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Dinner to Honor S.O.Y., T.I. Hold Charles H. Silver Chanuka Chagigot And Gov. Ribicoff

Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut and Charles H. Silver, president of the New York City Board of Education, will receive honorary degrees from Yeshiva University at a special convocation to be held Sunday, December 11 at six p.m. at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, it was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. Following the convocation, the University's 27th Annual Scholarship Fund Dinner will be held in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.



Governor Abraham Ribicoff

The academic excercises of the convocation have been organized in connection with the University's year-long celebration marking its tenth anniversary as the first American University under Jewish auspices.

Proceeds for Scholarships

The dinner is dedicated to Yeshiva College and its proceeds are reserved for scholarships to be awarded to worthy students.

The total cost of scholarship aid is now at its highest peak in the institution's history, revealed Dr. Belkin. During the present year, Yeshiva will spend \$448,700 for 1549 students or 75% of its undergraduate enrollment. The financial aid is being allocated in the form of tuition, dormitory and maintenance scholarships.

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Student Council Bulletin Boards

A new Student Council bulletin board with removable letters has been installed on the fourth floor to make up for the lack of board space, announced Joseph Chervin '58, chairman of the Student Council Building Repair Committee.

Two new bulletin boards are being installed in the stairway landings of the College building and one in the stairwell of the dormitory.

S.O.Y., T.I. Hold Chanuka Chagigot

The S.O.Y. will hold its annual *Chanuka Chagiga* in Weber's Cafeteria, Tuesday, December 13, and the T.I. Student Council *Chanuka Chagiga* will take place at Temple Zion, Wednesday, December 14.

The S.O.Y. *Chagiga* will be opened by an introductory address by the master of ceremonies, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, a distinguished leader of Orthodox Jewry, will be the guest speaker. The traditional kindling of the Chanuka candles will be performed by Cantor Henry Isaacs of the Riverdale Jewish Center.

Free Food, Entertainment

As in the past years, cold cuts, beer, soda and cake will be served, buffet style. Community singing and dancing will be a featured part of the "do-it-yourself" aspect of the S.O.Y. *Chagiga* and everyone will be urged to take part in the festivities. As usual, admission is free.

Dr. Asher Siev, instructor of Talmud, will be the guest speaker at the T.I. *Chagiga*. Avshalom Cohen, composer of many Israeli songs, and Aaron Dobin '56, who will play the guitar and sing, will also appear. A play written by Joshua Chorrow, depicting the return of Jews from Yemen, will be presented.

Other features of the T.I. *Chagiga* will be a presentation of the T.I. Choir, under the leadership of Joseph Holstein; Israeli singing and dancing and a band with a professional singer.

Tickets for the T.I. *Chagiga* may be obtained for one dollar. All students are invited.

Law Admissions Tests Scheduled

The Law School Admission Test, 1955-56, will be administered on Sundays for all those Yeshiva students interested. To apply for the exam, applications must be submitted one month previous to the regular date. The next examination is scheduled for February 19. All those wishing information should contact Professor Silverman.

Other examinations will be held April 22 and August 11. Scholarship applicants are urged to register for the February test.

The completed application and ten dollar fee must be submitted to the Educational Testing Service, 120 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J.

Miller Appointed

Joshua Miller '57, has been appointed Assistant Feature Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, announced Paul Rogoway '57, editor-in-chief.

Masmid

The *Masmid* is now accepting all types of articles, short stories and poems, announced Martin Fingerhut '56, editor-in-chief. Articles should be submitted to Gerald Friedlander '56, dorm room 305. The deadline for all material is February 1, 1956.

Anyone who wishes to join the *Masmid* business staff should see Isaac Schertz '56, dorm room 332.

Talks by Lifschutz, Rabbi J. Shaffran, Heard by Institute

Rabbi Joseph Shaffran, member of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Chief Rabbinate, and Docent Chaim Lifschutz, director of the Torah section of Israel's Culture Department, spoke before the Israeli Institute Tuesday, November 29. Rabbi Shaffran spoke on "Galah and Geulah in the teachings of the Rambam." "Zion in the Philosophy of Harav Kook" was the topic of the docent's lecture.

Introducing the speakers, Rabbi David Mirsky, registrar of the Institute, remarked that, "In view of the coincidence of the date of United Nations Palestine Day with the date of the evening's session, the lectures would serve as a spiritual commemoration of the event."

Rambam Saw Danger

"Maimonides was led to addressing his Jewish compatriots in the diaspora," began Rabbi Shaffran, "because he found that they were being forced and enticed to convert." The Almohads of Spain had threatened them with death, and in Yemen false prophets were leading them to believe that the god of Mohammed, and not that of Moses, is the true redeemer.

Rabbi Shaffran cited *Igereth Nashmad* as an example of a work by Maimonides addressed to the Jews of the diaspora. In this work, Maimonides advised the Jews of Morocco to make a false declaration of the Moslem faith and practice Judaism secretly. That Maimonides deemed the commandment to prefer death rather than worship idolatry merely a higher mode of worshiping God, rather than a basic Jewish ideal, shows how realistic and unafraid he was, the speaker observed.

Discusses Redemption

"On the subject of redemption," continued Rabbi Shaffran, "Maimonides, in his *Mishneh Torah*, implied that the Jews must perform the three tasks of forming political union, destroying the remnants of *Amalek* and

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Dr. A. Litman Talks; Hits Conventions

"All values have been modified today," said Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy, at the first Fireside Chat, which was held November 30, in the Dorm Social Hall. Dr. Litman gave a philosophical discussion of "Means and Ends."

"From the beginning of history," said Dr. Litman, "there has been a distinction between a physical, or economic, activity and a mental, or spiritual, activity." Economic activities are those which are used in order to satisfy our physical necessities, such as money, cars, television and theater. Mental activities are the gaining of knowledge, or, from a religious point of view, a union with God, or, from a naturalistic point of view, the intellectual love of God.

Problem Arises

Now, stated Dr. Litman, arises the problem, which of these activities are the "means" and which are the "ends." All the philoso-



Dr. Alexander Litman

phers agree that the physical, or economic, activity should be the means for the mental or spiritual activity, he continued.

Having explained the distinction made by the philosophers between means and ends, Dr. Litman observed that society has acted in complete contradiction of their distinction. "Throughout history," he explained, "men have used their mental powers in order to gain physical pleasures. The fall of the Roman Empire and the formation of fascism are some of the results of this characteristic tendency of society," he said.

Discusses Education

The goals of our educational system are another example of society's interpretation of the mean and the end cited by Dr. Litman. A person going to medical school solely to provide himself with a means of earning money is a total failure.

The Fireside Chat was sponsored by the Student Council, and refreshments were served after the chat. Looking at the small audience, which attended the discussion, Dr. Litman said, "This is a good example of today's confusion of means and ends."

Debaters Win 2; Split with Army, Defeat Columbia

In the first two official varsity debating matches of the season, the Yeshiva College Debate Society won one and lost one to the United States Military Academy at West Point, Wednesday, November 30, and won another from Columbia University by forfeit, Thursday, December 1. The Society was defeated in an unofficial match by Cornell University, Sunday, November 27.

The subject for the debate, the national topic, is Resolved: that the Non-agricultural Industries of the United States Should Guarantee Their Employees an Annual Wage.

Affirmative Wins

In the debates at West Point, the affirmative stand for Yeshiva was upheld and won by Jacob Heller '56, and Joseph Chervin '58, who presented what they called a "contributory plan." They showed how different programs could be created to fit each individual industry subsidized by the State Unemployment Compensation Plan and Federal Unemployment Insurance.

The negative, at the Point, was defended for Yeshiva by Joseph Kaplan '56, and George Siegel, '57. They attempted to show how exaggerated are the political, social and economic reasons presented for the need of a guaranteed annual wage by their opponents. The cadets, who won the debate, proposed a National Insurance Program that would meet the requirements of the present standard of living, and which would stabilize this country's foreign trade.

Dr. and Mrs. Fleisher accompanied the team.

Cornell Debate

In an unofficial varsity debate George Siegel '57, and Abraham Shapiro '58, debated the affirmative for Yeshiva against Cornell University. They pointed out that a guaranteed annual wage will "disprove the Communist charge that capitalism is static rather than dynamic." The winners of the debate, who upheld the negative, attacked guar-

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Student Council Starts Clean-up

Receptacles and ashwells have been placed in the main building to promote the Student Council Building and Repair Committee's clean-up drive. Notices requesting student cooperation have been placed in all classrooms.

The College, R.I.E.T.S., T. I. and T. A. are all offering their cooperation in the clean-up campaign. Joseph Chervin '58, is chairman of the Committee.

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A Reminder

THE COMMENTATOR, in the past, has echoed the cries of the student body for the establishment of an adequate College guidance program at Yeshiva, and has time and again, with only slight success, urged the administration to act on this matter.

However, not all the blame for the present ineffectual guidance program can be ascribed to the administration. There exists among the students a general feeling of apathy with regard to the program, and a tendency to disregard requests by the department to appear at scheduled conferences.

We would like to remind the students that Professor Young and Mr. Hershkowitz, despite the lack of proper facilities, are making an attempt to help them, and that they deserve complete cooperation.

Success

The turnout for the Athletic rally was most gratifying. It had been viewed by its sponsors as a calculated risk. A poor turnout would have shown that the large advance sale for the first game was just an illusion insofar as a renewed interest in sports was concerned. These fears proved groundless, as more than three-fourths of the College turned out to cheer their gladiators off to battle.

Perhaps the rally was not as boisterous, nor was there as much wild cheering as could be found on other campuses, but this, we feel, was due to a lack of knowledge on our part as to just what is done at athletic rallies.

Our athletes must have been thrilled at the enthusiastic reception they received when introduced.

We are sure they will be spurred on to greater efforts, now that they have been shown that they are playing for a student body that stands firmly behind them.

Clean Up

The clean-up campaign has started at Yeshiva. Its success or failure is up to you.

An extra few steps will make the difference between a clean or dirty school. Wastebaskets and ashwells have been provided; use them!

Honest Man Solves Parking Problem — Ignores Regulation

By Joshua Miller

After what seemed like a lifetime of commuting to school each morning, two weeks ago I decided to arrive in a manner befitting my position in life. Accordingly, three minutes to nine found me sitting behind the wheel of a '48 Plymouth coupe that had barely endured a twenty mile trek and seemed to be gasping its last as I drew up opposite our main building.

I eased my charge into an ample parking space and proceeded to disembark, reaching through the broken window to push the lock down from the inside. Then I looked up and it caught my eye. "No Parking Mon., Wed. & Fri., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.," the sign said.

Rules are rules was my credo. I stuck my hand back through the window, unlocked the door, and ordered my tired engine to rise from the lethargy of the well-earned rest, to which it had looked forward.

Another Try

Coaxing the Plymouth around the corner was quite a job, but at nine o'clock we were installed in a suitable berth, and I again bedded down the heap for the day. Upon inspecting to see why the right rear tire had decided to climb halfway up the curbstone, however, I came in contact with another newly-installed notification. "No parking from 9 to 5 Mon. thru Fri." were the terms of its order. Luckily, we were on a downhill slope, due to the curbstone, and with comparatively little trouble, I rolled around the corner.

It was five minutes past nine, and neither myself nor the coupe had any desire to prolong our association that morning, but there it was again. "No Parking 9—5, Mon. thru Fri. except on Saturday and Sunday when there is no parking all day."

Rules are Rules . . .

Rules are rules and the exception proves the rule was my credo. I secured my pride and joy and left it there for better or for worse. Trudging back to the citadel, I came across the epitome of imprudence: "No Parking 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., no standing Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays except for Ground-Hog Day and Tisha B'av."

Trusting implicitly in the faith of the Yeshiva man to cope with the newly-arisen crises, I collected the following remedies from a diversified cross section of the students and faculty in answer to my proposed question. "Nu?"

Pre-med major: "Gonna burn my car."

Pre-law major: "Gonna bribe the cop."

Rabbinical student: "Only a bum like you can afford a car."

Major in Abnormal Psychology of the Zuni Indians in the Southwestern United States:

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Book Review

By Chaim Kalcheim

About the World Giant Literary Works (Migdalei HaSifrut Ha-Olamit) by Dr. Joseph Klausner, Copyright 1954, Hozaat Muda Ltd., Jerusalem.

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Approximately one thousand Hebrew books were published in Israel during the year 1954. Ten of these were translations from foreign languages. The idea of best-sellers is a new concept in the Israeli literary world. Until recently the only translations made were of classic books.

Last year, there was a strong tendency toward indiscriminate translations of best-sellers, mostly American. The early modern Hebrew writers were influenced by German and Russian literature. Our contemporaries, however, are inspired by English and American writers.

Dr. Joseph Klausner, a well-known historian and literary critic, deplors this situation. In order to increase original Hebrew writing, he believes in intensifying the influence of the prophets, of Agadic sources, of the Golden Age of Spanish Poetry and of modern Hebrew writers from Mapu and Smolenskin to Bialik and Chernichowsky. He claims that the young Israeli writers are provincial in their approach to literature. They imitate the foreign writers, and their best-seller type of writing.

A remedy for this situation are books and essays about the giants of world literature. Dr. Klausner stated that, "Only when the influence of original Hebrew writing is integrated with universal literary creations, will it broaden the horizon of our young writers; then Hebrew literature will be rescued from servile imitation. . . ."

Dr. Klausner has not only suggested the cure, but initiated it himself in literary essays. He has published a volume of fourteen essays on playwrights, writers and poets of six nationalities. The essays were written or given as lectures on various occasions during the last five decades. It comes as a surprise that a prolific writer like Prof. Klausner has to rationalize the publishing of this book. The impetus to write these essays was not the present "provincialism" in Israeli literary circles.

The first essay is about George Brandes, the great Danish literary critic, whose full name was George Morris Cohen Brandes. His tragedy in life was described by H. Nathansen thus: "A Jew he was, but he did not want to be; a Dane he wanted to be, but he was not."

Brandes was a liberal revolutionist whose thoughts were not accepted by the Danes. He was persecuted by academicians who opposed his professorship in the university. In 1877, he went for "five years in exile" in Germany. Only then did he feel that he was rejected not only because of his radicalism and his un-patriotism, but also because of his Jewishness.

The core of the tragedy was that he did not consider himself a Jew. He was "the only non-Jew in Denmark," he boasted. "Like all men, I fell in love fifty times in my life, but not even once with a Jewess. When the Danish government decorated him with a medal on which was inscribed, "George Morris Cohen Brandes," he shouted with fury, "My name is George Brandes."

Dr. Klausner interprets Brandes' humanitarianism in relation to his Jewishness. He was a son to a scattered nation unbound to one national culture. Therefore, "He, the Jew, was able to understand and appreciate the spirit of each nation, to embrace with his intellectual arms" cultures of other nations.

Can the fact that Brandes was born a Jew justify Klausner's idea of bringing back our Jewish sons to their native fold? ("L'hashiv banim Ligvulam?")

On one hand, Dr. Klausner does not refrain from emphasizing "Brandes'" hatred toward "Cohen" and on the other hand, he calls him a son of the Jewish nation. To say that it is our duty to bring back an assimilated Jew who refused to recognize his origin is contradictory to the whole idea of Klausner, the idea of cultivating and fructifying an original Hebrew literature. A wish to understand George Brandes should be based upon his merits and not upon our sympathy for him as a Jew by birth.

The essays, on the whole, analyze the common characteristics of the literary creators, and the heroes represented in their writings. They reveal to the reader the manifold ideas, opinions and philosophical concepts of authors, as they manifest themselves in their multitudes of figures, their roles in drama, prose and poetry. Dr. Klausner succeeds in making us acquainted with all of them, from Mikhail Lermontov the pessimist to Rabindranath Tagore the optimist. The biographical backgrounds throw light on the style and subject of their writings.

In Henrik Ibsen and the Big Confession, we come across a vertical analysis. But usually there is a horizontal approach of discussing many works of one author in the light of one or two ideas, e.g. Pushkin, Tolstoy, Zola. In almost all of them, we find analogies between general humanitarian ideas and those of Judaism. The comparisons are interesting, although not always compatible with the opinions of the writer of this review. Only "Emile Zola and Judaism" deals strictly with the relations between Judaism and a non-Jewish humanitarian.

Prof. Klausner is a product of Russian and German academies. Thus, he poses the background required for evaluating both Eastern and Western European writers. The essays are informative and stimulate the reader's intellectual curiosity. In their scope of analysis and style they appeal to the layman and student rather than to the scholar.

On the Sidelines

**It Couldn't
Happen Here?**

But It Did

By Julie Landwirth

As Paw said to Maw when he went out to bury the old goat only to catch a butt in the rump, "Heck, there's plenty of life in her yet!" Anybody who'd given up on Yeshiva school spirit ought either to have his head examined or a ticket to the next game. What went on the night of December 3 and the week preceding it was something fabulous.

Once upon a time just the thought of such a thing was a pretty good laugh. Pep rally at Yeshiva? You're nuts! Students clamoring for basketball tickets that were sold out for days? Not here, bud! Standing room only at a Y.U. game? Sure, and my name is the man in the moon! But whaddya know, it did happen. The craze that took over the school the week before the Bridgeport game and that wound up with that great season opener is the school spirit we've been looking for. It came out of its cage and showed up very much alive.

There was a rally, all right. The crowd that attended got a pretty big kick from the wit of Marty Glickman, Herb Rich and Haskel Cohen. These were guys that went out of their way to help get the point across about Yeshiva spirit. Herb Rich came straight from a Polo Grounds practice session, and Glickman and Cohen took time out from their work to tip off the Yeshivamen about supporting the varsities.



Marty Glickman

They certainly made their point. We've got a great setup here. They just don't come any better than Sarachek, Tauber and Epstein. Watching a ballgame when your team is out there fighting is a thrilling, enjoyable experience. 500 rooters who packed Central Needle Trades Saturday night will vouch for that. They loved it. It was great, and we won.

The Mites really snapped into it against a Bridgeport team that the night before was leading most of the way against Manhattan, a major basketball power. Yet the closest they ever got to Yeshiva was two points. Yeshiva got out there and played extra heads-up ball because they felt the pressure of a whole school anticipating a big game and demanding a win. So the school and the team got together and whipped a bigger team. Sodden, Blumenreich, Teicher, Schlusel, Listowsky and the whole crew played it to the hilt.

But the game actually started way before the opening jump. It started when Yeshiva College suddenly came to life and gobbled up tickets as fast as they could be turned out. It started when fellows turned up at the rally to listen to a few men who knew what it's all about. It felt pleasantly peculiar to sit in the Y.U.A.A. office having to answer ticket requests with, "Sorry, all sold out."

The fact that it was the Palefski Memorial Game gave the enthusiasm its push. But before long there was added to this an element of just going to a ballgame. Everyone had a couple of friends who were going so they, too, got on the bandwagon. Well, that's the stuff of which school spirit is made. We've shown there's still plenty left at Y.U.

It can carry over to all the varsities. Fencing starts tonight. We've got an outstanding squad. Unfortunately, we open away at St. Peters, but all the home games are in the Y.U. gym, where all can enjoy the excitement.

In basketball, there are included in the schedule some very big games against Hunter, Kings, Adelphi and Brooklyn, where we should get crowds rivaling Saturday's turnout. We're off to a flying start. We can wind up just as successfully if we want to.

**Mites Beat Bridgeport 59-51;
First Athletic Rally Successful**

The referee blew his whistle, the ball was thrown up, and Abe Sodden tapped it to Marv Teicher. A few moments later, Teicher plunked the ball into the basket, and Yeshiva was on its way to downing Bridgeport in the first game of the season, 59-51, as more than 600 fans jammed the Central Needle Trades High School gym to view the Palefski Memorial Game. The victory added to a record the Mites set last season—they haven't lost a game at home since the 1953-'54 season.

Jim Davins tied the score for Bridgeport, but then "Red" Blumenreich and Sodden combined to score twelve points, giving Yeshiva a 14-2 advantage. At the eight minute mark, Bridgeport had rallied to 14-9. The teams traded baskets, until Herb Schlusel made the first of two foul shots, with Sodden

tapping in the second, to make the score 23-11, Yeshiva.

However, 'Bam' as Sodden is called by his teammates, had three personals against him, and Al Helfer was sent in to replace him. Helfer promptly put in a field goal. At the half, the margin

was nine points, as Yeshiva led, 29-20.

Teicher, Blumenreich, Sodden, Schlusel and Irv Listowsky, who had started the game, opened the second half for the Blue and White. Teicher and Listowsky scored successive buckets, and Schlusel effected a three point play, widening the gap to 37-22.

But Bridgeport fought back and closed it to 37-35. With Danny Mehlman in for Listowsky, and Hochdorf spelling Schlusel, Yeshiva found the mark again, and at the seven minute mark led by five, 42-37.

Sodden's control of the defensive boards prevented Bridgeport from rallying back. The Mites opened an 8 point lead once again, and held this margin until the final whistle.

"Red" Wins Award

Red Blumenreich led Yeshiva in the scoring column with 27 points. He and Sodden shared rebounding honors. After the game, Blumenreich was awarded the "Norman Palefski Memorial Award," by the Class of '58, for his performance in the victory.

The enthusiasm displayed by Yeshiva rooters at the Bridgeport game came as a climax to last Thursday's athletic rally.

Helping to boost student participation in Y.U. athletic contests were three prominent figures of the sports world, Marty Glickman, Herb Rich, and Haskel Cohen.

About 300 students in Lamport Auditorium enjoyed a unique Club Hour and applauded the humorous stories offered by

Hoopsters Sport Height Advantage Over Wilkes Five

After taking the opener against Bridgeport before a capacity crowd at Central Needle Trades, Yeshiva's Mites will take on the Wilkes Colonels Saturday night, December 10. Yeshiva will be looking to avenge the 67-61 defeat the boys from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, handed them last year. The Colonels nipped the Mites in the closing moments of a tight contest last year, making for a bleak Yeshiva road trip. This year, it's Yeshiva's turn to be host, and they will be doing their utmost to be equally "un-cooperative."

Graduation Losses

Both squads will be hampered by crucial graduation losses. The Colonels having lost three of their tallest starters, while Yeshiva is minus Citron and Gewirtz.

Wilkes' new coach, Eddie Davis, hopes to make up his team's lack of height by featuring a strong running attack led by their ace playmaker Jim Ferris. This fast break style of play contrasted with Yeshiva's more deliberate style will probably present some interesting stratagems. Wilkes will be trying to force a "race-horse" ballgame while the Mites will be looking to slow it down.

Rebound Strength

Yeshiva's opponents will sport some rebounding strength in 6'3" John Bresnahan, who reportedly is quite a leaper. He will have to outstretch big "Bam" Sodden who has an inch edge on him. Yeshiva will have the overall height advantage over Wilkes, which is indeed a rare occurrence. They'll be using it to its best advantage, as they try to get even for last year's defeat.

Game time is 8:30 at Central Needle Trades High School with a high school preliminary between B.T.A. and Yeshiva of Flatbush. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or in the Y.U.A.A. office. It promises to be another home thriller and should draw a good-sized crowd.

Taubermen to Open Against St. Peters; Lettermen Return

Tonight marks the opening of the Yeshiva fencing team's eighth season of intercollegiate competition. The "Taubermen" take on St. Peters College in an away match. Despite the loss of their ace, Howie Spear, this year's team hopes to pick up where last year's 10-1 squad left off.

Coach Tauber has succeeded in whipping up a pretty strong outfit from the returning lettermen, who include Erwin Katz and Morton Wertheimer, stars of last year's team. Among the seniors who will be on the strip for the fourth season are Morty Berger, Manny Federbush and Dave Stadtmauer. They form the nucleus of the foil squad together with a greatly improved Danny Chill and three new foil prospects, Irwin Kanarek, Bob Klein and Ronny Rothman.

Saber Shows Promise

The saber team, which shows promise of being the best division of the team, is made up completely of veterans. Leading off is Co-captain Erwin Katz, who set a new Yeshiva record in saber last year. Paul Peyser, probably the most improved fencer on the team, will follow. Rounding out the saber team are Josh Danzger and Mel Adler, both veterans.

The epee squad should have a banner year with the return of four veterans, Co-captain Morty Wertheimer, George Siegel, Joe Fischer and Bob Taub, all of whom have improved this year.

The team has a tough schedule this year, but Coach Tauber, who has been working hard with the veterans and newcomers, sees a good season ahead if the boys fence with their heads as well as their weapons. Several home matches are to be played in the Yeshiva gym, and students are urged to come down and root the fencers to another victorious season.



Herb Rich

Swamped

Yeshiva	G	F	P	Bridgeport	G	F	P
Blumenreich	8	11	27	Davins	3	0	6
Sodden	8	4	20	Duggam	1	1	3
Schlusel	1	2	4	Tompham	3	0	6
Teicher	2	0	4	Babick	2	7	11
Listowsky	1	0	2	Glatowski	1	1	3
Helfer	1	0	2	Welas	2	1	5
Hochdorf	0	0	0	Gentile	3	3	9
Mehlman	0	0	0	Balog	3	2	8
				Peters	0	0	0
Totals	21	17	59	Totals	18	15	51

Herb Rich, New York football Giant defensive halfback. Mr. Rich, gave his views on the importance of moral support for college varsities.

Dean Speaks

One of Y.U.'s staunchest sports fans, Dean Guterman stressed the whys and wherefores of strong student spirit.

Mr. Cohen, public relations director of the N.B.A., followed by praising the efforts of Coach Sarachek and asking the student body to get "squarely" behind "Red" and the squad this season.

The rally, devoted to all phases of the Y.U.A.A. athletic program, included the introduction of the basketball, fencing, tennis and wrestling teams, as well as their respective coaches.

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Club Notes

French Club

Professor Jacques Habert, editor of *France Amerique*, described the development of French journalism in the United States to Le Cercle Francaise and Pi Delta Phi Monday, November 21.

Professor Habert cited examples of the scandalous and radically political journalism practiced by some early French newspapers in this country, such as *Le Courier de l'Amerique* and *L'Abeille*. Many strange opinions on the Napoleonic rule of France were expressed by papers like *Le Courier des Etats Unis*, which was at first pro-Bonapartist and then turned

against Louis Bonaparte Napoleon when he became emperor.

As time went on, continued Professor Habert, the policies of the French newspapers became less radical, and more objective points of view were taken on political issues.

L'Amerique was founded in 1937 and became the *France Amerique* during World War II.

Photography Club

The Photography Club contest on snapshots concerning Judaism will continue for the next two weeks.

Entries should be submitted to Alan Greenspan, '58, dorm room 406, or Herbert Friedman, '58, dorm room 428.

Athletic Rally

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Speaking on behalf of the Y.U.A.A were Coach Sarachek and Professor Hy Wettstein of the Physical Education Department, who pointed out the growth of the University in intercollegiate athletics. A hilarious moment came when Rabbi Abraham Avrech stood up on a chair and was introduced as the center of Y.U.'s 1942 quintet.

Expecting a tough season, "Red" explained how much the team needs cheering students behind it.

Featured speaker was Marty Glickman, popular sportscaster, whose portrayal of Mr. Rich's encounters with "Crazylegs" Hirsch brought the house down.

Mr. Glickman went on to effectively analyze the reasons for student attendance at school athletic events.

Sheldon Chwat, school athletic manager, closed the successful rally by thanking the Dean and the celebrities for appearing.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Morton Kwestel '56, upon his marriage to Miss Rachel Kranz.

Israeli Institute

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rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem, before they can be redeemed."

The speaker explained the optimistic point of view taken by Maimonides toward the persecution of the Jews in the diaspora. "Maimonides," he said, "expressed elegantly the belief that in suffering from persecution Jews are merely touching the superficial covering of a much richer life to be lived in the Messianic Era."

Second Lecture

In the second lecture, Docent Chaim Lifschutz explained the philosophical theory, "The Unifying Unity," advanced by Rabbi Kook, who was the esteemed teacher of the docent. This theory equates the physical world with the world to come. Thus, those who lead an honest life can experience heaven both before and after death, aesthetically, if not physically.

"The platform of Rabbi Kook's theory," reflected Docent Lifschutz, "leads one to the following enlightening conclusion: 'In the end of days,' a spiritual revolution will occur in Israel and this change of values from the physical to the spiritual and from pagan lust to divine love will herald the approach of the Messiah and redemption."

Parking

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"I'd get a room here but I'm afraid they'd take away my scholarship."

Prominent Student Council leader and master of the debate: "I'd suggest turning the northern section of the ground floor of the main university building, together with the northeast corner of the fourth floor, into parking garages. A ramp being constructed between the two, replacing the antiquated bureaucratic suite of offices. . . ."

An administration member: "After having devoted time to studying the problem, I have come up with the following plan. A three man investigating committee should be appointed to look into the problem. One of the conclusions that they might arrive at would be the following. A plan of action might be expounded at a future meeting of the higher-ups entailing the following proposed. . . ."

Maybe the whole thing's just a bad dream.

Dinner

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Mr. Silver is a trustee of the University, the vice president of the American Woolen Company, and president of Beth Israel hospital. He is also vice president of the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation and has been identified with the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The greater New York fund, the Salvation Army and the Infantile



Charles H. Silver

Paralysis Drive are other causes toward which Mr. Silver has devoted his energies.

Several of the positions held by Governor Ribicoff were membership in the Connecticut Legislature from 1938 to 1942, and a seat in the United States House of Representatives from 1949 to 1952. He was also the editor of the University of Chicago *Law Review* in 1932. Governor Ribicoff was also hearing examiner under the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act.

Silver Addresses Pre-Law Majors; Donates Volumes

Pre-law majors received answers to their questions on the practice of law from the Honorable Edward Sholem Silver, district attorney of Kings County, in his office in Brooklyn, Thursday, December 1.

The District Attorney also presented the students with two attractively bound, gold-stamped copies of the "Report by the District Attorney of Kings County, N. Y." for the new pre-law section of the Pollack Library.

"People exaggerate the problems of religious observance interfering with law practice," declared Mr. Silver. "Actually the problem hardly exists," he said.

Politics Helpful

Asked about politics and how it affects the lawyer, the District Attorney replied that joining a political club and making acquaintances could be very helpful. He commented that he had entered politics well-before seeking public office.

One of the points stressed by the District Attorney was that a well-rounded college education is the most important prerequisite for a lawyer. Some courses he mentioned specifically were English, Political Science, Economics and Accounting.

Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Mrs. Ida Dobkin, tutor of Chemistry at Yeshiva College, upon the passing of her mother. May she be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Debate

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anted annual wage on the grounds that it is impractical to believe that unorganized labor could obtain it. Dr. Louis Feldman, professor of History and Classical Languages, awarded the debate to the negative.

In coming weeks, the Yeshiva College Debate Society will meet N.Y.U., both of Washington Heights and Washington Square, City College, Barnard, Fordham and Rutgers of New Brunswick.

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