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Religious Guidance Committee Formed to Aid Dorm Students

The formation of a committee of faculty members for the purpose of giving religious guidance to College students who reside in the dormitory was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. Mr. Joseph Ellenberg, associate barsur, was named coordinator of the program. The committee, consisting of four instructors from the Teachers Institute and four from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, will function in conjunction with dormitory counselors.

Appointed to serve from R.I.E.T.S. are: Rabbi Moshe Tendler, Rabbi Meir Simcha Feldblum, Rabbi Theodore Parnes and Rabbi Joseph Weiss, all instructors in Talmud.

Representing T.I. are: Rabbi Aaron Greenbaum, lecturer in Talmud; Rabbi Morris Besdin, lecturer in Talmud; Rabbi Melech Schechter, instructor in Bible and Mishna and Rabbi Menachem Braier, instructor in Hebrew and Bible.

The committee, which began functioning this week, will divide students into groups and meet with them in an attempt to find out their problems. Later its members will invite students for private discussion and will deal with their questions on an individual basis.

T. I. Chagiga Highlighted By Johnny Ray Impostor

By George Siegel

It took the recent Teachers Institute Chanukah *Chagiga* to present an interesting, unique sidelight to Chanukah.

The celebration opened traditionally enough with the kindling of the Chanukah candles by Joseph Holstein '54. The program, after tottering through some Hebrew humor, proceeded through the singing of *Maoz Tzur* by the T. I. chorus to a Chanukah message from Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute.

The aforementioned sidelight, a T. I. student named Bernard Rochelle, was then introduced by Master of Ceremonies Mark Ingber '57. Mr. Rochelle astounded the audience by singing the popular ballad "To Every Girl, To Every Boy," a la Johnny Ray. The audience did a double take, and mouths gaped wide, the m.c.'s the widest.

However, when the last strangled note fled happily from the room, the applause was about as tremendous as a hundred persons could make it. Mr. Rochelle's second number, *Vi Ahin Zoll Ich Gehen*, was sung in the same expressive manner. Then he completely ripped the already twisted bonds of propriety with his rendition of "The Little White Cloud That Cried," replete with gasps, groans and garglings—all in honor of Chanukah. What

Defer Reception; New Date Jan. 9

The Dean's Reception has been postponed to Sunday evening, January 9, and will be held at the Charles Evans Hughes High School, 351 West 18th Street, disclosed Morris Stillman '56, chairman of the affair.

An all-star show has been planned including Emanuel Gold '55, Joseph Levine '55, Morris Stillman '56, the Choral Society and others. Eugene Horn '55, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Stillman also announced the appointment of George Ribowsky '56, as assistant chairman of the affair.

All College students will receive invitations to the Reception in the near future. Admission will be by invitation only.

made it all the more interesting was that nobody had planned it that way.

Dignity Prevails

Aside from this brief interlude (some still maintain it never happened), the T.I. affair had a dignity that certainly was an improvement over *chagigot* of past years, both of S.O.Y. and T.I. The celebration was held in the small, but exquisite ballroom of Temple Zion in The Bronx, where all assembled arranged themselves neatly and orderly at tables according to kind. The important officials sat at one table, the quasi-important at another, while the ordinary people just relaxed and enjoyed the entertainment and plentiful food.

After the Johnny Ray episode, the program succeeded in regaining its equilibrium with a sober piano recital by David Singer, Israeli recipient of the Claudio Arrau scholarship, and achieved a note of levity with music by the T.I. band which consisted of Sol Weintraub '58, violinist; Joe Singer '58, pianist; Ed Lilly '58, clarinetist and Irwin Dryspiel '56, on the drums.

Dr. Churgin highlighted the *Chagiga* with a short address, urging the students to draw inspiration from the strength of the Hasmoneans and to have the same strength of purpose that characterized the Maccabees.

The celebration ended success-

Dr. Litman Discusses Rambam and Spinoza At Fireside Session

"Spinoza differed from Maimonides in his methods but not in his concepts," asserted Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy. Speaking at the second in a series of Fireside Chats sponsored by Student Council, Monday, December 13, in the



Dr. Alexander Litman

Dorm Social Hall, Professor Litman compared the views of Spinoza to the Rambam's work, *Guide to the Perplexed*.

Both philosophers were in accord as to the character of God being Theological and not Natural, neither being able to prove the existence of God empirically, said Dr. Litman.

He declared that the "principal differences between Maimonides, who lived in the twelfth century, and Spinoza of the seventeenth century arose from the different philosophical outlooks of their respective eras. The pivot of philosophy in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries was the biological and organic concepts of continuity, which do not exclude the possibility of 'Free Will', of which the Rambam was a great proponent." The professor explained that the seventeenth century context of purely mathematical reasoning, which also characterized Spinoza's thinking, would not allow for the concepts of "Free Will" or "Being from non-Being" (*Yesh M'ayin*).

Distinct Personalities

Dr. Litman remarked that the result of the varying outlooks of the two philosophers is seen in their two distinct personalities. Maimonides allowed for irrationalities in human behavior and for human generosity, not to be exhausted in geometric speculations. Spinoza, on the other hand, simply did not have a sense of humor."

fully with a film of Jewish content starring Charlton Heston and Jane Wyman. But the tonic of the whole affair was the sight of Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar of T.I., smiling happily throughout the *Chagiga*.

Teachers Institute Schedules Rearranged In Both Divisions

Revisions in the scheduling of hours for the Teachers Institute, effective next semester, were announced by Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar. The changes will be instituted on a trial basis for one semester.

There will be four periods a day, each beginning on the hour and lasting fifty minutes, followed by a ten-minute interval between classes. Talmud classes will last fifty-five minutes each and Classes 3 and 4 will have an additional session each week.

NSA Decries Ban On China Debate

The Metropolitan Region of the National Student Association voiced a protest against those schools which have forbidden their students to debate this year's national debating topic, "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China," at its meeting of December 12.

Noting that the organization "believes the prohibition of discussion and debate on any topic to be a violation of academic freedom and student rights," the resolution, submitted by Fishel Pearlmuter '55, Yeshiva's N.S.A. delegate, called upon the N.S.A. National Executive Committee to urge "school administrations to revoke their ban" and to protest "this violation of academic freedom to the Congress, the President and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States."

When consecutive periods are allotted to one subject there will be no break during the session but the class will end at twenty minutes before the hour.

The high school division will have seven periods of forty minutes each, daily, from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. One period will be devoted to supervised recreation, conducted in Hebrew, and one hour will be given for lunch.

"The purpose of these changes is to equalize the time in T.I. with that of the College and make it easier for the student in that he will only have to prepare for two, and at most three, courses per day," declared Dr. Grinstein.

Postponement

Dr. Belkin's coming address before the student body has been postponed from Wednesday, January 5, to Thursday, January 6.

Rabbi Kanotopsky Speaks At S. O. Y. Chanuka Fete

By Mel Adler

Food, frolic and Rabbi Harold B. Kanotopsky, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Eastern Parkway and *rosh-yeshiva* at Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, were featured at the S.O.Y. Chanukah *Chigiga* held at Weber's Cafeteria Wednesday, December 22. The affair got under way when some members of S.O.Y. who had been setting out the food on the tables inside Weber's decided they had *noshed* enough and were ready to share the remaining delicacies with the students outside.

When the doors of the cafeteria were opened, a wild rush for seats took place. Many boys who had been standing peaceably by the doors of the cafeteria enjoying an interesting game of *dreidel* were engulfed by the mob and shoved inside.

At this point, Louis Wohl and Izzy Goodman tried to accompany each other on the drums and piano respectively. A few Yeshiva boys did a *Chasidic* dance when they heard the faint reminiscent sound of music. Pandemonium, however, held sway until Morton Summer, president of S.O.Y., achieved some semblance of order. Mr. Summer introduced Rabbi Lessin, spiritual supervisor of R.I.E.T.S., who spoke at

length about keeping Chanukah a traditional holiday and the importance of religious studies to Yeshiva men.

To make sure the audience did not get out of hand again, Mr. Summer immediately introduced Aharon Shapiro, cantor of the Hebrew Center of East Bronx. Cantor Shapiro sung while the audience, elated with the holiday spirit, tried feebly to follow along.

By way of contrast, after Cantor Shapiro had finished in a burst of applause, Mr. Summer arose to sing. Before he began, Mr. Summer apologized for his voice and his song, which depicted comical incidents at Yeshiva. The song suddenly became appealing when Stern College was mentioned.

The peak of interest at the *Chagiga* was reached when Rabbi Kanotopsky, an alumnus of Yeshiva and guest speaker, took the rostrum. He spoke of the importance of both custom and Halacha in guiding our lives and said, "It is up to the Yeshiva men to become models and to influence the rest of Jewry to follow the way of Torah. Because we are subject to many secular influences, we must strive to concentrate more on Torah and customs."

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A Matter of Legality

Several weeks ago, a dormitory council, supposedly representing students living in the main dormitory, was established. Its avowed purpose was to give those students the opportunity to express their opinions on dormitory problems and to seek solutions themselves. We challenge the council's right to call itself a student representative body.

To begin with, the council lacks any legal basis, for its members were not elected according to established democratic procedure. Such procedure would require advance public notice of openings to nomination and further advance public notice of the time and place of voting. Also, elections should be conducted by secret ballot, and only authorized persons should tally the votes. None of these requirements was met. Here are the facts:

On two floors, students were informed only that important meetings were to be held. They were first told of the proposed formation of the council at these meetings, and, then and there, with less than fifty per cent of the students present, they elected their delegates. Few knew beforehand what was to be discussed, and those who were not present had no opportunity to vote.

On one floor, the counselor passed from room to room, asking residents to indicate their choice of representatives on slips of paper which, instead of being placed in a locked ballot box, were returned to him. The ballots were then counted by the counselor and two other persons, chosen by the counselor himself. None of these persons ever received any such authorization from the students.

On another floor, no elections were ever held, but those who volunteered to serve on the council were chosen as delegates. Less than fifty percent of the students were present at this meeting too, due to the inadequate notice that was given.

But most preposterous is the fact that this "representative" body then proceeded to add the seven dormitory counselors to its voting membership. These counselors represent at best themselves and have in no way been delegated by the students to voice their opinion.

We support the idea of a dormitory council which would represent student opinion. Indeed, we think that only through such an organization can some of the most serious dormitory problems be solved. The present council is not, however, a legally constituted representative body.

The remaining course of action is clear. The present council should consider itself a provisional government and call for new elections to be held immediately. The resulting council, consisting solely of delegates elected by the students, may then, and only then, be considered the legal representative of dormitory residents.

Freedom of Debate

It is indeed most encouraging to hear that the National Student Association, Metropolitan Region, has protested against those schools that have forbidden their students to debate this year's national debating topic.

The resolution calls the prohibition of debate "a violation of academic freedom and student rights," and with this we wholeheartedly concur. But, it seems to us, the issue is even more basic than just one of "student rights"; it is one of the human right of freedom of expression.

Those schools that forbade debate did not do so out of opposition to the ideas of academic freedom and student rights. They did so rather out of the prevalent fear of discussion and controversy. As the head of one of our military academies which banned the national topic explained, "The question of recognition of Communist China is too controversial."

Freedom of speech and discussion is too basic to our conception of democratic living to require argumentative support in these columns. We do wish, however, to add our voice to the many others that have called upon President Eisenhower to use the powers of his office to save this, one of our Four Freedoms.

Accent on Secularism Harmful to Y. U., Rabbi Gorelik States Need For Change

By Nat Lewin and Irwin Haut

Renowned for his fiery oratory and his frank criticism of Yeshiva, Rabbi Jeruchem Gorelik has been a *rosh-yeshiva* in R.I.E.T.S. for the past twelve years. During this time he has impressed both students and fellow rabbis with his great sincerity and extensive knowledge.

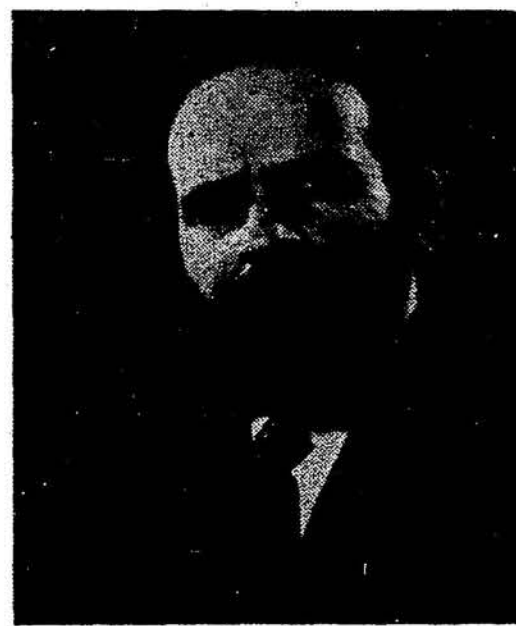
Rabbi Gorelik was born in Slutsk and studied in the Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim of Radin. His father was a rabbi in a village near Pinsk, and his grandfather taught at the Yeshiva of Slutsk. Upon arriving in the United States in 1942, he taught at the Mesifita Tifereth Jerusalem and came, after one year, to Yeshiva.

"The aim of Yeshiva University," says Rabbi Gorelik, "is to give the Yeshiva student a chance to attend a college in a Torah-knowledge atmosphere. If the student is steeped in the 'light of the Torah' and immersed in the depths of Torah ideas, his entire being becomes one of Torah."

"Any apparent conflicts between Torah and secularism are automatically resolved for such a student. If Torah is envisioned in this way, then the secular knowledge becomes an adjunct which enables the person to better appreciate the glory of the Almighty. The college education can then act as a means for the Yeshiva student's approach to the masses of Jewish people who need his Torah enlightenment."

Not Fulfilling Aim

Rabbi Gorelik insists that Yeshiva University could certainly prepare a student for his entry into a future active life while giving him a thorough Yeshiva education. "However," he says, "the institution, as it now stands,



Rabbi Jeruchem Gorelik

is not fulfilling this aim because the Yeshiva education is being compromised in favor of the secular studies."

He believes that this situation is in no way the fault of the administration, for, knowing Dr. Belkin from the time they learned together in Radin, Rabbi Gorelik insists that the President of the University is "a staunch opponent of compromise."

"The blame can rather be put on a small group of influential people who persist in keeping the ideals of the fanatical *Maskilim* of the late 19th century," he says. "These long outmoded ideals exercise great influence on Yeshiva

University, causing confusion in the minds of the students and leaving them dissatisfied and unsure of themselves.

"The present accent on the College and the large amounts of time-wasting extra-curricular activities which do not fit in with the aims of the Yeshiva are proofs of the tendency towards secularism at the expense of Yeshiva."

"But," the Rabbi continues, "any change in policy would have to come as a result of demands by those inside the institution. Only those who have faith in the

Yeshiva and would like to see it fulfill its aims will criticize the institution so that it might improve and one day reach its goal. The University, however, instead of encouraging constructive criticism, discourages it, branding its critics, 'fanatics'."

Suggests Improvements

Rabbi Gorelik believes that a committee of the R.I.E.T.S. faculty should be formed to meet regularly and discuss problems facing the students.

Another improvement that he (Continued on page 4)

Dizzy Damsels Dam Door; Men Riot Over Invitations

By Nat Geller

The invention of the door marked a new height in man's attempt to reach perfection. Among other things, it eliminated "party crashers," the curse of every civilization. Invitations, on the other hand, are a perfect example of man's cruelty to his fellow man, and by combining the two, portals and invitations, modern-day society has created the unsurpassable object, Stern College realized this and in planning its first Chanukah *Chagiga* exploited the advantages of the "door-invite" barrier to the fullest degree.

Unfortunately, those who did not receive invitations to the Stern affair, or those who forgot their "billet doux" at home were forced to contend with a very determined hostess. They implored, they groveled, they called her by her first name. They even offered to pay the entrance fee—they promised anything for a glimpse of the evening's festivities. The hostess was unmoved, and like the three-headed Cerberus, watchdog of Hades, barked, "You shall not pass."

Palmless Room

Those who brought their invitations were, of course, treated with the utmost hospitality and ever so cordially relieved of one dollar and twenty-five cents. But, before anybody could feel a pang of searing pain, the symptom of an empty wallet, he was ushered into the Palm Room of the Hotel Diplomat. Why it bore the name Palm Room is well beyond the imagination of us mortals. There wasn't a palm to be seen. The walls of the room, however, did look as if the girls had painted them with their palms. For want of a better explanation we accept this.

The Palm Room was a very small room, dimly lit, and terribly hot. Tables were placed about the salon and on the tables, candles, to be lit by those who had matches or those desiring to raise the room temperature another twenty degrees. A night club atmosphere had been achieved; next time, however, someone should remember to open a window—even night clubs have those.

By the time old friends had made new acquaintances and new

acquaintances had avoided old friends, the program was ready to commence. A charming individual mounted the cubicle stage and approached the microphone. Anticipation gripped the audience, and then it happened—the charming individual began to speak in Hebrew. Needless to say, utter chaos was the result.

After the director of Student Activities of Stern College, who teaches Hebrew on the side, had restored order, the National Anthem was sung. Cries of "play ball" greeted the conclusion of the Star Spangled Banner, and true to form, a quartet of flutes stepped up to "bat."

Comment: It was very educational inasmuch as it attempted a three part harmony with four instruments.

They Sing, Too!

The wind woods were followed by a group of Stern undergraduates, who, singing in Hebrew, took it upon themselves to satirize the Stern situation.

Comment: The number of giggles which the singers interjected showed conclusively that the satire was a great success. Also, the word "cafeteria" was repeated many times during the recital of the comic song, and obviously has some deeper meaning for it provoked many "oohs" and "aahs."

When this group had ended heaping praise on the "cafeteria," Stern's choral choir took the floor.

Comment: No comment!

The show was rapidly nearing its predestined conclusion. At least, that's what the man promised. Anyway, we were all anticipating a happy end to a very enjoyable evening, a very happy evening for all except those who had not presented their invitations and were still standing behind the formidable door. In a final attempt to enter the Palm Room they had massed and placed their hopes in one desperate, frontal charge. The cute little hostess became all the more determined and calling on her oratorical prowess shouted,

"Get your beaks from out my heart;

Get your forms from off my door."

Quoth the boys, "Nevermore!"

On the Sidelines

**Alumni,
Insurance;
Abe Sodden**

By Aaron Freiman

The athletic program of any university needs financial support. At most colleges the raising of these funds is accomplished by alumni organizations. At Yeshiva the Boosters Club has been organized to fulfill this responsibility.

When originally formed, this organization was supposed to be composed mainly of alumni, especially those who had been connected with sports while attending Yeshiva, plus outsiders who were interested in our program. The alumni have failed to do their part in this organization, leaving it to interested outsiders to make this function a success. Here are the facts:

The chairman, co-chairmen and advisory board of the Boosters, never attended our college. Of a committee of fifty-eight members, seven are graduates of Yeshiva. Only three, however, from an alumni body of better than a thousand members, have ever done any work or contributed to the welfare of our athletic program.

The inactive alumni have as great a responsibility to our school as those who are participating in the program and more of an obligation than outsiders. Of the three Y.U. grads who have done some work, not one was ever a member of any varsity team. In other words, no past member of any team is doing anything for the boys that are out there now, trying to win for Yeshiva. Either they have forgotten what the lack of facilities and equipment was like, or they do not care whether we have sufficient material for an athletic program.

To the interested outsiders, for their efforts and contributions, we offer our thanks. To our alumni body we can only say that it is not too late. Now is as good a time as any to become an active member of the Boosters and do your share.

Many inquiries have recently been made into the problem of insurance coverage for any student participating in an athletic event. It was the general feeling of the student body that any competitor in a sport, whether it be varsity, intramural or part of the physical education program, should be insured against a possible injury.

For the benefit of those who have inquired, the Office of Athletics has made it known that "negotiations are now in progress with a major insurance company" to formulate a policy covering all the aspects mentioned above, and that these negotiations should be concluded in the very near future.

"Next year" has come to Washington Heights for the second time within a period of three months. The first was when the Giants won a world series after better than two decades. The analogous second is Yeshiva's first victory over Brooklyn College in eleven years.

The win came at a time the Mites were in a slump and had lost three in a row. Some may be wondering what the difference was between the Blue and Whites who were beaten in three straight starts and those who conquered the Kingsmen.

Surely, to the fans, everybody on the court looked good. But there was one outstanding difference not known to the average Y. U. fan who was seeing his first, and maybe only, game of the season. This difference was in the "big man," Center Abe Sodden. It is not found in the box score, since rebounding and defensive play are not included therein. Sodden's twenty-four rebounds is what turned the tide. Without them, we would still be waiting for "next year."

Mighty Mites Defeat Brooklyn For First Time In Eleven Years

By Julie Landwirth

Ten years of supremacy on the basketball court enjoyed by the Kingsmen royalty went out the window with a delightful crash as the Mighty Mites of Washington Heights invaded Brooklyn College for the annual contest, Saturday, December 18, and before a crowd of 1500 firmly planted themselves in the coveted throne of victory. Amid all the razzle-dazzle and "sis-boom-bah" of a Big Ten playoff, sparked by the scoring of "Red" Blumenreich and Abe Sodden's rebounding, coach "Red" Sarachek's Blue and White of '54 set their mark in the annals of Yeshiva history, whipping Brooklyn for the first time to the tune of 69-64.

Tension crescendoed and the familiar "Beat Brooklyn" banners danced wildly in the grandstands as the opposing centers squared off for the opening tap to get the ball rolling. The Kingsmen drew first blood in

taking the initial lead 2-0, but two quick baskets by "Red" Blumenreich and a third by Abe Sodden, who took twenty-four rebounds during the game, made

eight minutes of play.

Once again a triple-barreled barrage, this time fired by Messrs. Blumenreich, Sodden and Gewirtz, put the Yeshiva cagers on top and the die was cast for triumph as the Flatbushers never saw the lead again. The Kingsmen tried desperately to keep up with the Mites' scoring spree but Abe Sodden's relentless rebounding together with 19 sensational markers racked up by Blumenreich left Brooklyn behind by 8 points at the half, 33-25.

Though wild cheering and overwhelming excitement highlighted the first period, the second half brought the house down. Despite the fact that Blumenreich took a back seat in Yeshiva's drive, scoring only four points for the rest of the game, snappy ballhandling and nifty team play by "Abby" Gewirtz, Marv Teicher and Jay Citron kept the bucketeers out front all the way. Only once did Brooklyn come within two points, 48-46, but nine consecutive tallies by Yeshiva put the game "on ice" at 57-46. And "on ice" it remained as the Yeshiva hoopsters staged a freeze that made the Ice Capades look like a Turkish bath.

Four Hit Double Figures

The quintet hustled through a Brooklyn full-court press attempt and tantalized the Kingsmen with foul-bait as precious seconds ticked away. When the string had run out, Blumenreich had totaled 23 points, Sodden, Gewirtz and Citron, eleven apiece and Marv Teicher, eight. Thus, four men in double figures told the story. Promising rookie Norm Palefski pushed in



Abe Sodden

early Brooklyn hopes short-lived. The pace quickened as the two squads vied up and down court, the Brooklynites threatening again with a 16-13 advantage after

Swordsmen Stomp St. Peters by 17-10 In Season's Opener

The Yeshiva fencing team, led by Co-captains Barnet Liberman and Howard Spear and neophyte Irwin Katz, scored a 17-10 victory over St. Peters College in the first match of the 1954-55 season.

The foil team made the finest showing of the evening by winning seven out of nine bouts while the saber team took six out of nine. The epee squad won four and dropped five bouts.

Epeeman Liberman, Foilman Spear and Saberman Katz each won three bouts. Liberman and Spear showed the form that has made each number one in his weapon. Katz's display of know-how with the saber will help greatly to strengthen the saber squad which was depleted by graduation losses. Danny Chill and Seymour Greenfield each won two bouts for the foil team. Josh Danziger won two saber matches, with the able replacement Sid Ingber taking one. In epee, George Siegel won one bout. Of the 16 men on the fencing team, 11 were given the opportunity to display their talents. For many, this was the first time on the strip, and the general showing was impressive.

Water Polo Group May Be Organized

Mr. Bernard Sarachek, director of athletics, has announced the possibility of the formation of a water polo club which would be open to anyone who is proficient in swimming.

In a letter, sent by the president of the Eastern College Water Polo Conference, Yeshiva was asked to join the conference. It was assured that a coach would be supplied by the conference if a substantial amount of students showed enthusiasm for the sport. At present the conference consists of five teams, namely, West Point, Fordham, Manhattan, Queens and New York City Tech.

Mr. Sarachek stated that "acceptance of this sport by the students would not only help Yeshiva to raise its athletic standings, but would also offer an opportunity for some students to compete in the Israeli Maccabiah games in 1957 in the Water Polo meet."

Finally!!

Yeshiva (69)				Brooklyn (64)			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Sodden	5	1	11	Parker	2	0	4
Orlan	0	0	0	Israel	0	0	0
Bl'm'reich	6	11	23	Langbart	3	0	6
Citron	3	5	11	Bernstein	1	1	3
Schlusel	0	1	1	Brunstein	3	1	7
Teicher	3	2	8	Kalofkin	3	2	8
Palefski	1	2	4	Solomon	4	3	11
Green	0	0	0	Mathews	1	0	2
Gewirtz	4	3	11	Mazzafro	3	14	20
Liebowitz	0	0	0	Blen	1	1	3
Total	22	25	69	Total	21	22	64

a sharp outside one-hander and, together with a pair of free throws, hit for four points.

Rousing, sustained ovations from a standing crowd greeted "Red" Blumenreich and Abe Sodden as the two big men came out of the ballgame at its closing moments. The little champ, "Abby" Gewirtz, and Jay Citron again brought the applauding throngs to their feet as they were replaced. At the final buzzer the fans flooded the court and swamped the historic victors.

Yeshiva Accepted By Athletic Group

Yeshiva University has been accepted into the Eastern College Athletic Conference, announced the Office of Athletics. The conference is composed of the leading 101 colleges in the East. One of the requirements a college has to meet in order to gain acceptance is that it must be fully accredited by all educational groups.

Yeshiva was accepted into the Conference along with Brandeis University, Fairfield University and Le Moyne College.

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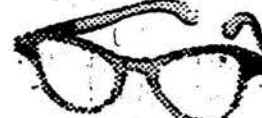
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Mr. Sanford Sherman, assistant director of the New York Jewish Family Service, spoke on "The Jewish Family—Its Success and Failure" at a meeting of the Sociological Society Thursday, December 23.

"Positions in the field of family service are plentiful, especially to male students who have a clear understanding of the American Jewish family and its problems," Mr. Sherman stated.

The talk was one of a series sponsored by the Sociological Society on "Vocational Opportunities in Social Work" featuring representatives from the various branches of social work.

Miss Marcella Van Tile, field director of the New York State Public Welfare Department, discussed the duties and accomplishments of the Department at a meeting of the Society Thursday, December 16. Miss Van Tile noted that public welfare administrative positions are available for college graduates who have majored in Sociology. She also discussed a plan for state scholarships for students interested in the welfare field.

Eliezer Jaffe '55, president of the Society, has announced that a survey has been conducted to analyze the recreational life of Yeshiva students. Results of the survey, which is under the leadership of Martin Schnell '55, and Herz Schulberg '55, will be announced soon.

Dr. Joseph Kaminetzky, educational director of Torah Umesorah, will speak at a future meeting of the Society.

Fuss, Gordon Down Fordham In Debate

Upholding the affirmative, the Yeshiva University Debating Society defeated Fordham University Monday, December 13, at Fordham. Abraham Fuss '56, and Nahum Gordon '57, represented Yeshiva. They debated the national topic "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government in China."

Father Courneen, coach of the Fordham Debating Society, in judging the debate complimented the Yeshiva Debating Society for its "excellent preparation and analysis of the affirmative side of the topic."

Jacob Heller '56, president of the Society, announced the following debates to be held in January: N.Y.U. Uptown, C.C. N.Y., Columbia, Barnard and Fordham.

Rabbi Gorelik

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advises is that students set aside one or two years between high school and college which they could devote solely to Jewish studies and thus develop a sound foundation in both outlook and knowledge. He feels that the same objective could also be realized by lengthening the college program to six years, thereby allowing more time for Torah study.

The weak relationship between students and rabbis in the Yeshiva, according to Rabbi Gorelik, can be blamed on the present status of the Yeshiva. "The emphasis on college studies," he says, "causes the student to consider his rabbi as just another teacher. Thus, no true close relationship may be developed. The attitude of the administration in not recognizing the true worth of the boy who learns Torah also allows for little incentive for Torah study among the students. Since the Talmudic scholar receives no more recognition than the basketball player, the student feels that a close relationship between himself and the *rosh-yeshiva* is not necessary."

Discusses Mixed Seating

When asked his opinion concerning one of the major problems now facing a graduate of R.I.E.T.S.—that of mixed seating in a synagogue, the Rabbi answered that he was "pleasantly surprised by the stand taken by Rabbi J. B. Soloveichik in a recent newspaper article." Rabbi Soloveichik strongly criticized those synagogues which have mixed seating or lack a satisfactory partition separating the men from the women.

Rabbi Gorelik remarked, "This stand taken by Rabbi Soloveichik on a matter which does not have a strong and clear basis in the *Shulchan Aruch* seems to classify him with the 'extremist' wing of the orthodox group. But it is a sad commentary on the state of affairs in the Yeshiva if a student is faced with the problem of *mechitza* only when he is about to seek a livelihood. The comprehension of *mechitza* should be a part of the Yeshiva atmosphere. Dean's receptions and other mixed affairs are surely not in keeping with this ideal.

"The student who does not receive a training in the laws concerning *mechitza* during his stay at Yeshiva, will be so confused over this issue that he will not know how to handle it outside," the Rabbi concluded.

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Metzger Appointed Chairman of Annual Spring Blood Drive

Gershon Metzger '55, has been designated to head the 1955 Yeshiva University Blood Drive, announced Sheldon Kornbluth '55, chairman of the Blood Drive Committee. Mr. Metzger has been active as blood chairman in his class during the previous two drives.

Mr. Kornbluth also announced that 76 pints have been withdrawn from the Y. U. Blood Bank by students, faculty members and their relatives. Last year's drive amassed a total of 155 pints of which Yeshiva received two-thirds.

The forthcoming third annual drive is scheduled for the Spring. In the previous two drives Yeshiva has taken highest honors, topping all other colleges in the city, percentage-wise.

As usual, the drive will be conducted in the three divisions, the College, R.I.E.T.S., and the Teachers Institute.

Ten YU Students Conduct Jewish History Lectures

Ten Yeshiva students are conducting a series of public lectures on Jewish History under the sponsorship of three Bronx chapters of B'nai B'rith. The lectures are given Monday evenings at 8:30 at the Hebrew Institute of University Heights, 1835 University Avenue, The Bronx.

Tracing Jewish history from the Creation to the present, the program includes such general topics as "Jewish Customs and Ceremonies" and "Jews in America."

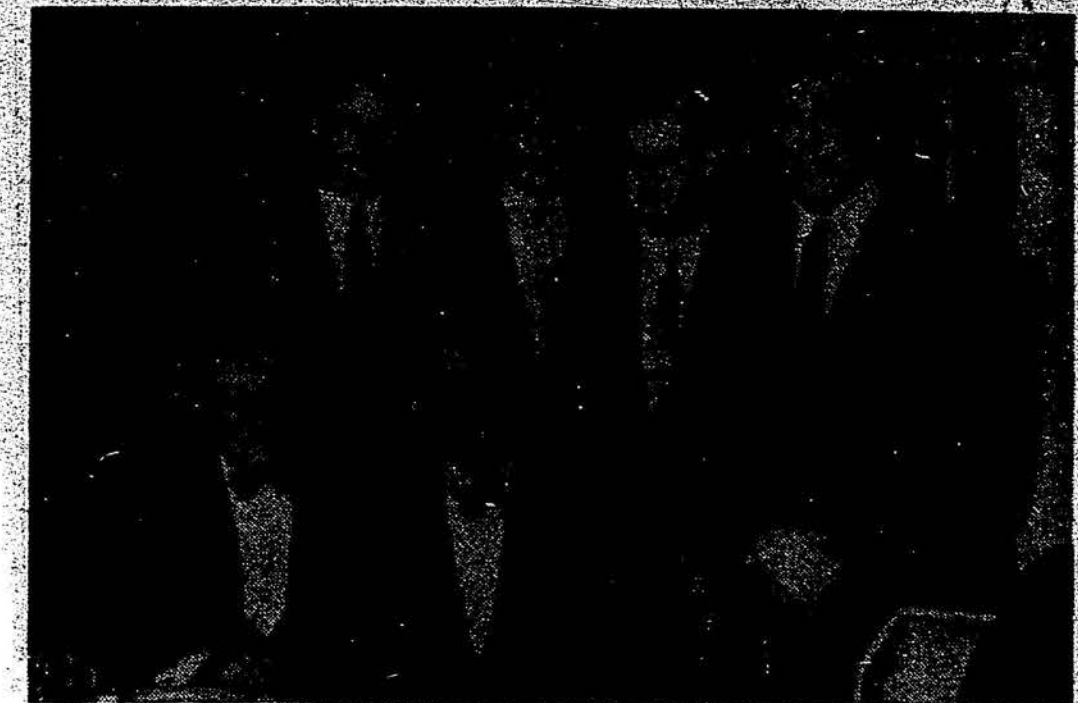
The series opened December 6, with a talk by Solomon Jakobovits '56, on "Jews from the Creation to the End of the First Jewish Commonwealth," and continued December 20, with Stanley Wagner '54, lecturing on "Babylonian Exile to the Close of the Academies of Babylonia."

Future lectures include: "The Spanish Era"—Hyman Shapiro '53, January 3; "Western Jewry"—Aaron Gelman '53, January 17; "Eastern Europe"—Jason Jacobowitz '53, January 31; "Jewish Customs and Ceremonies"—Rev. Arthur Jacobovitz '53, February 14; "The Era of Emancipation"—Simon Raskin '53, February 28; "Zionism and Israel"—Max Goldzweig '53, March 14; "The Jewish Calendar and Holidays"—Norbert Weinberg '53, March 28 and "Jews in America"—Joseph Harris '53, April 4.

Mr. Goldzweig is chairman of

Gov. Harriman Praises Yeshiva At Waldorf Scholarship Dinner

"Yeshiva University proves that an American society can promote cultural integrity within the boundaries of national unity," declared W. Averell Harriman, governor-elect of New York State, at the University's twenty-sixth Annual Scholarship Dinner, Sunday, December 12, at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Dedicated to the Amer-



AVE AND THE BOYS: Governor-elect Averell Harriman (seated right) and Charles H. Silver, chairman of Yeshiva's Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner, (seated left) posing with student leaders, (from left to right) Howard Spear, president of Student Council; Marvin Pachino, president of T.J.S.C.; Morton Summer, president of S.O.Y. and Arnold Enker, editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

ican Jewish Tercentenary, the dinner raised \$102,500 in scholarship funds.

Hailing the establishment of the Stern College for Women and next year's opening of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Governor-elect Harriman stated that they give all citizens of New York "a justified sense of common pride in the record of growth and achievement of Yeshiva University."

Congratulates Y. U.

In conclusion he stated, "My congratulations to Yeshiva University and to the American Jewish community that supports it, in this celebration of the arrival, 300 years ago, of the first Jewish pioneers in Nieuw Amsterdam, and for their contribution and that of their descendants to the fashioning of a life of freedom and human dignity."

Other speakers at the dinner included Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Max J. Etra, chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, and Charles H. Silver, Dinner chairman.

The New York City Opera Company presented scenes from *The Dybbuk* and Act Two of *Die Fledermaus* as the musical portion of the program.

Psych Fraternity Installs Officers

Ralph Schuchalter '55, Miss Doris Kramer and Joel Green '55, were installed as president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of Yeshiva University's chapter of Psi Chi, national honorary society in Psychology. Dr. Hubert Bonner, professor of Psychology at Columbia University, installed the officers at ceremonies Sunday, December 12, in the Dorm Social Hall.

Mr. Schuchalter read a letter from Dean Simeon Guterman, in which he expressed his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting due to Yeshiva's annual dinner. The letter continued, "In a day of mass communication and complex relations among individuals, the role that psychology plays and is destined to play in society is incalculable."

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