents

College Alumni Prexy Cites Progress, Peeves of Group

By George Siegal

A fast-growing part of Yeshiva University that, until now, has been afforded small note in proportion to its importance is the Yeshiva College Alumni Association. It is a wonder that the A.A. which has been playing an increasingly important role in Yeshiva affairs should be so unsung. But, such men as Milton Kramer '42, current President of the Y.C.A.A., who have not considered graduation the termination of their relations with Y.C., have shown that an alumni organization can play an important part in the University's development.

Mr. Kramer's record in the Col-

lege Alumni tells of great activity. Elected to the presidency of the Alumni Association in 1952 and re-elected in 1953, he has served that group in the capacity of treasurer and member of the executive board as well as of various committees.

Belkin Scholarship Fund

Despite a comparatively small number of active members, the Y.C.A.A. has been making progressively larger contributions to Yeshiva. Mr. Kramer revealed that last year, in honor of Dr. Belkin's tenth anniversary as President, the alumni inaugurated the half-million dollar scholarship campaign with \$1600 in personal contributions. This year, the alumni hope to surpass this sum. Besides the scholarship fund campaign, the organization appointed a Trust Committee of seven to administer a newly established \$5000 Yeshiva College Alumni Fund. The Committee is prepared to allocate money from the fund to projects arising in any branch of Yeshiva University. This fund is in addition to the annual grants that the group makes to the individual departments of the College.



Milton Kramer

he had acquired as President of the Debating Society to use in the rabbinate. But business was his first love. After completing courses for an M.A. in Economics at Columbia, Mr. Black had the good fortune of becoming associated with the banking firm of Lehman Brothers. From there he moved over to the American Securities Corporation, one of New York's leading investment firms. Rumor has it that with the exception of his name Mr. Black hasn't changed much and is probably the "handsomest and most respected" man on Wall Street today.

Rabbinate

One rabbi, however, who "stayed with it" is Theodore "Ted" Adams '36, president of the Rabbinical Council of America since 1952. Known as the "troubador from Bangor, Maine" (he tried to form a glee club), "Ted" would have been considered one of the most popular fellows around the Yeshiva campus—if Yeshiva had a campus. Ordained one year after graduation he served as Rabbi of Congregation Mount Sinai in Jersey City for fifteen years before coming to New

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Mr. Kramer disclosed that next year should see the completion of an Alumni House to be built on the site next to the 187th St. dorm. The building will be used for alumni functions and student activities.

The alumni has long been conscious of the fact that the undergraduates have evinced little interest and knowledge of the Association's endeavors to help the

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Yeshiva College "Firsts" Play Active Role in Jewish Affairs

By Arnold Enker and Michael Rosenak

The opening of Yeshiva College was a radical departure from traditional Jewish practice and must have caused considerable apprehension to rabbis and sages who were interested, not so much in collegiates as in *masmidim*. For the first year of the College's existence, there were still old *masmidim* . . . and then came Masmid and there must have been groans, as A. Herbert Greenberg not only started Yeshiva's literary magazine but enticed all eighteen of the College's students away from their *masmidim* to work on the Masmid. And if the historical adage that the right man always comes along at the most opportune time is correct, A. Herbert was possessed of a deep historical sense. With an eye to the future, he enlisted the aid of George Ross, a future Broadway playwright as well as poets and even writers. Ah, there were *Masmidim* in the old days.

Mr. Greenberg, after being graduated from City College, taught in secondary schools, colleges and Talmudical Academy where he organ-

ized Themes. Since he is at present a candidate for a Doctorate in Secondary Education in Yeshiva, it would be unwise to say anything that would get him in trouble with the administration.

We thus pass on to personages whose creations accustomed them to stormy relationships, the first President of the Student Council



Moses I. Feurstein

and original Editor of THE COMMENTATOR. The former, Hy Muss '32, who managed to look after the interests of the forty-odd students at the same time that he was finishing off his rabbinical studies, also had time to organize a debating team. His activities were simplified, he recalls, by the affirmative position of the administration which "encouraged and cooperated with



Hyman Muss

the students in extra-curricular activities." Apparently there was no problem of school spirit, since the two score students were active in sixteen clubs. He himself has been kept rather busy since leaving the school, his firm having designed the building for Brooklyn Talmudical Academy. He is also active in the development of Queens *yeshivot*.

But the big political boss of the ancient by-gone years was Moses Feurstein '36, who, after doing research in weapons of destruction, originated THE COMMENTATOR, thus releasing the aggression that had built up in his strictly-regimented Boston Latin School days. When he wasn't writing he was shooting basketballs in intramural play or shooting the breeze as the school's leading public speaker.

To prove that the active student maketh the active man, he eventually became President of the Alumni, Treasurer of the National Council of Young Israel, Chairman

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Let's Talk About

Student Government: Aims and Methods

By Joel Balsam

Tradition is a powerful force. It unites people, causes them to dedicate themselves to a common goal, and spurs them to action. Student Council and The Commentator have a tradition of fighting for student rights that has few parallels among student governments of other universities, one that has developed amid much friction and strife. Yet the nature of this tradition is greatly misunderstood—as much by those students who believe that “the administration is out to get the student” as by those faculty members who speak of the “zealous and irresponsible leadership of student government.” What then is the real nature of this tradition? Are Student Council and The Commentator living up to it this year?

The principle that student government has constantly fought for is this: that the opinion of the Yeshiva student must be a determining factor in shaping the administration's policy toward the student, that however sincere an administration may be in desiring to benefit its students, it will never be successful unless it seriously considers the wishes of the students themselves. This principle was not accepted by many members of the administration who resented criticism and who felt that what they believed to be in the best interests of the students was necessarily so. This lack of faith in student government was the cause of an equally strong reaction on our part, a lack of faith in the motives of the administration that resulted in having presidents of Student Council and editors of THE COMMENTATOR sum up their year's effort in student-administration relations as one of trying to budge a stone wall. Needless to say they never gave up trying. The editorial columns of THE COMMENTATOR were repeatedly used for outspoken criticism of administration policies. No doubt the charge is true that at times our criticism has been exaggerated and misplaced. But does not the blame for this lie in the general atmosphere of mistrust? Only the administration has had the means to clear up this attitude, by meeting with student government leaders and discussing matters rationally.

Fortunately much of this is past history. The recognition that the administration has slowly been granting to student government was accelerated by the attitude taken by the new college administration. This year we have found that when we differed we could sit down together and attempt to iron out our differences. With this atmosphere of mutual respect prevailing, student government found that when faced with three serious encroachments on students' rights it was able to assert itself quietly and effectively. The first case involved the threatened suspension and dismissal of students who had violated certain university regulations; the second involved what was felt to be a measure intimidating instructors to ration grades; the third case involved an order that would have taken vending machines out of student hands. In each of these cases Student Council acted with a minimum of publicity and in each case the initial order was either rescinded outrightly or referred to committee for further study. In previous years marked by bad faith each of these incidents would have served to widen the breach between the students and the administration.

Yeshiva is a young institution with many problems that can only be met by the combined effort of students and administration. Student government has repeatedly proved itself constructive in action and in criticism when treated fairly by the administration. At the same time we are very much aware of our position in the university. We know that our outspokenness has and will continue to arouse the opposition of certain members of the administration who would like to see student government reduced in influence. Student Council could react to such ideas as having the Co-op Stores run by the administration in only one way—the way that any person or organization would react when his or its very existence is threatened. We are certain, however, that such unfortunate talk is not representative of administration policy.

In any event the tradition of student government that we have inherited from our predecessors will be continued with undiminished vigor, asserted quietly and deliberately as long as student rights can be protected in this manner, proclaimed openly and vociferously when necessary.

Success Stories Unfold; Yeshiva Alumni Make a Name for Themselves in all Fields

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York City two years ago to lead Congregation Ohev Tzedek. In 1950 Rabbi Adams' services were recognized by the Mordecai Ben David Foundation which presented him with its annual \$1000 award for “an outstanding record in the promotion and advancement among American Jews of a deep and abiding sense of loyalty, devotion and patriotism to the United States of America.” Rabbi Adams has not completed his formal education for he is a candidate for a Ph.D. degree in Sociology at Columbia University.

Sociology

The class of '36, it seems, was quite a propitious one, for in addition to Rabbi Adams it has given us Professor Bernard Lander and Dr. Hyman Aronoff.

Like Rabbi Adams, “Bernie” Lander was ordained in 1937 and his secular interest is in the field of sociology. Rabbi Lander held a pulpit in Baltimore until 1945, served as a consultant to the Maryland State Commission on Juvenile Delinquency and was a member of the Baltimore Youth Commission. In 1945, however, an appointment as Associate Director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity brought him back to New York City. In '49 “Bernie” completed his studies for a Ph.D. in Sociology at Columbia and since '51 has been teaching Sociology at Hunter College.

Medicine

Dr. Hyman Aronoff is one of the first of the Yeshiva alumni to earn an M.D. degree. At college he successfully mixed sports and study and managed to run off with several scholastic honors including class valedictorian. He also served as captain of the basketball team and played varsity ball for four years.

Dr. Aronoff received his M.D. degree from the N.Y.U. College of Medicine in 1941 and after a five year hitch as an army physician, including thirty months in the Burma theater of war, he returned to his home town of Jersey City to take up practice as a general practitioner. Still an avid basketball fan, the good doctor has taken a keen interest in Yeshiva's athletic program and is a member of the Athletic Association's Boosters Club.

Government

In southern France during World War II an American sergeant was putting his Yeshiva training to novel use. Speaking a teutonized Yiddish, he convinced a group of German S.S. troops to surrender to the U.S. Army. The sergeant, a lawyer in pre-war days, was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for winning this important case. The sergeant, since turned a member of the State Department's Bureau of U.N. Affairs, is Louis Henkin '37, Yeshiva's “representative” in the Federal Government.

The son of Rabbi Henkin, one of the outstanding members of the Agudas Harabonim, “Lou” came to Yeshiva via R.J.J. After serving as Editor of the '37 Masmid and receiving awards for proficiency in talmudic and general studies, this highest ranking member of the class of '37 turned to the study of law at Harvard. He received his LL.B. degree there in 1940 and served as Book Review Editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Upon being graduated he spent a year as secretary to Judge Learned Hand (another Y.U. alumnus) and was slated for an appointment as Judge Felix Frankfurter's law sec-

retary when World War II broke out. His induction in the U.S. Army postponed that appointment until 1946. Since '47, however, Mr. Henkin has been connected with the State Department, working on U.N. affairs and in 1950 he was a member of the U.S. Delegation to U.N. Economic and Social Commission at Geneva. “Lou” recently returned to Yeshiva as guest speaker at the annual Midwinter Conference of the Y.C. Alumni.

Israel

Two brothers, Eliezer and “Jack” Goldman, have made a good name for themselves and for Yeshiva in two different countries and in two different fields. In Israel, Eliezer Goldman '36, is a real “kibbutznik”—one of the moving spirits behind Lamifneh of Hakibbutz Hadati, a movement which favors collectivization and cooperation with other labor groups in Israel. On the other hand, at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Dr. Jacob Goldman '40, is conducting experiments in electro-magnetism and teaching courses in physics.

The older Goldman was distinguished at Y.C. as Editor of THE COMMENTATOR and as a *summa cum laude* student, brilliant in both talmudic and secular studies. In 1938 he left for Palestine where he studied mathematics at the Hebrew University and in '41 he joined a pioneering group which organized the Hapoel Hamizrachi kibbutz, Sdei Eliyahu, in the Bet She'an Valley. For several years, he was *Merakez Hameshek*, the executive officer of the kibbutz.

Today, in addition to his work with Lamifneh, Mr. Goldman has authored several papers in philosophy and semantics and has recently published a pamphlet on *Halacha in the New State*.

Science

Like his brother, “Jack” Goldman was active in extra-curricular activities. In his sophomore year he was Business Manager of the Masmid; as a junior, Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR and Associate Editor of the Masmid; and in his senior year, President of the Student Council.

He received his Ph.D. degree in Physics at the University of Pennsylvania and then became associated with Westinghouse before joining the faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Law

Besides being the brother of our Acting Dean, Abraham S. Guterman has the distinction of being the first Yeshiva College graduate to be admitted to the Harvard Law School. Mr. Guterman is the predecessor of a host of alumni who attend the Ivy League College including “Jack” Adelman '53, David

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of the Board of Directors of Torah Umesorah, President of the Judea Development Corporation, and Vice-president of the Maden Knitting Mills. While resting from these diverse activities one day, he founded the Feurstein Journalism Award.

Now is the time for an award to be established for student leaders who not only had initiative and originality in school, but went on to prove that their college creations paved the way for a more productive and creative Jewish life. If it wouldn't be immodest, these gentlemen would probably have taken care of it long ago.

Scheinfeld '53, Bob Rozen '52 and William Wealcatch '52.

“Abe” Guterman, a *magna graduata* from Yeshiva, received his LL.B. *summa cum laude* in 1939 and was Editor of the Harvard Law Review. This commendable record secured for him an appointment as legal assistant to Justice Maxey in his native Pennsylvania. Currently, he is a partner in Hess, Mela and Popkin, a noted New York law firm. Barrister Guterman gave vent to his pedagogic inclinations (it must run in the family) at N.Y.U. where he was an instructor in the Institute on Federal Taxation.

Jewish Education

The greatest contribution of the Yeshiva College Alumni is probably, and rightly so, in the field of Jewish Education. In addition to those who serve on Y.U.'s faculty, alumni hold positions as teachers, principals and educational directors throughout the United States.

Such men as Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky '32, director of Torah Umesorah, Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld '37, and Morris Epstein '42, of the Jewish Education Committee have aided in the establishment of *yeshivot* throughout the country. Another, Dr. Joseph Noble, the first Yeshiva grad to be appointed head of a board of education, is directing Torah study in Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Noble, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., got his start as a teacher in T.I. and eventually rose to the rank of Registrar of the Institute, before being called away to Rochester in 1944. Dr. Noble holds the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Laws from Yeshiva University.

The above stated information may seem like one long success story; but it is more than that. It is an indication that Yeshiva is producing graduates like Sidney Finkelstein '42, dentist, psychologist Philip Stone '38, and A. Leo Levin '39, professor of Law, who serve the American community not only as rabbis and teachers but in practically every field of professional endeavor. They are men who gain respect for themselves, for Yeshiva and for the principles for which it stands.

Alumni Prexy

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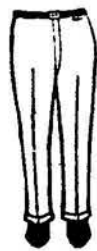
students financially and otherwise. In order to alleviate this “sorry situation,” a liaison committee was recently set up to further alumni-faculty student relations. Mr. Kramer decried the neglect of alumni affairs that even THE COMMENTATOR has shown in the past. He emphasized that the Alumni Association is primarily interested in aiding Yeshiva and its students and that the cooperation of the undergraduates is necessary.

The A.A. prexy recalls his own college days with some satisfaction. He was active in the Yeshiva University Athletic Association and was a sports writer for THE COMMENTATOR until he was graduated in 1942. It was during his term as Business Manager of the Dramatics Society that the group presented a Broadway production for Class-Nite. His Freshman class was one of the few in Yeshiva's history that held a prom. Looking back, Mr. Kramer is pleased that the College has made progress and now has more alumni on its faculty. As for the future of the alumni, Mr. Kramer observed that “at the present time, the alumni has come into its own and under proper leadership it can only progress forward.”

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On the Sidelines

Raqueteers At Large

By Bernie Hoenig

April 13:

A tiny wax candle perched on a Pepsi bottle burned slowly, lighting the green walled room on 207th Street off the Harlem. Thick curling smoke from the finest cigars and cigarettes floated lazily around the low ceiling. Here, in this Bronx hangout, could be found the toughest raqueteers in the big town. From the city across the river, from the Lower East Side and from all other sections of the country came these men to face their first big task of the fiscal year, 1954.

There were Hoobie the Mouse, Dapper Danny, Baltimore and Sam Febrooary in one corner. Seated at another table, Cap'n Hornblower was conversing with Stan the Man, Kid Seattle, Barker Borow and Beaver Borenstein.

"Sure," said the Cap'n, "and we've got us-selves a tough job today." "Back in the 'City' where I came from," interrupted the Beaver, "we had nothing to fear."

Cap'n Hornblower continued speaking. "It seems as if dese udder raqueteers from Iona are trying to compete wid us."

"Trying to Horn in on us," Hobie the Mouse squealed from the other corner.

"Knock 'em off," shouted Sam Febrooary. "You jest send me out there foist. I can knock off anyone. Anyone!"

"You jest stick to yer raquet," said the Cap'n. "We're all goin' to know who's the foist as soon as the big chief comes. Meanwhile take out yer stuff from the racks and start polishing up."

Just then a scraping sound was heard from the long tunnel to the room. The raqueteers jumped up, taking their positions on both sides of the door. They were taking no chances. The scraping sound came closer and then suddenly turned into a loud jingle. At this sound everyone relaxed, for the jingle signified the coming of only one man, Li'l David, the captain from the capitol. The door was flung open and a short man with jet black hair entered. As he strutted, the hundred medals on his white jacket jingled pleasantly.

"Ah'm David from Washington," he said with a slight drawl. "Where's E.E., the chief?" inquired Stan the Man.

"Shh," whispered Barker Borow. "Don't you know by this time that the chief doesn't come to these jobs. This Washington guy has all the orders in a sealed envelope."

Li'l David appeared annoyed. "Mah heavens. Jest look at all these rooks heah. Ah'll bet you men ain't been in long. Look at all these heah rooks. You there, how long have you been doing?"

Kid Seattle squirmed nervously in his seat. "My first stretch. But I'm game, honestly."

"And you," asked the man from the capitol, pointing to a tall skinny youth.

"Foist time," answered Dapper Danny. "What about you Mr. Hornblower?"

"Cap'n Hornblower to youse."

"Oh sorry suh. Ah didn't know there was another captain heah besides me."

Hornblower walked up to the front of the room. "Now listen to me youse guys. Youse is supposed to be a bunch of raqueteers. I don't have to tell you how to make the killings. These Iona raqueteers are tough, mighty tough. Remember, shoot 'em low and make the killings early."

Sam Febrooary began speaking. "Bring on the Army. I can even take them. I can take anyone, jest anyone."

Barker Borow looked down. "Gentlemen," he said slowly, "the Army is conducting an investigation right now. They don't think we're big time operators. We're too small for them they say."

"Well, ah remembers when ah took the Army single-handed. Their raquet squad was no match for me. Ah came in low and drove that soldier boy back and back until I made the killing. It was really bee-ootiful. Yes suh."

"How's about dem orders," called Baltimore.

Li'l David smiled and pulled out a small envelope from his white jacket. Slowly he began opening the envelope. "Well, heah' it is. The orders from E.E., the big chief, are: ah is going to be the first to start the fire-works."

"Lemme go next. I can take anyone." It was Febrooary again.

"Second," continued the capitol man, "is this heah Mr., uh Captain Hornblower."

Baltimore clamped his hand over Febrooary's mouth.

"After that, it's the Beaver going on the line."

"But what about me, I can take any. . . ." Baltimore was still at work with Sam.

Finally a loud rap on the door was heard. "Okay, gang," came the voice, "the Iona raqueteers are armed and ready."

And that was that. One by one, the Yeshiva University tennis players shuffled out of the Riverview room. Some rooks were laughing while some were shaking nervously. There was "Cap'n Gene" Horn, Captain "Li'l" David Lifshutz, "Baltimore" Irv Aaronson, "Beaver" Borenstein, "Barker" Aaron Borow, "Dapper" Danny Harris, Sam "Febrooary March and" April, "Stan the Man" Rosenberg, "Kid Seattle" Rogoway and "Hoobie the Mouse" Hoffman. This was April 13, and these were the Yeshiva raqueteers who were going to take Iona College.

Donald Geller '49 Chosen Associate Athletics Director

Donald Geller '49, will assume the post of Associate Director of Athletics, it was announced yesterday by Bernard Sarachek, director.

Mr. Geller occupied the position of Yeshiva's Athletic Director in 1951 before leaving for two years service in the United States Army. Instrumental in the founding of the Yeshiva Athletic Association, Mr. Geller is also credited with the creation of the first Metropolitan Jewish High School League. As an undergraduate, he played varsity basketball and served as Vice-President of the Student Council.

Presently, Mr. Geller is teaching Hebrew in a Long Island Talmud Torah and is also engaged in youth work.

Director Sarachek has also announced the appointment of Seymour Essrog '55, as Assistant to the Office of the Director. Mr. Essrog is presently Vice-President of the Student Council and Secretary of the Yeshiva Athletic Association. In 1953, he served as Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

Future for Fencers Looms Bright Despite Poor Season

By Morton Berger

For the first time in its four year history, the Yeshiva College Fencing Team wound up its season with a losing record. The Duelists compiled three wins against four losses.

Hampered by the loss of several first-string fencers via graduation, by the start of the season early in the semester and by Coach Tauber's late return from an important mission in Israel, the squad got off to a slow start, losing its first four official matches before rebounding, and completing the campaign with wins against Rutgers and Cooper Union.

Individual Totals

Foil	Won	Lost	Pct.
S. Greenfield	13	7	.650
D. Chill	2	1	.666
E. Federbush	5	3	.625
H. Spear	12	8	.600
A. Davila	0	3	.000
M. Berger	0	5	.000
D. Stadtmauer	0	1	.000
Saber			
Won	Lost	Pct.	
N. Tokayer	14	5	.737
H. Rosenberg	11	9	.550
L. Katz	1	1	.500
S. Ingber	6	9	.400
I. Litvin	0	1	.000
L. Mogilner	0	1	.000
P. Peyser	0	1	.000
A. Rosenberg	0	1	.000
Epee			
Won	Lost	Pct.	
J. Fischer	1	0	1.000
B. Lieberman	10	8	.555
H. Karter	1	1	.500
N. Hecht	7	12	.367
O. Schonthal	5	10	.333
G. Siegal	1	2	.333
A. Rosenberg	0	1	.000
R. Taub	0	1	.000

The squad's steadied improvement is evidenced by the impressive 18-9 defeat of Rutgers of Newark which had just beaten Pace and St. Peter's, two teams to which Yeshiva lost earlier in the season.

The best record for the season (14 wins and 5 losses) was racked up by Captain Norman Tokayer in saber. Close behind him were foilsman Sy Greenfield (13-7) and Howard Spear (12-8). Saber had the best team record (33-27).

The team, at present, is in a state of rebuilding brought on by the graduation of many of its veterans. This will be aided by the recent arrival of new equipment which will facilitate the training of the promising neophytes.

Next season the Duelists will miss the services of Captain Norman Tokayer, Neil Hecht, Herbie Rosenberg and Ori Schonthal, all of whom are being graduated. Sy Greenfield and Barnett Lieberman will leave next year in mid-season.

As has been the custom in past years, the Fencing Team held elections for the coming season immediately following the last match. Two co-captains, epee man Barnett Lieberman and foilsman Howard Spear were elected to this post.

The team for the coming year will be a young one composed to a large extent of this year's freshmen and sophomores. Intensive practice for the 1954-55 season is already under way. Much work is needed to round out the youngsters into competent fencers, Coach Tauber, however, is confident that if they take advantage of the spring training period, Yeshiva will be a hard team to beat next year.

Manhattan's Division Beats Brooklyn In First Jewish League All-Star Game

Playing before a crowd of 500, the Manhattan Division All-Stars defeated Brooklyn, 63-43, in the first annual All-Star game of the Jewish High School League. The contest was played at the Central High School of Needle Trades, Saturday, April 3.

The Manhattan All-Stars were represented by ten members of the division teams, Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School, Ramaz, Mesifita Tifereth Jerusalem and the champion Manhattan Talmudical Academy. Representing Brooklyn were members from Brooklyn Talmudical, Flatbush, Hebrew Institute of Long Island and Chaim Berlin.

Norman Liss '55 To Race for Y.U.

Norman Liss '55, will represent Yeshiva University in inter-collegiate track meets during the 1954-1955 season, it was announced by the office of the Director of Athletics.

Mr. Liss, one of Yeshiva's early track enthusiasts, is presently racing for the Pioneer Athletic Club. In his first race against major collegiate competition, Mr. Liss copped the second place trophy. In fifth position and trailing by twelve yards with one lap to go, he began covering ground and finally nabbed second, missing first place by only three feet. The meet was held at the 369th AAA Armory, Saturday, March 6. Among the runners whom Mr. Liss defeated were athletes from Columbia, Seton Hall and Fordham Colleges.

Mr. Liss will qualify to represent Yeshiva under the Athletic Association's new club and individual competitive program. If any student excels in a particular sport, he may receive the permission of the director of Athletics to represent the University in that particular field.

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some Yeshiva men, many see more than social implications in founding the new school.

"In the old days, when I called in releases to the press, at the mention of Yeshiva they'd say, 'Spell that please,'" mused Sam Hartstein, public relations director. A former New York Times reporter, who has spent the last ten years making the American Jewish Community aware of Y.U., Mr. Hartstein sincerely believes that Yeshiva is the only institution in America with a positive program for Judaism. He looks to the newly organized Community Service Division to give the American Community a deeper understanding of Yeshiva's purpose.

Through the Mill

Having once been on the other side of the fence, Professor Morris Silverman and Rabbi David Mirsky feel that they are in a better position to aid students in the solution of their problems. As worded by Rabbi Mirsky, "You have to go under the mill yourself in order to understand how it feels."

Both voiced a desire to see the Yeshiva University student make positive contributions to the community; in his specific field of study as well as in Jewish life. "If we don't contribute, others less qualified than we, will, and then we will have little right to complain or criticize." Professor Silverman would like to see Yeshiva establish an Institute of Jewish Studies for adults to aid in furthering these ideals.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Nathan Bulman '46, upon the birth of a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Silverman '45, upon the birth of a son; to Rabbi Charles Bahn '51, upon his marriage to Miss Adele Koolyk and to Robert Weiler upon his marriage to Miss Beatrice Cohen.

THE COMMENTATOR also congratulates Aaron L. Heimowitz '54, advertising manager of THE COMMENTATOR, upon his engagement to Miss Denise Langer, and to Judah Schwartz '54, upon his engagement to Miss Marcella Kohn.

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