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College for Girls Opens; Freshman Class Has 32

Stern College for Women of Yeshiva University, the nation's first Jewish sponsored liberal arts college for women, opened Tuesday, September 14, with a Freshman class of 32 students, including eleven out-of-town students from seven different states.

The school, located at the former Packard Junior College building at 35th St. and Lexington Avenue, will be the first women's college to open in New York City in the past 25 years. It will offer courses leading to degrees of bachelor of art, bachelor of science and bachelor of religious education.

The curriculum of the initial class is composed of the following courses: French and German, taught by Dr. Dora Bell, English taught by Mr. Dan Vogel, assistant registrar of Yeshiva College, History under the tutorship of Simeon L. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College, Mathematics by Mrs. Cecile Feder, registrar of Stern College, Political



Stern College students registering with Mrs. Cecile Feder, school registrar.

Science by Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant professor of Political Science at Yeshiva College and Jewish Studies under Rabbi Howard Levine, instructor in Jewish History at the Teachers Institute.

Science courses in Chemistry, Biology and Physics will be offered next year upon the completion of the science laboratories.

The establishment of the school was made possible by an initial grant of \$500,000 from Max Stern, president of Hartz Mountain Bird Seed Products and prominent New York City communal leader, in memory of his parents.

Degrees Offered In Cantorial Arts

The inauguration of a Cantorial Training Institute was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. The Institute is an outgrowth of the Cantorial Workshop, established in 1951, and is under the direction of Dr. Karl Adler, head of the University's Music Department. The Institute will be open to all students attending the University as well as non-matriculated students and practicing cantors.

Classes will be conducted in the teaching of the traditional *nussach* for the Sabbath and High Holy Days. The curriculum will also feature lectures on liturgical customs and history. Upon the completion of the prescribed course of study of two to four years, cantorial diplomas or associate cantor certificates will be awarded.

2 Appointed To Faculty

Dr. Herman N. Ausebell and Dr. Harold S. Lyrett have been appointed Visiting Professors of History at Yeshiva College, announced Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College.

Dr. Ausebell is the author of several books including *Historians and their Craft* and *The Making of Modern Europe*, which he is using as the text for his course, *Europe Since 1918*. He was graduated from Brooklyn College *Summa Cum Laude*, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University.

Dr. Lyrett authored *The City of Brooklyn* and is co-author of *American History*, the text for his course *Survey of American History*. He received his B.A. degree from Wesleyan College where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia.

Name Eighty-Five In Honor Rating

A total of eighty-five students in the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes have been placed on the Dean's List, it was announced last week by Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College. Only students who have achieved scholastic averages of 3.4 or above during the previous term are entitled to such a listing.

Professor Silverman stated that two seniors maintained perfect averages of 4.0 last year. They are Joseph Hershonov and Amnon Rosenthal.

The Dean's List, representing 21% of the student body, includes 39 seniors, 20 juniors and 26 sophomores.

New Cafeteria Hosts Bring Improvements; Hope to Add More Changes In Near Future

By Alan Scher

A cleaner, better-organized dining room has heralded the appearance of "your new hosts" at the College Cafeteria, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Weber of Weber Glatt Kosher Caterers. They possess years of invaluable experience, having been affiliated with the food and restaurant business all their lives. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Weber were consulted several years ago by the Ladies Auxiliary regarding the food situation in the Cafeteria.

A chat with the gentleman and his wife has revealed that in general, no drastic changes are foreseen, except when beneficial to the students. The stipend and food ticket systems will be continued and the meal schedule will remain unchanged. Mr. Weber stated that he

To Receive Award



Simon E. Sobeloff

Solicitor General S. Sobeloff to be Honored By Y.U.

Simon E. Sobeloff, solicitor general of the United States, has been named to receive Yeshiva University's annual Charter Day Award, which will be presented Sunday, November 7, at the Hotel Astor, it was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

The Charter Day celebration will mark the 100th anniversary of the elevation of Yeshiva to university status, to become the first American university under Jewish auspices.

Mr. Sobeloff served as chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and has practiced law for 31 years. He was chairman of the Commission on Administrative Organization of the State of Maryland, and his efforts resulted in an improved budgetary system for the state, revised payroll correction laws and other vital legislation. Mr. Sobeloff also serves as president of the Baltimore Board of Jewish Education and as a Director of the National Association for Jewish Education. He has been a leader in the B'nai Brith movement, the American Jewish Congress, the Baltimore Jewish Council, the Zionist Organization of America and the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

hopes to be able to avoid such confusing terms as the ten percent "tax" of previous years. He also plans the posting of food prices on a bulletin board to expedite service. In keeping with his policy of no radical changes, Alex, George and other familiar faces of the kitchen staff have been retained.

In renovating the cafeteria, the new caterers have obtained a one thousand dollar refrigerated salad-sandwich counter, and have acquired a large freezing unit in which to stock supplies.

Most of the important changes, according to Mr. Weber, will not be evident to the student body, as they shall be in the kitchen itself. The results, however, will be seen in fresher and more nutritious food. A greater selection of victuals will

Study Program Changes; May Add Requirements

A series of changes in the college curriculum which will add ten credits to the courses required of students is under study by the Faculty Advisory Council announced Dr. Simeon L.

Guterman, dean of the College. Dr. Guterman, who also serves as chairman of this committee, disclosed that under the proposed program, Philosophy 1-2 (Ancient Medieval Philosophy) and six additional credits in the social sciences, Fine Arts 1 and 2 (History and Appreciation of Art and An Introduction to Music) and two years of study totalling 12 credits in the natural sciences division would be required of every student. In addition the credit value of Speech 3 and 4 will be reduced from two to one credit each.

Of the two years of study proposed for the natural sciences, one year must be devoted to a laboratory science i.e., Chemistry, Biology and Physics. The twelve credits required in the social sciences exclude courses in Education, Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Sociology.

Committee Studies Plan
The proposed changes presented by the Council had been approved with some modifications at a general faculty assembly held June 1. The plan was then submitted to Dr. Belkin for final approval. Dr. Belkin, however, asked the committee to study the plan in greater detail and an announcement to this effect was made at the next faculty assembly, June 13. There it was referred to the Faculty Advisory Council which is still studying the plan. Serving on this committee are Dr. Alexander Brody, professor of History, Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsburg, professor of Mathematics, Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, professor of Jewish History and Dr. Irving Linn, professor of English.

The proposed program, as outlined by the Advisory Council and the faculty, would require a student to present of his total of 128 credits necessary for graduation, eighty-six credits in required courses. For students whose Hebrew credits are transferred from the Teachers Institute, the requirements would consist of seventy-six credits.

Dean Explains Purpose
"The purpose of these studies is to find a method to achieve a balance among the various divisions in the student's program," Dr. Guterman said. "We do not want to overburden the student with too many requirements and we would like to give him some leeway in planning his own program. At present, however, many students are centering their studies on one major field and do not receive the broad base necessary for the development of a well-rounded personality," he added. This was especially true of science majors, the Dean indicated.

T.I. Tour in Israel Awarded to Nine

Nine students of Teachers Institute left September 9, to study in Israel for a period of six months as recipients of full scholarships awarded to them by the T.I. Faculty Committee, announced Dr. Hyman Grinstein, registrar of T.I. They are Marvin Bashkowitz '55, Morton Gelter '55, Judah Harris '55, Fred Horowitz '55, Boaz Kahana '55, Herbert Lerner '55, Wallace Pruzansky '55, Michael Rosenak '54, and Marvin Spiegelman '55. The awards were made on the basis of scholarship and character.

Dr. Grinstein also announced the appointment of Rabbi Louis Bernstein '41, to the T.I. staff as Bible and Hebrew instructor. Rabbi Bernstein is a former editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

be offered, with portions "approximately fifty percent larger than had been served previously."

Some of the more noticeable innovations, however, are the salt, pepper and sugar shakers and napkin holders. A cash register, which promised to eliminate hidden assets, has been removed and the cash has gone underground once more.

Mr. Weber attended *yeshivot* in Hungary and is a graduate of a German university at which he received a degree in management and dietetics. His wife is also the possessor of a degree in dietetics.

Although Mr. Weber says that he is faced with "the toughest competition in the world—mother's cooking," he remains optimistic and will welcome any sincere criticism.

Get Well

THE COMMENTATOR joins the faculty and student body in wishing Dr. Shelley R. Saphire, professor of Biology and principal of the Yeshiva University High Schools, a speedy recovery. He is recuperating from a serious illness.

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Thoughts on Curriculum

The fact that the administration is studying the question of curriculum in the College is an indication that it is finally becoming aware of one of Yeshiva's most pressing problems, that of the unbalanced program.

Taking note of the fact that graduate schools now demand students with a diversified scholastic background, the Faculty Advisory Council has recommended additional blanket requirements for the entire student body. This plan is meritorious in that it no longer allows students to devote themselves exclusively to the confinements of their major fields. However, while dealing with these extreme cases, the proposals are not geared to needs of the individual student but impose the burden of ten additional credits on the entire student body.

The unbalanced program may just as well be averted by instituting an effective advisory system whereby each student's program would be drawn up in light of his future plans and needs. Such a move, we believe, would be more in accord with the trend in progressive college education which de-emphasizes the need for requirements, giving the student, under proper guidance, more freedom in his choice of courses.

On the other hand, we must concede that in the light of the history of the effectiveness of guidance and advisory systems at Yeshiva, the Faculty Advisory Council's recommendation would probably be the more expedient and quicker method of alleviating the situation.

We are pleased to note that Dr. Belkin is aware of the many complications involved in studying the problem and has referred the recommendations back to the faculty for further study. Like the administration, the members of THE COMMENTATOR staff and the leaders of Student Council recognize the difficulties involved in reaching a solution. We hope that this discussion will bring to our readers some of the considerations raised by the faculty recommendation.

Welcome Freshmen

It is customary for THE COMMENTATOR to welcome the incoming Yeshiva men. Well then, gentlemen, welcome and we hope you'll feel at home here. We do—and so will you, after a while.

The first thing you will notice about Yeshiva is that some of the chairs are badly in need of repairs, the second, that nobody seems to be aware of your existence and third, that the cafeteria's food doesn't compare with Mother's.

This institution is not a country club and it is not intended to be one. It is a unique school allowing you to get an excellent Jewish and college education—but you will have to supply the work. You will get as much out of your four years here as you're willing to put in. It's awfully easy to sleep through many lectures and it's even easier to stay in your room and sleep there. A gentleman's "C" will get you a diploma but it will not get you an education. No school will give you that, much less Yeshiva with its limited facilities and double program. It will be only through *your* efforts that your stay here will have any meaning.

Good Luck.

A Good Start

We would like to welcome and extend our congratulations to Mr. Simon Weber, the new proprietor at the Yeshiva College Cafeteria, on his initial showing.

Several of the innovations that he has instituted are appreciated by the student body, particularly the variety of food, tastily prepared and served under hygienic conditions.

However, may we remind Mr. Weber that while he has made a good start there is still room for improvement. We urge him to continue to cooperate with the Student Council Food Committee toward remedying a situation that has too long been a disgrace to the institution.

Bungalows, Beaches, Boardwalks Transform Y.U. Men into Rough, Rugged Rockaway-ites

By Nat Geller

I belong to that small, yet exclusive group of individuals who, during their summer vacation, never venture beyond the city limits. Of course there have been many times when the venerable "borscht circuit" has beckoned to me, and then only the strongest argument, namely that of "no money," has deterred me from heeding the call of the wild. Thus, it is when my pawnbroker shoos me from his door and the bank no longer considers my checking account an asset, that I find myself on Rockaway Beach.

Here, there are to be found a sturdy race of vacationers who neither fear sand in their beds nor sand in their food, and who breathe deeply of the salty sea air, scented liberally with the odor of the pizzanish. It is here that I sit precariously balanced on the boardwalk

railing munching taffy; keeping one eye peeled for Moby Dick, the other for my *rebbe*. I meditate on the world that passes by. But for the true Riviera atmosphere, I withdraw to a dark, secluded place known to the faithful as Eighty-fifth Street. I have heard it said that Y.U. will someday establish a beachhead there, for I have never seen so many faded blue-white beanies and so many tight-fitting bathing trunks—two distinct features of a Yeshiva man—as are to be found here. Besides, it is only a stone's throw from Playland.

Beanies, Friends Discuss Problems

Just circumnambulate the boardwalk on some lazy Sabbath afternoon, being careful, of course, to avoid the breeze that continuously wafts the smell of sun-tan lotion into the nose and fine particles of sand into the ears. Observe the

faded beanies intermingling with their many friends, discussing weighty problems, foremost of which is "Will Stern College be a success?"

But, for the last word in summer vacationing, walk the beach. On the burning sands, opportunity presents itself with two knocks. For here lies a treasure of empty soda-pop bottles, a veritable gold mine. I have spent many a summer day collecting them and then delivering the bottles to the nearest candy store for a refund. Even those that are broken may be sold on the black market for at least two cents; provided, of course, the necks are still intact.

Here by the pounding surf, the Yeshiva man is presented with the wonderful opportunity of slenderizing his figure. Several activities are highly recommended, of which "just lying around the beach" is considered *par excellence*. This has become so popular with our generation that on a good day "lying around" is the equivalent of twelve people per square foot of beach. Such crowded conditions generally do not disturb the true "Rockaway-ite," but add to the true cosmopolitan flavor of the Riviera, of which Rockaway is but an extension.

Game Proves Entertaining

But, for the more enthusiastic vacationer, "Bury a Person Alive" has become the vogue. This game consists of stealthily approaching a dozing individual and covering him completely with sand. The fun of it all comes when the sleeper tries to turn over on his side and finds himself incarcerated in what may well be his grave. Of course, the true athletes venture into the sea itself. Intimidating their best friends to play the role of victim, they practice life-saving, not to mention underwater wrestling. I, for one, have always admired these underwater acrobats. It must be lots of fun to swim beneath the white-caps and not come up again.

With the disappearing sun the vacationers return to their bungalows—a place conducive to claustrophobia. The oil lamps are lit, and the mahjongg sets appear. But old "Rockawayites" never fade away from the boardwalk for long, they just turn to beach-combing.

Summer Vacation Ruined By Plain Manila Envelope

By Alan Scher and Herb Gross

The summer day was bright, a warm breeze was blowing and I had nothing to do but work hard at relaxing.

Someone had just come back from the village with the mail and there was a plain manila envelope addressed to me. Three cents postage was due. I laid the envelope aside and attempted to regain the mood of Wordsworthian perception of a few minutes before. But I couldn't. I had recognized my own handwriting twisted by the pressure of last term's finals.

Since the envelope was stamped with the return address of the office of the registrar, I went to a place where my parents could not observe my chagrin and opened it. The envelope contained a long double sheet, listing Phys. Ed. courses and instructions on how to fill out the deck of cards that were enclosed. I thought that it was a new form of poker. I pulled out six small white cards. I tried for a better hand and drew three big ones.

Losing Battle

But when I pulled out the three

cards I knew that the game was stacked against me. First of all, they were of different suits—red, white and blue. Then when I looked at the blue card, which seemed vaguely familiar, I knew that the game was lost. The card was marked—in red ink. A crisis was imminent—fall registration was here.

I gave up the game and sat down for five or six hours to figure out the "simple" instructions. The first thing I noticed was the dates. I had to send the completed form back to the College by August 23. The date on which I received the forms was August 25. The pony express would have to be fast if the forms were to get there on time!

I re-read the instructions and noticed that on September 7 or 9, I would have to appear in person to pay the coming term's tuition fees and fines. That ordeal was still two weeks away, so I mailed back the forms and decided to forget it all.

But the grueling experience had done its work. The scar would remain forever. My vacation had been ruined.

Yeshiva University
Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street
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Office of the Dean

September 20, 1954

On the occasion of the opening of another year at Yeshiva, I should like to take the opportunity to extend to the students of this institution the best wishes for a happy new year and for a successful scholastic term.

Hardly a year has passed in Yeshiva's history that has not brought changes and progress. This year I hope will be no exception and we can all look forward to a better and happier school life. New faculty members brought in from a neighboring university, an enhanced program of student activities and possibly an intensified social life among the students should hold the interest of both faculty and students and invite all of us to greater efforts to improve our College.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Simeon L. Guterman

Yeshiva University
Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street
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Office of the President

September 20, 1954

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest welcome to the students who are returning to their spiritual and intellectual home and to the new students who are now being introduced to Yeshiva life.

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

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Samuel Belkin

On the Sidelines

By Aaron Freiman

Just a year ago a group of more than a dozen boys who considered themselves the top soccer players of the continent sent a few representatives to "Red" Sarachek, who had just been appointed to the position of director of athletics of Yeshiva University, to plead their case. They claimed they had all the potential needed for being a top notch team, but needed a coach and equipment very badly. Taking heed of their argument, Mr. Sarachek saw to it that the team was fully supplied with uniforms, shoes and all other necessities of a soccer squad. Before a month had passed, Mr. Sarachek had acquired a field to be used for soccer practice and a coach, Werner Rothchild, who had just left his position of coaching soccer at City College. A schedule for intercollegiate soccer competition was then in the making and the squad was all set to show its wares.

At the same time, these athletes thought that publicity would be of great value. They saw to it that the new squad was built up with a prospectus and photographs in student publications, and requested the Public Relations department to spread word of their new venture to the public. Even faster than they built themselves up publicity-wise, they flopped. This autumn there is no soccer practice scheduled, and no soccer team. The uniforms are lying neatly in some locker in the basement of the school building.

The soccer squad collapsed because there was no cooperation among themselves, with their new coach, and most of all with "Red" Sarachek.

"Red" has just completed one year as director of athletics. He tackled the job with many new and worthwhile ideas. "Red" was willing to cooperate with everybody who would cooperate with him. His object, to make the soccer team a formidable intercollegiate squad, was apparently not the purpose of the dozen soccer "players" who were seeking individual glory. This disgrace created by the soccer case would be bad enough if it were alone in its category. However, it is not.

Through the efforts of Mr. Sarachek, Yeshiva has enrolled in the Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union, which gives students who excel in non-varsity sports a chance to compete in their sport at an intercollegiate level. To date, one student, namely Norman Liss, took advantage of this opportunity, and placed second in an A.A.U. track meet. The rest of the school ignored the program and showed no cooperation whatsoever.

Those squads and individuals who have understood the meaning of cooperation, have found in the Athletic Association a willing associate in getting things done, as evidenced by the comparatively recently formed tennis and fencing teams. They are well equipped, boast bigger and better schedules and are coached by top-flight mentors.

In past the blame for athletic programming failures has been all too readily placed on what has been labeled "You, The Student." However, when reviewing the present situation and actual case histories, there seems to be no one else to blame.

The Athletic Association is well staffed and willing to cooperate in any sincere sports venture. They have a new office adjacent to the gymnasium. Go down and visit it sometime . . . and that includes soccer players. You've got the uniforms and maybe the ability. All you need is a slight change in temperament.

Athletic Manager Informs Students Of New Projects

By Joseph Polansky

As athletic manager I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Yeshiva after what, I hope, has been a healthful and athletically active summer. Unfortunately for many Y.U. students, the end of the summer vacation and the return to the classroom signifies the end of participation in competitive sports till next summer. However, this need not be the case, for as usual we have planned an extensive and varied program of both intramural and varsity athletics for the coming year.

Competition has been planned for the various net skills, basketball, boxing, wrestling, fencing and others. If you excel in any of these sports you are urged to try out for the varsity squads that Yeshiva fields. Those that don't make the varsities will find participation in the intramural program just as rewarding and in many instances more exciting.

On paper the season shapes up as an interesting one. Together with your respective class athletic managers I have planned and arranged this extensive intramural program, but its success hinges on one thing—your cooperation! You, and only you, will make or break these activities.

In the next few days and in the ensuing weeks, you will see notices announcing the scheduling of these intramural activities and requesting students to volunteer and represent their classes. Please respond!

Mites Meet New Rivals This Year; Travel to Connecticut, Pennsylvania

Come November and the Mighty Mites from Washington Heights will take off on a wonderful fling, a la Sarachek, which could very well send them soaring in athletic ratings. The Blue and White hoopsters will face some of the top small college teams in the East. The schedule, the longest in Yeshiva history, will be highlighted by two road trips.

Opening away from home on November 23, Yeshiva will tackle a rival last seen in 1951, Webb Institute. Another renewed acquaintance, and

expectedly a more dangerous opponent, is Adelphi College, with whom the Mites competed in 1952.

The 1954-55 schedule also welcomes three clubs whom Yeshiva has never faced: Hillyer College, and Bridgeport University, of Connecticut and Wilkes College of Pennsylvania, three top-notch Eastern teams.

After the two opening games, the quintet will take to the road to Connecticut for a weekend of basketball with Hillyer and Quinnipiac. Again in February the five will invade Pennsylvania to meet Wilkes and Kings Colleges.

Brooklyn Scheduled Again

The high points of the year will probably turn out to be the contests with three new clubs, the Kings game, the re-flaring of the feud with Brooklyn College and the Adelphi tussle. Not many are apt to forget the Yeshiva-Brooklyn game of 1953. That one brought on unparalleled spirit from both sides and was a real battle to the wire with Brooklyn emerging just a shade ahead of the Yeshivamen.

Along with these opponents, Yeshiva will face Fairleigh-Dickinson, Hunter and Cooper Union, three teams which played games down to squeakers last season. Sparked by several new players, the team will push to top the 10-9 record of last year. It is a tough lineup, but "Red" Sarachek and the boys will be ready to rip through it when the time comes.

Basketball Schedule

Tuesday, November 23	Webb Institute	Away
Saturday, November 27	Cathedral College	Home
Saturday, December 4	Hillyer College	Away
Sunday, December 5	Quinnipiac College	Away
Saturday, December 11	Hunter College	Away
Tuesday, December 14	Bridgeport University	Away
Saturday, December 18	Brooklyn College	Away
Tuesday, December 21	Panzer College	Away
Saturday, January 9	Rider College	Home
Saturday, January 29	Pace College	Home
Saturday, February 5	Queens College	Home
Tuesday, February 8	Wilkes College	Away
Wednesday, February 9	King's College	Away
Saturday, February 12	Panzer College	Home
Wednesday, February 16	Adelphi College	Away
Saturday, February 19	Fairleigh-Dickinson	Home
Tuesday, February 22	N. Y. State Maritime	Away
Saturday, February 26	Rutgers of Newark	Home
Tuesday, March 1	Paterson State	Away
Wednesday, March 2	Cathedral College	Away
Saturday, March 5	Cooper Union	Home

Marvin Hershkowitz Returns to Y.U. As Assistant to Coach "Red" Sarachek

The Yeshiva University Athletic Association announced that Marv Hershkowitz, former Y.U. basketball ace, will be assistant to basketball coach "Red" Sarachek and will coach the Junior Varsity Basketball Squad.

Marv has just returned from a position out West where he was youth director at the Tri-Cities Jewish Center in Rock Island, Illinois.

Graduated from Yeshiva in 1952, the colorful, peppery Hershkowitz smashed his way through all records while with the team, becoming practically a byword in Yeshiva sports annals. He holds the all-time Yeshiva scoring record, racking up over 1000 points during his playing career, and the individual single

game scoring record of 41 points, which he scored against Cathedral. Marv is a De Witt Clinton High School grad where he was co-captain of the basketball team.

Not only was he an outstanding figure within the boundaries of Yeshiva University, but he was also elected to the all-city basketball team sponsored by Tru-Val, in 1951.

The J.V., which was formed last season, will under his leadership, adopt a vigorous training program this year designed to strengthen itself as well as the varsity.

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Editor's Note

This is the first time that THE COMMENTATOR is printing a review page covering important Yeshiva events that took place during the summer vacation. Unfortunately, too often these events are no longer publicized when we return to school and our readers are never made aware of their occurrence. We have therefore decided to bring them to you in this form.

The Editors

Dr. J. Lookstein Elected Rabbinic Alumni President

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, New York City, and chairman, Division of Religious Activities, National Jewish Welfare Board, was elected president of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University at the closing session of the group's annual convention held May 28 at the Pine View Hotel, Fallsburg, N. Y.

Rabbi Lookstein has served as president of the Rabbinical Council of America and as president of the New York Board of Rabbis, which comprises the orthodox, conservative and reform rabbinate in New York City. His publications include "Sources of Courage," "Judaism in Theory and Practice" and "What is Orthodox Judaism?"

Professor of Homiletics and Sociology at Yeshiva University, Rabbi Lookstein has also been a pioneer in the field of Jewish education. He is a founder, and was for two years the principal, of the Hebrew Teachers Training School for Girls. Dr. Lookstein is the founder and head of the Ramaz School and Ramaz High School in New York and has written on Jewish educational problems. He succeeds Rabbi Morris Berman of the Concourse Center of Israel in The Bronx.

The rabbinic group numbers 600 orthodox spiritual leaders, graduates of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Foundation Gives Grant to Yeshiva For Maintenance

Yeshiva University received a \$500,000 gift from the Gustav Wurzeiler Foundation to be utilized for the maintenance of its educational program, announced Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, vice-president of the Foundation, at commencement exercises held Thursday, July 24. Rabbi Lookstein stated that a great part of the grant will go for scholarships to be presented to worthy students.

The money comes from the Gustav Wurzeiler Foundation which was founded after Mr. Wurzeiler passed away on March 2, 1954 and was set up to render aid to education, religious institutions and synagogues.

Mr. Wurzeiler, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, was fifty-eight years old. Born in Mannheim, Germany, he established a private banking firm there. He arrived in this country from Belgium in 1941 and became a member of the Stock Exchange in 1950, affiliated with the brokerage house of Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades and Company. He was a founder and member of the Board of Help and Reconstruction, an organization that assists refugees from Central Europe.

Chem Journal Prints YU Student's Article

The July issue of the American Chemical Society publication, *Analytical Chemistry*, carried an article by Marvin Antelman '55, dealing with a new procedure for analyzing metals. The procedure, which Mr. Antelman developed in his own laboratory at his home in Ventnor, New Jersey, was recognized by several government agencies including the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A graduate of Teachers Institute, he has been offered a graduate teaching assistantship at the University of Pittsburgh upon completion of his undergraduate work.

44 Year - old Dad, Newlyweds, Persian Earn Y.C. Sheepskins

By Nat Geller

Graduation exercises are generally trying experiences, especially those held in the month of June. Guest speakers make it a habit to submit their audiences to hours of grueling harrangue while the unfortunate listeners swelter in the heat and finally melt. This picture of abject misery is not complete, however, until some unsuspecting graduate, coming to the stage to receive his degree, trips on the microphone wiring and short circuits the entire electrical system of the auditorium. The *coup de grace* being administered, the chairman adjourns the time-honored proceedings and another graduation exercise bites the dust. It is only when the last program has been thrown away and the door to the Alma Mater locked for the night, that the pleasantries of the graduation and those of the graduating class are uncovered.

"Chick" Graduates

Last June in addition to bestowing honorary degrees on Connecticut Superior Court Judge Samuel Mellitz, Alvin C. Eurich of the Ford Foundation and to Rabbi Aaron D. Burack of R.I.E.T.S. Yeshiva University presented a bachelor of arts degree to the senior of all seniors, forty-four year old Charles Baker. Mr. Baker, more familiarly known on the Heights as "Chuck," realized a life-long quest for a college education, and we are proud to state that he suffered no ill effects from climbing the stairs several times a day in order to reach his classes.

In 1933 "Chick" began his life's work in Yonkers, providing guidance and recreation for the boys at Homecrest. Later he joined the staff at Cedar Knolls in Hawthorne, N. Y., an institution for delinquent boys and girls, as a cottage parent and athletic director. In 1944 he assumed his present position at the Pleasantville Cottage School, a home for the care of dependent,

neglected children operated by a Jewish Child Care Association, where he is a cottage parent and sports coach.

As far as experience with children is concerned, Mr. Baker has had ample opportunity to familiarize himself with their behavior. Besides being the father of a twelve year old youngster, he is "parent" to his nineteen "adopted sons," his charges at Pleasantville. Undoubtedly, "Chick" will find Sociology, his major at Yeshiva College, of great assistance in his family life. We are, however, led to believe that Mr. "cheaper by the dozen" plus eight should have never neglected economics.

Marrieds Stay Together

Also present at the annual graduation exercise of Yeshiva University were a young man and a young woman who it appears have made

Max, who is Director of Youth Activities at the Young Israel of Boro Park, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree and immediately decided to frame it and hang it on the wall next to his marriage license. Audrey was the recipient of a teacher's diploma from the University's Teachers Institute for Women. Her class is the first women's group to receive diplomas from the University. Later she confided to Max that her *ketuba* was worth more to her—practically speaking, of course.

Persian Among Grads

During that sweltering June day, another recipient of a bachelor of arts degree was a young man whose life had been spent in the tradition of the Arabian Nights—perhaps not in dress or custom, but surely in spirit—and whose grandfather, twenty times removed, was a contemporary of Alexander the Great. He is Soleyman Dayan of Persia, whose family has resided in that land for more than two thousand years.

Mr. Dayan arrived in this country as an exchange student to study American educational techniques, and, similar to the incomparable "Chick" Baker, Soleyman will also devote his life to the service and betterment of children in the capacity of a teacher. He stated that his visit to the United States was prompted by the "weakness" of the Jewish school system in Persia and by his desire to improve those educational methods which are presently being used in his native homeland. "The greatest contribution I can make to Persian Jewry when I return," said Dayan, "is to bring with me the wealth of knowledge and information that I have acquired during my four years at Yeshiva University."

Soleyman assured us that he had but one wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wagner

quite a regular habit of walking down aisles. Married ten days previous to the graduation exercise, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wagner "interrupted their honeymoon" to march down the aisle again. This time there was something missing, and when Max realized that it was the *chupa*, he became panicky.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies



PITCHING IN (from l. to r.): Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean; Nathaniel Goldstein, attorney general of New York State; Dr. Belkin and Governor Thomas E. Dewey at the cornerstone laying ceremonies.

Cornerstone for Med School Set Into Place; Bears Hebrew Imprint

Coinciding with the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the American community, the cornerstone for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University was set into place June 13.

"The cornerstone ceremonies taking place on the tercentenary anniversary," declared Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein, who presided at the affair, "will serve as a symbol of the contributions of the American Jewish community to the progress and welfare of the country."

Encased in the block of polished granite were documents relating to the historical background of several important Jewish organizations and a copy of a petition filed in 1654 by the Amsterdam Jewish community in behalf of 23 Brazilian Jewish refugees who had just arrived in New Amsterdam. Inscribed on the block were Hebrew and English letters denoting the date of the commencement of construction in relation to the Hebrew and Gregorian calendars.

New Application Form

The application form, released last week, is in many ways an historical document. Affirming the non-sectarian character of the College, the application form omits five questions usually found on the medical school application forms. These queries deal with the religion and nationality of the applicant, and the birth place of parents. There is still another departure from the traditional application form—there is no request for the applicant's photograph. The deciding factor for entrance will be scholarship and character.

At the cornerstone ceremonies it was pointed out by the many speakers that the need for doctors is great. Attorney General Goldstein declared, "I should like to think that we are entering a great new era of conquest in the field of medicine but nevertheless the future holds real danger if we neglect to expand our medical facilities. We face catastrophe if we fail to enlarge our

medical forces." He pointed out that at the current rate of increase of this country's population, the ratio of doctor to patient will become dangerously low. The peril in this situation is obvious, he said, if an epidemic strikes or if war engulfs us.

The ceremonies concluded with a message from Dr. Belkin who spoke of expanding Yeshiva University into a force that will serve the entire nation. He stated that the Medical School was dedicated to the principle that "those who are living in our modern age—an age torn by hatred and suspicions by threats of atomic bombs and destruction, an age divided between the concepts of freedom and liberty and the concepts of goose-stepping enslavements and imprisonments—those people have the moral responsibility not to become bitter, cynical and despondent, but rather to help in the creation of the instrumentalities for the alleviation of human sufferings."

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