

Mourn Rabbi Shatzkes

More than 1800 people filled Lamport Auditorium Tuesday, December 30, to hear Dr. Samuel Belkin, Rabbi Dr. Joseph Soloveitchik, Rabbi David Lifschitz



Rabbi Moshe Shatzkes

and Rabbi Aaron Shatzkes pay tribute to Rabbi Moshe Shatzkes, world-renowned

Torah scholar who passed away Monday, December 29. At M. T. J., others listened to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, its *rosh yeshiva* Rabbi Henkin of the Ezrat Torah Fund, and Rabbi Kalmanowitz of the Mir Yeshiva, eulogize the sage.

Rabbi Shatzkes, known as the *Lomza Rav*, was with the Yeshiva since 1941 and was a member of the ordination board.

That same day, Tuesday, December 30, Rabbi Shatzkes' body was taken to Idlewild Airport and flown to Israel. He was buried near the graves of Rav Isser Zalman Meltzer, the *Slutzker Rav*, and his brother-in-law Rabbi Korb, former *rosh yeshiva* in Chicago. Rabbi Nissim and Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbis of Israel, participated at the funeral.

T.I. Student Council Resolution Protests Israel Program Ban

A resolution which "vehemently" protested the discontinuance of the Teachers Institute Study program in Israel, was drawn up at a special T. I. Student Council meeting, December 24. The university was urged to reinstate the abandoned trips to Israel.

This petition was drawn up on the basis of a firm conviction of T.I.S.C. that "the experience of an undergraduate Yeshiva U. student studying in Israel is of the highest religious and cultural value to the student and thereby to Yeshiva University." It was also felt that "such a student returns to America further imbued with the ideals of Judaism and with a better understanding of the Jew in Israel and in *galut*."

Resolution Sent

This protest was passed unanimously by T.I.S.C. Copies of the resolution were sent to Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Y.U., Dr. S. Sar, dean of Men, Dr. H. B. Grinstein, director of T. I., Dr. S. L. Guterman, dean of the College, and Dr. M. D. Tendler, asst. dean of Y. C.

A meeting of the executive council—Bob Schectman, Albie Hornbliss, and Harvey Goldscheider—of T.I.S.C. with Dr. Belkin will be held the first week of the new term to discuss the reinstatement of the Israel study program.

Plan Second Part Of Y.U. Blood Drive

The final segment of the Annual Yeshiva College Blood Drive will take place on March 17, at the Red Cross Blood Bank in Manhattan.

At that time transportation will be provided for those students who were unable to donate blood December 24 to the Red Cross.

Over 175 students gave blood in December, reported Kalman Low '59, Chairman of the Drive. Mr. Low urged all students who signed up for donations at the earlier date to give blood once again in March.

Committee Named To Probe Activities

Committees to study THE COMMENTATOR, and Co-op Stores and their functions and a Religious Guidance program committee have been appointed by Student Council.

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The Committee for THE COMMENTATOR consists of Benjamin Hirsch '60, chairman, Joel Daner '60 and Yehuda Sorscher '59.

"For many years, doubt has existed as to the philosophy of these activities and their exact connection with Student Council. These committees will attempt to clarify their relationships and make clear precisely what their roles are," stated Mr. Hirsch.

Yeshiva U. To Lose Uniqueness



Artists' conception of Jewish University of America. From left to right: Dormitory (already built) with cafeteria and classrooms. Behind it is women's liberal arts building. Center: Yeshiva building. Right: Liberal Arts College for men and fieldhouse. In rear are athletic fields.

by Bernard H. Kaplan

The Hebrew Theological College of Chicago has recently decided to expand its facilities to include a Liberal Arts College. Thus, within a few short years Yeshiva College will not be the only American college under Orthodox Jewish auspices. It will be the first.

Dr. Belkin Is Host To Student Council At Tea, Discussion

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, was host to a tea for Student Council Tuesday, January 6, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Belkin, in answer to questions posed by the Student

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Council, stated that he was aware of the need of a Religious Guidance Program in Yeshiva, which would help solve the religious problems of the Yeshiva College student.

The President of the University expressed his hopes for the establishment of a new program whereby Yeshiva students will be able to spend some time in Israel.

Praise Given

High regard for this year's Student Council was expressed in that the relationship between the administration and the students had been so far one of co-operation.

The members of Student Council found the gathering informative and expressed the hope that future Councils would have the opportunity of meeting with Dr. Belkin.

Playday

The Dean's Reception will take place on February 8, in the Joan of Arc High School Auditorium on 93rd St. in Manhattan, announced Stanley Harrison '60, chairman of the Student Activities Committee. It will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Hyam Wasserman '60 and Joseph Lifschitz '61 are in charge of tickets and reservations.

S.C. Unanimously Votes Student Activities Fund

Student Council unanimously approved the enactment of a five-dollar student activities fee, effective next year, at a meeting held Monday, January 5.

Makes High Score



Saul Berman

On the Law School Aptitude Test, given Sunday, November 9, Saul Berman '59, placed in the top 2% of Aptitude Test winners in the United States during the past ten years.

Dr. Saphire Boasts Of Pre Med Record

93% of Yeshiva College's pre-medical and pre-dental majors have been accepted by professional graduate schools, revealed Dr. Shelley R. Saphire, chairman of the Pre-Medical Committee.

Commenting on an article in the "Harvard Crimson" which boasted that 90% of Harvard's pre-meds and pre-dents reached graduate school, Dr. Saphire stated, "Yeshiva has outdone Harvard in this matter." "Since my appointment as chairman of the Pre-Medical Committee," he continued, "88 out of 94 applicants for medical and dental schools have been accepted."

"This achievement has been realized to a great extent because of the untiring efforts of the committee," concluded Dr. Saphire.

Cafeteria In Red; Prices May Go Up

Food prices will be increased unless more students patronize the College Cafeteria.

"The Cafeteria has a deficit of forty thousand dollars a year," said Mr. Alfred Parker, director of Yeshiva University Cafeterias. "The deficit has been too large," he continued, "and the only answer to the problem is to have 100 to 150 more students coming for breakfast and luncheon meals."

In addition to his duties here, Mr. Parker directs the operations of the Stern College restaurant and the College Inn, the Cafeteria of Einstein Medical School.

Establishment of the fee was necessitated by the increasing Council expenditures such as THE COMMENTATOR, *Masmid*, the Dean's Reception, senior awards, and films for clubs. The cost of these activities has gone up in recent years while Student Council's income has remained fairly constant. As a consequence, Student Council's budget has operated at a deficit.

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Better Student Services Student Council members expressed the hope that the fee would usher in a new era of service for students, including expanded club programs and dormitory film shows. The films had been discontinued last term because of a lack of funds.

In addition, it was felt that because of the new source of revenue, the burden on Co-op would be lessened and prices thereby reduced, thus affording students further benefits.

"Although Council will not enter into any wild spending sprees, we are confident that every student will be greatly benefited by this fee," stated Raphael Weinberg '59, President of Student Council.

Rav Delivers Shiur To Overflow Crowd

The sanctity of the *Sefer Torah*, *Tephillin*, and *Mezuza* were discussed by Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik at the annual *Yahrzeit Shiur*, January 11.

The *Shiur*, commemorating the anniversary of the death 18 years ago of his father, Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik of blessed memory, was delivered to an overflow crowd at Lamport Auditorium. The assembled throng included many of the Torah world's outstanding luminaries, Yeshiva University alumni and present students of Y.U. and other *Yeshivot*.

Rabbi Soloveitchik, descended from one of Judaism's greatest families, was granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Berlin in 1930.

Upon entry into the U.S., Rabbi Soloveitchik founded the Rambam Yeshiva of Boston, Mass., which he now heads. He is also Chairman of the Halacha Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America.

At present Rabbi Soloveitchik conducts the most advanced College *Shiur* in Tractate Sanhedrin and a class in Tractate Shabbat for students engaged in *Smicha* studies.

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A Light is Extinguished

THE COMMENTATOR sincerely mourns the passing of our venerable *rosh yeshiva*, Rabbi Moshe Shatzkes. Rabbi Shatzkes was one of the great Torah scholars of the generation, and his loss is felt deeply not only by Yeshiva but by all of world Jewry.

May his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

An Encouraging Sign

Student Council-Administration relations, which have been most amicable this term, reached a high point last week at a "Tea" with Dr. Belkin. At this occasion members of Council were afforded the opportunity to question the president on many of their problems.

It would appear that Dr. Belkin was impressed with Student Council's earnest desire for a well-established religious guidance program. Dr. Belkin, although he did not guarantee specific action on the matter, did promise to take S.C.'s request under advisement.

In addition, Dr. Belkin said that he hopes trips to Israel would be continued next year under sponsorship of a religious organization. This comes to us as a pleasant bit of news after the distressing statement that the plan would be discontinued.

Dr. Belkin's admission that dormitory accommodations would be very inadequate next year, comes as a surprise to no one. In our first issue we commented on the fact that extremely poor discretion had been used in this matter. The possibility that Brooklyn residents will be forced to travel home daily in the near future sounds a particularly harrowing note. We hope that this situation will be rectified before long.

As a final note, we would like to recommend that the "Tea" become an annual Student Council affair and that future "Teas" emerge with as much success as this one. The benefits of this informal gathering may produce some far-reaching effects.

Balance that Budget!

We applaud the institution of a student activities fee, effective September, 1959. This fee will facilitate the handling and operation of Student Council and its associated activities, and will enable us to have enough funds to provide all student functions with the adequate support they rightfully deserve.

Our thanks go to the administration for their promptness in approving this request. We hope that this will set an example for future student-administration cooperation.

Even We Get It

The formation of a Student Council committee to investigate THE COMMENTATOR's functioning and its relationship to Student Council is a healthy sign of increased interest in the operation of the school newspaper. A definite need exists for an impartial committee of non-COMMENTATOR staff members to examine our operations objectively and draw their own conclusions.

Follow the Leader

Those who attended the commencement exercises of Yeshiva University last June were obviously aware of the lack of space available in the Lamport Auditorium. Because of the rapid growth of the University in recent years, the increased number of graduates from the many new schools limited the number of tickets available to each graduate to two.

With the completion of the new campus area adjacent to the dormitory there is no longer any reason why commencement exercises should be confined to the tight quarters of Lamport Auditorium. In addition to providing more badly needed space, holding commencement exercises outdoors would greatly add to the pomp and pageantry which form so integral a part of graduation.

We therefore urge Yeshiva to follow in the footsteps of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Columbia, and other great American institutions of higher learning, and inaugurate outdoor commencement exercises this year.

Your Major

From Pre-Med. to M. D.

by Yehudi Felman

In my previous article, I stated that a number of factors influence the admission of applicants by medical schools. The first, and most important, was grades, but this is weighted considerably by the following other considerations:

2. The Pre-Medical Committee's evaluation, and that of an individual science faculty member of the student's choice, usually either the professor of organic chemistry or biology.

3. The Medical College Admissions Test. The official position taken by the Association of Medical Colleges on this test is that a mark in the top 16% is considered significantly favorable, and the bottom 40% is considered significantly unfavorable.

4. The Personal Interview, required by all schools of applicants who are being seriously considered. The importance of this factor is seen usually only when the impression made by the applicant at the interview contrasts markedly with the impression his grades give of him.

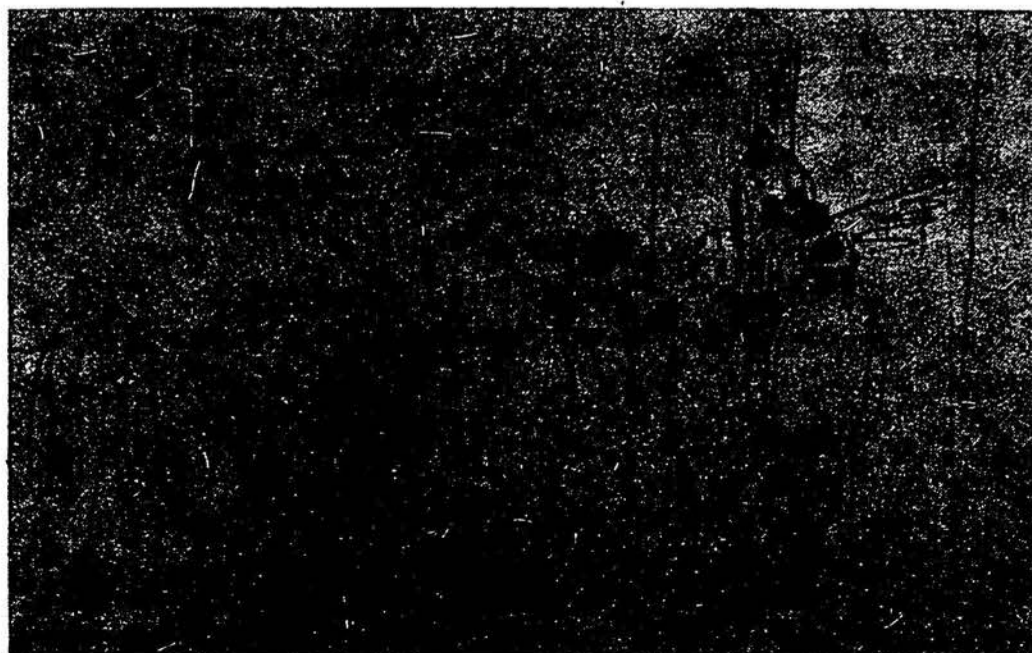
5. Extra-curricular Activities, Outside Interests, etc. The weight given to this factor varies quite a bit from school to school. It cannot be accented too strongly, however, that even the schools which weight this most consider it a minor factor, and participation in extra-curricular activities should

not get past the point where the time spent in them causes the student's average to be lower than the minimum required by the med school of his choice.

Above all, the student should remember that college is not a preparatory med-school course. The purpose of going to college is the same as the reason why almost every medical school requires its applicants to be college graduates before matriculation. College, especially the liberal arts courses, is intended to liberate the mind and stimulate it to think in an original manner. Recognizing that medicine today is as much a social science as a natural science, medical schools desire the student to devote the credits left over from the required science courses to humanities and social sciences. The student will be a much better person and a more successful doctor for having taken them.

A common piece of advice circulated around Yeshiva is—take as many advanced science courses as you can, as it will make it easier for you in medical school. This attitude is a very wrong one; the place for med school courses is med school, not college. The student will not get another opportunity to take courses in humanities and social sciences. He shouldn't waste his valuable elective credits for science courses which he'll repeat anyway in med school.

Now How's About Getting More Telephone Booths



Letters to Editor

To the Editor:

The recent efforts of a group of students majoring in chemistry to obtain a course in "Advanced Inorganic and Instrumental Analysis" has met with repeated frustrations. Last week Dean Guterman stated that unless 10 students take the course it will not be given. We would like to express our point of view.

First of all, the cost of supplying equipment for 10 students would be astronomical. At present we have exactly two spectrophotometers and one colorimeter, the two most important analytical instruments. Buying just enough of these instruments for a class of 10 would involve in itself a substantial outlay of money.

Second, chemistry majors take at least five credits of chemistry each term after their freshman year. However, by taking Qualitative Analysis during the summer, a "blank" in chemistry may exist in the fourth term. This is our only chance to take the course. If it is offered next year or later we would have to take 8 or 9 credits of chemistry alone in order to take this course.

Insofar as available materials are concerned, according to Dr. Levine, up to four to five students could be accommodated, although the purchase of some additional equipment would be most advisable, if not necessary. According to Dr. Levine, it would be impossible even to think of giving the course to ten students from the pedagogical point of view.

Finally, Dr. Guterman's contribution that the course may not be "so essential" may be refuted by calmly glancing through the catalogs of any leading school such as Columbia, Princeton, Brooklyn, etc. Every one of them offers at least "ONE" course in instrumental analysis.

In the light of these facts we would greatly appreciate Dr. Guterman's approval of the course. We might add, the proposed inception of the course has met with favorable reaction from the Faculty Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Murray Laulich '61
Mark Press '61

Dear Sir:

I was under the impression that the Mendel Gottesman Library was in existence in order to help students in their liturgical studies. When I tried to borrow a translated book from the library, I was firmly refused on the grounds that certain teachers didn't want such books in circulation, so that students would have to read the original. For one, we are responsible for the translation of Hebrew works into English, and secondly, in class we are not permitted to use translations and must rely on the original. Hence I feel this policy toward the loaning of such books be reviewed.

Anonymous

The Professor Exposed**Dr. Soloveitchik, Veteran of European Universities, Compares Them to Y.U.**

by Jerry Blidstein

The road from Warsaw to Brussels to New York is a long one; it is the road leading from the Talmud to a synthesis with Western science and civilization to an attempt of a transmission of that synthesis. Dr. Samuel Soloveitchik traveled that road, and he knows it well, for "I revive it often in my imagination"; he knows the bumps, and pits, he knows the difficulties of its beginning and the satisfaction of its realization.

"I was born and raised in Europe, in Eastern Europe. My relatives are rabbonim, almost all of them, and I know the problems of a Jewish boy who became interested in secular studies. He said good-by to Jewish life. Many of the older Rabbis didn't think that this would happen. They had too much respect for secular knowledge—and their children felt it. You know, many true gelolim didn't send their sons to yeshivas; they sent them to be engineers and thought they would remain religious, but they didn't."

But Dr. Soloveitchik negotiated the road between Warsaw and the University of Brussels, where he studied for six years, and from

whom he received his doctorate in Chemistry. Were Warsaw and Brussels incompatible? Is there a basic, unbridgable contradiction between the two? No, not really. "Science in the Seventeenth Century established the autonomy of the physical universe; it eliminated the need for a 'constant mover,' but it still assumed a creator. No scientific discovery made since, has changed the situation. Rather, the situation has been changed by a superficial understanding of science and by a shifting social environment. Dissatisfaction with religious philosophy is not the result of a profound contemplation of science."

Dr. Soloveitchik's sincerity and patience have enabled him to become phenomenally well-acquainted with the Y. U. student. What does he think of us? "On the whole, I would say that the average student is quite competent. Everybody has a mind, but like anything else, it must be worked on, it must be developed. I feel that the Yeshiva High Schools, from which most of our students have graduated, do put the mind to work and sharpen it. This is especially true of the study of Gemorah, which enlivens the mind immensely. I can feel it when a student walks into a lecture from a shiur in Gemorah. His mind is alive and awake. On the whole, then, the double program gives us a more alert and capable student. I am quite satisfied with him."

We often hear that our science students are narrow, and sometimes even ignorant in their grasp of the liberal arts. How does the chem student here compare in that respect to the student in Brussels? "Well, it's really hard to say. I must say though, that the European student of science was more erudite in literature and philosophy. But not because of his college education; on the contrary, in college I was required to take only one course in the humanities, a course in logic. However, our high school education was much more rigorous than is yours. In Poland, I remember, we had to memorize large portions of the Three Prophets: Slovatsky, Mickiewicz, and Krashinsky. At this point I was treated to the preface of *Pan Tadeusz*, the Polish National Epic, recited with an ease at odds with the number of years since Dr. Soloveitchik had studied it. The rigours of *Paradise Lost* seemed Eden compared to this."

What about our attempt at synthesis? Has it succeeded? "Not yet. We have succeeded to a certain degree. We see the sons of our former students studying here at Y. U. This is a good, healthy sign; it means we gave our former graduates enough to keep them bound to us and to our way of thinking. However, there is much to be done. We must establish an atmosphere here, an atmosphere which will be felt the moment someone walks in. Our faculty will not do this for the student. It is much too heterogeneous to do it. This is in the hands of the student body, which is quite homogeneous, and for the large part, on the side of God. Synthesis must come from the student body; we are not set up like Catholic universities, where it comes from the faculty."

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RAV SHATZKES:**The Leader, the Teacher, the Man**

by Aharon Lichtenstein

Rav Moshe Shatzkes is no more. The report left one with a terribly desolate feeling. Actually, the news of his death was neither sudden nor surprising. To those of us who had maintained recent contact with him, his deterioration had been only too painfully obvious. But one nevertheless received the news with a sudden cold shudder, a shudder derived from more than personal grief. For the loss was not merely personal. It was the anguish over losing a *Rebbe*, the sadness over the passing of a *Gadol*. But there was something else. With the departure of Rav Shatzkes one suddenly felt—with ever fresh pain—the conclusion of an epoch. One felt not simply orphaned but cut off. For to us, Rav Shatzkes represented the closest and the strongest link—and how many do we have left?—with a glorious era in Jewish history. He was our firmest living bond with a whole world of Torah life whose very memory is in danger of being rapidly effaced—the world of Eastern European Jewry. The man who "spoke in learning" (yes, let me use the *Yiddishism*) with Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan, who learned under Rabbi Eliezer Gordon, who moved on equal terms among Rav Chaim Ozer and the Chofetz Chaim—he was dead, and with his death, one seemed to experience the passing of the world within which was his home. Little wonder that one suddenly felt denuded. His was from world the richness of whose religious texture and whose fervor we could only descry from afar; and now even this is becoming difficult.

Orphaned in Youth

However Rav Shatzkes was not merely linked to that world; he constituted one of its integral elements. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised in the home of Rav Itzele Peterburger, one of the outstanding disciples of Rav Yisroel Salanter. At *bar-mitzvah* age, he was sent to learn at the then recently founded Telzer Yeshiva, where he spent almost the whole of the next fifteen years. In his middle twenties he left Telz, already an accomplished *Talmid Chochom*, but without *Smicha*. Not that he wasn't fit; indeed, Rav Shatzkes' remarkable lifelong knowledge of "*Yoreh Deah*" was first acquired through a special series of extra *shiurim* given for the better *Bochurim* by the *Rosh Hayeshiva*, Rav Lazer Gordon—thrice weekly from 6 to 8 or 9 A.M. It was however, as a matter of policy, that Rav Lazer

considered it unwise to give anyone *Smicha* before he was a candidate for the *Rabbanut*, and refused to make exceptions even for his best students.

But Rav Shatzkes did not have long to wait. Within a few months he was recommended for a position in Lipnisk, and entered upon a long and distinguished career as an outstanding *Rav*

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and *Ba'al Hora'a*. In 1914, he moved on to Ivo, and finally, in 1930, he assumed the *rabbanut* of Lomza, one of the leading Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

In that capacity he served as one of the leaders of Polish-Lithuanian Jewry until the war forced him to flee. Arriving in this country in 1941, he accepted a position as one of our *roshei hayeshiva*, a post which he held until failing health forced him to give it up almost three years ago.

Merged Two Qualities

His knowledge we virtually took for granted. Perhaps only in retrospect was its full extent—its range and its depth—clearly recognized. Quantitatively and qualitatively, his knowledge of *Shas* and *Poskim* was almost unfailingly thorough. In him were merged the faculties of the *rosh yeshiva* and the *ba'al hora'a*. He was endowed with a singular capacity for keeping his mind—often simultaneously—upon both detailed minutiae and general principles. And he never permitted his encyclopedic knowledge to befog his *shiurim*. The unit of his thought was always the *hakira*, the general interesting problem which could be abstractly formulated and pondered over before the full weight of the collected evidence was brought into play. It was around problems that the *shiur* was usually constructed. It thus usually consisted of a number of relatively brief and often independent discussions of various problems which impinged upon a particular *sugya*, and which had come to his mind in connection with it. The Talmud was thus left with a group of neat self-contained packets or "pieces of Torah" loosely clustered around a *sugya*; and if one miss-

ed the process of the organic development of a subject, there was at least little danger of confusion.

Understood People

But to have known him only from the *shiurim* was, as always, to have received a very distorted view. For he was, on the personal plane, endowed with a perceptive insight into human character; he knew people, and knew them well. While in this country, he was generally withdrawn from communal affairs, but during his tenure in Lomza, he was continually concerned with the practical aspects of Jewish life. While never of the world, he was constantly in it. And throughout, he repeatedly demonstrated his keen psychological insight. Nor was his activity confined to Lomza. Concerning the development of positive Jewish institutions, in the fight against secularism, in dealings with the Gentile world—on all vital matters affecting Eastern European Jewry, his advice was heard with respect by the leaders of the entire religious community. Rav Chaim Ozer—himself, quite apart from his *Gaonut*, a remarkably shrewd person—rarely made a major move without consulting the astute advice of the Lomza Rav.

For Rav Shatzkes had not only knowledge; he had wisdom as well—and a wisdom which was at once spiritual and practical.

No Note of Bitterness

His latter years were permeated by a suffusive mellowness. An assortment of ailments simply became the subject of a joke. Even in reminiscing about the past world which he had loved so well, he showed virtually no trace of bitterness. One even found it difficult to detect a note of either resignation or wistfulness; there seemed to be nothing but the affirmative acceptance rooted in religious faith. Telz was gone, Lomza was gone, but somehow Torah would survive; and in the meantime, we may afford ourselves the wise smile which conquers worldliness "in the classical way, by understanding it."

And now Rav Shatzkes is gone. To the many who have heard of him, and especially to those of us who were fortunate enough to know him, his memory and image will remain an inspiration to continue on the path along which he strode with such firm step; to develop, in another context and in another soil, the Torah tradition to which he dedicated his most vital energies.

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Debators Get Governor's Gavel; Tours to Canada & South Planned

Averell Harriman, former governor of New York State, has presented the Debating Society of Yeshiva University with a speaker's gavel, announced Yashar Hirshaut '59, president of the Debating Society. The gavel was originally presented to Mr. Harriman in honor of the World Youth Aliyah in 1957.

The Debating Team has instituted a pre-campaign tour to Canada and a season tour to the South. Mr. Hirshaut '59, and Jack Finkelstein '59, will represent Burma at a model United Nations held in Toronto, Canada, February 7-9. They will also debate McGill University at Montreal and the University of Toronto.

Southern Visit

The new Southern tour will take members of the team to the cities in Virginia and Ohio. Wichita, Kansas, is the farthest leg of the Western tour, while other tours will debate schools in Washington, Baltimore and Boston. Nine of the forthcoming debates will be held before synagogue audiences.

Elevations to the Debating So-

ciety will take place Wednesday, February 11. Members of the current College varsity team are Yashar Hirshaut '59, Larry Halpern '60, Jerry Blidstein '60, Steve Riskin '60, Martin Gordon '60, Jerrold Neugeboren '60, and Jack Finkelstein '59.

Coffee Break Fixed

The Co-op Canteen on the fourth floor, inactivated by faulty water pipes, was re-opened, Friday, January 9th. The coffee, juices, soda and ice-cream machines are now back in working order due to the installation of the new pipes. Openings for the Canteen staff are now available, announced Judah Lando, Canteen chief.

J.S.P. Professors Join Six Students At Torah Seminar

Six Yeshiva College students and two faculty members of the Jewish Studies Program participated as instructors in the annual Torah Leadership seminar. The Seminar, accommodating over two-hundred teen-agers from all over the country, was held at the Lakehurst Hotel in Woodridge, N.Y., under the auspices of the University's Youth Bureau.

The students and the groups they led were: Hyam Wasserman '60, Jewish Music; Moses Polansky '59, Dramatics; Alvin Golub '61, Israeli Dancing; Sidney Green '59, "Making Your Club Program Click"; Yitzchak Rubin '60, "Planning a Well-Rounded Program," and Herbert Millen '60, "Games for the Club."

Braun Edits Work

The Philosophical Library recently published the *Dictionary of French Literature*, by Dr. Sidney D. Braun, professor of French at Yeshiva College.

Shapiro Addresses RCA; Asks Aid for Mizrachi

The Honorable Moshe Chaim Shapiro, former minister of Welfare and Religions of the state of Israel, addressed a luncheon meeting of the Rabbinical Council of America in the cafeteria of the ned dorm, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

"The National Religious Party (*Mizrachi-Hapoel Hmizrachi*) was compelled to leave the coalition government because the government nullified the existing status quo on religion," he explained. There had been instances was felt that the preservation of

a strong government was more important than the issues involved. "However, the government stand in this present crisis of 'Who is a Jew,' made their remaining in the coalition intolerable," elaborated the leader of the National Religious Party.

"With the Prime Minister making open attacks on the Chief Rabbinate, the situation will worsen," stated Minister Shapiro.

The speaker called for the American Orthodox rabbinate to let the Prime Minister know of their antagonism to his anti-religious policies.

More Aid to Students

"Yeshiva University will spend a record million dollars in scholarship aid during the current academic year," announced Mr. Max J. Etra, chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees at a recent address in Detroit.

This sum represents one quarter of the University's operating budget. Last year, the institution spent \$753,000 in scholarship aid.

Condolences

THE COMMENTATOR extends its sincerest condolences to Mr. Norman B. Abrams upon the loss of his sister, and to Rabbi Aaron Shatzkes upon the loss of his father.

May they be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Chicago Yeshiva

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of Hebrew Literature, a Teachers Institute, and the Chicago Jewish Academy, the first all-day Jewish High School outside of New York City.

The school library houses approximately 40,000 volumes. These books comprise a collection of all subjects of Hebraica and Judaica.

In addition to its educational facilities, the Hebrew Theological College maintains a Department of Community Relations somewhat similar to Yeshiva's C. S. D.

It is interesting to note that both the Yeshiva University and the Chicago School developed from a *Yeshiva Etz Chiam*; ours in 1886 and H.T.C.'s in 1912. In 1921 the Illinois Yeshiva applied for and was granted a formal charter of incorporation as the Hebrew Theological College.

The end of World War II marked the beginning of an expansion program and similar to Y. U. the current president, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman was appointed during that period. Since then students have streamed to its doors from five continents, twelve countries and fourteen states.

Currently, 250 students are studying in the *yeshiva*. Some 150 of them commute daily, while 100 students live in the new dormitory.

Studies Available

Aside from Talmud, Hebrew, Bible, and Jewish History the rabbinical students study sociology, modern philosophies, education and public speaking. At the present time students attend various liberal arts colleges in the area to supplant their religious education.

One obstacle remains in the path of the realization of the school's plans—\$5,000,000. When that sum is raised the Jewish University of America will be a reality.



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On The Sidelines

Rah! Rah! . . . Uh

By Artie Eidelman



No one in his right mind could ever accuse the students of Yeshiva College of being unenthusiastic about sports. There are more basketball, football, fencing and hockey buffs at Yeshiva than there are cigar smokers at Madison Square Garden. No one, not even old alumni from Notre Dame, talks more about his varsity teams than the Yeshiva student. Whatever occurs the preceding night in the world of sports is reported up at at Yeshiva in more detail than on the pages of the "New York Times" and discussed more analytically than in the sports section of the "New York Post."

That is why it is with such dismay that one has to report on two recent developments here at Yeshiva. Both appear to be inconsistent with what is generally believed to be the spirit of the College. On the surface there seems to be no connection between the two developments, but one wonders if they are not really two varying symptoms of the same malady.

What is most striking about the Yeshiva College basketball team is the lack of any substantial support given to it by the student body. Interest seems to be relegated to second-hand reports from the chosen few who have seen the previous game. Most students, it seems, find out the results of Yeshiva's games from the box scores of the "New York Times." In general, there seems to be a lack of first-hand witnesses to the recent Yeshiva successes.

As a case in point, one only has to recall the important Tri-State League game with Fairfield College. The visitors from Connecticut invaded Yeshiva home court with the support of some fifty-odd fans. With much due embarrassment the Mighty Mites found themselves on the short order of the cheering, as Yeshiva fans numbered a resounding forty. Fairfield, backed by a wordly shouting cheering section, staged a last quarter rally which fell short of catching Yeshiva by two points. One wonders how much credit is due to the Connecticut team's fellow travelers for even coming this close.

Of all the Yeshiva teams that have caught the eye of the supposed sports enthusiasts up here, the wrestling team seems to be the brightest. Steadily improving with each match under the guidance of the now undisputed dean of wrestling coaches, the squad has caught the imagination of the Yeshiva student body. No other varsity men receive such back-slapping—handshaking support as the wrestlers have in the past few weeks.

Against such a background it is hard to face the reality of the cold, hard facts about the team. The Yeshiva College wrestling team has not fielded a man in the 123-pound division simply because it does not have a 123-pound wrestler. Other starters have been wrestling in heavier divisions than they should, simply because Yeshiva does not have wrestlers in every weight division. And even in those divisions where there are starters, there is a total lack of reserves to protect against injuries.

All those cries of "When are they going to win their first match?" become meaningless when one realizes that in every match Yeshiva spots its opponents at least five points, and who knows how many pounds. The fact that three starters are graduating seniors likewise does not speak of a bright future.

When one stops to review these two situations, the lack of support for the basketball team (and the other teams have not been doing so well themselves) and the lack of participation in the wrestling team, a clear picture of Yeshiva sports enthusiasm emerges. What one cannot help but feeling is that the "all-on-a-silver-platter," "let-the-other-guy-do-it" attitude has finally taken hold of the Yeshiva student.

The solutions to the two problems are quite clear and are inherent in the analysis themselves. What is simply needed is more fans and more wrestlers, and less passing of the buck. And when that happens, the Yeshiva will be able to pat himself on the back, shake his hand, and declare himself a real supporter of Yeshiva's varsity teams.

Bernard Revel School Boasts New Curriculum, New Degree

A small two-story, rickety brown building on the corner of 186th Street and Amsterdam Ave. is the home of the largest school of Semitics in this country, The Bernard Revel Graduate School, and its summer counterpart, the Harry Fischel School for Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University.

186 students, including 76 also studying for their *smicha*, are now attending this oldest graduate division of Yeshiva University. Of the many members of the active rabbinate engaged in advanced Jewish studies, about half

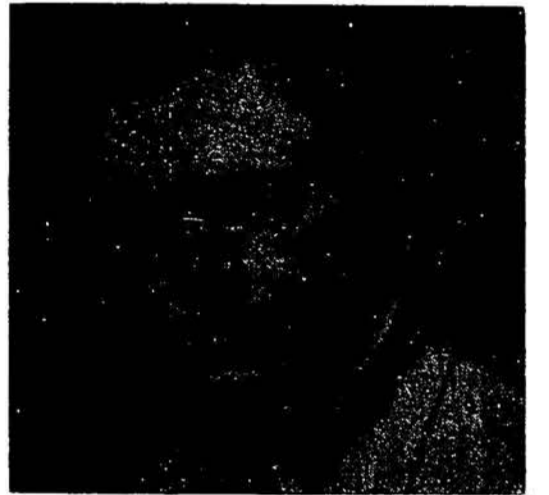
intend to receive a Masters degree, the others their doctorates. About a dozen college seniors are also taking courses in the Revel School for college credit.

Graduates Now Faculty Members
25 doctorates in the past 21 years have been granted, several of them to present-day Yeshiva faculty members—Rabbi Michael Bernstein, Dr. Menachem Brayer, Dr. Moshe Regeur, Rabbi Asher Siev, and Dr. Meyer Feldblum, the sole recipient of a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Several graduates also occupy important faculty positions in other universities. In addition, three scholarly magazines—*Horeb*, *Talpioth and Sura*, are published under the sponsorship of the graduate school.

The director of the graduate school, Dr. Bernard Lander, a

Yeshiva College alumnus and RIETS *musmach*, points with pride to the full-time staff of professors, a core curriculum of basic courses, a new Doctor of Philosophy degree and a reorganization of the M.H.L. program, all of which have been achieved in the past four years.

Concentrating on the study of Bible, Jewish History, Semitics, Rabbinic and Talmudic studies, the graduate school emphasizes critical analysis of select and highly specialized problems. An edition of *Dikauker Sofrim*, critical editions of the works of Maimonides



Dr. Bernard Lander

and the collection of all the manuscripts of the *baale hatosefot* and other *rishonim* are among some of the planned projects of the graduate school.

Another area to which special attention will be devoted is that of Jewish philosophy. "One of the great tragedies of today's Jewish life is the small numbers of such works which are suited for 20th century Jews," Dr. Lander feels. One of the goals of the graduate school is to develop a scholarly philosophic and halachic approach toward these works and to expand the literature available in this vital field.

In regard to studies in Israel, Dr. Lander favors establishing a center for scholarship there, but only for those students who have already received their degrees in America. Plans for such a center are in the discussion stage.

The key to the development of the graduate school is believed to lie in increasing the opportunities for scholars to do full-time residence work.

Congrats

THE COMMENTATOR extends its heartiest congratulations to the following couples upon their engagements: Joseph Bruckenstein '59, to Sandy Jacobs, Jay Braverman '58, to Sandra Drozen, and Elliot Ginzberg '58 to Mindy Linzer.

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Y.U. Coach To Lead U.S. Matmen In Soviet Tour

Henry "Hank" Wittenberg, coach of the Yeshiva College wrestling team, has been chosen to coach the United States amateur wrestling team in its first tour of the Soviet Union this coming June.

Mr. Wittenberg was elected to this position at the annual A.A.U. convention, held in Chicago during the first week of December.

Hank, as he is known to the

fans of Yeshiva wrestling, came to this school three years ago. At the time, Yeshiva had just entered into formal competition. It was Hank's task to whip this team of neophytes into a coherent unit. In this short time he has taught the Y.U. wrestlers both the fundamentals and intricacies of the sport.

The U.S. squad, which will be chosen at the A.A.U. meet at

Springwater, Okla. in April, will be making the tour under the auspices of the Soviet-American Cultural Exchange Program which was established by President Eisenhower. Last year a Russian team appeared in the United States and won all of its matches. This was the first Soviet athletic squad to appear here.

The tour will last approximately one month, and it will take

the wrestlers through a number of Russian cities. Among them will be Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Tiflis.

Amiable and cheerful, Mr. Wittenberg at 41 is still in excellent physical condition. He graduated from City College in New York, where he later received a Masters degree in education. In his leisure time Mr. Wittenberg likes to paint and has become

quite adept with brush and pallet.

Hank is not new at the business of competing against the Russians. In 1948, he won the coveted gold-medal in the light-heavyweight division at Olympics held in London. He faced the Soviets again in 1952 at Helsinki, Finland, and once more defeated them. However, he lost to Viking Palm of Sweden, in the finals and emerged with an Olympic silver-medallion for the runner-up position.

In addition to being an Olympic champ, and now a prospective Olympic coach, Mr. Wittenberg has been National Free-Style Amateur Champion no less than eight times, and Metropolitan A.A.U. title-holder ten times. In 1953, he went to the Israeli *Maccabiah* as a member of the U. S. contingent where he gained the light-heavyweight title.

In addition to his active career, which lasted from 1939 to 1953, he served as a referee during last year's Soviet visit. During one period in his career, he won close to 400 consecutive matches.



Mr. Henry Wittenberg

Bader Stars as Mites Down Rider To Tie for Second In Hoop League

Drew College of Madison, New Jersey became the sixth victim in a row to go down to defeat under the barrage of jumps shots by Yeshiva College's sharp-shooters.

Hitting on 56% of their shots, the Mighty Mites from the concrete campus high above the Harlem River topped the Rangers of New Jersey in their breathtaking new fieldhouse on their ivy-covered campus by a 80-62 score.

Led by Sandy Ader's 18 points Yeshiva forged ahead to a 42-29 halftime lead and then coasted to victory.

The New Jerseyites opened with a zone defense and a fast breaking offense. Yeshiva countered by slick ball handling and accurate

Led by Irv Bader, 14 points in the first half, the Mighty Mites gained a 44-28 half-time lead. The teams traded baskets, in the early minutes of the game till Yeshiva went into the lead, 16-14. From then on it was all Yeshiva.

Gary Baum's and Stu Badian's rebounding and Willie Goldstein's and Sandy Ader's scoring aided in the court. Coach Red Sarachek freely substituted his

bench throughout the second half.

The New Jerseyites were paced by Madden, with 20 points. Bader led Yeshiva with 25.

In the previous Saturday night the Mighty Mites romped over C. W. Post College by a 70-43 score. The game was so one-sided that no one from Post scored in double figures.

Yeshiva's record is now 7-2 with 3-1 score in the Tri-State League.

Outdrawn

YESHIVA			DREW		
	FG	FT		FG	FT
Baum	4	3 11	Beckwith	2	2 6
Grossman	0	0 0	Headley	1	0 2
Badian	0	1 1	Riordan	2	6 10
Kramer	0	2 2	Remster	2	0 4
Ader	10	3 23	Oostdyke	9	6 24
Sarinsky	3	4 10	Parks	0	2 2
Bader	8	2 18	Sorensen	1	0 2
Kernkold	2	0 4	Chestnut	2	0 4
Goldstein	4	3 11	Hayward	4	0 8
Wieder	0	0 0			
Total	31	18 80	Total	23	16 62

shooting. High scorers were Ader with 23 and Bader with 18. Harv Oostdyke paced Drew with 24 points.

Coach Sarachek emptied his bench during the second half and Gary Sarinsky led the substitutes with 10 points.

Paced by five men who played as a team for the first time this season, Yeshiva College's basketball team routed Rider College 83-67 for its fifth straight win of the season.

The victory over Rider put

Epee Squad Sparks Bladesmen To Third Straight Win of Season

For the third straight time this season the Yeshiva College fencing team was paced to victory by its sparkling epee team. This time it was Queens College who suffered the defeat by a 19-8 score.

The match was held in Yeshiva's home gymnasium this past January 7, before a large throng of spectators that was termed "excessively troublesome" by the director.

Again it was epeeman Captain Jack Finkelstein who led the team to victory. Jack gained two more bouts to run his record for the year to 6-0. Abe Aronson and Sam Rosenthal ably backed him with two victories apiece.

All in all, the epee team posted a 8-1 record, the lone loss suffered by senior Alan Schulman. Al Hornblass gained his first victory of the season, while substituting for Aronson in the third round.

Rhine and Jake Dyckman led the saber team to a 6-3 record by winning two matches apiece. Junior Herbert Josepher split his two matches. Neil Berger added the remaining point.

It was Jules Rosenberg who scored his first victory for Yeshiva in the foil division and he added another point in the second round. Jack Nusbacher, Ray Levine, and Hesh Farkas likewise won.

The starting team, excluding Nusbacher, was completely substituted for in the third round. Coach Tauber nevertheless emphasized that the team has still not played up to its abilities. Many of the fencers, he feels, do not realize the importance of every touch to the winning of a bout. A single touch may mean against such teams as Pace, Colombia, etc.; the difference between ultimate victory or defeat.

Queens Dethroned

YESHIVA		QUEENS	
Foil		Foil	
Rosenberg	2-0	Kao	2-1
Nusbacher	1-2	Whiteman	2-1
Farkas	1-1	Schops	0-3
Levine	1-0		
Brunswick	0-1		4-5
Total	5-4		
Saber		Saber	
Rhine	2-0	Turtle	2-1
Josepher	1-1	Scher	0-3
Dyckman	2-0	Shapiro	1-2
Felnerman	0-1		
Enker	0-1		3-4
Berger	1-0		
Total	6-5		
Epee		Epee	
Finkelstein	2-0	Scheaman	3-0
Aronson	2-0	Shilling	1-2
Rosenthal	2-0	*Turtle	0-3
Schulman	0-1		
Lando	1-0		1-4
Hornblass	1-0	*Forfelt	
Total	8-1		

Fordham Outpawns Y.U. Team 3 1/2 - 2 1/2

The Yeshiva College Chess Team was checkmated into its second defeat of the season by Fordham University this past week by a 3 1/2-2 1/2 score; Yeshiva's record is now 1-2.

Howard Schain, playing the number one board, defeated his opponent in short order. Yeshiva gained its second point when Michael Hauer, playing the number four board, likewise mated his opponent. The remaining half-point was gained by Isaiah Beilin who salvaged a draw by execrating himself from a seemingly hopeless set-up.

Friedman, Carmel and Goldstein lost their games, giving Fordham the match.

Yeshiva Wrestlers Lose to C.W. Post, Fairleigh Dickinson

Wrestling twice within three nights, the Yeshiva College grapplers went down to two defeats at the hands of the Fairleigh Dickinson College and C. W. Post College wrestling teams.

Yeshiva's matmen were flattened by the Jerseyites of Fairleigh Dickinson by 21-8 score, and by the Long Islanders of C. W. Post by a 25-13 score.

The Fairleigh Dickinson match was featured by a highly unorthodox order of bouts. The opening match was held in the 147-pound class with the Garden State champion Eric Rudolph pinning the Yeshiva man.

Shalom Stern countered for Yeshiva by pinning his opponent in the 130-pound class in the second period. Yeshiva dropped the next two matches, one by a pin, another on points, to fall behind 13-5. Alan Genauer then outlasted and outpointed his opponent to put Yeshiva in a challenging position. The final two matches, however, went to Fairleigh, the score ending up 21-8.

On the previous Monday,

Tell-Tale Tallies

	W	L
Fairleigh-Dickinson	2	0
Yeshiva	3	1
Bridgeport	3	1
Fairfield	2	1
Brooklyn	2	2
Rider	1	1
Adelphi	1	1
Kings Point	0	2
Hunter	0	4

Yeshiva dropped a home match to C. W. Post College. The opening bout went to Post by default and the second via a pinning. Captain Jonas Prager put Yeshiva in the scoring column by coming from behind to pin his opponent.

Alan Genauer added three points to Yeshiva scoring by outpointing his opponent, but Marv Weiner, hampered by an injured knee, was pinned in return. The final match in the heavy-weight division featured a stirring and climatic pinning by Eddie Rosenbaum of his opponent.

Intramural Bowling To Begin February

A full program of intramural bowling will begin in February, announced Eddie Rosenbaum, Yeshiva College Athletic Manager. The entire program will be under the direction of Jack Prince '59.

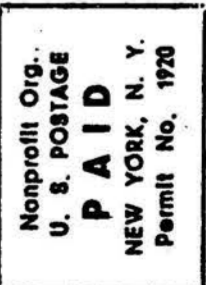
To date, only two matches have been held. The sophomore class outscored the freshmen bowlers by close to ninety pins. The lead-

Classifications

	W	L	Av.
Juniors	4	1	
Seniors	3	1	
Sophomores	1	3	
Freshman	1	4	
	G	P	Av.
Davis (J)	5	111	22.2
Mehlman (Sr)	4	57	14.3
Brodie (F)	4	42	10.5
Botnick (F)	4	41	10.3
Kurnisky (J)	5	45	9.0
Shatzkes (S)	4	36	9.0
Mallet (J)	5	38	7.6
Bengstein (Sr)	3	22	7.3
Laulicht (S)	3	22	7.3
Goldsmith (Sr)	4	21	7.3

ing bowler was Joe Weinreb with a 181.

The failure of a senior class team to appear at the alleys resulted in a forfeiture to the junior class in the second scheduled match.



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