

Rabbi Soloveitchik Authors Philosophical Judaic Essays

Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University, is the author of three essays soon to be released in a booklet series on "Studies in Torah Judaism," announced Dr. Leon Stitskin, editor of the project and director of Community Relations at Yeshiva University.

The booklets, designed to offer a rational explanation of Judaism based on Biblical and philosophical sources, are being authored by noted rabbis educators and scholars.

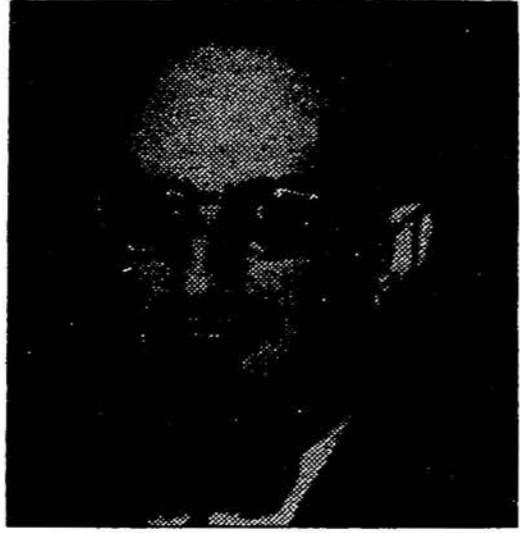
"The Philosophy of Purpose" by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, devoted to the philosophy of Judaism, its concepts and applications, was the first essay to be published.

Four Attitudes

Dr. Stitskin, in his introduction to the series, stated that its purpose is "to explore four primary areas around which revolved the essential structure of Judaism." He lists various "attitudes": our attitude toward the unknown; our attitude toward the revealed world; our attitude toward the people of Israel, and our attitude toward human personality.

Other booklets on the offing are: "Sabbath and Festivals in the Modern Age" by Dr. Emmanuel Rackman, associate professor of Political Science at the University; "The Kaddish-Man's Reply to the Problem of Evil" by Rabbi Maryin Luban, spiritual leader of

the Young Israel of Forest Hills, N. Y.; "Philosophic Foundations in the Bible," by Dr. Stitskin; "The American Jew—A Sociological Study," by Dr. Bernard Lander, director of the University's Bernard Revel Graduate School, and "The Ethics of Judaism," by Gershon Churgin, professor of Hebrew and Jewish philosophy at the University.



Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik

Also, "The Bible as Interpreted by Rabbinic Literature," by Dr. Samuel K. Mirsky, professor of Rabbinics, Yeshiva University; "The Stream of Jewish History," by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, director of the University's adult education program and a professor of Jewish History; "Revelation at Sinai," by Dr. Bernard Bergman, of New York City; "The Messianic Ideal," by Dr. Solomon Wind, instructor of Bible and Jewish history at the University.

Council Committees Begin Work To Increase Student Guidance

Student committees are again functioning, announced Benjamin Hirsch '60, secretary-treasurer of Student Council.

Among the ones offering students guidance in schoolwork and in their chosen careers are the Alumni-Student Vocational Guidance Committee which arranges for prominent alumni to come to Yeshiva and lecture on their fields. It also arranges for personal interviews between students and alumni. The Curriculum Evaluation Committee, headed by Harvey Leiber '59, has put out a questionnaire in which the student body will evaluate their courses; the Student Activities Committee, chaired by Stan Harrison '60, publicizes student activities and coordinates clubs and tours; and the Senior-Freshman Guidance Committee, headed by Alan Shulman '59, guides freshmen in their first year.

Other committees include the Blood Drive led by Kalman Low '59 and Paul Rosenthal '59; the Dean's Reception, chaired by Hyam Wasserman '60, and the Y.U. Drive, headed by Gerry Frankel '59.

Mr. Hirsch noted that "all student activities have gotten off to an excellent start; however, it is up to the students to insure their continued success."

Williams of N.Y.U. Cites Basic Change In Law Curriculum

"Law schools have changed from merely preparing students for the bar exam to introducing students to the field of law," said George H. Williams, assistant dean of the New York University Law School, at a meeting of the Pre-Law Society October 30.

Dean Williams further stated that "the trend towards graduate work in law will soon make it impossible for lawyers without this experience to compete against those who have done graduate work." The Dean cited the more than 750 lawyers currently studying at N.Y.U. as a case in point.

When queried about how great an emphasis is placed on the Law School Aptitude Test, the Dean replied that "in the long run it is still good college grades that we look for."

Minus Three

The mid-semester recess has been extended to four days, from Tuesday, January 27 to Sunday, February 1, announced the College Office. The revision in scheduling was made in response to a Student Council request.

New SOY Publication, "Da'at," To Feature Scholarly Judaica

The need for a scholarly publication of Judaica has been answered with the creation of *Da'at*, an annual to be published by the Student Organization of Yeshiva. The annual, destined to make its first appearance by June 1959, will be devoted to essays and articles on Jewish history, philosophy and literature.

Although impetus for the publication came from Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, it will be edited by students of the Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Jerry Blidstein '60 and Jay Braverman '58, and will be composed primarily of articles written by students of the University.

Dr. Louis Feldman, head of the classics department at Yeshiva College, will serve as faculty advisor.

Chaplaincy Group Gets New Head

Rabbi Hershel Schachter '38 has been appointed chairman of the Chaplaincy Committee of Yeshiva announced Rabbi Abraham Avrech, associate director of the Community Service Division.

The committee has recruited more than 70 chaplains from Yeshiva University for the service since its inception in 1950.

Rabbi Schachter, who was imprisoned at Buchenwald while serving as a chaplain during World War II, is currently the Rabbi of the Mosholu Jewish Center, Bronx.

Snow and Sleet No Obstacle To Chaplains in Frozen North

"Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail nor heat of day shall stay these couriers from their appointed rounds . . ." This famous statement of Heroditus is applicable to the rabbinic corps of Yeshiva University, as it is to be hereby portrayed. Alaska, Snow, hail, are all part of the job for Rabbis Abraham Avrech, Director of the Community Service Division of Yeshiva University, and Chaplain Joseph Wachtfogel, alumnus of the University.

Rabbi Avrech donned his long woolens, dusted off his parka, headed for Iceland for some 50 men at Kaffovick Air Force Base. Aside from combating the freezing cold, Rabbi Avrech had to conduct services with only three

Middle States Evaluation To Begin This Sunday

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools will begin an exhaustive four-day appraisal of Yeshiva University Sunday, November 9, announced Dr. S. L. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College. As a direct result

of the appraisal conducted by the Association, the University will either be "approved, disapproved or approved on probation." Yeshiva College has been accredited since its evaluation by the association in 1948.

A team of educators, headed by Chancellor Finlay Crawford, Syracuse University, will investigate each division of the University. They will examine syllabi of all courses, visit classes, talk to members of the faculty, and will gain a general picture of the faculty capabilities by scanning files of individual faculty members and faculty meetings.

Meet Student Leaders

Moreover, the evaluations will examine individual records of students, meet with student representatives, and interview students on the campus in order to get an impromptu view of school life.

Finally, the association will have access to all files, financial as well as academic, in order to get a clear picture of the University's operations.

During the visitation period, the representatives of the MSA will have conferences among
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Varsity Debaters Oppose Columbia U Nuclear Question

The Yeshiva College Debating Team will open its debating year against Columbia University, November 12, announced Yashar Hirshaut '59, president of the Society. "Resolved: That the further development of nuclear weapons should be prohibited by international agreement," the National Intercollegiate debating issue for the year 1958-1959, will be the subject of the Columbia debate and subsequent debates during the semester with New York colleges.

Steven Hermele '61 was elected president of the Pre-varsity Debating Team.

Roll Out The Barrel

The annual senior-freshman smoker will be held November 29, in the College cafeteria, announced Joe Dietcher '59, chairman of the affair.

The smoker will be highlighted by entertainment presented by both classes and refreshments will be served.

Appoint 3 Faculty To Head Committee

Dr. Hyman Grinstein has been appointed chairman of the division of Jewish studies, Professor Nathan Goldberg, head of the Social Sciences department, and Professor Sidney Braun, head of the Language and Literature department, announced Dr. Simeon L. Guterman, dean of Yeshiva College.

The chairmen of each department are rotated every few years.

Dr. Grinstein replaces Dr. Agus and Professor Braun replaces Dr. Louis Feldman, while Professor Goldberg replaces Professor Alexander Brody.

Professor Lowan continues as chairman of the natural Sciences division.

Stern - Y. C. Social To Be Held Sunday

The annual Yeshiva-Stern College Junior-Freshman Social will be held at Stern College on the evening of November 9 announced Henry Book '60, Junior class delegate-at-large.

Student entertainment, as well as refreshments, will highlight the affair.

Judah Lando '60, has been appointed Master of Ceremonies.

ISRAEL TODAY

Political Parties and Elections

By Yehudi Felman

Israel is a parliamentary democracy, in which political parties, not individuals, run in elections. The voter casts his ballot for his party, whereupon, after the results are in, the 120 Knesset seats are distributed by proportional representation. The President then asks the leader of the party which received the largest number of seats to attempt to form a coalition. If he succeeds, as he usually does, in persuading enough parties to join his cabinet to give the coalition a majority of the seats in the knesset, he becomes Prime Minister of the new cabinet. The rest of the cabinet portfolios are distributed among the coalition parties according to their representation in the Knesset.

The new cabinet will fall any time it does not receive a majority on a vote of confidence in the government. The President can then ask the leader of another party to attempt a new coalition, or call for new elections. Ordinarily, elections are held every four years.

Immigrants From Eastern Europe

To understand the policies of the dominant parties in Israel, we must know certain facts about the first few waves of immigrants who established them. These immigrants came mostly from Eastern Europe, where their desire to better their economic conditions infused them with socialist and Marxist ideals. They did not emigrate to Palestine because they had nowhere to go, as did many of the post-World War I immigrants. Rather, they went to Israel with the ideal of building a socialist worker's government in their homeland.

To help accomplish this, they established the general workers federation, the *Histadrut*. This organization soon included all the Jewish workers in Palestine. Within this organization, and with the socialist framework, various viewpoints soon began to develop, from right to left. Religious workers established Poale Agudat Yisroael and Hapoel Hamizrachi, labor parties mixing socialist principle with the desire to establish a state based on *Halacha* expressed by the Mizrachi and Aguda organizations established some years before.

No Stand on Religion

Center workers, the majority, established Mapai, which took no stand on religion, but dedicated itself to the attainment of higher living standards through socialism while preserving the fundamental historical uniqueness of the Jewish people. Mapai has since always been the majority party in the *Histadrut*. The Left wing workers, of a decidedly Marxist, anti-religious and universalist bent, founded Mapam, which disparaged traditional values in favor of Marx, the gospel of the future universal proletarian's kingdom. A Communist group was also established.

It wasn't until many years later that non-worker groups began to take shape. During the underground fighting with the British over illegal immigration in 1939-1948, a movement began among the fighters which utilized the vigorous expansionism of Jabotinsky as the ideal for Herut, a party which was to find its leaders among guerrilla fighters of *Etsel*, the underground, such as Menachem Begin. Herut had little or no economic beliefs, but preached a frankly expansionist "Beyond the Jordan!" foreign policy.

Finally, immigrants came who believed in capitalism. They established the General Zionists, a party which felt that the socialist *Histadrut* had too much power through its control of almost all the industry, medical facilities, and jobs in Palestine. They believed that the way to higher living standards as through a free-enterprise system with a minimum of labor control.

The results of the first elections following the proclamation of the State of Israel, showed the Socialist parties to have the support of the overwhelming majority of Israel's population. David Ben-Gurion, leader of Mapai, the largest Socialist party, became the first Prime Minister in a coalition including Mapai, Mizrachi, Hapoel Hamizrachi, and few splinter parties. Mr. Ben-Gurion continued as Prime Minister through four elections since, except for a short period when the reins of government were left in the hands of another member of Mapai. Moshe Sharett.

Abrogate Halachic Principle

Throughout the first 10 years of statehood, except for a few months, the Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi (which merged into one party in 1956) were partners in the coalition. Last June, when the Ministry of the Interior announced, with B-G's consent, that it was going to allow children of mixed marriages to be listed as Jews purely on their parents say-so, so abrogating an important *halacha*, the religious parties quit the cabinet.

Herut has never been in the government coalition, and the General Zionists were in for only a short time in 1954-1955. Herut's views were so extremists that no Socialist party would serve in the cabinet with it, and the General Zionists would naturally find ideological difficulty in belonging to a Socialist cabinet. However, they've both been members of the coalition in cities. (City governments are elected in the same way as the knesset.)

Two Sides of Mapam

With regard to the left-wing labor parties, the situation has been of increasing ferment through the years. Mapam always consisted of two main streams of thought—*Ahdut Haavoda*, which emphasized the the nationalistic side of socialism, and *Hashomer Hatzair*, the gigantic kibbutz movement which emphasized pro-Soviet universalistic Socialism, expressed through the embodiment of pure socialistic principles in the collective agricultural settlement.

The union of these two philosophies was always a strained one, and *Ahdut Haavoda* finally split away from Mapam in 1955. Previous to this, the united Mapam has refused to join the coalition. However, after *Ahdut* demonstrated its strength as an independent party in the 1955 elections by winning more seats than Mapam, and indicated its willingness to join with Mapai in the coalition. Mapam decided to sacrifice a few of its extremist socialistic policies and to join, rather than be left out of Cabinet meetings, where most vital matters are really decided rather than in the Knesset.

I have attempted here to present some of the important phenomena of Israel's political structure. Future articles will show how the party system described above weaves its way into many facets of life that Americans would ordinarily consider non-political.

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Pandemonium

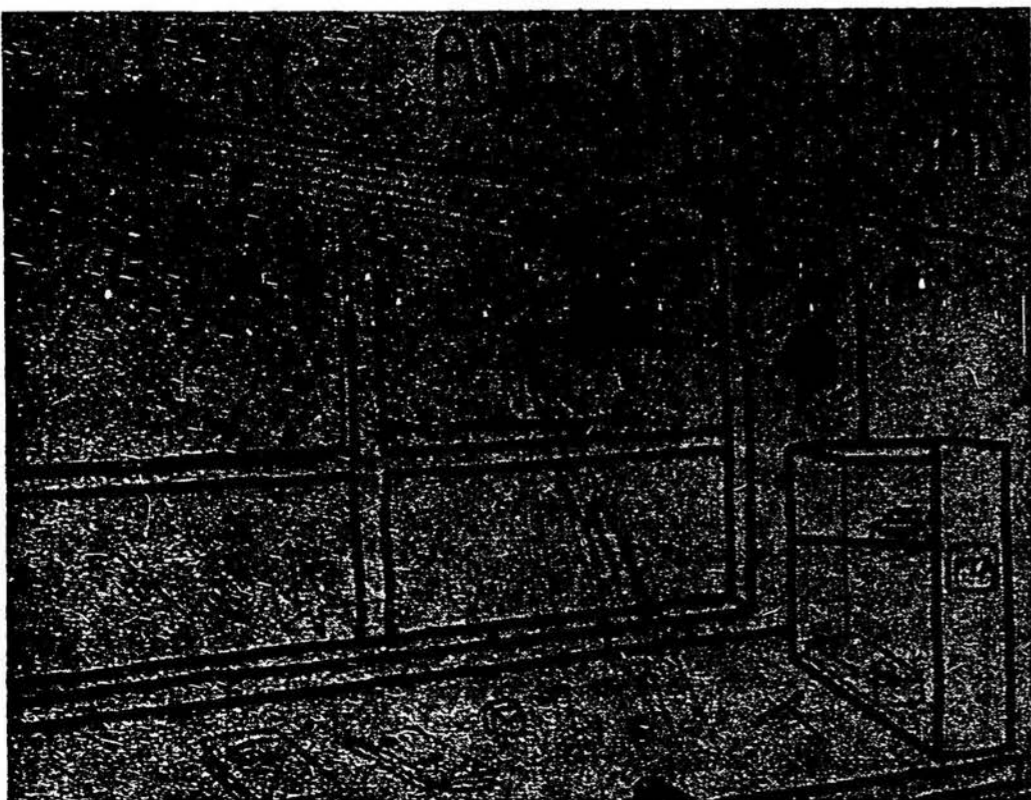
The establishment of our new campus area this year has witnessed many frequent raids on the University by neighborhood vandals and thieves.

Nightly raids of the Residence Hall are evidenced by broken windows on the second and third floors of our building. Due to the fact that there are no gates at the entrances to our "second home," and also that the walls surrounding the area are low enough that they may be scaled, our campus has become a public thoroughfare for pranksters and hoodlums.

Crowds of strangers congregate daily in front of Science Hall, Graduate Hall and the Pollack Library. It becomes a near battle just to enter your classes in these buildings. Security in the main building is almost non-existent. Only two weeks ago a student was molested by 4 gangsters in the very interior of our school. The situation has deteriorated to such a degree that a couple of weeks ago a wine jug was thrown into the apartment of Rabbi Klein, supervisor of the Residence Hall.

Having only a solitary watchman on the entire campus it becomes an impossibility to have adequate protection. If he is standing guard in the main building, the dormitory is left open to prowlers. When he watches the dormitory, the main building is exposed. It is just a physical impossibility for one man to be at every place at the same time.

There is an urgent need for at least a few more watchmen to patrol our campus. Let our personal security and the protection of school property be first and foremost in the expansion of Yeshiva University.



Expansion of Pollack Library Begins

By Morton Merowitz

October 1956 was the occasion of great importance for Yeshiva University. This was the time of evaluation of our Pollack Library, conducted by consultant Morris Gelfant, Queens College librarian. (After evaluating our library, Mr. Gelfant departed for Rangoon, Burma.) The investigation led to "a more general classification with the college student's need in mind, which is expected to take from three to five years to complete," announced Mr. Solomon Zeides, head of the Pollack Library.

This young, dynamic librarian of Pollack Library is a jet-eyed, somewhat chubby, talkative man with a trim mustache and sense of accomplishment. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College, and holds a Master of Arts and Sciences from Columbia University. He, his wife, and three children reside in New Jersey. As he speaks, he exudes the enthusiasm and helpfulness which seem evident in the entire staff.

Expand Library Staff

The library crew has been expanded in order to process the al-

most 20,000 volumes now contained on our shelves.

Mr. Zeides noted that there has been a notable increase in inter-library loans, enabling interested students to borrow books from other college libraries. Another welcome development in the Pollack Library has been the growth of cataloguing of many valuable journals and magazines which are shelved on the library's third tier. There one may find back issues of publications ranging from scientific journals to *The New Yorker*.

The Professor Exposed

25 Years on College Faculty; Entered Y.C.'s First Class

By Norman Bloom

"In the morning we studied Talmud somewhere on Montgomery St. on the Lower East Side. About 1:00 o'clock we travelled uptown to 86th St., to Rabbi Jung's synagogue, and took our college studies there." A broad smile came to the man's face and the familiar twinkle illuminated his eyes as he leaned back in his chair and went on. "There were no labs then. I can still picture Dr. Issacs pulling out test tubes from his pocket, and, in his own esoteric way, heating them rather crudely with a candle."

There are few people at Yeshiva now who can reminisce of those early days back in 1928. There are even fewer who can boast of being with Yeshiva both in the capacity of student and then as teacher since its inception. Dr. Eli M. Levine '32, professor of Chemistry, is one of those individuals.

Born in Pesotzna, Russia, he emigrated to the U.S. in 1923, and attended elementary and high school in Portland, Me. Upon the founding of Yeshiva College in 1928, Eli Levine came to New York to join the first pioneering class. As a student, he was interested mainly in the literary and rabbinical fields. He majored in Chemistry, Literature, and Philosophy. Upon graduation in 1932, Eli Levine was awarded the Manischewitz Medal in philosophy.



Dr. Eli M. Levine

Dr. Levine leaned forward on his desk cluttered with lab manuals, memos, and various class records. The twinkle in his eyes were absent as he described those trying years after graduation.

"It was the height of the depression. You can't imagine how hard times were then. Employment was nowhere to be found. I joined the faculty of Yeshiva College as an assistant in charge of all the chem labs. Although the

salary was practically nil, the position satisfied my interest in chemistry, and enabled me to pursue my rabbinical studies further."

For practical reasons, Eli Levine chose chemistry over his other fields of interest. He received his Masters at Columbia University in 1936. In 1938, he was appointed Instructor in Chemistry at Yeshiva. That same year he married Anna Goldman, a childhood friend from Portland, Maine. The Levine's now have three daughters.

He received his Ph.D. in 1943 from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he did research on sulfonamides. In 1948, he was appointed Professor of Chemistry at Yeshiva University.

"Last year was my 25th year on the faculty of Yeshiva College." His voice was notably emotionless—the casual expression on his face betrayed no inner feeling of either pride or repulsion at his remark. In this same stoic manner he continued. "If opportunities were such in the outside world in 1932 as they are now with regards to positions of research, it's quite possible that some of us on the faculty probably would have done better in larger institutions. In any case, I probably would have thought twice before joining a newly-established institution."

"I love teaching though," Dr. Levine continued—his expression perking up somewhat. A feeling of satisfaction was clearly evident in his rather young tan face. "I've had terrific enjoyment from working with the type of students we have at Yeshiva—especially those bright and serious ones who go in for the sciences."

This I feel is my biggest responsibility here, and therefore I can look with satisfaction on the achievements of my department during my 25 years here. Our boys get coveted fellowships, scholarships, and honors. In their success, I feel I have succeeded, for no matter how brilliant a student is, if he's not given a good basic training in chemistry, he'll fail in his later work in this field. However, even after 25 years, he said, "in which the Chem department has produced such excellent students, we still do not offer Masters and Ph.D.'s in Chemistry here."

"Our boys have to go to other institutions to get these degrees. Nevertheless we have a very high number of boys who did get their Ph.D.'s elsewhere." His tone of satisfaction wavered on and then off. "The point is there are no research facilities here—there never have been any. Even our own science professors must go outside to do any sort of research."

Dr. Levine looked at his watch and indicated that he had to go to his lecture. "Let us make this final point," he stated in a rather firm clear voice. "The Chemistry department must run as a semi-autonomous unit. Under Dr. Issac's deanship, I was allowed to organize the Chem department to the best of my ability, and was given a free hand to produce a type of product that brought honor and credit to Yeshiva College."

"It is not surprising, therefore, that I am not completely satisfied with the present organization of my department."

"A Chemistry department, in order to do the most effective work, must be semi-autonomous headed by a definite member of the faculty. At present this does not exist, and the situation conducive to certain inefficiencies and inadequacies."

"I very much appreciate the two new chem labs which are nearing completion. Perhaps this new expression of administration policy will signal a new era in which we will be able to organize the department on a firmer basis."

SNOB'S HOBNOBS:

Socialite Surveys N.Y. Highlights

[Editors Note:

The following is the first in a new series of columns written by an expatriate of Greenwich Village now studying at Yeshiva College. The writer, who, for obvious reasons, wishes to remain anonymous, has embarked on a one man campaign to intellectualize the minds of the Y.U. student body. We wish him well.]

Frankly, in my vainer moments, I do admit to being a snob. This is decidedly to my advantage, for it has been logically deduced by the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR that only the one endowed by such an admirable character trait and willing to admit it would qualify for their new post.

Secondly, I claim to be somewhat of a cosmopolitan, having spent a few days of my life in London and Paris, courtesy of the Jewish Agency. This likewise serves me in good stead, for I can herewith claim to base my observations on the comparison of our cultural metropolis with John Bull's showpiece and the pearl of maiden France. All that this

means is that I have been appointed (unofficially) "COMMENTATOR Guide to Lost, Broke, and Intellectual Yeshivamen."

Instill Intellectualism

Actually, I must acknowledge that my main task in this column will be to instill some of this snobbish attitude, and I hope intellectual atmosphere, among the students at Yeshiva. Incidentally, I am to save all of you money, ease your dating problems, enlighten you about what's going on in the isle of Manhattan and suburbs, and collect my kickbacks from the establishments I send you to.

Primarily, this column will be directed to our out-of-town students. Unfortunately, by sheer luck of birthright, they can never qualify in becoming 100% New York snobs, but with a determined effort and close attention to this column they can become genuine pseudo-Bohemians. However, let me point out that even our native New Yorkers need some help, for as we know the consumption of Section Twos of the New York Times, Cue Magazine, the New Yorker, and The

Saturday Review has been mighty low here at Yeshiva.

Free Opera

As cases in point, let me get down to a few concrete suggestions. A week ago Monday, the opera season started at the Metropolitan Opera House. Tickets are scaled there from two dollars to nine dollars with eighty percent of the tickets sold for each performance by subscription. Obviously, chances of getting tickets for what you want when you want are slim and at best costly. However, down on Bleecker Street, in Greenwich Village at the Amato Opera House every Saturday and Sunday night there are free performances of all the popular operas. All you have to do is make reservations at GR 7-2844 in advance.

In subsequent columns suggestions on plays, the ballet, concerts, art exhibitions, lectures, recitals and movies, all of particular interest to the Yeshiva students, will be made. With a little luck at the end of the year we will be enjoying the stratosphere of culture with our upturned noses.

Middle States

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themselves and with administration officials. The educators will be given a Self Evaluation Report, prepared by the various divisions of Yeshiva University. The individual reports comprising the University Report have been coordinated by the University committee on Self Evaluation, which is chaired by Dean Guterman. The Committee also includes Messrs. Daniel Vogel, Stern College; Joseph Ellenberg, Secretary to the president; Samuel Hartstein, Public Relations; M. Teicher, School of Social Work; Dr. Hyman B. Grinstin, Teachers Institute; Benjamin Fine, Graduate School of Education; Joshua Matz, Bursar; and Bernard Lander, Dr. Bernard Revel School of Semitics.

The University will also include reports on topics such as finance, athletics, and libraries.

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THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest get-well wishes to Rabbi Dr. Asher Siev, instructor in Bible in Yeshiva College. May he have a *Refua Shleyma*.

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Football Deemphasised- "Klein Field" Too Small

By Hershel Glatt

Yeshiva University has come to the end of its short, but memorable, football season. The gridiron men of Yeshiva, though unsung and unknown, will remember their brief careers on Klein Field. Theirs was the first and last football team to appear in the University's flesh and red uniforms. The team rolled up a no wins no loss record due primarily to the fact that they were the only team in their conference. Even so, they practiced religiously on every Monday that followed a Tuesday schedule before 3 and a Friday schedule after three.

Lack of A Field

Coach "Touchdown" Moses expressed his regret upon learning that the team was disbanded. He said that life has lost most of its pleasures since his returning to his office. Upon being asked why this is so, he replied, "It's so quiet up here. At least down on Klein Field there was some action. My

gosh! I haven't had a good run-in with someone in a long time."

Rumors have it that the team was forced to dissolve because the play area was insufficient. Klein Field, the garden spot of the University, was over-run with ball-players soon after the call for candidates went out. Someone in the main office said that if funds were acquired, the College might build a field large enough to accommodate both a team and its fans. However, the outlook for a solution to this problem is rather dubious.

So now Yeshiva's mighty pigskin pushers (Glatt Kosher) have put away their helmets and donned their skull-caps once more. They would have had a chance had they been provided with a proper field on which to play. Yet they were gallant and colorful even in their short reign. To paraphrase Frank Alanzo, "The team is dead! Long live the team—"

Faculty Notes

Mr. Alvin Schiff, graduate of Yeshiva College, has been appointed instructor of the course, "The Teaching of Bible and Jewish History" in Teachers Institute, announced Dr. Hyman Grinstin, director.

Mr. Schiff is substituting for Professor Isador Margolis, who is taking a leave of absence for one year.

Rabbi Joseph Arnest, Talmud teacher at R.I.E.T.S. has published a book of halachic novellae entitled "The Heart of Joseph."

Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

I should like to bring to your attention the fact that Mr. Bernstein, who ever he may be, is not chairman of the Yeshiva College Committee in the Pollack Library, nor does he have any say on book purchases or any other administrative comment on our library.

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Down to Earth



Grapplers Hopeful for '58-'59; Prager, Wiener to Spark Team

By Stanley Sussman

Thirty-five men, the largest turnout for the wrestling squad in several years, have been practicing in the Yeshiva gymnasium, announced Mr. Hank Wittenberg, coach of the Wrestling team. Among this group are several promising matmen, including a freshman who is in the heavyweight division.

When the team will step out on the mat for its first contest there will be eight active members. "The grapplers look forward to a good season this year," stated Mr. Wittenberg, "since most of our veterans have returned from last year." Johnny Prager, the team's captain, looks very good and in fine condition. Marv Weiner worked hard over the summer vacation practicing with Olympic Wrestlers in Boston, his hometown. Also returning from last year are Benny Hirsch and Eddie Rosenbaum, Chaim Charytan, Al Genauer, Teddy Roth, and Jerry Golub.

First Match Postponed

Although the wrestling team does not engage in league competition, they will compete in eight contests this season. The

first match, which was slated for December 11 against Rutgers-Newark has been postponed till Tuesday, December 16, when Brooklyn Polytechnic will invade the Yeshiva gymnasium. New York University and Albany-State Teachers College are the only two schools that have been dropped from the schedule.

Mat Meets

Tues., Dec. 16	Brooklyn Polytechnic Inst.	home
Mon., Jan. 5	C. W. Post	home
Wed., Jan. 7	Fairleigh Dickinson U.	away
Thurs., Feb. 11	U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	home
Tues., Feb. 17	Orange Community College	away
Wed., Feb. 25	L. I. A & T Institute	away
Wed., Mar. 4	Columbia University	away
Date Undecided	Rutgers Newark	away

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Y. U. Sports Writer Flees Blood-Spattered Shambles

By Sheldon Feldman

"Crash... Bang... Scratch... Help! I'm bleeding... We want more blood."

These sounds were not heard in Ebbets Field (remember?) during a Giant-Dodger game, but came from the Y.U. gym on past Monday and Wednesday nights. When I arrived at the source of the screaming, I was looked upon with distrust until I showed my Commie press card. Then the coach took me to his side and told me, "My boys are all practicing to be *shochets*. I'm afraid to walk near them with any part of my neck exposed."

When I looked at "his boys," I saw why he was walking in fear. Stalking about the gym were killers. I started to run but the coach gave me his famous "Liberache smile," and I couldn't leave. So I stayed and looked over the cannibals with the swords.

Carry Deadly Weapons

They were divided into three different types. The most sinister were the sabermen who had blood-stained bands and blood-thirsty eyes. All of them were *Bahemos* and had sharp black beards. These "butchers" always carry their deadly blades at their sides. With-

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I almost stepped on the last member of the team but the coach managed to stop me. He said the small members of the team are vitally needed because they get the opposition over-confident.

Recount Harrowing Adventures

When the fencers began to gaze steadily at me, I got their idea and scurried out of the gym. I hurried back to the Commie offices to write this account to warn others of the harrowing adventures occurring in the subterranean cellars of the academic center.

One fact keeps me puzzled: In a recent survey taken by the Y.U. fencing team alumni association it states that 11 out of 10 fencers are either butchers or surgeons.

Awards Anyone?

Ping-pong, handball, and bowling intramurals will begin within the next two weeks, announced Edward Rosenbaum '60, athletic manager.

He also stated that an award will be given to the student who accumulates the highest number of points for participation in intramural activities. Mr. Rosenbaum will announce his system later. The award will be presented at the Annual Athletic Dinner.

Yeshiva Chessmen Lose; Friedman Foils Shutout

The Yeshiva College Chess Team was handed a resounding defeat by Columbia College last Thursday Night at Yeshiva's dormitory. Managing to salvage one tie out of the seven matches held, the Yeshivans lost by a 6½-½ score.

Sheldon Friedman, playing the

number one board, averted a shut-out for Yeshiva as he stood off the attacks of Rosenstein of Columbia for five and a half hours. At that time the match was called a draw.

The other Yeshiva boardmen went down in order against the superior tactics of their Columbia opponents. The closest match was the one where Benjy Weiss just missed a draw because of a tactical error. Other losers were Isaiah Beilin, Ralph Carmel, Captain Alan Goldstein, and Martin Bienenstock.

On The Sidelines

Portrait of An Artist

By Artie Elderman

There is something innately human about that man known as Arthur Tauber, coach of Yeshiva College's fencing team. He is an individual who can breed confidence by example and duty by self-devotion. That spirit, which brings out the best in others is his possession, and at no moment does he fail to use it. His technique with the blade and the man is natural, and he blends his experience with both to rehabilitate others. In short, it will be Arthur Tauber who will lead Yeshiva's fencing team to an unparalleled successful season.

There is something of an air of pride about that man Arthur Tauber. He is proud to be coaching the Yeshiva fencers, a group that he feels gives up more than any other swordsmen in any other University. He is proud, but he is annoyed, for he knows that the team has been unheralded, unpublicized, unsung, and somewhat unknown. A consistently winning record has been posted by the team, but at most, they have received just few lines of type. It is not for Arthur Tauber that he wants the publicity, but rather for his boys. It all but grieves him to see those individuals who sacrifice so much not to receive due plaudits.

There is something inherently modest about that man Arthur Tauber. He will probably castigate this reporter for giving him his due credit, and retreat behind the claim of doing nothing. He credits all the wins to the foilers, stating that he had nothing to do with it. His talents can be matched by few, but at no time does he try to impress you with them. It is with patience and care that he creates the fencers of Yeshiva out of "all thumbed freshmen" every year.

There is something of an artist in Arthur Tauber, as he stands on the strip with his blade in his left hand, masked, and in royal blue pants. His reflexes are as quick as those that belong to the once National Collegiate Champion, as he parries the thrusts of the practicing



Yeshiva men. He is at once the artist and the teacher and his pupils take form as neatly as a canvas. He demands the limit and receives more. The record proves his efforts. In short, The Yeshiva College fencing team and Arthur Tauber deserve their due credit.

Unfortunately, many of the reasons that fencing is neglected to a second-rate sport can be traced to a lack of funds in the Yeshiva University Athletic Association treasury. To gain recognition nationally the team must compete in any one of the tournaments that are held at the end of the season. Needless to say that with a limited budget the Director of Athletics is forced to choose between such excursions and roads trips for the basketball team.

An increase in funds for the Y.U.A.A. seems to be the only solution to the problem. With that fact in mind, the attendance figures at Yeshiva games, which bring in the greater part of the funds, will be of great significance.

Intramurals Start; Seniors Victorious, Frosh Win, 40-39

The senior intramural basketball team reaped its first victory of the year with an exciting 40-38 victory over the junior class in sudden death overtime.

The seniors, who led by a score of 5-3 after a sloppy start by both

Seniors Squeak

JUNIORS				
	B	FP	TP	F
Davis F.	7	4	18	2
Feinerman F.	3	0	6	2
Botnick	0	0	0	1
Neugeboren C.	2	1	5	3
Karlinsky G.	4	2	9	1
Rapaport G.	0	0	0	2
Totals	16	6	38	11

SENIORS				
	B	FP	TP	F
Mehlman F.	5	5	15	2
Frankel F.	4	2	10	2
Bergstein C.	3	2	8	2
Finklestein	0	1	1	1
Goldsmith G.	3	5	6	0
Bursky G.	0	0	0	2
Levin	0	0	0	1
Totals	15	15	40	10

teams, pulled out to a ten-point lead midway in the second period. In the second half, however, the juniors, led by Abe Davis, steadily reduced the margin. Their surge was culminated when with 7 seconds left in the game, Mike Feinerman scored to send the game into overtime.

At the end of the three-minute overtime, no points had been scored, setting the stage for the sudden death, and Mehlman's dramatic game-ending basket.

In the opening intramural game of the season, the freshman basketball team defeated the sophomores 40-39.

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Moses M. Berlin '58 to Roslyn Shelkowitz; Joseph Chervin '58 to Elaine Goldman; Arnold Rothkoff '59 to Malkah Grund; and David Hammer '57 to Florence Alter.

Also to Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Rackman, assistant professor of political science, upon the birth of a grandson.

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