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## Approve Advisor

Student Council by a 7 to 6 vote concurred with the proposal to establish an advisory system for THE COMMENTATOR as presented by the Governing Board.

This action was taken at 4 a.m. this morning after seven hours of discussion.

The six provisions of this system are:

1. The administrative heads of Yeshiva College, RIETS, and TI shall each appoint one advisor to the Governing Board;

2. Each of these advisors will be shown all editorials and feature articles, deemed controversial by the editors, concerning the division that he represents;

3. Each advisor is to offer constructive suggestions in the areas of proper taste, tone of the articles, and possible misinterpretations of the phraseology of the articles;

4. The final decision in these areas rests with the student editors as stipulated by the Provisional College Student Activities Regulations;

5. Approval of an article by the advisor will exempt the student editors from the lodging of charges with the Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee;

6. All material presented to the advisors is to be regarded as a trust and thus kept in strictest confidence:

a. Any violation of this trust will result in the immediate dismissal of the advisor from this post.

b. Upon violation of this trust by an advisor Y.C.S.C. will appoint an advisor of its own choosing to fill the vacated post.

### No Other Action

It was noted by President Murray Geller '61 that with the acceptance of this proposal by the administration no other action will be taken against THE COMMENTATOR or members of the Governing Board.

Proponents of this measure argued that the newspaper is in great danger of censorship, and that "expulsion has not been ruled" (Continued on page 2)

## Student Council Advocates Unlimited "Cutting" System

A resolution that voluntary attendance for seniors, juniors, and sophomores be initiated at Yeshiva College was passed by Student Council, Tuesday December 13th. Two motions to amend the resolution to apply only to students maintaining a cumulative 'B' average and modifying this to refer to students achieving a 'B' average the preceding year were defeated.

President of Student Council Murray Geller '61, voiced the opinion that if the faculty and courses at Yeshiva are of high value, the students themselves will be inspired from within, to attend lectures.

"This," he stated, "eliminates the need of a compulsory attendance system."

### Dean Comments

Dr. Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College, commenting on the resolution said, "Students all too often tend to rationalize their absences to make them appear justifiable." He noted that if such a resolution were enacted the students would be harmed intellectually. The dean further stated that he will bring the resolution before the Committee on Scholastic Standing of which Dr. Lisman is chairman.

In its present form, the system provides for a reduction of grade for overcutting classes in which one does not receive an "A."

## First Officers Elected To Head JSP Council

The recently instituted Jewish Studies Program Student Council elected Sheldon Feldman '62 president, Arnold Grant '63 and Stephen Margolis '63, vice president and secretary treasurer, respectively.

Rabbi Morris Besdin, chairman of the JSP department, commenting on the formation of the council, stated, "I am very happy to note the spirit of identification and loyalty to JSP which has prompted the desire for a student organization. I am confident that it will serve the educational and general welfare of the students."

### Purpose of Council

The *raison d'être* of the JSP SC as stated in its constitution are: "to represent the student body in all matters concerning the welfare of students of the Jewish Studies Program; to promote a deeper insight and a fuller understanding of our Torah heritage; to prepare for leadership in the Jewish community; and to strengthen our identification with Eretz Yisroel."

### Guidance Programs

The formation of guidance programs aimed at easing student problems concerning *Halacha*, Torah and Judaism, uniform attendance program, and an honor program will be some of the means

## Hornblass TI Pres; Spindel Elected V-P

Jerry Hornblass '62, Daye Spindel '62, and Myron Sokal '63, were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively of the Teachers Institute Student Council Thursday, December 22nd. They will assume office for one year beginning February first.

Majoring in sociology, Mr. Hornblass served as vice-president of the TISC, and this term as provisional president. He is a member of the fencing team and was assistant copy editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

Mr. Spindel '62, is also a member of the fencing team, and is on the staff of the Co-op Canteen.

Secretary-Treasurer Sokal, is co-author of the Sophomore Play and, as a member of the Dramatic Society, portrayed Ben Whitlege in "No Time For Sergeants."

used by council in accomplishing its goals.

The Student Council also plans to establish a program whereby students can study in Israel.

Class officers are elected from each of the six sections. This body of representatives elects the



president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

President Feldman, majoring in pre-medicine was a member of THE COMMENTATOR and currently is a member of the fencing team. Mr. Grant is a history major and Mr. Margolis is majoring in chemistry.

## Judiciary Committee Delegates Appointed

Morty Minchenberg '61, Warren Enker '62, and Zev Leifer '63, have been appointed by Student Council to the newly formed Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee.

The Committee, a creation of the Fleischer report, is intended to deal with disputes and disagreements between students and members of the faculty. It will consist of six members, three each from the faculty and student body.

Serving as faculty members on the committee are Dr. Sidney Braun, professor of French; Dr. Meyer Atlas, professor of biology; and Dr. Seymour Lainoff, assistant professor of English.

Mr. Minchenberg, a history major, is a co-captain of the chess team and president of the International Relations Society.

Mr. Enker, who attends TI, serves on the Senior-Freshman Advisory Committee and is the captain of the sabre squad of the fencing team. He is a biology major and has been a volunteer tutor in this area.

A student in RIETS, Mr. Leifer is also a biology major.

## TI, RIETS Chagigas Attract Students For Chanukah Feast

Approximately three hundred students heard Dr. Zerech Wahrhaftug address the TI Chanukah Chagiga at the Rubin Residence Hall, Thursday December 15.

Dr. Wahrhaftug, a former Deputy of Religion in Israel, is a member of the Knesset.

Dr. Hyman Grinstein and Rabbi Shimon Romm also spoke before the gathering.

Bernard Rachele '61, and Dan Ziff '63 led the audience in the singing of Israeli and American songs.

Dr. Wahrhaftug criticized the American student for his complacency toward education.

He also asked the Orthodox American Jew to settle in Israel.

### RIETS Chagiga

The guest speaker at the RIETS Chagiga was Rabbi Manfred Fulda.

Analyzing Chanukah from the perspective of halacha, history and philosophy, he asserted that its halachic uniqueness mirrored its unusual historical development as well as its unmatched philosophical import.

Declaring that it was the lack of understanding of the proper relationship between Torah and *Chochmah* in the pre-Chashmonaic period that gave rise to *Hityavnut* and the subsequent spiritual deterioration, Rabbi Fulda maintained that "in Judaism, everything must be subsumed under the sole primary value, which is the unending search for, and service of, G-d." Truth, goodness and beauty are not deemed in-

dependent values that can claim co-equal validity.

"Judaism affirms that there is but a single interpretation of reality — based on the single identity of G-d as the giver of the Torah, the creator of nature, and the director of history. Hence, the precise idea of *Chochmah* vis-a-vis Torah is determined by three factors: how we approach it, how we evaluate it, and how we utilize it."

In conclusion, Rabbi Fulda cautioned that it is often difficult to discern the exact line of demarcation between *Hityavnut* and genuine *Chochmah*. To be able to distinguish between the two, the speaker called for intensive Torah study, accompanied by religious sincerity and spiritual awareness.

## Class Newspapers Will Editorialize

The broadening of the scope of class newspapers to include editorial comment on matters pertaining to each specific class was agreed upon December 13 by Student Council.

In another Council vote, class presidents were given responsibility for their respective newspapers. However, the Student Council president will be official advisor to the freshman paper.

The purpose of these publications, as defined by Student Council, is to inform students of the functions, activities, and attitudes of their classes.

## Claims Arabs Fight For 'Natural Right'

The former director of the Organization of Arab Students in the U.S., Mr. Ishaq Qutub, discussed "Israel and the Arab World in the Middle East" at Klein Hall, Thursday December 22.

The speaker reviewed Israeli-Arab relations and related them to present-day conflicts.

### "Balfour Reasonable"

Mr. Qutub explained that friction between Israel and the Arabs started with the British issuance of the Balfour Declaration in 1917, favoring the establishment of a national home for the Jews.

"The real trouble began in 1947 after the problem of Palestine had been handed over to the U.N. by Britain. The Arab world reacted unfavorably to the subsequent partitioning of Palestine into separate Arab and Israeli sectors, for they feel that "their natural right to live in the land was being infringed upon," he stated.

### A State of War

"A state of war now exists and I see no sign of peace for the near future," the speaker noted. He emphasized that there are at present no permanent boundaries, merely armistice lines, between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

The speaker was presented by the International Relations Society. Morty Minchenberg '61 served as chairman.



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## The Internal Force

We have always maintained that most academic policies should be enforced from within the student himself rather than by external pressures. The present attendance system, whereby students are penalized for excess absences by a reduction in grade, is completely contradictory to this idea.

We believe that when a student absents himself from a class, he usually suffers for it intellectually. He is spending a good deal of time, energy, and money in trying to obtain a college education and realizes that failure to attend classes regularly hampers him in the attainment of this goal.

The student body possesses, we are confident, the ability to distinguish between those courses that can be cut without great intellectual loss and those that cannot.

We therefore wish to voice with pleasure our approval of the recent Student Council resolution calling for the suspension of compulsory attendance for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

We feel that Council has acted wisely in excluding freshmen from this plan because we recognize the necessity of a one year period of adjustment to a college environment.

We would like to point out that we do not feel that we have contradicted ourselves by taking this stand despite our recommendation last issue that the Jewish departments should enforce their attendance regulations.

We believe that a fundamental difference exists between religious studies, where the learning process itself is a *mitzvah*, and secular studies, where the learning process is not a *mitzvah*.

We hope that the college administration will react favorably to the Student Council proposal.

## To Fill A Void

A most unfortunate void in the club program of Yeshiva College has been the lack of speakers on controversial subjects. The International Relations Society in a move to fill this void invited the former director of the Arab Students Organization in the United States to speak on Arab-Israeli problems.

Some students have expressed dissatisfaction with the invitation. We maintain that although probably none of us would be accorded the privilege of speaking freely in the Arab countries, we must never consider similar retaliation. We who feel so strongly about freedom of speech would be hypocritical in denying this man the right to speak. Moreover, the propaganda of the Arab countries should be known to all Jews so that we may be prepared to defend our position against their attacks.

By inviting a speaker on such an emotional topic, the IRS has made an important contribution in broadening the scope of the club program. We hope that other clubs and organizations in the Yeshiva community will follow the lead of IRS and will no longer hesitate to invite speakers on controversial subjects to address the students of Yeshiva College.

## The Newest Council

Four years ago, we observed the addition of the Jewish Studies Program to the ever growing Yeshiva complex. In the four years since its inception, the JSP has grown to its current enrollment of close to one hundred students.

We note, with great pleasure, that at this time the students and faculty have seen fit to create a JSP Student Council. The Constitution of the JSP Student Council has many goals which are worth striving for. THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its congratulations to JSP on the formation of its Student Council, and wishes it success in all its endeavors.

## Take A Chance

We congratulate the enthusiasm and enterprising spirit of the Athletic Association in sponsoring a raffle to help finance the purchase of jackets for the varsity squads. It is hoped that all students will back this drive and that soon the team members will be sporting new jackets in the halls of our college.

## Crisis At Home

Attention administration!! Some of the residents of the old dorm have expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that they are not having their linens changed regularly. Couldn't you throw in a towel?

## Let's Analyze:

### Israeli Politics-II

By Murray Laulicht

As I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted by some editorial (which certainly was malicious towards my column), I recently had the opportunity to interview Pinchas Peli, editor of *Panim el Panim*.

Mr. Peli had observed that not only had Rabbi Shlomo Goren been hurt by vicious and unfounded rumors, but the prestige of the office of the Chief Rabbinate had suffered greatly from the by-products of partisan politics.

Many analysts of Israel's current events feel that the worm has turned on the Mizrahi Party, which has been accused of using political manipulation to elect Rabbi Isaac Nissim as Sephardic Chief Rabbi over the late Rabbi Moshe Toledano, ten years ago.

The crisis over "Who is a Jew" forced Mizrahi to resign the portfolio of religious affairs, and allowed the Mapai Party to appoint the nine-man committee which is to select the seventy electors.

Mr. Peli stated that he would like to see Rabbi Goren elected as soon as possible. "Mizrahi has no one to nominate, and it knows it," he said, "The sooner they stop postponing the better the chances that the Chief Rabbinate will be able to exert influence on the government and on the people."

The young editor feels that the new Chief Rabbi's first duty is to assure that the present farce will not recur five years hence. Mr. Peli cautioned that the Chief Rabbinate can never be truly free of governmental ties, because then anyone could declare himself to be Chief Rabbi.

One possible solution, according to Mr. Peli, is to completely divorce Church functions from State functions, i.e., to establish a separate and independent religious body that would consider all religious problems, such as

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out by the Administration" as a punitive measure against the authors of the editorial, "With Malice Towards None."

The tradition of Student Council to "fight for what they believe is right no matter what pressures are applied," was stressed by those opposing the action.

The idea that "the Fleisher Report has been accepted by the students, the administration, and faculty, and that the Judiciary Committee has been established to deal with such matters as have arisen, and it would therefore be foolish to appease the administration with such a resolution," was expressed by many speakers this morning.

The Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR emphasized that this motion would allow the newspaper to continue its policy of attempting to better the University. It was argued that any other action would hamper the editors in accomplishing their goals.

## The Most Crucial Decision

Early this morning, Student Council voted to establish an advisory system for THE COMMENTATOR. We feel that this action is so fundamental, so significant, so drastic, that we will not be able to evaluate accurately its widest implications until after the system has been in operation.

Therefore, we would like to discuss at this time the reasoning behind this proposal and the events which necessitated its approval.

We have been under extremely heavy attack ever since our publication of the editorial, "With Malice Towards None." This barrage of criticism has come most predominantly from the various administrators, who felt that we performed a great disservice to Yeshiva University by printing what we sincerely felt could be no longer be suppressed.

These administrators have refused to discuss the basic ideas expressed in the editorial and have harped incessantly on our disloyalty to Yeshiva and the image that it projects to the general public.

Moreover, THE COMMENTATOR and its Governing Board have been repeatedly threatened with all forms of disciplinary action including censorship, expulsion, and limitation of the sphere of editorial comment.

The administration made it clear that unless some self-imposed restriction were adopted, THE COMMENTATOR would no longer have the right to discuss editorially any phase of the religious divisions, and that this step represented only the minimum action that they would take.

This form of censorship was unacceptable to us because it involved a total smothering of all discussion on the desirability and feasibility of the programs that we had presented in our previous editorial.

While we still feel that we were duty-bound to print that editorial, while we still feel that it will be shown in the final analysis that we performed a great service to Yeshiva by its publication, we must admit that some of our phraseology and techniques possibly were questionable.

We therefore proposed that Council allow us to accept an advisory system that is to be just that.

The cornerstone of this system and the key to its success may be summarized in one word — *trust*. If the administration accepts our proposal in good faith, if it realizes that control of THE COMMENTATOR must rest with the students because it is a student newspaper and not an administration mouthpiece, then we feel that such a system will succeed in producing a better newspaper.

We have made this proposal only after careful deliberation and consideration of all possible alternatives. We are not happy with it, but we pledge that, granted administration co-operation with its aims, we will abide fully by its stipulations.



To the Editor:

The article in *THE COMMENTATOR* dealing with absences and scholastic standing policies, while generally correct, contained certain erroneous implications. I would like to clarify the matter as follows:

a) The catalogue officially states that up to one week's absences are allowed without penalty; as I explained, the Scholastic Standing Committee in actual practice has allowed one hour less than two week's absences without penalty. This policy was favored and carried out by Dr. Tendler when he administered absence regulations. Therefore, the implication of the article's headline that this was a "new" policy and the implication of the article that I personally had introduced this practice were somewhat misleading. May I stress that as Executive Secretary of the Scholastic Standing Committee I carry out its policies. The committee as a whole decides these policies.

b) The policy of allowing additional absences, as I interpret it, reflects the feeling that the mature, responsible college student will regulate himself and will not cut merely to avoid classes. I do not believe that the policy is "an outgrowth or a recognition of the burden of the double program." I believe that mature students at other colleges should be granted the same privileges. The committee has not changed the language of the catalogue precisely because it has reserved the right not to excuse absences beyond one week's time if it feels that the student has been irresponsible or has cut merely for the sake of cutting.

Dr. Irving Greenberg

To the Editor:

It was with disappointment that I read, in your last issue, of the administration's rejection of the petition for a two-year Russian course. The purpose of my letter, however, is not to discuss the desirability of such a course, but rather to briefly comment on the reasons given by Dean Bacon for the faculty decision not to offer the course.

#### Russian Department

1) The Dean, in discussing the decision, said that the addition of such a course would entail difficulties because there exists no Russian language department. To my understanding, this is merely another way of saying that Russian may never be offered at Yeshiva College because we don't at present have a Russian department. It would seem that if this reasoning were used in all decisions pertaining to curriculum expansion, Yeshiva College would certainly not be the fine liberal arts college it is today.

2) "Expansion," said the Dean, "cannot be done in a haphazard fashion." I see absolutely nothing haphazard about such a course. Twenty-eight out of the approximately 200 students whom I was able to contact *definitely* wanted to take such a course. The incoming freshman class should provide at least an equal number of students desiring to

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take Russian. This certainly seems like a solid foundation upon which to build.

#### Greek

3) Another drawback, stated Dean Bacon, is that "very few students have been exposed to Russian in high school." Yet, a student may fulfill his language requirement by taking two years of Greek. Greek is taught at only one high school in the entire City of New York!

4) To be considered (also), the Dean pointed out, "is the necessity of learning a new alphabet." The students presently taking the one-year Russian course have assured me that this is a difficulty easily overcome in less than a week!

#### Lame Logic

5) Finally, the Dean said that "a real working knowledge of Russian could not possibly be obtained in two years." I certainly would not attempt to question such a statement. I would imagine that no language can be thoroughly learned in a two, or even a three year course. It is interesting to note, though, that while the Dean feels that pre-medical, biology and chemistry majors can somehow fill their language needs in a one-year Russian course, mathematics and physics majors (who constituted the majority of the petition signers) cannot get an adequate preparation in even a two-year course.

Dave Zomick '63

To the Editor:

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty," —that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."

This the immortal John Keats said in "Ode On a Grecian Urn." And this I say to everyone at Yeshiva University. Truth underlies all ethical practices, practices that the Jewish religion requires and lauds. Every torn and discolored Bible, Gemara, and Jewish writing is founded on truth. Nothing, but nothing, is said without truth. The Ramban dares tell truth as it appears to him, when on three occasions he called Abraham a sinner. This is the extent to which truth must be carried. Even under the threat of injurious censorship from rabbis, and Jewish and Christian men, must one reveal truth. For, only through revealing truth can ignorance be lifted from its stale content condition. Therefore, let not truth be hidden; but now let us, all of us, champion truth's freedom — whatever the cost.

Daniel Shepro '64

To the Editor:

Yeshiva is undeniably a unique institution, one that must play a crucial role if Torah Judaism is to flourish in America. This, however, doesn't exempt it from criticism. On the contrary, only through constant re-evaluation and improvement can Yeshiva fulfill its potential.

It is paradoxical that when the students recognize their own inadequacies and look for guidance to enable them to overcome the pressures of American society and

the intellectual conflict between the secular and religious worlds, they are attacked for disturbing the status quo: *THE COMMENTATOR* editorial asked for a stiffening of requirements and a raising of standards in Torah studies. For this it has been accused of besmirching Yeshiva's name.

#### Ruffled Feelings

Let not questions of whether this or that statistic should have been published be used as an excuse to fail to consider constructive suggestions for improvement. The feelings of a few ruffled administrators are important, but certainly not more so than the future religious life of thousands of students. I may sound melodramatic, but the future of Torah Judaism in America may depend on what sort of person Yeshiva produces.

Of course, those who criticize should not use Yeshiva's inadequacies as an excuse for failure to properly exploit existing programs of study.

The final solution must come from the students themselves. Those who have devoted themselves to the study of Torah have invariably been able to find a path consistent with the ideals of the Torah.

#### Focal Point

Recalling a recent controversy in these columns about the significance of extra-curricular activities, let us satisfy both sides by making Torah the focal point for extra-curricular activities. Clubs should discuss and try to resolve conflicts between the Torah and the various secular fields. *THE COMMENTATOR*'s columns should be filled with articles about Jewish themes, and lecture programs, such as that of Yavneh, should be supported and enlarged.

No doubt the initiative must come from the student body. Yeshiva, however, should provide programs that stimulate one to search for the way towards the path of Torah life.

Jerome Blau '59

To the Editor:

Congratulations on your courageous editorial "With Malice Towards None." If it arouses pain or anger in various quarters, it is only because the truth hurts. An honest reappraisal of RIETS and TI is long overdue; it is to be hoped that the editorial will stimulate one. *THE COMMENTATOR* deserves the appreciation and, if necessary, the active support of every student at Yeshiva.

Mark Press '61

To the Editor:

The recent *COMMENTATOR* editorial has aroused many feelings at Yeshiva, ranging from new hope to angry indignation. The hopeful anticipate a stronger awareness and concern for our perennial problems; the indignant are disturbed because the truth hurts. Whatever valid objections we might raise to some of the particulars of the editorial, all of us — administration, *roshei-yeshiva*, faculty, and students — should take note of the basic

theme expressed: Many students feel that they are not getting what they should from their yeshiva education. In view of the fact that Yeshiva University is the most influential Torah institution on the American scene, any failing here is magnified one-hundred fold in the community at large. Therefore, instead of listening to the false prophets who insist "*sholom, sholom*" while in our hearts we know that "*ain sholom*," we must face our problem realistically. At stake is the destiny of Yeshiva.

#### Suggestions

What can be done? The circumstances responsible for the current situation are very complex. It is difficult to strike at the core of the problem. Several of the suggestions proposed in the editorial regarding the *yeshiva* (RIETS) have merit, e.g. a kollel, assistant mashgichim. In addition, I feel that the following suggestion should also be considered.

1) Many students find it difficult to do justice to both their yeshiva and secular studies. In order to alleviate the burden somewhat, the College should officially endorse a voluntary five year program to enable students to devote more time to *limud Torah*. Students should be encouraged to participate. It is important that it be made so that the total tuition fees for a student in such a program do not exceed the total fee for the regular four-year plan.

2) Any student who fails to progress in his yeshiva studies because he does not devote enough time should be compelled to take a lighter college program.

#### Torah Stimulus

3) One important reason why many students do not spend enough time on their *learning* is the lack of incentive. Although we fully realize that the idea must always be *Torah Lishmoh*, we still feel that in our circumstances an artificial stimulus is necessary. For this reason an efficient *Bechina* system must be instituted, including comprehensive written and oral examinations. This plan would serve two functions.

a) At present many students feel that it doesn't matter whether they work in their yeshiva classes. To increase the importance of Torah in their minds, scholastic standing should be partially based upon achievement in *learning*. Scholarships, graduation honors, and the Dean's List should be effected in this manner.

#### Shiur Balance

b) The present Talmud classes are composed of students of varying abilities and backgrounds. This condition makes the rebbe's job more difficult and discourages both the better and the poorer students. A realistic *bechina* system would provide better balance for the *shiurim*.

4) The admission of any student to Yeshiva should depend not only upon previous achievement in secular studies, but also upon accomplishment in Jewish studies.

5) A successful *rosh-yeshiva*

possesses many qualities. He is a gifted *Lamdan*, a talented teacher and a spiritual guide. He has a tremendous responsibility for the intellectual and spiritual development of his students. This contribution should be looked upon as *valuable* by everyone concerned.

#### Gemara Not Gully

As we try to improve the various conditions at Yeshiva, we are not in need of a substitute for *Gemarah* (as some might misinterpret the editorial). Torah *she b'al peh* is the basis of Judaism. Instead of looking for our failure in the *Gemarah*, we must utilize all the means at our disposal to raise students to the level from which they can appreciate *Torah she b'al peh*.

Yitzchak Frank '61

To the Editor:

Your editorial, "With Malice Towards None" pursuant to the survey you and the committee initiated deserves more than a mere '*yasha koach*.' You did an 'about face' to educate and enlighten your parents, as well as the public. We feel that the effort, time and sacrifice made to send our children to Yeshiva University (and be within the influence of students like you and the committee) will result in *tachlis* and not in vain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minder

To the Editor:

In this fast-moving world of supersonic jets, IBM machines and ticker tapes, where efficiency is the result of intricate mechanization, the atmosphere at Yeshiva College is by no means different. We too are living inside a laboratory where conclusions of paramount importance are reached by a newly-discovered mechanism of research. Only recently two young scientists who had been curiously experimenting with their latest invention, the "Survey Machine," made public their earth-shaking discoveries. The immediate cry of reaction was "Eureka! Truth at last!" But what an astonishing truth! The highly-impressive news, however, was frowned upon by the old-time scientists. "Truth must be sought," they charged "with precision and exactitude. The machine must register with accuracy to the *nth* degree. Thus quick steps were taken to develop a new and more effective machine whose adroitness can even reshape the face of truth.

#### Final Truth

"Now will we learn the final truth?" somebody asked. "No!" a young liberal-minded scientist retorted, "a newer machine should be perfected to determine the true nature of the original experiment."

On and on, the "Truth Machines" keep ticking. The truth is gradually becoming truer and truer. Everyday more amateur scientists, fascinated by this new field of endeavor, are experimenting with better machines and with better results. "But what will the ultimate truth look like?" implores one of the few remaining laymen.

Max Lew '61



## Third Talk by Dr. Greenberg Unfolds Salanter's Theories In Popular "Mussar" Forum

A study of the life and philosophy of Rav Yisroel Salanter was the theme of a lecture delivered by Rabbi Irving Greenberg, Wednesday evening, December 14th, in the Rubin Residence Hall synagogue.

The talk was the third of a series of eight addresses prepared by Rabbi Greenberg on "Mussar and the Modern Man." They are being delivered through the cooperative auspices of the Student Organization of Yeshiva and the Yavneh Society of Yeshiva College.

Rabbi Greenberg is assistant professor of history at Yeshiva College, and executive secretary of the Scholastic Standing Committee.

### Aspects of Mussar

He considered all aspects of the *Mussar* movement including Rav Salanter's rejection of the "ghettoist" reaction towards the enlightenment of some of his contemporaries, and his addition of *Mussar* to the yeshiva curriculum as an added subject to Talmudic studies. Rav Salanter's attempt to find supporters for his theories of the Jewish philosophy of life and education, was also discussed.

Emphasized throughout the lecture were the high moral principles of the *gaon*, his emphasis on the precepts concerning the behavior of man towards his fellow, and his outspokenness on issues in which

## Institute Alumni Plans Career Guidance Aid For Those Interested

The Teachers Institute Alumni Association has formed a personal career guidance program for members of TI.

Students interested in a career in Jewish Social Work will be afforded the opportunity of personal interviews with Dr. Morton Teicher, dean of the Graduate School of Social Work.

Dr. Bernard Lander, director of the Bernard Revel Graduate School, will interview those interested in the field of Jewish scholarship and Morris Benathan, head of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, will be consulted by all planning a career in *chinuch*.

### Career Assembly

The guidance program is a follow-up to the assembly on career opportunities which was held by the Alumni Association in conjunction with the Teachers' Institute Student Council November 29.

## Signed and Sealed

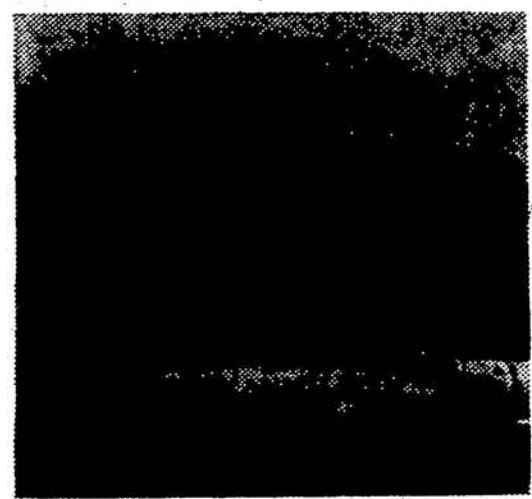
THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to Joseph Feinstein '62 upon his engagement to Doris Yudkovitch; to Avery Harris '60 upon his engagement to Sheila Dinitz; to Rabbi Israel Reiss '56 upon his marriage to Miriam Weintraub; and to Stanley Muss '60 upon his marriage to Beth Rosenblum.

he felt that justice was not being done.

### Future Lectures

The *mussarist* outlook on Judaism and on life in general, its views of a synthesis of Jewish and secular knowledge, and the application of its principles in the modern world as formulated by Rabbi Greenberg will be considered in the five coming lectures.

Approximately one hundred students were present at the talk.



Dr. Irving Greenberg

## 'West Side Story' Evacuates As "Dinkyles" Frosh Attend

By Alan Shapiro

Thirty-odd Yeshiva College Freshmen and their "friends" streamed out of New York's Alvin Theatre Saturday night, December 10 just before *West Side Story*, which has had one of the longest runs in recent times, folded. Class officers declined any comment on this seeming coincidence while hastily denying personal responsibility.

The Dinkyles Freshman wore as their symbol of unity and devotion to Yeshiva standards multi-colored pieces of cloth called not *yarmulkas*, not *kepos*, not *dinkies*, but rather ties.

### Reminiscing

The show's plot revolved around groundless prejudices shown to Puerto Ricans by New Yorkers. Yeshiva students did not find it difficult to associate this with the problems of the East Side Story of the past few generations.

When questioned about the nominal cost of such fine enter-

## Council Withdraws From Exam Comm.

The Student Delegation to the Student-Faculty Committee on Examinations has been confined to the role of non-voting consultant as a result of a faculty resolution passed December 11th. "Student Council as an expression of disapproval has withdrawn its delegation," stated Murray Gelier '61, president.

The voting members of the committee will now be composed of three members of the faculty, having as their scope the entire field of examinations.

### Reconsideration

Both THE COMMENTATOR and Student Council have urged reconsideration.

## Seniors View "My Fair Lady"; Music, Lyrics, Acting Criticized

"All I want is a room somewhere" is a line from one of the songs of the musical that opened recently at the Mark Hellinger Theater.

Most of the members of the Class of '61 who saw the play, "My Fair Lady," wished they could find that room, or any room somewhere, as they watched the atrocity staged before their eyes.

Beauty is only skin deep, and, although the sets were magnificently done, they did not suffice to save what was deeper than skin — namely, the book, music, lyrics, acting, and singing.

### Rapid Fire

Fortunately, many of the lines were inaudible, and others that permeated the rafters did so with such rapidity that one did not mind the obviously — affected English accents of the participants.

The book, by Alan Jay Lerner

of "Camelot" fame, is trite and uneven. Based on "Pygmalion" by the immortal George Bernard Shaw, which it adheres to only slightly, the story is told of a slovenly flower girl who rises with Cinderella-like precision to a prominent place in London society.

Now, I have nothing against retelling "Cinderella" when it involves a Walt Disney or a Jerry Lewis, but when the best you can do is provide beautiful English settings for it, you just haven't got a chance.

### Uninteresting Twist

Besides which, an uninteresting twist to the Cinderella fable was unforgivably added when Eliza Doolittle acts snobbish and highfalootin', when she is unmistakably "deliciously low."

Somehow, the author actually wants an American audience to visualize an ungrateful Cinderella. This may be fine for unsophisticated West Enders, but for New Yorkers — Well! The ups and downs of the little flower girl, portrayed without feeling and emotion by one Pamela Charles, lead into complicated plots and sub-plots.

When mid-way in the first act

you find yourself understanding the gibberish being flung half-heartedly by Michael Allinson as Professor Higgins, Ronald Radd as Alfred P. Doolittle, and Robin Craven as Colonel Pickering, there is a sudden transition into "normal" English which mystifies you until half-way through the second and (thank God) final act.

### Bergman Anyone?

Thus, you get the feeling that you are watching an Ingmar Bergman movie where the subtitle machine has broken down.

The music, by Frederick Loewe, does little to salvage the evening. This is because it was not written for singers but for "talkers." While the "actors" are brazen enough to attempt to act, they, fortunately for the audience, lack the gall to try their hands at singing.

For example, such meaningless ditties as "The Rain in Spain," "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," or "Ascot Gavotte" are rendered useless before they start, because, written as they are for talking singers, one feels almost as if they music were not there, which is just as well.

—M.L.

## "Tenderloin" Shows Way: Strive To Correct Evil

By Murray Mednick

Saturday night, Dec. 16, the class of '62 viewed "Tenderloin," and then went to the village to forget about it. I wouldn't say that the show was bad, but this article almost started off with "The Class of '62 extends its heartfelt sympathies to the 46th Street Theater upon the death of its present occupant." Some of the songs were dull, many of the lyrics were uninspired and all of the book was bad with the authors laboring under the handicap of not knowing how to construct the first floor when they have a solid foundation. The highlight of the play was the song "Artificial Flowers" admirably sung by Ron Husmann with sufficient irony to convince his audience of his insincerity. Mr. Husmann has a fine voice and excellent potential, but needs more seasoning in the theater.

### Waste of Talent

The lead role was played by Maurice Evans, a veteran of the stage. Mr. Evans fit the role of a minister attempting to clean up the sin and corruption of the Tenderloin district of New York City. It is a shame that Mr. Evans' talents are being wasted on this unsuccessful effort at presenting a musical comedy.

The sets were beautifully done and the costumes, whatever there were of them, were sufficient. Ironically enough, some of the best scenes took place in the bordello, but there are some things better left unsaid.

"Tenderloin" is a play of sin

and corruption and one man's fight against it, of the people who are aware of the existing immorality but refuse to take action because of personal gains. If the play offers anything, it is a rather well-hidden moral lesson: If one sees evil, he should honestly work to correct it ignoring any small-minded individuals who look the other way. This "reformer" may suffer, but he knows that he has helped to make the world a better place in which to live.

## Meetings Of SC's To Solve Problems

The students councils of the four undergraduate divisions of Yeshiva University situated at the main Academic Center will meet regularly to investigate and make recommendations on those problems affecting more than one di-

### SENIOR SOCIAL

The Senior Class of Yeshiva College will sponsor a Mid-Winter Chagiga Sunday evening, January 8th, in Klein Hall, announced Avery Gross, president of the class of '61.

vision, revealed Murray Geller '61, president of Student Council.

This marks the first time in recent years that the four divisions of SOY, TISC, JSPSC and YCSC will formally meet to consider common problems.

## Donate 183 Pints At YC Blood Drive

One hundred and eighty three pints of blood were contributed to the National Red Cross at the Yeshiva College annual blood drive, December 20 at Klein Hall.



Approximately thirty one percent of the student body donated blood, announced Eugene Roshwalb '61, chairman of the drive.



## Let's Analyze Israeli Politics-II

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the Chief Rabbinate, religious education, marriage and divorce proceedings, etc. Political groups would merely serve as lobbies and pressure groups to this body.

At the same time, political decisions would be made only by a purely political body with religious groups lobbying during their decisions.

At first, I must admit, that I was somewhat shocked by this proposal. Most religious people, I believe, look forward to the day that Israel becomes a theocracy. I have never felt that a religious Jew could accept the doctrine of separation of Church and State in Israel.

I informed Mr. Peli of my position and he smilingly assured me that my thinking is indeed shared by many people, but that does not mean that we should deduce that our opinion, though widespread, is correct.

Mr. Peli pointed out that a comprehensive survey (how I hate to use that word!) would undoubtedly prove that at least 50 per cent of Israel's population would declare themselves to be religious Jews (where have I heard that before?). Nonetheless, when it comes to selecting members for the *Knesset*, only 12 per cent of the population vote for candidates of the religious parties.

"What happens to three-quarters of the religious votes?" Mr. Peli asked. I quickly gave up, and Mr. Peli replied that the voters' economic and political interests usually outweigh his religious interests, and thus, although the voter may be religious, he will not indicate this on his ballot.

Rather than have political leaders rule religious Judaism, Mr. Peli feels that his system would allow for constructive action by religious groups in political and economic fields.

The religious body could serve as a pressure group representing 50 per cent of the voters. "What politician could or would resist such a lobby?" At the same time, "a fiasco like the current elections for the Chief Rabbinate could be avoided once and for all."

While Mr. Peli's solution would require almost a complete re-organization of the religious and political structures of Israel, it certainly has its merits.

Nonetheless, Mr. Peli is convinced that a sincere bi-partisan effort could effect reforms in the present system of election that would assure that the Chief Rabbinate need not be openly dragged through the mud every five years.

Perhaps co-existence of religion and politics rather than their "synthesis" would help solve a basic problem in Israel today.

Mr. Peli's position, which is gaining more and more ground with each day of postponement of the elections, certainly warrants full consideration by all those interested in Israeli politics.

## Got Well

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its sincerest wishes for a speedy *refuah sheleimah* to Melvin Stern '61, associate editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

## "The Survey"

By Charles Perky

Excuse me, sir, would you with us bear,  
And pause to fill out this questionnaire?

It poses problems of the greatest seriousness,

Which is why we ask them with such deliriousness.

How can you say the questions are insane?

Such an objection, sir, is highly inane.

It is most important this survey be taken,

So that previous results be soundly shaken!

You can't see the importance of knowing

What color *Tzitzis* you are presently showing?

Dear Sir, with meditation of duration short,

You will see how this greatly influences thought.

Of course we must know how you dwell,

Isn't the clam influenced by his shell?

A clam is not a man, you say?

Come, come, we'll argue that some other day.

You mean you have another objection?

This is putting us in utter dejection.

Some people asked you these questions before?

Don't worry, we're throwing them out the door!

## Y. U. Sponsors Collegiate Tour

An Israel tour for college students will be sponsored for the first time this summer by the Yeshiva University Youth Bureau, noted Mr. Abraham Stern, the Bureau's director.

The Youth Bureau has previously sponsored summer tours for high school students.

### Aims of Tour

The aims of the tour as stated by Mr. Stern is to give the college students an opportunity to visit Israel, become acquainted with religion and culture there, and to form a kinship with its people.

## Rackman Appointed RCA Beth Din Head

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, associate professor of Political Science at Yeshiva College and former head of the Rabbinical Council of America, has been selected the first president of the religious marriage court established by the R.C.A.

Rabbi Dr. Joseph Soloveitchik and Dr. Samuel Belkin of Yeshiva will serve as chief consultants to this orthodox Bet Din which will counsel Jewish couples in problems of marriage, divorce, and family relationships.

According to Rabbi Rackman, the court will be composed of three Rabbis rotating from a panel of eight or nine. Previously, guidance regarding marriage and been the complete responsibility of individual rabbis.

## Chanukah Festival In MSG Conveys Spirit Of Holiday

By David Segal

New York City celebrated the "Bar Mitzvah" of the State of Israel at the Chanukah Festival in Madison Square Garden, Monday evening, December 19. To the almost 20,000 people in the Garden, one of the most impressive sights was the effect of the blue and white spotlights silhouetting a *Menorah* on the stage.

The "Shomrim" Society of the New York Police Department formed the honor guard for the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and *Hatikvah*.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller addressed the audience and called it, "a gathering of unsung heroes of humanity . . . that helps Israel shine as a beacon of democracy in the world today."

He concluded with the wishes that "Israel may continue to grow and prosper" and that "the ties that bind America to Israel live forever . . . Shalom."

### Dance Delight

This reporter feels that although many dance groups have portrayed biblical scenes, never has the true spirit of the number encompassed the audience. Monday night was different.

The story of Hannah and her sons and the march of the Macabees was acted out beautifully,

gracefully, and very emotionally by Ethel Winters and company.

The sixty members of the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Maurice Levine played magnificently and with the feeling and mood required by the score.

### Intermission for Philosophy

There are many people that believe in Eretz Yisroel; many believe it is the only home of the Jewish nation, our nation, our people.

In every land the Jews have ever lived they have been persecuted. They have been driven out of Spain, expelled from France, and murdered in Germany.

Thirteen years ago Israel was born . . . a home for the Jews . . . a home.

When Rise Stevens sang "Agadah," it was as if every Jew that ever lived was singing the praises of Israel.

This writer believes that the wish of visiting Israel was stimulated in every Jew in the Garden a week ago Monday.

Last year's Chanukah Festival can be termed as "only another show." Performers performed, actors acted, and singers sang, but that was all. Comparing it to Monday's show would be impossible.

## 100th Anniversary Finds Herzl's Dream A Reality

By Joshua Mues

At the summit of Mount Herzl, a military cemetery on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a solemn crowd gathered to witness the unveiling of a tombstone dedicated to the everlasting memory of Theodor Herzl, President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Chief Rabbi Nissim addressed the people in commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of a great Jewish leader—the father of Zionism.

Born May 2, 1860, in Budapest, Herzl grew up in a liberal-reform environment and was educated with the German cultural heritage. When he attained, as an adult, a high position on one of the leading newspapers in Europe, Herzl was very removed from Judaism. Nevertheless, he felt a deep pride for his people and hoped that eventually they would reach acceptance in the fold of the nations.

### Rejected Zionism

At first Herzl rejected the idea of Zionism.

However, a series of anti-semitic flareups, climaxed by the Dreyfus affair, created a revolution in Herzl's thinking. Dreyfus, a Jewish French army officer was dishonored and imprisoned as a traitor. Convinced of Dreyfus' innocence (he was later to be exonerated), Herzl, upon hearing the cries at the courtmartial — "Death to the Jews," realized that anti-semitism was deeply rooted in the hearts of the people and could not be removed within an appreciable amount of time.

### "Juden Raus"

In his most notable book, "The Jewish State," Herzl stated that everything tends "to one and the same conclusion, which is clearly enunciated in that classic Berlin phrase: 'Juden Raus!' (Out with the Jews!)"

In what Herzl terms "the Jewish Question," he states that wherever a significant number of Jews live, "they are more or less persecuted." He then put the question in the freest possible form: "Are we to 'get put' now, and where to? Or, are we yet to remain, and how long?"

Herzl earlier had put forth the preliminary outline of his plan in a letter to Baron de Hirsch, a philanthropist who sponsored Jewish colonization in Argentina. "If the Jews are to be transformed into men of character . . . it cannot be done without migration.

### Forever Fearful

"You (the Jews) must forever tremble at the thought that you are about to be deprived of your rights and stripped of your possessions. You will be insulted . . . made the special focus of contempt. The situation will not change for better but rather for the worse. There is only one way out: into the Promised Land."

This sets the stage for the great work "Der Judenstaat" — The Jewish State. This was the culmination of Herzl's life work and aspirations. The central

thought was the unity of the Jewish people: *We are people—one people*. First discussed is the menace of anti-semitism. After which is said that the only way for the Jews to preserve themselves is to own some place on the globe where a true home must be built. To fulfill this goal, Herzl proposed and discussed both the means to be utilized and the goals to be realized.

Herzl's original intent with "the Promised Land" was not specifically Palestine. In "The Jewish State," he envisioned the possibility of colonizing and building a home in Argentina. The support that he received, however, was the supposition that the ultimate goal was settlement in the land of our fathers. Indeed, on August 29, 1897, when the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, was inspired and convened by Herzl, they adapted what is known as the "Basel Program: Zionism seeks to secure for the Jewish people a publicly recognized, legally secured home (or homeland) in Palestine."

After the adjournment of the Congress Herzl made this entry in his diary:

" . . . to sum up the Basel congress . . . I would say: In Basel I created the Jewish State. Were I to say this aloud I would be greeted by universal laughter. But perhaps five years hence, in any case, certainly fifty years hence, everyone will perceive it."

Herzl dedicated the following years to the sole purpose of negotiations with world political leaders, Jewish leaders and the Turkish Sultan in a ceaseless effort to secure the right to Jewish colonization of Palestine. In 1903, he realized that the ultimate goal would not be reached in the near future. His proposal for a temporary refuge in Uganda almost resulted in splitting the Zionist movement wide open. It was later realized that it was just an emergency proposal that he set forth. Herzl now had only one goal, one dream in mind, the return to Zion.

The vigors of his work—the anxieties and responsibilities — took their toll on Herzl's ailing heart. That same year he died. But he left the Jewish people with a hope, a zeal that was to remain unquelled until the establishment of the State of Israel to fulfil Herzl's immortal words:

"The Jews who wish for a State will have it.

We shall live at last as free men on our own soil and die peacefully in our own homes.

The world will be freed by our liberty, enriched by our wealth, magnified by our greatness.

And whatever we attempt there to accomplish for our own welfare, will react powerfully, and beneficially for the good of humanity."



# Yeshiva Suffers Straight Setbacks; Mites Lose To Hartwick, Fairfield

Yeshiva, in quest for its second Tri-State League victory, instead suffered its second setback of the '60-'61 campaign, losing to Fairfield 63-50 at the Brooklyn College gym Dec. 17.

The Fairfield five featuring a fine fast break and a rugged zone defense, jumped to an early 8-4 lead. Fine backcourt play by Marv Goldstein and Shelly Weider of Yeshiva stemmed this tide. The Mighty Mites pulled ahead 11-9 only to see the advantage return to the Connecticut team. Gary Baum, who arrived late and missed the first few minutes of action, hit on a few timely baskets to tie the score at 25-25. However, successive baskets after steals in the backcourt by Fairfield enabled the Stags to take a 35-31 half-time lead.

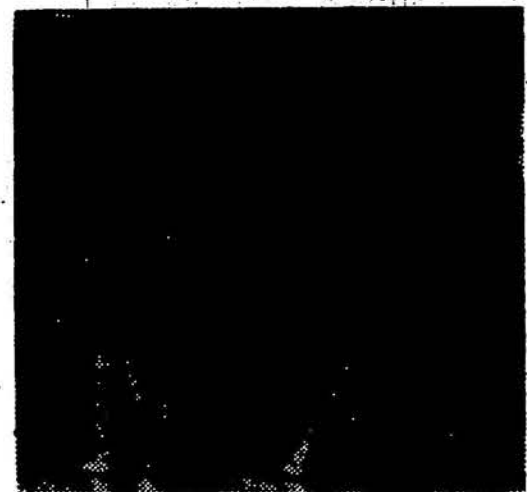
Baum opened the second half scoring Yeshiva's first 5 points and Yeshiva came within a point of the lead, at 37-36, at the four-minute mark. At this point, Art Crawford of Fairfield entered the game for the first time and proceeded to control both backboards.

## Rally Stopped

Yeshiva ace, Sam Grossman, then entered the game, and, although encumbered with 4 fouls, scored a three point play to knot the game at 42 all, with 12 min-

utes of play remaining. Fairfield then proceeded to reel off points and take a commanding 51-42 lead, staving off a subsequent Yeshiva comeback. The Stags scored another six in a row to tie the game and finally win 63-50.

Yeshiva's losing margin could be directly attributed to the many fouls called against them. A total of 28 infractions were charged



against the Mites, and Fairfield cashed in on 27 of 45 of these free throws awarded them. Yeshiva netted but 14 of 24 charity tosses.

Baum and Grossman led Yeshiva in scoring with 13 each while Mike Touby scored the same for Fairfield.

## Yeshiva Succumbs Again

Hartwick College invaded Yeshiva Wed. Dec. 20 and downed the Mites 83-78 at Power Memorial High School gym-

nasium. Hartwick, a heavy pre-game favorite, opened the scoring and was quickly matched by Yeshiva. This set the pace for the game as the lead changed hands numerous times. Both teams exhibited fine teamwork and adept ballhandling. A high scoring pace was set, with Gary Baum directing and sparking the Yeshiva squad to a slim 39-37 at the halftime intermission.

The second half started in much the same manner. However, Yeshiva rapidly was immersed in personal foul trouble, a nemesis that has plagued the team many times.

## Fouls, Fouls, Fouls

Hartwick pulled ahead by 7 points midway through the second half as steller freshman Bob Podhurst fouled out. Yeshiva then lost Baum via the same route.

Nevertheless, Sam Grossman led Yeshiva as they once again closed the margin with 12 seconds to go, and with four regulars hanging off with four fouls, Yeshiva trailed by three.

Prepared with a play set up by coach Sarachek, Yeshiva took the court only to lose possession of the ball and go down to defeat 83-78.

## On The Sidelines

# The Education That Is Not

by Josh Muss



Mens sana in corpore sano.

This is a phrase one reporter picked up while struggling through two years of Latin phraseology in high school. It might very well be misspelled, but then that's not what one has in mind when he stirs the ashes of bad memories. It's the ideas that count and they have been engraved for posterity.

For those who may be a little rusty in the use of our father language, perhaps more modern terms are in order. The contemporaries advance: a healthy mind in a healthy body. The body and its facilities must be strong, alert, and healthy for a student to absorb the most from the studies.

In a majority of colleges across the nation, it is required of the student to activate himself in any one of a number of physical activities. The students not only partake willingly and enthusiastically, but they also reap the benefits of sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical therapy.

The physical education program at Yeshiva, that supposedly includes every student in the college, is inadequate and ineffectual. In the catalogue it is stated that one must attend a phys. ed. course every semester during the four years of college. But one need pass only four courses through college, so the other four are rarely attended.

A large number of students beg off requirements as they participate in a highly activated first-aid course, go on to body-wearing recreational leadership and then proceed to the rigors of a taxing advanced first-aid. These are fine courses, to be sure, but they should not be used to replace a physical education program.

Not is one necessarily going to be severely strained by some of the gym classes that actually do exist. Many courses are tempting and simple opportunities not to attend. Some courses are overcrowded, so instead of creating new sections, the classes are divided into two parts — each of which one only need attend every other week.

It is little to expect, that a student should participate in two hours a week of physical education. This is especially important since it is perhaps the only exercise that many are exposed to. It is also important that a suitable and interesting phys. ed. program be offered, including, perhaps, outdoor activities on the limited grounds with which Yeshiva is now blessed. There is no reason why some courses cannot be given during the day and be included in the regular program so that a student may be active during the daylight hours when he is alert and eager. Presently, all gym classes begin after school hours, many extending through 11 and 12 P.M. It is no wonder that many are loath to participate at such unlikely hours. There is potential for imaginative programming.

# Lieber, Schwell, Outstanding As Musclemen Tie Orange

Yeshiva's wrestlers fought Orange Community College to a 16 draw in a match held Wednesday, December 14th, at Middletown, N.Y. This draw was significant as last year Orange defeated Yeshiva by eleven points.

Fred Lieber led the way with a brilliantly executed pin. Wrestling in the 123 pound class, Lieber utilized his superior knowledge and skill to full advantage, downing his opponent halfway through the match. The win netted 5 points for the Yeshiva cause.

Co-captain Bob Schwell then proceeded to outpoint his foe, 7-3, in a well fought match. Leading at the end of each period, Schwell was in control during the entire match and several times came close to pinning his competitor. Orange Community then forfeited the 157 pound match to Phil Keehn, giving Yeshiva another 5 points.

## Casualties

Despite strong performances, Dave Lew and "Brawny" Benji Leifer both lost on points. Leifer, a 137 pound grappler, faced an extremely tough opponent and fell short of victory by a slim margin. Lew, the team manager, came from the bench to replace ailing Jack Merkin in the 177 pound class. He turned in an unsuccess-

ful, though highly capable performance. Joe Rappaport and George Brown, fighting in the 147 pound and 130 pound classes respectively, were pinned by Orange Community wrestlers. Both fought well, however, and held their own during most of the match.

Yeshiva trailed by 3 points as they entered the final match of the meet. Heavyweight Warren "Killer" Klein faced a 290 pound mountain of a man, affectionately called "Haystacks" by his teammates. Klein, however, managed to overcome the weight inequality, and outpointed his foe 10-6 to gain 3 points and tie the meet.

## Coach's Prophecy

Coach Wittenberg commented on the match, "The tie with Orange Community bears out my previous prediction of an undefeated season. The boys should be ready for a win in their next match."

In a non-scheduled home scrimmage, the Yeshiva matmen scored a decisive 30-8 victory over Hunter College.

Pins were registered by Co-captain Bob Schwell and light-weight Fred Leifer. Co-captain

## BASKETBALL

Jan. 4—Fairleigh Dickenson	Away
Jan. 11—Bridgeport	Away
Jan. 14—Adelphi	Brooklyn College
Jan. 21—Scranton	F.I.T.
Jan. 28—L.I.U.	Away
<b>WRESTLING</b>	
Jan. 10—Columbia J.V.	Away
Jan. 12—Kings Point J.V.	Away
<b>FENCING</b>	
Jan. 5—Fairleigh Dickenson	Home

Jack Merkin outpointed his foe 6-0, and Warren Klein, Benji Leifer, and rookie Phil Herschenfeld also won by large point advantages.

# Undefeated Seniors Throttle Freshmen

The seniors took on the freshmen in what proved to be a rough and tumble basketball game on December 21. Riding on a 2-0 intramural record, the upperclassmen downed the freshmen, 48-32, handing the frosh their third defeat in as many games.

## Tie Game

The quintets fought to a 13-13 tie at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the half, the score read 23-23 in the splendid display of fine basketball playing. However, in the second half, the seniors darted away to a 7 point lead and finally clinched a victory by outscoring their opponents, 25-9.

The seniors with a record of 3-0 top the standings. They gave the sophs, who are also in the "first division," their only defeat. The second year men are 3-1 and boast of Norman Bergman, league leading scorer with 57 points. Matty Shatzkes has tallied 45 for the seniors in one less game. Because they only played two games, which they lost, the Juniors hold third place. The freshmen, losing all of their three contests, grope in the cellar.

# Sports Spotlight

## Mattie Shatzkes

Matthew Shatzkes '61, can be deservedly termed Yeshiva's almost-finished product of synthesis. Graduated from Salanter Yeshiva and YUHS of Manhattan, Matty has excelled in his studies at RIETS, where he now attends Rabbi Lipshitz's *shiur*. He has maintained a B average in his major, math, and has proven himself an able swordsman while captain of the fencing squad.

## Unique Style

The Brooklyn-bred Bronx resident, youngest of four children, attended the fencing club in his first two years in high school, where he learned the fundamentals of fencing. Under Coach Tauber's tutelage since he entered college, his style of fencing has become unique. Matty acquired a hopping movement that has been a major factor in his winning record. He started in his Junior year and wound up with a successful personal 13-8 record. Together with his fencing chores, the well-rounded, highly motivated individual was Yeshiva College Athletic Manager in 1959-60. In this capacity he supervised the intramural program, and was in charge of ticket sales for varsity basketball games.

A counselor in HILI and also a leader of many social groups, Mr. Shatzkes has the necessary experience and confidence that one who prepares for *smicha* must possess. In addition, he plans to pursue his career in the field of mathematics.

## Lou Korngold

Serving as captain of the Yeshiva University basketball varsity is a 21 year old senior, Lou Korngold, from Long Beach, Long Island. A pre-med major, "Red" has been accepted to several medical schools. Although Lou divides his time among basketball, college, and his TI studies, he still finds time to play the piano.

A latecomer to the sport of basketball, Lou's initial contact with the game came in his sophomore year at Y.U.H.S.—Manhattan. After two brilliant seasons, he received All-City honorable mention in his senior year. A State Scholarship brought him to Yeshiva.

## Speed Demon

Currently, in his fourth season of varsity play, Korngold is looking forward to a banner year. By far the fastest man on the squad, he can stay with the best of them defensively. In addition, Lou can drive as well as any collegian in the metropolitan area. Of late, the diminutive backcourt "ace" has some difficulty containing himself.

In the current campaign, Korngold must plug the gap left by the graduation of Willie Goldstein. The departed backcourt star ran last year's team like a quarterback and provided the all-important "key buckets." Louie "Red" Korngold has his work cut out for him and he must produce in a year that finds the talent spread thin.