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Debaters Win First Contest; Defeat Cornell

Debating on the national topic, "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China," the Yeshiva University Debating Team defeated Cornell University in a contest held Monday, November 29, in the Dorm Social Hall. Jacob Heller '55, and Joseph Kaplan '56, representing Yeshiva, upheld the affirmative.

Offering a nine-point program for the conditional recognition of Communist China, Yeshiva declared that "only two alternatives are open to us—co-existence or co-destruction. By changing the *status quo* we will drive a wedge between Russia and Red China."

Opposing Argument

Cornell countered by contending that recognition must be *de jure*. The negative proceeded to show that Communist China is not worthy of unconditional recognition because "of the illegal methods she has used to gain power and because she has violated almost every rule of international law." They also stated that recognition of China would not drive a wedge between her and Russia, since they both share the Communist ideology.

Mr. Lee Epstein, attorney at law, judged the debate. In giving the decision to Yeshiva he stated that the negative had not answered the affirmative arguments.

In conclusion Mr. Epstein said, "Who wins is not important. The important thing is that two teams of college students debated a controversial topic."

Club Notes

French Club

Old Places of Paris and The Life of Chateaubriand, two French films, were presented Wednesday, November 17, by Le Cercle Francais in conjunction with Pi Delta Phi, French honorary society. Professor Sidney Braun delivered a short talk on the travels of Chateaubriand, a French romanticist.

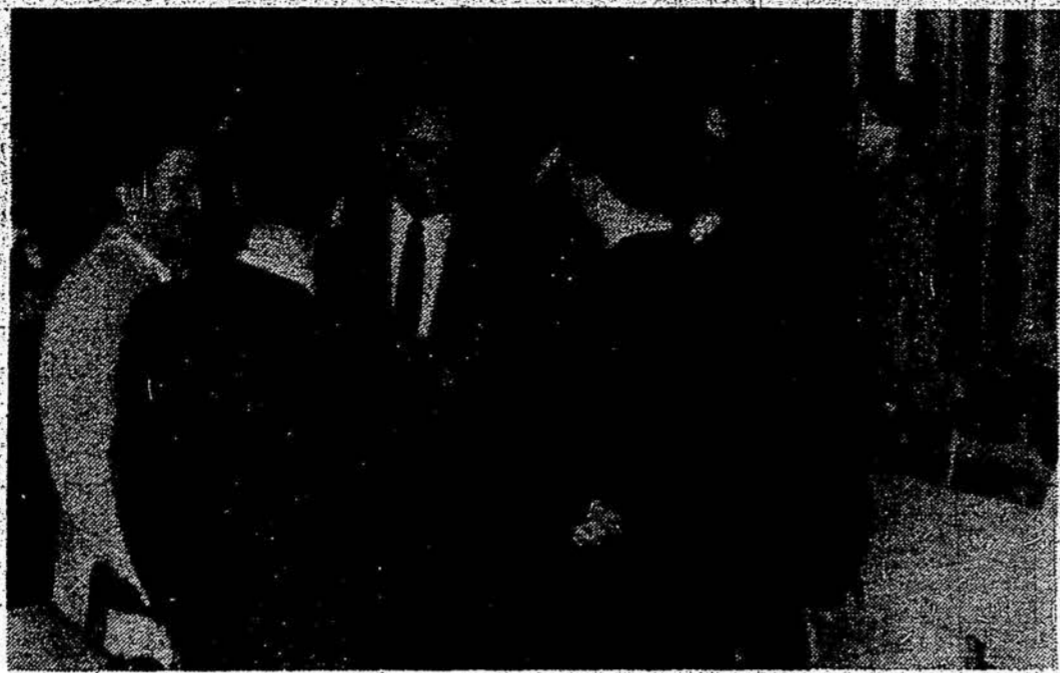
Eranos

"Life in Ancient Pompeii" was discussed by Herbert Schreiber '56, president of Eranos, at a meeting held November 29. A pictorial exhibition was included in the program.

Pre-Med Society

Dr. Robert Hansen, member of the Public Health Service, spoke on the benefits of the Service at a combined meeting of the Pre-Medical and Biology Societies, Thursday, December 9.

Frosh Reception



MIXING: Dean Guterman and a group of freshmen talking informally at the Freshman Reception.

Hat Magic Victimizes Dean; Freshman Reception Clicks

Remarkable as it may seem, the invitations to the Freshman Reception were received after the affair had taken place. But, even more noteworthy, is the fact that this was the first "Frosh" Reception in the history of Y.U., and it began on time—Jewish time that is.

The festivities, which took place Sunday, December 5, were supposed to have commenced at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, but began instead at 8:45 p.m. Yeshiva Time. The opening was heralded by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and Hatikva, to the accompaniment of a four-piece orchestra.

Professor Abraham Hurwitz, director of Student Activities, master of ceremonies by popular request, then exhibited his magical prowess by pulling Dean Guterman out of his hat, making him appear in one of the back rows.

Dean Welcomes Frosh

From that vantage point, the Dean delivered a short talk welcoming the Freshman Class and asking for increased school spirit. His speech was constantly punctuated by the applause of the freshies.

One of the highlights of the evening's activities was an address by Mrs. Diamond, president of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization. In the three minutes speaking time allotted to her, Mrs. Diamond welcomed the freshmen.

Leonard Shapiro '58, president of the Freshman Class, then usurped the spotlight from "Doc" and introduced the members of the faculty. Mr. Shapiro proceeded to transform a group of conservatively-minded musicians into a full-blown jazz ensemble.

As the last strain of the "St. Louis Wohls" died away, the lights dimmed and a celluloid version of life at Y.U. flashed across the silver screen. Unfortunately, the food had been brought out, and no one was present to see the "Rank" production.

With the disappearance of the last hot dog, the first "Frosh" Reception came to an end, and the weary but happy freshmen sprinted home.

Y. U. Drive Heads Set \$4500 Goal

A goal of \$4,500 was set for the Yeshiva University Charity Drive by the divisional chairmen at a launching dinner Thursday, December 2, in Weber's Cafeteria, announced Joseph Kaplan '56, chairman. The Drive, which will begin February 7, will extend over a period of ten weeks.

Quotas for the individual institutions of the University are: Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, \$1860; Teachers Institute, \$850; Central Yeshiva High School for Girls, \$700; Stern College for Women, \$80 and Teachers Institute for Women, \$445.

Charities Named

The following distribution of funds to be received from the Drive was approved by the Student Councils of the College, R.I.E.T.S. and T.I.: United Jewish Appeal, 25%; P'eylim, 25%; Tashbar, 15%; Chinuch Atzmai, 15% and Yeshivat Hadarom, 20%.

Chinuch Atzmai, the independent religious schools in Israel, and Yeshivat Hadarom, headed by Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Meltzer, son of the late Rabbi Isser Zalmen Meltzer, will receive funds from the Drive for the first time.

Mr. Kaplan also announced the following appointments for divisional chairmen of the high school: Central Yeshiva High School for Girls, Roberta Orenstein; Uptown Talmudical Academy, Armand Lindenbaum and Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, Jacob Greenfield.

Outside Site Sought For Dean's Reception

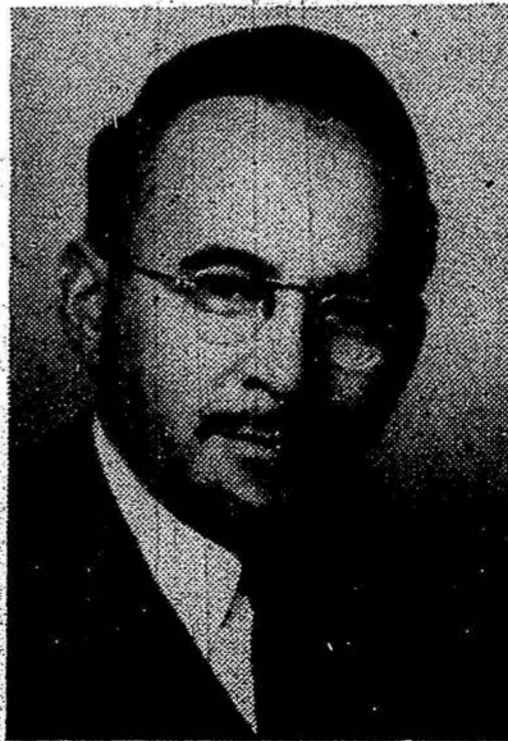
Facilities outside the school are being sought for this year's Dean's Reception to be held Sunday evening, January 2, announced Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, dean. The decision to take the affair away from the Yeshiva buildings was reached after the Student Council had informed Dr. Guterman that the facilities offered on school premises were inadequate. Council felt that the only suitable place on the University campus was Lamport Auditorium.

Two Y. U. Students Attend U. N. Affair Held on Nov. 19-21

Dov Genachovsky '56, and Chaim Kalcheim '56, attended a study weekend dedicated to the Ninth General Assembly of the United Nations, held November 19-21. The seminar was sponsored by the World Federation of the U.N. Association and the International Student Movement for the U.N. and was open to students from all over the world.

The participating students were addressed by Benjamin Cohen, assistant secretary general of the U.N., and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, permanent United States delegate to the Commission of Human Rights. Each lecture was followed by a discussion in which the students expressed their views and were able to argue their conviction on the issue at hand. In the breaks between talks, the participants discussed amongst themselves the various international problems facing the U.N.

To Address Students



Dr. Samuel Belkin

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, will address the student body, Wednesday evening, January 5, in Riets Hall. The meeting will be jointly sponsored by Student Council and the Student Organization of Yeshiva.

This is the second time in as many years that President Belkin will appear before the students. Last year he entertained questions from dormitory residents at an informal gathering.

At its meeting of November 4, Student Council had instructed President Howard Spear '55, to approach the administration with regard to obtaining Lamport Auditorium for the affair.

When permission for Lamport was denied, Council passed a motion instructing Mr. Spear "to request the Dean to obtain an outside hall for the purpose of the Dean's Reception." The resolution continued, "if outside facilities are not forthcoming, Student Council leaves the matter in the hands of the administration."

Dean, Council Meet

Meeting with Council, Tuesday, December 7, Dr. Guterman informed its members that he would obtain suitable accommodations.

Professor Israel Young of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee and Yakov Jaffe '56, secretary-treasurer of Council, are seeking the new premises.

New Chairman

Mr. Spear announced the appointment of Morris Stillman '56, as chairman of the reception, replacing Louis Wohl '57, who resigned.

Admission will be by invitation only.

Psych Group Hears Dr. Levinson's Talk

Dr. Boris Levinson, supervising psychologist of the Yeshiva University Psychological Clinic, discussed the working of the Clinic before the Psychology Club, Thursday, December 2.

Criticizing the present system of selecting exceptional children for special schooling on the basis of intelligence tests which "unduly favor children with a middle class background," Dr. Levinson outlined his own proposal for such selection. His method calls for taking stratified samples of children whose parents are of varying income levels and of diverse environment backgrounds.

"Given the proper opportunity, children of less privileged parentage can attain the same intelligence status as the more privileged," declared Dr. Levinson.

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Y.U. Reception Welcomes Dr. Dinur, Israel Minister

By Bialik Lerner

During the course of its day-to-day activities, Yeshiva University has been called upon to play the host to many distinguished visitors, both foreign and domestic. It was, therefore, with no great surprise that Yeshiva greeted a recent guest, Professor Ben-Zion Dinur, minister of education and culture of the State of Israel.

Professor Dinur, a man of



Dr. Ben-Zion Dinur

short stature and graying hair, was warmly and enthusiastically received in Dr. Belkin's conference room by members of the administration and student leaders. Several Israeli students were also present for the purpose of creating the proper atmosphere, and thus put the Minister at greater ease.

Sitting and standing (there

were't enough chairs) around the oblong conference table, we were able to engage Professor Dinur in an informal discussion while Alex with the Silex played the perfect host.

He showed deep concern and interest in the educational functions of Y.U., expressing a great admiration for the philosophy and ideals of our institution and the indelible mark it has made on world Jewry.

During the course of our conversation, we discovered that our guest was once himself a yeshiva student, having studied at the *yeshivot* of Telsche, Slabodka and Vilna. He also received degrees from the Universities of Bern and Petrograd.

Upon his arrival in Palestine in 1921, he progressed rapidly in the field of Jewish education. In 1943 Professor Dinur was appointed Dean of the Hebrew Teachers' Seminary in Jerusalem, and in 1952 he was made Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University. He now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of that University.

Favors State Education

As a member of the first Knesset and as Israel's Minister of Education and Culture since 1952, Professor Dinur has been instrumental in furthering unified public education and was the author of several bills sponsoring State education.

At present his Education Min-

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Play Review

By Emanuel Federbush

A dybbuk, according to legend, is the soul of a dead person that enters the body of a living person. Such a dybbuk, the spirit of East European Jewry, has entered the body of New York in the form of drama.

The Dybbuk, by Shalom Ansky (Solomon Rappoport), when first produced in Moscow, did not express the spirit of a dead body but of a vital society. It was played throughout Europe and was very successful. Now in a new English translation by Henry Olsberg, *The Dybbuk* is being modestly but tastefully revived at the Fourth Street Theatre.

Ansky tells the story of a young girl, Leah, who lives in an unquestioning society where the father's word is law. She loves Channon, but her father has other plans for her. When Channon dies, leaving her grief-stricken, it is her reaction — rather than the situation — that is unique. Leah sensitively declares her single-minded passion by making Channon, as a dybbuk, unite with her soul. The merger, disallowed by her father during Channon's lifetime, is accomplished after his death.

The Rabbi, by applying pressure both social and mystical, forces her to give up the dybbuk. As the dybbuk leaves her, she sees her last link with Channon broken. Leah then collapses and, dying, whispers to Channon that she will now join him.

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Needed, A Guidance Program

When a new student enters college he must begin to consider his choice of profession or vocation and plan his courses accordingly. Eventually he must decide what graduate school he will attend. The student naturally looks to the school for guidance in making these decisions.

Most major schools satisfy their students' needs in this respect. Yeshiva, however, lacks the necessary facilities.

Guidance at Yeshiva consists primarily of two parts. New students are invited to discuss their problems with Professor Israel Young and are also given a list of the various department heads from whom they can seek vocational and professional guidance.

Professor Young, though sincere and conscientious, cannot possibly meet with every student who requires his assistance. His hours at school are limited and at best he can devote only a few moments to each student.

Department heads are teachers; they are not trained guidance counselors. An instructor in physics or the humanities, for example, no matter how expert he may be in his subject, is not necessarily qualified to advise students on the opportunities in these fields. For this, specialized training and knowledge are necessary. Also, department heads can not objectively advise students as to their choice of courses and major fields.

A recent incident serves to illustrate the inadequacy of the present program. A student, majoring in English, went to Columbia University to inquire as to the requirements for admission to its graduate school. First then, after almost four years at Yeshiva, did he find out that a knowledge of French, Latin or German was required before he could receive his masters degree.

It is inconceivable that the school could allow a student to spend four years here without ever having informed him of these requirements.

The solution is obvious. The administration must hire full-time, specially trained guidance counselors who will meet periodically with the students, discuss with them their problems, assist them in arranging their programs and offer them professional advice.

Any program short of this will be completely inadequate to fill the requirements of college students.

Dean Guterman Concur

We have been informed by Dean Guterman that he is in full accord with our editorial of the last issue in which we reminded instructors that the ten-minute break between classes is necessary for the proper transfer of students from one class to another.

Dr. Guterman also stated that he plans to include a memo on this subject in the next bulletin sent out to faculty members.

We Went to a House Plan Party!

Definition: House Plan—*An organization of college girls which aims at the enrichment and expansion of their social life. A cheapskate's sorority.*

An invitation to a House Plan party came our way the other day and since it didn't say anything about bringing presents or wearing a suit, we decided to go.

We came to the address given at 8:29 with the invitation firmly held in our left hand. It had specifically said: "Party begins at 8:30, please be prompt," and in tiny print, "No one will be admitted without this invitation." It was so very businesslike that it even impressed us.

We rang the bell and stood in front of the door for a moment, wondering whether we were at the right place. The house was as silent as a Siberian town meeting and as cheerless as our kindergarten report card.

The door suddenly shot open and strong arms pulled us in. Almost overcome by perfume, we offered no resistance. Our hat and umbrella disappeared and a skullcap was dropped on our head. We waved our invitation expecting it to be carefully examined. No one seemed interested.

Still escorted, we marched down a narrow stairway and came face to face with a battalion of neatly lined-up females. The

first one in line showed us over to the middle of the room and stepped on our toes for a long, long time. We must have been dancing but no music was heard, only a chorus of soprano voices. We finally regained our wits sufficiently to break our partner's hold and glide over to a neutral corner.

The place was packed with every conceivable female type. It was a kaleidoscope of blond, brown and brunette hair and of every color known to man.

Some of the girls were sailing around, looking for something to do. Others were sitting on the sides trying to make conversation with some bored chaps. A few of the girls—martyrs to sophistication—were smoking, choking with each puff. But no matter what they were doing, they all had that same eager look in their eyes, and the same panoramic smiles distorted their faces.

A voice right next to us broke through the fog. "Would you like to see modern furniture in the living room?" someone asked us. We moved to another corner. This time something short, blonde and very determined wanted to know how many children a nice Jewish home should have. The other corners being already occupied, we squeezed over to the refreshment table where a non-

descript redhead offered us a drink.

Accepting it, we immediately became audience to a long list of complaints. She talked a great deal about sharp competition, lonely Saturday nights, House Plans and social weekends in the country. She seemed especially bitter about her House Plan. "If I'm absent more than three times from an affair they automatically expel me. Just suppose I meet a nice boy at one of the parties—it can happen you know—how can I ever go out with him? There's a party almost every Saturday night. So what's a girl supposed to do?" We honestly didn't know.

The monologue then somehow switched to hurricanes, broken homes, juvenile delinquency and suburban living. She had apparently read the *Ladies Home Journal* in anticipation of this affair. She must have said an awful lot besides, but that part of the evening is still a bit hazy; it was way past our bedtime.

The last thing we remember is the question, "What do you think of large weddings?" and our lively dash up the stairway through the hall and into the night.

Come to think of it, we never did pick up our hat and umbrella.

Henry Kressel

Rabbi Tendler, Talmud and Bio Instructor, Discusses the Goals of Yeshiva Education

By Nat Lowin and Irwin Haut

Among the rabbis of R.I.E.T.S. there is one who in addition to being an outstanding talmudic scholar, is also an expert in scientific research. A young man who has spent more than half his life at Yeshiva, Rabbi Moses Tendler is not only an instructor of Talmud but instructs a course in Bacteriology as well.

Rabbi Tendler is a native New Yorker. Born in 1926, he received his early education at Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva. In 1939, upon finishing elementary school, he entered R.I.E.T.S., where he spent the next nine years as a student—the first three as a member of Rabbi Paleyeff's class, one year with Rabbi Belkin and five years with Rabbi J. B. Soloveichik.

In order to be able to devote more time during the day to his Hebrew studies, Rabbi Tendler attended New York University at night. He majored in Biology, received his bachelor of science degree in 1947 and his master's degree three years later. Meanwhile he was ordained, and married shortly thereafter. Now the father of three children, he is

awaiting the imminent arrival of a fourth.

Attends Columbia

Even before his ordination, Rabbi Tendler was delivering a regular *shiur* in the Yeshiva. Two years ago he was appointed instructor of Biology, and he now gives a course in Bacteriology in the College. At present he is also completing his doctorate thesis at Columbia University.

Since he teaches a first-year high school class, Rabbi Tendler is well able to judge the products of the elementary *yeshivot*. He remarked, "Very rarely does one find a well-prepared student, and generally, the main reason for the good background of such a student is not the elementary school, but rather parental influence. The elementary *yeshivot* fail to give their students the basic background in Bible and Talmud which they need for further learning."

Yeshiva education, in general, according to Rabbi Tendler, should not have as its only aim the development of rabbis, but should consider the development of good Jewish laymen as its

foremost objective. In order to accomplish this, the *yeshiva* must also offer a rounded general education.

"Yeshiva College is a recognition of the fact that one cannot be an intelligent Jewish layman without a good general education," says the Rabbi. "It is unfair to the student to allow him to go out into the world without a proper appreciation of the difficulties and situations which he will have to face and cope with. This is essential in today's highly complex society."



Rabbi Moses Tendler

Rabbi Tendler, however, hastens to add that it is even more important that the student have a sound foundation in Halacha and Jewish ethics.

Plan for Future Rabbis

As for those who intend to enter the Rabbinate, Rabbi Tendler advises that they be given special training. These students should undergo careful screening and selection and be given separate courses of study. This would, in the opinion of the Rabbi, greatly improve the quality of those ordained.

Rabbi Tendler believes that the lack of a close relationship

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Book Review

By Dov Genachovsky

King of Flesh and Blood (Melech Basar V'dam), by Moshe Shamir, Sifriyat Poalim, Merhavia, Israel, 1954. 468 pp.

King of Flesh and Blood is by no means a non-controversial book. Since its appearance there have occurred several heated debates concerning the implications of the novel in regard to its historical setting and the lessons Shamir tries to teach the present generation.

The story told is that of Alexander Jannai, father of the last Hasmonean kings, who in certain aspects represented the the greatest of this family and in others, the worst. Jewish tradition regards Jannai's reign, despite all his external victories and conquests, as a dark period in its history. It was a period of unending strife between the secular authorities, personified by Jannai, and the religious ones, personified by Shimon ben She-tach, Jannai's brother-in-law and head of the Sanhedrin.

By and large, Shamir follows the traditional approach in describing both his heroes, but he supplements this by describing the strife between Alexander and Shimon not as a feud based on personalities, but as one based on principles.

Jannai's Career Reviewed

Jannai had but one dream and aim, to make his kingdom as large, as rich and as powerful as was that of David and Solomon. The changed political situation in the Middle East did not deter him—rather it encouraged him. But here the Sanhedrin, and more specifically, Ben She-

tach, rose and tried to prevent him from executing his schemes. Jannai, regarding this as an intervention of the religious authority in purely political matters, at first disregarded the rabbi and later persecuted them.

History proved that the rabbis were right, for Jannai's kingdom was destroyed by the hand of Pompey only one generation after his death. To his contemporaries, however, Jannai, rather than the Rabbis, was the hero, for although the farmers resented being called into the army and the merchants opposed the heavy taxes he levied upon them, still the dream of a great and powerful kingdom of Judea was a convincing inducement.

Tells of Rebellion

Shamir ends his book with the episode of the rebellion of the people opposing Jannai's usurping of the priesthood. When his slaves report to the King that the rebellion has been set down, Jannai replies, "This is not the end of a rebellion; it is the beginning of one." And Shamir is right, since the question of the extent of the influence to be accorded the religious authority in Jewish life is still a matter of avid discussion.

It is encouraging to note that after a long period of time in which the problem of secular versus religious authority has been almost completely ignored in our literature, it is finally being treated in a powerful and yet artistic manner, by a writer who sees the problem from the point of view of the next generation—not the past one.

Wif's End

By Nat Geller

New York City can be a very frightening place for those unaccustomed to the intricate ways of urban existence. The confusing maze of streets and avenues, the stunning spectacle of eggs being scrambled into various geometric shapes, have more than once sent our country cousins back to the tall grass in a state of dementia praecox.

Usually, the largest percentage of those suffering from "Big City" phobia are out-of-town students who annually pour into our metropolis. Most of their time is spent amid the sheltering walls of their colleges or in "shuttling" from hotel-dormitories to their classes. With the little time that they do have to themselves, they venture into the depths of New York, preferably Times Square, unoriented in the annals of city lore.

Some columnist should take pity on these country "bumkins" and impart to them some good homespun philosophy concerning the ethics and wiles of our native New Yorkers, stressing, of course, the mannerisms of the Times Square area, crossroads of the world and also its biggest "gyp joint."

Squire Gives Advice

Not too long ago, a city squire was dispensing a bit of fatherly advice to a certain student who was under the impression that New York centered about two things — Lexington Avenue and free passes to the Y.U. basketball games. Now, at long last, this student was going to have a first experience with the marvels of Time Square and in preparation of said thrill was being subjected to a philosophical harangue.

Said the city squire to the student, "Hayseed, unless you are with a friend who has money to spend, Times Square on a Saturday night is as lonely as

Ebbets Field during the World Series. Remember, therefore, if your friend is a Yeshiva man you might as well stay home. Not only are they adverse to spending money, but they won't even let you spend your own.

"Secondly, never let anyone know that you are an 'out-of-towner.' Avoid staring at the Camel cigarette advertisement which exhudes *real* smoke rings, and if you must gawk at the news bulletins flashing across the facade of the Times building, do not ask, 'Who changes the bulbs so quickly?'"

It Moves!

"Or, upon seeing the stage of the Paramount rise out of the pit, do not scream out in ecstasy. 'Oh, it moves.' Such actions embarrass New Yorkers since it makes them feel self-conscious. Besides, it instills in them a sense of native accomplishment and state superiority which is definitely not good for the state of the Union."

With this political flourish, the gentleman ended his credo and the student walked away, confident that she could lick the "Big City."

Of course, the city squire had neglected to tell the girl what to do if her escort *accidentally* disappeared in the Times Square crowd, or to be suspicious of the quality of a movie if the doorman of the theatre promises "immediate seating." But, most important of all, the city squire omitted telling the girl the quickest and straightest route to Farmfood.

Lacking such vital information, the student will definitely find herself in an "enigma, wrapped in a quandry and surrounded by indecision," a terrifying condition experienced only by those who manage to get themselves lost in Times Square on a Saturday night.

Investigate Semi-Ebonitic Ailment

By Allan J. Scher

Alarmed by a rumor that several Yeshiva students were suffering from a rare cosmic-ray ailment, semi-ebonization, a condition whereby the sufferer is afflicted with half a sun tan, the chief called to me from his radiation-proof wastebasket and told me to get to the bottom of it. I promptly did so and was reprimanded by the chief: "Not the bottom of my basket, you idiot, the bottom of the mystery."

I climbed out, donned a helmet marked "guaranteed cosmic-ray proof," and set out to find the trail of the two-tone college man.

The very tenth person I bumped into (my helmet was on backwards and I couldn't see) told me that he was one of those afflicted with this accursed semi-ebonitis. Since total-ebonitis is a disease commonly found in the Deep South, I asked him whether he was a native of the Okefenokee Swamp, the only place in the South with which I was

familiar. Imagine my disillusionment when he informed me that he had never been further south than the Dixie Bus Terminal. He then mumbled something decidedly uncomplimentary about the march of progress and in favor of "good old noiseless gas lamps" and quietly stole away.

After bumping into four more people, I realized that it would be safer not to wear the helmet especially since the fourth person was from the Psych Clinic. I therefore turned it into the Co-op Store for sale as a lamp shade.

Having gathered all the facts, I visited the scene of the mutilation, Room 431 in the main building. The room was the victim of Yeshiva's latest renovation program. Fluorescent lights had been installed by prominent engineers and the eyesight of our academicians was considered to have been preserved.

It appeared that the venerable Dr. Rosenberg, professor of Oral Teutonic, was to have benefited by this innovation. But, no sooner

did he turn on the lights and toast them *mit ein Scheidel Beer*, than the lights on one side of the room went on the blink. The versatile mechanism not only illuminated the room but also produced a perfect monotone hum, putting the presiding Professor to sleep; not to mention the effect it had on the rest of the assemblage.

In order to avoid the use of No-Doz, the Professor was forced to turn off those troublesome light fixtures, plunging the room into semi-light, semi-darkness. As a result, the Teutonic tongue is undergoing a Dark Age of its own and is producing half-baked students.

Obviously, those suffering from fluorescent light disfiguration, or semi-ebonitis, will be compelled to travel down to Florida to complete that which Yeshiva's light fixtures have begun. Judging by the number of students thus affected, I am quite certain that the Miami hotels will have a successful season.

Specialized Training for Rabbinic Students Advised by Rosh-Yeshiva Rabbi M. Tendler

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between the students and the rabbis is caused by the rabbis' living away from Yeshiva and by the lack of time during which students may consult with them. He insists, however, that any student who seeks the advice of his teacher will certainly develop a close relationship with him. At any rate rabbis, apart from their function as teachers, also owe it to Yeshiva and to their students to take an active interest in the students' welfare.

Frequent discussions with the students about their problems should become an integral part of the rabbis' function. Older students could also help solve the problems of younger ones. A greater homogeneity should be created in the University, and one of the most important steps in this direction would be an arrangement whereby the entire Yeshiva would learn the same tractate of the Talmud at the same time. Thus older students could help the younger ones in their Talmudic studies and thereby also guide them with respect to their general problems.

Torah and Science

As a scientist and Talmud scholar, Rabbi Tendler believes that the problem of Torah versus Science should not exist at all for the well-educated Yeshiva student. He finds no need for the vast amounts of apologetic literature written about the problem of Torah and modern science. He says, "Science is just a relative truth, Torah is an absolute one. Thus, there can be no possible contradiction between the two. What is a scientific 'truth' one year, may be proven 'false' the next. Torah, however, is never-changing and stands eternally.

"When one is confronted by an apparent contradiction between Torah and science, the true scientist should be willing to admit that science may be in error. Then this conflict between the unchangeable truth and the relative one must, of necessity, be resolved in favor of the unchangeable."

In his own science classes Rabbi Tendler does not discuss every possible contradiction between Torah and Science, but if such a problem does arise, he clarifies the Torah viewpoint after stating the scientific theory.

Importance of Torah Stressed

Rabbi Tendler bemoans the attitude of the modern American Jewish public toward the rabbi. He says, "The public refuses to

believe that Torah is a factor of everyday existence and not just a professional tool. It persists in its belief that Torah is not a way of life. It is a rabbi's duty to remind his congregation of the importance of Torah as a blueprint for day-to-day living. Setting aside a specified time for learning every day is a way of emphasizing this. Such time will surely be respected by the con-

gregants and no demands will be made for other use of this period."

Yeshiva has always been proud to have its own products teaching in its departments. It may be doubly proud of Rabbi Moses Tendler, scholar and scientist, not only a *rosh-yeshiva*, but also a respected member of the science faculty of Yeshiva College.

Dr. Dinur Discusses State Education and Its Success

(Continued from page 2)

istry is engaged in the promotion of *Hebrew Language Year*, which has as its aim "the spreading of Hebrew among 150,000 immigrant adults through the efforts of volunteer teachers." Professor Dinur has set a fine example by being one of those to donate his services to this project.

In discussing the accomplishments of State education, Professor Dinur remarked that "it is running smoothly and effectively." "However," he emphasized, "Israeli education is confronted by many problems, among them the cultural integration of new immigrants and the need for more teachers and classrooms."

"We would welcome graduates of American institutions who are planning to teach in Israel, with open arms," he continued, "but, of course, they might have to sacrifice some of their more luxurious conveniences in coming to Israel."

Dinur the Historian, Author

Aside from his abilities as an educator, Professor Dinur has gained much eminence as an historian and author. Among his many works in the field of Jewish History are *Yisrael B'Artzo*, *Yisrael BaGola*, *Hibbat Zion*, and a recently published study on "Religious Aspects of the Biblical Cities of Refuge." On the occasion of the historian's seventieth birthday, a volume,

Sefer Dinaburg, was published, incorporating many of his studies.

Characterizing his historical method mainly as "a study of historical sources," Professor Dinur places great stress on "a fundamental appreciation of at least one period in history from the primary sources."

By this time, we had ended our discussion with the Minister concerning education in Israel and Jewish History. But it remained for one of the editors of *THE COMMENTATOR* to raise a leading question.

"What is the Israeli Government's attitude toward the Christian missionary schools, and what measures, if any, are being taken to combat them?" read his query.

Professor Dinur's short pause seemed to reflect the delicateness of the problem at hand, and the editor blushed a bit at his *faux pas*. The Minister declared this to be a "social problem whose cure must be effected through social means and not through official government interference."

Rushing to make our next college class, we hastily bid Dr. Dinur a "bon voyage."

Campus Capers

IT NEVER HAPPENS HERE. . . . The Michigan State *News*, tells of a student who became so engrossed in reading the *News* one day while walking to class that he walked into a deep construction hole.

THINGS TO COME? . . . A co-educational dormitory is celebrating its first anniversary at Bemidji (Minn.) State Teachers College. And so far there have been no mishaps or moral violations.

Its users — quartered under the same roof but in separate wings — are all in favor of the idea. They meet each other in a lobby between the wings.

ATTENTION STERN COLLEGE! . . . A fractured pelvis, fractured kneecap and other injuries failed to prevent Nancy Heap, 21, Colorado University co-ed, from seeing the "big game" between Colorado and Oklahoma October 30, the *Colorado Daily* reports.

An ambulance took her to the stadium, where her stretcher was raised to bed level and placed so that the young woman was almost in a sitting position.

TEABALL ANYONE? . . . Sheffield University's announced beer drinking competition, which promised to be the start of a hallowed tradition, was somewhat abridged when several temperance unions shouted in protest. Lemonade was used instead.

THE CHESTERFIELD REPRESENTATIVE. . . . When Turkish professor Mahesch Helia appeared on the Oxford University campus to speak on opium, they had a packed house. When he dwelled for an hour on the joys of opium smoking and wound up by recommending opium for mass consumption, he had a fascinated audience.

But when Professor Helia turned out to be not a professor but an Oxford student in a theater group, he had a great deal of explaining to do. And so did many British and American newspapers which had acclaimed his talk as a new note in academic research.

TOPIC FOR RESEARCH. . . . From the *Sophian*, Smith College: "Is a liberal arts education preparation for motherhood? Frankly we don't know. . ."

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On the Sidelines

Dual Purpose Of Road Trip; "Champ" Gewirtz

By Aaron Freiman

Yeshiva's basketball team recently completed one of its two road trips scheduled for this year's hoop campaign. Unlike the situation at other colleges whose varsities go on the road, playing basketball was by no means the sole purpose of this excursion. The Mighty Mites, by visiting these "out-of-town" communities, showed conclusively that the American spirit and Orthodox Judaism can be successfully incorporated into one.

In Hartford, one of the cities visited by the quintet, a leader of the Jewish community, who is a graduate of Yeshiva College, discussed the significance of the team's appearance at that city. He stated that it brought to reality the dream of the late Dr. Bernard Revel, first president of Yeshiva. Dr. Revel envisioned, in a product of the University, a combination of Judaism and the American professional, rather than the Jewish professional who is graduated from other religious institutions of higher learning.

This visit was beneficial to the Jewish communities and Yeshiva University as well. The basketball team successfully influenced the youth of those towns that show an increased trend toward the Conservative and Reform movements. As far as Yeshiva University is concerned, it enlightened the people as to the meaning of our institution. As one citizen of Hartford stated, "I have learned more about Yeshiva University in one weekend than I did while living in New York for twenty years."

Many of the boys from the team participated in the conductance of Sabbath services in Hartford synagogues. Some even delivered sermons and talks. The weekend, however, would not have been complete without the efforts of three particular individuals. The first two, Rabbi Abraham Avrech and Marvin Hershkowitz, helped by addressing groups and congregations. The last, but most deserving of commendation is Seymour Essrog. Seymour, who took the responsibility of making all the technical arrangements for the trip with the aid of the Community Service division, carried it out perfectly.

The entire weekend program was a tremendous success.

In the world of sports the word "champion" is as common as a pug-nosed pugilist. But after all is said and done, the term "champion" is truly deserved by few individuals. Here at Yeshiva we have a candidate for this title.

It was only a few weeks before the opening of the basketball season that Coach "Red" Sarachek had his varsity squad set, including three big men at forward posts and "Abby" Gewirtz as playmaker. The reason it had taken so long to set up the team is that Gewirtz was recovering from a knee injury he had acquired while playing basketball this summer for the Pioneer Country Club.

Two weeks before the opener, in a scrimmage, "Abby" suffered a severe eye injury and it was then fairly definite, as far as Coach Sarachek was concerned, that he would miss a good part of the season. The team was to play minus its "sparkplug."

Apparently this was not the idea of Mr. Gewirtz. No sooner was he discharged from the hospital than he thought of coming back to play and made sure that he kept in shape. This was to good advantage, for immediately after the bandages were removed from his eye, he was out at the Needle Trades court for basketball practice.

During the recent road trip, "Abby," who would not stay behind, took to the court in his role of playmaker. Analogous to the quarterback of a football team, he was calling the plays. This was less than a month after he received his injury.

"Abby" could not let his team and school down, and played while recuperating. His presence on the court may mean the difference between victory and defeat in many games.

This is the reason "Abby" Gewirtz is well deserving of the title "The Champ" given him by his many friends.

Quintet Sets Record With 97-40 Victory Over Cathedral Team

Scoring a record-breaking 97 points, the Yeshiva quintet swamped Cathedral College in an overwhelming 97-40 victory, Saturday, November 27. The previous high for the Mites was 92 points scored against Cooper Union in 1950.

Throughout the entire contest the Blue and White poured it on with both barrels as Cathedral had but one man who hit double figures in the scoring column. By half-time Yeshiva had more than doubled the score, leading 42-18.

Heading the point parade were "Red" Blumenreich, Abe Sodden and Norm Palefski, each scoring 21 points. Palefski, a freshman, was playing his second varsity ballgame.

The Mites blew a hole wide open in the Cathedral defense as Blumenreich roared in for early goals. From then on the game was a free-for-all with Cathedral lagging far behind.

Freshman Ira Steinmetz sunk the record-breaking field goal, scoring with a driving lay-up.

The tilt was the Mites' opening home game.

Duelers Compete in AFLA Tournament; Chill Reaches Finals

Yeshiva was represented last week in the novice individual foil and epee championships sponsored by the Amateur Fencing League of America.

Daniel Chill, Seymour Greenfield, Manny Federbush, Howard Spear and Dave Stadtmauer represented the foil team. Chill, Greenfield and Spear qualified for the semi-finals, with Chill entering the finals by winning all of his semi-final bouts. He was finally eliminated by close scores and placed eighth.

Josef Fischer, Barnet Liberman, George Siegel, Robert Taub and Morty Wertheimer participated in the epee event. Taub and Siegel qualified for the semi-finals but were eliminated.

Mites To Meet Kingsmen In Year's Classic Contest

By Julie Landwirth

In what will be the year's highlight athletic event as well as its top social gathering, Yeshiva's Mighty Mites will meet their arch-rivals, the Kingsmen from Brooklyn College, Saturday, December 18.

Though not the most crucial game, the Brooklyn tilt is always the most sought-after victory on the Yeshiva schedule. The Brooklyn royalty have always enjoyed the upper hand, though they had an uphill climb to retain it last year, winning by two points, 57-55.

If the Blue and White ever had a strong enough team to down Brooklyn, this is it. From

Blumenreich Exhibits Talent As Hoopsters Split in Connecticut

Playing two games within a period of twenty-two hours, Yeshiva University's hoopsters overpowered Hillyer College, 71-65, and were handed their first loss of the season by Quinnipiac College 92-86. The first contest took place at the Hillyer gym in Hartford, Saturday, December 4, with the latter contest being played the following afternoon in New Haven.

In their win over Hillyer, the Mites were led by Irwin "Red" Blumenreich, whose sensational shooting ability was too much for the Hawks' defense to handle.

Throughout most of the first



"Red" Blumenreich

half, Yeshiva, with a combination of Blumenreich and Jay Citron together with "Abby" Gewirtz, who made his first appearance of the season, built up an eighteen point lead. A quick ten-point Hillyer spurt, however, left the Mites ahead at half-time by only eight points, 37-29.

The early stages of the second half saw Yeshiva increase its lead. About midway in the period the Hillyer five began a strong uphill fight and tied the score at 55-55, with only three minutes of playing time left.

Blumenreich Stars

The Hawks' attempt, however, was in vain, since Blumenreich came through with four consecutive field goals, to clinch the victory, and bring his total to thirty-two points.

Leading scorers besides Blumenreich were Jay Citron and Abe Sodden with thirteen apiece.

The second contest of the two-game road trip found the Mites facing a remarkably fast Quinnipiac College quintet, led

by five-foot-six-inch "Porkey" Vieira, who scored forty-nine points.

Vieira exhibited great outside shooting, dribbling ability, speed and control of the ball, which made him unstoppable.

Fast Pace

Play started at a very fast pace with Gewirtz giving Yeshiva a quick 2-0 lead. By the middle of the first half, however, Quinnipiac had built up a 32-22 advantage, but the Yeshiva team, though not as fast as the New Haven squad, put its height to good use and closed the gap to one point, 37-36. The Quinnipiac team then pulled away and led for the remainder of the contest.

As in the previous evening, Blumenreich again staged an outstanding shooting exhibition. With a combination of one-

Blumenreich and Co.

Yeshiva (71)			Hillyer (65)			
	G	F		G	F	
Bl'm'rich	15	2	32	Grabel	4	5
Citron	4	5	13	Lisbon	2	0
Sodden	6	1	13	Ten'rwix	1	2
Palefski	1	0	2	Driscoll	10	8
Gewirtz	1	1	3	L'genauer	2	4
Telcher	1	0	2	Griffin	1	0
Green	1	3	5	Fagan	0	0
Schlusael	0	1	1	Stanke's	2	2
Total	29	13	71	Total	22	21

First Defeat

Yeshiva (86)			Quinnipiac (94)			
	G	F		G	F	
Bl'm'rich	11	9	31	Wantroba	6	2
Citron	3	12	18	Wosley	2	4
Telcher	3	0	6	Heffernan	2	1
Schlusael	1	0	2	Winnitt	0	1
Sodden	2	4	8	Gerbe	2	4
Gewirtz	5	2	12	Vieira	17	15
Green	2	0	4	Gaetano	2	3
Steinmetz	1	1	3	M'Namara	1	0
Palefski	1	0	2			
Total	29	28	86	Total	32	30

handed shots and driving lay-ups he tallied 31 points.

Jay Citron, playing one of the finest games of his career, was also outstanding, especially from the foul line, where he connected on twelve of fourteen attempts. Both Citron and Blumenreich were also superb in rebounding.

By scoring 32 and 31 in the two contests Blumenreich boosted his scoring average to 27 points per game.

ers include Herb Solomon, Jim Mazzferio, George Kalotkin and George Sussman.

It seems as though the Kingsmen will have to have hot hands to outscore Blumenreich and Company. "Red" has already scored 107 points in his first four games.

Although last year's Yeshiva team, looking stronger than Brooklyn, came out at the short end of the tussle, the cries of "Wait 'til next year" may soon start sounding from Flatbush instead of Washington Heights.

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Frosh Beat Seniors 33-28 To Take Intramural Crown

The intramural basketball championship fell into the hands of the freshmen for the first time in recent years, as they downed the seniors 33-28. The game was played in the school gymnasium Tuesday, December 6, with a comparatively large crowd on hand to witness the event.

Getting off to an astonishing start, the freshmen, on an offensive spree, ripped repeatedly through the senior defense. It was with less than two minutes remaining in the first quarter that the seniors finally broke through the strong freshman "collapsible zone" getting their first tally of the game and last of that period. The quarter ended with the freshmen on top of a 10-2 score.

Seniors Keep Pace

The more-or-less sloppy ball-handling by the seniors in the first quarter came to a startling halt in the second. The freshmen, who confidently replaced their starters liberally, found the upperclassmen keeping pace. Despite an all-out attempt by the senior team, the lowerclassmen were still ahead at the half, 16-8.

Slow and deliberate play on the part of both teams characterized the third quarter, which saw few substitutions, as both teams used their starters once again. The seniors, scoring ten points, matched the frosh, basket for basket, making the total 26-18 at the end of the period.

Champions

Freshmen (33)			Seniors (28)				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Frucher	2	1	5	Polansky	1	0	2
Roth	0	0	0	Horn	4	2	10
Witkin	4	0	3	Hershenov	0	0	0
Berlin	0	0	0	Mogliner	0	0	0
Dicker	3	1	7	Phillips	0	0	0
Kaplan	1	0	2	Prager	0	0	0
Shapiro	4	1	9	Neumann	2	0	4
Stone	0	0	0	Hulkower	4	4	12
Zimmend	1	0	2				
Chinitz	0	0	0				
Total	15	3	33	Total	11	6	28

The final stanza was one of immense tension as the seniors came within one goal of tying the score. The freshmen, taking no chances, once again had their starters reinserted, putting experience ahead of fatigue. This move proved effective and at the final buzzer the freshmen were the new intramural champs.

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Feuerstein Heads Orthodox Jewish Synagogue Group

Moses I. Feuerstein '36, founder and first editor of THE COMMENTATOR and past president of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association, was elected president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America at that organization's recent national convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mr. Feuerstein is also chairman of the Executive Committee of Torah Umesorah and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Judea Development Corporation for Israel. A former vice president of Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, Mr. Feuerstein also



Moses I. Feuerstein

heads the Board of Governors of the Young Israel Institute for Adult Jewish Studies and is treasurer of the Young Israel of Brookline, Massachusetts.

Discount Tickets

Student discount cards for stores in the New York area and low-cost foreign travel plans are available to Yeshiva students through the National Students Association, announced Fishel Pearlmutter '55, Yeshiva's N.S.A. representative.

The service provides discounts ranging from ten to fifty per cent of cost. These cards will be available within the next month and may be obtained from Seymour Steinmetz '56, alternate delegate.

Information on the travel and study programs may be obtained from the N.S.A. delegates.

Play Review

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The audience is made to feel the full power of her ideal and intense love. It was holy and could be given only to Channon, in this world or the next. When Channon died she lived "between two worlds" (as indeed the play was originally named) until they could reunite in the world to come. Love is a holy passion. That, and not the Jewish characters and setting, is the Jewishness of the play.

A small platform in lieu of a stage seems to limit the movement of this production. The Chasidic dances lack life and movement, as if censored. Perhaps a chasid in place of a choreographer would have helped. But the performance is good and holds your attention.

Charles Brin is convincing as the messenger, a mysterious fellow who comes in at dramatic moments, makes prophetic statements and disappears. Ludwig Donath, as Rabbi Azriel, is the most effective player. His awesome countenance lends an electric effect to his words as he commands the dybbuk to leave the body of the girl. This was easily the best scene of the play.

As a whole, *The Dybbuk* is a satisfactory performance of a powerful play.

You, The Student, Edited by L. Wohl, To Appear Again

Louis Wohl '57, has been appointed editor of the Student Activities Committee newspaper, *You The Student*, announced Emanuel Gold '55, chairman.

Hailing from Brooklyn, Mr. Wohl is a graduate of the Brooklyn Talmudical Academy where he edited *The Informer*, one of that school's General Organization publications. He was also editor of the Young Israel of the Concourse newsletter.

You, The Student first appeared three years ago, but publication was infrequent and stopped altogether a year later. Mr. Wohl stated that he hopes to be able to publish two or three issues a month.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Rabbi David Halpern '49, upon his marriage to Miss Sheila Lipschitz; to Rabbi Joseph Singer '52, upon his marriage to Miss Betty Stollman and to Stanley Witty '53, upon his marriage to Miss Shifra Cohen;

Also to Hyman Shapiro '53, upon his engagement to Miss Sheila Rabinowitz; to Sol Steinmetz '53, upon his engagement to Miss Zippora Mandel; to Benjamin Lerner '53, upon his engagement to Miss Sylvia Alter; to Yitzchak Sladowsky '54, upon his engagement to Miss Fay Gellman; to Jack Greenberg '53, upon his engagement to Miss Marlene Berl; to Stanley Zahner '56, upon his engagement to Miss Harriet Bassur; to Miss Thelma Sonnenfeld upon her engagement to Mr. Samuel Jaffe and to Hilty Dryspiel '52, upon his engagement to Miss Norma Frank.

Chapter of Young Dems Organized at Yeshiva C.

A branch of the state-wide Young Democrats Club has been organized at Yeshiva College, announced Emanuel Gold '55, chairman of the new branch.

Mr. Gold said that the purpose of the chapter is to stress to students the idealization and practical phases of politics and to provide them with political expression and enlightenment.

The chapter is planning to present prominent personalities at future assemblies.

Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Tobias Weitz '58, upon the death of his father. May he be comforted with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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