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# Josef Fischer Chosen Student Council President 

## Dr. Guterman Discloses New Final Exam Policy

 final examinations in all courses, announced Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, dean of the College, in a directive to all faculty members.When questioned in regard to the new policy, however, Dr. Guterman assured that any instructor who requests that he not be required to give a final this term since he had not previously intended to give one, will be released from the requirement.
In the directive, issued April 18, a final examination was defined as one which covers a major part of the term's work, is held during finals week and lasts fer two hours.

* Based on Faculty Sentiment

Dr. Guterman stated that the new policy is based upon faculty sentiment and that the "overwhelming majority" of the College faculty are in favor of the plan. The plan was being considered for quite some time and was discussed at meetings of the Faculty Advisory Council held last fall, he revealed.
"Every institution has a dominant philosophy," stated Dr. Guterman, "and Yeshiva's philosophy calls for examinations." The Dean further stated that the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, by whom Yeshiva is accredited, looks upon final examinations as "educationally valid." He also pointed out that Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, favors the
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## Difficulties Arise, Cause Cancellation Of Varsity Musical

Otteleger, the Yeshiva College Senior Varsity Show, has been cancelled, disclosed Martin Greenhut '56, producer.
The decision to cancel the show, which had been scheduled for presentation May 20 at the Joan of Arc High School Auditorium, came as a result of unexpected complications which delayed the production schedule. Difficulties Arose
After various difficulties arose, the Senior Varsity Show Committee, in March, sought sponsorship by the Yeshiva College Alumni Association in order to facilitate the production of the show. However, several obstacles were encountered in trying to obtain Alumni sponsorship.
Final agreement by the alumni to sponsor Otteleger was subject to approval of the show by an Alumni committee at a full rehearsal. The Senior Varsity Show Committee was reluctant to expend funds for the necessary supplies before final approval was obtained.
Since the rehearsal was not to (Continued on page 4)

## Heller Downed at Metropolitan In Finals of Oratorical Contest

Jacob Heller '56, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council, was defeated in the college finals of the Journal-American Oratory Contest. held Monday, May 7, at the Metropolitan Opera House. The winner of the contest, the subject of which was John Adams, was Cadet Ronald Weiss of The Citadel at Charleston, South Carolina. The other contestants represented the United States Merchant Marine Academy and Princeton University.

Spoke Last Year
Mr. Heller, who also participated in last year's finals, reached the finals this year by winning the New York City Regionals held at St. Johns University.
Also on the evening's program was the finals of the competition on the high school level.
The Freedom of Speech Awards were presented to the winners of the college and high school competitions by Richard M. Nixon, vice president of the United States, and Brigadier General David Sarnoff, respec-
tively. Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, acted as one of the judges for the high school finals.

The remainder of the program was made up of a variety of musical, vocal and dance presentations. A folk fantasy of the Revolutionary Period was presented by the St. John's College Glee Club. Scenes selected from the outdoor symphonic drama, The Lost Colony, by Paul Green, were also performed.
The Band of America, under the leadership of Paul Lavalle, offered a number of selections, including the finale of the 1812 Overture by Tchaikowsky.

## Joel Schreiber Triumphs In Election for Veep; Elect Mendy Ganchrow Secretary - Treasurer

Josef E. Fischer '57, was elected President, Joel Schreiber '57, Vice President, Mendy Ganchrow '58, Secretary-Treasurer and Alan Greenspan '58, Athletic Manager, in the Student Council elections held yesterday, May 9.

In the race for the presidency, Mr. Fischer polled 201 votes as against 176 cast for Nat Lewin '57. Joel Schreiber, polling 186 votes, won the vice presidency on the second ballot, defeating Louis Wohl by four votes. Sheldon Chwat '57, was eliminated from the race on the first ballot. Mendy Ganchrow, receiving 202 votes, defeated Joseph Chervin '58, who polled 167, while Alan Greenspan topped Albert Roth 181-167.

Mr. Fischer, a graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, where he was co-editor of the Elchanite, attends R.I.E.T.S. and is a pre-med major in the College. Among his school activities are Managing Editor of The Commentator, President of the Junior Class, Vice President of the Sophomore Class and a member of the


Joel Schreiber Mendy Ganchrow

## Fall Commentator Awarded All - American Rating By ACP

The Commentator has been awarded an All-American rating for the Fall Term, 1955-'56, by the Associated Collegiate Press, announced Paul Rogoway '57, editor-in-chief. The award indicates "distinctly superior achievement" and is the highest A.C.P. honor that can be awarded to a college publication.

Out of 35 bi-weekly publications of colleges with an enrollment of 500 or less, only three recieved

## the All-American rating.

The Commentator was especially commended by Mr. Richard W. Helgerson, judge of the competition, for "thorough" news coverage, "excellent" editorials, "very interesting" features, "very "good" front page layout and a "magnificent job" on headlines.
This is the fourth All-American rating The Commentator has received in its twenty-one years of existence. All-American honors were previously awarded to The Commentator in 1949. 1951 and in the Spring Term of last year.

## S.O.Y. Withdraws

From Y.U. Drive
The Student Organization of Yeshiva, at a meeting held Monday, April 30, voted to withdraw from the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities. The action was a protest against the distribution of funds contributed to the Drive. The S.O.Y. felt that some of the money originally designated for Keren Hamagen, the Israeli Emergency Defense Fund, should be given to yeshivot, P'eylim and Chinuch Atzmai.
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## Yeshiva Triumphs In Columbia Debate On Arms for Israel

## Yeshiva University, upholding

 the affirmative, defeated Columbia University in a debate on the topic, "Resolved: that the U. S. Should Supply Arms to Israel." The debate was held at a meeting of the Fur Square Club, in the Governor Clinton Hotel, Tuesday, April 24.Nahum Gordon '57, and Joseph Kaplan '56, presented a simple plan which provided for the sale of defensive weapons to Israel if Israel would pledge never to use them in aggression.

## Give Reason

"The sale of arms to Israel would show the Arabs that the United States means business when it speaks of a lasting peace in the Middle East," they asserted.

Citing facts and figures to prove that Israel is now defenseless, the affirmative claimed that although Israel would not have to have the same quantity of arms as do the Arabs, the quality of arms on both sides should be equalized.

## fencing team.

In the Senior Class presidential election, Herbert Charney, receiving 48 votes, defeated Ronald Rothman and Norman Sinowitz on the first ballot. David J. Hammer defeated Jay Rothschild for the vice presidency by thirty votes.
In the contest for Representa-tive-at-large, Reuben Rudman beat Herbert Schlussel on the third ballot. Aaron Friedman was eliminated on the second ballot, and Walter Newman was eliminated on the first.

Berlin, Becker Win
President-elect of the Junior Class is Moses Berlin, who defeated Leonard Shapiro and Joseph Singer on the first ballot. The winner of the vice presidential race is Alfred- Becker, who beat Jerry Wohlberg on the third ballot. William Klein was eliminated on the second ballot, and Leo Rubin, on the first.

Marvin Tokayer was elected Representative-at-large, winning over Marvin Yaged on the fourth ballot. Simeori'Schreiber was eliminated on the third ballot, Jay Korn, on the second and Seymour Liebowitz, on the first.

Sophomore Results
In the contest for President of the Sophomore Class, Bob Hirt defeated Joshua Gershon on the second ballot. David Levine was eliminated on the first ballot. Mordecai Gerstein won the vice presidency, defeating Bill Levin and Jacob Nusbacher on the first ballot. Raphael J. Levine defeated Jack Prince on the fourth ballot for Representative-at-large. Eliminated on the third ballot was Israel Bick, while Milton Tambor and Yehudi Felman were eliminated on the second and first ballots, respectively.
Hailing from R.J.J., Joel Schreiber, vice president-elect, attends R.I.E.T.S. and is an English major in the College. He is at present a chairman of the Y.U. Drive.

Mr. Ganchrow, the new sec-retary-treasurer, is a graduate of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, a student of R.I.E.T.S and a premed major in the College.


## A Purposeless Action

The recent decision of the Student Organization of Yeshiva to withdraw from the Yeshiva University Drive for Charities is a disturbing development.

At a meeting held February 28, representatives of the various schools participating in the Drive agreed that the money should be apportioned in the following manner: sixtyfive per cent for Keren Hamagen, the Israeli Emergency Defense Fund, twenty per cent to Yeshivat Bnei Akiva and Yeshival Hadarom and fifteen per cent for anti-missionary funds.

Now, some ten weeks later, the S.O.Y. has decided not to abide by the previous agreement. With the sudden withdrawal comes a demand for the transfer of all the money thus far collected in R.I.E.T.S. so that it can be reallocated according to their own judgment. This claim is unfounded. All funds collected previous to the withdrawal of the S.O.Y. remain under the sole jurisdiction of the Y.U. Drive, in accordance with its original specifications.

What is more, the S.O.Y.'s action was purposeless, since any individual may stipulate to which charity he wishes to donate his money.

We strongly urge the Student Organization of Yeshiva to reconsider its action, and to help bring this ycar's Y.U. Drive to a successful conclusion.

## Examinations Policy

The new policy of the administration requiring every instructor to administer final examinations in all courses has elicited much objection on the part of both the faculty and the student body. We have submitted the matter to careful investigation, and a full report will be published in the next issue of The Commentator.

## Admission Plan Committee

We welcome the appointment of a Special University Committce on Admissions to consider applicants for the new College admissions plan announced last February. The faculty members chosen to serve on the Committee are especially qualified for their positions.

We are pleased to note that the action of the administration is in accord with our recommendation of February. We trust that our other recommendations will receive similar consderation.

## A Word to the Wise

It is unfortunate that all the time and effort devoted to the presentation of Otteleger, the Senior Varsity Show, seems to have gone to waste.

A committee has already been appointed to write and produce a Senior Varsity Show to be presented next year. We look forward to a successful production in 1957.

# Changing Shower, Cold Pool Room Characterize Weekly Swim Sessions 

> "Yoaw! The water's too cold, Doc."
> "Get your hand outa my ..."

"I wouldn't use that brush if I were you; the last guy might a had peritonitis or something."
The above statements were recorded by a wireless, portable tape recorder belonging to its owner and inventor, who will remain nameless, Tuesday night, April 24, 1956. They emanated from a subterranean shower room in George Washington High School.

Weekly Shower
Of course, these statements might have been overheard on Monday night, April 23; but since its inventor only takes a shower once a week, this would have been physically impossible. (Let it be understood that his

## Letter to the Editor

## To the Editor:

I have recently returnned from Israel after a four month study tour, sponsored by the Hebrew Teachers' College Association in conjunction with the Jewish Agency.
I was quite disturbed by the letter appearing in the March 22 edition of The Commentator concerning religion in Israel. I feel that the authors of the letter were misinformed, and grossly exaggerated the situation. I have not found the Israeli Government to be actively interested in curtailing the growth of religious spirit there, as was implied.

## Majority Enfluence

It must be acknowledged that the majority of the Israeli citizenry is non-religious. Aside from the moral question involved, this majority naturally exercises the greatest influence on the country's religious outlook. Nevertheless, no anti-religious legislation has been enacted.

The religious problem in Israel can never be solved by any blind criticisms. Here in America it is very unlikely that we could succeed in wimning non-Orthodox Jews over to the Orthodox cause through a negative attitude. Similarly, in Israel, the only way to combat the non-religious influence is through positive education and the example of constructive deeds.

Taught at Maabarot
As part of our course of study, we taught at one of the oldest and largest maabarot (transient camps) in Jerusalem. The children live with their parents and are educated in government schools. Their parents voluntarily receive education at night. They are taught to read and write the language. I would not venture to say that the majority are religious.
The Mizrachi Women's Organization conducts a youth center in Baka, Jerusalem. They have succeeded in educating these children and teaching them hob-
bies and skills. Classes in cooking and child care are conducted for the women of both the maabarot and the community.

Feel Lack of Freedom
What does exist, however, is the feeling on the part of many immigrants that they are denied the opportunity to conduct themselves as they please with respect to religion. This is true of religious and non-religious immigrants alike.

The new system necessitates that immigrants be sent immediately to agricultural settlements or to new developments regardless of their religious beliefs. They are divided proportionally among the various political parties, the largest parties receiving the greatest number of immigrants. This often results in religious settlers being sent to non-religious settlements. The reverse is also true. However, some non-religious communities take the religious conviction of immigrants into consideration.

## Jewish Agency Opposed

Although the Jewish Agency is opposed to this set-up, little can be done due to the selfish interests of the political parties. The Agency favors a plan whereby the immigrant would be allowed to first settle down and orient himself to his new life in Israel. After this orientation period, the immigrant would assume the full responsibilities of a citizen, now able to choose the party which he believes will best serve his interests.
I have seen the Agency heads working hard toward their goals and have not seen their alleged cream-colored Oldsmobiles and Cadillacs.

My stay in Israel has convinced me that despite all the shortcomings and difficulties encountered, only in Israel can one feel the true spirit of being a religious Jew.
(signed) Charles Cutter '57

Yeshiva thinkers, for many a moon. Some have put forth the theory that the contact between the clothes and the lockers causes this phenomenon, since the odd aroma seems to become more pungent when the lockers are filled. However, less profound thinkers have other theories.

Herded to Shower
After the clothes have been deposited, their former bearers are herded into the above-mentioned shower room. An individual called Doc Brown, (obviously because of his persistent sun tan), who serves as morale booster, turns on the icy shower and the flock, wearing only inconspicuous patches of dirt, enters. The frigid water is quickly transformed into a deluge of scalding needles, the change carefully calculated to make general practitioners richer. Standing with a roll book in one hand and a red whip in the other, the chief student instructor then attempts to supervise the horde as they stampede down to the pool. Temperature Drop
Upon entering the pool room (the room which contains the pool), there is again a change of atmosphere. The chlorinated air is approximately 23.9 degrees colder than the lukewarm locker room. Immediately, many white towels begin to undulate, simulating the sorry spectacle of a line of deaf chorus girls dancing to La Gaie Parisienne. It is but a vain attempt to combat the cold. Having acclimated themselves, they gather around the pool to observe the instructors in their fat-melting ten laps.
Invariably, at the turn of the ninth lap, a familiar bellow fills the chamber: "Line up." What ensues is, from a psychological standpoint, the highlight of the evening. Each "merman" is filled with awe as he steps into line.

Begins Search
After a short pause, the Doc begins. His flaring eyeballs swiveling in their searchlight sockets, he scrupulously scrutinizes everyone. But what seeketh yon awesome inquisitor? Is he a Diogenes looking for an honest man, a Ponce de Leon in quest of the fountain of youth or a Dorothy seeking the blubirds over the rainbow? None of these! He is an inspector searching for dirty heels.

After inspection, attendance, Doc's inforriative lecture on the state of the U. S. Olympic Swimming Team and incessant importuning by the instructors, the affrighted aggregation of Yeshiva aquamen filter into the pool.

It is with unwavering confidence that Y.U. men claim that "Swimming" is the most unorthodox course offered west of Arabia. Unfortunately, the $U$, of Mecca offers two courses of a more unusual nature: Keeping Barefoot Wives Happy and Aftfully Teasing John Foster Dulles.

## On the Sidelines <br> Sound Mind-Sound Body Everybody Preaches it, Who Believes it?

For those who haven't had the misfortune of dropping into Yeshiva's depthis, The Commentator office is situated just around the bend from what is loosely referred to as our gymnàsium, thus affording me the opportunity to occasionally visit the grey cavern and to view its improvements. This has developed into an increasingly painful ordeal, not only because there are no improvements, but also because the darkness makes it difficult to discern whether the gym is open or not.

It's curious how our gym goes from bad to worse. If the stench, the stuffiness, the overcrowdednss and the filth weren't enough to adorn the home of our physical education activities, the failure of about half the skimpy lighting fixtures adds to the woeful spectacle of decrepitude. Of course this would all be understandable if the Tennis Team were working out for night games or if the school were getting a kickback from the local optometrist, but barring these advantages the situation is deplorable-not so much for its own sake, but for the apathy displayed toward it.

I was privileged to attend the very wonderful testimonial dinner thrown for Bernie Sarachek by his close friends in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments both in and out of Yeshiva University, Big name sports figures hailed Saracheck's talent, his "golden touch," enumerating his many successes, among which was cited Yeshiva's growing athletic program. What a shock these boys would have if they'd take a look at what he had to use as the basis for this program, Y.U.'s gym. They couldn't help but see the poorness of a physical education program forced to use such a place.

The keynote of the affair, to my mind, was the talk delivered by Rabbi Lookstein in which he expounded on Rabbi Kook's view that one who is indulged in building up his body is as much performing the will of God as the pious scholar, thus lending to an athletic program as : much significance in an institution of higher learning as a smicha program.

This sounds very appealing at a dinner, but with all due respect to the speaker it is only typical of our knack for backing up our high sounding words with meager performances.

True as it may be, men who actually believe that stuff about compounding scholarship with sportsmanship to yield a full individual come few and far between, though when pinned down, everyone nods at the idea.

A choser look would show this up as indicative of an attitude that goes by many adjectives and is quite plain. It falls in line with the way the big brass doors at the entrance always. suggest a commendable spit and polish while the classroom floors upstairs are less immaculate and the gym downstairs is downright sloppy.

Someday Yeshiva is going to have a top-notch athletic program; backed by an adequate budget and carried out in proper facilites. But we'll not see it until some more people come along who sincerely agree that a sound body is a requisite for a sound mind.


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Across From Yeshiva

## St. Francis Champs Beat Y. C. Seniors In Tournament Tilt

Ins the first round of the citywide intramural tournament, Y shiva met, and was defeated by, St. Francis. Yeshiva was represented by the Senior Class, which led the Y.C. Intramural League when the tourney began, while St . Francis was represented by its Sophomore Class team.
Playing at Yeshiva's adopted intramural court at George Washington High School, the teams found it hard to score. Three minutes went by before Cunningham of St. Francis scored a hook shot from ten feet out. Aaron Dobin of Yeshiva evened the count with an unorthodox jump shot, and this gave the "Mite Seniors" their only tie in the game.

## St. Francis Leads

St. Francis opened an eight point lead, 10-2, but Yeshiva fought back, and as the first quarter ended the score stood 10-8.


TIP OFF: Aaron Dobin '56 jumps against a St. Francis soph in intramural tournament.

Sloppy ball handling and poor rebounding on the part of Yeshiva enabled St. Francis to pull away again and six minutes went by before Yeshiva scored. Jerry Friedlander finally broke the ice, and with a :minute to go in the first half, St. Francis led 22-10. Two field goals by Reilly and a pair of foul shots by Gerbitz closed out the half, Yeshiva trailing, 26-12.
In spite of recurrent sloppy ball handling, Yeshiva managed to narrow the gap, as Morty

Repeat Performance

Gerbitz got the team moving and Marty Fingerhut started pulling rebounds. The third period ended with Yeshiva trailing by seven.

## Tension Ruling

With tension mounting, both squads played deliberately. The teams traded field goals, and then, at the three minute mark, Julie Berman, who had just entered the game, dunked two goals, and the St. Francis lead dwindled to two points, 40-38. But two foul shots by Weir and a field goal by Ryan of St. Francis gave them the winning score, 44-38.

## Busy Week for Y.U. Netmen; Defeat Pace, Bow to Hunter

Last week was a busy one for the Yeshiva tennis squad, as they defeated Pace, dropped a match to Hunter and took four of the six singles matches against Rutgers of Newart in a match which is scheduled to be completed Monday, May 14. Although the team was hampered by the/absence of Irv Aronson, no. 1 man, the bottom part
Y.U.A.A. Dinner

The Athletic Awards Dinner of 1956 will be held at the Little Hungary Restaurant in Manhattan, Wednesday, May 23, announced Mr. Bernard "Red" 'Sarachek, director of athletics. Guest speakers for the affair have not yet been revealed. Among the awards handed out will be the Annual Commentator Sports Awards given to a performer in each of Yeshiva's varsity sports. The student reduced price is $\$ 5.00$ a plate.

## lona, Brooklyn Poly Down Tennis Team In Varsity Matches

Yeshiva's Tennis Team was defeated by Iona and Brooklyn Poly in matches played April 17 and 19 , respectively.
A very well coached squad from Iona swept the first four singles matches and the first two doubles matches to down the Y.U. netmen, 6-3.
Seymour Hoffman and Simmy Schreiber, no. 5 and 6 men, respectively, picked up the two singles wins for Yeshiva and then teamed together to take the no. 3 doubles match.

## Valiant Fight

In the Brooklyn Poly match, the Blue and White squad put up a valiant fight, playing without the services of Irv Aronson, no. 1 man.
Captain Herb Hoffman, playing in the no. 1 position, dropped the first set, won the second and lost the heartbreaking last set, 8-6. Jerry Quint, playing in the no. 2 position, found his opponent too strong and dropped the match, 6-0, 6-1.
Paul Rogoway, playing in the no. 3 spot, lost the first set but triumphed in the second, only to lose the deciding set to his opponent. Seymour Hoffman put up a good fight, but dropped two close sets, 9-7, 6-4, to Brooklyn Poly's no. 4 man.
Zal Schrader was downed in the third match of the day to go three sets, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Schreiber Wins
Simmy Schreiber, no. 6 man, continued his winning sterak by downing his opponent 7-5, 6-3 for Yeshiva's only win of the day. - In doubles competition, Quint and Herb Hoffman dropped the no. 1 match, 6-4, 6-2. Schreiber and Seymour Hoffman split sets with Poly's no. 2 team, but the match was called because of darkness. Rogoway and Danny Harris comprised the no. 3 doubles team, but this match too was not completed.

The teams split points for the uncompleted matches, thus giving Brooklyn Poly the match by the score of 7-2.
of the lineup proved to be too strong for the Pace squad. Yeshiva swept the nos $3,4,5$ and 6 singles matches and the nos. 2 and 3 doubles matches.

Captain Herb Hoffman, playing in the no. 1 spot, was downed in the first set, 6-3, swept the second, 6-1, but dropped the final set, 6-4, to Ed Lowenfish, Pace's no. 1 man. Paul Rogoway, playing no. 2, was outplayed 6-0, 6-1 by Al Weingarten of Pace. Quint Triumphs
Jerry Quint, no. 3 man, had little trouble in disposing of his opponent, 6-3, 6-2. Seymour Hoffman was extended to three sets as he triumphed, 7-5, 4-6, 6.2

Simmy Schreiber, no. 5 man, completely overpowered his Pace opponent, 6-0, 6-0. Zal Schrader picked up Yeshiva's fourth singles win by downing Pace's no. 6 man, 6-3, 6-3.
In doubles, Yeshiva's no. 1 team was defeated in three sets, but Herb Hoffman and Bill, Levin took the no. 2 match, 6-2, 6-2, and Schreiber and Seymour Hoffman copped the no. 3 contest, also by a 6-2, 6-2 score.

Hunter downed Yeshiva 7-2, Thursday, May 3, winning four of the six singles matches, and sweeping all three doubles contests.

Bogoway, Schrader Win
Paul Rogoway and Zal Schrader chalked up Yeshiva's only victories for the day. Rogoway, playing in the no. 2 position, dropped the first set, 6-2, but took the second, 6-4, and walloped his opponent, 6-1, in the deciding set. Schrader, playing no. 5 , whipped his opponent, 6-2, 6-1.
In doubles, H́Hunter's no. 1 combination took the first set from. Rogoway and Herb Hoffman, 6-3, and captured an exciting second set, 12-10. The Hunter men also copped the other dơubles matches, thus giving them a $7-2$ win.
The loss gave Yeshiva a record of two wins and four losses for the season. The Ye shiva netmen won four of the six singles matches against Rutgers of Newark, Friday, May 4, before rain halted play.

One More Needed
The Blue and White need to win only one of the three doubles matches Monday to post their third win of the season. If the match is not completed, the teams will split points for the unplayed doubles matches and Yeshiva will be credited with the win.
Matches scheduled with Long Island University and Webb Institute, April 24 and 26, respec tively, were rained out. The L. I. U. match was rescheduled for Monday, May 7, but was rained out again and has been cancelled. The Webb match has been rescheduled for May 22.
The Y.U. racket squad is scheduled to meet a very solid Drew team today.

## Assistantships For Counselors Offered To Graduates, Seniors

Assistantships in counseling will be granted to a number of seniors and graduate pre-rabbinical students in the Residence Halls, beginning next September, announced Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, chairman of the Religious Guidance Committee. Preference will be given to students majoring in psychology.

In addition to a series of lectures on the techniques of counseling, the counselors will receive in service training in the field. They will also participate in tutoring activities and dormitory administration.

## Invaluable Experience

"This training in counseling will be considered invaluable experience for rabbinical students, and will be given due consideration in the placement of our rabbis," said Rabbi Morris Finer, director of the Community Service Division.

Counselors will be expected to spend about twelve hours per week in their counseling and tutoring duties. Their salaries will be commensurate with those offered by other universities.

Applications for the assistantships may be obtained from the Guidance Committee, room 218 ,

## Create Committee On Admission Plan

A Special Committee on Admissions, which will pass on all students seeking entrance under the new Yeshiva University admission policy announced last February, has been appointed by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.
Chairman of the Committee is Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, chairman of the Religious Guidance Committee. Other members are Dr. Menachem Brayer of the Teachers Institute and College faculties, and Dr. Henry Lisman, associate professor of Mathematics.

The Committee will determine the suitability of each applicant for the new policy. It will also have the specific task of designing programs of Jewish studies for individual needs.

## Club Notes

Chug Ivri
Lt. Issachar Ben David, of the Israeli Army, addressed the Chug Ivri, Thursday, May 19. Speaking in Hebrew to a large tunout of fifty students, Lt. Ben David noted that Israel has the best trained armed forces in the world, and is capable of delivering a decisive blow on a moment's notice.
The Israeli Army, revealed the speaker, is playing a vital role in assimilating newly landed immigrants and integrating them into the Israeli way of life.
Zionist Organization of Yeshiva
Abraham Stern '59, spoke before the Zionist Organization of Yeshiva on the infiltration of the Egyptian Fedayeen into Israeli territory. Mr. Stern outlined the tactics used by the Israeli Army in combating the marauders.
An organizational meeting was held Thursday, April 20, at which affiliation with the national Student Zionist Organization was rejected. Nahum Gordon '57, and Jerry Wohlberg '58, were elected President and Vice President, respectively.

## Chemistry Club

Norman Zabrowsky '59, lectured on "The History of Radioactivity," at a meeting of the Chemistry Club, held April 25. He was one of the few freshmen to lecture during this term.
Ralph Nussbaum '57, and Moses Furman '57, whose topic will be "Chemical Magic," will speak at a future meeting.

Jewish Philosophy Society Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, a rabbinical alumnus of Yeshiva University and the present spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Kew Gardens, addressed the Jewish Philosophy Society on "The Beliefs and Opinions of Saadia Gaon, the First Jewish Philosopher" April 26 in Riets Hall.
Rabbi Schonfeld stated that it is most unfortunate that Yeshiva students have a repulsive attitude toward philosophy, since so much halacha is based on it.

The speaker explained that Saadia Gaon wrote his book, Emunot $V^{\prime}$ deot, in an attempt to remove the confusion which existed during his period. In his work, Saadia Gaon proves the existence of God, God's creation of the world, the necessity of clarifying doubts and how to pray to God and fulfill his commandments.

## Eranos

Alcestis, a Greek tragicomedy by Euripides, was presented by the Eranos Society, Wednesday, April 26. Israel Pearlmutter '58, played the lead part of Admetus.

Alcestis was played by Menry Zimmelman '58, while Hercules was performed by Sheldon Chwat '57, with Gordon Stillman '57, taking all the minor parts. Freddy Lasser '58, and Joe Radinsky '58, made up the chorus:

The play deals with a woman who dies for her husband and is brought back to life. The moderator was Norman Singer '56.

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## Pre - Varsity Squad To Debate Monday In PhiladelphiaArea

Seven pre-varsity debaters will debate the affirmative side of the national topic in the Philadelphia area, Monday, May 14, disclosed Joseph Singer '58, president of the Pre-Varsity.

Debates will be held with Haverford College, Temple University, St. Josephs College, the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova.
The debaters are: Saul Berman '59, Aaron Friedman ' 57 , Mandell Ganchrow '58, Sidney Green '59, Jonas Prager '59, Yehuda Sorscher '59, and Milton Tambor '59.

## On Radio

Two varsity members spoke on the radio program, "Campus Editorial," on WINS, Sunday, May 6.

Joseph Kaplan, '56, Varsity president, spoke on "Sports in New York City," and "Has Tipping Become a Must."
"Gangsterism in the Labor Unions" was the subject of the talk of Joseph Chervin '58, sec-retary-treasurer of the Debate Society.

## Congrats

The Commentator extends its heartiest congratulations to Rabbi and Mrs. Hyman Shapiro upon the birth of a son, Elliot Marvin.

Also to Dr. Louis H. Feldman, instructor of History, upon his engagement to Miss Rivka Molotin and to Mr. Seymour Lainoff, instructor in English, upon his engagement to Miss Lila Adelman.

## Y.U. Drive

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Meanwhile, the Drive has netted $\$ 2700$ thus far, announced Joel Schreiber '57, co-chairman of the Drive. "The Drive has but a few weeks to run," stated Mr. Schreiber. "Only through the combined efforts of faculty and students can our goal of $\$ 3500$ be realized."

Stern College for Women still leads all other institutions of the University in per capita contributions. The Teachers Institute R.I.E.T.S. and T.A. Uptown are second.
"Although many of our teachers have contibuted generously, we are still awaiting a response from the greater majority of our faculty," said Mr. Scheiber. "This, combined with an acceleration of student contributions, will make our goal an attainable one."

## Get Well

The Commentator joins the students and faculty of Yeshiva College in wishing a speedy recovery to Mr. Ephraim Fleisher, father of Dr. David Fleisher. to Mrs. Miriana Braun, wife of Dr. Sidney D. Braun, and to Joshua Gershon '59.

## To Honor Rabbi S.K. Mirsky At Alumni Association Dinner

Rabbi Samuel K. Mirsky, professor, of Rabbinics at Yeshiva University, will be honored for his devoted service to the Alumni and the Jewish Community, at the annual dinner of the Yeshiva College Alumni Association, disclosed Rabbi Abraham Avrech 40, president of the Alumni Association. The affair will be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, Wednesday, June 13.
In addition to acting as Dean of the Israeli Institute and member of the Presidium which governs the Teachers Institute, Rabbi Mirsky edits the scholarly publications Sura and Talpioth.
Rabbi Mirsky, the spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Boro Park, is active in the Mizrachi Organization of America.
"Almost every alumnus has been the beneficiary of Rabbi Mirsky's wise counsel," said Rabbi Avrech. "He has always been ready to offer his assistance to any Yeshiva graduate."

## Psychological Clinic Administers Exams

The Psychological Clinic of Yeshiva University will now administer the Miller Analogies Test and the Minnesota Engineering Analogies Test, announced Dr. Boris.A. Levinson, supervising clinical psychologist.
The tests are required by many graduate schools, the Miller Test for psychology and education majors, and the Minnesota Test for those interested in engineering graduate school.

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 mention concerning examinations had been made by the Middle States Association when they visited Yeshiva in 1948, but noted that the number of final examinations now being given has declined "radically" since then."The established procedure is designed to improve the educational standards at Yeshiva," stated Dr. Guterman, "not only for purposes of reaccreditation, but even to insure progress in the future."

Dr. Guterman explained that the policy is concerned primarily with the lower division courses, with the exception of courses such as Bible, English and Speech, and is concerned less with advanced courses in the College.
"The aim of this plan is not to institute anything draconic," Dr. Guterman said. "We aim to apply it in a reasonable way."


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