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## Scholarship Dinner



Left to right: Charles H. Silver, Jacob M. Lebowitz '57, editor-in-chief of THE COMMENTATOR, Hubert H. Humphrey and Josef E. Fischer '57, president of Student Council.

## \$500,000 Award Announced At Yeshiva Scholarship Dinner

Yeshiva University has received a gift of \$500,000 from the late Morris Miller, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, announced at the University's Twenty-eighth Annual Scholarship Dinner, Sunday, December 9, at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Charles H. Silver, president of the New York City Board of Education and dinner chairman, delivered major addresses.

Almost \$200,000 was presented to Dr. Belkin by Mrs. Bessie Miller as the initial installment of the \$500,000 gift which will be used for scholarship purposes.

Mr. Miller, who was a native of Lithuania, was a leader in the development of Yeshiva University, serving until his death at the age of 74 in 1954. He had been active in many Jewish philanthropic organizations.

Israel's position in the current Middle East crisis was defended by Mr. Silver, a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

"We must face the facts behind the headlines and make them known," Mr. Silver declared. "We must pierce the propaganda which would brand Israel as a 'war criminal.' We must tell the world the truth—that Israel is

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## Dean's Reception Features 4 Plays

The program of presentation for the Dean's Reception, Sunday, February 17, has been released by Josef E. Fischer '57, president of Student Council. The affair, at Joan of Arc High School, will feature a faculty show in addition to three student presentations. The juniors will stage a musical comedy, entitled "Guys and Dorms or Guys and Guys," in the locale of a college dormitory. The sophomores will feature a satire on Shakespeare in general and his "Julius Caesar" in particular, while the seniors will present a dramatic satire.

## Dr. Levin Discusses Law School Studies Before 2 Societies

What Yeshiva students will meet in law school in the way of curricula was discussed by Dr. A. Leo Levin, professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, at a combined meeting of the Pre-Law and Sociology Societies, Thursday, November 29. He also touched upon the problem of the Jew in law.

### Sabbath Observance No Problem

Discussing the problem of keeping the Sabbath and *Yom Tov* while practicing law, Dr. Levin said that in governmental jobs as well as in teaching and private practice, there is very little difficulty encountered in that respect.

The professor also mentioned that there is, at present, a breakdown of the barriers to the employment of Jewish lawyers by many "first line" firms. He noticed that in law school, the problem of religious observance is not very great, since most law schools work on a five day week.

### Law Changes Proposed

"The law schools are also interested," continued Dr. Levin, "in teaching their students what the law ought to be. This," he said, "may be instrumental in causing a change in the law."

Professor Levin concluded his talk with some remarks on a new field of interest in law, "Law in the Behavioral Sciences." He said that many progressive law schools were going into this new field.

The lecture was followed by a general question period. After the meeting, senior Pre-Law majors were interviewed privately by Dr. Levin.

## Rabbi D. Lipschitz Talks at Chagiga; Grammen Recited

By Steven Riskin

The true spirit of *Chanukah* entered Yeshiva University Monday night, December 3, in Weber's Cafeteria. The hall was filled to capacity by Yeshiva students who sang and danced to familiar Hebrew and Chassidic melodies played by Judah Turner and his bearded band.

Irwin Borvick '57, acted as Master of Ceremonies and, after a brief welcome, introduced Henry Isaacs who rendered two beautiful Yiddish songs.

### Grammen Picture Y.U. Life

Of course, no *simcha* is complete without the traditional *grammen*. This was supplied first by two high school students and then, later in the evening, by Israel Reiss '56, secretary-treasurer of the S.O.Y. The performers presented a unique picture of Y. U. life and ended with the promise of more to come at the *Purim Chagiga*.

Rabbi Lessin, *mashgiach ruchani* of Yeshiva, was the first speaker. He stressed the importance of not forgetting the Torah—something which is possible even in Y. U. because of the presence of secular influences.

Judah Turner's rendition of the *Medzhitza Nigunim* highlighted the evening and held his listeners spellbound. The bearded rabbi-violinist portrayed all the depth, holiness and spiritual beauty which inspired the original composition.

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## Essay Contest

The International Relations Society is sponsoring an essay contest, open to the entire student body, commemorating the centennial of the birth of Woodrow Wilson. Dr. David Fleisher, professor of English, Dr. Aaron Margalith and Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, professors of Political Science, are the judges.

Additional information can be obtained from Mr. Solomon Zeides at the Polack Library.

## Dr. Pinkhos Churgin Head of Bar-Ilan U. To Address College

Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, and former dean of T. I., will speak at an assembly, to be held Wednesday, December 19, in Lamport Auditorium.

Dr. Churgin, who served as Dean of the Teachers' Institute for 31 years, was born in 1894. He studied at the *yeshivot* of Wolozhin in Poland and *Torat Chaim* in Israel, and at Yale University where he received his Ph.D. in 1922. His thesis was entitled *Targum Jonathan*.

He was named dean of T.I. upon its opening in 1921, and also became Professor of Jewish History. Upon his resignation in 1955, a chair in Jewish History was established in his honor, and he was the recipient of an honorary degree from Yeshiva University.

## Shocking Change in World Politics Highlights International Relations Society Visit to U. N.

Under the guise of a field trip to the United Nations, the International Relations Society made a great contribution toward world peace. The delegation, which cut classes Thursday, December 6, was headed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer of I.R.S.

The original plan was for the delegation to address a session of the General Assembly. This, however, turned out to be impracticable for the simple reason that the United Nations has no facilities for the translation of either Hebrew or Yiddish. A second, unimportant reason, was that the Assembly was not in session.

### Study Married Woman's Status

The Society did, however, attend a number of committee meetings. One notable meeting was on "The Married Woman's Citizenship Status." Here, I.R.S. lost one member, for as soon as that

member put on his earphones he got an order from the control tower for a quick takeoff.

Another important meeting concerned the census report on "The Population of Tanganyika." An I.R.S. member made the astonishing observation that there were 42 Jews in Tanganyika and only 57 synagogues.

### Report on India's Yeshivot

The Society secured a private interview with a high ranking member of the Indian delegation. It received an outstanding report on the progress of the Yeshiva High Schools in India. I.R.S.'s president, however, was thwarted in an attempt to secure an interview with an American delegate—she was married.

A break was taken and the I.R.S. delegation went down to the United Nations Coffee Shoppe, a high class branch of Weber's

## Set Jan. 15 Date For Dorm Opening Asst. Dean States

Students will begin moving into the new dormitory January 15, revealed Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, assistant dean.

As a preparatory measure, the Student Resident Organization announced at a meeting, Thursday, December 6, the creation of a New Dormitory Registration Committee to be headed by Yehudi Felman '59, chairman, and Joel Daner '60. The Committee will begin a drive to register all present dormitory residents who intend to live in the new dorm.

### Dorm Card to be Issued

For fifty cents, the registrant will receive a Dormitory Membership Card, which will identify all students entering the dormitory. The card will also entitle the bearer to engage in all S.R.O. social events.

At the meeting, S.R.O. intensified its Anti-Noise Campaign. "Noise is one of the major problems facing all dormitory residents," declared Louis Wohl '57, president. "If residents do not realize the importance of quiet in the dormitory, and do not cooperate with S.R.O., drastic action will be taken by S.R.O. and the administration."

### Noise Violators Reviewed

The Review Board met Thursday, December 6, to deal with cases involving violations of the noise regulations. Four cases were reviewed, of which one, involving three room mates, was referred to the Student Court; two were dismissed and one case was recessed until more information could be gathered.

Solomon Feder '57, and Erwin (Continued on page 4)

Cafeteria. Then back to work, with a meeting scheduled with the French delegation. The ambassador assured I.R.S. that France will cooperate with the Yeshiva College Student Council in all respects.

A marked change in international politics is certain, now that the U. N. has been influenced by the International Relations Society of Yeshiva College.

## Students Sought To Donate Blood

Students are urged by Mark Beckman '57, chairman, to sign up now with their class presidents for the annual Yeshiva University Blood Drive. Another record turnout is expected to greet the Bloodmobile when it arrives Wednesday, December 26, at Riets Hall.



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### Silence!

It is quite unfortunate that despite the current drive on the part of S.R.O. to eliminate noise in the dormitory, disturbances, if anything, have increased in number and intensity. Early morning escapades have become all too frequent.

It is true that there is a deficiency in recreational facilities in the dormitory, but this is no excuse for the lack of common decency on the part of many dormitory students as indicated by their actions of the past few weeks. The realization that students are entitled to sleep and study in quiet should prevail upon these offenders even in the absence of disciplinary measures through a student court system.

It is imperative that the dormitory residents make a conscious effort to promote harmonious conditions and respect each other's privacy and rights—partly, at least, by *keeping quiet*.

### Seek and Ye Shall Find

We are grateful to note that the Student Council has taken steps to coordinate the three Lost and Found offices now "functioning."

We hope that with the advent of the new system students will cooperate by seeing to it that articles found are turned in.

## Poor Manners, Excellent Acts Highlights of Stern's Chagiga

By Jack Prince

It is an old tradition among Yeshiva students that only when one finds himself in public must he mind his manners and behavior. The advocates of this policy believe that functions at which only Yeshiva students are present, whether boys or girls, can not really be considered "public."

A concrete example of this belief was the recent Stern College *Chanukah Chagiga*. The girls put a great deal of effort and time into preparing the *Chagiga* and insuring its success. The hall where it was held was a bit small for the crowd which eventually assembled there, but the refreshments and entertainment of professional quality had been secured at a high cost. There were numerous tables and chairs neatly placed about the room for the guests and hostesses to relax and enjoy themselves.

### Quiet, Please!

When it was time for the entertainment to begin, the students turned their chairs about to face the stage. A number of boys, however, remained standing in cliques in the rear. No sooner had the Mistress of Ceremonies asked for quiet, than sounds of mumbling, whispering and figdeting began to emanate from the

rear of the hall.

Dr. Menachem Brayer headed the program giving a short speech on the significance of *Chanukah*.

The ensuing performers were better than fair. There was an accomplished xylophonist and a popular vocalist of some recording fame. Surprisingly enough, the acts had nothing to do with the spirit of *Chanukah* for which the affair was presumably held. But this fact was not nearly as bothersome as the tumult which persisted throughout the performances.

### Yeshiva Tradition Reappears

Surely there can be no valid explanation in defense of our behavior at the *Chagiga*. It seems that the only "excuse" is the tradition mentioned above, and needless to say that is not a very convincing defense.

Quite a bit of labor goes into any Yeshiva function, whether it be an affair for boys only, for girls only, or for both. Whether these affairs are successes or failures is always a matter of opinion and can only be determined by the reaction of the group as a whole. But whether the affairs are run with the proper decorum and cooperation depends only on the individuals.

## L. Weber Survive Polish Labor Camp; Flees Red Hungary

On Sunday morning, October 20, one month and two days before the festival of *Chanukah*, Leon Weber, his wife Shaindel and his young son Csil Dov left Hungary in the midst of a revolution and set out for America. Here at Yeshiva College he was reunited with his brother Simon Weber and many members of his family whom he had not seen for many years.

Leon Weber, one of seven children, was born in the town of Papa, Hungary, in the year 1908. His grandfather was the revered Rabbi Neimann, and Leon learned in the Golanter Yeshiva until the age of 17. He then opened a machine shop, got married, and had two sons.

Suddenly, the Germans marched on Hungary. The inhabitants of the former citadel of Chasidism and religious Jewry became involved in a great holocaust in which thousands of Jews were destroyed. Leon's wife and two children (aged 6 and 2) were deported to Auschwitz—never to return. His parents were killed, and he was sent to a forced labor camp in Poland. When he returned in 1944, he was all alone.

Leon slowly began life anew. The new government encouraged private industry, and Mr. Weber reestablished his machine shop. He remarried and had a son.

At this time the Hungarian Communist Government was established. Once again Leon lost his machine shop, since all private industry was confiscated by the government. He had to work in a factory, and all people were forced to labor until 2 p.m. on the Sabbath. The Jews were given the same privileges as the Hungarians and there was no open discrimination.

The economic condition, however, was very poor, since all one's produce had to be given to the government. It was impossible to leave the country.

One Friday night everyone congregated in the streets shouting "*Russkie Marshkie*—Russians get out." This was the start of the revolution.

That Sunday, the Russians came. A 6 p.m. curfew was set and three Russian policemen constantly stalked up and down each street with machine guns.

The following Tuesday at 9 p.m. Mr. Weber heard great shouting. Rockets filled the air, and the sky became covered with a deep red. Four hundred Hungarians had attacked the armory! What would happen next no one knew.

Mr. Weber discovered that the Hungarian borders were open and decided that he must leave the home of his birth. The following Sunday, he, his wife and his son boarded a train in the middle of the night. Destination—freedom.

"I left," Mr. Weber said, "because of my son. I want him to be a great man in Israel, a *talmud chocham*. This he could never be in Hungary. G-d bless America."

## Appointees to College Faculty Offer Evaluation of Students

By Michael Kramer

This year, Yeshiva College has added four members to its faculty. Mr. Judah Schwartz, instructor in physics, Mr. Jonah Mann, instructor in Mathematics, Dr. Adolph Anderson, visiting professor of Chemistry, and Dr. Robert Lekachman, associate professor of Economics.

Mr. Judah Schwartz is a 1954 graduate of Yeshiva. During the past two years he has been studying for his doctorate and teaching at Columbia University.

In a concise analysis of the Yeshiva student, Mr. Schwartz characterizes him as "generally bright and generally lazy." A comparison to Columbia College students would indicate no intellectual gap but a gap in intellectual curiosity. Mr. Schwartz also expressed a desire to have more humanities required in the college and a consequent lessening of specialization in the sciences.

"Graduate schools are looking for well-rounded individuals rather than specialists in one particular field," stated Mr. Schwartz.

Mr. Jonah Mann has also come up from the ranks. A Talmudical Academy and Yeshiva College graduate, Mr. Mann was assistant to Dr. Jekuthiel Ginsberg prior to his joining the faculty. His relations with the students have been exceptionally good.

Dr. Robert Lekachman comes to us after having been on the staff of the Columbia School of

Business, the American Institute of Banking and Rutgers Institute. He is presently on the Barnard College faculty.

Dr. Lekachman finds Yeshiva students pleasant to work with despite their slightly greater inclination to concern themselves with grades than the students whom he has previously known.

He also found that Yeshiva students will usually do a lower percentage of a given assignment than will Barnard girls.

On December 4, Dr. Lekachman was the Sidney Hillman Foundation Lecturer at Yeshiva University. He spoke on "American Economic Stability: A Problem for the Wealthy." A few undergraduates were fortunate enough to be present at this belatedly publicized event. Dr. Lekachman was available during the afternoon to students of the College in order to counsel them in the field of economic education.

Dr. Anderson received both his B. S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He subsequently taught at his alma mater and at Geneva College and is now a member of the City College Chemistry Department.

Dr. Anderson conducts his classes at Yeshiva on an informal discussion basis. His evaluation of his students is very complimentary to their attitude and ability. He feels, however, that the competitive elements should be shifted from a desire for grades to a desire for knowledge.

## Shocking Information Divulged On Y. C. Whiskey Consumption

By Joshua Miller

Any Alcoholics Anonymous country-wide survey of colleges and universities would show that our undergraduate group is among the lowest in hard liquor consumption.

The only reason for our insignificant whiskey rating is that our student and faculty whiskey consumers somehow really do manage to remain anonymous. It is well known to this writer, however, that many of our senior dormitory residents, once they get the "itch," will go from bourbon to scotch to rye to Wildroot cream-oil in the course of a night's adventure. One unquenchable pre-med has compared the taste and effect of the *creme de wildroot* to that of an egg nog or Brandy Alexander, chased down with Dutch Boy Kitchen Enamel.

### Spiritual Drinking Legal

Another interpretation for our low rating on the survey has been given by a Sociology major who is using the information as a basis for the last term paper of his college career. He puts forth the theory that religious ceremonies are considered by A. A. to be part of a student's spiritual life, and therefore are omitted from the survey. The spirits of our students in any case, are plentiful indeed. Bottles of them can be produced from the most unlikely places for partaking in many a religious consecration.

Our Senior Sociologist has listed the religious ceremonies that keep our whiskey consumption out of the scandal sheets to be the

following: *kidushim* thrown by successful pre-med majors, *kidushim* thrown in honor of engagements, *kidushim* thrown by balding Wildroot cream-oil addicts, other miscellaneous *kidushim* and some good old-fashioned revival meetings. These varied sacraments are necessary supports to the spiritual life of any college student.

### Student-Faculty Hangover

Following these nightly holy binges, however, comes the morning, which brings many of the "orgiers" bleary-eyed to class, only to find that some of their professors are staring back at them just as bleary-eyed.

This writer looks forward to the coming month with the knowledge that the lives of many will again be replete with a religious fullness.

Almost all, if not every one, of the 22 pre-meds in the phenomenal Senior Class, are expecting to be admitted into medical school momentarily. Of course, for each acceptance, at least one bottle of holy haes will be donated to the cause. A good time will most certainly be had by all.



On the Sidelines



# "Memorial Game"

By Moses Berlin

The melancholy find a simple joy in remembering old times, and past occurrences. They sit quietly and think sadly. They find comfort by living in the past. But they can't live forever in the past. They must talk and act; work and eat.

Many of those who talk about the coach of Yeshiva's basketball team don't know him. There are legends—some true—about his half time lectures. People who are usually elsewhere when Yeshiva plays basketball talk as though they wrote Sarachek's material. They talk and they laugh, because they find humor in someone else's anger; it is funny to them when another is sad.

Between halves of the Pace game, it wasn't funny. It was sad because the coach was sad. His anger, though earnest, was but a mask for deep melancholy; his anger, though vehement, was but a covering for intense sadness and disappointment.

It wasn't the poor play of the team in the first half that caused the sadness. Sarachek's had bad teams before, and who is saying that this one's bad? You can't judge a team by the first half of the first game of any season. Perhaps there were indications that the team is in trouble. Blumenreich, the great ball player who didn't score thirty only because he had to pull twenty-five rebounds and because he was busy setting up plays, needs help.

In the first half, the freshmen and sophomores ran, as everyone knew they would. But they missed the simple layup, and didn't follow through on the outside shots. Perhaps something is wrong when your bench shuts up when their team scores. So the coach can admonish his team, pointing out their flaws. He can stimulate anger, and thus can light a fire under his team. He can work them harder during practice, demand perfection, accept nothing less. He can holler at his team during half time, which Sarachek does. But his anger was different this time, and there was a reason for it.

Sarachek walked into the locker room. Beckman, the manager, passed out oranges, and gave one to the coach. Grudgingly, he gave one to me. The team was hot, tired, sweated, confused. As people usually do when they are in this condition, they stared at the floor. Some dabbed towels at already dry parts of the body.

Sarachek looked around. He may have been looking for Sodden. Sodden wasn't there, but was somewhere in the stands. He may have seen Helfer in street clothes. For sure though, he knew what the game stood for, and the person in whose memory it was being played. For sure the coach thought of Norm Palefski, his player, his friend, his boy.

Sarachek looked around, and then said, "I don't, I just don't know what to say. I've seen bad ball played, but this is the worst."

He bit off a chunk of orange. "Marv," he said to his assistant coach, "I'm ashamed, I'm really ashamed. They see that "Red" is being double teamed, so do they move the ball? No. Instead, they start dribbling."

He was shouting now. "You want to dribble? Go play in the schoolyard."

The coach turned to one of the veterans. "You see him," and he pointed to a freshman, "he's a freshman so I can't blame him for being stupid. But you, what's your excuse?" One of the outsiders chuckled, but no one on the team laughed. "How hard is it to work an 'A' play? You worked them in practice, but you get out there, and nothing. I don't know what to tell you. You're playing mediocre ball against a mediocre team."

Sarachek pointed out that Blumenreich had scored points, but the others merely had managed to chisel out a few points. He was angry, and walked out.

Hershkovitz told the team a few things. "Move the ball around more. You can build up a big lead against this team, and force them to press." Hershkovitz finished talking to the team. The assistant coach knows what he's talking about, especially between halves of a basketball game. He rarely raises his voice. He talks slowly, quietly.

Sarachek came back in and told the team to get back onto the court. The reporter asked Sarachek whom he thinks should get the Palefski Memorial Award on first half play alone, and Sarachek mumbled a name that didn't sound like anyone on our team.

The second half started and Liebowitz, the big junior, scored a few baskets before he even knew it. The new one, Bader, pulled some rebounds, and Blumenreich set up the plays. The team pulled away and won by twenty. After the game, Sarachek walked into the locker room, looked around, and walked out.

His shouting between halves wasn't put on. It was real, because he felt it. He was angry and disappointed. He was disgusted with the team's play, and he had no one to talk to.

He was melancholy, but he couldn't sit quietly and think. He couldn't find comfort by living in the past, because it was now a new season, with new players, and some returning veterans. But one player wasn't there, and Sarachek knew it.

He knew it, and was sad.

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## Opening Game



REBOUNDING: A scramble for the ball during the season's opener. Blumenreich's hand is highest.

## Yeshiva's Stars of Yesteryear Meet with Today's Varsiters

On Saturday, December 15, the Yeshiva College Basketball Team faced the alumni at Peter Stuyvesant High School. This game was part of the Yeshiva University Athletic Association's effort to form a "Y" Club, which will consist of all those graduates who have won athletic letters in varsity competition at Yeshiva.

The alumni squad was coached by Rabbi Abraham Avrech. Rabbi Avrech is a graduate of Yeshiva College and in his college days was one of the mainstays of Coach Hy Weinstein's 1940 team. Among the former stars who competed against the varsity are Abe Sodden, who holds the all-time Yeshiva scoring record, Marv Hershkovitz, Artie Stein, Abby Gewirtz, Ruby Davidman, Denny Levine, Elihu Levine and Billy Tepper.

During the half-time intermission Coach Arthur Tauber's fencing team tested their skills against a strong alumni squad.

The basketball game begins at 8:30 and was preceded by a Jewish High School League contest.

## Sophomores Beat Frosh Hoopsters; Defense Sparkles

The sophomore basketball squad defeated the frosh five, 40-20, in an intramural game. This was the third victory for the soph hoopsters against no losses. The freshmen have won two and lost two.

The sophs, who have met the frosh five once before, appeared to be running away with the game in the first quarter. In the second stanza, however, Abe Davis tallied nine consecutive times for the freshmen to tie the score at 10-10.

After the half time break, a rejuvenated sophomore team, with the outstanding defensive playing of England and Bergstein and the excellent rebounding of Danny Mehlman, completely thwarted the frosh offensive.

## Kings Point Game Shows Necessity For Team Spirit

Coming home from Long Island after the Kings Point game, the team was discussing the Merchant Marine Academy's field house. Yeshiva had won its second game of the season (by the time this is printed, they will have played two more games), and though the basketball play wasn't good, they looked better than they did against Pace.

They were talking about the field house, where cartoons were shown between halves. The visitors' dressing room is directly below the basketball court and squeals of laughter could be heard as Sarachek berated them for their poor defensive play in the first half.

### Band Blares Out Announcements

The field house is large, and there were over two hundred cadets at the game. There was also a male cheering squad and a fifteen piece band, which inadvertently played blaring march music while Yeshiva's starting five was being announced. The result was that no one knew who was starting till the very last minute.

As he did in the Pace game, Blumenreich pulled in at least twenty rebounds. "Red" had four personal fouls early in the second half, but he didn't foul out. He did get some help under the boards from Irv Bader, who sparkled offensively as well.

Yeshiva plays next against St. Francis, at Yome. Without question, the St. Francis squad is the best Yeshiva will face this season. The Terriers have height, speed and shooting depth.

### Cadets Ever Confident

The cadets at Kings Point knew that Yeshiva had won last year in double overtime. They also realized that the "Mariners" had lost some fine ball players. Yet they were fully confident that their school would win the game, and though they lost, they are equally certain that next time they'll win.

Early in the second half of the game, Kings Point rallied to within three points of tying the game. The people in the stands went wild, their cheering squad jumped all over the place and some guy in back kept on shouting "Go, go, go . . ." until the whole place was doing the same.

### Kings Point Attacks

The Kings Point five was on the attack, and the cheering was just as important a part of that attack as any single basket scored. Though Yeshiva doesn't have a cheering squad, we have a student body which can and must support the team, if they are to be victorious.

As was said before, at this writing Yeshiva has yet to play against Poly Tech and Kings College. But by defeating Kings Point they moved into first place in the Tri-State League. The rough games, however, are yet to come. The margin of victory may depend upon attendance at those games.

## Swordsmen Thrust St. Peters College In Opening Contest

The Yeshiva College fencing squad defeated St. Peters College, at home, to launch the 1956-57 campaign. The fencers won 15 out of 27 bouts.

### Foiled Again!

Yeshiva			St. Peters		
Foil	W	L	Foil	W	L
Chill	3	0	Fordloczski	1	2
Chinitz	1	0	Kahn	2	1
Rothman	0	1	Ellis	2	1
Shapiro	0	1			
Kanarek	0	1			
Adler	0	1			
Greenspan	4	5			
Saber			Saber		
Katz	3	0	Dachowski	1	2
Peysner	3	0	Fredman	0	3
Danzger	2	1	Overko	0	3
	8	1		1	8
Epee			Epee		
Fischer	2	1	Robertory	3	0
Taub	1	2	Nowacki	2	1
Siegel	0	3	O'Brien	1	2
	3	6		6	3

Foilman Danny Chill set the pace, winning the first bout of the evening and also his other two bouts. But after Chill's win, the foil men proceeded to lose two in succession, somewhat darkening Yeshiva's hopes.

Sabermen Erwin Katz and Paul Peysner both won their three bouts, while Josh Danzger won two bouts.

Leading the epee squad was Joe Fischer who won two bouts. In the second and third rounds Coach Tauber substituted two men on the foil team, Kanarek and Adler.

In the second match of the season, Wednesday, December 12, the Fencing Team beat an unseasoned Adelphi squad, 19-8.



# Club Notes

## Eranos Eta Sigma Phi

Steven Riskin '60, and Hyam Wasserman '60, discussed the resolution: "The Synthesis Between Hellenism and Judaism in Alexandria Was Successful," in a symposium conducted at a combined meeting of Eranos and Eta Sigma Phi, Thursday, December 6.

The synthesis was merely a combination of two cultures, each one remaining distinctly individual, asserted Mr. Riskin in his presentation of a history of the Jews of Alexandria. As proof for his assertion, he cited the fact that although a synthesis did occur, the Jews remained orthodox.

Mr. Wasserman refuted this argument by showing that the combination of Greek and Jewish cultures led to assimilation of Greek philosophy into Jewish culture.

Morton Axelrod '57, president of Eta Sigma Phi, reported that the Eranos prize given to the senior outstanding in the classics will be named the Dr. Bernard Floch Award in Classics.

## Le Cercle Francais Pi Delta Phi

"La Synagogue," a poem by the French writer Guillaume Apollinaire, was the subject of a lecture delivered by Professor Charles Breunig, chairman of the French Department at Barnard College, before Le Cercle Francais and Pi Delta Phi, Monday, December 3.

A contradiction in the poem, which was not noticed by the many Jewish scholars to whom Dr. Breunig showed the work, was uncovered by the Yeshiva audience. The poem depicts a synagogue on a Sabbath during *Succot*, dotted with *lulavim*. The latter are not handled on the Sabbath, it was pointed out at the meeting.

## Chem Society

"Instead of showing metallic qualities, hydrogen exhibits properties analogous to those of the halogens," stated Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, instructor in Chemistry, at a meeting of the Chemistry Society, Thursday, December 6.

In his lecture on "The Place of Hydrogen in the Periodic Table," Dr. Soloveichik upheld his convictions that hydrogen

## Louis Taubenblat Chosen Lost-Found Committee Head

Louis Taubenblat '58, has been appointed Chairman of the Student Council Lost and Found Committee, announced Josef E. Fischer '57, president.

Mr. Fischer urged all students to cooperate with the committee so that lost and found procedures may be improved. The committee set up the following procedure: finders should turn in items to Mr. Baer's office; every two weeks a mimeographed list of all lost and found articles will be posted on all bulletin boards.

should be placed above the halogens, rather than with the alkali metals.

## I.R.S. Sociology Society Young Democrats

In conjunction with the Pollack Library, the International Relations Society will feature a display of books, documents, pamphlets and photographs in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of Woodrow Wilson's birth. The exhibit, which will be the first of its kind in the Library, will run from December 17 until January 1.

Dr. Aaron Margalith, professor of Political Science, addressed a combined meeting of the I.R.S., Sociology Society and the Young Democrats on "Woodrow Wilson," Thursday, December 13.

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## Orators Victorious In Official Debates, Topped by Toronto

Yeshiva University has chalked up a 2-0 record in official varsity debates.

In an unofficial debate here, Tuesday, December 5, the University of Toronto defeated Yeshiva.

George Siegel '57, and Joseph Chervin '58, upheld the affirmative of the topic, "Resolved: that the People of Canada Should Petition the Government of the United States to Annex Canada."

Yeshiva contended that annexation of Canada by the U.S. would be mutually beneficial to both countries from an economic, military and cultural standpoint.

The Toronto debaters countered by claiming that it wouldn't be advantageous for the U. S. to inherit Canada's many internal problems. In addition, the visitors stated that because of the U.S.'s inconsistent foreign policy, and the lack of true democracy as typified by Southern discrimination, the people of Canada did not want to be integrated into the U.S.

Dr. Irving Linn, professor of English, whose class witnessed the debate, was the judge.

Yeshiva's two official victories came as a result of forfeitures by Columbia University.

## Speeches by Feld and Brayer Highlight T. I. Chanukah Fete

### Talks, Grammen Mark Celebration

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The main speaker of the evening was Rabbi David Lipshitz, *rosh yeshiva* in R.I.E.T.S., who has recently been elevated to the Presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. His discourse was on the significance and the lesson to be learned from *Chanukah*.

Rabbi Lipshitz declared that we must dedicate ourselves to the study of the Torah and we must strive at all times to keep our religion pure. "We, the Yeshiva students, he stated, "are that tiny 'cruse of oil,' and although few in number, we shall eventually spread the word of G-d throughout the world."

After Rabbi Lipshitz's address, a smorgasbord was presented, the band played and there was singing and dancing which extended into the early hours of the morning.

### Scholarship Dinner

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an innocent pawn in the chess game of international intrigue."

The world might not today be on the brink of an atomic war, he said, if the United States, Britain, France or the U.N. had acted then and "stamped out the fuse that was lighted against Israel."

Mr. Max J. Etra, chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported that a record total of \$744,907 will be spent this year to provide scholarship aid for 83 per cent of the student body.

A Festival of Music was presented at the affair, featuring George London, basso, and Laurel Hurley, lyric soprano, of the Metropolitan Opera Company; an orchestra, led by Julius Radel, Hanoar Hazioni Dance Group, under the direction of Naomi Leaf and a chorus conducted by Sholom Secunda. The entire production was supervised by Leon Leonidoff, senior producer of the Radio City Music Hall.

Rabbi Joseph I. Singer, of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center, Brooklyn, delivered the invocation and benediction.

The strength of the Israeli people was the theme of addresses by Dr. Menachem Brayer, assistant professor of Biblical Literature, and Jerry Feld '58, at the Teacher's Institute annual *Chanukah Chagiga*, Tuesday, December 5.

"The soldiers of Israel who participated in the battle for the Sinai Peninsula as well as those who defended the country in 1948, are in every way comparable to the Macabees of old," declared Dr. Brayer. In addressing the *Chagiga*, Dr. Brayer also spoke on *Chanukah*, its laws and its importance to modern Jewry.

### Israeli Confidence Noted

Mr. Feld, who recently returned from Israel, where he was studying on a T.I. scholarship, reported on conditions in that country. He stressed the fact that the Israelis look with hope toward the future, and are much less worried about Israel's future than are American Jews.

Introductory remarks by Marvin Tokayer '58, president of the T. I. Student Council, opened the evening program. This was followed by the traditional lighting of the *Chanukah* candles by Edward Berger '58, who also acted as Master of Ceremonies.

A magic show, a buffet dinner and community singing rounded out the evening. Neil Berger '60, and Irwin Dryspiel '56, accompanied the singing with an instrumental duet.

The *chagiga*, held at Temple Zion, was attended by approximately 100 students.

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Katz '57, were appointed alternates to the Review Board.

Mr. Wohl declared that in the near future, a New York Times reading machine will be installed in the dormitory, with a Herald Tribune reading machine to follow. He also stated that the next film showing will be held in Riets Hall, Thursday, December 27.

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