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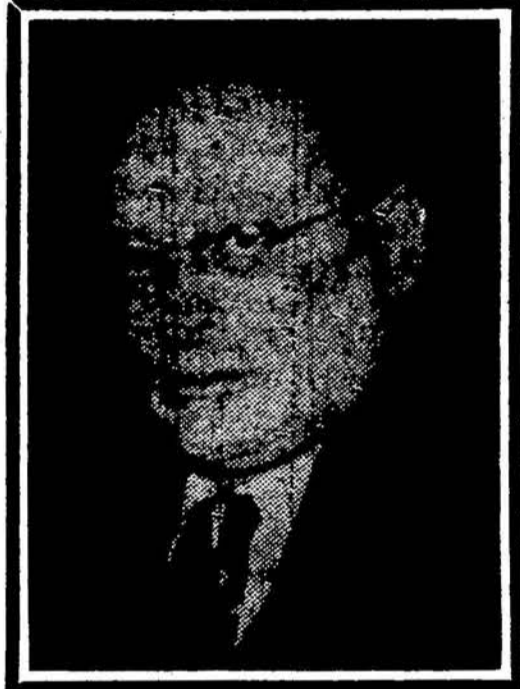
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## University Stunned By Sudden Demise Of Rabbi Markels

Rabbi Lazar Markels, 67, instructor in Talmud at Teachers Institute for Men, died Saturday of a heart attack at his home, 470 West 187th St.



Rabbi Markels was born in Vilna, Lithuania and educated at the Yeshiva of Slobodka and Radin in that country. During the second World War, his wife and daughter were killed by the German invaders of Poland.

From 1939 to 1941 Rabbi Markels served as Rabbi of the Jewish Community in Tangiers, Morocco. Early in 1941 he came to the U.S. and six years later he joined the faculty of Yeshiva.

He leaves his second wife, Mrs. Anna Schwartz Markels.

## Chagigot Celebrate Approach Of Purim

The annual SOY Purim Chagiga, attended by over 1500 persons, was held in the Rubin Residence Hall on Monday evening, March 19.

Master of ceremonies Jay Kit-anik '60 introduced Ha'ra'v Yaacov Hacohen Lesin, traditionally a speaker at SOY chagigot, who spoke on the significance of Purim to students of Yeshiva.

### Chagiga Number Two

TI and JSP sponsored their Purim Chagiga jointly on Wednesday, March 21. It was the first time that these two divisions had combined for any college event.

Dr. Grinstein, Director of Teachers Institute, disappointed by the small turnout, scored the apathy, stating that those who sought extracurricular activities in college and thus broadened the general scope of their education would be the elite of the future.

Rabbi Romm of TI then addressed the students in Hebrew.

## Minority Writers Discuss Conflicts Between Loyalties For Symposium

by Jason Rosenblatt

Three noted American authors discussed "Artistic Conscience" as related to the conflict of loyalties in fiction writers who belong to minority groups at a well-attended symposium on March 29, 1962, in Yeshiva's Lamport Auditorium. The symposium, sponsored by Yeshiva College on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the University, came into being through the efforts of Dr. David Fleisher, chairman of the division of language, literature, and fine arts at Yeshiva.

### Ben-Ami Scores Israeli Executive

In a speech March 8, before the International Relations Society of Yeshiva College, Mr. Ben-Ami, former chairman of the American Friends of the Fighters for Freedom of Israel claimed that Ben-Gurion, the head of the then Jewish Agency, was the real leader of the underground movement. By adopting policies injurious to the Jewish people, leaders like Ben Gurion and Chaim Weizmann were in effect "traitors to the Jewish cause" according to Mr. Ben Ami.

Continuing in his tirade against the present state leadership, Mr. Ben Ami pointed out that Menachem Begin, commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, did not truly understand the conflict he was engaged in. Instead of recognizing the British as the real enemies of the Jews, Begin and the Irgun would telephone the British before an attack.

Dr. Fleisher served as moderator of the program, which brought together Philip Roth, Ralph Ellison, and Pietro Di Donato to express their views on the conflict between the demands of one's own art and the demands of one's conscience.

### The whole truth . . .

Philip Roth, Jewish writer, whose first book, *Goodbye Columbus*, won the National Book Award for fiction for 1960, stated that the purpose of the fiction writer is to tell the truth about what he sees. Loyalty is no virtue, he said, without the test of powerful skepticism. The many unsavory characters who appear in his works serve as ample testimony to this skepticism.

A good part of Mr. Roth's speaking time was devoted to an attack against detractors of his work. In a short story entitled *Defender of the Faith*, Sheldon Grossbart, a Jewish private in the United States Army, is depicted as an obnoxious goldbricker who plays on the sympathies of his Jewish sergeant to obtain favors. To people who claimed that the story could hurt Jews, Roth argued that the story's hero is also Jewish. This defense, that a Jewish hero offsets any harm done by the harsh portrayal of the villain, seems a bit strange for a man who believes that no apology is necessary for the presentation of the truth.

### And nothing but the truth

Ralph Ellison, a Negro, is the author of *The Invisible Man*. His opinion, that the modern author must review the nature of the

world in which he lives, did not differ essentially from that of Mr. Roth. Pietro Di Donato, of Italian descent and author of *Christ in Concrete*, spoke of his people in the manner of a harsh but loving father. He expressed the hope that eventually all minority differences would be settled.

Oh yes . . . Yeshiva University, America's oldest and largest University under Jewish auspices, comprises seventeen schools and divisions located at six teaching centers in New York City.

### Morot - Sir Talks On La Francaise

Monsieur Morot-Sir, French cultural envoy to the United Nations, spoke before Le Cercle Francais March 21, in Klein Hall.

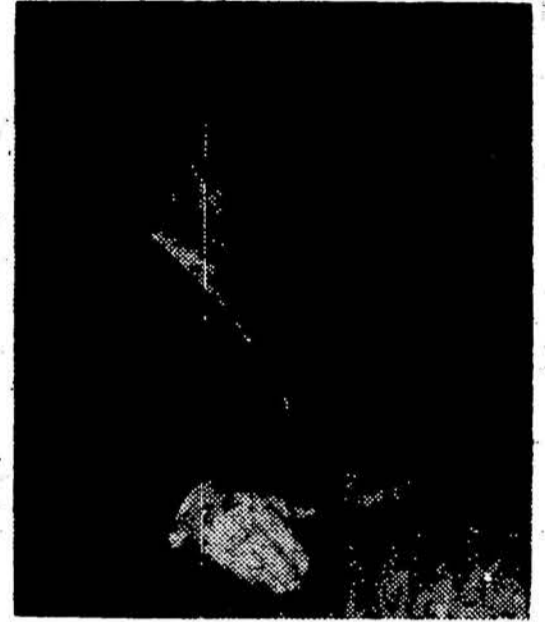
M. Morot-Sir divided his speech, entitled "French Culture Today," into three dialogues, the relationships between the French past and future, Paris and the Provinces, and Culture and Specialization.

In the first dialogue M. Morot-Sir stated, "The French are definitely seeking an equilibrium between past and future. The trend, however, is toward 'Americanization.'"

"France, he claimed, "is the only country which emphasizes philosophy and the arts, and therefore does not fear an imbalance of culture and technology." He cited the chauvinistic view that "the mission of Paris is to teach the world."

## Israel's Postwar Growth Is Traced

Dr. Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency, was the guest speaker at a special assembly March 19 in Lamport Auditorium, where he traced the Jews' reaction towards Israel since World War II. Before such a time, it was pointed out, Jews



Dr. Moshe Sharett

were satisfied with any roof over their heads. Since the establishment of the State, however, the Jewish people realized that there finally existed a place of refuge all their own. Immigration followed, and the country developed — resources were tapped, swamps drained, and soil irrigated by pipelines covering the breadth of the land. Mr. Sharett concluded by emphasizing that Hebrew has once again become a living tongue in Israeli life and among American Jews.

Mr. Sharett was a member of the Poalei Zion executive council  
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## Dr. Belkin Discloses Grants For Yeshiva

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine has received a gift of \$1,000,000 from the Annenberg foundation.

In acknowledgement, Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, stated that "such a gift for essential operation expenditures in teaching and research is particularly welcome."

### Space Probe Grant

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has recently awarded a \$22,300 stipend to Drs. Joel Lebowitz and Leon Landovitz, associate and assistant professors of physics respectively, announced Dr. Abe Gelbart, dean of YU's Graduate School of Science.

### G.E. Awards YU

The General Electric Foundation has awarded us \$1,500, marking the second consecutive year Yeshiva College has been chosen as one of the 10 American liberal arts institutions to receive this grant. Another grant of \$1,000 was presented by the Federation Bank and Trust Company.

## Bloom, Persky, Weiss Named First Wilson Fellows In Yeshiva History

Three Yeshiva College students have been awarded Woodrow Wilson Fellowships — the first in the University's history — for graduate study leading to college teaching careers.

The recipients, who will begin their post-graduate studies in September, are: Herbert Bloom '62, Charles Persky '62, and Benjamin Weiss '62.

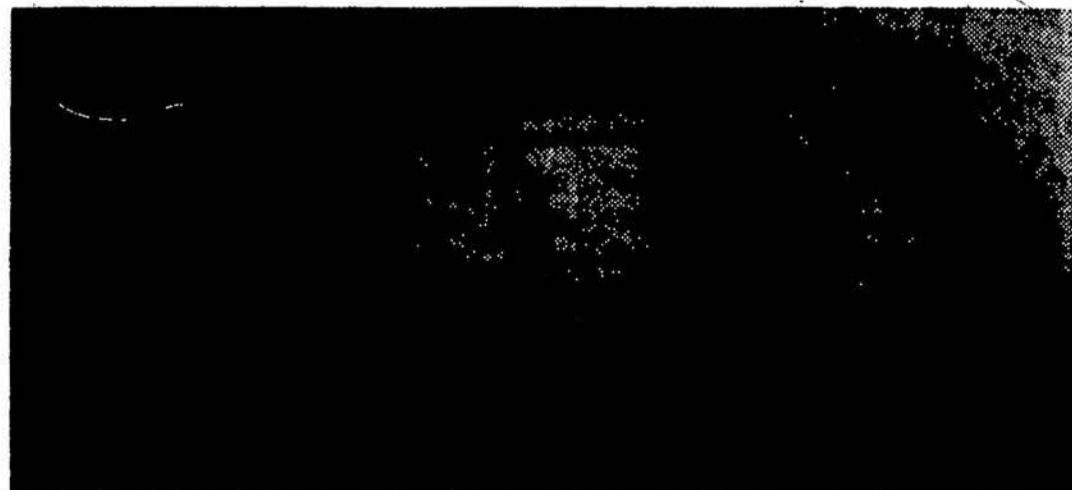
The fellowship covers a full year's tuition and fees at a graduate school of the recipient's choice, plus a living expense of \$1500. Married students receive an additional \$1500.

Mr. Bloom and Mr. Persky will continue their studies in the field of English while Mr. Weiss will prepare for a teaching career in Mathematics.

Mr. Bloom, a winner of the coveted Danforth Foundation Fellow-

ship, ranks academically first in the current senior class standing. During his college career he has

Mr. Persky, the only married fellowship recipient, is vice-president of Pi Delta Phi, and served

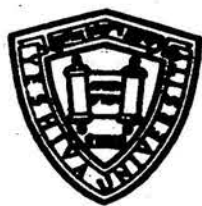


President and Dean congratulate winners.

won the Louis Werfel Prize, awarded to the highest ranking junior, and has been elected to Pi Delta Phi, the French Honor Society. Mr. Bloom has also been copy editor of THE COMMENTATOR.

as former feature editor of THE COMMENTATOR. He is presently literary editor of Masmid and of Raconteur, the French publication.

A candidate for the Master of Arts as well as for the Bachelor  
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# The Commentator

## Ait Lachashot . . .

Infesting the United States are hundreds or perhaps thousands of bigots who would deem themselves national leaders of massive organization devoted to persecution of racial or religious minorities. The overwhelming majority of these fanatics, rabble-rousers, or insane (as they may be) are destined to have their movements peter out on a lonely street corner for the lack of interest in their hate campaigns. They starve physically for lack of financial backing.

Standing above these obscure minions is George Rockwell, self-avowed *fuehrer* of the American Nazi Party. He is not the first individual to preach anti-Semitism in the United States but he is the most outspoken and most widely known in recent years. Rockwell blatantly employs relics of Nazi Germany in his vicious attacks on minorities — primarily Jews. His anthem is the "Horst Wessel Song". His emblem is the swastika. Rockwell's purpose? "We advocate sending traitors to the gas chambers. About 80% of adult Jews are Communists or Zionists — which means they are traitors."

Once again, George Rockwell is not the only anti-Semitic demagogue in the United States. Like the rest, he has been unable to build up any sizable following having a probable party membership of about fifty. But unlike the rest, Rockwell has been successful — not in enlisting sympathizers to his cause — but in shocking the community to a fervor that has precipitated nation-wide coverage in the mass-communication media. But the public is succeeding in accomplishing the job for him. He quite openly boasts of his scheme. "By being an *open, arrogant, all-out Nazi*, not a sneaking Nazi . . . but a Nazi . . . with a swastika, storm-troopers, an open declaration of our intentions to gas the Jew-traitors. . . . I would not only make an end of this filthy silent treatment, for they could never ignore Nazis with swastika armbands and talk of gas-chambers . . . but I would also force the Jews to publish my propaganda in their press. Everytime they howled that I was for gas-chambers, people would be shocked."

Unfortunately, Rockwell is succeeding. An outraged punch in the jaw by a west coast student created front-page publicity that has made him a nationally known figure. The

press has exaggerated his activities far beyond their actual scope. Unknown, he would draw but a handful of listeners on a curbside soap box. But as a result of lawsuits, violent protests against his appearances, and general furor over his baited statements, he has attracted widespread notoriety — all of which is most satisfactory to him.

Before appearing in any town, Rockwell sends telegrams to every local Jewish organization telling where and when he will appear. He is greeted by scores of demonstrators and irate citizens but very few who are interested in his ideology. Again he derives undeserved publicity.

Most dismaying are the indications that Rockwell is being invited to ply his venom before college audiences. Today he will appear at Hunter College, invited by a student who stated that his appearance is "primarily to be an intellectual inquiry into the philosophy and thoughts of an American-born Nazi and intellect." But Rockwell cannot present his arguments as a philosophy, much less on any intellectual plane. And he certainly is not an intellect. Academic freedom dictates that college students should be permitted to hear even unpopular views from unpopular speakers. But there must be a consideration of the moral and ethical values of human dignity. Discretion must be exercised to differentiate between an unpopular ideology and the raving protestations of a bigot. To try to convince people to accept ideas independently is one thing, but to try to delude them into inflicting harm upon others is quite another.

Many Jewish organizations have urged that Rockwell be quarantined on the proven theorem that if you ignore him he will go away. In America, where democracy prevails and tolerance exists we are inclined to agree with this. No matter how much publicity a rabble-rouser gets, there can be no termination of his trouble-making capacity until he ceases to attract any attention. We sincerely hope that Rockwell will not be aided by overzealous student-organizations bent on merely presenting controversial figures. We also hope that the press be more judicious in dealing to Rockwell the publicity he craves and desperately needs to exist.

## V'ait L'daber

Russian Jews will not have any Matzot on their seder table this year. The Soviet government has decided not to permit the baking of this symbol of our religious freedom and tie with our spiritual heritage.

The Russian constitution has been swept aside and the minority rights specifically granted to Soviet citizenry have been abrogated with a swift sweep of the pen.

History records the instances when the seder table was deplete of even the most rudimentary essentials. But how often in the lives of our people have they ever sat down to the Passover table without the traditional Matzot.

Can we let this happen? Do we have the right to sit at our own holiday table knowing that our brothers behind the Iron Curtain cannot share in our joy?

We've sat back and watched while the Communist government has closed synago-

gues and Yeshivot and has denied Russian Jewry the right to practice their religion. We can no longer remain silent. We must show the Soviet Union and the free world that we are bitterly opposed to this overt oppression of the Jewish minority.

This coming Thursday at 3:30 p.m. the Jewish Youth Emergency Committee, an *ad hoc* group of college students, will stage a silent picket at the Soviet consulate at Park Avenue and 68th Street in New York.

At this time the committee will endeavor to present to the Russian officials an appeal for the abrogation of this discriminatory practice.

As students, and especially as Orthodox Jews, we must assume an important role in this religious matter. We must establish our interest in Matzot and religious observance. "Im ain ani li, mi li?" "If I am not for myself who will be for me?"

## Halachic Implications Of Rosenzweig's Philosophy Theme Of Yavneh Talk

The philosophy of Franz Rosenzweig with emphasis on its Halachic implications was the theme of a speech delivered as part of the current Yavneh series by Mr. Gerald Blidstein on March 28, at the Rubin Residence Hall.

Mr. Blidstein, an instructor at Bronx Community College and a graduate student at Columbia, noted that Rosenzweig reaffirmed his Jewish faith when in willingness to convert, he visited a syn-

agogue on Yom Kippur to "experience Judaism before taking leave of it." However, his Jewish philosophy was always colored by his Christian leanings.

response. In such a case, whatever personal revelation leads to is true faith." Mr. Blidstein pointed out the serious problems raised by this philosophy from Jewish theology. "The Jewish theological point of view, of course, demands observance even though intention may not be recognized. This obviously does not agree with the Rosenzweig concept of true faith, especially true faith in Judaism. This question was never touched by Rosenzweig, perhaps because it would have caused intellectual problems serious enough to impair Rosenzweig's allegiance both to Halacha and to his philosophy."

### A Most Ingenious Paradox

"Thus, Rosenzweig, though fully observant and often cognizant of Jewish truths as reflected in his *Star of Redemption* and *On Knowing the Healthy and the Sick*, presents," Mr. Blidstein concluded, "many difficult problems to the Jewish philosophical heritage of our times."

Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, Rabbi of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue and former chief Rabbi of Ireland, addressed a recent joint seminar sponsored by Yavneh and SOY at Rubin Residence Hall.

The topic of his lecture was "Faith and Medical Healing" viewed from the Orthodox Jewish point of view.

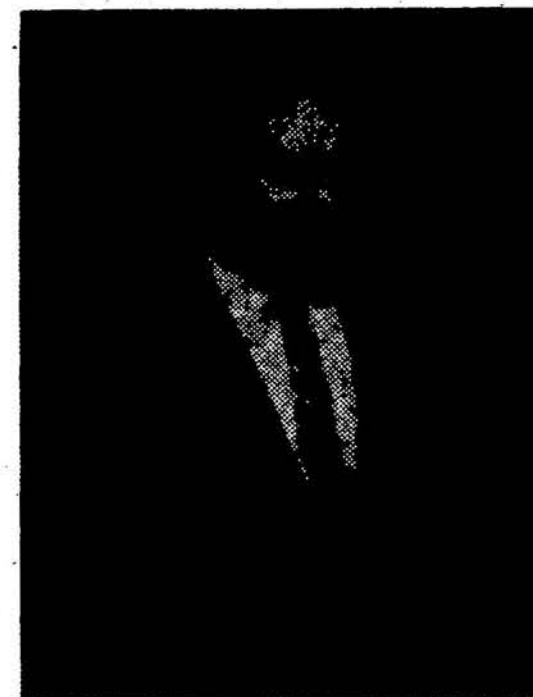
In his talk, Dr. Jakobovits, the author of the book *Jewish Medical Ethics*, said that medicine and faith go hand in hand and both are needed in curing the ill.

## Alumni Associations Plan Spring Lectures

"Contemporary Problems in the Light of Jewish Thought" is the general theme of the Second Annual Spring Lecture Series, to be sponsored by a number of alumni associations of Yeshiva University and to be delivered on four Wednesday evenings in May.

Dr. Marvin Fox, professor of philosophy at Ohio State University, will begin the series on Wednesday, May 2 at 8:30 p.m. in the Rubin Residence Hall. His subject will be "Moral Skepticism and Jewish Faith."

The other lecturers are as follows: May 9th—Dr. Meyer Karlin, rabbi of Congregation Ahavat Achim, Brooklyn, and assistant professor of mathematics at Stern College; May 16th — Dr. Alvin Radkowsky, chief physicist, Office for Naval Reactors, Atomic Energy Commission; May 23rd—Dr. Menachem Brayer, associate professor of Bible and consultant psychologist at Yeshiva University.



Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits

Teachers Institute for Men announced that eight students will pursue courses of study next year at the Machon Gold Yeshiva and at the Hebrew University.

The group includes Eli Beane '63, Harvey Fuld '64, Tovia Gabriel '64, Harold Gastwirt '62, Dan Landsman '64, Maurice Reifman '64, David Salovey '63, all of TI, and Bernard Sylvestsky '62 who attends RIETS.

## Eight Students To Study In Israel

At the Machon Gold Yeshiva in Haifa, the students will study Talmud, Pentateuch, Prophets, Hebrew, Hebrew Literature and Jewish History.

At the Hebrew University they will take a full program of secular studies.

Upon their return to Yeshiva, the students will be able to transfer sixteen credits in Jewish Studies and sixteen credits in College studies toward their degrees.

## Condolences . . .

To Dr. Eli M. Levine upon the loss of his beloved mother. May the Almighty comfort him among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

# Dramatics Society Presents "My Six Convicts" Adaptation

"My Six Convicts," a musical adaptation of the best seller by Donald Powell Wilson, was presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society April 8 at William Howard Taft High School.

The play dealt with the three years Mr. Wilson spent as psychologist at Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. More specifically, the production told of Wilson's attempts to introduce rehabilitation programs to the prison and of the

often amusing activities of six convicts who assisted him.

The Yeshiva production has aroused the interest of the New York Dramatic Society and Mr. Wilson, who is presently working on his own adaptation for a Broadway play. This marks the first time that an amateur adaptation was given prior to the professional one.

### Ziff Writes Music

Dan Ziff '63 wrote the music and handled the adaptation assisted by Murray Mednick '62 while Michael Posnick '64 directed choreography.

Featured in the production were Mr. Mednick, Mel Fox '62 and Sherwood Goffin '63. The cast also included Mr. Posnick, Auriel Spiegelman '62, Manny Wasserman '62, Henry Schmuckler '65, Leonard Zimmerman '63, Danny Shepro '64 and Herb Cohen '64.

The production was directed by Mrs. Thomas Ohlson and was produced by Vel Zeitz '62. Bernice Rochelle was stage manager, while Manny Wasserman handled scenery.

# Summer Program For H.S. Students

Yeshiva University will offer summer courses in bio-medical research and advanced mathematics for outstanding high school students in the New York area.

Participants enrolled in the bio-medical research program will be assigned to projects currently being conducted in the University's laboratories and those of other institutions and research organizations. The program is under the direction of Dr. Moses B. Tandler, Associate Professor of Biology at Yeshiva College, and sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The mathematics course will be entitled "The Real Number System and the Foundation of the Calculus" and will consist of an explanation of the number system as we use it and the definitions of the functions of integral and differential calculus. This program is directed by Dr. William Zlot, assistant professor of mathematics education of the Yeshiva University Graduate School of Education.

### Letter to the Editor:

## Star Lauds Loyal Sideliner

After playing basketball for fifteen out of twenty three years of your life, you get to appreciate certain things connected with the game. Basketball has carried me all over the world and I have seen many people, places, and things. But, wherever I go there is one face I will always look for in the crowd, and that is the face of Norman Metzger.

Since my enrollment at Yeshiva four years ago, Norman has been a part of the crowd. He is one of those guys that you'll always see. I remember the first time I began to notice Norm. It was in my freshman year and we had an important game at Fairleigh Dickinson. Yeshiva called time out and as I trotted toward the bench I saw a student get up to lead a cheer. This was Norm; the cheering didn't stop until the game was over and Yeshiva had won. Then after the game, there was Norm, just a freshman, patting the fellows on the back for a game well played. . . .

# Assist In Arduous Appeal To Dorm's Hanger-Onto

by Alan Shapiro

Public notices posted on various university bulletin boards have informed the student body that several Yeshiva University hangers are missing. The notices continue that the locations of these hangers are strongly suspected to be in the dorm rooms. Dorm residents who have appropriated these hangers for their own use

# New Records Highlight Successful Season For Victorious Taubermen

Yeshiva's fencers capped another victorious season (10-4) by defeating Cooper Union 14-0, the first time in the Taubermen's history that an opponent was shut out. This added another record to the fencing books in a season highlighted by a number of brand new records.

Foremost was Captain Warren Enker's phenomenal 40-2 record in the saber division, a mark that should stand for many years. In addition, the team record for the

to 96-27, a .750 percentage, making the fencing team the most outstanding in the school in this respect. It is interesting to note that Coach Tauber will receive his chance to win his 100th match when the team faces Columbia next year.

Coach Tauber was pleasantly surprised by this season and we recall that he predicted a .500 season back in September.

In the three weapon divisions the best records to win the Coach's

Awards were by Enker in Saber (40-2), Schoffman in foil (22-18) and Konovitch in epee (19-14).

Barry Konovitch and Alan Schoffman were elected to the captaincy of the team for the coming '62-'63 season which will be highlighted by a special three-day trip to Brandeis University for a fencing and wrestling weekend. Next year, the entire saber team, consisting of Enker, Nusbacher and Wasserman will become alumni, leaving the team with a tremendous gap in the saber division. Fortunately, the epee and foil teams, consisting entirely of juniors, will remain intact. The foil team, considered extremely weak at the start of this year, shaped up nicely in the last quarter of the season, and, along with the epee trio that will be the team's mainstay, will secure their respective berths for the coming season. Saber we'll leave to the magician-ship of the master, Coach Tauber.

All in all, the fencers maintained the winning tradition of past teams and left their marks on the books.

## Wilson Fellows...

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of Arts degree, Mr. Weiss is also a member of the Chess Team and the Mathematics Club. He received honorable mention in the annual Putman competition in mathematics.

Members of the faculties of 969 colleges selected the candidates. Out of 9475 candidates, about 2500 finalists are selected by fifteen regional committees. These, after interviews, fall into two categories, Fellows and receivers of Honorable Mention awards.

Students of Yeshiva College donated 102 pints of blood in the bi-annual blood drive which was held Monday, March 26. Arnold Jutkowitz '62, chairman of the drive, announced that the total amount of blood this year exceeded last year's contributions by seventeen pints.

most number of wins in a season, which stands at ten, was tied. The end of this season brings the total fencing record for the last 14 seasons (since the start of the team)

## Grossman Leads Mites In Scoring

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man averaged 21.1 points, became the fifth player in YU history to score a thousand points, and had a personal high of 40 against Brooklyn Poly. Sam received tremendous support from the durable Bob Podhurst. "Suitcase" played while physically under par, but averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds per game. Sophomore Artie Aaron scored 10.1 per game and poured in 33 in the Bridgeport rout.

Kenny Jacobson and Jay Garsman made their presence felt with their splendid defensive play. Jake came through with top-flight performances against the opposition's top scorers and contributed offensively as well. He was particularly effective against Brandeis and Fairleigh's Tom Fox. Freshman Garsman was brilliant all season as a playmaker and ball handler and constantly harrassed the opposition with his numerous steals. Three other freshmen lent solid bench support. Mike Aaronwald displayed a good shot and aggressive all-around play. Steve Gralla was strong on the boards, especially in the latter part of the year. Neil Katz contributed solid defense and alert ballhawking as a backcourt performer.

The varsity except for Grossman remains intact for the next two seasons, and it is generally felt that this young, talent-laden team has the potential to become a small college power in the metropolitan area.

should be made aware that there are reasons (other than the fact that if the hangers are not returned, search parties will remove them from the rooms) for returning the hangers voluntarily.

The appeal should be made on two levels, the philosophical and the practical. Stealing is wrong, and, as Rabbi Cheifetz has said, in nowhere similar circumstances, "dishonesty will not be tolerated." The other way of approaching this problem is to realize that these hangers are needed for University functions such as convocations. The fact that Yeshiva may not have another convocation for seventy-five years in no way alters the situation. The administration has asked for the return of the hangers now, precisely because they are aware from personal experience that procedural matters take time.

In order to aid the student body in the compliance with the request, we present a description of the official Yeshiva University coat hanger. It is made of wood in the general shape and coloring of what is known as The Coat Hanger. It has a small piece of metal at the top which serves the unique function of attaching the hanger to that which one wishes to hang something from. A picture of the Yeshiva University type coat hanger may be found in any pictorial dictionary under the heading "unique university type coat hangers."

## Jacobs Appointed YU's Comptroller

Comptroller of the United Jewish Appeal for the past eleven years, Irving Jacobs has been appointed comptroller of Yeshiva University by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University. In this capacity Mr. Jacobs will administer the business affairs of the University comprising the 17 schools and divisions with an annual budget of more than \$14 million. Mr. Jacobs has also served with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service.

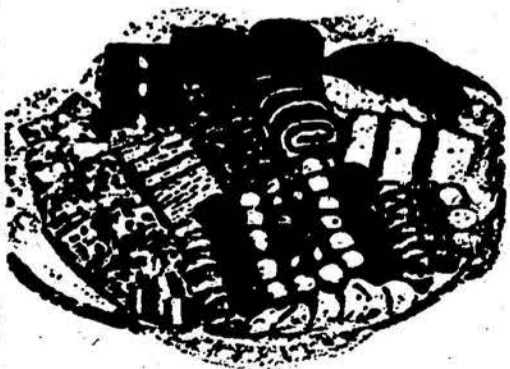
## Sharett A Key Man In Israeli Affairs

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in England, and then delegate to the British Labor Conference, 1920-25. He was appointed secretary of the political department of the Jewish Agency 1931-33, and later served as its head 1933-47. Mr. Sharett was mainly responsible for the formation of the Jewish Brigade Group, and was the chief delegate of the Jewish Agency before the U.N. Commission. He was later successful in bringing about the U.N.'s decision to create an independent Jewish state on Nov. 29, 1947. He was a member of the Provisional Government of Israel, May 1948 - February 1949, and was soon appointed to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs during Feb. 1949. He has also served as Premier of the State of Israel 1954-56.

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## Talented Suitcase

by Stuart Berman

For a fellow who was plagued by injuries throughout his young basketball career, Bob "Suitcase" Podhurst has been an invaluable asset to the YU hoopsters. In the season just concluded, he was far and away the leading rebounder on the squad and a consistent point-producer in double figures. However, since his freshman year, "Mr. Blue Cross" has run the gamut of injuries from a compound nose fracture to his current troublesome foot injury. Add to this a big hearted youngster with an insatiable desire to play ball and you have a character who approximates a living legend.

It was during the final session of last year's spring clinic when Sam Grossman stomped on Bobby's right foot in a battle under the boards. Team physician Dr. Eli Sar diagnosed the damage as "a fractured metatarsal with sensitive ligaments." He was ordered to rest the foot. Podhurst reported to practice this fall with the foot not entirely healed. Dr. Sar marvelled at his courage to withstand the increasing pain and sent him to a specialist. Again he was ordered to rest the ailing tender pedal extremity. Tell Podhurst not to play? Forget it.

As a ritual before every game, Trainer Marty Warren administered a special dressing and heavily taped the foot. At half-time he applied an ice-bag until the delicate appendage was numb. This is how Podhurst made it through the season.



The 1961-62 campaign witnessed a number of unusual anecdotes concerning Podhurst. Despite his various ailments, he has not missed a varsity contest in two years. At the Danbury State game—the word was out. Podhurst would not play because of a flu attack. He suited up, anyway, and seated himself at the end of the bench smothered with towels and protected with an extra sweatshirt. There he sat, roasting with a 103 temperature, with his consecutive game streak seemingly about to come abruptly to a halt. With two minutes remaining, coach Sarachek beckoned him to report for duty. So elated was Bobby that he tore off his sweatshirt and ran to the scorer's table, scattering the trainer's tools in the process.

Midway during the second half of the Post game, a fight broke out with Podhurst and Steve Gralla distributing knuckle sandwiches from our side. Bobby's head stopped a fist which carried a large ring. Time was called. He bled profusely and his uniform showed a brilliant crimson hue along with the traditional blue and white. It was a gory sight indeed. Given the opportunity, Podhurst surely would have separated this villain from his senses. But, to the crowd's amazement, Bobby, eager to play, politely shook hands with the culprit who had just ripped open his scalp.

The re-write man from the New York Times asked us, "Why do you call him 'Suitcase?'" To explain simply that Podhurst carries his books to classes in an honest-to-goodness suitcase borders on the absurd. To further explain that this valise features tape, sneakers and even lunch approaches fantasy — odd, but true.

Without question the story of the year is the now classical tale of the trip to the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. Podhurst arrived in the visitors' locker room with his famed suitcase (nah, you wouldn't believe it) only to open it and discover that he packed the white home uniform, leaving the travelling blues at home in the Bronx. The home team graciously outfitted him with a blue jersey for a playsuit which he wore inside out. During the game the public address system blared—"For Yeshiva University, number 00, Bob Podhurst." Amazing? Unbelievable? No, just about par for this story-book figure.

There is an expression far too commonly and the loosely used in sports circles—"This kid came to play," Hehe! it is appropriate. With two years of eligibility remaining, the future is bright for a most unforgettable character—Bob "Suitcase" Podhurst.

**STU'S VIEWS—**  
A fine prospect for next year's hoop schedule is Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. The Mules, frequent Garden guests, have revamped their athletic program, concentrating on becoming an "academic power." Their public relations man, Johnny Rosenberg, says they will compete on a small college level exclusively. . . .

Al Genauer, ex-wrestling captain and current rabbinical student, returns as assistant mat coach. . . .

Marv Goldstein, former YU cager, now studying at the University of Miami, writes us from Sun-Tan U., noting that "The vitamin D has improved my jump shot." . . .

# Powerful Netmen Ready For Opening Day Pratt Encounter

Bolstered by long, chilly months of drills and practice under the tutelage of Coach Eli Epstein, Yeshiva University's tennis team opens its 1962 season against Pratt on April 10th.

The six man squad lists four veterans and two newcomers. Captain Josh Muss confidently reports, "This season's team is the best I have seen in my years at Yeshiva. It possesses talent, balance and extraordinary depth, which has been a major problem in the past."

### Muss Plays Fourth Year

Muss is a three year veteran of varsity play, compiling a 5-4 record last season.

Eddie Schlusel, Jeff Tillman, and Ezra Goodman comprise a sophomore triumvirate that returns for its second year with the Netmen.

Tillman gained tennis experience while competing for Classical High in Springfield, Mass. His steady, consistent playing resulted in an outstanding 8-1 freshman record.

Marked improvements in style

APRIL		
Tuesday 10	Pratt	away
Thursday 12	Brooklyn Poly	away
Friday 13	Iona	home
MAY		
Tuesday 1	Pace	away
Friday 4	Hunter	home
Tuesday 8	Adelphi	home
Friday 11	N.Y.S. Maritime	home
Monday 14	Webb Institute	away

and ball control have earned a top slot for Schlusel on this year's team. A summer of diligent practice smoothed his somewhat er-

## Close Games Mark Mites' Season Play

Bernie "Red" Sarachek's Yeshiva five has completed a basketball campaign marked by resounding victories and heartbreaking defeats. Coach Sarachek's youthful eight-man squad gained seven victories by at least 20 points, won two of the three games played against municipal colleges, and defeated a highly regarded C. W. Post five, a participant in the recent small college NCAA tournament. Conversely, YU lost four games by two points, one by a margin of four and another by five to unbeaten Tri-State League Champion Fairfield. The Mites lost two other league games by two points — to Fairleigh Dickinson in overtime and to Adelphi in a game that saw them play with just four men in the closing minutes. YU had an overall record of 10-10 and a league mark of 3-6. However, the difference between a fine 16-4 record and a respectable .500 record amounted to just 17 points. Nine points represented the difference between a possible 6-3 league mark and the reverse of 3-6.

Yeshiva rebounded strongly in the second half of Tri-State play, scoring three victories in its last four outings.

Three men hit for double figures: Senior Captain Sam Gross-

man brings a wide range of tennis experience to the courts.

Freshman Mike Samet is the year's brightest prospect and a welcome addition to the racquet-ers. Coming from Far Rockaway High, where he distinguished himself in the number one position, Samet will step into the spot vacated by Bernie Kaplan as YU's lead off man.

According to Coach Epstein, "Samet has the potential and strong game to make him one of Yeshiva's all time tennis greats."

Itz Balk, fresh from the University of Pittsburgh and a six

month tour of service in the Army, rounds out the squad. Balk is a junior possessing finely polished strokes.

Mike Weiss, Dave Gordon, Butch Reifman, Dave Schreiber, Lance Mark, and Lou Saperstein provide an eager and competent reserve.

Back from a sabbatical spent in Israel coaching their Davis Cup team, Coach Epstein commented, "I am greatly impressed by the caliber of the team members. This should be a winning year for Yeshiva tennis."

Yeshiva's varsity is a member of the Metropolitan Tennis Conference and plays its home matches on Riverview Courts in the Bronx.

## Grapplers Finish Season On Upswing; Wins Set Record

Yeshiva University's wrestling team ended its 1961-62 season with a flurry of wins to register a 4-9 record.

The victories, over Orange Community, Brandeis University, Bronx Community, and Rutgers Newark, are the most ever recorded in a season by YU matmen.

### Fine Group of Boys

"This year's team was a fine group of boys, and I thoroughly enjoyed working with them," said Coach Hank Wittenberg. "Despite several valuable losses due to graduation, next year's team is talented and should do as well."

Graduating are varsity mem-

ate school, and comments, "Wrestling was important to me and I highly recommend it as a source of physical fitness and enjoyment."

A graduating junior headed for Temple Dental School, Warren Klein co-piloted this year's squad. Two years of varsity wrestling leave Klein a winning record in the heavyweight slot, including a high percentage of wins by pins.

### Fun, Fun, Fun

"It was fun," says Dave Lew of the sport. Working his way up from manager to 177 lb. starter, Lew added much to the team spirit and effort.

All the wrestlers agreed that

### Boys will be boys

bers Bob Schwell, Warren Klein, and Dave Lew.

Schwell climaxed his three-year wrestling career by leading the matmen in wins. A co-captain of last year's squad, on which he scored a 7-3 record, Schwell boasts an overall total of 18-14-1.

He plans to attend math gradu-

"meeting and wrestling with Hank Wittenberg was one of our most rewarding experiences."

Keynote wrestlers Benjy Leifer, George Brown, and Joel Pruzansky, coupled with a promising crop of novices, should provide next year's crowds with plenty of action.

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