

## Dean Announces Advisory Council for Faculty Elections

Drafting of a faculty constitution will be the first task of the newly-elected Faculty Advisory Council, revealed Dr. Isaac Bacon, Yeshiva College dean.

The members of the Council are Doctors David Fleisher, Eli Levine, Irving Agus, and Nathan Goldberg, representing the divisions of Language and Literature, Natural Sciences, Jewish Studies and Social Sciences, respectively.

This marked the first time that the Council was elected by the faculty. Previously, the Advisory Council consisted of the dean-appointed chairman of each division.

The constitution, while primarily devoted to the rights of members of the faculty and the formation of various faculty committees, will also empower the faculty to deal generally with student affairs. Dr. Fleisher emphasized that the Council has not as yet met and no exact ideas for the constitution have been formulated.

### Dean Speaks

Dr. Isaac Bacon, newly-appointed acting dean of Yeshiva College, spoke to the student body yesterday evening at 8:30 in the social hall of the college dormitory.

This was the first opportunity for many students to meet Dr. Bacon and gain a first-hand knowledge of his policies.

## Frosh, Sophs to See "Porgy and Bess"

"Porgy and Bess" will be seen by the sophomore and freshman classes at their theatre party, to be held at the Warner Theater Saturday evening, November 21.

This marks the first time in Yeshiva College history that a motion picture has been selected and that two classes are attending the same theater party.

From the George Gershwin classic of the 30's come such enduring songs as "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," and "I got Plenty o' Nuttin'." The movie stars Sidney Poitier, Sammy Davis, Jr., and Pearl Bailey.

The class of '61 has chosen Broadway's second longest-running show, "The Music Man" as its theater party, scheduled for Saturday, December 12, at the Majestic Theater. It tells of a "con-man" who convinces communities, for his own benefit, that an interest in music prevents juvenile delinquency. But, in the end "love triumphs over all" and Robert Preston, in the starring role, mends his ways.

"Orpheus Descending," a modern adaptation by Tennessee Williams of a Greek tragedy, will be viewed by the Senior class.

# Yeshiva University To Invest Thirty Million Dollars In New Campuses

## In Past, In Present Yeshiva Expands At Increasing Rate

by Murray Laulicht

Yeshiva College's first campus was established in 1928 at Amsterdam Ave. and 186th St. It consisted of one five-story building.

Today, the Main Academic Center finds its ten buildings, four of them major structures, insufficient to accommodate the recent influx of students.

Just five years ago, Stern College for Women was opened on Lexington Avenue at 35th St. Its student body consisted of 32 entering freshmen.

Today, Stern College does not have the classroom or dormitory facilities for its more than 250 students.

### School of Education

And just three years ago, the Graduate School of Education opened its doors at 110 W. 57th St. The modern edifice had been rented to house the few hundred pioneering baccalaureates seeking their masters and doctorate degrees in education.

Today, the 1,117 prospective teachers are using facilities that are already inadequate. Primarily for these three schools, Yeshiva University has projected its new expansion program.

During the past few years Yeshiva College has attempted to utilize every inch of available

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Yeshiva University has projected a \$30,000,000 expansion program, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

Construction, including the addition of three major structures at the Main Academic

Center and the building of a new midtown campus, is slated to be completed by 1970.

Plans at the Main Academic Center call for the establishment of a classroom building, a residence hall, and a gymnasium and recreation center. This part of the program will cost an estimated \$5,000,000. Dr. Belkin revealed that the university owns property in this vicinity which would make this expansion possible.

### Two Campuses

Two separate campuses are to be built at the new mid-town center, a part of the Riverside-Amsterdam Title I Project. One will include a graduate center, providing facilities for the Graduate Schools of Education, So-

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RIVERSIDE-AMSTERDAM TITLE I PROJECT—Yeshiva will build Midtown Campus in area outlined in white—from 86th St. to 83rd and between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave.

## Yeshiva Juniors Discounts Obtained Attend Stern Social For Student Body

The annual Yeshiva College Junior - Stern College Freshman affair was held last Saturday night at Stern College.

Allen Mandel, '61, who served as master of ceremonies, also presented a comedy routine. Judah Lando, '60, delivered a monologue on his Yeshiva experience and the fun he's had at past Stern affairs.

Discounts of up to forty per cent have been obtained for Yeshiva students at local business establishments and have been listed on circulars distributed recently by the Student Discount Committee.

Lower weekday rates will be charged at the Empress and the Heights movie theatres upon presentation of a Yeshiva College Bursar's Card.

Other reductions obtained by the committee, which consists of Chairman Howard Goldberg '61, Associate Chairman Dave Segal '62, and Co-Chairmen Abe Siegelman '60 and Joe Stern '60, may be enjoyed at the Co-op Service Company (40%), at Andrew's Barber Shop (25%), and at other neighborhood stores.

## Y.U. Alumni Plan To Hold Seminar

Questionnaires concerning the future choice of professional will be circulated among the student body by the Student-Alumni Vocational Guidance Committee, announced Aaron Leibowitz '60 and Mayer Rabinowitz '60, co-chairmen.

Alumni who are outstanding in their respective fields will conduct seminars designed to inform students about various graduate schools and their programs of study.

For the benefit of those students who have not decided on their career, no limit has been set on the number of lectures they may attend.

## Chief Rabbinate Discussed At Jewish Forum Meeting

"Current events can only be understood in the light of past events," said Rabbi Israel Wohlgerlenter at last Thursday's meeting of the Jewish Forum.

Speaking on the topic "The Chief Rabbinate of Israel," Rabbi Wohlgerlenter said that its powers and functions had undergone great changes in the past century because of the corresponding changes in the governing power of Israel.

Rabbi Wohlgerlenter explained that while all of Israeli rabbis are members of the Chief Rabbinate, only 42 of them along with 28 laymen will elect the eight-member Supreme Rabbinic Council. From this body the Chief Rabbis of both the *Ashkenazic* and *Sephardic* factions are selected.

"The Chief Rabbi," Rabbi Wohlgerlenter noted "is the highest religious authority in Israel, and presumably throughout the world as well."

### Traces History of Israel

The speaker then traced the his-

tory of what is now the State of Israel. He pointed out that throughout the past 2,000 years, Jews have lived in Israel. "The Jewish settlement," he remarked, "sunk to its lowest ebb in 1269, when Nachmanides, on a visit to Jerusalem, was unable to assemble the ten men necessary to form a minyan."

Rabbi Wohlgerlenter then discussed the Israeli Rabbinate from 1842 to the present. He explained its development from the *Haham Bashi* who was granted, by the Turks, the power to solemnize marriage, to the present day influence of Israel's Chief Rabbi.

Rabbi Wohlgerlenter pointed out that the entire Supreme Rabbinic Council will be elected in February, not just the Chief Rabbi alone.

The speaker, an alumnus of Yeshiva College, received his *smicha* rom R.I.E.T.S. in 1956. He is presently an instructor in talmud at Teachers Institute.

### Student Council

The Fleisher Report on Student Activities will be foremost on the agenda of tonight's Student Council meeting which will start at 9 o'clock in the dormitory synagogue.

Benjamin Hirsch '60, president of Student Council, urged all students to attend the meeting, stating, "It is of utmost importance that the student body be well informed as to the exact nature of the report."

## Men Make Merry At Annual Smoker

Judah Lando '60, professor of mirth and merriment, opened the festivities of the annual Senior-Freshman Smoker, amidst the cheers and jeers of over 200 students, Wednesday evening, November 11.

It was evident from the start that the "lowly" freshmen were in for a treat. Producer Louis Raymon '60 had assembled a star-studded array of talent.

Dan Ziff '63, billed as the "master of the keys," followed Fritz Brickell '63 on the program with a rollicking interpretation of pianist Tom Lerer's hilarious compositions.

### "I, The Jury"

Private detective Mordy Paru and his assistant Al (Sweet Sue) Sugarman portrayed Mike Hammer flinging through a "normal" case.

"Beatniks" Larry Halpern '60 and Joseph Aufrichtig '60 then discussed the true "attitudes." Waves of "glazed shaf" rolled over the audience as the evening came to a halt.

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**Letters To The Editor**

**Israel Beckons**

The time has come for the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary to adopt an organized plan of study in Israel for its students. Such a plan is not alien to Yeshiva University.

The Teachers Institute, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, has had a working agreement for the past five years with the Chaim Greenberg Institute in Jerusalem. Outstanding students not only spend a valuable year in Israel under the auspices of T.I., but are aided and encouraged by scholarships.

It is true that many students of R.I.E.T.S. have studied in Israel for a year, but only as *individuals*. Each one has had to grapple with the problems of curriculum and dormitory facilities on his own. Despite these difficulties, the reaction of returning students to their year in Israel has been enthusiastic in nearly every case.

The advantages of study in Israel are many. One may devote an entire year to Jewish studies in a Jewish environment. The value of one full year of Gemorah, Tanach and Jewish philosophy cannot be ignored. Acquisition of Hebrew as a spoken language is a foregone conclusion. And perhaps most important is the visit itself: the Holy Land, its people and its customs.

The Chaim Greenberg-T.I. program is beyond the experimental stage. Its success should serve as an impetus for adoption of a similar plan under the aegis of R.I.E.T.S.

Students realize that the older school would lend its name only to a program whose curriculum it approved and endorsed. The problem of inadequate sleeping quarters would also disappear. And presumably, a number of scholarships would be offered.

In its sixty-two-year-old history, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary has been a pillar of Orthodox Jewish education. We therefore urge R.I.E.T.S. to act in accordance with its great tradition and to provide a supervised plan for those students desiring a year of emotional and intellectual stimulation in Israel.

**The Tree and The Forest**

Yeshiva University expansion has always been guided by two principles: first, to strengthen the Yeshiva and its position as a producer of outstanding Jewish leaders, and second, to fulfill certain community needs.

We applaud heartily the announcement by Dr. Belkin that Yeshiva will undertake a multi-million dollar expansion program.

However, we wish to reiterate that Yeshiva's primary goal in this project should be the construction of adequate facilities for the growing Yeshiva College student body.

This should, and must be, the first step in this undertaking. No longer should the tree be lost amidst the dense forest.

**Faculty Elections**

We note with great interest the recent election of Professors Fleisher, Levine, Agus, and Goldberg, as heads of the Languages and Literature, Natural Sciences, Jewish Studies, and Social Sciences Departments, respectively. Our interest stems from the fact that these department heads were elected by the entire faculty, as opposed to the previous practice of appointment by the dean. We extend our sincere congratulations to them.

The significance of the election lies beyond the point of just being a step forward in democracy at Yeshiva. While we do praise and commend this new practice, we would also like to point out the changes which we feel can be wrought by these men.

The curriculum at Yeshiva is generally recognized as being in need of improvement. Courses should be added and courses should be dropped; many courses should be re-evaluated, altered, or reshaped. This need, so painfully evident, must be recognized by the new department heads. They now have the power and, we hope, the desire to give us a solid healthy curriculum.

**Wasted Baskets**

Let's face it fellows, we are missing the wastepaper baskets on those long lobs from twenty-five feet out. More crumpled candy wrappers, used paper cups and cigarette butts are overshooting the target than ever before; the resultant mess is not a pretty sight.

As an alternative to basketball practice, may we suggest that you deliver your lob from a shorter distance. Better yet, why not simply place your wad in the basket?

To the Editor:

It has been my privilege to have had the opportunity to read each and every COMMENTATOR published by the students of Yeshiva College since the early 30's. The edition published on Thursday, November 5, 1959, is, in my opinion, praiseworthy.

A resolution of Student Council of Yeshiva College headlined on the first page asking for a "solution to the problem caused by unethical practices on examinations," will, I am sure, be supported by the greatest majority of our students, the entire faculty and every member of the administration.

Your editorial "Religious Responsibilities" deserves special praise by all.

This is the first time in my experience that I have written a letter to THE COMMENTATOR. This is also the first time, to my knowledge, when Student Council and the Governing Board of COMMENTATOR have had enough courage to suggest a self-evaluation by the students, in connection with their purposes of enrolling at Yeshiva University. My congratulations to you all on this action.

I hope and trust that this spirit will continue to be developed in a similar light. This "Yeshiva Spirit" will, I am certain bring about most proper understandings between students, faculty and the administration. Student Council and COMMENTATOR can contribute much to the welfare of our great institution.

May you continue in this "Yeshiva Spirit."

Norman B. Abrams,  
Registrar, R.I.E.T.S.

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Yeshiva University Residence Hall Committee, I have been asked to bring to the attention of the administration and student

body a major evil that exists in our dorm.

The sanctity of the dorm *shul* is being desecrated by both the student body and the administration. The student body uses the synagogue as a coat-room and locker when they eat in the cafeteria. This is partially the fault of the administration in not providing facilities for our coats and books.

Of greater importance is its failure in not emphasizing the *K'dusha* of the *shul*. The administration has also desecrated the synagogue by extending the cafeteria into the *shul* for various luncheons and catered affairs. Consequently, the walls of the *shul* are taken down and an atmosphere of holy prayer and study is loosely replaced by frivolity and idle talk.

It is to our great dismay that Yeshiva's administration did not have the foresight in building our dorm to include a permanent *shul* designated solely for prayer and study. Certainly a grave injustice has been done to our student body.

Firstly, I would like to request that the student body refrain from using the synagogue as a cloakroom. My second request is that the administration should not use the *shul* for affairs and socials. I feel that for the present the best solution to the problem is to provide coat-racks and shelves for our coats and books, and to construct a permanent partition between the cafeteria and the *shul*.

Representing over three hundred dorm students, I hope that the administration will hear my plea and help us to ameliorate this situation.

Harvey Goldscheider  
Residence Hall Chairman.

**J. S. P. Undergoes Dynamic Changes**

by Charles Persky

This June, the Jewish Studies Program of Yeshiva University will graduate its first class. In the space of the few short years it has been in existence, many opinions have been formed on the part of the student body as to just what is J.S.P., and as to just what type of student attends it. As is the case with most opinions however, these views have tended to remain static, not taking cognizance of the many changes that have taken place in both J.S.P. and its students, especially within the past year.

One of these changes has been the tightening up of the admissions procedure. No one is now admitted to J.S.P. without having passed through an interview designed to determine the extent of the applicants' religious sincerity and strength of motivation in seeking to learn and practice Judaism. This requirement is considered even more important than that of scholastic background in Hebrew subjects. The degree of selectivity that this provides for, may be illustrated by the fact that out of 86 applicants, only 45 were accepted for this year's freshman class.

**Two Groups of Boys**

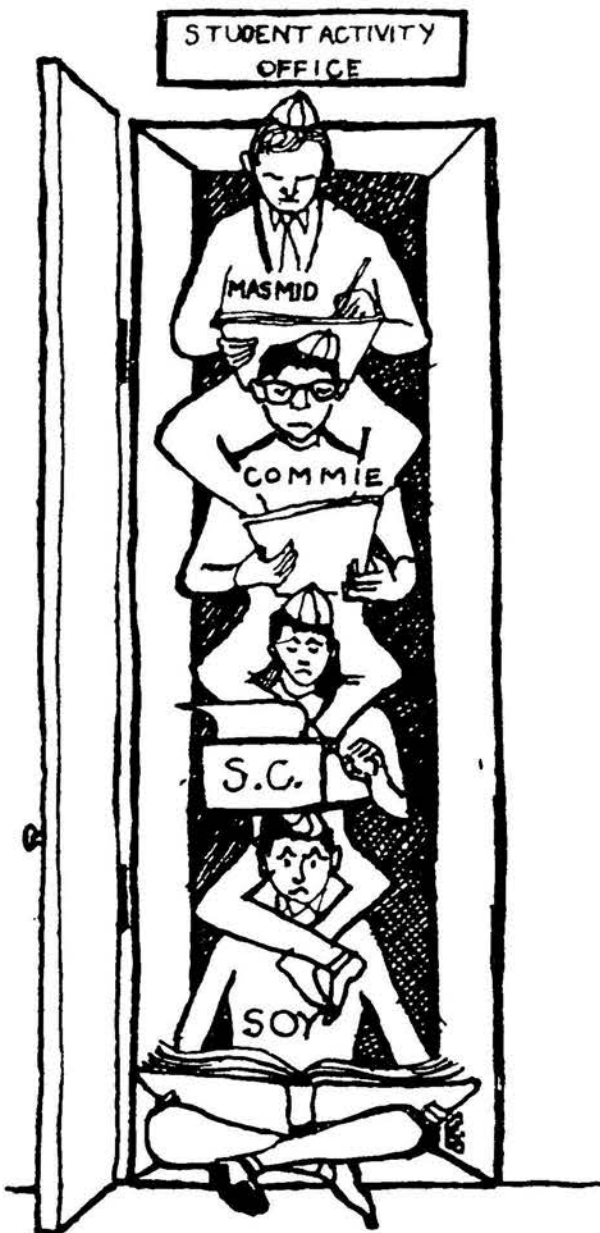
The type of boy now being admitted has also changed in relation to the recent revamping of the basic J.S.P. program. There are now two divisions in J.S.P., an *A* group and a *B* group. The former, consisting of 24 freshman students, is designed for those boys who have either graduated from a Yeshiva elementary school, or who have continued their Hebrew studies while attending public elementary school and public high school. These boys are able to learn *chumash* with *Rashi*, and *Mishnah*. They start *Talmud* in the second term of the freshman year.

The student in the *A* group is generally from a religious home, and is strongly motivated in his desire to learn, as evidenced by the fact that there are boys from such distant states as Michigan, Oklahoma, Florida and Indiana. The *B* group is planned to accommodate boys who have had only 2 to 3 years of Talmud-Torah instruction. There are, at present, 21 students in this section.

Not all of these boys were personally observant upon being admitted to the school, and some do not come from religious homes. These facts, however, should be interpreted in a positive manner

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**No Room At The Top!**



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# Y. U. Reporter Discusses Recent Mapai Victories

Mapai's victory in the recent Israeli elections is one of those phenomena which, though unexpected is not unexplainable. No more than the usual amount of hindsight is necessary to see the factors which produced the triumph of Israel's socialist-feudalist party.

Israel's political structure resembles that of a feudal suzerainty. In medieval times, the prince gave protection, tools and food, to his serfs, in time of famine, in exchange for their allegiance and support in time of war. In Israel, Mapai, through the *Histadrut*, is the guarantor and dispenser of ordinary positions of employment, benefits and other favors; the patronage privileges of Mapai extend far beyond the stage of "political plums" to the level of mass employment, apartment hunting, etc.

## Election Breakdown

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| MAPAI            | 47-48      |
| HERUT            | 17         |
| MIZRACHI         | 12         |
| MAPAM            | 9          |
| ACHDUT AVODA     | 8          |
| GENERAL ZIONISTS | 7          |
| PROGRESSIVES     | 6-5        |
| COMMUNISTS       | 3          |
| AGUDA            | 6          |
| ARABS            | 3-4        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>120</b> |

Mapai is not unique in this respect — the political stratification in Israel gives this power to any ruling party. But Mapai does have this power now, as it has had it for the last twelve years, and it knows how to use it. As did the feudal princes of old, Mapai demands and gets the support of those it protects.

### Responsible And Steady

Other reasons for Ben-Gurion's victory are more legitimate. One is Ben-Gurion himself—not B.G. in a personal sense, for Israeli voters may be getting tired of the "Old Man" despite his attractiveness to foreign correspondents. It is rather that Israelis see in Ben-Gurion and in the men around him a group of responsible steady men. They do not find such a group in any other party.

The introduction of new young faces into the Mapai leadership, in the persons of Abba Eban, Moshe Dayan, and Shimon Peres, proved to the voters that Mapai's vitality was not running dry. These men, aside from pointing out the virtue of their political party, were very attractive candidates in themselves. Eban, the world renowned diplomat, appealed to the sophisticates, while Dayan, a general-turning-demagogue, appealed to the more blunt-spoken citizens.

### Electorate Is Satisfied

All in all, the election results certainly show that the Israeli electorate is satisfied with the progress of the country. They feel that the country will continue to progress only if left in the hands of the Mapai. None of the other parties possess either the experienced leadership, or inspire confidence in the voter to leave his

country's fate in its hands. Herut, the right-wing party which demands incorporation of Transjordan into Israel, gets the vote of political romantics in which category fall many religious voters and adventurers. Its anti-socialist economic policy has never been enunciated in the detail necessary to woo many mature voters.

The religious parties (primarily Mizrachi), have been placed in a very precarious position. Ben-Gurion has often announced his intention of introducing the American system of voting for candidates, rather than for parties, as is now the case. As long as people vote for parties, small parties can collect enough votes to remain in existence; voting for candidates by district would eliminate all minor parties. This might very well add stability to the Israeli political system; in fact, many Israelis may have voted for Ben-Gurion with the hope that a large Mapai representation in the *Knesset* would further the elimination of minor parties. But the overall merits of the proposed reform are not convincing to a party faced with extinction.

Many argue that the cause of religion in Israel is not aided by the presence of religious political parties which possess all the vices which can be contracted in political life. But the religious parties themselves hardly argue with this view, and see their possible elimination as a blow against religion.

### More Immediate Problem

The second danger facing Mizrachi is of more immediate nature. Though Mizrachi gained a seat, Mapai hardly needs their votes in order to assemble a majority (61 votes) in the *Knesset*. Those parties which form the majority become members of the coalition government, with all the patronage privileges implied by a minister's portfolio; no party likes to lose these privileges. In addition, Mizrachi feels, and perhaps rightly so, that while Mapai needed the votes of the religious bloc, Ben-Gurion was willing to make concessions about the role of religion in the State. Future concessions are now seen as unlikely, since Mapai can get a majority vote in the *Knesset* without the votes of the religious bloc.

### A Religious Opposition

The Prime Minister has announced his intention of forming a coalition on as "broad a base as possible," that is, by including as many parties as possible. Even if this occurs and Mizrachi is offered a place in the coalition government, the fact remains that the religious party can exercise no pressure on Mapai in a political sense. Given this situation, suggestions have been heard that Mizrachi remain an opposition party; for, by keeping free of the political bargaining implied by membership in the coalition, Mizrachi may be able to develop the ideological stamina needed to attract those voters who are traditionalist, but who do not vote for the religious party because of its all-too-frequent opportunism.

# Israeli Editor Calls for a Separation Of Religion From Political Elements

The day after the Israeli elections we knew of Mapai's phenomenal and unexpected gains, of the General Zionists' losses, and the Religious Parties' virtually unchanged position. But following the excitement came the period of deeper evaluation and understanding of the situation in Israel, particularly in regard to some of the more perplexing religious problems. Is there a future for religion in Is-

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He further pointed out that religious parties themselves often constitute a barrier to religious development because of their very political nature.

Ben Gurion's Motives Political "It would be a mistake", he said, "to consider Ben-Gurion simply as an enemy of religion. His motives are political. When he knows that in those areas where a religious school exists he is going to lose votes to the religious parties, of course he fights religious education." In answering the next question, concerning the necessity and desirability of the religious parties, Mr. Pelli said that he once felt that they should be dissolved. He now felt, however, that the religious parties do succeed in their defensive struggle: to maintain the rights of the religious people. "Although I believe that generally a mixture of state and religion ought not exist, there should be a controlled contact between the two." He saw this as the duty of the religious parties.

But he maintained that what is most important at the present time is an offensive — a battle to educate the people. This is the responsibility of non-political religious groups, and especially the Chief Rabbinate.

### Chief Rabbinate Inactive

"The difficulty has been, however, that the Chief Rabbinate has been inactive. This is the last chance to raise prestige. If the Rabbinate does not succeed now, it is lost. A person like Rabbi Soloveitchik could do much to (Continued on page 5)



Winner in Israeli Election: (l. to r.) Moshe Dayan, Moshe Sharett, President Ben-Tzvi, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.

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## Speaker Describes His South Pole Trip

Dr. Paul Burkholder, eminent micro-biologist and discoverer of chloro-mycetin, was guest speaker at the Biology Club meeting last Thursday.

Speaking on the topic of "antibiotics," Dr. Burkholder provided his large audience with a view of the field, ranging from the collection of soil specimens to the production of their life-saving derivatives.

Citing the adage "a picture is worth a thousand words," the noted biologist proceeded to show slides of his recent expedition into the Antarctica for the purpose of collecting soil specimens.

### Hard Work

"Long and hard work and a great deal of experimentation go into the product of the discoveries, and ample knowledge must be had before we go where angels fear to tread," stated Dr. Burkholder.

Dr. Burkholder went on to predict that "bigger and better things will come from future research." Cures for cancer, arthritis may result from such experimentation.

Dr. Burkholder has taught in Yale University and the University of Georgia, and is presently teaching at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

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Mr. Pelli, being independent of any party and an orthodox Jew, could clarify some of the enigmas concerning religion in Israel.

### Bring Out Problems

Mr. Pelli came right to the point. "We must bring out the problems even if they hurt, and the spiritual and religious problems are many. Our big hope lies with the current religious development, which is closely paralleling that of the American Jews. The first *chalutzim*, in an effort to forget their past, sought an atheistic society. But the third generation is no longer antagonistic. They possess a hidden yearning for religion, and they are heading for religious revival."

"But if this is true," we asked, "why did Mapai gain so greatly and the Religious Parties remain at a standstill?"

Mr. Pelli replied that this is no criterion, for tens of thousands of religious people vote for parties other than the religious ones. Many people feel that religion is not consistent with politics. When they must choose between either their religious or their political and economic convictions, the latter often prevail.

## Directory To List All College Students

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of all students in the college will appear in a student directory which will be released in the near future, according to Mordy Paru '63, editor-in-chief.

Dormitory rooms and mail box numbers will also be included.

Freshmen that helped in the compilation of the data were Myron Sokal, Paul Gottfried, Bubba Brown, Label Deutch, Bert Sirote, Steve Goldberg, Sam Pilzer, Joe Zitter and Bob Gill.

"This will be a wonderful innovation," said Mr. Paru, "and we are hoping it will be continued every year."

## Math Club Features Executive at Lecture

Dr. Norman Zachary, department head at Sylvania Electronics Corporation, spoke on the "Real World of Mathematics," Wednesday evening, November 11, at Klein Hall.

"Science is big business," commented Dr. Zachary, "and men with administrative responsibilities need technical knowledge in order to make beneficial decisions."

Seven of the 150 mathematicians at the Needham, Mass., plant of Sylvania Electronics are Yeshiva College graduates. This plant is presently undertaking the development of a Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, remarked the speaker.

### Questions On Courses

Questions posed to Dr. Zachary following his talk were concerned mainly with the undergraduate course of study of future mathematicians.

"The methodology, techniques, and reasoning principles one develops in college are more important than any individual mathematics course," answered Dr. Zachary.

Approximately 50 students attended the lecture which was arranged by Dr. Henry Lisman, professor of mathematics. Louis Raymon '60, president of the math club, served as chairman.

# 11:10 Deemed As Likeliest Time For Thoughts And Movements

by Jay Khtainik

Much has been written about Time — making it, doing it, or spending it. Much, too, has been written about certain specific times; midnight, noon, dawn and sunset. But who, I ask, who has ever written, has ever made mention, of the part of day known as 10 minutes past eleven?

Ten past eleven. The sound of the words sends a chill down my spine. To this day I cannot understand why, through all of literature, many a writer has never mentioned ten past eleven. The emotional, philosophical, and historical significance of this part of the day have completely escaped them. I shall in the course of this dissertation, cite examples from so-called great literature and show how it could have been improved merely by using the words ten past eleven. However, before I go into that, I'd like to explain how I discovered ten past elevenism.

### Check Out Time

Not too long ago, on a cold, dreary morning, I walked out of the *Beit Hamidrash* (it seems that I'm always walking out and never walking in), and headed over to "Sid and George's" to

partake of something warm. I sat sipping my something warm, savoring every drop, and letting my thoughts roam freely around the place. Abruptly, my thoughts scampered back and my eyes shot up to the clock — 11:10. My spirits dropped.

As I picked up the pieces of broken glass, I reflected on this sudden change of my state of mind. It was the time that destroyed my mental equilibrium. Eleven-ten, the morning was just about over. What had I done? Nothing. I pondered over this fact for a while. Having pondered, I paid my bill and walked across the main academic gutter, opened the main academic doors, and entered the main academic building.

### Philosophy Starts to Form

That night, at 11:10 the feeling of gloom descended upon me once more. My philosophy of 11:10 was beginning to form. Eleven-ten A.M. and P.M. always signify the end of morning and the end of the evening. "So what?" I asked myself. I agreed with myself — so what? I left it at that.

For the practical minded, I offer application of the field of ten-past-elevenism. I'm sure that everyone is acquainted with "The Raven" by Poe. Take the first two lines: "Once upon a midnight dreary as I pondered weak and weary." It's absolutely dull and lacks the basic rhythm necessary for a poem. Ah, but now substitute 11:10 for midnight. Now we have poetry.

"Once upon 11:10 dreary as I pondered weak and weary." Magnificent! Sheer beauty!

Now, suppose that the sun doesn't rise at sunrise, but 11:10. Think, man, of all the sleep you can get. Then if the moon is replaced by 11:10 we can have lunch on arising. Midnight is now replaced by 11:10. Why, we've done it. The day is now condensed into a split-second! Think of the advantages. Think, because I can't.

## To Be Or Not To Be

*When I was but a lad I swore  
That a learned man I'd be;  
I'd make the world and all  
therein  
Sit up and notice me.  
I went to schools of higher  
learning  
Seeking an education;  
I studied hard, stayed up nights  
In thoughtful meditation.  
I studied science, math and  
history  
And other abstruse subjects  
To make my mark in industry  
To make my pile of dough,  
I worked myself so very hard  
For the sake of my career,  
But Fate made me a college prof  
Earning a lousy \$4,000 a year...*

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**Y.U. Expansion**

space—dorm rooms were converted into class rooms, labs were built on the first and fourth floors, and Graduate Hall was used for more and more classes.

### Give Classrooms Priority

The construction of a modern classroom building which would allow for tripling of college enrollment by 1970 has been given top priority in the Main Center building program.

For years THE COMMENTATOR has pleaded and argued for the construction of a fieldhouse. Now THE COMMENTATOR has its own housing problem to plead and argue for. The gym and recreation center, it is hoped, will fill the needs not only of extra-curricular activities but the joint athletic program of the student body as well.

Finally, the dormitory situation has reached the stage where installation of double-deckers in the near-future in the new dorm as well as the old dorm, will become inevitable.

### Project Greeted Enthusiastically

On October 14 the New York City Committee on Slum Clearance named Yeshiva University as the tentative sponsor of the Riverside-Amsterdam Title I project.

For the first time in the history of the committee, the designation of a sponsor was greeted with enthusiasm by the neighborhood involved. This was due in a large part to Yeshiva's policy of "spot clearance," whereby only dilapidated buildings are to be torn down.

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## The J.S.P. Story

rather than in a negative one. One should attempt to sympathize with these boys and try to realize what it must be like to accept such difficult and complex faith as Judaism. And that, at an age when one's character has already been formed in an environment foreign to it. Add to this the formidable burden of a family indifferent and in some cases even hostile to orthodox Jewish life, and you have only a small inkling of what these boys are attempting to do.

### Exhibit Curiosity

In both the A and B groups the students display an extraordinary amount of curiosity in the classroom, especially in those courses dealing with the philosophical aspects of Judaism.

The J.S.P. student has, admittedly, much to learn at Yeshiva University, and perhaps of equal importance, Yeshiva University has much to learn from him. Indeed, we are fortunate in having this opportunity to witness probably one of the most dynamic and interesting experiments ever undertaken in the field of modern religious education.

## Y.U. Youth Bureau To Hold Seminar

The Yeshiva University Youth Bureau's annual Torah Leadership Seminar will take place December 24-30 at the Lakehouse Hotel, Woodridge, N. Y.

The seminar is conducted for teenagers from all parts of the country.

# Jewish Philosophy Restated In Pamphlet By Dr. Belkin

by Emanuel Federbush

(ED. NOTE: Emanuel Federbush '56, is in the *Smicha Program*, attended Hebrew University, and Graduate School of Philosophy at Columbia.)

We welcome Yeshiva University's new series, "Studies in Torah Judaism" as another important step toward clarifying the essential concepts of traditional Judaism. Dr. Samuel Belkin's important study, *The Philosophy of Purpose*, the first in this series, is

divine ordinances and living up to the moral obligations contained in them, man serves his Creator. (P. 11.) What is central to Judaism is the relationship between man and G-d.

Dr. Belkin quotes the Israeli philosopher Hugo Bergmann. *Not only is the world dependent on G-d but the fate of G-d is dependent on that of the world.* This is an interrelationship which is not static but dynamic. The purpose of man's continued existence is to sanctify G-d. Man cannot comprehend G-d's essence, writes Dr. Belkin, but since "G-d is the place of the world . . ." man can know G-d through His actions, and it is man's purpose to imitate these actions (*imitateo Dei*). That the actions of G-d in this world depend on the moral actions of man is stressed by both Philo and Maimonides.

### High Moral Purpose

Whitehead taught us to look not for the newly expressed ideas of an age but for the inherited ideas that everyone assumes. A high moral purpose was, for Dr. Belkin, one of the assumed ideas hidden in Judaism. Dr. Belkin shows convincingly in many instances the difference between the "purposeful" approach and the rationalistic one. The former employs symbols and the concept of moral discipline.

Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai, for example, often finds a higher purpose in Jewish law. He understands the law of the piercing of a Jewish slave who refuses his freedom as a symbolic affirmation of the principle that human freedom can be secured only by accepting the servitude of the Kingdom of Heaven. He explains the more severe punishment meted out to the thief as opposed to the robber, because a thief, who comes at night, has more fear of man than of G-d. Roman legislators, who were not interested in the moral principles of a law, felt that a robber poses a greater danger to society than does a thief, for he openly rebels against public order and imperils the social structure. In Judaism we find a hidden ethical principle in what on the surface seems merely a law for the protection of social order.

### Discipline Of Desires

Philo Judaeus emphasized that the dietary laws have as their primary motive the discipline of the desires of men and that therefore they are in reality moral disciplines. Whereas, Maimonides, who was more of a rationalist, gave a hygienic explanation of the dietary laws. Dr. Belkin summarizes, *There is a moral and spiritual purpose to the law at a deeper level of meaning not immediately apparent, in the teachings of the Torah.*

It is well that this excellent exposition, which has up to now been translated into Hebrew and Yiddish, should be used by adult study groups throughout the country. It is a profound and far reaching study that draws deeply and extensively on Jewish sources.



Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Y.U. and author of "Philosophy of Purpose."

an especially significant event in Jewish rethinking.

With the decline of rationalist religious philosophy because of a growing skepticism in reason, the concern with rational proofs of G-d and speculation about creation *ex nihilo* faded away. Religious thinking was left in need of a radical restatement. The most important philosophy that has come forward to fill this void has been religious existentialism.

Existential thinking, according to Kierkegaard, makes human existence rather than essence its starting point. This mode of thought is concerned with what already exists, not with its essence or origin. It is in relation to this aspect of contemporary thought that Dr. Belkin begins his study. In the words of Dr. Belkin, *The purposeful philosopher, on the other hand, is concerned not with the origin and causes of creation, but with its meaning for man . . . chiefly he considers those things which are already in existence.*

### Understands Dispute

It is in this sense that Dr. Belkin understands the *Beraita* in *Erubin*, recording the dispute between the School of Shammai and the School of Hillel. The question is whether it would have been better had man not been created. Both schools finally agree that "since he has been created, it behooves him to search his deeds."

Dr. Belkin is not concerned with ontology in being and non-being; he is concerned with the meaning of life. The "purposeful" philosophers, he says . . . *attempt to define their meaning—existing things—for man and to divine the purpose which is fulfilled by their proper utilization.* (P. 2.) Further, *By keeping the*

## Law Prof. Praises Values Of Talmud

"Talmudic background can be a most helpful aid to study in law school," stated Professor Charles J. Mayer of the Columbia University Law School.

Professor Mayer, addressing the Pre-Law Society, went on to explain that there is a great similarity between talmudic reasoning and interpretation of previous cases. He said that both utilize the basic principles of deductive reasoning.

In his opening remarks Professor Mayer discussed the change that has taken place in most law schools. "They no longer seem bent upon scaring students with a "sink or swim" philosophy, the speaker noted.

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# A Thirsty Plea For Cold Water

Pity the thirsty college student. Despite the great technological advancement of the entire civilized world surrounding Yeshiva College, that noble edifice itself seems to be retrogressing rather than going forward. Possibly this is just a form of over-compensating for a traumatic experience in keeping up with the Joneses.

Nevertheless the lack of a water fountain on the fourth floor can be pretty disconcerting. Imagine the plight of the thirsty student, who, having just gotten out of a class in advanced theogeny, desperately needs a drink of water. He looks at his watch and sees that he has six minutes left till his animal husbandry class. So he runs at top speed to the staircase, bounds down the stairs four at a time, usually knocking over some ancient instructor in the process, and races to the fountain on the main floor.

### No Fountain Service

Here he discovers no fewer than 67 other inmates of the fourth floor sect, who, like himself, have had to descend to the *yeshiva shel matah* in the lower depths to satisfy their thirst. After guzzling the cool liquid he charges up the stairs, again knocking down the said ancient instructor who was just about getting over the initial shock. Presently our hero reaches the

### Torah

Torah—its effect on the daily life and activities of the Yeshiva College student, has been selected as this year's *Masmid* theme, announced Steve Riskin '60, editor-in-chief.

Mr. Riskin also stated that because of the *Masmid's* deficit all seniors will be required to bring in at least \$30 in ads by January 15.

fourth floor again, panting, tired, and thirsty. (It is a vicious cycle).

He is now faced with two alternatives — he can either go thirsty or take advantage of the munificence of the Co-op by buying a soda. Marie Antoinette once said,

"If they have no bread, let them eat cake." Co-op seems to say, "If they have no water, let them drink soda." This is all well and good, but after a certain amount, the good Co-op soda begins to wreak havoc in one's stomach. Also, one may run out of nickels.

### Deposits Nickel

Getting back to our story — our hero chooses to buy a good, cold, orange soda — and with this in mind, deposits a nickel in the trustworthy, old, soda-machine. Unfortunately only syrup comes out — delicious, sweet syrup, but not too cold. And so our hero must rush to his animal husbandry class, tired, sweating and still thirsty, arriving there just in time to miss the heart of the lecture.

Perhaps the welfare of the students alone is not of great significance to move the administration to action. But just for the sake of the poor ancient instructor (who is still on his way up) it might indeed be a worthwhile investment.

Mike Frank, '60

## \$30 Million

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cial Work and Mathematical Sciences, and housing the university's executive and development offices.

Classrooms for Stern College for Women, Teachers Institute for Women and a women's residence hall will be constructed on the second campus. The site for both campuses, to be built at a cost of approximately \$25,000,000, is bounded by Broadway, Amsterdam Ave., and W. 83rd and W. 86th Sts.

### Mark 75th Anniversary

Louis J. Glickman, a New York realtor, has been appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees' Development Committee which will begin a fund-raising campaign in 1961 marking the start of Yeshiva's 75th anniversary year.

Dr. Belkin, hailing the program as "the most dynamic undertaking in Yeshiva's history," called upon the community as a whole to aid in the furthering of this project.

"Education is too good an investment for any businessman to pass up," Dr. Belkin stated. "The survival of the free world is contingent upon what we do in our colleges today."

# Faculty Notes

*The Philosophy of Purpose* by Dr. Samuel Belkin, the first of a series of "studies in Torah Judaism," has been translated into Yiddish by L. Treister.

The original English edition was edited by Dr. Leon Stitskin under the auspices of the Community Service Division. (For a review of this important work, see page 4; Ed.)

Dr. Aaron Margolith, professor of political science, has resigned as acting chief librarian of the Pollack Library in order to devote more time to teaching.

Dr. Helmut E. Adler, professor of psychology, has been awarded a \$50,000 National Science Foundation grant to continue his study of the vision of migrating birds and its relation to the judgment of time. The research is to take place at New York's Museum of Natural History.

Professor Morris Silverman, Yeshiva College registrar, was named to the Selective Service Co-ordination Committee of Colleges and Universities of New York City.

The National Science Foundation granted Dr. Meyer Atlas, chairman of the biology department, \$11,400 to conduct research concerning the development of mouse embryos. Dr. Atlas will study the process of cell division by injecting radio-active isotopes into the embryos.

## Pelli Stresses . . .

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strengthen its presently desperate position."

"What great difficulties are incurred here, and how may they be overcome?" we asked. He replied that the basic problem facing the Israeli who wants to find religion is that he is limited to one of two choices. Either he must support the religious parties, or the Torah in the older sense as he sees it exemplified in the Jews of *Meah Shearim*.

"It is imperative," he declared, "that Yeshiva University open a department there both for its own benefit and for Israel's." He felt that it is Yeshiva's duty to work against the American influence of conservative and reform, to demonstrate to the Israelis, as it does to American Jewry, that religion and modern life are compatible and complementary.

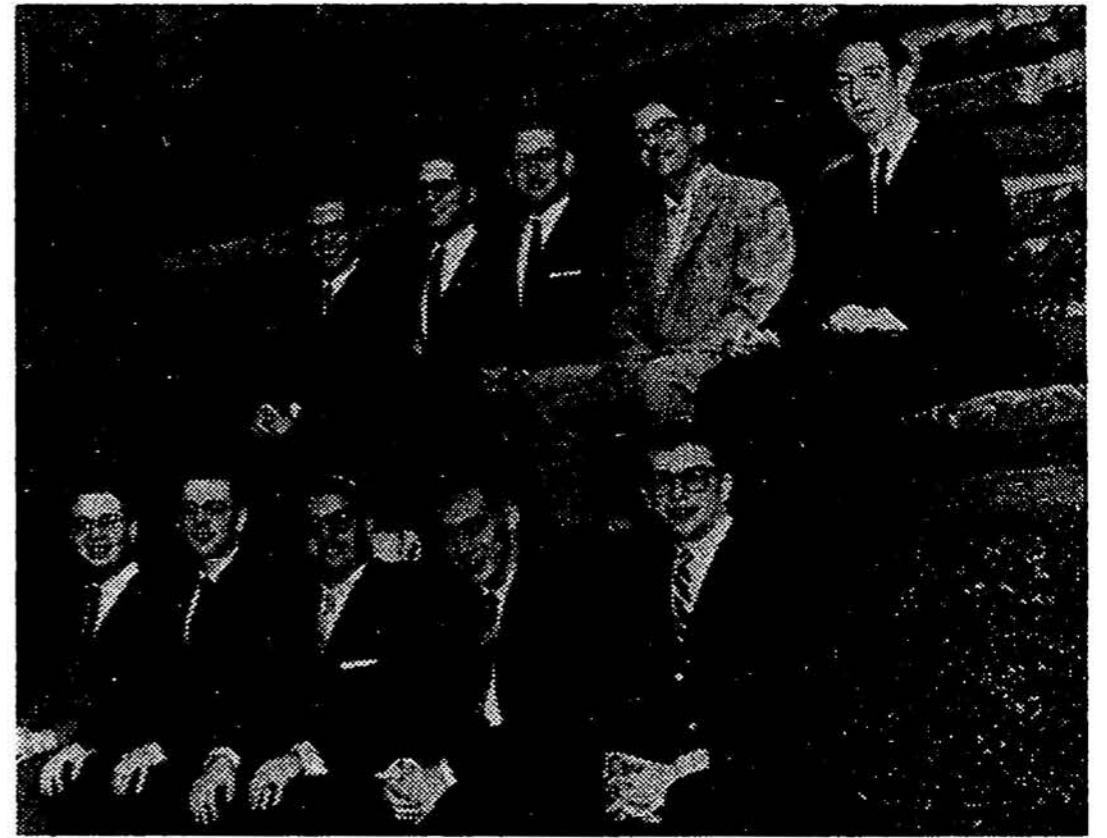
"I cannot give any prediction for the future," he concluded, "but I can say with almost complete certainty that the outcome of this issue will be decided not in the *Knesset*, but in the *Bet Hakeneset*."

# Table of Honor Occupied By Students at Function

Ten students from Yeshiva College occupied a table of honor at the Leah and Joseph Rubin Dormitory dedication dinner, Sunday afternoon, November 8. Isaiah Koenigsberg, Jay Rosen-

Steven Riskin attended on behalf of the Senior Class.

Judge Simon Sobeloff of Maryland State Supreme Court delivered the major address at the dinner honoring Joseph Rubin,



"Sitting Pretty"—(top row l. to r.) Bert Schreiber, Robert Hain, Michael Reich, Benjy Weiss, Jay Rosenblatt (bottom row l. to r.); Mark Press, Isaiah Koenigsburg, Steve Riskin, Larry Shulman, Lawrence Halpern.

blatt and Larry Schulman, members of the Freshman Class, were among the ten chosen by administration officials as representatives of the dormitory residents. Robert Hain, Bert Schreiber and Benjamin Weiss were the sophomore representatives. Mark Press and Michael Reich were selected from the Junior Class, while Lawrence Halpern and

93 year old philanthropist, who donated \$500,000 to the residence building.

The Department of Public Relations of Yeshiva University, headed by Sam Hartstein, directed the event. A special tri-color booklet, 5 months in preparation, and entitled, *The Day The Atlas Was Launched*, was distributed at the dinner.

## Yeshiva Wrestlers New Gym Planned

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Veterans Sholom Stern, Al Genauer and Eddie Rosenbaum will make up the core of Yeshiva's team. Freshmen Benjamin Leifer and Warren Klein are among the outstanding recruits.

There will be nine matches for the Yeshiva matmen, six of which will be held in our gymnasium. Each encounter will be highlighted by eight classes ranging from the lightweight 123 pounders to the heavyweights.

Although Yeshiva's squad practices only three times weekly, the team hopes for a winning season. "As usual," says coach Wittenberg, "my wrestlers are theoretical geniuses. If given the opportunity to outargue their opponents, they would be undefeated. If I can weld their theory with practical application, there would be no question about a successful outcome."

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tion was remedied. Yeshiva University, granted its request for title to New York City's Title I project in mid-Manhattan, announced a \$30,000,000 expansion program. A portion of the money will be allotted for the construction of a gymnasium.

It took quite some time to realize our wish, and although it won't be built for another two or three years, we are sure future Yeshiva students will gain satisfaction from the edifice.

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# Rookies Key to Fencers' Success; Will Jockey for Six Starting Berths

Yeshiva's fencing team, will open the '59-'60 season against St. Peters in Jersey City, December 3.

Fencing, in past years, has been an outstanding intercollegiate sport at Yeshiva, due to the excellent tutelage of Coach Arthur Tauber. Last year the team compiled a fine 9-2 record.

With only three starters returning from last year's squad, the general outlook this year is not bright. Coach Tauber feels that barring any unforeseen circumstances, the team should end up with about a .500 average.

### Will To Win

Capt. Howie Rhine was more optimistic about the chances of the bladesmen. He felt that this year's team is being written off because of its lack of experience. Rhine said, "the important thing is spirit and the will to win. With this we will surprise a lot of people, including our coach."

The fact that this year's success will depend largely on many untested fencers may explain the coach's conservative outlook. Hershel Farkas, the lone foil returnee, will lead the foilmen into action. The leading candidates to fill the remaining two foil positions are Matty Shatzkes, Manny Wasserman, David Shenken, Sheldon Feldman, Stan Goldman, and Noel Nusbacher.

## Sophs Win 48-39 Gain First Place

The sophomore intramural team defeated the senior squad by a 48-39 score, November 10. The victory gave the sophomores undisputed possession of first place in the intramural standings.

Two quick baskets by Boker and Botnick gave the sophomores a 4-0 lead. Although the seniors were handicapped by a lack of height they never let the sophs get out of sight. They trailed 11-8 as the quarter ended.

Gaining steam, the seniors took advantage of the sophomore's inability to get the ball to Harris

### Seniors Sunk

| SENIORS       |           |           |           | SOPHOMORES    |           |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|               | FG        | FS        | TP        |               | FG        | FS        | TP        |
| G'dm'n'n      | 1         | 2         | 4         | Botnick       | 3         | 2         | 8         |
| Mus           | 1         | 0         | 2         | Brodie        | 5         | 1         | 11        |
| Malett        | 2         | 3         | 7         | Harris        | 4         | 2         | 10        |
| Berger        | 3         | 1         | 7         | Bokor         | 3         | 2         | 8         |
| R'senthal     | 3         | 1         | 7         | R'senthal     | 3         | 5         | 11        |
| Kurlinsky     | 4         | 4         | 12        | N'sb'ch'r     | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>Totals</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>48</b> |

and gained a 21-17 halftime lead. Kurinsky and Malett paced the seniors with six and five points respectively.

### Sophs Draw Even

The third quarter saw the sophs take advantage of Harris' scoring ability to draw even midway through the quarter. The game now became a see-saw battle as each team traded baskets. The quarter ended with the sophs on top 39-32.

The sophomores enlarged their lead despite a full-court press thrown up by the seniors as Brodie and Rosenthal led the scoring. The final count saw the sophs on top 48-39.

In the saber division, Capt. Howie Rhine, who last year had an excellent 21-5 record, and Herbie Josepher, who last year won 12, will show the way. Warren Enker, Mike Feinerman, and Joel Baumol will vie for the remaining starting berth. The epee team, with no returning veterans, will be chosen from the following prospects: Sam Rosenthal, Judah Lando, Jimmy Hain, Neil Berger, Albie Hornblase, Leon Gerber, and Sheldon Brunswick.

There are many freshmen who show a great amount of potential. Coach Tauber indicated that some of them may progress to varsity contention this year. The coach seemed satisfied that the

team was training exceptionally well and its members are in good physical condition.

Yeshiva's top opponents will be Columbia, Fairleigh Dickenson, Brooklyn Poly, Drew and St. Peters. Columbia, who has defeated Yeshiva the past four years, annually contends for top national honors. Columbia and Drew handed Yeshiva its only defeats last year.

Bernard Sarachek, athletic director at Y.U., has requested that a Junior Varsity fencing team be developed, due to the tremendous turnout this year. There is a possibility that intercollegiate competition on the J.V. level may be set up this year.

### On The Sidelines

## Too Much to Ask?



by Neil Berger

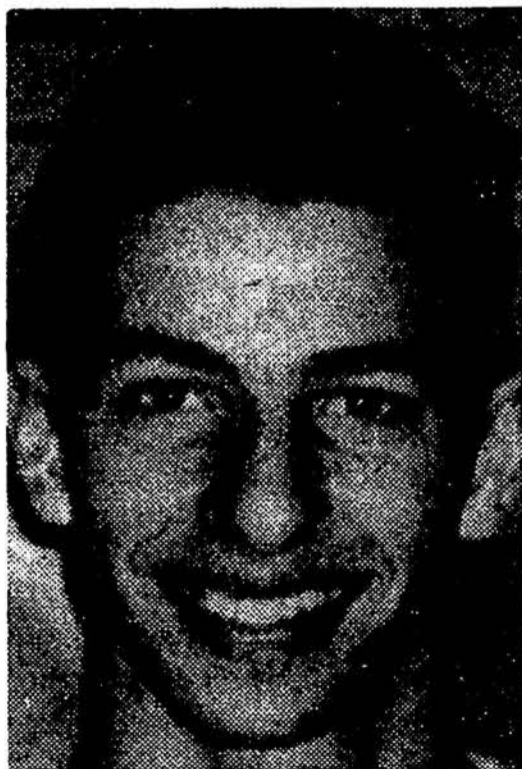
This is an appeal. It is neither something I have been looking forward nor something I enjoy.

Most of you don't remember Norman Palefski. I was fortunate enough to have known him for three years. I'll turn back a few pages.

I met Norman in 1952 at the beginning of his junior year at Manhattan Talmudical Academy (now Yeshiva University High School). An excellent student, Norm was a mainstay of the basketball team and an active participant in extracurricular activities. He had an amazing number of friends. Not just acquaintances—friends.

In '53, things began to happen. Norman Palefski came into his own. As captain of the basketball team, he shattered almost all of the existent Yeshiva High School League scoring records, averaging over twenty-six points per game. His shots, were devastating—a deadly one-hander, unstoppable jump-shot, and lightning-like drive.

A defensive whiz, Norm usually guarded his opponents' top scorer. He was a master playmaker and fine rebounder, able to outjump men much taller than he. He was a superb ballplayer. Don't take my word for it—ask his coach, Hy Wettstein, or ask Gene Roswell of the *New York Post* who made Norm the first Yeshiva League hoopster to make that paper's All-Prep team.



Norman Palefski

Praise and honor always find their way to exceptional athletes, and a pedestal often rises beneath the high school hero's feet. Friends are displaced by worship. Norm Palefski was elected to Arista and voted "Most Popular" by his graduating class. I could list his extracurricular activities and fill the column, but it will suffice to say that he edited three publications and took part in three varsity sports. Outside of school he was president of his community's youth congregation.

In the face of chances for wide athletic recognition at larger colleges, Norm chose Yeshiva. He immediately fit into the Mites' style of play. A muscular 6'1", his dazzling speed and fine array of shots earned him the praise and admiration of his coach and teammates. Norman Palefski was sixth man as a freshman. Norman Palefski majored in chemistry and made the Dean's List.

Norm was the ideal Yeshiva student. He had outstanding grades, unusual athletic ability and unsurpassed popularity.

In the summer of 1955, Norman Palefski met a violent death in a tragic automobile accident. Yeshiva mourned. A Palefski Scholarship Fund was set up. The fund's proceeds consisted mainly of the money taken at the gate of an annual Palefski Memorial game. Well over \$500 was collected at each of the first two games, but in 1957, only \$411 was received, and last year the proceeds dwindled to \$390. It's a damn shame.

If it seems as though I praised Norm too much, the fact is I said too little. If my words seemed sentimental or overdramatic, my only defense is sincerity.

Saturday night, December 5th, the Yeshiva basketball team will meet Drew University at Wingate High School in Brooklyn. This will be the opening game of the season for a promising Yeshiva five. It will also be the Palefski Memorial game.

The fellows who knew Norm will buy tickets whether or not they can attend. It's only a dollar. That one night skip the movie and go to see a good ball game. It's for an excellent cause.

# Appoint Ira Steinmetz Assistant Director of AA

Ira Steinmetz, captain of the 1957-58 Mighty Mites quintet, has been appointed assistant director of the Athletic Association of Yeshiva College, announced Bernard Sarachek, director of the A. A.

## Yeshiva Wrestlers Face Coming Years With Lofty Hopes

Yeshiva's wrestling team will inaugurate what it hopes to be its most successful season, on December 16. The grapplers will open against C. W. Post in the Yeshiva gym.

Although somewhat weakened by the loss of last year's co-captains, Jonas Prager and Mary Weiner, coach Henry Wittenberg feels that the few veterans and the added recruits should insure a promising season.

Last year, injuries and lack of student interest frequently made it difficult to field a full team. This year, however, thirty-five newcomers will supply the team with a strong reserve so that injury will not seriously impair their chances.

### Recruits Progressing

In spite of their lack of previous experience and training, the new members are shaping up nicely and the team is looking forward to a successful season.

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### UGH!

| 1959    |                                  | Home |
|---------|----------------------------------|------|
| Jan. 6  | Columbia                         | Home |
| Jan. 11 | Brooklyn Poly                    | Home |
| Feb. 9  | Long Island                      | Home |
| Feb. 15 | Fairleigh Dickinson              | Away |
| Feb. 16 | Orange Community                 | Home |
| Feb. 23 | U.S. Merchant Marine             | Away |
| Feb. 25 | Rutgers-Newark                   | Home |
| Mar. 1  | Montclair State Teachers College | Away |

## Fill Students Wish! New Gym Planned

Many of the things we wish for are easily come by. However, our appreciation for them wears off as quickly as the wish itself is fulfilled. But there are some things that we desire for the longest of times. When they are given to us we are grateful for having received them beyond the highest measure.

Though we at Yeshiva College have asked the administration for a gymnasium of adequate size and facilities for more than three decades, our wishes never met with any success. Being normal college students we "hot-headedly" attacked the administration for not providing us with these facilities. Had this neglect of student needs occurred elsewhere, more brazen actions would have been taken. Nevertheless, we reiterated our request for a gymnasium on an average of at least once a year.

### Administration Had Reason

It now seemed that the administration had reason to "turn deaf ears" upon our biddings. The lack of space in the vicinity of Y.C. and the lack of funds, impeded the construction of a proper gymnasium for a college growing as rapidly as Yeshiva.

Last week, however, this situa-

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Mr. Sarachek also announced the retirement of Marvin Hershkowitz as assistant basketball coach and assistant director of athletics. Mr. Hershkowitz had held these respective positions since 1955 when he returned to Yeshiva after having been captain of the Mites and the first player in Yeshiva history to score more than 1,000 points in his college career.

### Studying For Masters

Mr. Steinmetz graduated Yeshiva College in 1958. While at Yeshiva he majored in sociology. He is presently studying for his



Ira Steinmetz '58 in Captain's Uniform.

masters at the Yeshiva University School of Social Work. Ira formerly attended Rabbi Jacob Joseph High School, where he was captain of the basketball team and high scorer of the Metropolitan Jewish High School League in 1953.

The former backcourt star will direct the university's four varsity sports—basketball, tennis, fencing, and wrestling. Another aspect of Ira's position will be to help guide athletes in the choice of their major and a proper curriculum. His qualifications for filling this position stem from his experience at Yeshiva as a varsity athlete and his group and social work at Yeshiva Graduate School. He will also direct an expanded intramural athletic program.

### Lack of Student Spirit

Steinmetz stressed several major points which he felt were wrong with athletics at Yeshiva. The most important item heading this list was a lack of student enthusiasm and participation in the athletic program.

Speaking as a former player he emphasized the fact that a large turnout will do as much to win a game as the best talent. Several plans to alleviate this problem of school spirit have been proposed.



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