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## Jacob M. Lebowitz Elected Commentator Editor

### Vote Michael Naiman Valedictorian; Three Dignitaries to Receive Awards

Michael Naiman has been chosen valedictorian by the Class of '56 from among the three members of the class with the highest averages. Mr. Naiman, whose average is 3.885, was selected over Stuart Adler and Charles Naiman. A chemistry major, Mr. M. Naiman came to Yeshiva College from Uptown Talmudical Academy. He will deliver the address, Tuesday, June 19, at the Senior Dinner.

Rabbi Israel Brodie, Ambassador Abba Eban, and Irving M. Ives, senator from New York, will be recipients of honorary degrees at the Commencement Exercises, Wednesday, June 20, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. Ambassador Eban and Rabbi Brodie will speak at the exercises.

#### To Receive Degree

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred on Rabbi Brodie, the chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, in connection with the current celebration by English Jewry marking the 300th anniversary of their settlement in Great Britain. The Chief Rabbi, who is coming to this country to receive this honor, also heads Jews College in London.

Ambassador Eban, who has been the Israeli Ambassador to the United States since 1949, holds an M. A. degree from Cambridge University in England.

#### Authored Law

Senator Ives, a Republican, was elected to the United States Senate in 1946. He is the co-author of the New York State Law against discrimination.

The Exercises will take place at 3 p.m. in Lamport Auditorium.

### Prof. Daniel Block to Receive This Year's Faculty Award

Mr. Daniel Block '46, assistant professor of Mathematics at Yeshiva and Stern Colleges, has been designated the recipient of this year's Senior Faculty Award, announced Herbert Gross '56, president of the Senior Class.

The award, which is presented each year to the faculty member receiving the majority of student acclaim in a senior referendum, will be presented to Professor Block at this year's Senior Dinner.

Professor Block's record of affiliation with Yeshiva began in September, 1942, when he entered the school, a wide-eyed freshman. Four years later, at commencement, he received the award given to the highest ranking senior.

Professor Block went on to complete graduate work leading toward his M.A. at Columbia University, under the guidance of the late Professor Riett, Professor Jekuthiel Ginsburg's teacher. Capitalizing on this coincidence, Professor Riett once remarked about Professor Block, "I feel as if I were his grandfather."

Professor Block went on to receive an assistantship at Yeshiva, which soon developed into an Assistant Professorship here and at Stern. Among his achievements are numerous original articles

### Talmudic Research Institute Headed By Rabbi M. Kasher

Yeshiva University has established a Talmudic Research Institute to edit and publish *Commentaries*, by Rabbi Joseph Rosen, the *Gaon* of Rogashov, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. Rabbi Menahem Kasher, who was awarded a doctorate in Divinity by Yeshiva, will head the Institute.

Transcribing the *Commentaries*, which is seven thousand micro-filmed pages long, will be the first task of the Institute. The project is being made possible by the conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

#### Unique Figure

Joseph Rosen, Rabbi of Dvinsk, Latvia, was one of the most unique and brilliant figures in the history of rabbinics. When he passed away in 1936 at the age of 78, he left behind him, in addition to the *Commentaries*, a

monumental four-volume analysis of the works of Maimonides entitled *Tsofnath Pa-aneach*.

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### Eight-Man Governing Board Selected to Serve Next Year

Jacob M. Lebowitz '57, has been elected Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR by the outgoing Governing Board, announced Paul Rogoway '57; outgoing editor-in-chief.

The incoming Governing Board will consist of eight members. They are: Julie Landwirth '57, and Joseph Silverstein '57, associate

editors; Joel H. Kaplan '58, managing editor; Abraham Shapiro '58, news editor; Joshua Miller '57, feature editor; Moses M. Berlin '58, sports editor and Meyer Edelstein '57, business manager.

The members of the eight-man Associate Board are: Yehudi Felman '59, copy editor; Elias Herschmann '59, assistant news editor; Emanuel Sternberg '58, assistant managing editor; Artie Eidelman '59, assistant sports editor; Jack Prince '59, assistant feature editor; Reuben Rudman '57, typing editor and Michael Goldberg '58, circulation manager.

#### Activities Listed

Mr. Lebowitz, the incoming editor-in-chief, was Copy Editor of THE COMMENTATOR this year. An alumnus of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, he served as Photography Editor of the *Elchanite*, the senior annual. The new Editor is a student in R.I.E.T.S. and a physics major in the College.

The new Associate Editors are both graduates of B.T.A. Julie Landwirth is a pre-med major and a student in T.I. He was Sports Editor for the past two semesters. The other Associate Editor, Joseph Silverstein, served as News Editor for the past year. He is a student in R.I.E.T.S. and a physics major.

#### Managing Editor

Continuing as Managing Editor, Joel H. Kaplan is a graduate of T.A., a student in R.I.E.T.S. and a pre-med major. He served as Editor of the *Academy News* and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Elchanite*, the senior annual.

The News Editor, Abraham Shapiro, was graduated from B.T.A., where he was Business Manager and Feature Editor of the *T.A. Topics*.

Joshua Miller, continuing as Feature Editor, is a student in R.I.E.T.S. He was the Editor of *Themes*, a literary publication in T.A., his alma mater.

#### Sports Editor

A B.T.A. graduate, Moses Berlin, the new sports editor, was Associate Business Manager of the *Elchanite*. A mathematics major and a student in R.I.E.T.S., he was Assistant Sports Editor of THE COMMENTATOR for the past two semesters.

The incoming Business Manager, Meyer Edelstein, hails from B.T.A. A mathematics major, he was Advertising Manager of THE COMMENTATOR this year.



Jacob M. Lebowitz

### Outgoing Masmid Board Elects Allan J. Scher Editor-in-Chief

Allan Scher '57, has been elected Editor-in-Chief of the 1957 *Masmid*, announced Martin Fingerhut, this year's editor.

Also elected to the Governing Board were: Daniel Chill, associate editor-in-chief; Paul Rogoway, managing editor; Nat Lewin, literary editor; Meyer Edelstein, art editor; Mark Beckman, business manager; Ronald Rothman, photography editor and Reuben Rudman and Marshall Luban, copy editors. All are members of the Class of '57.

Mr. Scher, an alumnus of Brooklyn Talmudical Academy, was Activities Editor of the *Elchanite*. His activities at Yeshiva College include the positions of Associate Feature Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, Vice Chairman of the Student Activities Committee, Chairman of the Food Committee, Vice Chairman of the Building Repair Committee and Associate Manager of the Fencing Team.

Raphael Levine '57, and Jay Rothschild '57, were appointed Associate Business Managers.

#### Establish Awards

The Yeshiva College Student Council has established an annual award to be given to a member of the Junior Class at commencement for "service to Student Council, character, and scholastic excellence" in memory of Joshua Gershon.

A scholarship has been established by the Class of '59 in memory of Joshua Gershon. The scholarship will be awarded annually to the freshman ranking highest in scholarship and character.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Joshua Gershon, president of the class of '59, passed away, May 19.

To reiterate his achievements would be impossible, and in no way could printed words describe his character. Perhaps the greatest tribute that could be paid him would be to say that were a student to be designated as one who exemplifies the ideal of Yeshiva University, Joshua Gershon would be that student.

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to his dear ones. May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

### Louis Wohl Voted Dorm Council Pres.

Louis Wohl '58, Benjy Samson '57, and Jerry Quint '58, were elected President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the Dormitory Council for next year.

Mr. Wohl, with 83 votes, defeated Erwin Katz '57, who polled 74 votes. Herbert Hoffman '57, dropped out on the first ballot. In the vice presidential race, Mr. Samson received 94 votes, defeating Joseph Chervin '58, who polled 67 votes, and Louis Taubenblatt '58, who netted seven.



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## In Search of Reason

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, there appeared an article on the new final exam policy in which Dr. Simeon L. Guterman explained the reasons for the plan, requiring every instructor to administer final examinations in all courses.

Dr. Guterman stated that the policy is based upon "faculty sentiment" and that the "overwhelming majority" of the College faculty are in favor of the plan. 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 honor fraternity, favors the "old-fashioned" method of examinations. He also declared that while the Middle States Association had made no mention of final examinations during its last visit to Yeshiva, in 1948, there has been a radical reduction since that time in the number of courses in which final examinations are given.

It was reported in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR that a careful investigation of the matter was being made. We present herewith the results of that inquiry.

1. The policy could not have been based upon "faculty sentiment," since 37 of 48 instructors questioned were not consulted before the policy was announced in a faculty bulletin, April 18. Moreover, of the eleven faculty members who were consulted, eight were opposed to the plan.

2. Regarding the number of final exams given now as compared with 1948, the number has not declined "radically" but, in fact, has nearly doubled. In the spring of 1948, final examinations were given in 26 courses, while last term they were given in 43 courses. Furthermore, in 1948, students were admitted to the College in the spring as well as in the fall semester, and therefore the number 26 for the spring of 1948 is misleading, since it includes both halves of some full year courses, e.g., finals were given in both English 3 and 4.

The fear of criticism by the Middle States Association is unfounded, since Sarah Lawrence College, a "progressive" liberal arts college where no final examinations are given, is fully accredited by the Middle States Association.

The results of our inquiry invalidate the reasons given by Dean Guterman for the establishment of the new policy. The results dictate that an immediate reconsideration of the plan is imperative.

## The Proper Course

We are pleased to note the opening of a German section for science majors, after much discussion. We trust that the administration will continue to meet its obligations to the science majors and to the entire student body.

## Religious Guidance

We applaud the excellent work performed thus far by the Religious Guidance Committee, despite its limited facilities and staff. The personal interview system has been successful. The establishment of several assistantships in counseling for next year should make the present system even more effective.

We understand that plans are now being completed for granting a more official status to the religious guidance program, and affiliating it more closely with the registration process and the College administration. These plans should further strengthen the religious guidance program and help it in achieving its aims.

Despite all the progress made this year, the lack of a course in Fundamentals of Religion is still a sorely felt need. Personal interviews and a lecture series can not possibly do all that is required. Guidance on the curricular level, in the form of a formal course, is necessary. We call upon the administration to establish this essential course.

# Dr. Litman Gives Views on Yeshiva After 25 Years of Instruction Here

By Martin Fingerhut

"Students at Yeshiva would not wish to have a slanted philosophy. They want to discuss, argue, and above all, understand." This was the answer to the first question of many put to Dr. Alexander Litman, who was being interviewed on the anniversary of his twenty-fifth year at Yeshiva.

Dr. Litman, born into a Chasidic family, came to the United States in 1921. In just two years he graduated from the University of Minnesota and in 1929 he received his doctorate in Philosophy at Columbia. Originally interested in Semitics, he was discouraged when his instructors informed him that he already knew more than they did, and was advised by them to turn to philosophy.

### Joins Yeshiva Faculty

And so, the stage was set for his arrival on the Yeshiva scene in 1931. "From the beginning," Dr. Litman continued, "philosophy was looked upon by small



Dr. Alexander Litman

minorities at Yeshiva in a suspicious light." In speaking of a possible synthesis between these minority groups and philosophy, Dr. Litman stated, "Synthesis is all right as long as nothing is taken away from either side. Those who have opposed philosophy will never be able to accept it in its own right, the only way acceptable."

In discussing the mental ability of the Yeshiva student, Dr. Litman felt that the average mentality is more absorptive than inventive. There is little initiative displayed by the majority of the students.

"The level of education in general in the last twenty-five years has been on the decline," Dr. Litman declared. "There is a certain something missing. Whether it is the emphasis upon expansion or the larger student body which is responsible is difficult to ascertain."

### Names Greatest Philosophers

A natural question to any instructor of Philosophy would be for him to name the philosopher which he considers has contributed the most. Dr. Litman was quick in answering: "The finest contributions to philosophy were made by three men. From Aristotle we learned analysis, from Lucretius we attained the poetry of philosophy, and from Spinoza we received the religion or vision of the universe. With the aid of these three great philosophers, a pattern was established for the attainment of philosophic vision."

As the interview was drawing to a close, the question was put to Dr. Litman that if he were given the chance to relive the last twenty-five years, would he again spend them at Yeshiva. His answer was in the negative. Whereas he did receive much satisfaction from teaching the students at Yeshiva, and has been gratified by the correspondence of many Yeshiva alumni who have continually kept in touch, there are other factors which overshadow these feelings.

"Economically speaking," Dr. Litman said, "college professors here are paid no better than truck drivers, although the responsibilities upon college professors are far greater. When I first came to Yeshiva I was paid about \$110 a year for the first year and \$225 for the second. My salary has increased during the years, but has never kept pace with the rapid rise in the cost of living. A man with a family to support finds himself in dire straits."

Dr. Litman added that Yeshiva College is the only institution of its kind that does not offer sabbatical leave. Except for summers, Dr. Litman has been on the job constantly for twenty-five years.

### Fought for Student Rights

In addition to economic reasons, there has been the aggravation from pressure applied on him by the administration for his activities in fighting courageously, and almost singlehandedly, for faculty and student rights. Time and time again the students have turned to 'Doc' for advice in their problems with the administration, and he has always been more than willing to help. "Many advancements in Yeshiva College have been brought about through the insight and devotion of the student body who many times un-

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## 'Pay As You Go' Plan Eliminates Need of Archaic Cards, Lines

By Israel Reiss

Last week, while fingering through the *Shaymos* box, I happened upon a crumpled piece of paper. The printed paragraphs were too faint to make out—all but two words and a small, seemingly itemized set of figures.

These stood out plainly as if engraved indelibly for posterity. The words were 'catalog' and 'tuition,' and the figures were bizarre. In my mind's eye, I could visualize the long slow-moving queues of students humbly bowing and scraping before the bursar's assistants of that outmoded era.

### Long Wait

They say that such students used to wait for hours before their money would even be taken from them. White cards carrying serial numbers (humility of humiliations) were then thrown to them in return. This was all many years ago. I can visualize this outrageous destruction of a student's individuality. It was an archaic system, dating back to the days of the feudal serf paying homage to the lord of the manor.

I thought of these unfortunate, tears welling up in my eyes, and I thanked providence for the streamlined system that we have today, the "pay as you go" system—a plan which has solved many of Yeshiva's problems.

### Simple Plan

It is really quite simple, and I often wonder why they did not think of it before they did. It merely involved the installation of turnstiles at all the classroom doors, and the student enters each classroom paying a small fee for each period of instruction.

Today, when the professor enters his class, he must pay the same fee. In this manner a great

stride has been taken toward giving the instructor and his pupils something in common, thus improving student-faculty relationships.

Scholarships are now awarded in the form of bags of slugs, distributed at the beginning of each term, consisting of sacks of different weight values. These depend upon the extent of financial assistance needed, i.e. a 3 lb., 5 lb., or 10 lb. scholarship.

### Minor Officials Relocated

The problem of making change was no additional expense. There were, in those days, many minor officials who did nothing between registration seasons but sit behind desks. They were rehabilitated and given honest jobs, manning strategically located change booths in the halls.

The plan, being successful in the College, was applied to the other branches of the institution. In the downstairs division, turnstiles succeeded in breaking up the hallway faculty conferences.

In the dormitory, turnstiles are now located at the main exits. The dorm resident, upon leaving, deposits his daily rental in the slot. There are, however, passage free gates, which are kept unlocked until 7:50 each morning (7:40 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays). By such an inexpensive arrangement, there is now no need for any guidance program whatsoever.

But no more of this. I must leave the *Bet Hamedrash* for lunch. When I return, I'll again have to feed the machine a coin. I can't go out in the mornings for breakfast any more. It would cost me a fortune. Every instant I feel that I am in a cage... in a cage. They're watching. I don't know who, but they are.



## On the Sidelines

By Moe Berlin

Concerning praise, there exists a paradoxical situation.

A person may merit more than just praise composed of words, which are dry and cold things. Julie Landwirth certainly falls into this category. Indeed, he has accomplished enough to merit more praise than my adjectives can give him.

With feeling and understanding, he issued a mournful farewell to Norman Palefski. With tact and subtleness, he expressed our views on the poor conditions which exist in the gym. Julie urged for and insisted upon a more complete physical education program.

Along with Shelly Chwat, he rediscovered the dying flames of Yeshiva spirit and fanned those flames until they burned with zest and vigor.

There is no doubt in my mind that all the things Julie started or revived must continue. All I ask of you is that you join me here, as I stand on the sidelines. There is no fun in being a lone spectator.

## Off the Sidelines

By Julie Landwirth

Well, what kind of a year has it been? No, it hasn't been a year like all years, especially from where I sit. In fact, generations of THE COMMENTATOR will always look at this season as the biggest pushover a Sports Editor ever had.

What a soft job it's been. All the headaches and exasperations characteristic of the position just haven't presented a problem. One might even say that this editor goofed away a year on his sidelines seat.

Where does a sports editor come off going through a whole year without a single plea for ballgame attendance? What ever happened to the "Our Slipping Varsities" sort of thing? It's no trick to pat backs when every year the misery of sharp criticism was the vogue.

In my own defense, let me say that being Sports Editor is the easiest thing in the world—all you have to do is pick the right year. If there are any aspirants to the job among the readers, let them take a word from the wise.

Get yourself a year in which the basketball team goes beserk and wins at least sixteen out of eighteen games. Make sure that something fabulous happens like a televised game with an audience of thousands. What's more, it wouldn't hurt to have a ballplayer or two elected to the All-Metropolitan five or even to a New York All Star team. That's the kind of stuff that makes a Sports Editor's job a breeze.

Now, if you really want to sit back and enjoy life, make sure there's a fencing team around that can win ten out of eleven matches, two years in a row. Just relax and watch them pick 'em up and lay 'em down, every time. Of course, if you're a pig about it, you'll wait for a year when something big happens like a new varsity opening up intercollegiate competition and tearing a cheering house down when they win a home match.

But perhaps most of all, be sure that student spirit is way up there. Before you let them stick you with the sports editorship, get a guarantee that all the home games will have capacity crowds, thus obviating the uncomfortable problem of asking people to come to ballgames.

Now, there are many advantages to this kind of setup. Not only can you have the greatest job on the newspaper, but just in case you do have a gripe you can give it its full measure of attention. For example, you might find that they're still using a bathtub for a gym. A word or two on the subject would be in order.

So if all the conditions I've listed make for an unusual year and a tenure of easy-going sports editorship, then my only hope is that Moe Berlin has an equally enjoyable time of it next season.

# Y.U. Tennis Team Downs Webb, 6-3 To Finish '56 Season with 4-6 Record

The Yeshiva Tennis Team downed Webb Institute, 6-3, in the final match of the season to give the netmen a 4-6 record for the season and a 2-4 record in Metropolitan Tennis Conference play. Paul Rogoway and Simmy Schreiber paced the Yeshiva squad to victory, winning in both singles and doubles competition. Rogoway, playing in the no. 3 position, trounced his opponent, 6-1, 6-2, and then teamed with Captain Herb Hoffman to win the no. 1 doubles contest, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1. This was the first no. 1 doubles win for Yeshiva this season. Schreiber, no. 5 man, won out in a grueling three-set match, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, and then combined forces with Jerry Quint to take the no. 2 doubles match 7-5, 6-3.

## Athletic Association Banquet Closes Greatest Sports Year

Climaxing its most successful year, the Yeshiva University Athletic Association held a dinner to present awards to all those who participated in its program.

The dinner, an annual event for the past six years, was held at the Little Hungary Restaurant, Wednesday, May 23. Aside from



**COMMENTATOR AWARDS:** Arnold Singer, Seymour Hoffman, Morton Wertheimer and Abe Sodden pose with COMMENTATOR Awards for outstanding leadership and ability in wrestling, tennis, fencing and basketball which they received at the Y.U.A.A. Dinner.

a deliciously prepared meal, those who attended the dinner were served with an opportunity to meet many notable sports figures.

### Introduces Dignitaries

"Red" Sarachek introduced the various dignitaries seated on the dais, and then called on each to present or receive various awards. Marty Glickman, sports-caster, Haskell Cohen, publicity director for the National Basketball Association, Ike Gellis, sports editor of the New York Post, Dave Weiss, a leading booster, and Rabbi Avrech were among the notables receiving and presenting the awards.

Dr. Hyman Grinstein, Registrar of T. I., presented an award to Hy Wettstein.

Among the recipients of the awards were two members of the administration: Mr. Louis Levine, treasurer of Yeshiva University, and Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, dean of the College.

### COMMENTATOR Awards

The various varsity awards and certificates were then distributed. Julie Landwirth was called upon to present THE COMMENTATOR Awards to members of varsity squads showing outstanding leadership and ability in basketball, fencing, tennis and wrestling. Julie handed plaques to Abe Sodden, Morty Wertheimer, Seymour Hoffman and Arnold Singer, respectively.

Josef Fischer became the first recipient of the Norman Palefski Memorial Award, for the athlete with the highest scholastic average.

## Letter to Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the student body for their cooperation in all the athletic events of the past year. At the same time, I would like to wish success to the new Athletic Manager, Alan Greenspan, in all his plans.

I can safely say that this year has been the most successful year for athletics at Yeshiva. This is mostly a result of the splendid records that our varsity teams have compiled.

However, the interest in intramural tournaments has lagged. Though there were more intramural events and consequently more participation by the student body, the general interest in them was not on a par with interest in varsity sports.

### Intramural Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Seniors	8	2	.800
Sophs	6	4	.600
Frosh	6	4	.600
Juniors	0	10	.000

It is my sincere hope that Alan Greenspan will plan a full-time intramural program. With the aid and full cooperation of the student body, intramurals will take an even more important place in the Yeshiva athletic program.

Sheldon Chwat,  
Athletic Manager, 1955-'56

### Other Victories

Seymour Hoffman and Zal Schrader picked up Yeshiva's two other singles victories. Hoffman, no. 4 man, dropped the first set of his match, 6-1, but came back to take the next two easily, 6-2, 6-1, for the victory. Schrader, playing in the no. 6 position, downed his opponent, 7-5, 6-2.

Hoffman and Schrader lost a close no. 3 doubles match, 8-6, 7-5. This was Yeshiva's only doubles loss for the day.

Herb Hoffman, playing in the no. 1 spot, dropped the first set, 6-4, came back to take the second, 6-2, but lost a close final set 6-3 to lose the match. Jerry Quint, in the no. 2 spot, was also defeated, 6-0, 6-0.

The match had originally been scheduled for April 26 but was rained out, and was finally played Tuesday, May 22.

### Earlier Matches

In earlier matches, the netmen were credited with a 5½-3½ win over Rutgers of Newark and dropped matches to Army and Drew by identical 8-1 scores.

Yeshiva took four of the six singles matches against Rutgers of Newark, Friday, May 4, before rain halted play. The doubles matches could not be rescheduled, so the teams split the remaining three points, thus giving Yeshiva the victory, 5½-3½.

### Captains Chosen

Paul Rogoway '57, has been elected Captain of the Yeshiva Tennis Team for the coming year.

The fencing squad also held elections for next season, and Paul Peyser '57, was elected Captain.

Mr. Rogoway, outgoing editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR, is a mathematics major, and Mr. Peyser is a chemistry major in the College.

A consistent Army team completely overpowered the Yeshiva squad at West Point, Wednesday, May 9, sweeping all six singles matches and taking two of the three doubles contests to score an 8-1 victory in the match. Seymour Hoffman and Zal Schrader captured the no. 3 doubles match for Yeshiva's only victory of the day. Irv Aronson gave a creditable performance, however, dropping the no. 1 singles match in three exciting sets, 6-2 5-7, 8-6.

Hampered by the absence of Aronson, the team traveled to Drew University the following day, Thursday, May 10, and bowed 8-1 to the strong Drew squad. Simmy Schreiber, no. 6 man, took Yeshiva's only win of the day, defeating his opponent, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

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## Club Notes

### Psi Chi

George Kean, studying for his doctorate in psychology at Yeshiva University, presented his study of "Dating Habits of Yeshiva Students" at a meeting of Psi Chi, national honor society in Psychology, Tuesday, April 17.

Mrs. Etta Kolodney lectured before the Society, Thursday, April 24, on "The Mental Health Program of the Jewish Board of Guardians."

### Club Elections

The International Relations Society elected Edward Steinlauf '59, president; Abraham Shapiro '58, vice president; and Bernard Silverstein '58, secretary-treasurer.

Marshall Luban '57, was chosen President of the Math Club. The new Vice President is Sidney Lieberman '57, and Charles Patt is Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Patt was also elected Captain of the Chess Team, while Louis Taubenblatt '58, was elected President of the Chess Club. Mordecai Koenigsberg '59, and Jacob Finklestein '59, triumphed in the contests for Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

The new President of the Photography Club is Edward Glick '57. Leo Rubin '58, will serve as Vice President.

Psi Chi chose Edward Berger '58, president; Julius Mandell '57, vice president and Gerald Friederwitzer '58, secretary-treasurer.

All elections were held Thursday, May 24, during Club Hour.

## First Variety Show Presented May 27

The first Yeshiva College Variety Show, sponsored by the Yeshiva University Athletic Association, was held Sunday, May 27, at Stern College. Louis Wohl '57, served as master of ceremonies.

The performers in order of their appearance were: Ben Turner '59, hillbilly singer; Stanley Seavy '57, vocalist; Chaim Fleishman '59, pianist; and Alan Greenspan '58, magician.

In addition, Izzi Schertz '56, sang several cantorial selections; Aaron Dobin '56, accompanied himself on the guitar; and Danny Sklar of the high school did a pantomime act.

Jack Glickman '56, was producer-director, and Jonas Prager '59, served as stage manager.

## I. Beilin To Receive Frosh Math Award

The Mathematics Department has awarded Isaiah Beilin '59, this year's Achievement Award for Freshman Mathematics. The award is given annually in the form of an inscribed copy of *Standard Mathematical Tables*.

Last year's award went to Tsvi Nussbaum '58. Marshall Luban '57, was the first recipient of the award.

Mr. Beilin, a mathematics major, is a graduate of Talmudical Academy.

### French Club and Pi Delta Phi

The French Club and Pi Delta Phi, national French honorary society, honoring Dr. Sidney D. Braun's twentieth anniversary as an instructor at Yeshiva College, co-sponsored the showing of *Ruy Blas*, a French film, in Riets Hall, Monday, May 22.

*Scrouples*, a satire by Octave Mirabeau, was also presented at the meeting.

Following the film, Pi Delta Phi elected its officers for the coming year; chosen were Herman Stillman '57, president; Meyer Edelstein '57, vice president and Larry Friedlander '58, secretary-treasurer.

The French Club elected Jay Braverman '58, president, Larry Friedlander '58, vice president, and Charles Patt '58, secretary-treasurer, at its meeting, Thursday, May 24.

### T. I. News

Literary awards were presented to Herbert Erlich '59, and Freddy Lasser '58, and an Art Award was presented to Herman Stillman '57, in appreciation of work done on the Teachers Institute Student Annual, *Nir*, announced Joshua Chorowsky, editor.

Two more scholarships have been granted by the Teacher's Institute for study in Israel. The recipients of the new six month scholarships are Barry Hochdorf '57, and Hershel Allerhand '58.

### Condolence

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Dr. David Fleisher, upon the loss of his father. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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## Green Heads SOY; Elect Press Veep, Reiss Sec'y-Treas.

Label Green '55, was elected President, Samuel Press '57, Vice President and Israel Reiss '56, Secretary-Treasurer in the S.O.Y. elections held May 22.

In the presidential race, Mr. Green polled 198 votes as opposed to 168 cast for Julius Berman '56, Samuel Press, running unopposed, received 308 votes. Israel Reiss, receiving 211 votes, defeated Mordecai Koenigsberg '58, who received 84 votes and Herman Stone '58, who polled 59.

Mr. Green, a graduate of Yeshiva College, was a Psychology major. Among his activities was his membership on the basketball team. A student in Rabbi Lifschitz's class, he is now completing his first year under the *smicha* plan.

Coming from the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore, Samuel Press, vice president-elect, is a sociology major. Mr. Press, last term's S.O.Y. secretary-treasurer, is now a student in Rabbi Paleyoff's class. He is a member of the Student Council Food Committee, was on the staff of the Coop, and was a member of THE COMMENTATOR.

Mr. Reiss, the new secretary-treasurer, is also a graduate of T.A. of Baltimore. He is a student in Rabbi Paleyoff's class, and a mathematics major. During the past year, he represented Rabbi Paleyoff's class in the S. O. Y.

## Elect M. Tokayer President of T.I., A. Aronson, Veep

Maryin Tokayer '58, was elected President, and Abraham Aronson '59, Vice President, in the Teacher's Institute elections, Thursday, May 24.

Mr. Tokayer, in winning the presidency, defeated Edward Berger by a margin of fifteen votes. In the vice presidential election, Mr. Aronson polled 42 votes to defeat Avrom Horowitz, who had eighteen write-in votes.

An alumnus of B.T.A., Mr. Tokayer served as co-editor of the school's senior annual, the *Elchanite*. In the recent Student Council elections, he was elected Representative-at-Large of the Junior Class.

Mr. Aronson, who was graduated from the Yeshiva of Flatbush, served as Representative of its Senior Class.

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## W.Z.O. Needs Reorganization Maintains Rabbi E. Rackman

"The World Zionist Organization is suffering gravely from the lack of a dynamic program which can justify its existence," declared Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis and assistant professor of Political Science at Yeshiva University, at an assembly held Monday, May 21, in Lamport Auditorium.



Rabbi Emanuel Rackman

"Since its inception fifty years ago, the W.Z.O. has actually been a government-in-exile. Now that its main goal, the establishment of a Jewish State in Israel, has been achieved, it finds itself with nothing to do," the speaker declared.

He, therefore, found the last congress to be quite a disappointing one—devoid of leaders with color and imagination in their efforts to perpetuate the world Zionist movement.

Thus, when, at the recent congress, Dr. Goldmann, president of the W.Z.O., stated his belief that now the purpose of the W.Z.O. is to stop assimilation in America, Rabbi Rackman was quite chagrined as "it ill behooved Dr. Goldmann, and an organization which is at best neutral toward religion, to regard themselves as the Messiah of American Judaism."

### Reorganization Necessary

What is needed, the speaker declared, is a vast reorganization of the movement, and perhaps the establishment of an entirely new organization. Rabbi Rackman, however, saw an obstacle to this, namely, the huge fundraising agencies, which prevent this change.

Turning to religion in Israel, the speaker referred to a letter which appeared March 22 in THE COMMENTATOR concerning prejudice against religious *olim*. He stated that it is quite true that prejudice exists. This is not, however, because of the present laws, but because of political rivalry, caused by "ward heelers" who are assigned to get votes for their respective political parties.

### Congrat

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to Aaron Dobin '56, upon his engagement to Miss Cecily Stolnitz.

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