

## SOY And Yavneh Sponsor Lecture By Pelcovitz

"Accepting commandments of the Torah cannot be compared to voluntarily accepting the philosophy of an organization," stated Rabbi Ralph Pelcovitz spiritual leader of Congregation Knesseth Israel Far Rockaway. Rabbi Pelcovitz delivered the first in a series of lectures on "Contemporary Problems of Orthodox Judaism." The program was sponsored by SOY and Yavneh.

Rabbi Pelcovitz explained that the revelation at Mount Sinai made *Mitzvot* concrete in the sense that all philosophizing about them must start from a *priori* assumption of their validity. He added, "We don't grope to find; we grope to understand and appreciate."

### Seven Commandments

Rabbi Pelcovitz pointed out that even though the Jews must observe 613 *Mitzvot* as compared to the seven commandments of non-Jews, the burden of the Jews is lighter. The non-Jew, is presented with seven unrelated commandments which may be foreign to his nature while the Jews are carefully prepared for each commandment by numerous other commandments which form an integrated part of his life.

The difference is essentially that the non-Jew must perform *Mitzvot* in a vacuum while the Jew performs them in an atmosphere of "*atem had-veikim*." As an example, he cited the prohibition against *shficas damim* (murder) which is obligatory up-

## Einstein To Grow; Unveil New Plans

Dr. Arthur Hornberg, Dr. James A. Shannon, and Jack D. Weiler received honorary doctorates of humane letters at Yeshiva's Albert Einstein College of Medicine at a convocation held at the school's Bronx campus Sunday, November 18.

Dr. Hornberg, a Nobel Prize winner, is head of the biochemistry department at Stanford University; Dr. Shannon is a director of the National Institute of Health, and Mr. Weiler, a realtor and philanthropist, is chairman of Einstein's board of overseers.

At the testimonial dinner in honor of Mr. Weiler, following the convocation, it was announced that \$15,000,000 has thus far been directed to Einstein's \$27-500,000 construction fund, part of the University's "Blueprint for the Sixties".

The program includes plans for the 12 story Ullmann Research Center for Health Sciences, presently under construction, adjacent to the ten story basic sciences building. The research tower will provide facilities for the Departments of Genetics, Molecular Biology, Biophysics, and Cell Biology, and additional laboratory space for expansion of research programs in existing departments.

## Abrams Announces New RIETS Policy

All RIETS students who are absent without a valid excuse from either the morning sessions in the Beis Medrash, or from the afternoon Shiur will have letters sent to their parents, announced Mr. Norman B. Abrams, registrar of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Students who arrive at the Beis Medrash after the attendance has been checked, at 9:20 A.M., should report directly to the Office of RIETS (Room 110-Main Building) in order that the absence may be changed to a lateness. The ruling took effect on November 24.

The decision to inform parents is not due to increased absenteeism, stated Mr. Abrams, which is at a minimum, and is considered "almost perfect." However, there has been an unnecessary amount of lateness, which it is hoped, will be reduced by the new regulation.

Mr. Abrams added that parents complain about their son's progress and thus are entitled to be informed as to the extent of absence. Mr. Abrams further commented that although there is no cut system in RIETS, 5-7% absenteeism is expected and tolerated.

Although the attendance regulation was announced shortly after the appearance of a COMMENTATOR editorial criticizing the Beis Medrash attendance system, Mr. Abrams emphasized that there was "no connection whatsoever." "I did enjoy reading the editorial," he added.

on Jew and non-Jew alike.

### Easy Transition

The non-Jew must close the gap between savagery and civilization in one leap, while the Jew finds this prohibition a simple consequence of another commandment such as "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

## New Goals Set For Coming Blood Drive

Yeshiva College's fall blood drive will be held on Wednesday, December 19 in room 501 of Furst Hall. The blood collected will become part of the Red Cross Blood Bank.

The Red Cross guarantees to all blood donors and their families a "reasonable" supply of blood without cost, if they should need it within one year of their donation.

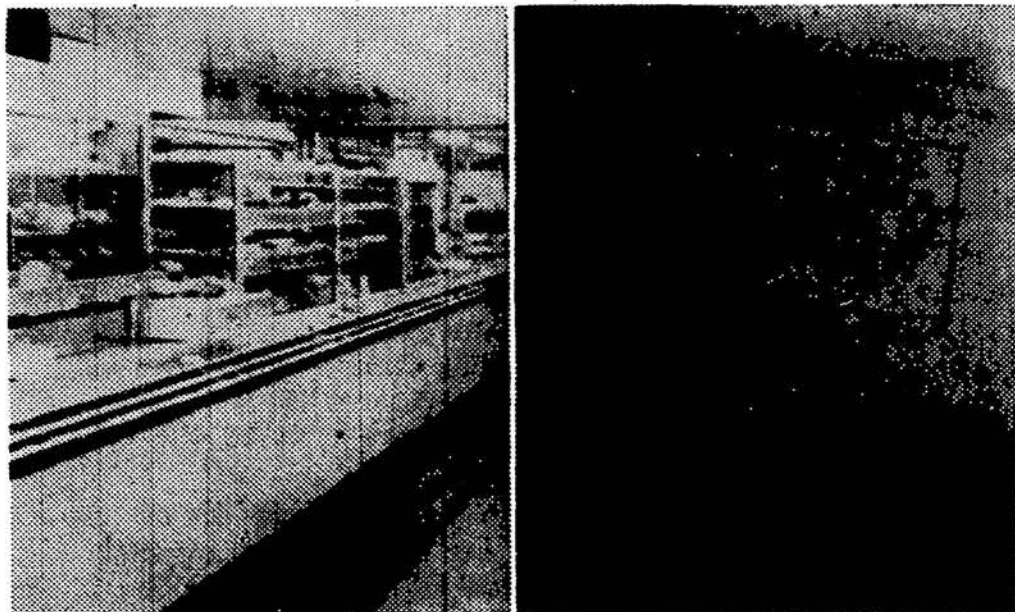
Robert Feinerman '63, chairman of the blood drive-committee, has set the goal for this year's collection at 200 pints of blood. The previous high was 184 pints.

Dean Bacon has asked all instructors not be schedule tests on the day of the blood drive.

# Students Stage Boycott Of University Cafeteria

The student bodies of Yeshiva University and Yeshiva University High School held a boycott of the University cafeteria during

after council learned that the administration would not allow it's vending machines to be installed in the Furst Hall student lounge.



University Cafeteria; November 28; 12:36 P.M.: Ordinarily the scene of the lunch-hour rush, the cafeteria is deserted because of student boycott.

lunch, Wednesday, November 28. The protest, sponsored by Yeshiva's Student Council, was planned

Mr. Rappaport pointed out that the protest was against administration repeated non-recognition,

# Lehman Leads YU List Of Heritage Winners

Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York, Joseph Myerhoff of Baltimore, and Meyer W. Gasner of Toronto have been named recipients of Yeshiva University's Heritage Award for 1962. The awards were established, according to President Belkin, to honor "outstanding in-

ernor of New York State and United States Senator, was cited by the University as "a distinguished public servant, a devoted advocate of freedom and equality, and a defender of human rights who has advanced his city, state and nation by his masterful and resourceful statesmanship."



(Top row, left to right): U.S. Senator Lehman, U.J.A. Chairman Joseph Merorhoff, Canadian Jewish leader Meyer J. Gasner. (Bottom row, left to right): Comptroller Abraham Beame, Jewish communal leader Myron Minsloff, Charles Silver, Executive Assistant to the Mayor for education and industrial development.

dividuals who exemplify the noble ideals of justice, learning and philanthropy inherent in our Jewish heritage." They will be presented at a Heritage Award Dinner on December 9 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Lehman, a former Gov-

Mr. Meyerhoff, a nationally prominent real estate developer, has been active in Jewish life nationally and in Baltimore, for more than twenty years. He now serves as general chairman of the National United Jewish Appeal. He is president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and was one of the organizers of the Israel Bond program. Mr. Meyerhoff is also president of the encyclopedia Judaica, which is now in preparation, and is a member of the board of governors of the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Mr. Gasner, president of International Parts, LTD. of Toronto, is a prominent leader in Canadian Jewish affairs. He has served as president of the United Jewish Appeal of Canada and of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, and is active in Israel Bond drives, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and in many local philanthropies.

### Silver, Chairman of Dinner

The general chairman of the Heritage Award Dinner is Charles H. Silver, executive assistant to the Mayor of New York for education and development, and a trustee of Yeshiva University. Abraham D. Beame, New York City comptroller, is serving as chairman. Myron A. Minsloff, a New York real estate developer, is chairman of the committee.

of council's demands and rights, rather than an objection to just one particular administrative act. He cited the fact that rooms in the new building were promised for Co-op, *Masmid*, and council, and that these proposed facilities were suddenly taken away.

Student Council at its last meeting voted unanimously to protest against the administration by staging a luncheon boycott. Mr. Rappaport called a meeting of council the next day.

Tuesday evening November 27, final and specific arrangements for the protest were outlined. Letters explaining the reasons for the boycott were mimeographed and distributed to students. Posters asking for complete cooperation with council were drawn up and placed throughout the school. Mr. Rappaport also sent a delegation of council members to the high school dormitory to inform the students and ask their support.



# The Commentator



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## "The Children's Hour"

In discussions of collegiate maturity, the misbehavior of a minority often completely counterbalances the considerate conduct of the majority. The minority does unfortunately exist and perhaps by pointing out some areas where improvement is called for may bring results.

It has become increasingly common for an innocent bystander to narrowly avoid disaster in the elevators between periods. Admittedly, it is difficult for students to descend one flight of stairs on foot during the ten minutes between classes, but, if a little consideration is shown in the mad dashes, perhaps a more favorable, though less permanent impression will be made on faculty and visitors.

Pollack Library is more than liberal in its lending policies yet several students have developed a compulsion to "borrow" books without consulting the librarian.

Lately, several Student Council and University signs of importance were removed by entirely unauthorized personnel.

There are many areas of school life where an occasional lapse on the part of a student may have unfortunate results. It is certainly not overly difficult to obtain permission to use the various pianos around the school. Nonetheless, there are those to whom the joy of music is incomplete without the preliminary picking of a lock.

Finally, there is one area where matters cannot be taken too lightly—the dormitory. It is one thing to have a little fun but not at two in the morning, and certainly not to the extent that neighbors are forced to complain.

In each instance the overwhelming majority of the students are completely innocent, and yet the good is often completely negated by a few acts that are not fitting of *bnei Torah*. The sooner these few realize this, the better.

## "Breakfast At Tiffany's"

A major source of Student Council income has been jeopardized by an "administrative decision." One notes with satisfaction, therefore, the reaction of a united student body; for, the administration has revoked the right of the sole franchise of "all refreshment machines in the main academic center." The decision by Student Council to

demonstrate dissatisfaction and to protest administration dominance is praised by THE COMMENTATOR as a major achievement of the present organization.

At this time it would be wise to emphasize that the action taken in this matter was one which was carefully deliberated. It was only after repeated efforts by members of student government and meetings with the administration which attempted to achieve a settlement, that the boycott was finally organized.

It was staged to demonstrate student unity on this matter, and the student response by refusing to cross the picket lines was most gratifying. This reaction serves to point to a student body which is concerned with the workings of its student government, and ready to back the decisions of council with supporting action.

## "Lonely Are The Brave"

The varsity squads start their respective seasons this week and will again operate under the handicaps of long hours, heavy academic programs, and lack of facilities.

It is, therefore, essential that we fulfill certain responsibilities to the members of these squads. We can't construct facilities, but we can attend varsity events. The teams make real sacrifices to represent Yeshiva; the least they can expect is unequivocal support not only from students but from faculty members as well. If the basketball and tennis squads can travel all over the city for their practice sessions, then the students can make the much easier effort of attending some of the events. If the wrestling and fencing team can travel out of state for matches, then we must at least support them when they compete at home.

Yeshiva's athletes have, for too long, depended upon the efforts of a small group of dedicated participants and instructors rather than on the University as a whole. Let us make this season a banner one for the athletic teams of Yeshiva.

## "Manchurian Candidate"

Since the beginning of the semester, there has been a certain unrest among the Yeshiva College seniors in attendance at RIETS. They have complained about the lack of space and the abundance of noise in the Beis Medrash. They have agitated against the rigid attendance system that is in use.

In an attempt to end these problems, Mr. Abrams, registrar of RIETS, has given the seniors permission to check their own attendance and the opportunity to spend their morning hours in areas which are more conducive to independent study.

Mr. Abrams should be commended for this decision to place more trust in the maturity of the students.

It disturbs us, however, to see that a number of students have misused this trust and have taken ill-advantage of this added freedom. We ask these individuals to pause and realize that this may very well be the last year that they will engage in any form of supervised study of *gemara*. These last few months should be regarded as the most precious of all and are not to be insensibly wasted.

## Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The letter of Mr. Kaplan in the November 1 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, which I received today only 19 days late, is one to be read with mixed feelings. Mr. Kaplan justly criticizes the apathetic attitude which many of the students, faculty, and Administration take toward the Co-op Store. Mr. Kaplan, who is entering his second year as manager (I believe) is somewhat more optimistic than previous Co-op managers, and tried to improve the store internally. The Co-op staff deserves recognition, and Mr. Kaplan's plea should not remain unheard.

But I am concerned greatly over the possibility that the Co-op is contemplating expansion into the record field. Two years ago, Student Council voted, in accordance with the recommendation of the Governing Board of the Co-op, to restrict the Store, to stationery, text books, and Y.U. sweatshirts. The decision by the Governing Board was not a hasty one; deliberations encompassed a two-year period. In fact, a decision to eliminate Co-op was taken by the Governing Board in 1959, only to be overruled by Council.

A number of reasons to reduce the size of Co-op were presented.

There is rarely continuity in Co-op managerial staff; thus, by the time a manager learns his job—mostly from his errors—he turns it over to a novice. The number of hours demanded from the staff makes it difficult to find competent personnel. A larger staff increases temptation. A larger store also increases temptation. The larger the store, the larger the inventory, the larger the losses, if the present pricing policy is maintained. If prices are raised to cover losses, Co-op's *raison d'être* is in question.

I do not think that I have thrashed a straw man, even though the Kaplan letter mentions only "records". (Incidentally, for technical reasons, this is one of the worst possible choices with which to begin an expansion program.) But this is exactly how the first expansion began. Co-op started stationary and candy-bars, until, little by little, it stocked records, books, ash-trays, radios, time-clocks, one phonograph, stuffed animals, concert and show tickets, and other items. Inventories increased correspondingly, and the small profits of the store were turned into large losses. As the contemporaries of this period leave Yeshiva, past history is for-

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## Campus Chatter

by David Chasan

Last week a memorandum appeared on a bulletin board in Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism saying: "Columbia University will issue Plaid Stamps to students upon payment of fees."

But after a thorough check, the harried assistant controller announced that Plaid Stamps, which amount to a two or three per cent discount would cost the University almost \$300,000. So the ubiquitous trading stamps were deemed academically unacceptable.

It was revealed later that the prank had been the work of two members of the journalism class of 1962.

Despite vigorous student and alumni protests, the trustees of Williams College have announced detailed plans to eliminate their fraternity system. Next September the college will begin assuming the function of providing room, board and social accommodations which have formerly been assumed by the fifteen Greek letter fraternities.

A committee appointed to examine the fraternity system reported that the fraternities were playing a "disproportionate role" in undergraduate life. They found the fraternities "so all-encompassing that their influence tended to interfere with the broader, more inclusive ends of the college itself."

Many universities are considering possible changes in their school calendars. Among the various under consideration are the following:

**Dartmouth**—Three terms of ten weeks each. Each student takes three courses per term.

**University of Pittsburgh**—Trimester system. First Semester be-

gins early in September and runs till the end of December. A second semester runs till the summer and an optional summer term is offered. Each term is fifteen weeks long. There is no examination period—professors who give exams present them in regular class time.

**University of Pennsylvania**—Early starting semester system with split summer system. Students can study all or only half the summer.

**Pennsylvania State**—four terms per year. Class periods are 75 minutes with twenty minute intervals.

**Harvard College**—Semester system with a reading period in January (A reading period is a few days or weeks at the end of a term during which a student may review assigned reading of the term past or delve into outside reading).

**Increased international content of introductory courses for freshman and sophomores will be started at Northwestern University** under a \$150,000 grant by the Carnegie Corporation. Six members of the faculty have been on leave of absence for world-wide travel to prepare material. Northwestern will also prepare texts, syllabi, and reading material for the use of other colleges who want to expand the international content of their courses.

The Long Island University administration has announced that any individual currently under indictment or who might incite a riot will be prohibited from speaking at the University. Thus a speaker such as Gus Hall would not be banned from speaking because of his ideology but because he is under indictment.

The Professor Exposed

Dr. Eli Sar

by Irwin Geller

Dr. Eli Sar, the new medical director of the college, is a man who states, "You have to have attended Yeshiva University to really understand the student's problems." A Yeshiva University graduate recently promoted from his post as College Physician, Dr. Sar reveals his understanding with a frank sympathy.

"The rather debilitated condition of the Yeshiva college student is a direct result of the long hours. Overwork and lack of sleep



University Physician Sar

result in lowered resistance and slower respiration. Psychologically, the double program makes it tough to get in those extra-curricular activities that are a part of college life."

Dr. Sar, finds that his new post, a five-day week routine, keeps him too busy to give his popular hygiene courses. He also attends to a few details on the side, such as practicing Internal Medicine and joining his wife in rearing two boys, one ten and the other fourteen.

Liners Uppers

The impact of his withdrawal from the classroom, however, appears to be lessened by the situation which finds a goodly percentage of the college lined up daily in his waiting room. This perennial horde of pajama-armored, germ-jousting knights who venture dauntlessly in quest of the prized "excused from classes", and who lay siege to Dr. Sar's office long before the sentries trumpet his arrival, are commonly known as malingers, but find a defender in Dr. Sar.

He believes that there are no more goldbrickers or psychologically-induced illnesses at Yeshiva College than at other colleges, but reiterated his awareness of the added pressure here. He wishes that illness-prone or normally weak students should think twice before coming to Yeshiva's door.

After graduating from Yeshiva University in 1941, Dr. Sar attended Creighton University.

Dr. Sar Remembers

"When I went here there were fewer than 200 students in the college. We were like a big fraternity and while classes were held at odd hours, there was not as much work as now."

In his hygiene courses, given in the Main Building in the fourth floor tiered lecture hall, he was fond of pointing out how he and his buddies would slip out the back door while the professor worked out a formula on the board. "We had lots of fun, even stating the case mildly."

Commenting on the Yeshiva student's social graces, specifically on dating, Dr. Sar notes that he had consistently advocated sociability in his hygiene lectures. He feels that it not only breaks the routine, but also greatly aids in the wise determination of a lifetime mate.

"Don't Stop Me"

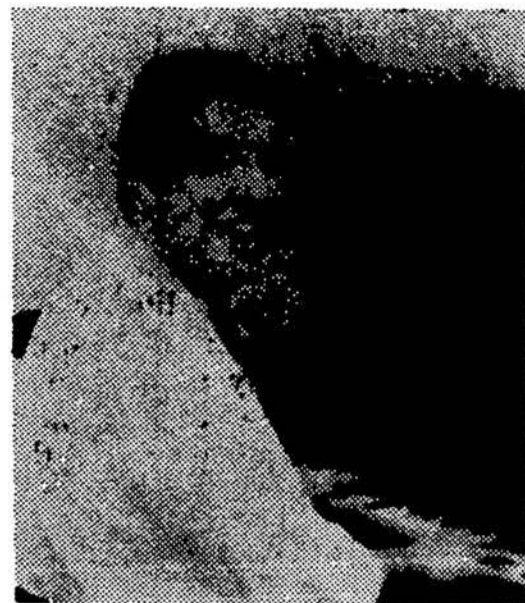
A less beneficial habit contracted by students is smoking, which Dr. Sar holds to be deleterious. "Anyone who can stop smoking should—but don't try to stop me."

A topic on which Dr. Sar waxes loud and clear is *Derech Eretz* which, he claims, should not be confused with its usual translation, "manners." "The Ivies have it all over you when it comes to social poise and opening doors and the like but," Dr. Sar goes on, "true *Derech Eretz* is inseparable from *Torah*." He attributes the general improvement in manners and *Derech Eretz* to the new cosmopolitan atmosphere at Yeshiva.

With areas outside New York contributing a growing percentage of students, the manners imported from outside New York appears, he claims, to have a good influence.

Set Dramatics Workshop For Entire Student Body

A dramatics workshop, designed to teach techniques of the theater, has been established by the Yeshiva University Dramatics Society.



Dan Ziff, President of Dramatics Society.

Open to the entire Yeshiva student body, it will meet according to the Thursday club rotation in room 214 of Furst Hall.

Daniel Ziff '63, president of the Dramatics Society, said: "Our aim is to improve the quality of dramatic productions at Yeshiva, as well as personally benefit interested students." Among the dramatic aspects to be taught at

the workshop are, the methods of presenting drama, (comedy, farce and musical), and the art of writing, directing, and producing.

Other Responsibilities

The workshop becomes the third function under the direction of the Dramatics Society. The Dean's Reception and the Senior Varsity Show are already the Dramatic Society's responsibilities.

The format of this year's Dean's Reception has been slightly altered. The freshman class, previously not part of the program, is being invited to present short acts in between the sophomore and junior productions. The freshman, however, will not be eligible to receive the Dean's Award, given to the class which has the evening's best performance.

Faculty Advice

Mrs. Thomas Ohlson, faculty advisor of the Dramatics Society, has agreed to also head the new dramatics workshop. A graduate of Occidental College, where she received her B.A. degree in Speech and Drama, she has been associated with dramatics at Northwestern University, and has done some work in summer stock and Off-Broadway.

Youthful Memories Make for Light Reading; Raphael Examines Silence of the Centuries

by Alan Dershowitz

An Oxford education, a lectureship in Hebrew, and a distinguished career as a British public servant have helped to provide Chaim Raphael with his aristocratic grace, serenity and humor.

His brief essays in autobiography are a delight. Soon one discovers his *Members of a Special Case*, a seemingly nostalgic memoir of childhood, intellectual pursuits, and various adventures in Spain, Palestine, England, and America, deals essentially with nothing less than all the majesty, anguish, and tenderness of the Jewish inheritance.

On the part of non-Jews, it has become fashionable, as a demonstration of benevolence, to speak about the glories of the Judaeo-Christian tradition. Inclusion in this binomial supposedly makes Jews happy. Perhaps they would be if more of those who bantey the term about had some clear notion of its elements.

Not A Birthright

But neither to Jew nor to Christian is such knowledge a birthright. What Mr. Raphael calls "the brooding silence of the centuries" remained awesome but mute, transmitting nothing until the intellect questions the texts of dogma and history.

One can start early. As a child in the north of England, Mr. Raphael learned from his father, the cantor in the synagogue, how to chant from the scroll. "Going through the whole Pentateuch once a year, starting in September, I associated the stories in the weekly portion with its own

special season.

It was this he remembered when years later he heard the Law read in a dark low room in Tangiers. "The words of the Law had fallen happily, comfortably on my ears. But the chant was different here. Behind the ancient sound I was listening for cheerful voices and the gulls' raucous cry on a cold seashore."

Intermediate Loyalties

"He realized then that just as his father had been a Russian Jew, he was an English Jew. That was very important to him; there were the intermediate loyalties as well as the ineradicable loyalties to distant origins. When the Spanish expelled the Jews in 1492 some "found homes in lands of the Eastern Mediterranean. There they went on singing the Spanish folk songs, and remembering the old country." The Jews were above nationality only in their faith, only as scholars.

One quality of this people, according to Raphael, was that they made their *schul* a place in which to celebrate man as a reasoning being: "... truth only existed when one pursued it; and in pursuit of the truth they took off in the Gemara and Midrash on a great splurge of exegesis, history, law, science, and anecdote, and common sense—a burst of reason that was boundless. . . .

They wrestled with the angel; they harassed Moses. In this way man shows his divinity, his content, his endless rebellion against whatever system would attempt

to set limits to his aspirations.

Book of Stories

But this is a book about people and places, a book of stories. It is unjust to be presenting it as if it were a treatise on Jewish history and spiritual life.

There is the beautiful and enigmatic Yael; Rabbi Taub, the author's Hebrew teacher who was eloquent only in Yiddish "as a Jew from Russia, his heart full of the anguish of his people," when he preaches on Yom Kippur at Neilah.

There is Jonas, who derided the wisdom of Solomon and who refused to be buried in holy ground. There is Mr. Shapiro, in Palestine, who wants to export holy water from the Jordan to England.

In the British "Who's Who," which likes to list recreation's, Mr. Raphael gives "America" as his. Raphael quotes Isaiah on our ladies of the Madison Avenue lunch hour. "For the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes; walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet." But he adds, "Where can one enjoy the thought of England as much as in New York?"

Visit Israel With T.I. Plan

Yeshiva's Juniors, Stern's Freshmen; A Swinging Time

The annual Yeshiva College Junior-Stern Freshman social was held Saturday night, November 17, at Stern College for Women. Eighty Yeshiva Juniors descended upon Stern with the avowed purpose of fulfilling item number 11 on the scavenger hunt list handed them—"Look For Girl . . ."

This scavenger hunt was designed to establish closer (but not physical) contact between the students at Yeshiva and at Stern; it also succeeded in bringing to light certain tidbits of information. For example, few Yeshiva boys wear *tzitzis* (at night, that is), and even fewer wear—or admit it—contact lenses.

The theme of the evening was *Kibbutz Galuyot*, and the program was built around this motif.

Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School of Science has received an \$11,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for research in "Overdetermined Systems of Partial Differential Equations". The investigation will be supervised by Dr. Leopold Flatto, visiting assistant professor of mathematics.

Dr. Flatto, a 33 year old native of Belgium, was graduated from City College and received an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has held his present position at Yeshiva since September 1961.

The major contribution of Yeshiva was a skit by Mitch Wolf and Marty Mantel portraying an interview with Ben-Gurion who had expected a crowd of 600—"to equal the number of our ancestors who splashed across the Puddle of Reeds."

A YC trio, The Castaways sang Calypso songs and Ha' Navah Babanot. Included in the evening's entertainment were songs and dances performed by the Stern Freshman.

Werzweiler School To Hold Lectures

Yeshiva University's Werzweiler School of Social Work will sponsor four lectures on "Current Issues in Jewish Social Work Practice" during the 1962-63 academic year.

The lectures will be held at the school located at 110 West 57th Street.

The lecturers will be: Mrs. Florence L. Beatman, executive director of the Jewish Family Service, November 13; Irving Bradsky, general director of Associated YM-YWHA's of Greater New York, December 11; Jacob L. Frobe, executive director, Jewish Child Care Association of New York, February 19; and Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, executive vice president, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, March 19.

**The President Speaks:**

**Letter Is Revelation**

by Joseph Rapaport

On February 11, 1959 Mr. Raphael Weinberg, the President of Yeshiva College Student Council received a letter which verified Dr. Belkin's decision concerning vending machines. The following is a text of the letter.

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

In accordance with the agreement reached by the Student Council with Dr. Belkin, I wish to verify the following:

1. All refreshment machines in the Main Academic Center including the Yeshiva College Dormitory, Graduate Hall, and Science Hall, are sole property of Student Council, represented by the Co-op store.
2. Any sandwich machines are the sole property of Yeshiva University Cafeteria.
3. Any other type of machine, such as a pen machine, cannot be installed without the consent of the Office of the President and Student Council.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Ellenberg,  
Secretary to the President

The money earned from machines enables council to finance many of its activities. Rather than ask for a raise of the Student Activities Fee, council asked for the right to earn funds for themselves. This they did, and did successfully.

**Lack of Customers**

But, suddenly the revenue had stopped coming the machines no longer had customers. The college had moved to a new site and Graduate Hall had been "razed." When council, therefore, logically asked permission to install their machine in the student lounge, located in the new college building, they were told that an "administrative decision" which was "not open to negotiation" had been reached, and that another party, and not council, would be permitted to install the machines. Furthermore, no reason was given for this pronouncement.

That Student Council has been understanding with regard to administrative decisions is evident. The new class room-administration building was promised last year to serve as a panacea for the ills besetting student life. We were promised offices for Council and THE COMMENTATOR, Masmid and other student activities, and we were told that Co-op would be revitalized as a result of its spacious new surroundings. When these glorious new plans did not reach fruition, council did not complain. The situation "could not be helped," and sheer grumbling would simply be evidence of a lack of tact."

**Lack of Tact**

It would seem that the administration is now guilty of a gross lack of tact by refusing to allow council to install the vending machines on the same floor as the non-existent student offices. This decision is seemingly

a blind one; no reasons were given and there is to be no discussion on the matter.

After examining the facts, or should I say absence of facts, Student Council voted unanimously to stage a boycott of the Yeshiva Cafeteria. The student boycott which took place Wednesday, November 28, is proof that the student body will not be dealt with unjustly.

Friction between students and administration is unpleasant and it might have been prevented with fairness and understanding on the part of certain members of the administration.

**Seniors Hold First Smoker; Provide Beer And Pretzels**

The first annual senior smoker was held last Monday evening at 10 P.M. in Room 404 of the Main Building. Under the super-

beer, pretzels, and old jokes.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Grant on the clarinet, and Tommy Blass on the garbage pail.



The boys live it up at annual affair.

vision of Al Schoffman '63, Bert Sirote '63, and President of the Senior Class, Arnie Grant, the smoker featured the customary

The evening was highlighted by the singing of several choruses of the "doo-da" song and other Yeshiva favorites.

**Fiancee Is Pretty Girl; But She Can Not Cook**

by Bruce Rachlin

Having satiated my desire to discuss the situation in Berlin as I saw it, I shall naturally turn my attention to the sublime.

It occurs to me that I have recently become engaged. This probably is less significant than I think, also less sublime.

My fiancee is a lovely girl. Everyone tells me that I'll be happy. Really, faced with this hail of encouragement from my bachelor friends, I cannot help but be convinced.

**Sympathy and Airforce**

My mother-in-law promises to be sympathetic. She has given me a book to read, *The Raven and Other Tales*. This, of course, is not the only gift we've received. There was an all day sucker from my five year old sister, a P-54 model with glue from my twelve year old brother, and a hearty *mazel tov* from my father who does not yet realize that he is gaining a daughter.

I have just learned that the *calah* cannot cook. She has introduced this fact with the comment,

"Can't you do anything!?" I realize that this is hardly the place for philosophical speculation, but really one must establish his suzerainty immediately if he hopes to prevail. Accordingly, I have made it clear that before our marriage I will learn to cook, thus stifling further comment.

**Prosperous Family**

Unfortunately, the bride's family are all prosperous and respected, forcing them to gauge my accomplishments in a distorted light. I don't mind, and can appreciate their concern with social status; but really to condemn me because my school doesn't give football scholarships seemed rather severe.

As the wedding approaches, the enormity of this plan becomes more evident. I begin to have doubts. I think that I should wait a couple of years or five or seven. Oh well, I'm not surprised that I've fallen prey. After all, getting married is so popular today many people do it two or three times.

**YC Open House To High Schoolers**

Yeshiva College has extended invitations for an open house to be held Sunday, December 9, to all high school juniors and seniors who are interested in attending the college. Parents of the students are also invited to attend.

Career opportunities in the arts and sciences will be discussed, as well as the Jewish Studies programs.

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**Letters To The Editor**

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Yours truly,  
Jonas Prager, '59

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To the Editor:

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Mr. Botvinick's problems are ones which face many Americans today, namely, that they are so used to Communist advances and to the conditioned reflex that is our passive foreign policy, that if for a change our Administration takes a positive stand against the Communist menace, no matter how weak it is compared to other alternatives, they are pleasantly surprised and heap praise on our "youthful and vigorous" President.

**Realities**

In reality, the government's recent actions with regard to Cuba have only diminished the possibility of ridding ourselves of the Communist cancer 90 miles from our shores because in exchange for the removal of the Soviet missiles from Cuba, the administration has pledged not to invade Cuba.

And since, as almost any clear-headed person will concede, the only real and final solution is the invasion of Cuba, we were better

off before the naval blockade when we had as yet not made any non-invasion promise.

The very fact that President Kennedy ordered only a naval blockade instead of sending in the marines, indicates that the fear of creating a bad image in the eyes of the world is still a large factor in determining foreign policy.

I am sure that the mere presence of American ships would not send Castro scampering back to the Sierra Maestras, nor would it send the thousands of Russian "technicians" back to their daches in the suburbs of Moscow.

Since today world opinion is synonymous with the opinion of the Afro-Asian neutralist bloc, who have consistently shown that they are impartial in favor of the Communists, I don't see how there is hope, as Mr. Botvinick seems to imply, that the Kennedy administration will take a more aggressive stand against Communism in the future.

Yours truly,  
Thomas Blass '63

**Problems**

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A liberal Orthodox organ is lacking in the area of Anglo-Jewish journalism; before, however, Yeshiva University alumni form one, the following problems need to be solved:

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If these obstacles can be overcome, may the attempt be blessed.

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**Kosher Dining Club**

Dear Mr. Zomick:

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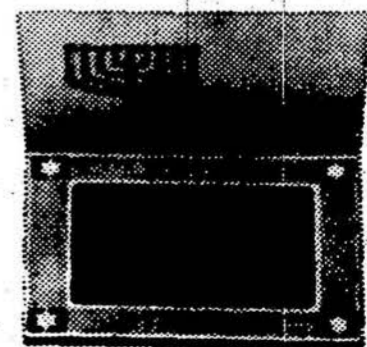
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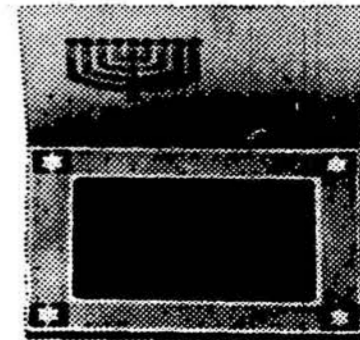
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## Varsity Schedule for the Next Two Weeks

Date	Team	vs.	Place
Dec. 3	Basketball	King's Point	Away
Dec. 5	Wrestling	Hunter	Home
Dec. 6	Basketball	Fairfield Power Memorial—161 W. 61 St.	Home
Dec. 8	Basketball	Patterson State	"
Dec. 10	Wrestling	Columbia	Away
Dec. 10	Fencing	Fairleigh Dickinson	Home
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Dec. 12	Basketball	L.I.U.	Away
Dec. 12	Wrestling	Orange County	Away
Dec. 15	Basketball	Rider	Home
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## Basketball League Starts 8th Season

The Metropolitan Jewish High School League has started its 8th season with the usual troubles. The first month of play has seen every team except Rabbi Jacob Joseph lose at least once, indicative of a well balanced league. R. J. J. has moved into an early season lead on the strength of 3 successive victories. Its players have shown good team play and spirit under new coach Joe Schenker. Simmy Regeur, playing in the back court, has been outstanding for the Raiders.

Brooklyn Yeshiva and Flatbush have both made their presence known. The latter's 6'5" Jerry Berman scored 34 points in a recent game, and BTA's squad has shown good shooting and rebounding. Defending champion

### MJHSL League Standings (Compiled as of Nov. 26)

	W	L
R.J.J.	3	0
Flatbush	2	1
Brooklyn	1	1
H.I.L.I.	2	2
Elizabeth	2	2
Manhattan	2	3
Ramaz	0	3

Hebrew Institute of Long Island, got off to a good start with successive victories before losing. Manhattan Yeshiva, after a poor start, has gotten back into contention with consecutive victories. Ramaz has a small but determined squad coached by ex-Yeshiva star Marty Hershkowitz. It has yet to win but is determined to play the role of spoiler. New entry, Elizabeth, has had surprising success in its debut. Ray Aboff has been a key factor in the New Jersey school's 2-2 record.

The first 5 teams qualify for the playoffs and the league champion automatically plays in Madison Square Garden for the Norman Palefski Memorial Trophy against the winner of a playoff series between the 4 teams following in league standings.

Manhattan coach and league director Hy Wettstein is hopeful of securing larger courts to accommodate the huge crowds which he expects.

The present team, despite the graduation of Josh Muss and the temporary absences of Mike Wise, and Ezra Goodman who are now in Israel, is composed mainly of veterans, with a few promising freshman.

The number one player is sophomore Mike Samet, whose record last year was the team's best. The number two player is junior co-captain Eddie Schlusel, who also compiled a very fine record last year. The other co-captain is senior Itzy Balk the number three player. A transfer from Pittsburgh, Itzy has helped YU greatly in its success.

Jeff Tillman

The fourth starter is Jeffrey Tillman, who racked up a 9-1 record two years ago as a freshman, and last year continued his fine play. The fifth starter will come from a group of improved returning lettermen: Barry Schreiber, Dave Gordon, Louis Saperstein, and Maurice Reifman, who doubles as the team's capable manager.

Coach Epstein says of this year's team: "Of all my years at Yeshiva, this year has brought me some of the fine men who are willing to do their most for their alma mater." Mr. Epstein himself is a pro tennis coach who has been approved by the State Department to go to Israel and coach the Davis Cup team.

Aids Laver

This year he helped coach Rod Laver to his grand slam victory in amateur tennis. He is very highly regarded by the team members. Says co-captain Schlusel about his coach: "Everyone on the team hopes that he can pick up from our mentor the five basic strokes he is trying to teach us. We on the team are proud of him and we feel sure he will leave a fine reputation behind him wherever he goes."

This year the team plays an extended schedule of 10 games, with such top teams as Brooklyn and LIU on the agenda. Practice is at the 143rd Street Armory on Wednesday nights.

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# YU's Fencers Lose Key Men, Tauber Pessimistic With Hope

The advent of the 1962-63 fencing season finds coach Arthur Tauber pessimistic, as usual, about his team's chances. The loss of some men because of graduation, drop-outs, trips to Israel, and general apathy has served to further dishearten the usually grim coach.

He has set a personal goal this season. He hopes for enough victories to enable him to reach an overall record of 100 wins. The team's record beginning this season is 94-20. When asked if he thinks he will make it, he smiled and said, "I'm pessimistic, but hope for the best."



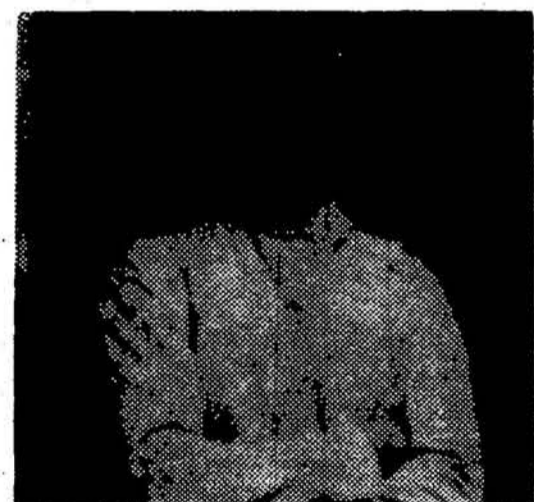
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Couch Tauber's main complaint is that the team is erratic. "One day they can take anybody, anywhere," said the coach. "The next day you think anybody with two arms and two legs can beat them."

There are six regulars returning to the team this year. All are seniors. If these six men perform as they should we could have a record of at least 6 and 4, possibly 7 and 3. This depends on the dedication and desire to win.

### Where Strength Lies

Our main strength is in the epee competition. Here Steve Rothman and Barry Konovitch are two mainstays. They will be ably backed by Jerry Chanes and William Silber. The foil team is



Epeeeman Silber

capable of very good play, but is inconsistent.

Alan Schuffman, Myron Socol Warren Goldman, and Lennie Pinchuk are our hopes in this class. Our weakest link is in saber. Tauber has had to build a completely new saber team and the results of his labors haven't been fruitful yet. Manny Meller, Abba Borowitch, Dan Landsman, Marty Rosman, and Alan Felsenfeld are the boys who have to come through in the field.

### No Super Stars

There are no super stars on the team and good teamwork and cooperation will be needed for a successful season. Some rousing support from the student body would not hurt either.

"Our schedule is a pretty rough

one. We again face Brooklyn, and Newark-Rutgers, both of whom were victorious in matches with us last season. In addition Drew, Paterson State, New York Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson will provide us with some stiff competition."

As most of the members on this year's team are seniors the coach was asked about future prospects. He replied that there are no special new faces for next year and there won't be any until February or March when fencing

sessions will begin in earnest. Coach Tauber was emphatic in his desire for more lower classmen to come out for the varsity. He points out that previous experience is not a prerequisite; the current members had none when they joined.

All in all, the coach feels that on paper we don't seem too encouraging, but if determination and team spirit are high, we could surprise quite a few people and end up with a real good season.

### On The Sidelines

## Tri-State Preview



by Danny Halpert

The established practice in athletics of speculating about the forthcoming season is again in vogue as the 1962-63 collegiate basketball season begins. For Yeshiva partisans, chief interest centers around the tri-state league. Y.U.'s prospects in league play are inexorably linked with the fortunes of the nine other members.

Fairfield is considered a heavy favorite to cop another league crown. The Stags have won 26 successive league games and will seek to add to it Dec. 6, against YU. This is one game that the student body should make a determined effort to attend. It shapes up as a real battle in view of the Mites' defeat last year on Fairfield's home court. The Connecticut five has a veteran team and plays Providence, Canasius, Seton Hall, and Fordham, all powers.

Many of the other teams are handicapped due to the graduation of their key members. At Hunter, Charley Rosen's loss could make for a difficult season. The Bronx quintet may have a tough time on the boards. City College will be without the services of Tor Nilson but reports are that it has a big squad and will be troublesome. Brooklyn College could be a surprise. It had a fine frosh team last year which together with returning aces Ira Smolev and Al Rosenthal could make B.C. a spoiler in league play.

Long Island University has a small but speedy squad led by back-court performer Rico dos Anjos. LIU coach Ray Rubin could commiserate with Bernie Sarachek about lack of a big man but the Birds may have a solution to their problem in 6'4" sophomore Mark Stuart, high scorer of last season's Frosh squad.

Adelphi appears to be building a future powerhouse. Coach George Faherty of the Garden City Long Island five is hopeful that sophomores Steve Mallis, Frank D'Agostino, Bob Goldstein, and Ed Feldman can blend with returning lettermen to eventually form a contender.

However, it is a New Jersey quintet who could pose the most immediate challenge to Fairfield's long supremacy. Rider has key men returning in Bob Barrett, Nick Serban, Mike Brown, all of whom averaged in double figures last year. A junior college transfer from Kentucky, 6'4" 200 pounder Charlie Jackson, looms as a certain starter.

Fairleigh Dickinson and Bridgeport have both lost key men. The former will be hurting with the loss of Tom Fox and Morty Gozdovich while Fairfield's arch-rival will miss Tri-state high scorer Dan Morello.

Yeshiva could be the real sleeper of the league. In spite of the loss of Sam Grossman, we have a good deal of talent. Lack of size will be a constant problem but if we play up our potential a first division finish is a distinct possibility. Championship contention is still a year off but with some breaks we might ever make pretensions in this area. Games with Fairfield and Rider will be decisive in this regard.

### Sports Spots

Coach Bernie Sarachek has announced that due to lack of funds for use of the gym, the annual alumni game scheduled for Dec. 1 has been cancelled at Power Memorial . . . Herb Schlager's contributions to the wrestling team's fortunes as assistant manager were regrettably not noted in the last OTS column . . . Freshman Harvey Ostreicher has been added to the varsity basketball roster by Coach Bernie Sarachek . . . The squad recently scrimmaged St. Francis of Brooklyn and came out on top. The Brooklyn boys are rough but lack finesse . . . The Mites may go to Canada to play McGill University during intercession. But it is tentative, as one may guess, upon availability of funds . . . Physical education instructor and intramural director Hy Wettstein's son Joe has been named first team goalie in the Rockland-Westchester Soccer League. The Spring Valley senior also plays a lot of basket-ball . . . Just two Juniors, Ed Schlusel and Irv Treitel, showed up for a recent intramural game and the Seniors won by forfeit. This is another indication of outstanding class spirit.

The college freshmen will play Manhattan Yeshiva's Varsity Five at George Washington High School.