

Happy Birthday ...

Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz has been appointed as director of the Rubin Residence Hall and the Graduate Dormitory, revealed Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

The new director received his smicha from Yeshiva University in 1958, two years after he graduated as a sociology major from the college.

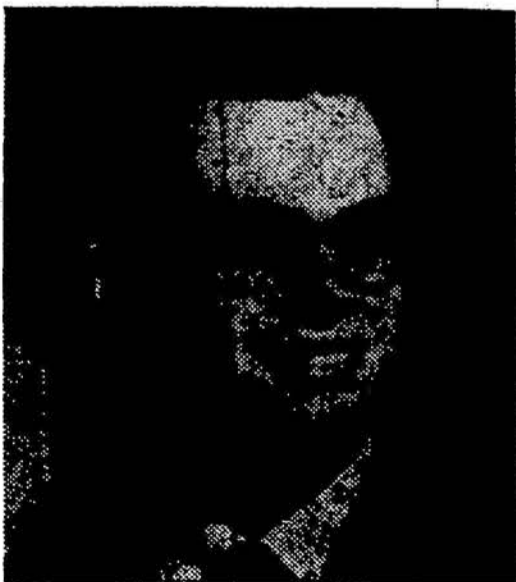
In 1958-59, he served as head counselor of the dormitory, under Rabbi Moshe Klein, who resigned to become a clinical psychologist in Poughkeepsie, New York. At the same time Rabbi Chafetz also worked for and earned his M.S. degree from the Yeshiva University School of Social Work.

Rabbi Chafetz stated that this year the sharp rise in enrollment placed a particular strain on residence hall accommodations. With the facilities not as yet increased, rooms were refused to students in Manhattan and Bronx who were within commuting distance. However, he noted this was done on "an individual basis," taking into

Ness, Bloom To Edit '62 Masmid

Jack Ness '62, a TI student majoring in psychology, has been appointed editor and Herb Bloom '62, a TI student majoring in English, associate editor of the 1962 Masmid.

The executive board of the yearbook will be comprised of Mr. Ness and Mr. Bloom along with Noel Nusbacher '62, a pre-med student attending RIETS. Mr. Nusbacher is the new managing editor.



Jack Ness

Appointed to other positions on the managing board were Charles Persky, literary editor; David Epstein, assistant literary editor; Murray Mednick, activities editor; Norm Berlat, photography editor; Stu Berman, sports editor; Marv Negnewitsky and Manny Wasserman, art editors. Also appointed were Mike Sokal, copy editor; Auri Spiegelman, typing editor; and Howard Begel, public relations manager; David Lew and Charles Maurer, business managers.

consideration family factors in addition to proximity.

Rabbi Cheifetz also indicated that he would very much like to see a revitalization in the spirit of Shabbat in conjunction with a strengthening of the role of the student government in the dormitory.

Included in such "an ambitious program," he stated, would be various activities such as *Ongai Shabbat* study groups, and a better *Shalosh Seudot* program, all to be planned and organized by student committees.

Air Force Awards Fusion Study Grant To Dr. Finkelstein

The United States Air Force awarded a \$100,000 grant to Dr. David Finkelstein, associate professor at the University's Graduate School of Science, announced Dr. A. Gelbart, dean of the school.

The grant will be used to begin work on a three-year experiment in fusion. Dr. Finkelstein said he will "attempt to artificially create for the first time a relativistic plasma," which is a gas that has been broken down into ions traveling at speeds close to that of light. A special laboratory at St. Nicholas Avenue and 183rd St. will house the project.

According to Dean Gelbart, the event "signals the entry of Yeshiva University and the Graduate School of Science into experimental sciences."

Dr. Finkelstein came to Yeshiva University in September 1960. He graduated from the City College of New York in 1949 and earned a Ph.D. degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1953.

In 1958-59, Dr. Finkelstein served as scientific editor for the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Kennedy Extends Congratulations On Occasion Of Diamond Jubilee

President John F. Kennedy extended congratulations to Yeshiva University on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary as he accepted honorary chairmanship of the University Diamond Jubilee observance.

"With the past seventy-five years as a foundation, the next seventy-five can only be an era of outstanding achievement for the University and for the nation," President Kennedy said. "The idea of a Yeshiva University City is appealing, and I wish you every success," he stated, referring to Yeshiva's "Blueprint for the Sixties."

Serving with Mr. Kennedy as

Student Body To Honor Dr. Belkin At Convocation

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, will be honored by the joint student bodies of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges at a convocation ceremony this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Lamport Auditorium.

"The ceremonies, which will launch the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration at YC will include speeches highlighting the past, present, and future of Yeshiva University," stated Vel Zeitz '62, chairman of the Convocation Committee. Classes will be suspended in honor of the occasion.

Fellowships To Halt Growing Shortage In American Rabbinate

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, announced that ten RIETS students will be the first recipients of the University's Smicha Fellowships.

The ten fellows are: Rabbi Abraham Bronspigel, Rabbi Marvin Yaged, Martin Gordon, Abraham Mandelbaum, Meyer Berglas, Samuel Frank, William Golub, Michael Hecht, Howard Joseph and Matthew Shatzkes.

This fellowship program has been initiated to combat the decreasing seminary enrollment and growing shortage of rabbis in America.

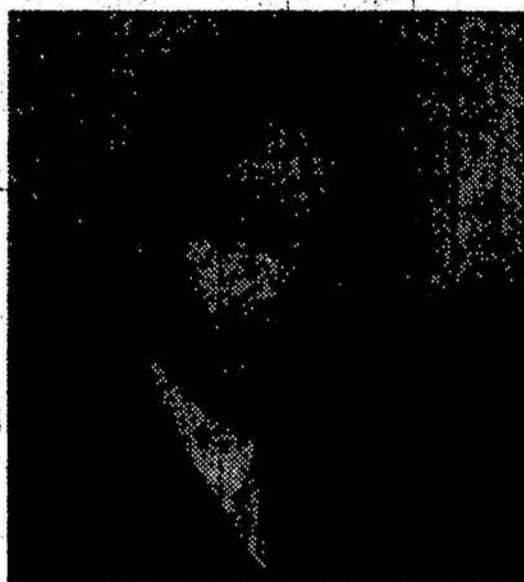
Each recipient will receive \$1200 for the academic year. Those who reside in the dormitory will receive an additional \$300 scholarship. The one year fellowships may be renewed during the course of the three year smicha program.

Construction Plans Delayed By Strike

Completion date for the new classroom building has been delayed "until 1962" because of inclement weather and a recent strike of concrete workers.

Plans are now being formulated for the construction of new dormitory facilities to be located at 186th St. Demolition work is expected to begin June 1962.

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Dr. Samuel Belkin

Dr. Belkin will deliver an address on the future of Yeshiva University after receiving a plaque

Stern Gives Million To Help Expansion

Mr. Max Stern, president of Hartz Mountain Products Corp. contributed one million dollars to Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. The donation will inaugurate a twenty-five million dollar midtown center development program.

The midtown center is part of a ten year, thirty million dollar "Blueprint for the Sixties" physical development program for Yeshiva University.

One of the foremost Jewish communal leaders in the nation, Mr. Stern was honored in 1955 by the University with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Last December he was the recipient of one of the first annual Synagogue Statesman Award from the Synagogue Council of America.

from Tobias Berman, Student Council President. The plaque is inscribed in part "... in grateful recognition of a lifetime of devotion to the growth and development of the Yeshiva. His contributions to the cause of Torah education, his self sacrifice and unswerving commitment to Yeshiva, and his close personal contact with the generations of students who have passed through its doors stand as an elegant tribute to him as President, Rosh Hayeshiva, and as the leader of Orthodox Jewry in America."

Dr. Levin to Speak

The main speaker of the event, who will deliver an address on the past of Yeshiva, will be Dr. Leo Levin, an alumnus of Yeshiva University and currently professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania.

Speaking on the present of the University will be Rosalie Bayer, president of the Student Council of Stern College.

The invocation will be given by Rabbi Abraham N. Avrutick, rabbi of Congregation Agudas Achim, Hartford, Connecticut, and Vice-President of the Rabbinical Council of America.

A reception with refreshments will be held following the convocation for Yeshiva and Stern students in the residence hall cafeteria and lounge.

Mr. Berman stated that he hopes this convocation will impress upon the student body the significance of this 75th Anniversary Year.

Diamond Selected Guidance Director

Rabbi Edward Diamond, author of numerous magazine articles in the field of vocational choice, has been appointed guidance director of Yeshiva College.

Previously director of guidance at Long Beach High School, Rabbi Diamond received his smicha from Tifereth Yerushalym, his BA from CCNY, and his masters from Columbia University. He is currently working towards a doctorate in guidance at New York University.

In his position at Yeshiva College he will meet with all entering students, and will also see upperclassmen in reference to personal problems or choice of vocation.

Rabbi Diamond plans to initiate a vocational file, listing various vocations and the opportunities available in these fields. "All students should feel free to draw on this material," emphasized the new guidance director.

Student leaders voiced the opinion that this appointment will be beneficial to all students of Yeshiva.

honorary co-chairman are such celebrities as Governors David L. Lawrence, and Nelson Rockefeller, Senators Clifford Case, Joseph S. Clark, Paul Douglas, Jacob Javits, Estes Kefauver and Wayne Morse, Justices Earl Warren and William O. Douglas, and the Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Abraham Harman.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr. presented the New York proclamation on behalf of the seventy-fifth anniversary to President Belkin September 21.

The Diamond Jubilee, which will be a year-long program, salutes a significant past and is the work of more than a year of planning by a University committee. With a central theme, "Pride in the past, faith in the future," the celebration will sponsor many special events including symposiums, conferences, convocations, and assemblies. The jubilee will have three primary objectives:

1. To create a greater appreciation of the contributions of the immigrants to the nation and to higher education.
2. To dramatize those services which higher education renders to the nation and its citizens.
3. To review the University's past accomplishments, utilizing them as a springboard for future activity.

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From Strength to Strength

As students of Yeshiva University in this year of its Diamond Jubilee, we are privileged to participate in a year of celebration, thanksgiving, and homage. We celebrate the accomplishments of a great institution which for many years has inspired the people of our faith and has guided them in a traditional path upon the many walks of our secular surroundings. We give thanks to G-D who has enabled a Jewish institution to gain such prominence and exert much influence in a non-Jewish world. And we pay homage to the leaders of the Jewish community who have toiled patiently to achieve past dreams and establish future goals.

Today the Yeshiva College student body will attend a convocation in which we honor the University of which we are a part, and pay tribute to Rabbi Samuel Belkin, who has emerged as a symbol of the lofty and sacred ideals which Yeshiva is striving to attain. It is difficult, however, to express the respect that is held by the student body for the President of our University. Dr. Belkin has been an indomitable force in our growth. Under his guidance we have developed into a truly venerable institution, a center of religious and secular education.

Yeshiva University has surpassed even the highest hopes of its founders as an influence in the American Jewish Community, and we pray that in the years ahead Yeshiva will grow from strength to strength.

No Strings Attached

As the privilege of citizenship involves certain communal responsibilities, the right to dissent and the freedom of expression demand serious consideration of an issue.

One should not claim the services of his government and be negligent in choosing his representatives, nor should one venture an opinion without first investigating all matters pertinent to the situation.

In recognition of this basic rule, the Governing Board will attempt this year, as before, to discuss with those parties concerned the theme of all editorials previous to their publication.

We believe that if our suggestions are directed to the proper officials, most problems will be solved with the least amount of friction and ill feeling.

With this in mind we are asking that this 75th Anniversary Year be one not of conflict and confusion, of struggle and strife, but rather a year of discussion and debate.

The Governing Board has therefore asked to be invited by the heads of each of the three religious divisions at the Main Academic Center to a discussion of their respective departments.

Through such meetings we will be able to clarify our position to them, and it will be an opportunity for these administrators to discuss with us their plans for bettering the institution.

We hope that these sessions will lead to the establishment of better rapport between student leaders and the administration.

Mazel Tov

Opening week at the Co-op was often the scene of disorganization and confusion. Incomplete stocks and long waiting lines inevitably resulted in chaos. The Co-op managers, in order to expedite and simplify matters, have completely revised their merchandising system with the result that the first week was the most profitable and efficient ever. Congratulations to Aaron Levine and the Co-op staff for a job well done.

To Dorm Or Not To Dorm

Various events of the past two weeks have made it evident that the perennial "dormitory problem" has mushroomed into an unbearable situation. We have long realized that a difficult situation exists; we do not expect an immediate solution, but we can, however, expect that the problem be handled judiciously and with some measure of foresight.

One can well imagine the surprise of the student who, returning to his dormitory room after a weekend at home, finds that it is no longer his room. No warning, not a word of discussion, just some strange luggage and a slept-in bed.

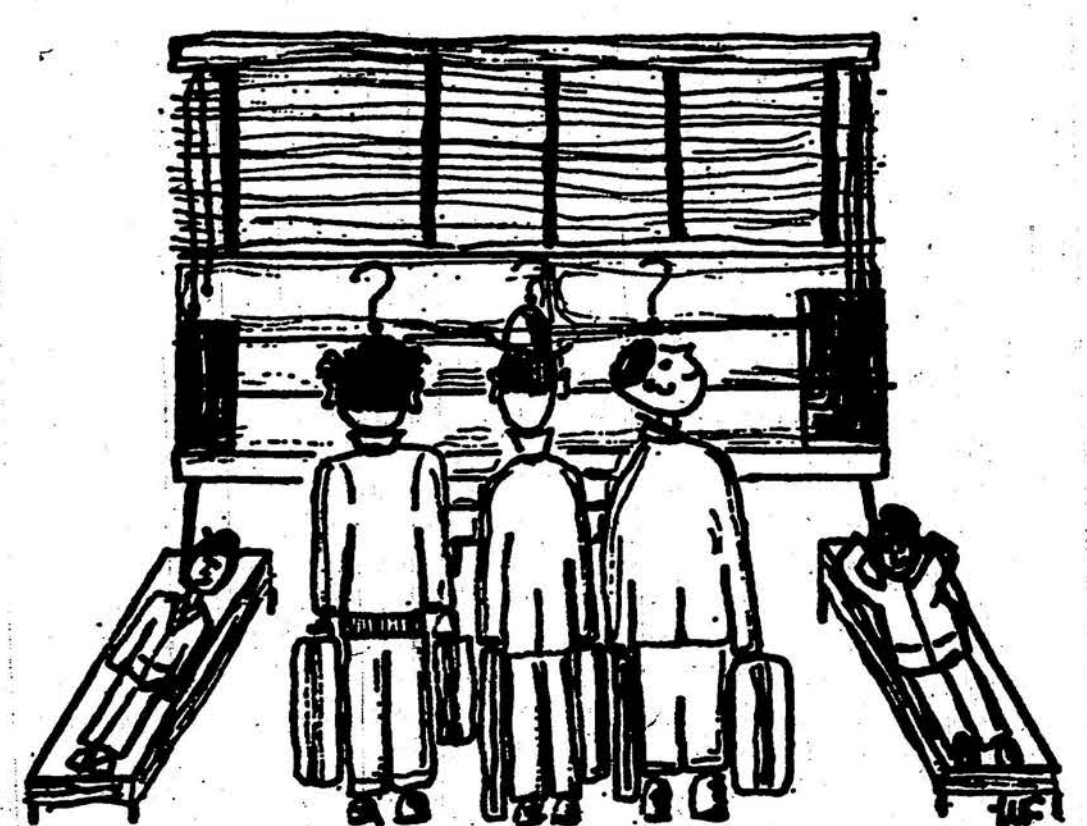
Perhaps this is also the time to again urge that the upperclassmen, rather than the freshmen and sophomores, be placed in the new dormitory. We have long heard the argument that the incoming freshmen will find it easier to adjust to the surroundings in the new dorm; but are the sophomores still adjusting?—and the juniors? In practically every college and university there is a certain coveted status associated with being a senior. He is looked up to by the student body and is occasionally afforded various privileges. He is most certainly not packed into a small room containing two other seniors, two dressers, and a table.

It is with resignation that we accept the prevailing situation. We well realize that it is too late to remedy the dormitory ills before September 1962; but we speak now so that we cannot and will not be put off with the excuse that "the plans have been made and it's too late to change them." This we will not accept.

Third Floor Renovations

A bright new coat of paint and a newly refurbished shower room greeted the residents of the old dorm on their return from the summer vacation. It was quite a pleasant surprise to find that they hadn't been forgotten after all. We know that we don't have to remind the administration that there are still things to be done. New lighting is a must for the rooms as well as comfortable new mattresses. We might also suggest new medicine cabinets and adequate desks, closet and storage facilities.

In the meantime, however, we'd like to thank Mr. Jacob Blazer and his maintenance crew for their efforts.



Are you sure he said room 710?

New Teachers

The Yeshiva College faculty has been increased by the addition of nineteen new members, augmenting the various academic departments of the College.

Dr. Jack Pesiach, who received his BS from the City College of New York and his Ph.D. from Columbia, has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry. He is currently engaged in research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Visiting Professor of Chemistry Mr. Herbert Liebeskind received his MS from NYU and taught at Cooper Union.

New members of the physics staff are Drs. Ralph Behrends and G. Carmi. Dr. Behrends, National Science Foundation fellow at University of Pennsylvania, received his doctorate from the University of California and will serve as assistant professor of physics. Dr. Carmi, an Israeli, will serve as visiting associate professor of physics.

In the social sciences, Dr. Robert MacIver, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University is the visiting professor of political science. Dr. Maruy Sternlicht and Mr. Israel Perlmutter will be new teachers in the psychology department. A graduate of Yeshiva University, Dr. Sternlicht, visiting assistant professor of psychology, served as a clinical psychologist at the Kings County Hospital. Visiting Lecturer Israel Perlmutter has served as teacher in the Yeshiva University High School system. He received his BA from Yeshiva College.

Dr. Gilbert Klaperman, a lecturer in the subject of sociology, is returning from a leave of absence.

Three visiting lecturers will this year be teaching history at Yeshiva College. They are: Mr. Julius Briller, who received his MA from the State University of Iowa, Mr. Leonard Tabachnik, visiting lecturer in history, and Mrs. Robert Weisbrod, who received her MA from New York University and has taught at Queens College.

Mr. Ely Silverman, who obtained his MA from NYU, Mrs. Barbara Olson, who earned her MA from Northwestern University, Mr. Walter Beupe, an instructor at Columbia University, and Mr. Phillip Gelb have been appointed as visiting lecturers in the speech department. Miss Minerva Chalapis, Instructor of Speech, has returned from a leave of absence.

Reverend Dr. Mazer Hershkovics has been appointed as assistant professor of Jewish studies. Mr. Harry Frumenman, a lecturer of economics at Rutgers University, has been appointed as visiting lecturer of economics.

Wilson Stipends To Be Awarded

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation will award 1000 fellowships for the academic year 1962-63. Candidates for the stipends must be nominated by a faculty member no later than October 31.

The Professor Exposed

Hyman B. Grinstein

by Irving Green

One feels a sense of history as he walks into the picture-lined office of Hyman B. Grinstein, director of the Teachers Institute for Men, associate professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva College, and grand marshal of ceremonies of the University.

It is almost as if one is being invited to partake in a special, even private, celebration of Yeshiva's seventy-five years.

The even rows of file cabinets with their contents spilling onto the neighboring desks, the glass covered conference table, Ben Gurion's gold-framed, autographed photo, and a typewriter on a little table cluttered with index cards tell the story of Hyman B. Grinstein.

But perhaps the most important object of them all is a smiling portrait of Dr. Pinchos Churgin, hanging over the huge mahogany desk. This represents not only the present and perhaps the future but also the past of Yeshiva University and, in particular, of the Teachers Institute for Men, with which our subject is so completely identifiable.

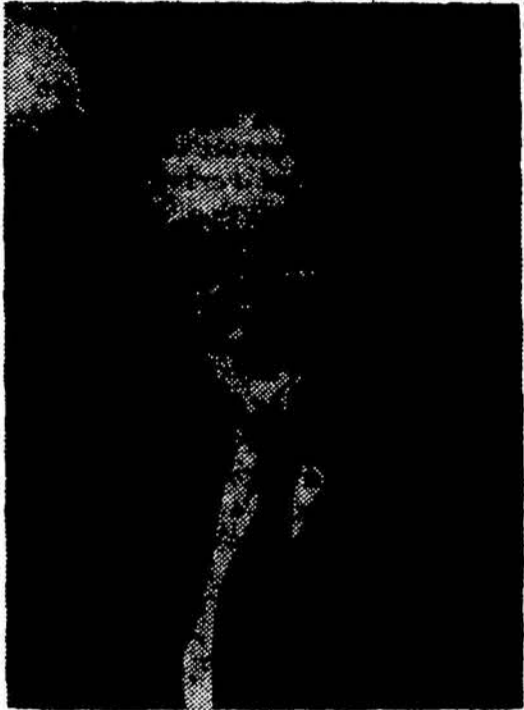
Our story begins in Dallas, Texas, birthplace of Dr. Grinstein. From there it goes on to Eretz Yisroel and then returns to New York at the Talmudical Academy of Yeshiva. It is here that our tale has its real beginning.

One of the most profound influences on Dr. Grinstein's life was his association with Dr. Bernard Revel, the revered first president of Yeshiva. "I remember the depression days when boys would walk into Dr. Revel's office for a dollar with which to purchase a meal. No one was ever refused. It was always given with a warm smile and a firm shake of the hand."

And so Dr. Grinstein, first as a student and later as Dr. Revel's private secretary, came into contact with the man who became a legend in his own lifetime.

Dr. Grinstein soon found himself very much interested in the field of Jewish education. City College of New York and later Teachers College, Columbia University, provided the setting for diligent studies in this subject. At Columbia he studied American and Jewish history under the guidance of the noted authority Dr.

Salo Baron. Originally Dr. Grinstein had hoped to work on a doctoral thesis on "The Philosophy of Jewish Education," however, Dr. Baron felt that this topic did



Hyman B. Grinstein

not come within the required framework.

"I was rather disappointed that he didn't accept my plan."

This refusal, coupled with an invitation to attend a meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, led Dr. Grinstein to a new-found interest in the field of American Jewish history. His authoritative *The Rise of the Jewish Community of New York*, is an outgrowth of his doctoral thesis on this subject. He is now working on a companion volume tracing New York Jews from 1860 to the present time.

But Dr. Grinstein is not content merely with writing history. He wants to make a little of his own. His major contribution in

Oldest Living Y. U. Grad. Introduced

Aaron Papae, an 83 year old retired Queens realtor, was introduced as Yeshiva University's oldest living alumnus.

Mr. Papae was a member of the first class (1887-1888) at Yeshiva Eitz Chaim, a forerunner of the present University. Returning after 72 years to the East Broadway site on the lower East Side, he received an honorary diploma, officially designating him as the University's oldest alumnus.

this field is his directorship of the Teachers Institute. Dr. Grinstein feels that there is a strong connection between life and education. "What you want to teach to others should comprise your own ideals in life. We feel that through the medium of the Institute we can bring to many of our students a great sense of responsibility and a feeling that they, too, are an integral part of the community and of Jewish history.

"We've got to understand the changes that have taken place over the course of time. We must study the evolution of the Jew in America in relation to the socio-economic changes that have taken place. It is also important for us to understand why some of our fellow Jews have shown a complete lack of interest in their past while others have at last turned back and given some recognition to their Jewish heritage. Each and every one of these problems has a place in the scheme of Jewish life. They are ours to peer at through the looking glass, to discern and to understand."

This is the crux of Dr. Grinstein's philosophy of life.

Close Quarters Add To Glamour Of Old Dorm

By Jason Rosenblatt

A friend recently told me of a frightening experience he had undergone. It seems that he walked into his room in the Old Dorm and found a group of fellows there. After socializing with them for a little while, he decided to unpack his clothes and get settled. Although he politely asked the visitors to leave, they refused. The reason for their seemingly strange behavior is simple: they were his roommates.

The rooms situation in the Old Dorm can best be described by repeating those now familiar words, "Yearning to breathe free." The purpose of this article, however, is not to deplore the existing conditions in the rooms. Its purpose, rather, is to commend the dorming seniors for their ingenious innovations this year, which have transformed the apparent liability of overcrowdedness into an asset.

The members of each room form a tightly-knit little community. Many attend the same class-

Critical Examination Of Students' Dress Habits

By Howard Segel

"Yeshiva University is unique — unique in curriculum, students, and student-faculty understanding and friendship."

We have all read statements such as this in countless COMMENTATOR articles and numerous University publications. It seems that these will appear over and over again until we get a new policy for the public relations department.

However, since this writer is new to the field, he will digress a bit by attempting to force upon you, the student body, a relatively new form of heresy. He believes that every undergraduate in the Beth Medrash should wear either an ivy league suit or reasonable facsimile thereof.

Students in TI and JSP, being more liberal, according to recent surveys, should experiment with the continental style or another progressive fashion.

But how are these unknowing and indifferent young men to choose from the hundreds of styles and colors presented to them by

unscrupulous retailers? The answer follows.

What to Wear

In this column this connoisseur of men's fashions will enlighten everyone to a new movement — one which will put a tie on every neck, a white shirt on every back, and a vest on every chest.

Whereas gold and olive were prominent colors last season, various shades of blue and tan will be the colors to watch.

A blend of these colors in plaid and stripes will oftentimes take on a brown appearance which also will be popular this year.

However, we can all be assured that we will not be forced to dispose of our gold and olive jackets. In my opinion they are here to stay.

Ivy league and continental are still the main styles. Classic ivy is the high three button jacket with breast pocket and straight sidepockets. This year, the variation in Ivy is the two button jacket. Otherwise, the style remains the same. The predominant patterns in these jackets are stripes and plaids, mostly in shades of blue or tan.

Continental styling shows itself mainly in the double-breasted suit, though the single-breasted type is still to be seen. The latter appears mainly with two buttons, cloverleaf lapel, no breast pocket, slanted welted sidepockets and a wide cutaway in the front. On the back there are two side vents instead of one center vent. On the sleeves there are usually cuffs. Colors are mostly solid.

Short Snug Trousers

Ivy league trousers have no pleats, no cuffs, and are generally worn with a belt. They are usually snug at the seat and have short, tapered legs. Continental trousers, on the other hand, have one pleat on each side, no cuffs, and an extension belt.

Shirts to go with Ivy styles are striped and have plain or button-down collars. Ties are solid or of very dull, slanted stripes. Shirts of the continental breed have tab collars, french cuffs, and are solid in color. Solid ties go very well with this style.

Vests are taking a leading role in the accessory race, especially for wear with the continental clothes.

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"Red" Sarachek To Begin Cage Drills

By Stu Berman

After spending the summer recuperating from last season's play, coach Bernie "Red" Sarachek is back at the helm of the YU basketball team. Coach Sarachek has issued a call to all candidates for varsity basketball. Interested students, particularly freshmen, are requested to sign up in the athletic office—Room 208A.

In order to mold this year's varsity into a winning team, Coach Sarachek has scheduled a series of scrimmages with teams of the Eastern Professional Basketball League. The first of these contests will pit the Mites against the Williamsport "Billies" coached by Hank Rosenstein, ex-Scranton mentor, and featuring former All-American Tommy Hemans. These sessions will provide the varsity with crack competition and enable the coaching staff to select a starting five. The scrimmages are open to the public and the student body is welcome to attend.

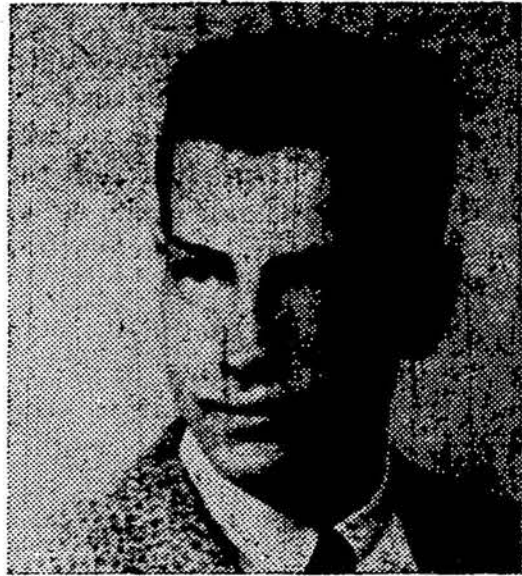
Sam Grossman, recently back from a tour with the United States Olympic team at the Macabiah Games in Israel, reports that he is in great shape and is looking forward to the opening game this season.

Another letterman of whom big things are expected is Bob "Suitcase" Podhurst. Bob reported to pre-season drills in excellent condition displaying a new jump shot which he calls "The Twist." It is reported that he was tutored by the dancing instructor at the coach's summer camp.

Senior backcourt man Shelly Weider is looking forward to a banner year after leading the Pine

View Hotel to a winning season in the Borscht Circuit. Expected to provide the scoring punch in the backcourt is sophomore Art Aaron. He looked very good as a freshman and should be counted in the starting lineup.

With the basketball schedule still incomplete, Mr. Sarachek is hoping to book a series of contests



Lenny Pincus

with the Israel Olympic team should they visit this country. It has been four years since YU last faced the Israeli team. The record stands at 1-1. The Israelis emerged victorious in a contest played at Madison Square Garden, while the Mites came back to defeat them at Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

Lennie Pincus, former varsity basketball player, is presently serving in the capacity of college athletic manager. He will conduct a full scale program of intramural athletics. Some of the new innovations this year will be ping pong and bowling.

Grapplers Wrestle Training Problems; Coaches Optimistic

In preparation for an extended season, Yeshiva's wrestling team held its first practice Monday night, October 9th, in the University gymnasium.

Approximately twenty-five new faces were seen at this first meeting of the grapplers—a commanding increase over last year's attendance.

Enthusiastic aspirants were first subjected to a bone-crushing warm up session by ex-Olympic coach Hank Wittenburg. They were then given a spirited pep talk by the famed mentor, stressing the art of wrestling and its movements. The boys spent their remaining time on the mats, practicing the sport's basic holds.

Matside comments were reserved but optimistic. The novices look quite promising. Though a great majority of newcomers weighed in as lightweights, an abundance of solid muscle was seen. The increase in this usually scarce commodity can be attributed to the weight lifting activities of many of the boys. They were best summed up by co-captain Warren Klein as "a strong and eager bunch." Co-captain Benjy Leifer added, "Not bad at all—I hope they stick around for the season."

Several returning veterans joined Monday night's session. George Brown, Phil Keehn, "Bouncing" Benjy Leifer, Joe Rapaport, Jack Deitsch, and Mike Gross put on a show of grappling skill that delighted the wrestling freshmen.

Also present was last year's team captain Jack Merkin. Though he is ineligible because of personal reasons, Jack will aid in training the new squad.

Hank Wittenburg, wrestling coach for many years at Yeshiva, was pleased with the turnout and called it "one of quantity and quality."

On The Sidelines

An Introduction

by Wally Fiegerer

Writing is to many their pride and joy—a game of words juxtaposed in an effortless coherency. To me it's rigorous, not without effort nor always a coherent composite.

My ideas will sometimes make sense, at other times nonsense. Some will be practical, others not. Some will be feasible, others totally inconceivable (for the present). It will remain my privilege to bring to you comments and criticism on every phase of sports life. Criticism at a constructive level has found its way into every path of life from Orville Prescott to Michael Gross. My column will not be an exception to this universal practice.

To introduce gossip is undignified; therefore, features of personal experiences, as well as academic life at Yeshiva, will be constantly presented on this page. No sport shall be stressed more than any other, nor will any star gather too much publicity. Whatever the future brings, this column should not prove either unduly dull or overly playful. It will be an accurate analysis—never in exaggeration. I ask but one thing in return—support of a vital issue when needed.

To enlighten the student body is not my total desire. To gain a more promising sports program with full participation is my goal. I hope that cooperation will not be hard to come by and that a successful year will result.

Tauber Teaches Freshmen Finer Facets Of Fencing

Monday, at approximately 9:00 p.m., the gym begins to come alive with a crew of fencers in assorted white garb ranging from dirty white to slightly dirty black and from complete dress to semi-nudity. They are greeted in turn by "the coach" since they are Yeshiva's veteran duelists back to slash their way through a new season of opponents.

In the background are a number of fellows dressed in street clothes with bewildered looks on their faces typical of incoming freshmen hopefully lured to Tauber's *salle* by dazzling versions of Errol Flynn and Zorro. If they listen carefully they can just about hear the coach's deep voice above the sounds of clashing steel addressing himself to some veterans.

"If you don't learn to lunge this year" . . . or, "Now remember, finesse, finesse, and more finesse."

These "foreign terms" only serve to add to the confusion, but twenty tortuous minutes later our poor freshmen have learned their meanings, the hard way. Indeed the words are driven deeply into their brains. "On guard, advance, retreat, lunge!"—over and over until the bewildered look is replaced by one of total and unrelenting agony.

But look at our mighty veterans. Form ranges from fair to extremely poor. Time begins to take its toll as the casualties drop to the gym floor and slowly crawl back to the bench. Tight muscles are stretched and loose ones tightened; sinews bulge and bones creak from disuse.

Our freshmen still haven't even been allowed to touch one of the many weapons scattered invitingly around the gym. They seem a bit discouraged and besides their feet no longer seem to respond. But soon the coach gives his first pep talk and again eyes light up as the indomitable freshman spirit shines through. After all, you can't run a team with upperclassmen alone.

And so it goes, as Coach Tauber whips his team, literally and figuratively, into shape for the coming season which will be ushered in December 5th.

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Soccer Team Drills For Coming Season

Plagued by lack of equipment and personnel problems, the soccer team doggedly maintains its practice sessions at Inwood Park, 207th Street and Seamon Ave. According to reports the spirit is high, as organized drills are now in progress. The team is under the leadership of co-captains Dave Froelich, Charlie Maurer, and Steve Diamond who noted vast improvement over last year's team. This fall's practice sessions are concentrating on shooting, dribbling, and offensive and defensive maneuvers.

When the squad has completed preliminary training drills, they will scrimmage such teams as CCNY and Columbia Pharmacy.

It is particularly important for the team to present themselves at

these scrimmages in uniform. In the past, team members have appeared at practice in makeshift uniforms. The co-captains note that footwear is extremely important in the sport of soccer, and regulation soccer shoes are at a premium.

Only three team members were lost through graduation and this year's squad boasts a fine group of promising freshmen.

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Yeshiva U. Mourns Death Of Professor

Professor Aaron M. Margalith died suddenly in his home at 175 Pinehurst Ave., Saturday October 21, at the age of 59. Dr. Margalith, former chairman of the social science department, 1949-1955, was professor of political science.

A native of Jerusalem, Dr. Margalith spent his early years in the Holy City, and there attended elementary and secondary schools. During the First World War, Dr. Margalith, although under age, joined the Royal Fusiliers of the British Army. He fought on the Sinai Peninsula where he distinguished himself by receiving both the British Victory and War Medals.

In 1921 he came to America and studied at the City College of New York and Temple University. He received both his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the Johns Hopkins University, the latter in 1929.

A member of the College faculty for twenty eight

Faculty Projects, Grants Described

by Irving Klavan

Many students here are unaware that almost all of the faculty members of Yeshiva College associated with the Graduate School of Science are employed in individual research projects. It is thus the purpose of this article (and perhaps of succeeding ones) to produce an awareness of the scope of the academic research being carried out at Yeshiva.

Dr. David Finkelstein, associate professor of physics, is currently working on three projects, two of them theoretical and one experimental. His theoretical research, sponsored by National Science Foundation grants, is concerned with finding more information about nature's basic building blocks — elementary particles — and about quantum mechanics, the branch of physics which deals with the behavior of such particles. Employed with Dr. Finkelstein in various aspects of these projects are Dr. J. M. Jauch and Dr. D. Speiser, of the University of Geneva, and Mr. S. Schiminovitch, research associate in physics at the GSS.

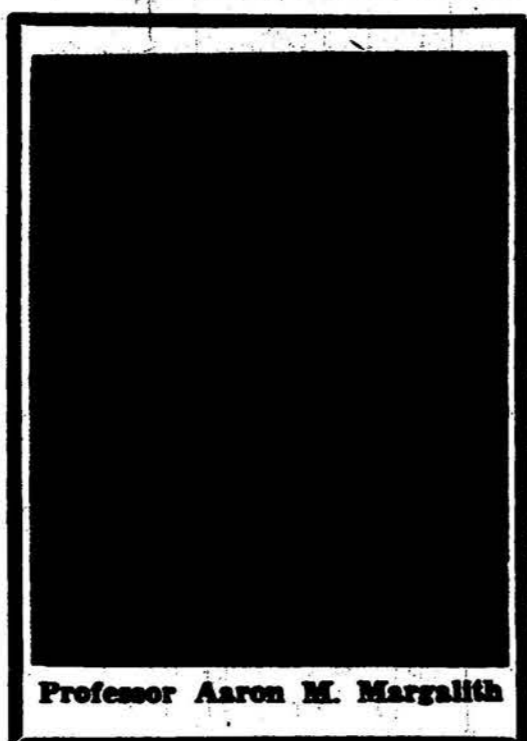
Professor Kinkelstein is also working on a three-year experiment in fusion, sponsored by a \$100,000 grant from the Air Force. He will attempt "to artificially create for the first time a relativistic plasma." In this he is assisted by Mr. J. Schuchatowitz, research assistant. Dr. Finkelstein defined a gas which permits the conduction of electricity because a significant portion of it is ionized. The gas in an ordinary fluorescent tube is a good example of one.

A plasma, in which temperature is measured in electron-volts (one electron volt equals 1000 degrees), usually can not be made to exist for any significant period of time.

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years, Dr. Margalith, became full professor in 1951 and also served as University librarian and chairman of the social sciences department. He was currently serving as faculty representative to the alumni-faculty-student relations special committee.

Mr. Margalith, a scion of a family of scholars, was the author of "The International Mandate" and co-author with Dr. Cyrus Adler of "American Intercession on Behalf



Professor Aaron M. Margalith

of Jews" and "With Firmness in the Right," a statement of diplomatic action affecting Jews during the century before its publication in 1946.

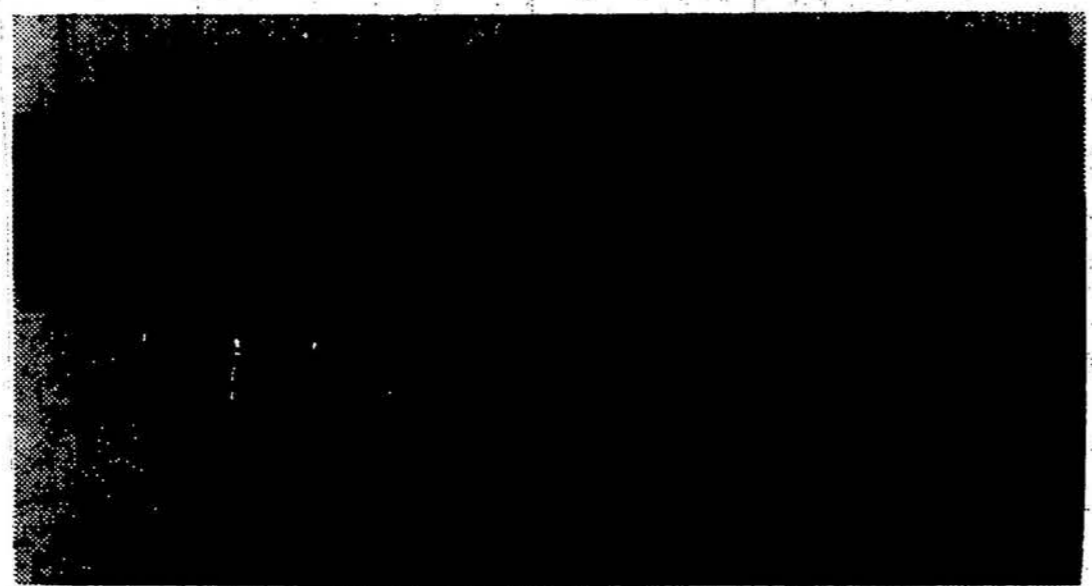
He was a member of the American Political Science Association, the American Society of International Law, the American Library Association, the Association of American University Professors and Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society.

Heads of Hebrew Divisions Meet With Commie Board

The Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR, for the first time in recent years, met with all three respective heads of the Hebrew divisions, Mr. Norman B. Abrams of RIETS, Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein of TI and Rabbi Morris Besdin of JSP at a luncheon, Thursday, Oct. 26, in the Rubin Residence Hall Cafeteria.

After the dinner, the various heads of the Hebrew departments spoke, voicing the feasibility of future meetings with THE COMMENTATOR to discuss the morning divisions much more fully.

Mr. Abrams, registrar of RIETS, implied that THE COMMENTATOR should have the right to discuss matters concerning the



Members of the Governing Board and the head of the morning divisions.

The presidents of the various Student Councils were also invited to the gathering. Those present participated in an informal discussion concerning the secular and religious education at Yeshiva as well as the advisability of increasing the enrollment.

Hebrew departments of Yeshiva. Mr. Abrams also pointed out that without a basic understanding of existing problems no solution could possibly be hoped for, much less achieved.

Dr. Grinstein, director of TI, (Continued on page 6)

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TI Director Reveals Change In Credit Transfer System

Transfer of credits from Teachers Institute to the College has been modified, by a resolution of the faculty, announced Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, director of the Institute.

Under the newly initiated system, all students taking a full program at the Teacher's Institute must pass each of their courses during a given semester as prerequisite to transfer of their two highest grades. Previously, there was no such stipulation and the two highest transferable grades were recorded in the College records. Each student must still transfer sixteen credits.

Should a student taking a complete program fail one subject, then a composite grade will be calculated and transferred to the College. However, if, as determined by the

instructor, the student was not adequately prepared for the subject due to previous inadequate training, the failing grade will not be included.

A cumulative grade of all subjects will be sent to the College should a student fail more than one course. For uniformity all failing grades will be recorded as 50.

Those students taking less than a full program will be expected to transfer the composite grade. Those who have already completed the required sixteen credits may, in all cases, transfer their highest grades.

The executive board of the Teacher's Institute Student Council, Jerry Hornbliss '62, David Spindel '62, and Myron Sokal '63 supported the proposal at a meeting of the subcommittee and faculty.

Commenting on the new grading system, Mr. Hornbliss stated, "The new method of grading will undoubtedly prove beneficial to both Teachers Institute and its students."

Three Roommates — The Trend As Dorm Residents Increase

An overflow of dormitory applications has necessitated the placing of a third occupant in rooms with two in-town students. This innovation applies primarily to sophomores and juniors as it is felt that freshmen need a year's time to adjust to residence hall life.

However, instead of imposing assignments upon students, residents are for the most part being given the chance to choose their new roommates. To accommodate the extra occupants, high-riser beds are being purchased which, when not in use, slide under a normal bed.

Another innovation, a new phone system is being installed in the dormitory to allow more calls to be handled at one time. Under the new system, the main

floor switchboard has been eliminated and a separate phone for incoming calls alone will be placed on each floor (in addition to the regular outgoing pay phones).

Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz announced that as part of his program to "provide students with individual guidance and to make dormitory life an enjoyable, educational experience." Rabbis Sherman Siff and Joseph Yurivetsky have been appointed guidance counselors for resident college and high school students, respectively. The new dormitory guidance staff will work in conjunction with Rabbi Edward Diamond and Professor Menachem Brayer, guidance directors of the college.

Commenting on minyan attendance, Rabbi Cheifetz emphasized that the problem was not one of "religious laxity," but more of a human problem. Individual factors, such as a heavy schedule will be taken into account and Rabbi Cheifetz will personally meet with each student whose attendance is below par.

Rabbi Cheifetz also outlined in full his program to improve *shabbat* spirit in the dormitory. An *oneg shabbat* will be held every Friday night at 8:30 at which time students will either hear a speaker or will participate in panel discussions, forums, and debates.

YU Gets Grant For Math Study

Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Science has received a \$70,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for research in the field of differential geometry, to be conducted by Professor Harry E. Rauch with the assistance of students and possibly a visiting professor.

The study is entitled "Differential Geometry in the Large." Differential geometry, or the study of curves and surfaces in space through the machinery of calculus and analysis, is the basis for tensor analysis, a similar study in higher-dimensional spaces on which Einstein's theory of relativity is built. The research to be done will in-

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YC Debaters Plan Large Schedule; Open to Tryouts

The Yeshiva University Debating Society decided to increase the number of scheduled debates for the coming season at a meeting held Oct. 25, announced Abe Sofer '64, president.

In the past, the Society's forensic activities consisted of national tours, the annual YU tournament and a few home debates. However, under the new program, members will debate on weekends in schools and synagogues in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts area.

Junior varsity debates will begin Tuesday October 31. All students are invited by Campus Manager Nathan Dembin '63 to try out for the team. Those that excel in tryouts will be elevated to the varsity. "Elevations," according to Mr. Dembin, "will be determined solely by merit. All those deserving will be elevated."

The national intercollegiate topic for the 1961-62: "Resolved: that labor organizations be placed under the jurisdiction of anti-trust legislation." Research for the topic will be coordinated by Steven Prystowsky '64.



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In Memorium

During almost a quarter-century of unstinted service to the college, Professor Aaron Margalith found a place in the heart of every member of the Yeshiva College community. As head of the political science department, Professor Margalith assisted many students in their quest for a suitable profession. No one requesting advice was ever turned away by this most respected member of the faculty. His warm and sincere personality will be missed at Yeshiva.

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

Credit Change Accredited

In refreshing sequence, noticeable and commendable improvements have taken place in Teachers Institute. New and important courses have been introduced, and there have been outstanding additions to the faculty, which now seems to take on impressive stature. And now an attempt is being made to guarantee student sincerity, the lack of which has been a major fault in many of the TI student body. A new credit system is proposed which appears to be of sound merit and which will probably succeed.

As it is mandatory for students to transfer credits from some Jewish division to the college, TI's past policy has been to transfer the two best marks of the student's six or seven courses. Unfortunately, too many students took advantage of this liberal system and concentrated on two subjects while neglecting the remainder of their program.

The essential item included in the new system is that students must take and pass all their courses to be eligible for the transfer of their two highest marks. It is certainly not unreasonable that one should be expected to do satisfactory work in all subjects. The majority of the improved TI curriculum is on a level that warrants and inspires diligence.

Another important role of the plan dissuades students from taking cut programs. This is likely to induce more students to work towards the attainment of a diploma. Too

few students have accomplished this in the past, in the last analysis, the major goal of Teachers Institute is to provide more teachers for the Jewish community.

New Library Hours

In response to requests by members of THE COMMENTATOR and Student Council, the Pollack Library has announced a new closing time of 10 p.m. Monday through Thursdays. This represents a welcomed step in services to the students. The present library hours greatly contrast the 3:00-9:00 p.m. hours of only a few years ago. The steps taken aid in alleviating the quest for study facilities by providing a quiet place for the noise-ridden dormitory residents.

Responsibility Welcomed

We concur with the administration in its decision to entrust Student Council with the responsibility or maintaining discipline in the senior dormitory.

At long last the University has come to the realization that students, upon the completion of three quarters of their college career, are capable of conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

Seniors - Graduate in '62!

We wish to applaud Rabbi Meyer Edelstein, Assistant to the Registrar, for establishing a system by which he, together with each student, will review that student's individual scholastic records. In this way everyone, by his junior year, will have an accurate account of his college transcripts. We believe it is commendable when an enthusiastic desire to help students is genuinely exhibited by an administrative officer.

Because of their particular problems, freshmen find it difficult, if not impossible, to map out a four-year curriculum. It is therefore not infrequent to find some of these same students in their senior year lacking either a required course or the necessary 128 credits for graduation. In the past, review of transcript evaluations has been left for the eighth term—far too late for any possible rectification.

To inaugurate his program, Rabbi Edelstein urges all seniors to consult with him as soon as possible. In view of the intrinsic merits of this plan, we urge all students to avail themselves of this opportunity.

To Phone Or Not To Phone

It has recently come to our attention that the telephone switchboard in the New Dorm has been removed. In its stead, a phone will be installed on each floor which will receive incoming calls. This means that two phones will be available for the inhabitants of each floor, only one of which can be used for outgoing calls.

This addition cannot even be termed a "measure", for it is not in the slightest way an attempt at alleviation of the present telephone situation.

The administration has imposed crowded conditions in both college dormitories; yet their actions are justified. It takes time for buildings to be completed. There is, however, no reason for the almost comic scenes at the dorm phones which occur every night. Unless the call is made at an unreasonably late hour, one must virtually stand in line to use the telephone.

The relative advantages and disadvantage of switchboard versus floor phones are debatable. The fact that our dormitories at the present time are in drastic need of better telephone service is incontestable.

Let's Analyze:

The Closed Doors

by David Segal

Last year, during one meeting of the Governing Board, it was suggested that a study be made of the purpose of Yeshiva University—not a criticism of existing policies, but an inquiry into the goals of this institution. The board was in fact asking, as former President Eisenhower had asked for the United States, for a definition of purpose.

However, after consideration of the situation, it was quite obvious that because of the many facets of the University it would be almost impossible for any of us to formulate one encompassing aim that would not seem nebulous.

Seeing the almost impossible task before it, the Governing Board could do no more than agree with Dr. Samuel Belkin, that our purpose "is to train young men and women for leadership."

Discussion was then ended and the complete file was put aside.

It is not my intention now to formulate the goals of Yeshiva, but to suggest that we are discouraging hundreds of young men who may have leadership capabilities from coming to Yeshiva College.

It is not uncommon that an orthodox boy, having the desire to continue his religious studies, turns away from Yeshiva because it can not offer basic courses in his field . . . the field of Business Administration.

I have discussed this problem with the Dean and if I had been

told that Yeshiva College plans to remedy the situation in the future, but could not now, because of financial reasons. I would have understood. But the answer, that business courses have no place in a liberal arts college, stunned me.

I can not accept the idea that the goal of the College is only to make it an outstanding school. I believe that it must strive, as must all divisions of Yeshiva University, to help create leaders for the Jewish community.

We all have heard Dr. Belkin express hopes for adding 1000 members to the college student body. And in the same address emphasize the University's responsibilities to the Jewish community.

How can we fulfill these two goals if we neglect an important segment of Jewish youth?

The doctor's, lawyer's and educator's career starts here, and there is no reason why the doors of Yeshiva are closed to the businessmen.

The businessman's son who hopes to enter his father's profession, and who most probably will be in a financial position to help Yeshiva University and to assume leadership in his community, must not be turned away.

We are proud of our scientists who have obtained a Yeshiva degree. Let us also be proud of our businessmen who in the future, I hope, will be permitted to be called Yeshiva graduates.

SC President Disappointed At Lack Of Student Spirit

by Tobias Berman

The Yeshiva College and Stern College Student Councils sponsored the 75th Anniversary Convocation, in honor of the diamond jubilee year of Yeshiva University, October 18. The convocation was attended by many notables, among them Dr. A. Leo Levin and Rabbi Abraham Avrutick. The Yeshiva and Stern College student councils presented to Dr. Belkin a scroll in appreciation of his devoted work to the University.

What happened at this affair is typical of what happens at many student council functions. When the news of a forthcoming event breaks out, so does a new epidemic of student apathy.

Apathy Again

Apathy is a funny word. It is a word that appears most often during election week when everybody promises to do something about it and usually nobody does. It is not my purpose here to stimulate an anti-apathy campaign among the students of this school. It is my purpose, however, to decry the lack of attendance at an affair at which the president of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin, was honored for seventeen years of tireless devotion to this institution.

Why did only half the student body attend this affair?

Why?

Why was it found necessary to honor the President in an audi-

torium so full of holes in its seating as to make a pound of swiss cheese look like a piker?

If the students are not interested in participating in activities, then why have them?

If you find that you have no time to attend a function for which classes were being called off, then tell your representative and we won't have that function.

Why make fools of the people who worked for the affair?

More important, why make fools of yourselves?

The problem of student apathy should not start and end with attendance at convocations, basketball games, or even the Dean's Reception. It extends even to the dormitory where students must cooperate in order to live with each other.

Obey The Rules

For an individual to live in a society successfully, he must first learn to obey the rules and mores of that society, and this principle holds true for dorm life at Yeshiva College. If the regulations, advocated by council permit no water fighting, then for the sake of other students, don't have them. If the rules and regulations, which your own student council supports, permit no card playing, then for your own sake don't play cards.

The fight against student apathy is an uphill battle. Your cooperation is necessary if that battle is to be won.

Student Critique of Commie Shows Interest In Content

To the Editor:

I was, along with many other students I'm sure, pleasantly surprised at the apparent change for the better in the editorial concept and policy of THE COMMENTATOR.

However, I was completely shocked at the two extreme examples of inept journalism that were prominent in the first issue. I do not wish to criticize the journalistic talents of the authors of: a) "Critical Examination of Student's Dress Habits" and b) "Close Quarters Add to Glamour of Old Dorm," but merely to attempt to analyze the major reason, as I see it, why two such totally out of place articles found their way into THE COMMENTATOR.

I am assuming that the school paper is not primarily (except for cartoons, and here only with subtle purpose) an outlet for humorous articles. In this case, and if my assumption is correct, then somewhere someone slipped in letting Mr. H. Begel's article into the paper.

Space Filler

I believe that reduction of a point to absurdity will often negate the impact of the point. Such is the case with Mr. J. Rosenblatt's article on the Old Dorm. If the purpose of this article was to fill space it evidently succeeded. The point of the article had already been touched upon in two prior instances. Therefore the need for a third was, I believe, an unpardonable journalistic error.

In considering writing this letter to you, I had to debate (as I'm sure you must do many times) with myself as to the concept and purpose of a school newspaper. The purpose I believe is to keep the student body informed of school news, activities and plans and to criticize and attack when criticism and attack are felt needed and to safeguard the interests of the student body.

There is however a third and perhaps in these troubled times the most important purpose of a school newspaper. That of making the students aware of the outside world in which we are attempting through synthesis to live in effectively as Jews. Surroundings mold a great part of the lives and ultimately the personalities of all individuals. If we continue to live in a closed world of Yeshiva University, concerned only with the political and dogmatic problems that are bound up on Amsterdam Avenue, then I believe when we step out into the world, the world below Amsterdam Avenue, we shall be hopeless cases.

Chauvinistic Cancer

If this be the case, I am firmly convinced that this is so, then the only way to stop this cancer of self chauvinism is for THE COMMENTATOR to take the essential initiative.

So here is my point: While I believe that THE COMMENTATOR has successfully filled the first two essential basics of a college paper, that of concept and purpose, it has failed miserably in the third, that of worldly awareness.

How to correct this: Without offering a detailed plan, (which I

am in no way really prepared to do) let me give what would appear to be a few essential points in attempting to rectify this situation.

The job of the feature staff should not be, as apparently Mr. Rosenblatt thinks, to report the news. It should be primarily devoted to the arts, theater and the realm of world affairs. No one can read the papers, listen to the radio or read a magazine without realizing that the world is now facing a grave danger. Possibly world annihilation. Do not the questions of nuclear testing, fallout shelters, and thermonuclear war affect the student at Yeshiva as much, if not more, than the humorous article on proper dress? Do not the stark realities of the decline of the American theater, the using evidences of suppression of academic freedom in the University of the City of New York, the drama of the student sit-ins (to which I believe we have a great affinity), not issues that cry out to be spoken about.

I personally do not see how any college paper could divorce itself from these realities of life — I cannot accept the argument that this is Yeshiva University, a unique institution. Sure Yeshiva is unique but that does not stop us from understanding the world we live in. That should not stop us from thinking and acting.

I think THE COMMENTATOR is a first rate paper. But there is always room for constructive criticism.

Edward Burns
Class of '64

To the Editor:

The first issue of this year's COMMENTATOR augers well for a good and fair newspaper reporting. I am convinced that future issues will include features that will enhance the intellectual quality of COMMENTATOR. I take this opportunity to wish you and your staff a most successful year.

Dr. Isaac Bacon
Dean

Prize Awarded To Le Flambeau

Le Flambeau, the French literary publication of Yeshiva University won first prize in a national competition involving leading schools and universities throughout the country.

The competition was sponsored by the Alliance Francaise for any student publication in French. The purpose of the alliance is to propagate the study of the French language and culture.

The reward will be presented November 13 at a reception given by the Alliance.

The French American Culture Council of the French embassy will present an exhibit in the Pollack Library during November 6-17. Photographs and papers dealing with the contribution of Gueres, a 20th century French author, will be on display.

A second exhibit in February will deal with the works of Moliere, a 17th century French playwright.

Cuba In Period Of Prosperity States YC Economist O'Connor

by David Segal

"If President Kennedy would have sent a few planes to reinforce the Cuban invasion army, Cuba would now be ours, or fast becoming so." This is the opinion of Mr. James O'Connor, instructor of economics at Yeshiva College, who has recently completed a tour of Cuba in preparation for a book on the economic history of that country.

Mr. O'Connor believes that the main purpose of that ill-fated invasion was not to arouse the Cuban people to revolt, but rather to be a prelude to the landing of American troops.

"The coordinator of the operation, the CIA, is not so naive as to believe that the whole country was eagerly awaiting 'liberation.' They knew the people were content with the Castro regime and realized that the only way of conquering the island would be to use American forces," he stated.

This idea plus Mr. O'Connor's statement that American journalists are not accurately reporting all the happenings in Cuba convinced this reporter that the following article should be written.

The little printed concerning Castro and his nation would seem to indicate that his regime is facing immediate collapse due to a faltering economy and a discontented populous.

Sabotage, military executions, mass exodus and agricultural shortages have been reported by almost every American newspaper and possibly the Yeshiva student body would find a completely opposite report of the situation very interesting. This report's main idea is that Cuba's economy is prosperous, the people are happy

Play for Cuba Committee, a committee accused of being Communist dominated.

Mr. O'Connor stated that he joined Fair Play when its purpose was to publicize the truth concerning Cuba, but resigned when the organization resorted to the use of pure propaganda.

He feels that the eastern branch of Fair Play is losing its membership because of this.

Invasion Analyzed

But to return to the invasion, the initial attackers landed on beaches surrounded by an impassable swamp, one of the few swamps in the whole of Cuba. They attempted to secure a beachhead at a point that is connected to populated areas by only one road; control of this by-way would mean the successful accomplishment of the mission.

"If," Mr. O'Connor asks, "the objective of the assault was to recruit natives, why land there? We must therefore conclude that the invaders wanted only to set up a new government on the island and then ask for military aid from the U.S. to oust the revolutionary Castro government." But, because the one road was controlled by Russian planes given to Castro, the entire operation failed.

But, why didn't the common people come to the aid of the liberators?

To answer this Mr. O'Connor described the economy of Cuba.

First, he implied, we must realize that the American press prints what the people want to read. It would be foolish for them to say that an economic system opposed to ours is succeeding only 90 miles from our shore. We read about specific shortages, but not about the overall Cuban economy under which the people enjoy the highest standard of living in South America.

Prior to the Castro revolution, exports, which consisted mainly of unrefined sugar, comprised 35 per cent of the Cuban gross national product. But most of the sugar producing land was controlled by monopolists who kept half of the arable land idle to insure high prices.

Right for Revolution

This led to an idle labor force and a backward technology, exactly the conditions Karl Marx predicted in a capitalist society ready for revolution.

Cuban industry was retarded because of trade agreements that cut tariffs on American goods and resulted in the importing of 32,000 different items from the U.S. — 80 per cent of Cuba's imports.

This meant, according to Mr. O'Connor, that Cuba was an economic satellite of the U.S.

However, the revolutionary government converted all farms into cooperatives, or state property, made use of idle land, and turned 90 per cent of the means of production over to the state.

"There are no general shortages of food stuffs, but there are specific shortages in specific goods

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President Speaks About Past, Future Of Yeshiva

ED. NOTE: Following are excerpts from Dr. Samuel Belkin's speech at the 75th Anniversary Assembly; Oct. 18.

"I say with all honesty that I remember very vividly the day when Dr. Revel, invited me to teach at Yeshiva. In those days, I want you to know, that I knew every student of Yeshiva by his first name and it was not just a cordial relationship but a very intimate relationship of Rebbi and student.

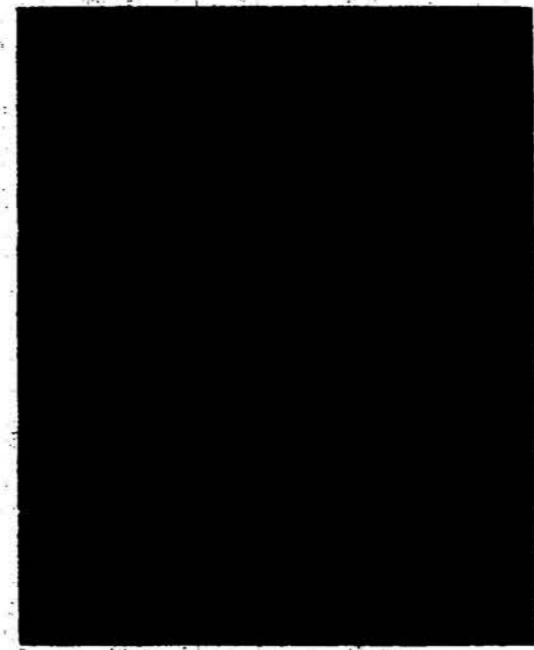
"... Developing a school here at Yeshiva is not bigness for the

to? As far as I am concerned, one; Yeshiva University is dedicated to the supremacy of Jewish education and particularly the centrality of Torah learning. Two; Yeshiva University is dedicated to the idea of raising a new generation in America which should be well educated in Jewish piety and Torah learning and be equally as educated in the arts and sciences. To raise the dignity and prestige of Torah learning is as important as Torah learning itself.

"Founders of Yeshiva said that Yeshiva came into being with the purpose of providing Rabbis and teachers in the community, that small Jewish community which existed seventy-five years ago. Yeshiva University from its inception was community conscious. Yeshiva never attempted to create just a little block, a little pocket, and hide itself—since its inception Yeshiva has felt a tremendous responsibility to the American community, in particular to the advancement of Torah learning.

It is not enough to raise 1,000 students . . . It is very important that our graduates become a part of the community and fulfill their responsibilities towards the community.

And I may say that Yeshiva University has raised the dignity by being concerned with the community, by building schools, and by attempting to elevate the Jewish spiritual values as well as intellectual values."



Dr. Samuel Belkin

sake of bigness. We have a philosophy, we have a purpose, and upon the fulfillment of this purpose depends Torah learning in America, the future of Orthodoxy, and the future of Jewish education. . . . "What is the Yeshiva dedicated

Culture, Religion Are Paramount For Mizrahi Hatzair Program

by Howard Joseph

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles which will attempt to clarify the purposes and motives of the major organizations competing for the orthodox college youth. The article reprinted here consists of excerpts from a speech given by Mr. Joseph on Oct. 8, 1961 at Mizrahi's annual installation of officers.

Howard Joseph, president of Mizrahi Hatzair, graduated from Yeshiva College in 1961, where he majored in mathematics. The recipient of a Yeshiva University fellowship, he is presently studying for the rabbinate.

Why is there a need for Mizrahi Hatzair? Why and where does Mizrahi Hatzair as a religious Zionist youth movement differ from other religious youth organizations and from other non-religious Zionist youth movements?

We might begin by glancing at the Zionist interest prevalent in the United States today. What we find is shocking! Zionist interest has sharply decreased. American Jewry has shifted what little time it spends concerning Judaism to the many problems it faces there. Fewer people are affiliated with Zionist groups, as their initial elation at the creation of the state has vanished.

At this time, thirteen years after the creation of the state, we might have expected many more people to realize the importance of that establishment, and can only be shocked when we see that they have failed to do so.

No Need for Speeches

We who have no need for speeches by observers of the contemporary scene, we who are constantly rereading the works of the greatest observers of humanity that ever lived—our own prophets, should be continually thrilled at seeing the realization of their words and the beginnings of the consummation of Jewish history.

It is interesting to note that many great Jewish leaders throughout our two thousand years of exile, continually predicted dates in their own near future at which time the Redemption would come. Why, one wonders, were they constantly deluded? The answer is simple. These people who witnessed so much suffering felt that that which they had witnessed signified the beginning of the End. They couldn't believe that more hardships were in store for their people, and so, the end had to be near.

In late 19th century Europe many warned of more destruction, but the majority would not listen to them and instead pointed at and grasped onto any liberal ray of light in a turbulent and emerging Europe. The Jews had suffered enough and would now live in peace. . . . Maybe now our

generation can say that, but nobody really knows. However, we do know that G-d has granted us a taste of redemption, and this goes by, largely unnoticed by the great majority of Orthodox Jews. We read the words of the prophets and yet we doubt, we argue, and we quibble while maybe we are missing our great opportunity.

And this is all the more tragic when we realize that religious Jews do have a vehicle, an organization, that expresses their desires, and works for the establishment of Israel as a religious, G-d-centered country. The Mizrahi Organization is this vehicle.

Responsibility Realized

And what inspired the formation of the Mizrahi movement? It was nothing less than the realization of the great responsibility religious Jews have to do all they can to bring about the conditions favorable for the redemption of our people. Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kalischer, one of our own modern-day prophets, formulated this ideology so well. "The Redemption of Israel, for which we long, is not to be imagined as a sudden miracle. The Almighty, blessed be His name, will not suddenly descend from on high and command His people to go forth. He will not send the Messiah from heaven in a twinkling of an eye, to sound the great trumpet for the scattered of Israel and gather them into Jerusalem. . . . Cast aside the conventional view that the Messiah will suddenly sound a blast on the great trumpet and cause all the inhabitants of the earth to tremble. On the contrary, the Redemption will begin by natural causes, by awakening support among the philanthropists and by gaining the consent of the nations to the gathering of some of the scattered into the Holy Land."

Yehuda Halevi, Ramban, Rav Yosef Karo, and many other sages realized the importance of *Yishuv Eretz Yisroel* and went there themselves to settle and tried to bring about some renaissance of Jewish life there.

And this is Mizrahi, and no less Mizrahi Hatzair. We are aware that our commitment to Torah carries with it a commitment to the establishment of a community of Jews in the Land of Israel, living according to G-d's word — His eternal word, His eternal Torah.

Religious Obligation

Here is where Mizrahi Hatzair differs from other Orthodox Jewish youth organization: so we ask our youth to take a positive

stand towards Israel as part of their religious obligation. Only in this way can we consider him or her a total Jew, one who is not only ritually or ethically Jewish, but one who also stands up to the Torah principles of the uniqueness of the Jewish people and the holiness of the land of Israel.

Now, where does Mizrahi Hatzair differ from other non-religious Zionist youth groups? Upon examination we notice that secular Zionist groups are motivated by various forces, some of which one might label "cultural." To us in Mizrahi, cultural and religious reasons are synonymous, and it is our belief that anything short of Torah is irrelevant and doomed to failure.

Even though a non-religious organization may produce concrete achievement, the movement itself will have but a fleeting existence. Thus, only using the Torah as one of the manifestations of something called a "Jewish Spirit," is foreign to us. We see the Torah as being the pervading influence on all activities of the Jewish people.

Another consideration in answering this question is that secular Zionist groups often originate as a result of social, economic, or political problems in the area of birth. Thus, Eastern Europe, where the Jews were on a low level of society, saw greater interest in *Aliyah* than did the Western European countries, where Jews had advanced socially, economically and politically.

Pure Zionism

So, too, in the United States where it is fairly easy to be a Jew. We cannot tell people as they were told in Europe that they don't belong or that there are more opportunities elsewhere. Thus, when conditions change, groups which were organized to meet the conditions must change and slowly disappear from lack of necessity. Only one condition has remained. The believing Jew still has his religious obligation to be a Zionist.

Thus, Mizrahi Zionism, a more pure Zionism, will last, and may prove to be the only productive American Zionist movement, if and only if we begin to realize the significance of our responsibility in what is surely a decisive moment in our history.

In conclusion, I will offer one more thought. *Eretz Yisroel* is not the native land of the Jewish people; it is their promised land. It is part of the covenant between G-d and the Jewish people. And our part of the covenant is nothing less than to fulfill the Torah in the Holy Land. If not we will be removed from the land and scattered among the nations for another long period of *galut*.

And it is thus that Mizrahi Hatzair strives to educate Jewish Youth toward the realization that their religious devotion is not complete unless they are also devoted to the cause of *Eretz Yisroel L'am Yisroel, al pi Torat Yisroel*.

Campus Chatter

by Danny Halpert

The Scribe, Bridgeport University: Physical fitness in this country is a major issue of the day. "American youth is soft," cry the papers, magazines, radio and television. Even President Kennedy seems to feel that way. In the midst of all this complaint about softness and laziness, perhaps there should be a query as to where and how the country's young people can be forced into getting some exercise. And perhaps the percentage of use that is gotten out of our existing facilities should also be a matter of concern.

The Post-Pioneer, C. W. Post College: an introductory editorial by the editors; "We hail ourselves as the New Copernicans. We no longer believe that C. W. Post is the center of the universe. Through painstaking research, we have discovered that there is another center of the universe. We have not ascertained exactly what this center is, but the possibilities include such unbelievable places as Washington D.C., Moscow, Cuba, Israel and the U.A.R. (late reports indicate that the U.A.R. may be ruled out since it has recently crumbled into separate parts). We promise you, through objective reporting of the facts, to define the lucky area and let you know.

Foot Notes, Jamestown Community College: Poet and teacher John Ciardi discussing the teaching of humanities: "It strikes me as an insoluble problem; it has always been an insoluble problem. You just go along, trying to do the best you can, with guaranteed failure.

The Exemplar, Jersey City State College: From a cross-section of student opinion concerning the resumption of nuclear testing; "Our only hopes now seem to lie in the leadership of dissenters like Bertrand Russell and the growth of an interna-

tional resistance movement to the insanity of nuclear weapons." A second opinion: "It would be beneficial for every American to recall President Kennedy's first State of the Union message. His words take on even greater emphasis now. He reminded us that the eagle of the official seal of the United States offers not only the branches of peace but also holds the arrow symbolic of force and power."

The Beacon, Portland University: Dag Hammarskjold began his career in the quiet confusion of Swedish business law and ended it in the most universal forum of saints and sinners, international diplomacy. The late Secretary General was less a diplomat and more a lawyer, personally implementing a body of law comparatively isolated from the policy of any nation and personally executing the aspiration of the whole human community in a manner inconceivable to our grandparents.

Dag Hammarskjold walks in the company of those who would make our adult years lawful. G-d have mercy on his soul, and on the soul of all of us who hope for better things.

Pace College Press, Pace College: Commenting upon baseball's annual world series; The public interest it engenders probably tells more about what America and Americans are made of than the writings of all the sociologists, historians, political scientists and psychologists put together. Here is a game in which there is no bloodshed; no one is intentionally hurt; all participants are gentlemen. Here is a sport in which the human intellect plays a complimentary role to the human muscle. In baseball, the managers are executives and the players are strategists. Baseball is an American as the Boston Tea Party.

Attention—Catching Show Forceful And Enjoyable

by Sherwood Goffin

It can be said that individuals, by virtue of their nature, tend to be partial in judgment of that with which they can identify themselves. The new Broadway musical, *Milk and Honey* falls into this category, by virtue of its Israeli theme and occasional Orthodox overtones. It is admittedly difficult to maintain an objective critical mind under the circumstances. However, I will attempt to convey to you, in as emotionally detached a manner as possible, the esthetic, musical, and thespian pros and cons without any preconceived opinions.

I attended the world premiere of *Milk and Honey*, and it is with those memories fresh in my mind that I convey to you the following impressions.

Love Story

The plot is not considerably deep, yet it holds one's attention and causes one to look eagerly forward, and wonder what is to happen next. It is the story of Phil and Ruth, two Americans, who meet in Israel and fall in love. Middle-aged Phil Arkin (Robert Weede) is there to visit his daughter Barbara (Lanna Saunders), who is married and

lives on a *moshav* in the desert. Ruth Stein (Mimi Benzell) has come by way of a tourist plan to see the Holy Land. They are immediately attracted to each other, though Phil is appreciably older. His attraction is obviously enhanced by the ever-present specter of his incompatible wife, who lives in France and refuses to give him a divorce.

Phil discovers that on a desert *moshav* it is comparatively simple and accepted to live with a woman in common-law marriage for as long as one's own moral conscience permits. At the *moshav*, he meets David (Tommy Rall), Barbara's husband, and the bustling, fascinatingly "alive" men and women who live and work there. Among them we meet Adi and Zipporah (Jukki Arkin and Ellen Madison) who are living together by the dubious virtue of common-law bond. Zipporah is obviously pregnant, and we are first introduced to them in *Media Res*, as she reprimands him publicly for not having married her yet. Adi timidly, but unsuccessfully, tries to wriggle out from under the hilarious bite of her Hebraic

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David Levin '63

By David Zonick

Happy is the man who bears and is silent—Sanhedrin (7a).

It is altogether fitting that the story of David Levin '63 should be the first in this projected series of student profiles. He has seen more and endured more in his twenty-four years than most of us will in our entire lifetimes. Though his story is long, it is worth reading, not just once, but two and three times.

David was born in a small Polish town near the Russian border. His earliest recollections are associated with the German bombing of his town. He remembers, when but a year and a half old, lying in a ditch to escape the fury of the onslaught; he remembers his mother covering his head "with a green blanket" to protect him from flying debris.

To Siberian Camp

After the German occupation of Poland, David and his family were sent to White Russia and then to Siberian work camps. Thus, before he was three, David could converse in Yiddish, Polish and Russian. David was separated from and lost contact with his father. Wretched conditions made life nearly unbearable; one of David's younger sisters died for lack of milk. David recalls the cemetery where she was buried — "miles and miles of small graves."

When Germany violated its anti-aggression pact with Russia in 1941, the Polish government in exile was able to procure for David and his family, still considered Polish citizens, permission to move to a small village in South Russia, near the Tien Shan Mountains. He lived in a modest hut half above and half below the ground. Fortunate enough, however, to have had an oven in his home, David fondly remembers the bustle and flurry before Pesach, when people used to come from all over the village to bake their *matzos* in his home.

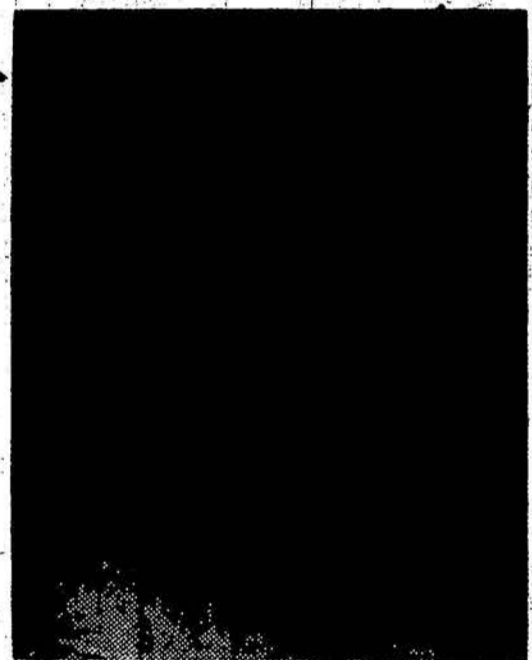
David was very anxious to tell me about the town barber, who, in these days, used to conduct his business by traveling from house to house. Once the barber overheard David's mother speaking in Yiddish to a friend and inquired as to what language she was using. Mrs. Levin not only answered the barber's question but started to talk about the glorious history of the Jewish people. "The barber said that he, too, was Jewish but that he had been separated from his parents at the age of six and knew absolutely nothing about Judaism," David says. "He then asked my mother if there was a national anthem. My mother started to hum the *Hatikvah* and the barber began to cry." As to the Jews behind the Iron Curtain today, David says, "If they just know that they are Jews, then they are warm Jews, and are proud of their Jewish People."

Begins Education

In 1944, David's mother hired a *melamed* to teach him Hebrew and *chumash*. Until then he had not known even the *aleph bet*, but in six short months he learned the entire *sefer B'reshit*—with *Rashit*

David and his family returned to Poland. "We came to Poland with hope that my father was still alive. Soon we came to know that he was one of the six million." Then to escape the acute prevailing anti-semitism they illegally crossed into Czechoslovakia, from there went to Austria, and finally ended up in Germany. German was the fifth language David learned. After two and a half years in post-war Germany, the Levins journeyed to France and then to *Eretz Yisrael*. "We could have gone to the United States, but my mother wanted to stop the eternal wandering."

The roots of the characteristics



David Levin

which distinguish David from his fellow students—his strength of mind and firmness of purpose, his tenderness of heart and loyal attachments—become obvious to all.

Enter Holy Land

Pesach 1949—what was left of the Levin family entered the Holy Land and moved into a house in the Arab ghetto of Jaffa. There was hardly money enough for the barest essentials, yet David dreamed of educating himself. At 13½, he went *himself* through all the offices of the Jewish and Aliyat Hanoar, filling out forms, breaking through red tape until finally he was given a scholarship to a *yeshiva ketana* in Petach Tikvah. After completing the three-year program in but a year and a half, he decided to pursue a secular high school education. There was only one small obstacle—he had never gone to elementary school. His *chevrusa* in the yeshiva had gone to school, and it was from

them that David got his preparatory schooling.

Attending high school at night, David worked during the day as a messenger boy, filing clerk, and, at 17, was put in charge of the discounting department of a small Israeli bank. After graduation, he enlisted in the "Tzahal." David saw action in the Sinai campaign of '56. He then decided to pack his bags once again, this time to travel to the United States to attend Yeshiva University.

Years at Yeshiva

David wasted no time in distinguishing himself scholastically, completing the Teachers Institute program in two years and making the Deans List. Presently in his junior year, he is majoring in physics and taking courses leading to an MHL at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. He hopes, *be'ezrat Hashem*, to get his Ph.D. in physics in America and then return to his home in Israel.

As a dormitory resident assistant for the past two years, David has come in personal contact with many students. His impression of them: "They don't know where they are going or what their destiny is in life, probably because they were not exposed so much to life. Yet they are frank and kind, not corrupted by the fight for existence."

For all his hardening, he is one of the most gracious fellows at Yeshiva. Resolute and tenacious, yet cordial and unpretentious — David Levin '63.

Physics . . .

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A relativistic plasma is one where the electron temperature is on the order of one million electron-volts, and the production of a stable one may lead to controlled nuclear fusion reactions.

Assistant Professor of physics Leon Landovitz is currently engaged in two research projects—one sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the other by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The former is a one-year study of the behavior of elementary particles—to attempt to explain their observed properties and to predict new results. There now known to be at least thirty such particles, and much is yet to be learned about them.

While both Prof. Landovitz and Prof. Finkelstein are dealing with the elementary particles, they will start from different points. Dr. Landovitz accepts certain theories, Dr. Finkelstein doesn't. Thus they are trying to arrive at the same goal through different means.

Dr. Landovitz's NASA-supported study is a computation to determine the mass distribution and the total mass of the galaxy from radio-astronomical data. He and Dr. Leona Marshall are working on the IBM 7090 computer at New York University in order to solve the numerous and necessarily complex calculations involved.

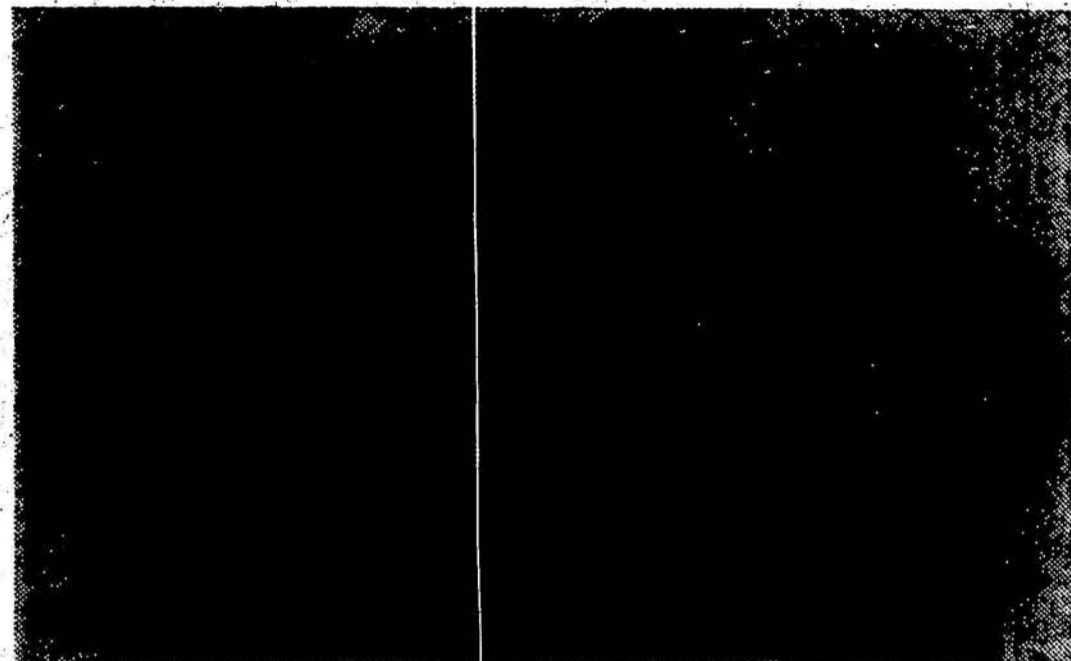
Masmid Plans Show To Aid In Fund Raising

Comedian Milt Kamen and the Oranim Zabar will be highlighted at *Masmid Presents*, the first annual fund-raising variety show sponsored by the Yeshiva yearbook, Sunday December 3rd.

The show, to be directed by Jack Cohen '62 and Jules Einhorn '62, chairmen of the event, will take place 8:30 at the Hunter College Assembly Hall.

Milt Kamen, night club and television comedian, opened at the East End Theatre in William Saroyan's *Across the Board on Tomorrow Morning*. Mr. Kamen, as the garulous waiter Piper, was praised by the *New York Times* as being "funny and disarming in his role."

The Oranim Zabar, the other



The Oranim Zabar who will appear with Milt Kamen Dec. 3rd.

"The show has been planned in an effort to raise money to cope with increased printing expenses," stated Jack Ness '62, editor-in-chief of *Masmid*. "Should the show be the financial success, which we hope it will be, we will be able to give Yeshiva College students a free hard-covered copy of *Masmid* in May."

principal entertainers at the event, is an Israeli folk singing trio who record on the Electra label.

Tickets will sell for \$2.75, \$2.25 and \$1.50, with special rates for groups of twenty or more, and will be offered to Jewish high schools and organizations throughout the city.

Margolis, Steinberg, Shapiro Elected To Top J.S.P. Posts

Steve Margolis '63 was elected president, Steve Steinberg '63, vice-president, and Alan Shapiro '64, secretary-treasurer of the first Jewish Studies Program Student Council.

Although the JSP Council was in existence last year, this campaign marked the initial official election conducted under a constitution ratified by the student body last spring. Under this constitution, officers for the year are to be elected not later than three weeks after *sukkot*, with incoming freshmen also being given the right to vote.

Mr. Margolis, a chemistry major in the college and a member of JSP class Junior A, outpolled Leonard Friedman '63 and Sam Grossman '62. Last year Mr. Margolis served as secretary-treasurer of the interim council.

A member of the JSP Junior B class and economics major in the college, Mr. Steinberg ran unopposed for the position of vice-president.

Mr. Shapiro, an English major in JSP Sophomore B, edged David Raucher, also a member of the Sophomore B class.

In the preferential type of voting as used in college student council elections, each respective winner received a majority on the first ballot. Approximately eighty-five percent of the entire JSP student body of 120 voted in the election.

The election was supervised by

Arnold Grant '63, last year's Student Council vice-president, who was appointed by that council to head an election committee.

On the day prior to the election, an assembly was held in Lamport Auditorium at which

SCIENCE SOARS

Of the 647 students at Yeshiva College, 329, or a total of fifty-one per cent of the student body, are science majors, announced Rabbi David Mirsky, director of admissions.

This compares with the total of fifty-three percent of last year's student body.

Despite this drop, Rabbi Mirsky stated that Yeshiva still leads many liberal arts colleges in the percentage of science majors.

time the candidates for president introduced themselves and presented their platforms. After copies of the constitution were distributed, Rabbi Morris Besdin, chairman of the JSP department, outlined and explained the aims of a student council. "Such a body of representatives," he stated, would be expected to present student views to faculty and administration in all matters relating to the welfare of the student and also, through planned activities and programs, to instill a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our Torah heritage."

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"Milk and Honey" Approved By Reviewer Fast Moving Saga About Modern Israel

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tongue lashing. Amidst the turgid background and cohesively flowing music and dance, the plot continues . . . as Phil tries to convince Ruth that it's not a crime to live with him in the desert—alone and away from the world in eternal and everlasting bliss.

Minor Plot

This is the main plot, yet there are two minor plots that weave their way through the play. There is Barbara's attempt to convince David that America is a better place to live and raise a family, and David's resulting deep emotional conflict. The third interwoven plot presents a troupe of American husband-hunting spinsters on a Hadassah tour of the Holy Land. They are led by Clara Weiss (Molly Picon) an energetic woman, who with her ladies, tries to brighten the lives of every available middle aged swain in the country.

Greying Robert Weede, who was "The Most Happy Fella" on Broadway, is splendid in the role of Phil, with his distinguished baritone voice that received acclaim for more than twenty years at the Met. His dramatic performance is forceful and moving, yet lacks the deep luster that is inherent in a more experienced veteran of Broadway. Beautiful Mimi Benzel, as Ruth in her first role in the musical comedy theater, displays an awareness of her part and a convincing identification with her character. Although she is not given the chance to justifiably display the famous coloratura soprano voice that has brought her fame and admiration, her voice is still very beautiful and pleasant.

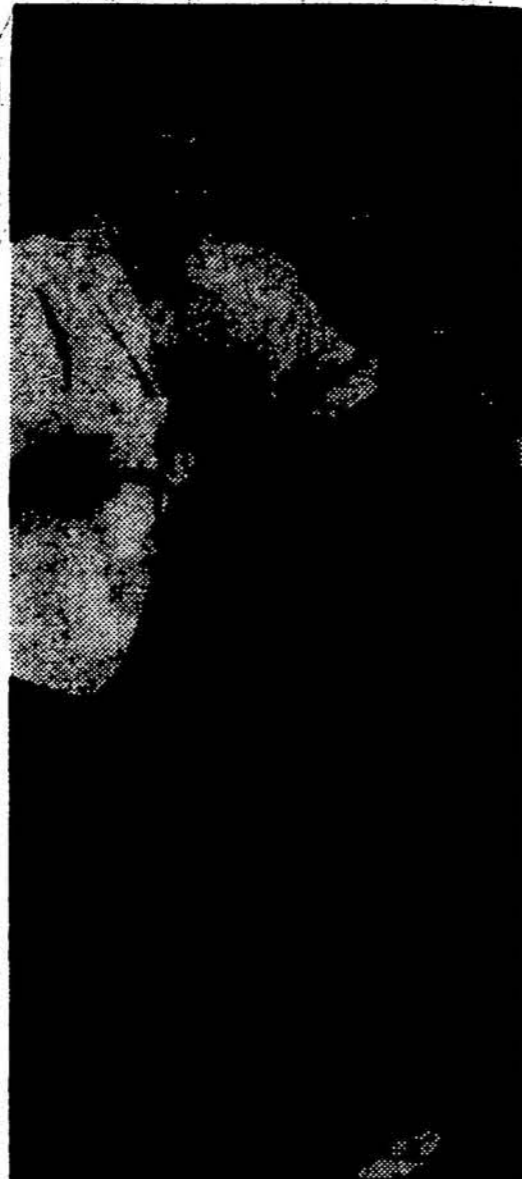
Tommy Rall, as David was memorable. His fine tenor voice was exceptional, and not withstanding his dramatic performance, his interpretive dancing routines were overwhelming. He danced with vigor and enthusiasm. At one time, for ten minutes, he said nothing and there were no lyrics mouthed, but the music played and he danced. In his every movement one was given the essence of every thought of David as he sought to resolve a great conflict within himself.

Jukki Arkin is hilariously funny as Adi, and his fresh manner is invigorating.

Immortal Matriarch

Then, of course, we must speak of Molly Picon. Her role is large, although it doesn't make a deep impression on the main plot itself. It's amazing to see a woman of her age, size and proportions with

such vigor and energy as one would normally expect from one many years her junior. She is thrown through the air from arm to arm of male dancers and goes through many intricate and racy dance steps within the course of the play. I still tingle with great wonder when I think back to how this matriarch of the Yiddish theater could run through her entire routine twice a day every week, and still retain her strength and energy to continue for another performance again and again without respite. As a Dramatis Per-



A Scene from Milk and Honey

sonae, she will surely live forever in the minds of those who knew her in the Yiddish theater. Her reputation, however, is no less brightened by her appearance here. In fact, in my opinion, I think that this, her first Broadway musical, can accomplish that for which she has always dreamed—a chance to attain immortality.

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The musical score and choreography is alive as only Jewish-oriented music can be. It is bouncy and sparkling, and you can't help tapping your feet to the music and feeling a strange desire to get up out of your seat and dance in the aisle with your neighbor. The Yemenite wedding scene is impressive and almost completely captures the authenticity of the Middle Eastern Jewish mood.

There are parts in the play where a Jew can so perfectly identify the character with himself that one feels one could jump up and call out to everyone that he is a Jew, too.

Limited Audience

However, there are some drawbacks. *Milk and Honey* will never become another *Oklahoma!* or *King and I* because it is of all Jewish content. Their is a portion of the comedy that can only be appreciated if one is Jewish and understands the history and culture of the Jews, and their humor and tradition.

In summation, I would recommend *Milk and Honey* to all who wish to spend an enjoyable evening of spirited and forcible musical entertainment. I would especially urge those of you who are proud of your Jewish heritage and Israeli culture to see this play. To those of you in this latter category, I guarantee that you will thrill to every act in this play . . . from the first musical strains of *Shalom* until this same song returns again at the finale. And you will sadly say *Shalom* to the wonderful world in which you were a part—even if but for a moment.

Congratulations

Signed:

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to the following couples on their recent engagements: Chaim Waxman '60 to Chaya Lipshitz, Jack Merkin '62 to Sandra Gellis, Moshe Yaged '59 to Letti Hiller, Michael Hecht '61 to Sarah Aimmerman, Michael Halzel '62 to Celie Heinich and Josh Muss '62 to Harriet Grossmen.

Sealed:

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages: Henuch Millen '60 to Rachel Roderman, Avery Harris '60 to Sheila Dinitz, Charles Persky '62 to Gail Lander, Teddy Roth '61 to Bayla Goldefedda, Mel Stern '61 to Grace Polk, and William Rothchild '61 to Rita Goldberg.

Delivered:

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to extend its heartiest congratulations Rabbi and Mrs. Irving Greenberg on the birth of a son, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosenbaum '60 on the birth of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kwalbum on the birth of a daughter, Rabbi and Mrs. I. Reiss '59 on the birth of a daughter, and Dr. and Mrs. Lichtenstein on the birth of a son.

Cigarette Pack Contest Finds Many Enthusiasts

by Jason Rosenblatt

The two young gentlemen slowly walked through the streets, scanning the sidewalks and gutters for that which they sought. All at once a triumphant cry burst forth from one of them looking toward the plain-looking box which lay by a lamp post. The jealous eye of his companion followed him as he picked the object up and tore open the official government stamp. This time he hit paydirt, for Phillip Morris counts as ten points.

The cigarette accumulation contest is a leading force in the campaign to make Yeshiva a "fun" school. We may not have winter carnivals or a campus queen, but where smoking is concerned Yeshiva ranks with Yale and Harvard. (I am surprised that Mr.

Hartstein has overlooked this proof that we are collegiate; perhaps he will include it in the next "Inside Yeshiva University." At any rate, let us hope so.)

The race for acquisition of cigarette packages has led to healthy rivalry among the students, especially since an abundance of empty Marlboro packs is perhaps the biggest status symbol at Yeshiva.

One hears nasty rumors as to what first prize really is, particularly by someone smoking all those cigarettes, which formerly abided in the packages.

If anyone wants to know what he can do for Yeshiva, especially if he desires to help Student Council get a Polaroid, he can get out there and smoke.

Division Heads . . .

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suggested that the Student Union be given the power to formulate the editorial policy of THE COMMENTATOR with all members having equal status. He strongly asserted that in this kind of organization, representatives of the Hebrew division would not be "second class citizens." Dr. Grinstein stated that all the Hebrew divisions were united in striving for a common goal, which is to create orthodox Jews who will continue in their orthodoxy after graduation from Yeshiva University. Closing, he affirmed his wish for mutual understanding among the college, the Hebrew departments and THE COMMENTATOR.

Rabbi Besdin, chairman of the faculty of the Jewish Studies Program, was of the opinion that the newspaper can write about any

controversial matters, but should do so only after full consultation and deliberation.

The luncheon ended with a general feeling of understanding and mutual agreement for future meetings in which the Governing Board would discuss more fully the program and problems of the morning divisions.

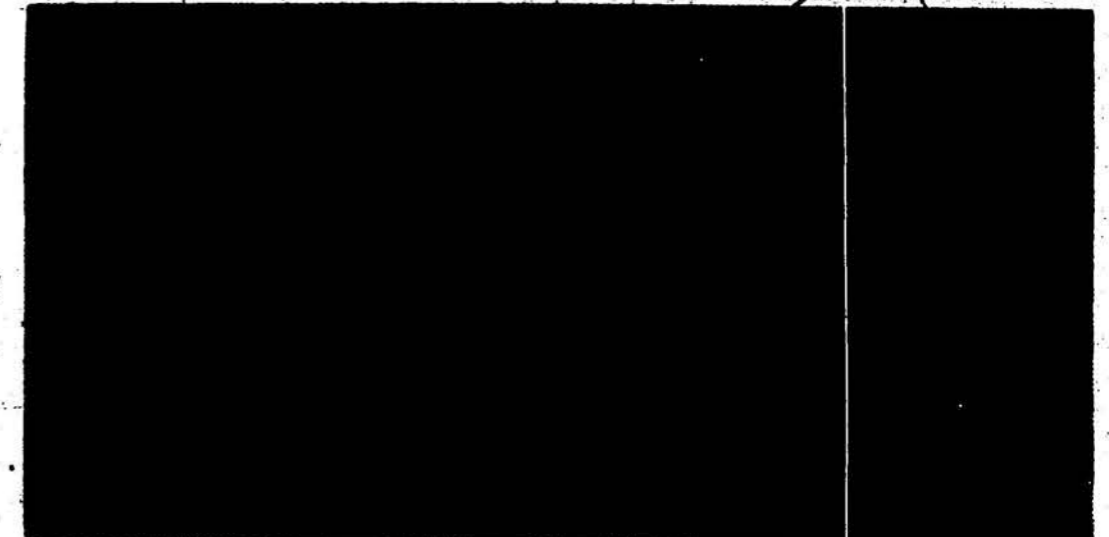
David Segal '62, editor of THE COMMENTATOR, stated concerning the meetings, "I believe that when the student body realizes that most administrators act with the best interests of Yeshiva in mind and when these same administrators become aware of the fact that student leaders pass resolutions and print editorials only because they feel it will better the University, then and only then will we be able to say that both the students and administrators are mature individuals who are actually helping YU.

Student Convocation Proves A Big Success

A convocation assembly, commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of Yeshiva University, was held October 18 in Lampport Auditorium. The assembly was

will continue to grow and aspire to even higher standards.

The highlight of the convocation 75th anniversary award by Tobias Berman, president of Yeshiva Stu-



Tobias Berman presenting Scroll to Dr. Belkin

attended by the student bodies of both Stern College and Yeshiva College.

Professor A. Leo Levin, a Yeshiva alumnus and Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, the principle speaker, gave an account of his former days as a student. Professor Levin expressed his belief that Yeshiva

dent Council, to Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University.

In his address, Dr. Belkin voiced hope for the next seventy-five years.

Following the assembly, a reception was held in the Leah and Joseph Rubin Residence Hall.

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Economy Of Cuba Examined By Prof.

(Continued from page 3) because of a shortage of raw materials and spare parts," the economist stated.

Castro is modeling his economy after that of the Soviet Union which is underwriting the forthcoming four-year plan.

Agreement with Russia
Russia has agreed to purchase the complete sugar crop and will provide \$100 million a year in credit for use in heavy industry. This will allow Cuba to grow without cutting down on consumer goods.

Mr. O'Connor said, "If we now turned around and wanted to renew our trade agreements with Cuba, I don't think they would sell us sugar. They feel we might change our minds next year."

Mr. O'Connor then turned to the political situation on the island. "Fidel prevents the creation of a third party. One is either a revolutionary or a counter-revolutionary, and the counter-revolutionaries he gets rid of. When Castro first came to power, he held military trials and executions only to please the people and prevent them from murdering Batista's followers in the street. Now, there are arbitrary arrests but those detained are held 3-4 days in comfortable surroundings

Hurwitz Announces Free, Professional Bowling Instruction

Professional instruction in bowling is being offered to all Yeshiva University students, free of charge, announced Professor Abraham Hurwitz, director of the physical education department. These lessons, to be held on Fridays at one o'clock will be given at the Manhattan Lanes, 196th St. and Broadway. Instruction will begin this semester.

Professor Hurwitz said that if enough students show interest in bowling, a bowling team will be formed to compete against other colleges in the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference which is comprised of two hundred members.

where they relax, swim and play pool. They are treated with courtesy and kindness and are released with apologies.

"Those who are convicted of sabotage are shot without mercy."

"One amazing thing about the revolution is the absence of atrocities directed against the Catholic Church or clergy. This is the only revolution I know of in which they don't shoot priests. Even when the clergy are caught with a cache of arms they are only deported."

Defectors Unimportant
Mr. O'Connor noted that the majority of Cubans defecting to the United States are clerical workers who are not really missed. These people are not skilled in the trades that Cuba is lacking—tool and die makers and agricultural engineers.

When asked about the Cuban attitude toward the U.S., Mr. O'Connor stated that the people are told that Americans are forcibly controlled by their government. But the Cuban government is not that naive and knows the truth about Americans.

It was noted that the Cuban press is self-censored by the card-carrying Communists who run it, and freedom of speech no longer exists in that country. One can say anything he wants so long as he praises the revolution.

Mr. O'Connor strongly disagrees with the popular conception of Cuba as a puppet of Moscow. He said that many times Cuba does things that benefits itself and Russia, but never has it implemented a policy purely to please the Soviets. "Because there is no Russian army in Cuba as there is in other Communist countries Castro will never be Khrushchev's stooge."

During the interview one statement stuck in this reporters mind. "Everything the New York Times printed about Cuba is a pack of lies including the story about Castro and the chickens."

Whether this is true or not we can not now know, but we now have before us both sides of the story.

Sam Grossman, Yeshiva Star, Plays Basketball In Maccabiah

Sam Grossman, scoring ace of Yeshiva's Mighty Mites, has returned home after playing on the United States Basketball Team at the Maccabiah games held in Israel last summer. Basketball, swimming, fencing, and various track and field events highlighted this year's activities.

Thirty-one nations sent their most able Jewish athletes to participate in Maccabiah competition, to which only Jewish aspirants may qualify. Countries such as the United States, Israel, and Britain with large Jewish populations competed against such countries as South Africa and Katanga. There was no representative from Russia.

Lack of Facilities
Because of a lack of facilities at the Maccabiah Village, to which the teams had initially been assigned, the site of the scrimmages and practice sessions moved to Wingate University near Natan-ya, a beautiful, picturesque suburb on the road to Haifa.

"We would get up at five o'clock in the morning and practice scrimmaging against one another. After three hours, we were forced to take shelter from the hot morning sun. Following breakfast and a twenty-minute walk in the desert, we would swim in the Mediterranean Sea," stated Mr. Grossman.

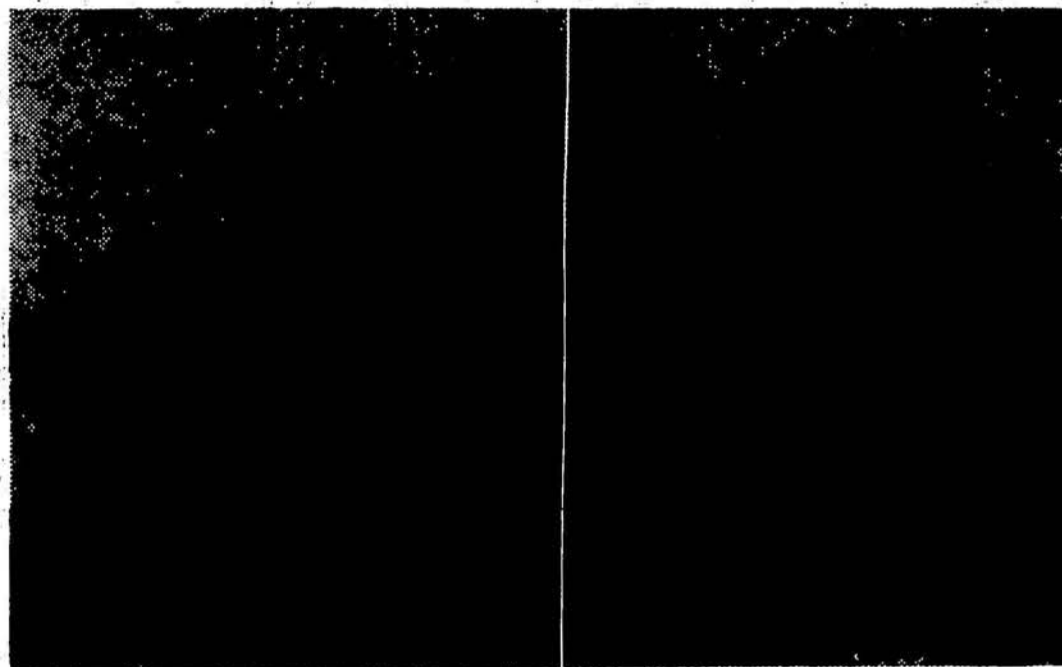
The United States squads con-

berg from Alfred University, Bruce Balish from Bucknell, and all-American Art Heyman from Duke made up the core of the United States Basketball Team. The most valuable basketball player award went to Art Heyman for his distinguished shooting and defense.

Athletes March
Sam's most exciting experience came during the opening game ceremonies August 29th. Flags representing thirty-one nations flew

The United States basketball team completed the circuit undefeated to gain the championship by downing the second place Israeli squad 85-60.

Grossman Impressed
A series of speeches and dinners marked the end of another season of Maccabiah sporting events. While touring Israel for a few days, Sam Grossman was impressed by the great strides taken by Israel in the construction industry and particularly by the extreme



The Grand March of Athletes.

high above the grounds as the athletes in their respective countries' uniforms marched proudly into the huge Ramat Gan Stadium.

hospitality of the people, who invited athletes to dine with them. However, the outstanding event and biggest thrill of Sam's stay was "meeting gold medal winner and Olympic star Rafer Johnson, a calm, sedate, friendly and sincere person. Rafer was liked and loved by all. A man of honesty and integrity, Rafer Johnson will always be a pride and joy to the United States. So long as we have men such as he in our country we need not worry about anything. I'm most thankful to have met and made friends with such a great athlete."



Sam Grossman and Rafer Johnson at the Maccabiah.

sisted of one hundred and twenty athletes and officials. Nineteen men, including Charlie Rosen from Hunter College, Steve Stein-

The United States drew the greatest round of applause from an enthusiastic crowd of 80,000. Rafer Johnson, United States Gold Medal Olympic winner, even though he did not participate in the actual events, received the largest single ovation of any athlete present, as he marched with Albert Axlerod of New York University and Olympic pole vaulter John Thomas at the head of the United States contingent.

Grant For Study...

(Continued from page 1) investigate aspects of modern geometry relating to the theory of relativity and to other topics of mathematical physics.

Professor Rauch graduated summa cum laude from Princeton in 1946 and received his masters and doctoral degrees there. In 1958 he joined the faculty of Yeshiva University.

Highlights of Dr. Rauch's career at Yeshiva include his representation of the United States at an international mathematical congress in India in 1959 and presentation of an important paper in his field at an international congress in Switzerland in 1960.

A member of the Swiss Mathematical Society, Dr. Rauch is also a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, Phi Beta Kappa, and the American Men of Science. In 1946 he received the George B. Covington prize in mathematics.

Dr. Abe Gelbart, dean of the Graduate School of Science, has announced that a meeting of the American Mathematical Society will take place at Yeshiva, February 22, 1962. Mathematicians will present papers representing their recent research work.



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On The Sidelines

The Gym And I

by Wally Fingerer

Yeshiva's new classroom and administration building is rapidly nearing its completion. To most students this new construction symbolically represents the end and the beginning. It ends those endless flights of stairs one must methodically climb to reach classrooms. It ends humid, sticky, lecture rooms where professors indifferently cool themselves via a dual fanning system. Our new structure brings with it the beginning of relief in the form of elevators and central air conditioning.

Details of this modern edifice to the casual observer are animating and inspiring. For the athletically minded scholar it is both disappointing and frustrating. A larger gymnasium and swimming pool, but two of many long-sought-after school essentials, were not concomitant with the rest of the architectural plans.

Designers of the attractive building evidently thought athletic facilities to be of secondary importance. To study the situation as it presents itself today would cause alarm and disillusionment. Yeshiva University, the only University under Jewish auspices, has its major varsity teams seeking refuge on foreign grounds!

In the past, varsity teams have cooperated strongly with the administrative budgets. Basketball members journeyed to Power Memorial Catholic School for scrimmages and home game matches. Our netman courageously drove through Washington Heights terrain on cold slushy wintery night, while Taubermen and Matmen battle for space in the undersized gymnasium quarters.

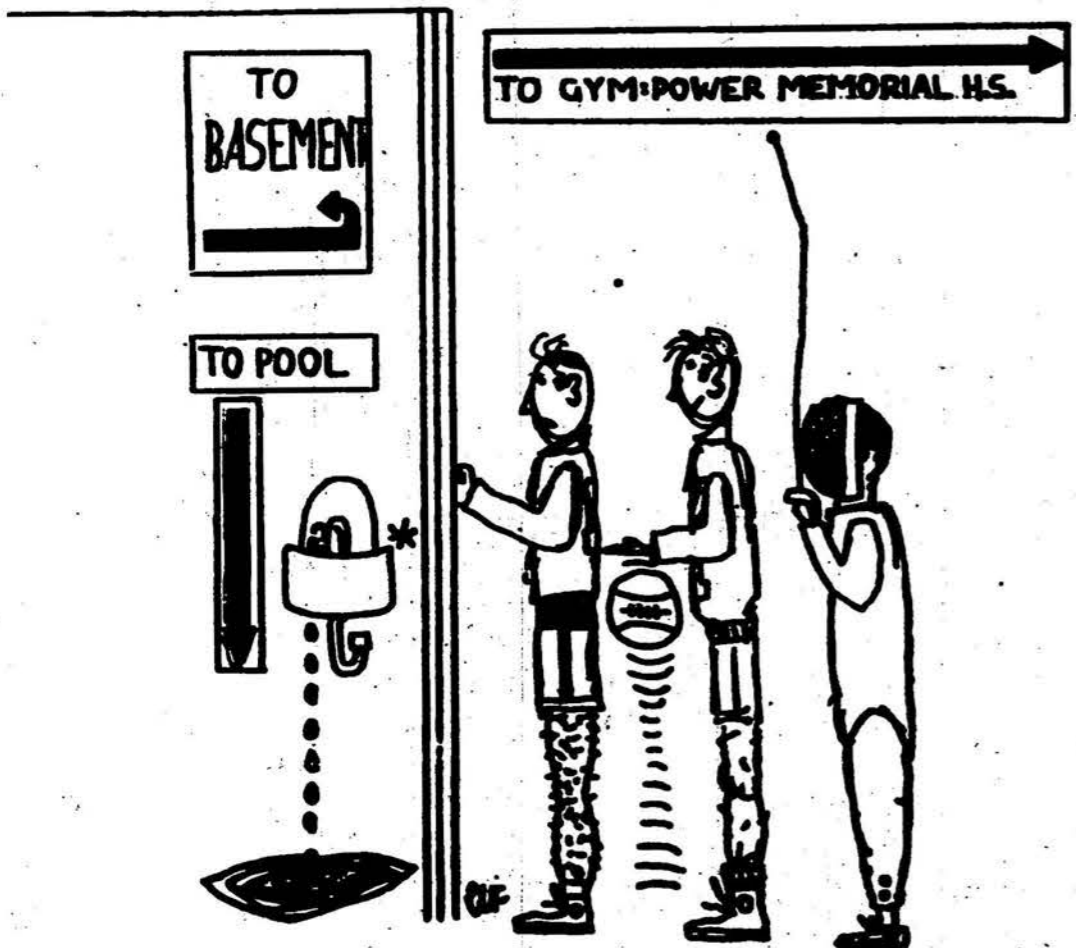
In its 75th banner anniversary year, Yeshiva University is being celebrated in the eyes of many across the country. The greatest institution of Torah U'Madah has gained tremendous momentum and prestige since its inception and is celebrating its period of greatest popularity. It has been applauded by both student and administrative leaders as having made great progress in its initial 75 years of existence and is expected to be blessed with another 75 years of vigorous expansion and advancement. A reputable school with growing student enrollment and tentacle-like expansion, Yeshiva should certainly realize the importance of providing a more progressive and energetic athletic program.

To say that Yeshiva has altogether forfeited interest in Varsity play is a gross untruth. Plans for a future gymnasium-recreational center are in the blueprint stage. But what about the classes of '61, '62, '63 and '64. How are they to gain from a building that will be erected after their graduation?

For several years administrative personnel have belabored the issue of converting useless ground space into a functioning playground area. Klein Field, as the patch of black-top in the back of the High School dormitory is affectionately called, is and has been an ideal spot for such conversion. Because it is surrounded by high fences on three sides, it is perfectly suited for basketball courts and soft ball diamonds. A series of lines could be drawn and a temporary net set up for tennis, while shuffle board games could easily be painted on the top. Equipment for the game would be requisitioned at the dormitory office.

Similarly, complaints of discontented dormitory students that there are no interesting diversions offered in the evenings could be quieted by acquiring a pair of ping pong tables. The tables could be installed in the student lounge or in the synagogue anteroom. Intra-dormitory games could then be established, creating a more neighborly atmosphere and an interesting evening for all.

Our student body is left with the job of effectively altering any current policies that may be hampering the development of necessary student facilities. It is our obligation to act unitedly in a concerted effort for principles we have long clamored for, and in so doing facilitate the growth of our athletic programs at a rate equal to the growth of Yeshiva.



Intramurals Begin; Decathlon Planned

Professor Hyman Wettstein in his role as director of Yeshiva College's intramurals, has planned an intensified program of activities for the 1961 fall term.

Picking up where he so ably left off last year, Professor Wettstein is adding a new feature to basketball intramurals. The granting of awards to the three top athletes of the season, at the annual Athletic Association Dinner, will heretofore be based on team success as well as individual performances.

New Event

In announcing this year's program, particular emphasis was placed on a new decathlon event. This will be a test of physical endurance and athletic prowess in ten fields of competition. The person amassing the greatest total number of points wins the decathlon, which will consist of basketball, fencing, tennis, broad jump, physical fitness, and other areas of athletic competition.

CHESS TEAM

Students with exceptional chess skill are requested to see Messrs. Joel Grossman, captain of "A" team Room 379 of the Old Dorm or Marty Rosman in room 711 in the New Dorm for information concerning Varsity tryouts. Please contact these two before next week.

To insure sufficient time for competition, fencing, volleyball, and basketball intramurals will begin early in the semester.

Basketball activities will also include a continuation of last year's round robin amongst TI, RIETS, JSP, and Smicha divisions of the University.

Individual activities in ping pong and knock hockey are also on the slate of intramural games.

Rules and Regulations

Professor Wettstein has outlined the following rules for intramural games:

- 1) Varsity team members cannot compete in their respective sports.
- 2) Members who are cut from Varsity action cannot compete in that activity during the semester.
- 3) A student is allowed to play only with his current college class.

"I am hopeful that the student body will actively participate in the series of intramurals that have been planned for them and that the extensive physical fitness program outlined will prove most desirous and beneficial for the students," said coach Wettstein.

Josh Muss Elected Tennis Squad Capt.

Joshua Muss '62, a three year veteran of the Yeshiva Tennis Team, has been elected captain of the '61-62 varsity squad. A starter for the past two seasons, Mr. Muss has compiled a personal record that surpassed a rather lackluster team mark. In addition to his new post, he is now associate editor of THE COMMENTATOR and served last year as president of the class of '62.

Returning Veterans Promise Victories For Chess Team

As the weather becomes progressively colder, Yeshiva's sports focus shifts from outdoor activities to those which can be pursued within its sheltering walls. One such pastime is chess, which finds many adherents in the student body. From among these en-

Barry Frankel 8½-4½, Bob Goldstein 7-3, Stan Boylon 4-2, Mike Hauer 4-4, and Joe Rappaport 5-3, will occupy the starting boards.

This year, the MICTL split the league into two divisions. They are composed of six teams in New Jersey and a ten-team, New York division.

Several of the tougher opponents the Blue and White will face are Columbia (intercollegiate champions), CCNY, Brooklyn, and Hunter.

League rules, however, will continue as before. Five boards are played in a match; each player has one and a half hours to compete at least forty moves; a win is awarded one point, and in case of a tie, the point is split.

In addition to the varsity squad, there is a "B" team which plays in its own league. This allows players to gain match experience before competing in varsity play. This year's B team is captained by Marty Rosman, Mark Diskind, and Al Maimon as starters. Because the number of "B" teams that may be entered is unlimited, any prospective players are urged to contact members of the chess team.

Also on this year's chess agenda is a continuation of last year's program of individual exhibitions by chess experts.

Joel Grossman

thusiasts, a shining few can be discerned who together comprise Yeshiva's Chess Team.

Captained by Joel Grossman '62, the chess team hopes to better last year's fine record of 9-4. Despite strong competition offered by opposing members of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Chess League, Yeshiva finished third in a field of ten.

Except for graduate Mike Minchenburg, the team will boast a full roster of returning veterans.

Joel Grossman, 9-4 last season,

YU's "Manly Art Of Self Defense" Renews Once Held Position Here

This year, under the auspices of Dr. Abraham Hurwitz, professor of physical education, judo is again being presented on the Yeshiva College scene. Competent student instructors have been obtained, and a judo team is being molded. Although judo is presently listed as an extra-curricular activity, it can regain its former status as an accredited course if the student body responds enthusiastically.

Enthusiasm was the keynote at judo's inception ten years ago. College and high school students flocked eagerly to learn the "manly art of self-defense." Enrollment grew and conditions became so

progress, and extended to its full credit.

After six successful seasons of judo at Yeshiva, it suddenly collapsed. Instructors retired, student attendance dwindled, and the entire course took on the air of a joke.

A year later the administration was compelled to withdraw credit from the course. Only a dedicated few maintained an interest in judo, which had virtually disappeared from Yeshiva.

Today, students are again being offered the opportunity to transform their natural endowments into mechanisms of power via judo. Old dreams of a judo team that will participate in intercollegiate play are being revived.

To realize these goals, a rapidly increasing number of boys are practicing on Friday mornings 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the gymnasium. Eddie Kaminetzky, a seasoned judo veteran, is directing the group.

It is the hope of Dr. Hurwitz that the rejuvenated judo class will flourish and resume its former position as a mainstay in Yeshiva University's sports program.

INTRAMURALS

All classes and teams wishing to participate in intramural competition should present their rosters to either Professor Hy Wettstein in the gymnasium or athletic manager Lenny Pincus in Room 363 of the Old Dorm.

crowded that classes had to be restricted to the college only.

Under the tutelage of professional-instructor Joe Cassius, students mastered judo's many intricate movements and the formation of a judo team was seriously contemplated. Yeshiva's administration was pleased with the classes'

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