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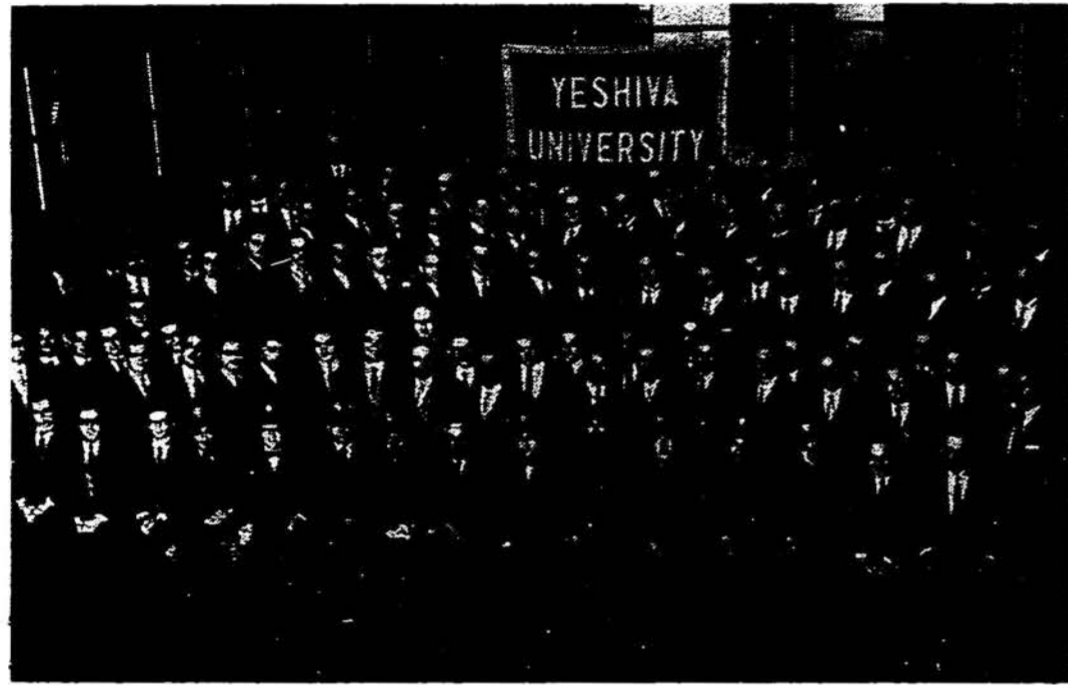
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## Ordination Ceremonies Bestow Honors Upon 131

"Both the crown of knowledge and the crown of warm spirit must be worn tightly by the ordained rabbi if he is to fulfill his holy mission," asserted Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveichik, professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy, at the traditional *smicha* exercises of R.I.E.T.S.



**SMICHA RECIPIENTS:** Musmachim of R.I.E.T.S. pose with Dr. Samuel Belkin in Pollack Library before Chag Hasmitcha celebration, Sunday, March 4.

held Sunday, March 4, in Lamport Auditorium. The class of rabbis consisted of 131 graduates of R.I.E.T.S., fourteen of whom are now chaplains.

The exercises were opened by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, who expressed the great need for a "United Nations of the spirit" in this modern age when industry and technology reign. Dr. Belkin reiterated the necessity of *smicha* and of keeping alive the notion of the *talmid hacham*, the wise and devoted student. "For," he said, "now, more than ever before, is their a great need to strengthen the fountainheads of spiritual and moral training so as to encourage the creative genius of man for peace and good will."

### Qualities of a Musmach

Speaking in Yiddish, Rabbi Soloveichik listed the essential qualities that a *musmach* should possess. He emphasized the vital role the teacher plays in the (Continued on page 4)

## Drive Money Split; Most for Weapons

Decisions on allotments to the charities to be supported by the 1956 Y.U. Drive for Charities have been made at a meeting of the division chairmen of the Drive held Tuesday, February 28, at Yeshiva College.

*Keren Hamagen*, the Israeli Emergency Defense Fund, is to receive sixty-five per cent of the funds collected. *Yeshivat Bnei Akiva* and *Yeshivat Hadarom* will be given twenty per cent to be divided later between the two of them. Ten per cent will be distributed to *Bet Esther*, and the remaining five per cent to *Magen Ha Yeled*, both of which are anti-missionary funds.

## Dr. Brayer to Talk On Dead Sea Scrolls Thursday, March 15

The Guidance Committee, in cooperation with the Jewish Philosophy Society, will present a lecture by Dr. Menachem Brayer, on "The Dead Sea Scrolls," Thursday, March 15, in Riets Hall. Dr. Brayer's lecture will be based on his forthcoming book, in which he approaches this topic from the point of view of *masorah*.

### Scrolls Important

Dr. Brayer has discovered that the scrolls point up the great accuracy of our version of the Bible, as against that of moderns and contemporary Bible critics. He has also found that the scrolls shed light on many obscure passages in the Bible.

Biblical scholars have at their disposal nine scrolls of the Bible, which resemble, word for word, our own accepted version of the *masorah*.

## Debating Tours Blanket East As Team Wins Ten, Drops Four

By Abraham Shapiro

Yeshiva University's Debating Society won ten debates, tied one and lost four debates, on the national topic against sixteen colleges of Eastern and Middle Western United States during the week of February 27. One debate was a non-decision contest.

Two justices of the Supreme Court of Baltimore and the president of the Bar Association of Baltimore unanimously agreed that Yeshiva's affirmative had beaten Johns Hopkins University. A standing-room-only crowd of more than three hundred persons, some of them parents of Y.U. students, left the *Shaarei Tfiloh* Synagogue with a new feeling of pride in Yeshiva.

### Undefeated

The John Hopkins debate ended an undefeated tour of the Baltimore-Washington area by George Siegel '57, captain, and Joseph Chervin '58. The team also defeated George Washington and Howard Universities and tied with Loyola of Baltimore.

Travel, travel, and then more travel was the watchword of the New York State tour, composed of Abraham Shapiro '58, captain, Joseph Radinsky '58, and Jacob Finkelstein '59. They began by taking a seven-hour trip to Ithica.

### Bedded Down

After losing to Cornell University, the debaters were bedded down for the night on the floor of a fraternity house.

A bus then took the team to Syracuse, where Yeshiva's pride and joy scored its next victory.

After a long trip to Poughkeepsie, the New York team arrived just in time to lose to Vassar in the Jewish Community Center. A dilemma was posed to the Yeshiva debaters: Vassar has no frat houses! So the debaters slept in a lesser than first class hotel.

Albany beckoned and was defeated. The judges were students at the State Teachers College.

Nightfall once again proved the beginning of a nightmare. The Yeshiva men slept without sheets, pillows or any of the usual paraphernalia.

### Debate Recorded

On the Chicago-Pittsburgh-Detroit tour, Joseph Kaplan '56, and Jacob Heller '56, won an audience decision by a vote of 39-1 over the University of Detroit. The debate was recorded for a delayed broadcast on the University's radio station.

### Editors Judge

The Labor editors of the *Detroit Times, News and Free Press* awarded Yeshiva the decision over Wayne University. The debate was held in the *Bnei Abraham* Synagogue in Detroit.

The Chicago team suffered its only setback in the West Rogers Park Synagogue against the University of Chicago.

Messrs. Kaplan and Heller had one non-decision debate with the University of Pittsburgh.

The team visiting the Boston area, Abraham Fuss '56, captain, Nahum Gordon '57, and Yashar Hirshaut '59, compiled a three and one record. Merrimac College, Northeastern University and Tufts College were beaten by the Yeshiva debaters, while Smith defeated Yeshiva.

## Dorm Council to Submit Referendum Tomorrow

A Dormitory Council referendum with suggestions of means of punishing violators of dormitory rules will be submitted to dormitory residents, tomorrow, March 13, at 8 p.m. in Room 443 in the College building, announced Al Tuchman '56, president of the Council.

## Pre-medical Majors Total 27 Per Cent Of College Students

The Premedical-Pre dental major is by far the most popular at Yeshiva this year, announced Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of the College. Of the 420 students enrolled in the College, 115, or 27.6 per cent, are Pre-meds and Pre-dents. Chemistry, with 10.8 per cent, is the second most popular major, and Mathematics and English follow closely.

The percentage of Pre-med majors has increased from 1.4 per cent in 1950 to the present figure of 27.6 per cent. This has caused a corresponding rise in all Natural Science majors from 31.1 per cent in 1950 to 56 per cent this year.

### Political Science Drops

The percentage of Social Science majors has decreased from 49.3 per cent in 1950 to 29.3 per cent this year. Political Science was the most drastically affected Social Science major. In 1954 it was the most popular major with 15.1 per cent and last year it was second only to Premed-Pre dental with 13.8 per cent. This year it stands fifth with 8.9 per cent. History also showed a decline from 10.9 per cent in 1950 to five per cent this year.

The Languages and Jewish Studies divisions also showed slight decreases.

## Dean's Reception

The first public presentation of the Yeshiva College Alma Mater will be made by the Yeshiva University Choral Society at the Dean's Reception to be held Sunday, March 18, in the auditorium of Stern College for Women. The lyrics and music for the song were written by Joel Schreiber '57.

Plays will be presented by the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes in competition for the Dean's Trophy.

Students are requested to return the reply post cards which were enclosed with invitations, as soon as possible.

Mr. Schreiber, composer of the Alma Mater, is a chairman of the Y.U. Drive and a charter member of the International Relations Society.

The referendum was decided upon at a meeting of the Council held Monday, March 5, after the decision on the launching of an anti-noise campaign had been reached at the previous meeting of February 22. It was felt that the major decisions and actions of the Dormitory Council would demand greater respect from the students if the students themselves first officially expressed their backing of the plan.

### To Educate Students

"Educating the students in the responsibilities they have to their fellow residents is the principal phase of this campaign," declared Mr. Tuchman. Posters requesting residents to refrain from making noise have been posted in the dormitory halls. The Council will also put up signs at each telephone requesting students to keep conversation at a minimum in order to prevent waiting lines, a considerable source of disturbance.

### Instruction List

A list of general instructions has been tacked on the door of every dormitory room. On the list, students are instructed to maintain quiet in the dormitory at all times, and to keep the volume of radios reasonably low. Instructions relating to the immediate reporting of damages, to proper rising time and to the prohibition of unauthorized possession of pass keys also appear on the list.

Separate meetings of each floor were called by Mr. Tuchman to familiarize the residents with the campaign and to answer any questions.

### Subject to Referendum

Violators of the rules will be brought before the Student Resident Court, which was created by the Council at its meeting, December 21. Any dorm resident may bring charges against an alleged violator by obtaining a subpoena for him from the President. (Continued on page 4)

## Conduct Discussion Tomorrow Evening

A Passover seminar, to be conducted by Rabbi Howard Levine of T.I., has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 13, in Riets Hall.

A panel, consisting of Dr. Menachem Brayer of the T.I. and College faculties, Rabbi Moses Tendler, chairman of the newly formed Guidance Committee, and Rabbi Levine will answer and discuss all pertinent questions on Passover.

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### Vote!

The Dormitory Council has established a student court to aid in solving dorm problems. This will afford an opportunity for students to work out their own difficulties satisfactorily, without having the administration take a hand in the matters. Certainly, the Dorm Council is the proper agency for this, and we believe it is capable of coping with problems in the dormitory in an adult manner.

The Council feels that its policy can be most effective if it receives the expressed backing of the dorm students. Therefore, it has been decided that a referendum be placed before the dorm students containing suggestions for measures to be taken against violators of dormitory regulations. We believe that the proposal of monetary fines would be an adequate method. We urge every dorm student to express his confidence in the dormitory council by voting in the referendum tomorrow night.

### Restore the Balance

Statistics recently announced by the Registrar show a growing increase of Pre-med and Pre-dent majors, and a corresponding decrease of Political Science and History majors.

It is no secret that the establishment of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine is an important cause for the increase of natural science majors.

However, another cause seems to be the inadequacy of other departments of the institution. If the balance of science and non-science majors is to be restored, the administration must make improvements in both the curricula and faculties of the non-science departments.

### Give!

Recent events on the Israeli-Arab borders, and actions of the United States State Department have intensified the crisis in the Middle East. Israel's very survival is dependent upon the help of every American Jew.

This year, sixty-five per cent of the funds of the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities has been designated for the Emergency Defense Fund. The remainder will be donated to other important charities in Israel.

It is the obligation of every Yeshiva student to contribute liberally to the Drive. With the cooperation of all, the goal can be reached.

### Congratulations . . .

Once again this year, Yeshiva debaters were sent to different cities to debate against teams from various colleges and universities. Many messages of congratulations and compliments on the impressive performances of the Yeshiva debaters have been received from those cities.

Several debates, held in leading congregations, provided the first contact with Yeshiva students for many people. The favorable impressions these people have of Yeshiva are a genuine tribute to the Debating Society and its adviser, Dr. David Fleisher.

Congratulations!

### . . . And Again

The importance of a successful athletic campaign in the furthering of school spirit has become most obvious during the course of the 1955-'56 basketball season. The Mites, with their 16-2 record, have made Yeshiva's students proud of their varsities. We extend heartiest congratulations to Coach Bernie Sarachek and his team upon completing a great basketball year.

### We Wonder (No. 3)

While glancing at the rectangular discolorations on the walls in the College corridors, some of us wondered why the bulletin boards were not transferred before the walls were painted.

## Wit's End

By Joshua Miller

One of the main attractions of our University is the individualistic, devil-may-care attitude present throughout. We pride ourselves on being unpredictable. We have a flair for the unexpected. One of our greatest attributes along this line is our habit of scrapping schedules. It is to be admired and praised. Possessing such a fresh outlook as this we will never be seduced into the sea of conformity.

### Individualists

Nine a.m. standard or daylight savings time everywhere else, in this conformist country of ours, invariably comes exactly 60 minutes after 8 a.m.

But we, here at Yeshiva, will never succumb to the pressures of society. Nine a.m. to us means 9:15 and, on a good day 9:20. The same can be said for the hour of 5:50. Sunday may be Sunday, but so may be Monday or even Tuesday, which, in turn, may be Thursday.

Prattle as it may be, it is my contention that September may be changed to November during the coming year. It may even be changed to December. This will be one of the greatest scrapping of schedules that our generation has ever seen, a stupendous achievement, in a tradition filled with the likes of it.

### Admiring Look

Ah, with what admiration do I look toward the fenced off area between 184 and 185 Streets. In that infinitesimal section on the face of the globe, men are working to turn back the clock. And what is more, they do not conceal their great plan under a cover of secrecy as is the usual way with intentions of such import. With each blow of a pile-driver, with each shovelful of Manhattan, the murmur can be heard: "September will be changed to November—or maybe even December."

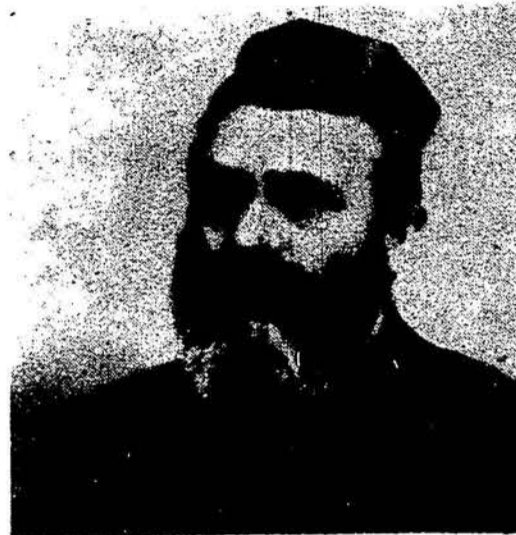
It is with profound awe that we should regard this spot, for there labor men devoid of every other concept than that of the fulfillment of an unequalled historical phenomenon. If one would listen closely the chant can be heard to grow louder day by day. It carries a weightier argument with each passing week.

# Immigrant M. Hurewitz True Founder of Y.U.

By Elias Hershman

History has often deprived many great men of the credit due them. Moshe Hurewitz was the original founder of what today is Yeshiva University. On this, the twenty-fourth anniversary of his death, a history of the life of this great man is in order.

Moshe Hurewitz was born in



Moshe Hurewitz

Russia in 1850. His father, Rabbi Samuel Hurewitz, was considered one of the foremost Talmudic scholars of his day. Poverty stricken and persecuted, Moshe Hurewitz was in the great wave of immigrants that fled to American shores. He arrived here in 1888 and opened a shoe store.

### Felt Need

He had a growing concern about the lack of a *yeshiva* for the many newly arrived Russian refugees, but because of his own meager livelihood, was unable to do anything concrete in solving this problem.

In 1896, however, he organized a committee which concentrated its efforts on the establishment of a *yeshiva*. With himself as president, a flat was rented on 156 Henry Street, providing a place of study for the many students who fled Russia.

### Name Yeshiva

Upon the death of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan, in 1896, the committee decided to name this newly formed *yeshiva* after this great Jewish figure.

A lack of funds soon threatened its existence. On many a night, East Side residents saw a light burning in Moshe Hurewitz's shoe store where the committee would meet in an effort to solve their growing financial problems.

With the hope of raising funds, Hurewitz readily relinquished the presidency to the more influential Rabbi Philip Klein, spiritual leader of the *Ohev Tzedek* Congregation, located at that time at Norfolk and Houston Streets. However, Rabbi Klein soon resigned, and Moshe Hurewitz was again elected president.

### Enlists Aid

The turn of the century saw Marks Hurewitz, oldest son of Moshe Hurewitz, marry the daughter of Nathan Lamport. Hurewitz then concentrated his efforts in bringing Nathan Lamport into the Yeshiva movement. Although Lamport was an exceedingly poor man at the time, and had nine children to support, he consented to accepting the presidency, and again Hurewitz moved into the background.

### Several Moves

While still under Hurewitz's leadership, the Yeshiva moved to Montgomery Street (present site of the Hebrew Nursery), and later to 301 East Broadway. Quite a lot of financial help was offered with the provision that the *yeshiva* formulate its policy leaning more toward conservative belief. Needless to say, these offers were steadfastly refused.

Word of the establishment and growth of a *yeshiva* spread back to Russia, causing a still greater migration of students to America. Rabbi Dunn, a *Rosh Yeshiva* in Russia, arrived with them and assumed the same role here. Then, for the first time, *smicha* living up to the rich heritage of Yeshiva tradition was granted.

### Work Completed

Now, feeling that his work was done, Moshe Hurewitz stepped entirely out of the spotlight, leaving the *yeshiva* under the very capable leadership of Lamport.

In 1922, Moshe Hurewitz passed away. His diligent work in the establishment of our Yeshiva remains practically unknown.

The work of this man, of his son Marks, and of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida Lamport Hurewitz should eternally stand as a symbol of devotion to Torah and humanity.

## Dorm Student's Physics Notes Vanish — And so Does the Nervous Chamber - Maid

By Victor Goldberg

The chamber-maid made my bed and swept the floor—too well I'm afraid. She swept my physics notes down the hall and scooped them up and into the trash can. I asked her what she did with my notes. (She's forever throwing out the scraps of paper that grace my bedroom. There really aren't that many. But she says there are. Scraps make her nervous, and besides she can't keep the room neat and orderly, for every time she enters or leaves the room the cross draft from the open door and window blow the papers all over the place.

She says it's a holy mess. I really don't mind the scraps.)

Anyway, I asked her what she did with my physics notes. She didn't answer me. She just kept leaning over the chair, dusting its legs. I asked her again. She didn't answer me again. That boiled me. I grabbed her by the neck and evicted her from the room. By way of the window. I think she failed to recover.

But I couldn't figure out where my physics notes were. I looked for them. They weren't there. I was beginning to foam at the mouth. Frantically, I be-

gan tearing through all my notebooks; I emptied drawers, closets, dressers, pockets. No physics notes.

The door blew open. The room swirled with paper. I didn't know who it was. I could hardly see through the paper fog. Gradually, though, as the fog settled to the floor, I saw the Big Chief standing there at the door. She was red in the face. She hollered at me. She frightened me.

I was thrown out of the dormitory.

They never found the chamber-maid.

I never found my physics notes.

On the Sidelines

**'Bam' and Marv  
Bow Out**

By Julie Landwirth

The two of you, exhausted, fatigued, after the game, fold your blue and white jerseys neatly away and suddenly it comes over you with a funny feeling that this is the last time you'll be doing it.

For four basketball seasons you've done this mechanically, folding up the uniform, stashing it away with the sweaty sneakers until the next time you come to C.N.T. for a workout. This time it's different, though. You find yourself folding the uniform a little more carefully, and it takes a little longer and it feels odd not asking whether there's practice Monday night.

You didn't think it would strike you this way at all, and the Brooklyn game was just one more, until the final buzzer when it hit you that you've had it. There's nothing left to do now except to let four years flow through your mind, and the memories flood past in a mixed up rush.

Take your pick of the most exciting games you've played in, and recall that the wackiest, most thrilling experience throughout was playing ball for "Red" Sarachek. At first you remember shivering in your sneakers out on the court, all thumbs and wouldn't dare shoot because the coach kept telling you that everything you did was high school kid stuff. It doesn't take long to break in, though, if you've got the talent, and before long you've got that notion you've got to play right because it's important that your school win and that your coach smile when he chews you out next time.

So you, Abe, figure out the hard way that the big boys in basketball play a mean game and either you take it or they'll maul you. You therefore start playing in earnest and take an awful lot of rebounds, with the bruises to prove it, and you finish with a fifteen point average. It was done with sheer guts like the time you played against Kings Point with that bloody gash under your eye.

You put your all in the ballgame and losing is much more than a score gone the wrong way; that's when you hear the coach tell a new rookie about high school kid stuff. The windup is that you break the school scoring record and this year Danny Linch, the St. Francis coach, invites you to play on his team in the New York-New Jersey All-Star Game, March 25. Says your coach, as he wonders about next year, "That Abie, what weight under those boards."

Meanwhile, in the backcourt, Marv, you found yourself hustling like you never expected to, and Sarachek was there with his pin should you slow down for a moment. So you become a steady ball-



QUITTING TIME: Sodden and Teicher retire Blue and White jerseys with Coach Sarachek all smiles over Brooklyn win.

player, the playmaker, good for eight, ten points a ballgame and always plugging.

But it's pretty much over for both of you now and those chippies you missed and the passes you blew and the exasperations are all for laughs now, lost in the wash of the great games you've played with the Mites, pulling out the close ones. From here on in you join another group of ballplayers; you're playing in history along with Doppelt, Koslow, Levine, Stein, Hershkowitz and Gewirtz.

That's pretty good company.

**Mites Subdue B'klyn, 86-84  
To Wind Up Successful Season**

By Moses Berlin

Yeshiva's Mites wound up their greatest basketball season with an 86-84 win over their arch rival, Brooklyn College, before a record capacity crowd Saturday night, March 3. The game was not only the icing on Yeshiva's winning cake, but also the last slice of basketball for Seniors Marv Teicher and Abe Sodden.



FOUL: Ref Lester Fuchs calls one on Brooklyn's Gaetani, as he tries to block Sodden's inside shot.

The throng, which brought the Central Needle Trades house down—except for the backboards which Sodden and Blumenreich hogged—saw Yeshiva take an early lead, only to lose it and then come back to win the "big one" by a precarious two-point margin.

**Two Injured**

After an early Brooklyn field goal, Al Helfer netted three baskets for Yeshiva. The Kingsmen tied it up at 6-6, but two Sodden jump shots and three Schlüssel sets widened the score to 16-6. In a heated struggle for rebounds, "Bam" Sodden was injured but remained in the game. Helfer also suffered a leg injury and was forced to temporarily sit it out.

The scoring narrowed, but the Mites pulled away to a ten-point lead as Helfer plunked in a couple of one-handers followed by a Sodden lay-up. Though Brooklyn had advertised Gaetani as another Bob Cousy, the 5'9" speedster didn't score a field goal until the closing moments of the first half; thanks to defensive ace Al Helfer. However, Yeshiva started slipping up, and found their lead cut to one point at the half, 40-39.

**Score First**

Brooklyn scored first to open the second half and led 41-40. A Schlüssel set and a Kingsman foul knotted the score at 42-42.

**Happy Ending**

| Yeshiva       | G         | F         | P         | Brooklyn      | G         | F         | P         |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bl'm'rah      | 12        | 4         | 28        | Solomon       | 6         | 0         | 12        |
| Teicher       | 0         | 0         | 0         | Kalotkin      | 3         | 0         | 6         |
| Schlüssel     | 5         | 4         | 14        | Smit          | 6         | 5         | 17        |
| Sodden        | 8         | 7         | 23        | Schroeder     | 2         | 2         | 6         |
| Helfer        | 7         | 5         | 19        | Wax           | 7         | 1         | 15        |
| St'nshelm     | 1         | 0         | 2         | Gaetani       | 6         | 16        | 28        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>Totals</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>84</b> |

Blumenreich and Gaetani traded buckets and the see-saw tilted to Yeshiva, 46-44. The two determined quintets took turns at thrilling the crowd, and, at the thirteen minute mark, Yeshiva's lead was still two, 50-48.

The terrific pace continued, and with but three minutes to go, Yeshiva led by a scant 83-81 margin. With the score 86-84 and with only 29 seconds to go, Nick Gaetani took the do-or-die shot and the gym quieted momentarily as the shot went around and out, Sodden rebounding. Yeshiva held tight as time ran out and at the final whistle led 86-84.

**Saber Squad Lead Tauberman  
To Fairleigh-Dickinson Triumph**

Yeshiva's Tauberman continued on their merry way, racking up one more in the win column. The last victims to fall prey to Yeshiva's fencers were the "Knights" from Fairleigh-Dickinson. Although only one group, the saber team, came out with a winning record for the match, Yeshiva still outpointed Fairleigh-Dickinson, 15-12.

Danny Chill, who has figured prominently in Yeshiva's latest triumphs, ran his streak up to ten straight wins before he lost a bout. Berger, who is now a consistent winner for Yeshiva, pulled out the other two foil points of four that Yeshiva got. Rothman dropped all three of his bouts.

**Saber Comes Through**

The saber team came through in great form. All three men, Katz, Peyser and Danzger, fenced well. The saber squad accounted for more than half the team's points. They outslashed Fairleigh-Dickinson to a tune of 8-1.

The epee team still seems to be having difficulties putting together a winning score.

**Netmen Confident  
As Season Nears;  
Boast Six Veterans**

"We should win at least eighty per cent of our matches." With these words, Coach Eli Epstein of the varsity Tennis Team expressed his confidence in what he termed the most well-rounded tennis squad in Yeshiva's history.

Opening the season April 6 against Pratt, the tennis squad will swing into a twelve-game schedule which extends into the middle of May. Seven of these contests are Metropolitan Tennis League matches. The league is an association of twelve New York and New Jersey colleges.

**Squad Strong**

Despite the loss of Dave Lifshutz and Eugene Horn, last year's number one and two men, respectively, the squad will still be strong, having six returning lettermen. Added to this group are a pair of two bright newcomers, Jerry Quint and Zal Schrader. The squad will be paced by Irv Aronson, who, in Coach Epstein's words, "has great potential when he concentrates on his game." The remaining returning lettermen are Simmy Schreiber, Paul Rogoway, Seymour Hoffman, Irv Dryspiel, and Captain Herbie Hoffman.

The squad has been practicing every Tuesday night at the 369th Regiment Armory. With only the two-hour practice every week, the Team faces the same inadequate practice problem faced by all Yeshiva varsities.

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# Club Notes

## Math Club

Jack Prince '59, lectured on quaternions at a meeting of the Math Club, Thursday, March 1.

Mr. Prince was the first freshman lecturer in the Math Club this year. At the close of the meeting, Charles Naiman '56, president, expressed the hope that more freshmen would take an active part in the Club and give lectures, now that Mr. Prince had broken the ice.

## Biology Society

Dr. Shelley R. Saphire, chairman of the Pre-Medical Committee, spoke at a meeting of the Biology Society, Thursday, March 1, on the topic of "Fundamental Concepts in the Study of Genetics."

## Psych-Soc Clubs

The Psychology and Sociology Clubs of Yeshiva College sponsored the inaugural meeting of the Stern College Psychology and Sociology Club, Wednesday, March 7, at Stern College. Dr.

## Referendum

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dent or Vice President of the Dorm Council in dorm room 407.

A student who feels that a suggestion which does not appear on the referendum is a more practical solution, may write in his suggestion.

The three-man court will consist of Dorm Council members working on a rotational basis. The court is to hold session Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 p.m. in Riets Hall.

Morris B. Gross spoke on "Psychology and Judaism."

Mr. George Kean, a graduate of the Yeshiva School of Education and Community Administration, will address the Psychology Club, Tuesday, March 13, on the results of the questionnaire given out by the Psychology Club on the social habits of the Yeshiva College Student.

"The Mental Health Program of the Child Guidance Institute of the Jewish Board of Guidance," will be the topic of a talk to be delivered by Mrs. Etta Kolodny, Supervisor-Psychiatric Case Worker, Thursday, March 15, before the Psychology Club.

## Biology Society

"Fundamental Concepts in the Study of Genetics" was discussed at a meeting of the Biology Society by Dr. Shelley R. Saphire, professor of Biology and chairman of the Biology Department, Thursday, March 1.

Dr. Saphire stressed the great importance of genetics for doctors as an aid to them in diagnosis. He also gave a brief summary of the history of genetics and explained the three laws of Gregor Mendel, a pioneer in the science.

Dr. I. Danishefsky, biochemist in cancer research at the Flower Hospital, will discuss "Current Approaches in Cancer Research, March 15, announced Jay Rothschild, president of the Society.

## Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Hersh Galinsky '55, and Jack Klein '59, upon the passing of their fathers. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

# War for Jerusalem Essential Struggle Consul Rivlin States

"The fight for Jerusalem as capital of Israel is not only a fight in the United Nations, but a day-by-day struggle throughout the world," asserted Mr. Moshe Rivlin, Israeli vice consul in New York, before the Israeli Institute, Tuesday, February 28.

Mr. Rivlin explained the strategic, political and emotional importance of Jerusalem as the center of Israel and the Jewish People. "Therefore," he said, "if Jerusalem will be cut off, all Israel will be cut off."

## Discusses Problems

The Vice Consul outlined Jerusalem's geographical and historical importance in a discussion of the economic and military problems involved in saving the city for the Jews during the Israeli war for independence. Even now problems arise, such as Jerusalem's isolated border position, which is not conducive to the extensive development of industry and a large working class. Another current problem mentioned by the speaker is the lack of water which impedes her expansion.

## Congrat

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Yitzchak Witty '53, former editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR, upon his engagement to Miss Shulamith Poupko.

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# Humodrama Holds Spotlight At S.O.Y. Purim Celebration

The traditional Purim commandment of *adloyada* was performed with unusual gusto (not to be confused with . . .) and fervor, Sunday evening, February 26, in Weber's Golden Gan Eden Mansion. The hall was filled to capacity with both students and friends. Somehow



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the *mechitza* disappeared in the early part of the evening, and when last seen was headed toward Long Island.

The evening's entertainment began with a humorous imitation played by Chaim Najman '57, assisted by Isaiah Beilin '59. Subsequent to this, Irwin Borvick '57, delivered a learned historical treatise on the development of Matzo U. from a lowly wafer bakery to a mass producing factory of king size matzos.

## Troubador

The *gramm* troubador, Macy Gordon '53, appeared next, and regaled the audience with his verses that were both deftly written and cleverly recited. Between acts, Herman Halon '54, led the audience in communal singing.

The evening's entertainment, having begun on a high level, reached its peak with the presentation of a "humodrama," a unique form of art formulated by its two principal performers Sir Israel Wohlgernter and Sir Jacob Petroff.

## Alaska Locale

The locale of the drama was Lomokome, Alaska, 2056. In the opening scene, Sir Jacob Petroff, garbed in the frock of a Brandeis Minister, delivered a sermon describing the unique growth of Brandeis from a college to a theological seminary, contrary to the customary trend.

At this point, Sir Israel Wohlgernter, with scythe and hourglass, appeared, garbed in the regalia of Father Time. He then ascended the rostrum and commenced his timely address. Using the theme of challenge and response, he declared that this was not uniquely Toynbeean in origin, but has its roots in early Jewish history.

## Develops Thesis

With academic profundity barbed with decisive wit, he masterfully developed his thesis, reaching a dramatic conclusion by unfrocking the Brandeis rabbi and descending into the audience coronated with the historical Jewish crown, a stately *shreimel*.

Label Dulitz '54, president of S.O.Y., then presented the two players with awards for their

outstanding performances through the years. In commenting on the fact that this was their last performance, he stated, "Their Midas-like touch has transformed the mundane and prosaic into the superior presentations that shall constitute the Golden Age of Purim drama at Yeshiva."

## Chag Hasmicha

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training of the rabbi. "It is the warmth in the hand of the teacher that is transferred symbolically to the head of the student, and which contains that pure spirit not found anywhere else."

The Professor of Talmud envisioned the heavy burden that is placed upon the shoulders of the young rabbis as the task of keeping watch over a most valuable possession, entrusted to them by the mightiest of owners. However, even more important than their responsibility to God, declared the speaker, is their responsibility to their fellow man. For God does not forgive sins committed directly against Him unless man first has obtained forgiveness for civil sins committed against his neighbors.

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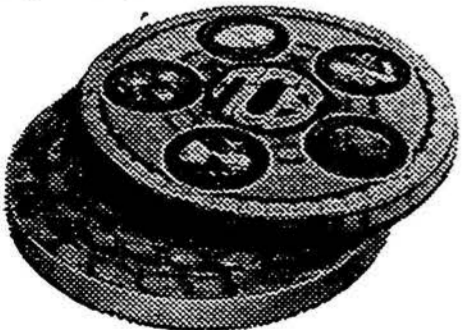
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