

Recently, we have had the occasion to witness the lack of direction of the administration's dormitory policy in a clear light. On Sunday, March 9, about 40 dormitory students were notified to see Rabbi Klein before 4 p.m. Tuesday concerning their imminent suspension from the dormitory. Unsatisfactory minyan attendance was the cause of this suspension, which was to last for one week.

No warning whatsoever preceeded the notification, unless one feels that a mimeographed circular, distributed at the beginning of the term, stating that residence in the dormitory is dependent on satisfactory minyan attendance, is sufficient. It must be kept in mind, however, that such circulars have been regularly distributed throughout dormitory history, and since their terms had never been carried out, students had become accustomed to disregarding them. When students about to be evicted pointed out to the dorm administration that they had not been adequately warned, the answer they got was "we did not want to make this seem like a threat." Why

the administration should be so afraid of verbally warning students after they had already threatened them in mimeographed circulars, which they knew would be disregarded, escapes us. Furthermore, since the one-week suspension simply puts residents on notice that further delinquency of attendance will be followed by permanent eviction, it is as threatening an action as any verbal warning could have been.

We must also keep in mind that by taking eviction into its own hands the administration has violated an agreement it signed with the Student Resident Court at the beginning of the year giving the Court jurisdiction to decide on suspension of residents. Even if we postulate the premise that the administration occasionally acts upon, that a signed agreement is adhered to only as long as it suits them, the student should not be told at the time of his suspension that the agreement was abrogated.

Friday, March 14, a small announcement was put on the dorm bulletin board. It read

simply: "Any student wishing to participate in a seminar to discuss minyan and Tfila B'tzibur will please notify Rabbi Klein as soon as possible." This announcement followed an action on his part which pleasantly surprised us. Out of the 40 who got notices, only 10 were actually evicted, the rest receiving "suspended suspensions" upon presenting him with at least a plausible excuse for their absence from minyan. Of course, if their attendance does not pick up within the next two weeks, they will also be served with an eviction notice.

The administration's contradictory actions cannot but lead one to wonder. Why couldn't the seminar on minyan have been announced previous to the suspension? Doesn't the administration want the suspended residents to know about it? Or is it just another belated, half-hearted attempt at a desperately needed religious guidance program? These questions are now added to the ones we have been asking for years: Does the administration

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Ten Students Are Suspended from Dormitory; President Approves New Pre-Rabbinical Major

Exclusive

A pre-rabbinical major to start in September, 1958 has been approved for Yeshiva College by Dr. Belkin, president of the University. THE COMMENTATOR learned exclusively.

Dr. Irving A. Agus, assistant professor of Jewish History, has been named chairman of the committee which will set up the curriculum.

Chem Students Take Field Trip To Merck Labs

Twenty-five members of the Yeshiva College Chemistry Society, accompanied by Dr. Eli M. Levine of the Chemistry department visited the Merck, Sharpe and Dohme Research Laboratories and the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research located in Rahway, N. J., Thursday, March 13. The tour was the first undertaken by any club this year.

The Society, under the leadership of its president, Herbert Friedman '58, was provided with a guided tour through one of America's great chemical plants. The Society also heard a lecture given by Dr. Karl Phister concerning Merck's role in the chemical industry. Dr. Phister explained that Merck's function is two-fold in that it conducts its own research and also manufactures and sells the chemicals and medicines it develops.

The Chemistry Department has provided all students taking organic chemistry with plastic goggles to prevent injuries during laboratory work.

It's Ours



AWARD: Dino Constantine presents Blood Drive Trophy to chairman Bernard Silverstein. 201 pints were donated with The Wrestling Team yet to give.

Social Work School Expands Facilities; To Use Med School

The School of Social Work, the newest branch of Yeshiva University and the only such school designed specifically to train leaders for the Jewish Community, is expanding its facilities to include many new and modern techniques, announced Dr. Morton I. Teicher, director.

It will offer two new courses to be taught to its students at Albert Einstein Medical College. These, designated "Health and Disease" and "Psychiatric Information," will inform "graduate social work students about health and medical care problems, as well as with the complexity of clinical medicine. . . ." A course is also being offered in conjunc-

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Thirty Students Receive Suspended Suspensions

Ten New York City residents have been suspended from the dormitory for one week because of "unsatisfactory" minyan attendance. Thirty other students, most of them from out of town, received "suspended suspensions." This means they will be evicted if their minyan attendance continues to be "unsatisfactory."

Receptionist Appointed

Mrs. Ginsburg has been appointed receptionist at the desk in the lobby of the College Residence Hall, announced Rabbi Klein, dormitory supervisor. The secretary will take care of all inquiries and appointments from 1 to 5 p.m. daily.

The suspensions were issued by Rabbi Moshe Klein, dormitory supervisor. He explained that attending minyan two times a week would be considered satisfactory by his office.

When the suspensions were first announced, student leaders proposed that the students involved, instead of being suspended, be compelled to attend seminars on the importance of tfila b'tsibur.

This proposal was rejected by the administration. However, a seminar is being organized on a voluntary basis to discuss tfila.

The Assistant Dean, Rabbi Klein's immediate superior, told THE COMMENTATOR he was in accord with the suspension policy. He felt that the religious guidance program this year had been "adequate."

Student leaders pointed out that the suspensions were in direct violation of Residence Hall Regulation VIII in the handbook issued by the administration. This regulation states, "Repeated failure to attend services renders the student liable to disciplinary action by the student court." The supervisor's office, student leaders said, had ignored the court completely in this matter.

Council Severs Relations With Student - Faculty Committee

Student Council has severed relations with the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and has withdrawn its delegates from the committee. A resolution passed March 12 by the Student Council stated that, "The Council feels that student opinion is not respected at committee meetings," and that "nothing constructive can be accomplished by student participation as delegates to the committee."

Sidney Kwestel and Moses Berlin, former delegates to the Committee, explained that since their appointment as delegates they have been confronted with conditions that make any achievements impossible. Their resignations, along with a copy of the Council resolution, were presented to the committee at its regularly-scheduled meeting, March 13.

Assembly

Councilman David Ross addressed the student body at the first assembly of the spring term, Wednesday, March 19th at 3 p.m. in Lamport Auditorium. His topic dealt with religion in constitutional law, with emphasis on the "Sabbath Law." The "Sabbath," or as it is more commonly called, the "Sunday Blue Law" has for long been a topic of heated discussion. It forbids even those who keep their stores closed on Saturday because of religious reasons to open on Sunday.



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In Memoriam

THE COMMENTATOR sincerely mourns the passing of one of the most beloved members of the faculty, Mr. Daniel Block, assistant professor of mathematics, at the untimely age of 32. May his family and friends be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

AN EDITORIAL: Compulsion (Continued)

seriously think that a staff of resident assistants just out of college (in fact, some of them are still undergraduates) with no professional training in guidance can assist the troubled resident in the solution of religious problems? What are the aims of religious education—to see that the student is forced to go to minyan in his short college stay, and then, with the compulsion removed, never go again? Might it not be much more beneficial if, instead of outward compulsion, professional religious guidance brought about minyan attendance from inner feeling?

We do not claim that religious guidance will solve the minyan problem entirely. Minyan has been a thorn in the side of the dormitory authorities as far back as anyone remembers, and their continued failure to solve this problem is basically due to their treating it as a separate one. When will the administration realize that minyan is only a symptom of a much larger problem: the fact that synthesis, as found in Yeshiva University, is synthetic. The student cuts corners wherever he can, simply because it is physically impossible for him to do good work in both departments and still maintain his balance. The administration itself has defined

A Tale of Two Eras

Once upon a time, a person sincerely interested in the welfare of the university came up with a plan to end some of the student-administration conflict. Why not have a Student-Faculty committee to discuss these problems, he asked. The committee would have representation of faculty and students, and decisions would be made by a majority vote.

The idea was a good one, and had little trouble being accepted. The committee was set up, faculty delegates were appointed by the Dean, and student delegates by Student Council. The committee functioned as best as it could, but never was able to accomplish anything really far-reaching, as its decisions were always subject to the approval of the administration. Nevertheless, both students and faculty benefited from airing mutual problems, and both were pretty much satisfied with the committee.

Years later, a man who seemed to be liked both by students and administration was placed in charge of the religious guidance program. His work there was quite good, and soon a new post was created for him, that of Assistant Dean of Yeshiva College, in charge of student affairs. Both students and administration innocently applauded this appointment. Soon, however, the students were to discover that they had made a grave error. They had never imagined that a man who could be so sympathetic to some students could also be so antagonistic to the elected representatives of the student body.

He attempted to remold student government so that it would fit into the plaster cast he thought suited for it. The chairman of the Student-Faculty committee, long known

Impasse—2

The drama of Dr. Moses David Tendler and the students of Yeshiva University seems to be coming to an end. Student Council has announced its inability to deal with the Assistant Dean. Dr. Tendler himself has admitted that he has disassociated himself from council and its student leaders pending the findings of the Fleisher Committee. The situation has thus deteriorated to one of a man filling a post without a purpose.

We feel there is only one solution: Dr. Tendler must resign.

satisfactory minyan attendance as twice a week, a substantial concession to the thesis that regular attendance will produce students who attend classes in a lethargic, half-asleep half-awake, state.

We urge the administration to go one step further, and to realize attendance requirements must depend on the status of the individual. Some students may very well be able to go more than twice a week, and some may not be able to go even that much. We are confident that an individual approach towards the minyan problem will go far towards making the administration realize that maybe it isn't the problem after all. In fact, an individual approach towards all the problems of the university is the only way we can envisage to resynthesize synthesis. Let the individual students' opinions be heard! Let his presence be felt! Let him realize that he is not just another cog in the university machine! Rather, let the university make the student feel that it is aware of his problems, and is not interested only in presenting a facade of meaningless regulations to the outside world.

The university exists for its students, not vice versa.

as being sincerely interested in the problems of student government, suddenly found himself out of a job. His place was taken by a man who fully agreed with the Assistant Dean's convictions. In line with this attitude, the faculty members of what had originally been the Student-Faculty committee, but had long before been changed to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, held a meeting by themselves, completely excluding the students. The reason given by its chairman for this was that since the students come to the committee presenting a united front, the faculty has to present a united front to the students. He neglected to say, however, that the man who would instruct the faculty members as to what front they should present would be none other than a member of the administration, the Assistant Dean.

The situation of the committee slowly deteriorated. Student delegates were accused of disrespect for daring to state the very same opinions they had stated for years, before the appointment of the Assistant Dean. Student Council decided that it could not maintain its self-respect if it continued to send delegates to a student-less committee which felt that the students were nothing more than a thorn in its side.

Elsewhere in this issue, the news of the resignation of the student delegates is announced. Student Council will not send student delegates to such a committee again until a new committee is set up, on the style of the new alumni-sponsored Alumni-Student-Faculty Committee, which will recognize its student members as equals and student government as a basic necessity to the educational process of Yeshiva College.



Religion Sought by Israelis In Quest for Identification

By Norman A. Bloom

Ed. Note, The following is second of series on the Israeli scene.

What struck me most in my visit to Israel was the almost complete absence except in a certain few cases of a mode of life or character which can be pointed at and be said that this is typically Israeli.

This phenomenon, I found most surprisingly, is most striking when one visits the various synagogues

in Medinat Yisroel. I emphasize "most surprisingly" as I always assumed that it is religion that all Jews have in common. Yet, nowhere did I participate in services in Israel which can be described as typical Israeli. Thus, the form of services in an Israeli synagogue may range anywhere from the Congregational singing of a Sabra synagogue to the chassidic nigunim of new olim from Eastern Europe
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Maybe I'm Wrong

To The Editor,

On Monday, January 15, 1958 an article appeared under the "Maybe I'm Wrong" column in which charges were made that alumni is a "do nothing organization." It is gratifying to see that my criticism did not go unnoticed and that immediate action was taken to rectify the situation. The following has been accomplished: 1) The formation of an Alumni-Student-Faculty committee. The committee is composed of four representatives from each of the three groups, all having equal status. Its function is to discuss all aspects of student government and to make constructive recommendations to the administration. The two topics discussed to date were the GRE and the advisory system of THE COMMENTATOR; 2) Alumni Executive Committee's meeting with the class of '58. At this meeting there was an airing of the problems which the seniors feel are present in the Yeshiva, and why there is an apathetic attitude toward the Alumni association. Dr. M. Epstein, President of the Alumni, informed the seniors that the Executive Committee are discussing plans to gear their activities to interest the younger alumni in the organization. He further stated that a program of vocational guidance will be instituted.

This interest which is now being shown by the Alumni is an initial step in the right direction and I hope that this enthusiasm will increase as time goes on.

Shimon Kwestel

To the Editor:

In answer to Yeshiva:

"Is Brooklyn Still in the league?"

Brooklyn is still in the league and will be for quite a while. Brooklyn might not be as good as Yeshiva but we know how to lose on the field. As compared to Yeshiva, whose tempers and poor sportsmanship seem to show out sometimes when things don't exactly go their way. Yeshiva's basketball coach is quite emotional on the floor and some of the time neither the players nor the coach himself know what's going on. The minute Yeshiva falls behind, the coach goes wild, assaulting the players with words I'd rather not mention. Saturday night, March 1st, was one such night in which Yeshiva did not show themselves as good losers. There was a boot here and there, for which their own Coach Red Sarachek was ashamed himself. It is time the team learned how to play, win, or lose.

To a sad coach, who will try better next year:

"Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit and it leads us on a wildgoose chase, and is never attained. Follow some other object and very possibly we may find that we have caught happiness without dreaming of it." So better luck next year, Mr. Sarachek.

Stanley Lipnick, '59
Brooklyn College

Mystery of Chaver Solved As He Sails Off to Israel

By Steven Riskin

A month and a half ago, the tiny converted fruit store across the street from Yeshiva was closed. Suddenly, the familiar cry of, "Chaver! I've got a bargain for you" was silenced. Yeshiva's "Mendele" was gone.

The enigma had already been solved. The mystery which was Chaver Chaverchick, the great cloud of legend and fantasy which had surrounded the life of Yeshiva's "Mocher Sforim" had at last been penetrated. Chaver had explained himself.

Chaver was neither an oriental rug dealer, a Bohemian artist, nor a Yogi philosopher. He was merely a human being trying to find his place in society and to understand his God.

He was born Daniel Nathan Leipziger in Prasnyoz, Poland, the descendant of a great Chassidic family (the Voorkev and Modzistar dynasties). From early childhood he was fascinated with the prayer. "How great are thy works, O Lord, having all been wrought in wisdom." Chaver set out to see these great works of God, to learn about his creator through His creations.

"I always believed that God created the world for all to enjoy and explore with open eyes. The more you see God's works, the more you come to know the Infinite Being, and this knowledge brings love and belief. It is only that *emunah* which is based on knowledge which always endures. A person who has really seen G-d's wonders can never fall into the trap of agnosticism and doubt.

And so, though at times he endured many hardships, Chaver began to wander around the globe. In the course of his pursuit, he lectured on art in Italy, France, Spain, England, Switzerland, Israel, Egypt and India. (He received a special authorization as a lecturer in Italy with the name Dr. Leipziger. He also had a citation from France and Spain.) He spent some time with Rabbidranath Hagove, the famous Hindu poet, Mahatma Ghandi, and the Yogis and mystics of India. During the time a great deal of knowledge not only secular, which to him was incidental, but also the knowledge of G-d, came to him.

For a time, Chaver set up residence near Yeshiva University as a *mocher seforim*. To us he was never to be completely understood for he was a composite of so many strange cultures and societies. He appeared the perennial *luftsmensch*, forever wandering, proficient in any and every art, draw-

ing his livelihood, as it were, from the air.

January 15th, Chaver closed his store and continued on his travels. this time to Israel. "I shall never stop travelling," he said at that moment, "for it is only thus that I can continue studying and teaching others. I must try to accomplish my goal—to be a better Jew and a better human being in order to guide my fellow man to be enchanted with humanity, with mother nature, and with the infinite."

Social Work School Expands Facilities; To Use Med School

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tion with Adelphi and Hunter Colleges to instruct students in painting, singing, dancing and other similar arts necessary for good group leadership. General lectures on the theme "The Jewish Elements in Social Welfare" and visits to many social work agencies have also been planned.

Program Begins in Fall

Starting in the fall, the School of Social Work will also offer, under its enlarged program, a "Introduction to Community Information" and an "Introduction to Care Work," together with a general seminar for the final year students.

A seven week Youth Leaders' Institute course, designed to help train men for active roles in directing synagogue youth groups, is being offered by the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau. The course, to be held at Stern College, will feature workshops in group skills and basic Jewish customs and observances. It will run from Thursday, Feb. 20 to Wednesday, April 2.

The Department of Religious Education announced an extended program leading to Master of Religious Education, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, as well as diplomas in specialized fields.

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to the Arab-influenced melodious chanting of *aydot hamizrach*.

In their efforts to define or create the modern national Israeli way of life, as you recall, I stated that the secularistic-minded Zionists negated the religious aspects of Jewish life. Now, after 10 years of the *medina*, even they are beginning to discover their own folly. They now realize that what they have succeeded in doing by completely secularizing their children's education is to completely sever any connection that the modern Israeli may have had with the past—his history, heritage, and traditions.

Therefore, as the modern secularistic Zionist is striving to create a life that is typically Israeli, he has found the need of reintroducing religion into the educational program so, as they put it, their younger generation may possess a "Jewish consciousness." Plans are now being made that in the secular Israeli public schools, certain hours will be devoted to teaching *tfila*, what is a *tallis*, *tfillin* and so forth. What form this "Jewish Consciousness" will take, I do not know. Will it be a genuine revival and return to traditional Judaism only the future will tell.

What Israel is yearning to achieve now is to convert this kibbutz galuyot, a collection of exiles into a Mizug Galuyot a synthesis of exiles, a fusion of these diverse elements who during 2,000 years of exile have developed ways of life quite unique to themselves.

The striving for re-identification with religion is only part of the modern Israeli nation to create a modern life which is typical to themselves. What form this mode of life will take, whether with its Judaic basis it will be dominated by the Occident, Orient or a synthesis of both, again only the future will tell.

Debaters 10 - 2 On Tours; Four Elevated to Varsity

The Yeshiva University Debating team won ten matches while losing only two on the annual spring term tour, announced, Joe Chervin, president of the Debating Society.

The National Debating Topic, Resolved: Requirement of Membership in a Labor Organization as a Condition of Employment should be Illegal. Four teams were sent out to debate with major colleges in the East and Midwest.

On the week prior to the tour the Society elevated Mendy Ganchrow '58, Jerrold Neugeborn '60, Steve Riskin '60 and Jerry Wohlberg '58, to the Varsity Debating Team.

The mid-western tour was undefeated in five debates as Joe Chervin '58 and Abe Shapiro '58 downed the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, and the University of Detroit.

Abe Gafni '60, Jack Finkelstein '59, Jerry Neugeborn '60 and Jerry Wohlberg '58 defeated Northeastern, Merrimack, Wellsley and lost to Boston College as they compiled a three and one record in the Boston tour.

Gerry Blidstein '60, Marty Gordon '60, and Steve Riskin '60 had a three and one record on the

New York State tour as they defeated LeMoyne, University of Syracuse and Cortland State Teachers, and were downed by Niagara University.

The Washington-Baltimore tour with Lawrence Halpern '60, Yashar '59 and Mendy Ganchrow '58 ran a rash of non-decisional debates, the nemesis of all debating teams. It defeated Loyola in its only decisional debate.

Joe Chervin '58, and Abe Shapiro '58, defending the negative side, defeated Johns Hopkins at Baltimore, in a debate held at Congregation Sharey Tefiloh, on March 12th.

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Disappointing Season Ends; YU Looks to Better Hoop Year

After what has seemed like an eternity, the 1957-58 Yeshiva University basketball season has come to an end. The coach is relieved. The players are relieved and the fans are relieved. No longer do they have to attend sloppily played basketball games. No longer do they have to give up Saturday nights to watch the opposition, whether it is a superior or an inferior team, beat the Mites. The year ended with the Mites losing to Brooklyn and thereby compiling a 9-12 record. We began by losing and stopped by losing.

At the start of the year great things were predicted for Yeshiva. We were supposed to have a tough, but nevertheless, winning season. We were expected to lose to St. Francis and we did. We were expected to give Army a fight—but we didn't, and Adelphi—it wasn't even in our class—trounced us. Nice start. Three successive losses. What happened?

The statistics speak for themselves. The shooting, both from

the floor and the foul-line, was pitiful for the greater part of the season. The rebounding was poor. Nobody averaged even ten boards a game. The teams "big men" began to play presentable ball in the latter part of the season. Defensively we were miserable. At Adelphi we lost the ball well over 20 times in the second half alone. We let our smaller opponents drive through repeatedly for lay-ups—and it seemed that we didn't even try to stop them.

Individually, there were few ball players who lived up to pre-season predictions. After watching Gary Baum for a full season this writer can say that he is no Blumenreich. Nissim Wernick started the year badly. Badian slackened off in the latter part of the year as did Steinmetz.

However, there were some players who did perform well. Otherwise, how could we have racked up 9 wins? Ader and Bader scored well and Willy Goldstein fought hard all the time. At times, especially towards the end of the year, some of the players came out of "hibernation" to give top-notch exhibitions. But as they say in Broo ... oops! I mean in Los Angeles—"Wait 'till next year!"

Winningest Team--Fencers Trip Poly For Fourth in Row

The Yeshiva College fencing team won its fourth consecutive victory and seventh in eight attempts by defeating Brooklyn Poly 15-12. The match was held in the loser's gymnasium.

Jules Rosenberg drew first blood for the Washington Heights swordsmen, and his teammates fol-

Yeshiva		Brooklyn Poly	
Foil	W L	Foil	W L
Rosenberg	3 0	Hirsch	2 1
Nusbacher	1 2	Glaser	0 3
Chinitz	2 1	Kelly	0 1
		Kraisch	1 1
	6 3		3 6
Saber		Saber	
Joseph	2 1	Martens	1 2
Rhine	2 0	Sadowy	1 2
Dyckman	0 3	Wilson	3 0
Kobrin	0 1		
	4 5		5 4
Epee		Epee	
Finkelstein	2 0	Catherio	2 1
Shapiro	1 1	Brooks	1 2
Aronson	1 2	Schiffer	1 0
Greenspan	1 0		
Hornbliss	0 1		
	5 4		4 5

lowed in fine style by sweeping eight of the first nine bouts. At this point, it seemed highly probable that Yeshiva might clinch the victory in the second round as they had done against Farleigh Dickens and Brooklyn College.

Brooklyn Poly, however, gamely fought back and took five of the next nine matches to bring the score to 12-6. In the last round the Yeshiva fencers were still unable to regain the form with which they had established their lead.

Joseph Clinches Match

With the score 13-9, and the home team threatening to upset Yeshiva, Herbie Joseph, served up the victory by defeating Poly's Sadowy, 5-4.

The victors were led by Jules Rosenberg, with three foil victories. Howie Rhine and Jack Finkelstein led the saber and epee squads respectively, with 2-0 tallies. Finkelstein thus extended his winning streak to eleven straight.



BROOKLYN'S Gaetani looks as Yeshiva's Goldstein shoots.

Yeshiva Sponsors Israel Summer Trip

The second annual Yeshiva University Summer Institute in Israel will hold sessions from July 9th to August 22nd. The program of studies includes tours of Israel from Dan to Ber-Sheba, meetings with prominent Israeli leaders, as well as other educational religious and social activities. The cost of the program \$825, includes round-trip plane fares, all meals and accommodations, and the full course of activities. Boys and girls aged 15 to 18 may obtain application blanks and further information from the Youth Bureau.

Reshevsky Downs All 30 In Return to Alma Mater

Monarchy returned to Yeshiva on March 11th. Kings and Queens reigned. They were protected by an army of pawns and knights and bishops guarded their castles.

On that night Mr. Reshevsky played a simultaneous exhibition against 30 Y.U. chessmen.

Surrounded by a ring of tables, he walked for miles. At first it seemed that he wouldn't stop but



GRAND MASTER Samuel Reshevsky (r.) plays Louis Taubenblat as Jerry Frankel, Sheldon Friedman and Charles Patt (l. to r.) look on.

It was not a return to medieval days. It was the return of chess ace, Samuel Reshevsky to his alma

once in a while he was plagued by an opponents game and he had to stop—for at least 10 seconds.

On The Sidelines



What Price Glory?

By Artie Edelman

A small but significant detail, not to be overlooked by the interested observers of the Yeshiva scene, is the fact that with the graduation of Ira Steinmetz there will remain but two members of the varsity basketball team who attend either the Teachers Institute or Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. The remaining players, all graduates of the Public High School System, attend the newly formed Jewish Studies Program.

This change in face and tenor of Yeshiva University's basketball squad is not particularly startling, in the light of what has been going on as Yeshiva reaches for the big time. In their quest for glory, the organizers of the Mites have reasoned that material from the Metropolitan Jewish High School League alone would not suffice. Thus the sources have changed and as a result so has the team.

The numerical reality of this change is harsh. Two years ago the ratio of P.S.A.L. graduate to those of the Met. Jewish H. S. was exactly reverse of what it is today. This has been the product of the evolution of Yeshiva University. I myself can remember the boxscores of my freshmen days and recall names like Sodden, Teicher, Helfer, Blumenreich, Schluskel, Listowsky, Mehlman, Bergstein, and Bursky, all but one students of R.I.E.T.S. or T.I. That season the varsity compiled a 16-2 record. In the course of three years all the members have graduated or have left the team.

The supporters of the new trend have hoped, at best, to produce a team of glory. But I feel that this past season did not particularly nourish their hopes. What is even worse, in my opinion, is that the basketball team, long a means of propaganda and a matter of public relations to Yeshiva University, has lost its positive value. Can we honestly say to ourselves that the present varsity is, as a whole, representative of Yeshiva University?

As with everything else at Y.U., sports takes on more than its intrinsic importance. Success in competition alone is not the only guide we use in measuring the value of our teams. It does not take much understanding on ones part to realize that when the Yeshiva University basketball team travels to Pennsylvania, much more is at stake than just the winning or losing of the game.

The present situation is lightly, but ominously reminiscent of the incident which occurred at the past Youth Festival in Moscow. The contingent of Israeli youth who visited Russia was warmly greeted and accepted by the Jews of Moscow. For the first time in many a year people were not ashamed to be Jews in public. Hundreds of our Russian brethren traveled sizeable distances just to glimpse the youth of the newborn state. Inadvertently, the group was invited to spend Shabbos morning in the Moscow synagogue. However, when called for Aliyoth the youth stood open-mouthed and ashamed, as none knew how to recite the brachos over the Torah. They were ignorant of the basic traditions of Jewry.

I hope that the readers of this column do not misunderstand my words. Criticism here is not directed to the Jewish Studies Program as such and surely not to any of the personalities concerned with this program. The final merits of the J.S.P. have yet to be evaluated, but no one will deny its measured value.

However, my concern is with the basketball team and its place in Yeshiva University, its place in the college body and its value as a "Yeshiva" team. To win is fine, they say, but what price glory?

Composite Box Score

	G	FG	F	Reb.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
Bader	21	128	98	131	6.2	364	17.3
Ader	21	162	44	208	9.9	362	17.2
Goldstein	20	85	47	99	5.0	207	10.4
Wernick	21	76	37	167	8.0	199	9.5
Baum	21	47	29	133	6.5	134	6.4
Badian	21	46	33	136	6.5	132	6.3
Steinmetz	21	39	28	82	3.9	123	5.9
Grossman	10	14	0	—	—	28	2.8
Korngold	19	17	4	—	—	38	2.0
Sarinsky	20	14	10	—	—	38	1.9

As the exhibition progressed and the Y.U. challengers began falling by the way-side Mr. Reshevsky declined the use of a wheelchair. Spectators were wondering how many hours of road work this great master did in a day in order to keep in shape for such strenuous performances. But after 2 hours and 25 opponents, he settled down to a serious game. The time was 10:03 and he had to make a 10:30 train. So, after a few deft moves he shook hands with his last opponent who lasted for 54 moves.

At about 3 a.m. most of the contestants had figured out that if they hadn't made this move and if Reshevsky hadn't made that move they would have won. But, after all—he did have the advantage of playing while on all-boards.

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