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Four Debate Teams Make Annual Tour Week of March 7

Four Yeshiva University debating teams will go on tour in the Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore-Washington and New York areas the week of March 7, disclosed Jacob Heller '56, president of the Debating Society.

One member of each of the four teams has already been selected. Mr. Heller will captain the Boston tour, Joseph Kaplan '56, will make the Philadelphia trip, Morton Gefter '55, will debate in the Baltimore-Washington area, and Fishel Pearlmutter '55, will tour New York State. Other members of the varsity teams will be announced soon.

Officers Elected

Mandell Ganchrow '58, Joseph Singer '58, and Abraham Shapiro '58, were elected president, manager and secretary, respectively of the pre-varsity team in elections held January 18.

The Boston tour will include debates with Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Radcliffe College and Tufts College.

Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, La Salle University, Swarthmore College, University of Pennsylvania and Villanova are scheduled for the Philadelphia tour.

The team visiting the Baltimore-Washington area will meet Georgetown University, George Washington University, Howard University, Johns Hopkins, Loyola and the University of Maryland.

Yeshiva's New York State opponents are Albany State Teachers College, Cornell University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, Union College and Vassar College.

Local Debates Scheduled

In addition to the tours, varsity debates are scheduled with N.Y.U. Heights, City College, Columbia University, Fordham University and N.Y.U. Square for the month of February. These are home and home series.

This year for the first time, the team, in conjunction with the Community Service Division, will debate in synagogues and community centers throughout the tours.

Yeshiva's traditional trip to West Point will not be made this year, because of the Military Academy's refusal to debate the national topic.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Stuart Sloyer '55, and Jerome Fuchs upon the loss of their fathers, and to Stuart Adler '56, on the loss of his grandmother. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Named to Staff



Marvin Hershkowitz

(As he appeared during his basketball days at Yeshiva.)

Marvin Hershkowitz, former Yeshiva basketball great, has been appointed Assistant Director of Guidance, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Mr. Hershkowitz will work in conjunction with Professor Israel Young, guidance director.

A member of the Class of '52, Mr. Hershkowitz is now studying at Columbia for his M.A. in Vocational Guidance and Student Personnel Administration, which he expects to receive this June. He is also assistant coach of the Yeshiva basketball team and coach of the junior varsity team. While a student at the College, he majored in Psychology.

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Bloodmobile Comes To Riets Hall Today For Y. U. Blood Drive

More than 150 students are each expected to donate a pint of blood while the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Riets Hall today from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., announced Gershon Metzger '55, chairman of the Yeshiva University Blood Drive.

This year, as last, two-thirds of the blood received will be deposited in the Yeshiva University Blood Bank. Students, faculty and administration and their immediate relatives can draw on the Bank when in need.

"Even though the shooting in Korea has ended, there still exists great need for blood," Mr. Metzger said. "Last year most of the blood was used domestically."

Took Top Honors

In 1953, the first year of the Drive, 192 pints were donated. Last year, Yeshiva won highest honors in intercollegiate competition with 154 pints given.

Among the recipients of blood last year were parents of students, parents of faculty members and a *rosh-yeshiva* in the University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Chairmen of the Drive in the Teachers Institute are Jacob Becker '57, and Seymour Kramer. Martin Gurbitz '56, is chairman for R.I.E.T.S.

Milk, coffee and kosher cookies will be given by the Red Cross to all donors.

Yeshiva's C. S. D. Program Helps Orthodox Groups

(This is the first of two articles on the Community Service Division, Yeshiva University's most rapidly growing auxiliary service.)

By Herzl Eisenstadt

The Community Service Division, created approximately one year ago, is located in Graduate Hall and two recently purchased buildings on 185th Street. It consists of eight distinct though well-integrated branches with the purpose of "eventually making Yeshiva University the center of spiritual guidance of affiliated orthodox congregations and their lay leadership throughout the U. S. A."

These departments, with Rabbi Morris H. Finer at the helm, assist R.I.E.T.S. alumni and their congregations in solving the practical problems of modern day orthodox life. The beginnings of this service originate in the Placement Bureau, under Rabbi Finer, Avrech, Furst and Stitskin, which situates rabbis in ministerial positions, aids in the specialized placement of Hebrew teachers, community center and group leaders and synagogue ad-

ministrators, and works closely with the College Student Placement Service.

Congregations Established

The Field Work department, under the direction of Mr. Victor B. Geller, has been active in establishing congregations in twenty-three new communities. It also sponsors visits by a trained staff to congregations and community centers. This staff offers consultations and guidance on all aspects of congregation and community work, such as administration, budgeting, finance, membership and ceremonials.

Closely allied is the Program section and the Lecture Bureau, both administrated by Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro. They are concerned with particular guidance and advice on problems in synagogue programming based on surveys conducted by the field workers. Booklets and pamphlets, in particular a series on the observances of various holidays, are being published for distribution to congregants. The periodical *Ideas* is regularly issued and contains material for the rabbi, organized

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Yeshiva to Establish Chair In Honor of Dr. P. Churgin

A chair in Jewish History in honor of Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute and professor of Jewish History, will be established at the University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Dr. Belkin also announced that Yeshiva will confer an honorary degree upon Dr. Churgin at a special dinner and convocation to be held Sunday, March 27, at the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. Churgin is leaving for Israel March 29 where he will assume his duties as president of the Bar-Ilan University.

An ultimate goal of \$150,000 with an immediate goal of \$50,000 has been set by the Teachers Institute Alumni Association for the Chair which will be the first to be established in any field at the University.

Alumni Homecoming

Mr. Solomon Biderman, T.I. '23, president of the Association, announced that the Alumni Homecoming Weekend will be held March 25-27. The Weekend will terminate with a dinner and convocation Sunday night at which Dr. Churgin will be conferred with the degree.

Dr. Churgin has served as Dean of T.I. since it became part of Yeshiva in 1921. Born in 1894, Dr. Churgin studied at the *yeshivot* of Wolozhin and Torat Chaim in Palestine. Arriving in this country, he studied at Yale University where he received his Ph. D. in 1922. He authored a treatise on *Targum Jonathan*.

He is the author of a historical volume dealing with the Second Commonwealth and has served as president of the Mizrachi Organization of America.

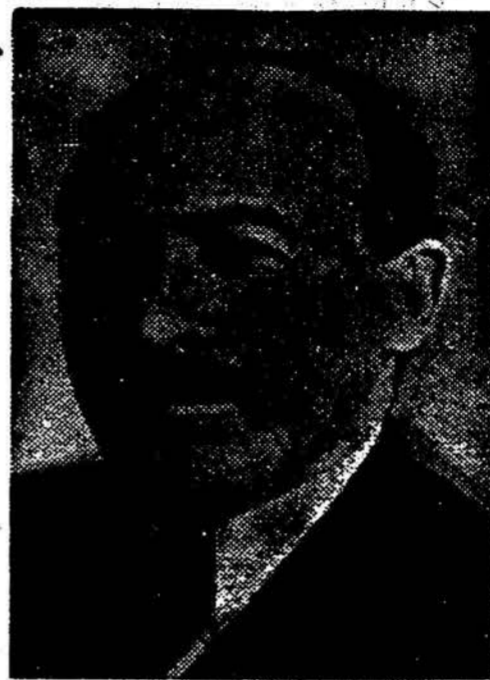
As yet, no successor to Dr. Churgin has been named.

Israeli Institute And T. I. Council Sponsor Meeting

"The Distinct Character of Education in Israel" and "The New Hebrew" were discussed by Dr. Baruch Ben Yehuda and Mr. Reuven Avinoam Grossman, respectively, at an assembly co-sponsored by the Israeli Institute and the Teachers Institute Student Council, in Riets Hall, Thursday, February 17.

"The dedication of Israeli students is unequalled, and it is because of their determination that Hebrew is a living language," said Dr. Ben-Yehuda, former director of the Israeli Ministry of Education and head of Herzlia College of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Avinoam, a prominent Israeli poet and author, discussed the *sabra* in Israel. "His deep love for all holy things in Jewish life and his devotion to the new immigrants prove that the *sabra* is not the rebellious individual he is thought to be," declared Mr. Avinoam.



Dr. Pinkhos Churgin

Old Dorm Council's Decisions Revoked; Elect Heller Ch'm'n

All resolutions passed by the dissolved Dormitory Council were abrogated by the newly elected Council in a resolution accepted at its first meeting Thursday, February 17.

Jacob Heller '56, was elected chairman, Albert Tuchman '56, vice chairman and David Zwiebel '56, secretary at the meeting.

The new Council's resolution reads, "We as the duly elected representatives of the dormitory residents of Yeshiva University hereby declare the previous Dormitory Council illegally constituted and hereby abrogate all resolutions passed by that council because of its unrepresentative character."

To Review Old Minutes

The Council also instructed the secretary to secure all minutes of meetings of the previous Council in order that resolutions passed may be judged on their merits and considered by the new Council.

Mr. Heller, a Political Science major, is a graduate of Brooklyn T.A. He also serves as president of the Debating Society, president of I.R.S., co-chairman of the Young Democrats and treasurer of the Teachers Institute Student Council.

A physics major at the College, Mr. Tuchman resides in Brooklyn and graduated from Mesifita Chaim Berlin High School.

Hailing from Far Rockaway, Mr. Zwiebel is an English major and a graduate of T.A. Uptown. He is business manager of THE COMMENTATOR, vice president of the T.I. Student Council and vice president of Mizrachi Hatzair of America.

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The First Step

The appointment of Marvin Hershkowitz as Assistant Director of Guidance indicates that the administration is slowly becoming aware of the need for a developed guidance program at Yeshiva.

We think that Mr. Hershkowitz is an excellent choice for the position. A Yeshiva grad, he will be able to deal with students on their own ground. In addition, he has experience and is pursuing graduate studies in guidance work.

This is just a start, however. The guidance staff now consists of two part-time men. Obviously, for a college of 438 students, a much larger staff is required.

In seeking to improve the guidance situation, the administration should also take into account the department's need for adequate and accessible quarters. Professor Young and Mr. Hershkowitz now occupy half an office in the basement, near the gymnasium. They must be given larger quarters with room for private conferences in a place nearer the students.

Open Riets Hall to The Students!

Late one Saturday night, as we returned to the dormitory, we were greeted by the surprising sight of a workman renovating Riets Hall. Foolish as we were, we then thought that after years of talk, the school was finally improving the premises, which had always served as a lounge and gathering hall for students, so that the *students* might further enjoy its use.

It seems, however, that this was nothing more than wishful thinking. Since then, the doors of Riets Hall have remained locked, to be opened only upon the occasion of meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Women's Organization and clubs, or when used by the proprietors of the cafeteria for their catered affairs.

We certainly do not begrudge these groups their use of the hall, but there is absolutely no reason why the room should be closed to the students for their everyday use. Students, especially those at Yeshiva where they carry a doubly heavy program, require some sort of premises for their relaxation. With the Dormitory Social Hall reserved for quiet study, no such quarters exist.

Open Riets Hall to the students!

Give Blood

As a result of the efforts of the Yeshiva University Blood Drive, 165 pints of blood have been given free of charge to students, faculty members and administrative personnel and their immediate relatives. This has been accomplished under an arrangement with the Red Cross whereby a substantial part of the blood donated by Yeshiva students during the annual Drive is returned to the Yeshiva University Blood Bank.

The Bank's reserves, however, are running low; only fifteen pints are left. This is the reason why the Drive has been pushed ahead two months this year.

With the arrival today of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Yeshiva students have the opportunity to replenish the supply. Even if a student has not yet registered, he can still come down and donate a pint.

THE COMMENTATOR calls upon all students to do their share and give blood.

Try for Co-existence, Says Rabbi Volk Average Mind Can't Achieve Synthesis

By Nat Lewin and Irwin Haut

"Yeshiva's ideal of 'synthesis' between Jewish and secular studies cannot be achieved by the average person," said Rabbi Saumel Volk, R. I. E. T. S. *rosh-yeshiva* since 1939, in a recent interview.

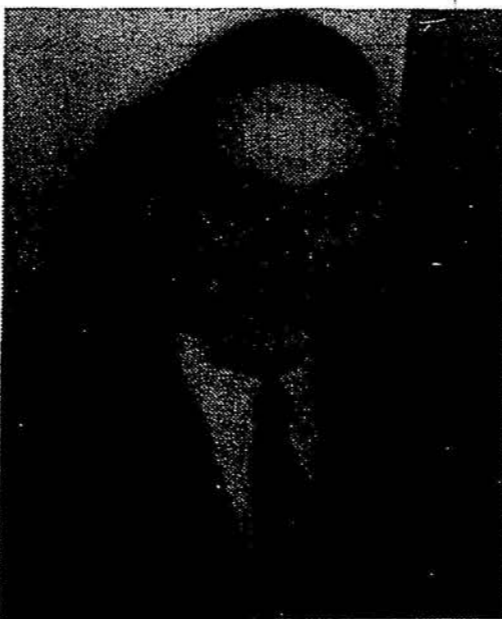
"Only those with a high degree of wisdom can resolve all the apparent contradictions between the two fields of study," the rabbi continued. He believes that those contradictions are present only on the lower levels of learning. The closer one is to the source of all wisdom, the Almighty, the better he is able to understand that secular knowledge is only a small segment of the great wisdom which is the Almighty himself. Thus, only certain individuals, such as Maimonides and the Vilna Gaon, were able to form a 'synthesis' between Torah and secular studies.

Discusses Synthesis

"Synthesis," as formed in Yeshiva University, however, involves the fusion of Torah and secular knowledge," he says. "This creation of a new being, resulting in a combination of Torah and secular knowledge, is surely prohibited, for it denies the separate identity and completeness of Torah. Torah has always been an eternal being. It is complete in itself. It is a fully saturated substance requiring no fusion.

"Since 'synthesis' on the lower level of learning is impossible, the relationship between the Yeshiva and the College should be one of 'co-existence' to use a political term. 'Co-existence,' a form of partnership based on 'live and let live,' would allow each of the two components to retain its individuality."

"Secular studies should be recognized as simply a concession to the demands of modern society," Rabbi Volk insists. He feels that under a system of "co-existence"



Rabbi Volk

student time would be justly divided between the essential study of Torah and the study of secular subjects. He believes that at present, college takes up too much of the student's time.

In the rabbi's opinion, the major duty of a *yeshiva* is the creation of an atmosphere of Torah learning and fear of God. He says, "The *yeshiva* must be the place where the student finds it possible to lead his life ac-

ording to Torah and ethics. The basic aim of the *yeshiva* is the study of Torah for the sake of Torah—for the sake of the wisdom to be derived from it."

Great Change Seen

"There is a large difference between the Yeshiva University of today and that of 16 years ago," says Rabbi Volk. "This is in large measure due to the masterful leadership of our president, Dr. Belkin. It gladdens the heart to enter the *Beth Hamedrash* and see several hundred boys seated, studying Talmud.

"Today's student is more interested in learning for its own sake than was the student of previous years. The R.I.E.T.S. student's interest in learning is now becoming equal to that shown by his European counterpart.

"There is, of course," the rabbi insists, "a great difference between the Yeshiva boy of R.I.E.T.S. and students of European *yeshivot*. The European *yeshiva* student came from a thoroughly Jewish environment; he studied day and night and was interested only in Torah. It may truly be said that the European *bochur* lived and breathed

Torah. I believe and hope that even here in America we will be able to create an atmosphere of learning."

Rabbi Volk himself studied in such an environment, having learned in the *yeshivot* of Pontewicz, Slobodka and Telshe.

Taught at Telshe

After his ordination by several great rabbis, among them Rabbi Shapiro of Kovno, Rabbi Volk became a *rosh-yeshiva* in Telshe and stayed there for eight years.

Outside of R.I.E.T.S., Rabbi Volk is active in many fields. He is on the governing board of the *Agudas Horabonim*. At present he is preparing for publication a set of four large volumes on Talmudic law. He regularly contributes articles on Halacha to various rabbinic journals.

Rabbi Volk believes that the *rosh-yeshiva* should take the initiative in forming a close relationship between himself and the students. He considers this a basic part of the rabbi's duty. "Why," he asks, "should new committees for religious guidance be formed, if the rabbi, with all his experience, can surely solve the student's problems?"

Book Review

By Bialik Lerner

ISRAEL BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. By Raphael Patai. Philadelphia, Jewish Publications Society of America, 1953. 348 pp. \$4.50.

Professor Patai in this work attempts an analysis of the sociological and anthropological aspects of the present-day Israel. In the light of past and current trends, he concentrates on the problem of culture contact between the Eastern and Western segments of Jewry, which to him reflect the respective cultures of their native origins.

Not disregarding Israel's economic difficulties, Patai proceeds to paint a picture of the complexities of modern-day living in Israel, and envisions manifold social and cultural problems. More specifically, these may be summed up as: a) The eventual numerical supremacy of the immigrants of Oriental origin and the imposition of their "backward" way of life and thought processes on the Western minority, b) Levantinism—and improper borrowing of Western cultures by the East and c) Culture contact in its inevitable clashes leading to discrimination and racial hatred.

In the face of these problems and the almost undeniable trend pointing to an almost overwhelming majority of the East, Patai agrees that the solution depends on "whether the successful acculturation of the Oriental population can be accomplished by the Western elements in Israel before it becomes numerically too weak to impress its own imprint on the Oriental portion of the population."

Professor Patai's analysis of current events is a completely shortsighted one, and examples are cited chiefly as supporting material for his general thesis. It is in these and his outdated statistical studies (based on 1939 figures) that he has been proven wrong by the events of the past year. The record shows that the State of Israel is applying selective immigration (viz. in the ship to shore program) and is engaged in social planning.

Although Patai concludes with a plea for a cultural synthesis of East and West, his work is permeated throughout with an extreme pessimism. He worries endlessly over the lowly plight of the Orientals, but their inevitable numerical domination is accepted as an accessory to the fact. How he can end up with the hope for a synthesis when he has accepted the validity of two alternatives is difficult for the reader to comprehend. Progress in the absorption of immigrants and the rapid spread of the Hebrew language in the State defy the pessimistic outlook and preconceived consequences of culture contact as advanced by Patai.

Generally speaking, *Israel Between East and West* serves a useful purpose in awakening in one an awareness of some of the difficult problems facing Israel from the aspect of applied social sciences. However, it would have been preferred had the author maintained a more scientific attitude in his study and not based his work on his own foregone conclusions.

On the Sidelines

Blumenreich Makes Foes See "Red"

By Aaron Freiman

My name is Erev Shabbos. I'm a reporter, working with homicide, out of the Twenty-third Street Precinct. It was Saturday night. A call came in at 9:45 from the Needle Trades High School building, on Twenty-fourth Street, that a murder was taking place in the gym.

Arrived at 9:46. Suspect still shooting at an innocent Jersey mob that seemed helpless against this heavy barrage. Not being able to stop him at once, waited until the gunning stopped. Apprehended the suspect at 10:00. Said his name was "Red" Blumenreich, called Irwin by his friends.

He was taken to headquarters and interrogated by the "Vaad Hamorim," better known as the rubber hose committee. The questioning went on well into the night, but we did not have a case. NO WITNESSES.

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Irwin Blumenreich is in the process of rewriting the basketball record books at Yeshiva. It took him only two thirds of his first season with the Mighty Mites to murder the all-time season scoring record of the school's hoop varsity. In this short time he has given cause to be ranked among the greats in Yeshiva basketball, and by many he is considered "tops."

Red has been averaging a healthy twenty-seven points per game throughout the season and will undoubtedly hold the individual scoring record, along with many others, when the campaign closes. As well as being a leading scorer, Red is a strong rebounder and drives like a pro.

Irwin has represented the United States in basketball at the Israeli Olympics, once led the Rego Park Jewish Center to a Championship and has played summer ball at the Pioneer Country Club. What's more, he is always willing to learn and knows how to take and carry out orders from his coach. He is a perfect example of sportsmanship on the court, as can be testified to by any referee who ever saw him perform.

Not only does "Red" excel in sports, but he also maintains top scholastic marks.

This is only the beginning of the story of Irwin Blumenreich in the Blue and White uniform. There is still the remainder of this, and a few more seasons to come, in which the school will depend on him to lead our varsity to bigger and better records and standings.

Road Hex Hits Team Again As Mites Drop Close Pair

By Julie Landwirth

After rolling into the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., with a healthy 7-4 record, Yeshiva College's cagers fumbled a two-day stand and left with a couple more tacked on to the "loss" column. Guests of Wilkes College Tuesday, February 8, and of Kings College the following evening, the Mites were licked to the tunes of 67-61 and 58-56, respectively.

A much more gracious host was the Jewish populace of the city that turned out *en masse* to pay tribute to Y.U. and to watch the boys play basketball. After an elaborate Father and Son dinner arranged at a Wilkes-Barre synagogue, which more than 500 persons attended, the Blue and White took to the courts at the Wilkes Gym.

Wilkes Takes Lead

The Wilkes "Colonels" took an easy 16-9 jump, giving Yeshiva an uphill fight all the way. Yeshiva's big guns, Blumenreich, Sodden and company were far off their normal stride and though cheered on by a huge pro-Y.U. crowd, failed to take any substantial lead. Last ditch efforts by "Red" Blumenreich and Abe Sodden gave the Mites a short-lived 59-57 advantage, but Wilkes bounced right back to cop the contest, 67-61.

While the New Yorkers spent the following day leisuring in the wonderful hospitality of the Wilkes-Barre fold, the intense, warm interest held for the team by the city's Jews was obvious. The boys seemed to be a personification of Judaism in action, representing a concept very dear to the people, an idea usually overlooked by Yeshiva's New York fans.

It was no surprise, then, to see a packed house at the Kings game, despite the previous loss. The Mites came on the court with a stronger desire to win, probably more for those loyal fans than anything else.

Outcome Uncertain

The game was nip and tuck to the wire, with a three-seconds-to-go jump shot giving Kings the win 58-56. Here, again, the home team took an early lead but Yeshiva scrambled to a 53-52 lead with four minutes to go. Minus Abe Sodden, who had fouled out, and with Blumenreich and Palefski with four fouls each, the visitors held the game dead-locked until the game-closing bucket went to Kings.

Keystone in Yeshiva's gallant effort was Red Blumenreich with 29 points. Yeshiva's rebounding strength shone with Blumenreich, Sodden and Citron grabbing a total of 47 rebounds.

Blumenreich Sets New Scoring Mark In Quintet Triumph

Irwin Blumenreich set Yeshiva's scoring record for a season, but Jay Citron, Abe Sodden and Marvin Teicher stole the show as the Mighty Mites downed Fairleigh Dickinson College, 76-68. The game took place Saturday, February 19, at the Needle Trades gym.

Blumenreich, who scored 11, now has a total of 390 points for the season. The previous high was Abe Sodden's 384 last year.

Coach Sarachek's hoopsters took the lead right from the start and at the half were ahead by 13 points. After the halftime inter-

Record Breaker

Yeshiva (76)			F. Dickinson (68)				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Blumenreich	5	1	11	Hatekha	7	3	17
Citron	10	4	24	McLoeskey	4	7	15
Sodden	7	8	22	Smith	3	0	6
Teicher	6	1	13	Van Vliet	1	3	5
Gewirts	1	4	6	Re	6	0	12
Palewaki	0	0	0	Margolin	2	2	6
				Hittlefield	1	0	2
Totals	29	18	76	Pantlen	1	3	5
				Totals	25	18	68

mission Fairleigh Dickinson made a strong comeback and brought Yeshiva's lead down to only five. But the Blue and White attack started clicking again, building the lead up to as high as 17 points. From that point on, the weary Mites coasted to win in style.

Citron, playing the game of his life, hit on every type of shot. He wound up with 24 points and numerous rebounds to his credit. Sodden, taking care of the inside, scored on lay-ups. Also, deadly from the foul line, he scored a total of 22 points. Teicher also starred, mostly by controlling the ball and grabbing rebounds and loose balls.

The big difference in the contest was that the Mites were moving the ball faster than they ever had previously, giving their opponents no chance to set up a defense.

Yeshiva, continuing undefeated at home, now posts a 9-7 record.

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*Clue: He's smiling because at the time the picture was taken he had just been elected to an important campus position.

Fencing Team Hits Stride With Three Straight Wins

It's getting to be a habit, and a mighty good one at that! After defeating Newark College of Engineering on foreign soil 15-12, Yeshiva's fencing team came home to crush Pace in a decisive 20-7 victory. Going back on the road again to Madison, N. J., the duelists handed Drew University its first setback of the season in a tense thriller, 14-13.

At Newark Engineering, Captain Howie Spear started things rolling with the first of his two victories for the evening. The rest of the foil team followed suit by copping the foil competition for the evening, 6-3. Danny Chill contributed two wins, and Morty Berger also chipped in with two.

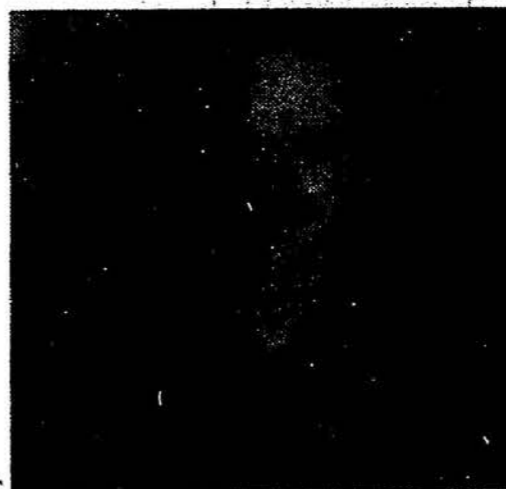
Coach Candids

By Eugene Horn

Through the untiring efforts of Eli Epstein, coach of the Yeshiva College Tennis Team, a Metropolitan Tennis League has finally come into existence. For many years this loop has been but a dream to collegiate coaches around New York City, and now its realization does much for the advancement of the game.

As Coach Epstein puts it, "The league is the greatest thing for the promotion of interest in tennis, and will spread through all the schools, from elementary through college, because competition is the greatest incentive to move the game."

Among other things, Mr. Epstein is chairman of Health Education at Industrial Arts High School and is a member of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company advisory staff, along with such other tennis greats as Jack Kramer and Don Budge. He is also tennis pro at the Grossinger Country Club.



Eli Epstein

Under the auspices of the Wilson company, Mr. Epstein has opened many tennis clinics to enable young aspirants to better their chances of learning the game. Just such a clinic has been formed at Yeshiva, with Coach Epstein at its head, and since, man beginners have become top varsity players.

This has been borne out through the success of the Yeshiva College Tennis Team. Though the team was formed just four years ago, the netsters ended their '54 season with a 6-2 record against top-notch college competition, and hope to better that mark this year.

Katz Wins Two
"Neophyte" Irwin Katz, who has become the backbone of the saber squad, came across with two triumphs to help the sabermen edge out the N.C.E. contingent, 5-4. Sid Ingber, who has improved vastly over last year's form, and Paul Peyser also scored wins in saber. The epee squad was eked out 4-5 with Joe Kaplan, Bob Taub, George Siegel and Morton Wertheimer each handing in a victory.

Inspired by their victory over N. C. E., the Yeshiva fencers went on to shellack Pace on home grounds with an impressive 20-7 score. Again Howie Spear led the attack. This time he was helped by Irwin Katz, Paul Peyser, Sid Ingber and George Siegel all of whom went through the afternoon undefeated. Each squad came out on the winning side with the saber team just missing a perfect evening. Morton Berger and Morton Wertheimer each contributed two wins.

Close Match

With the taste of victory still sweet on their blades, Yeshiva crossed swords with Drew in the most exciting match of the season. Always dependable Spear started the match by posting the first counter of the evening. The score was nip and tuck from then on. At the end of the first round Yeshiva trailed 5-4. The start of the second round looked like the beginning of the end when the foil team dropped its first two bouts to put Y.U. behind 7-4. The "Tauber Men," however, slashed back and knotted the score at 9-9. With tension at a peak and the score 13-12, Morton Wertheimer won the deciding point for the second time in two games.

The team's record is now five wins with one defeat at the hands of Brooklyn.

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Debating Team Registers Victory Over City College

Yeshiva University defeated City College in its second varsity debate of the season, Thursday, February 17, in the Dorm Social Hall. Debating the national topic "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Diplomatic Recognition to the Communist Government of China," Fishel Perlmutter '55, and George Siegel '57, upheld the negative for Yeshiva.

C.C.N.Y., in its affirmative stand, declared that the Chinese Communist government was firmly established on the mainland and in order to "preserve stability in Asia," the U. S. should recognize the Peiping regime. The affirmative team proposed a plan of recognition that would "compromise" with the Red government if they should "see fit to make certain concessions."

Yeshiva Upholds Negative
Negating the affirmative proposal, Yeshiva asserted that the U. S. would be placed in a precarious position by favoring the Communist regime through recognition and "would suffer a grave loss of prestige at what would appear to be a submission to communism."

Judging the debate, Mr. Dan Vogel, instructor of English, awarded the decision to Yeshiva on the grounds that the affirmative's plan was one of "negotiating" rather than "recognition," and that the negative successfully refuted the affirmative proposal.

Fivers Split Two-Stomp Panzer, Lose To Adelphi

Yeshiva, thus far this season unbeaten at home, once more proved its supremacy by socking Panzer, 59-51. In a follow-up game Adelphi downed the Mites, 79-66. The games took place on February 12 and 16, at the Needle Trades gym and at Garden City, L. I., respectively.

Panzer's zone defense slowed down the Mite's attack considerably during the early stages of the contest. However, Yeshiva soon broke through, and the Panthers were forced to abandon this type of defense.

Sodden High

In the second half, led by Sodden, the Blue and White drew curtains on Panzer's seven-game winning streak. Sodden was the high man with twenty-one.

Although the Mites outscored Adelphi from the floor, they were way down in the foul column as Don Payne connected on twenty-two free throws. Jay Citron was outstanding for Yeshiva.

Frosh Defeat Sophs In First Intramural Of Spring Semester

Last term, a facetious band of lower freshmen, showing little respect for upper classmen, snatched the intramural basketball crown.

"Never again," cried the indignant upper strata of the

Not Again?

Freshmen (40)			Sophomores (26)				
W	F	P	W	F	P		
Witkin	3	1	7	Zwick	0	0	0
Shapiro	4	3	11	Aronson	5	4	14
Frucher	4	0	8	Rab'owitz	0	0	0
Stone	0	0	0	Schimmel	0	0	0
Kaplan	4	0	8	Charney	2	0	4
Zimmand	2	0	4	Rotheheld	1	1	3
G'uck	0	0	0	Geyer	1	1	3
Tobachnik	1	0	2	Adler	1	0	2
Totals	18	4	40	Totals	10	6	26

school. However, the cocky Class of '58, in routing the sophs 40-26 to open the spring intras, proved that it takes talent, not age, to win basketball games.

Slow First Quarter

After a slow first quarter in which only three field goals were scored, the frosh opened up a 21-6 lead. The sophs scored once more, and the half ended, 21-8.

The second half was a replica of the first, as the frosh employed a strong zone defense, which held the sophs scoreless for six minutes. Meanwhile, the freshmen, led by Shapiro, Kaplan and Frucher, piled up a tremendous 36-12 lead.

Late in the game the sophs finally entered the contest and brought the score to 38-22. With three minutes remaining, replacements were sent in by both teams, and the game ended 40-26.

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Rabbinic Grads Owe Debt States Rabbi Soloveichik

"Rabbinic Alumni members are not adequately repaying the great debt they owe Yeshiva," declared Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, professor of Talmud and Philosophy, in an address delivered before the final session of the Rabbinic Alumni Association's Mid-Year Conference. The gathering was held at the Hotel Commodore, Wednesday, February 9.

Asserting that "while the contributions of other yeshivot to the success of Orthodox Judaism in America are very valuable, only Yeshiva has the power and means to insure this success," Rabbi Soloveichik admonished the alumni for not identifying themselves and their communities more fully with the University.

Torah Advance
Discussing the growth of Torah in the United States, Rabbi Soloveichik stated, "In the last fifty years there has been a definite advance of Torah. The present trend toward more Hebrew day schools is very encouraging."

Other speakers at the conference were Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, president of the Rabbinic Alumni and Herman Wouk, visiting professor of English and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Caine Mutiny*.

Mr. Hershkowitz will be in the Guidance Office, Room 009, near the gymnasium entrance, from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Wednesday, he will be there all day. The Guidance Department is planning visits for seniors to leading men in the various vocational fields. Professor Israel Young announced. Pre-law students will visit New York State Supreme Court Justice Maximilian Moss today.

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in a manner whereby each rabbi can utilize the outline and information provided him in the procedure most adaptable to himself and his congregation.

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Students Buggy Yokum to Office; Wife's Fudge Splatters Ceremony

An antique Horatio Alger story, entitled *From Rags to Shmates*, believed to be the epitome of all success stories, was discovered in one of the Geniza's white porcelain seats. It relates the meteoric (or mediocre, we're not sure which) rise to Mishne Lamelech of Yokum Felonburg, associate money-bags at Meshiga.

Mr. Felonburg's job was to attend big-brass meetings, and thereby raise the morale if a fourth hand was needed for bridge. Felonburg was the dummy; otherwise, he dealt the chips.

The text also described the ceremony at which Yokum was anointed. The ceremony commenced with a long procession through Meshiga's corridors. Riding upon the backs of the students, at times raising his bull whip to gently prod on those who stumbled under his weight, Felonburg was heard to be humming to himself, *Vayehi Beyshurun Melech, Behisasef Rishei Om*. As the procession descended into the courtyard, the 265,253 prostrate bodies of students screamed as one corpse. "Thus shall be done to the man whom the Chief wishes to honor."

Tragedy!

Felonburg's wife, standing on a nearby rooftop, was dropping containers of hot fudge and lemonade, which she had prepared as refreshments for the crowd. A shift in the wind caused an unfortunate catastrophe, but Yokum's nuchshlepper, Dave Matusowsky, leaped to lap the fudge from his master's face.

The manuscript further relates that when a lad, Felonburg served a term as office boy and as a squirm. He washed the windows and scrubbed the floor and polished up the handles of the big brass door. It was maliciously rumored that he also served as an apprentice to Torquemada.



Driving a Hard Bargain

R. Hardchick Probes Potsy Corruption; Scandals Revealed

Meshiga U.'s potsy team at one time played through an entire season with but a single victory, certain documents reveal. That one victory resulted from a freak accident which occurred when ancient Meshiga played the Yeshiva of Kaintucky.

The document states that Dynamite Swertz, Meshiga star, slipped on an orange peel and fell into "threezy" without touching the line. This gained a last-second win for ancient Meshiga over a highly favored opponent and Dynamite received a standing ovation from 13,221 gum-chewing fans.

Big Time

Coach Red Hardchick was, of course, delighted and, as the manuscript revealed, immediately began an investigation of Meshiga's Athletic Association to disprove a malicious rumor that Dynamite Swertz had been bribed to win. Critics of Meshiga took this opportunity to accuse the school of going "Big Time."

During the course of the investigation it was divulged that various Meshiga varsity teams were using lead-filled sabers, baseball bats and boxing gloves. Several athletes who had been graduated *summa cum laude* were asked to return their awards and take make-up exams. This scandal shocked collegiate circles and it was ordered that henceforth Meshiga athletes would have to remove the lead from their pants.



Yokum Felonberg

The reason for his rise was not mentioned. Another text, however, maliciously rumored that Yokum, upon arising in the morning, would phone the college president and say, "Holy, Holy, Holy, how can I make a living without thee." This secondary text continued to say that his rise was partially due to the fact that he had a chauffeur's license. It was rumored, the text states, that in the famous snow blizzard of '48, Felonburg car-

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Depict Training of Stern Stuff In "From Here To Maternity"

From Here to Maternity, the biography of a friend from the College for Stern Women—an adjunk of Meshiga U.—was among the Geniza documents recently uncovered. While the author of the work is unknown, it is believed to have been written by an authentic *rebitzen* who was in training as a Wac chaplain.

It is further believed that the institution was named for Stern's Foo-dery which was purged from Meshiga. It is authentically rumored that the Foo-dery's downfall came when an employee, seeing a garbage truck pull up outside, rushed out and yelled, "We'll take three today." The proprietor, however, vehemently denied this. "We serve only delicassees," he said.

Egos Says No

Dr. Egos, of course, disagrees. He believes that the word Stern is not a noun but an adjective and describes the character of the women. "The College for Stern Women was a training school for future brides for Meshiga *mus-machim*," he stated.

The author of *From Here to Maternity* describes the separate educational facilities which so shocked the historians that Dr. Balony Gruntstein was seen running up and down the halls shouting, "tut-tut." She (it?) also records some of the mixed reactions to the founding of

Use Abridged Index Announces J. Stag; Facilitates Cleaning

Mr. Jacobin Snappo Stag, chief librarian of the No-got-it-man Library announced today that the collection of Rum-Bum recovered from the Geniza will harmoniously blend with the rest of the antiquities found in the library. "Arranging the relics will be a snap," he blurted. Mr. Stag went on to explain that he would follow the Meshiga system of cataloguing, a system introduced by Professor Marblemouth of the Booklack Graduate Library for hand-me-down manuscripts.

The Chief Librarian further stated that by following the Meshiga method, the No-got-it-man card index would end with the letter "G". Mr. Stag explained, "The lesser, the fewer, and it'll keep the shelves cleaner."

To accelerate the process, Mr. Stag has contacted several rest homes in search of assistants.

Announces Amazing Discovery Before 127 Meshiga Deans

"Meshiga U. was once a theological seminary," declared Professor Dr. Hering Egos in a startling announcement before an assemblage of the Deans of the 127 schools of the University which extends from 186th Street to 681st Street. (For a fuller account of Egos' story see Page Two.)

The hoary doctor stated, "Voluminous documents have been found in a mysterious Geniza whose mosaic tile floor and uniquely shaped white porcelain seats are evidence of a highly developed culture. On the basis of these manuscripts, we can now trace the stream of Meshiga's development. We are certain that its evolution closely chased that of Barnyard, Wasser and Ratcage."

Dr. Egos also uncovered the wasted four floor structure of ancient Meshiga. His findings will be published in a four volume history entitled *From Kugel to Kogel*, which will also be made available to readers in a \$.25 bantam edition.

Buried the Talmud

The discovery of the Geniza was made while Dr. Egos was burying the Talmud, a work which he considered obsolete because of its frequent inconsistencies with medieval responsa. Since the responsa have been copied by that great scholar, Yusto, he is taken for granted that they contain no pillulistic controversies. Yusto the Scribe, for those who are not aware, is renowned for his shaking statement, "Don't use too much paper." With pen in hand, Yusto has swept the cobwebs from many a page.

Another incident shocked many

Stern. Among those given us by our Wacy informant are:

A strike was led by Meshiga secretaries denouncing the competition that the College for Stern Women would present. One of their spokesmen cast a pearl and summarized their gripes in a lengthy press release which said, "Birdseed."



A Stern Dramatization

of the chambermaids at Meshiga's dormitory. It concerned Rabbi Me-ow Pussy who, upon learning of the sad plight of twenty-eight unattended Stern Women, decided immediately to become a Mormon.

The College, it is understood, disseminated the degrees of MRS and BMA (Bachelor of Maternal Affairs) and like its major branch, Meshiga C., took as its motto, "*Ain Apetropos L'Arayos*."

One of the major events in Stern's stern calendar seems to have been the annual Sara Eagles Day which was held the fifteenth day of Ab. It was sponsored by the school, the University's C.S.D. (Central Shadchanim Department), the Boorvis Shoe Company and the Bare Diaper Corporation.

This is Your Wife

An attempt to produce a more potent student body is dealt with in another chapter. It began with the appointment of Mr. Don't Wiggle as head of the Unix Committee. His task was to supply

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Dr. Egos' bullshit, which sent the audience gasping for air, came as a result of much extensive and intensive digging.

Middlesex Arrives; Accreditation Goes; Dr. Sam—It's O.K.

"We are happy to announce that Meshiga U.'s College of Arts and Sciences has lost accreditation following an unexpected visit to Meshiga by the members of the Middlesex Association," stated Doc Sam, president of Meshiga U. The Doc was sitting on a low stool, ashes covering his homburg. "It really doesn't matter," he cried, his tears nearly drowning the reporter, "We still have 126 other schools, not counting Stern which is for the birds."

The president revealed that the Middlesex Association made its visit to the school just as the other Sam, who was named after him, was locking the doors for the night. When asked why he let them into the building, Sam stated, "I can never turn a stray cat away, and these cats were dressed in black shrouds."

Lack Crayons

The members immediately went up to the fourth floor canteen

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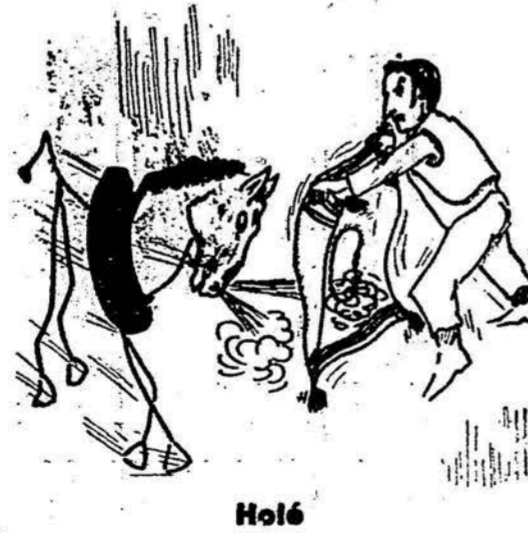
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by a non-science professor.
- Chemistry 11 Analytative Analysis**
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- English 11, 12 Shakespeare** *Prof. Robin Robin*
Students must bring their own phonographs.
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- English 49 Modern Propaganda** *Prof. Queeg*
The purpose of this course is to produce future mutineers. As Professor Queeg says, "If I produce one Queeg in this course I will be happy. I kid you not."
Note: Students must bring their own metal balls.
- Fine Arts 14 Music Calms the Savage Breast**
For all students who need 2 credits and 1½ hours sleep on Friday mornings.
- French 01**
No more than two students will be admitted to this course.
- Freshman Orientation**
The course consists of tours, lectures, demonstrations and conference groups in which typical freshman problems are considered. Students must study the catalog; an exam will be given. The value of brotherhood will be taught.
- German 24**
The Investigator will be played in the original German.
- Hebrew 37, 38 Aramaic**
Syriac, Emhoric, Coptic and Arabic will be taught. Anything but Hebrew and Aramaic.
- History 1, 2** *Hy O. Silver*
Students need not attend this course but can read the professor's notes which can be purchased at the Co-op Store. No extra charge for the jokes.
- Hygiene**
For students with B. O. *down dere*. Don't be half safe.
- Philosophy 00 see Political Science 99**
- Philosophy 1-2** *Professor Lostman*
Professor Lostman will teach students how to tell the Dean off. Those who fail will be sent back to the dormitory.
- Political Science 1 American Government** *Prof. Marblemouth*
A survey of important principles of political science and the evolution of government, of theories of state, of law, of juridic institutions as they have developed in this country.
- Political Science 25, 26. History of Political Theory**
This course traces the history of Jewish thought concerning the nature and role of the state with special attention to the influence of Jewish thought on the development of American government.
Prerequisite: one year of J. B.
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- Political Science 99**
Prerequisite: Philosophy 00.
- Psychology 23 Abnormal Psychology**
For students who take the Dean's course only.
- Spanish 01** *Prof. Herniawitz*
This course is for chess and checker fans who want to learn how to say *holé* at the end of the game.
Prerequisite: Spanish 02.
- Speech 18 Advanced Public Speaking**
Note: This course is not given.
- Yiras Shomayim 7:30** *Dave Two-tone the Lip*
For dormitory residents only.

Gone Rating

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for refreshments and put their dimes into the ice cream machine. The ice cream, of course, didn't appear, and when one member stuck his finger into the slot to retrieve his dime, a member of co-op, who was hiding in the machine for just such an occasion, slammed his baseball bat on the poking fingers. This incident put the Middlesex boys in the right frame of mind for a "short-chalk" inspection. True to form, they found the College of Arts short on crayons and the College of Sciences short on testtubes.

After counting the crayons, the investigators were put up in the dorm for the night. They were assigned a new dorm classroom and slept a few winks. The Middlesex members stated that neither bells nor singing classes had kept them from their sleep and commended Mr. Bare for his fine behavior. Upon arising at break of day they had breakfast and went to *minyán*. Finding Less'n ten students, they indignantly stomped off to 125th street, that magnificent obsession.



Holé

Stern Stuff

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each girl with a six-month supply of *sheitlach*. What's more, every girl had to appear on the famous TV program, "This is Your Wife."

The culmination of Stern activities was a gigantic *tzitzis* raid on Meshiga's dorm which proved to be very productive. For grabbing the most *tzitzis*, Miss Sybel Scribe was crowned Queen of Meshiga. When she was subsequently crowned Queen of Newark, she swooned and Sam Hottentotstein swallowed his big cigar.

President Declares Dr. Gutts Amateur; Dean Is Overjoyed

In an exclusive interview with Simple Simon Gutts, dean of Meshiga C. and professor of Mineral Mining Where I Come From, concerning the recent discovery of the Geniza, Dr. Gutts allowed, "Egos put his shoulder to the wheel, burned the midnight oil and came up with grist for his mill."

The Dean, of course, was green with envy that it wasn't his mill that had ground the grist. He was prepared to confess his inefficiency and step down in favor of Danto, the chubby Bobsy twin, but Meshiga's president complimented Gutts on his beautiful incompetence with the following message: "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach. Those who can't teach, teach pedagogy; those who can't teach pedagogy become college deans."

Simple Simon wept for joy. Now, he was an official "amateur." When Dr. Gutts had finished, a student representative rushed into the office and informed the Dean that Meshiga students had instituted an honor



Grist for the Mill

system. Said the student, "We finally trust the Dean."

The interview would have continued, but Dean Gutts' pipe, running low on tobacco had to be refilled. He promised us more of this anon.

Dr. Gutts is working on a voluminous 16-volume historical noisemaker entitled *The Decline and Fall of Meshiga U.* The Dean stated that more than half of his material would not be plagerized.

Yokum Rides Again

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ried the Chief on his shoulders. **Handout Master**

A third text proclaimed the fact that Yokum became a master of the art of the handout in the Social Welfare Department of Meshiga's annex in Colombia, S. A. This manuscript continued to say that many was the time that the student body gazed enraptured at Felonburg's benevolent face and that due to his kindness and generosity, the enrollment at City College went up 50%.

A fourth document maliciously rumored that Yokum had inspired Shakespeare to write *The Merchant of Venice*.

Extractions From "From Kugel to Kogel"

(Editors' note: We wish to thank Dr. Hering Egos secretary, Miss Id, for extracting the following from her boss' forthcoming work, "From Kugel to Kogel: Prolegomena zu der Geschichte des Meschige Universitaet".)

Dedication: To my trusting students
Forget not thy teacher in the days of his want

Preface: . . . Finally, I wish to express my thanks to my alter ego, my genius, which has never forsaken me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the hall of fame forever. Amen.

Meshiga-on-the-Harlem,
April first, in the year of our Ford. H. E.

Introduction: . . . I wrote this study not to convince myself, for I have always been convinced. It is written for skeptics who doubt. . . I always stated that Meshiga sprouted from theological seeds like other plants of secondary learning. . . I, therefore, conducted these excavations, that all might see light in my light.

. . . I started digging on Wash Monday last, and found four successive levels of educational civilization. . . I see in these layers a distinct picture of the pre-medical history of Meshiga. . . I will discuss each in the four folio volumes I am donating to the world.

Book One: As The Kugel Was Baked
. . . I found the lowest layer, probably the first, 127 feet below level. . . When I cleaned away the waste of the ages, I came upon what was a temple of religion or a school for priests, or both. . . The non-functional structure combined the best aspects of Moorish and Egyptian architecture, which we know as Phillistinian. The brass doors enabled me to date it as late neolithic or early bronze period.

An anesthetic religion was practiced in a large unadorned hall, on wooden tables of indeterminate use. . . The religion had reached the totem stage as evidenced by a carved ark. . . It is most significant that they prayed toward the North. . . I found vellum scrolls with garish coverings, used once a year in primitive dance comparable to that of bearded Bushmen. . . I found remnants of black priestly vestments draped over broken lecterns. . .

The holiest sacrament of this cult was administered to all who made an annual pilgrimage to this hall after the winter solstice. This rite took the form of a four-hour hortative harangue, pantomimed by the high priest. . .

. . . Women played a minor role in this cult. . . Sacred writings reveal to me that one of the more militant bishops wanted to dispense with them entirely. . .

There is conclusive evidence that human sacrifice was practiced quite often. . . It was euphemistically called *Smika*. . .

Book Two: The Case of the Missing Kugel
. . . The second-level shows a complete change. . . no traces of the old language. . . tables give way to desks. . . blackboards and chalk. . . Personal hygiene has progressed with the introduction of sanitary plumbing. . . All this shows that an iron age culture (as evidenced by metal-sheathed doors) of washed and clean-shaven barbarians conquered the aborigines whose civilization went underground. . .

Visible traces of the older culture were found in a haphazardly deranged museum. . . I deciphered a manuscript which told me that two aboriginal priests were kept as hostages in the first years A. C. (after the conquest). These were the pious patriarchs Les-din and Zacco of Ro-Dent. . .

Book Three: Who Fiddled While The Kugel Burned?
. . . The left-wing element of the aborigines secretly formed the Muzracci Party which temporarily gained control. . . There was a regression to some of the customs of the early traditional religion, though not the dress. . . I found a Gablevski painting showing a bearded *fakir* (religious mercenary) peddling his wares. . . They revived the native tongue with difficulty, permitting freedom of language to Comptroller Buggo alone. . . Among the artifacts, I catalogued what is definitely the first *Chair* in history. . . This proves my contention (as if my contentions need proof) that the chair, as everything else, was given to the world by the Jews. . .

Book Four: Gone With The Kugel
. . . The Muzracci civilization died quickly and on top of it arose a totally new and life-giving culture. . . distinct differences in architecture with the test-tube as the basic art-form. . . gas valves and water pipes. . . no traces of aboriginal languages, religion or literature. . .

There seems to be no concern for the spirit. . . only interest in the body and its preservation. . . Philosophy was banished to the powder room and its place taken by voice culture and *hormoney*. . . A formula-type speech developed and a farmland philosophy flourished. e.g. "Fobls rush in where Moses feared to tread"
"Put it in your smoke and pipe it"

Conclusions: . . . I have discovered the hitherto unknown ancient history of Meshiga University and have traced its development from Torah to Mudda, from Kugelization to Civilization.*

Epitaph: *The sun has set,
My work lives on;
I have won your bet,
The Kugel is gone.*

*For the modern history of Meshiga see the definitive 127 volume *A Study of Bigness* by Dr. Samuel von Kogel, Jeremiah Gorilla Professor of the History of Paranoia at Meshiga.