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## Yeshiva Mourns Passing Of Rav Henschel Fishman

World Jewry suffered a great loss with the tragic passing of Rabbi Henschel Fishman z"tl on December 7, the 13th of Kislev. Rav Fishman—an outstanding student of the *gedolai hador* of the previous generation, *Harav* Velvel Soloveichik z"tl and *Harav* Elchanan Wasserman z"tl—succumbed after a long illness at the age of 52, at Beth Israel Hospital.

Born in Boroze, Poland, he started his education there and continued further at the Polish centers of learning, Brisk and Mir. In the evacuation attempting to escape the Nazi



Rav Fishman z.t.l.  
(YU Public Relations)



Crowds throng leviah  
(J. Meltzer)

holocaust, Rav Fishman, along with other students at Mir, migrated to Shanghai. After coming to the United States and New York City, he taught for some time at Yeshiva Salanter, and then joined the faculty of RIETS in 1953. He had, until his demise, taught a sophomore *shiur*.

Two *hespedim* were held in memory of the late *Rosh Yeshiva*, one at the Pike Street *Shul*, where he was eulogized by *Harav* Moshe Feinstein among others, and one at Yeshiva University. Due to the size of the assemblage, the uptown *hesped* was moved to the Lamport Auditorium from the *Beth HaMedrash*.

A feeling of utter despair ran through the crowded auditorium as the coffin containing Rav Fishman's body was carried in. Tears flowed unabashedly from students as they paid respects to their *Rosh Yeshiva*.

### Belkin Speaks

Dr. Belkin spoke first. Reminding the students of the *Gemara's* definition of a Scholar and *Tzaddik*, the University's President recalled the fineness of soul and mind which made Rav Fishman one of the most beloved *rebbe's* in the Yeshiva.

Following Dr. Belkin, *Harav* Soloveitchik said, "I feel  
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## YC-SC Lecture Series Continues; Miss Day Explains Catholic Worker

Speaking at the second Yeshiva College-Stern College lecture, Miss Dorothy Day, leader of the Catholic Workers' movement and editor of its newspaper, "The Catholic Worker", presented the talk, "The Conscience of a Catholic". Chaired by Ted Miller of the Dormitory Committee, the lecture was held on December 12, before a combined audience of Yeshiva and Stern College students.

Miss Day emphasized that a person should act primarily to his conscience. Dogma should be viewed only as a secondary concern. Thus, she explained, the self-immolation of Roger Laporte could be justified, even though condemned by many Church officials, if



Ted Miller '68 (left) and Dr. Irving Greenberg (right) moderated the second Dorm Committee YC-Stern Lecture as Catholic Worker Dorothy Day spoke.  
(I. Halberstam)

the individual's conscience dictates pacifism.

Discussing the origin and work of the movement which she heads, Miss Day noted the voluntary

commitment of all members to a life of dedication to the poor and ill. It was noted that this dedication is the main unifying force of the organization.

## Council Condones Tuition Hike; Considers Forming Betar Club

Heated arguments flared during the discussion of many vital issues at the four hour student council meeting held in the *schul* of Rubin Hall.

Since this was the first meeting at which the newly elected freshman class officers attended, Stan Fishman, election committee chairman, introduced them to the council. "I'm sure," he said, "that the elected officers are competent and will do a fine job," but he expressed disappointment at the small turnout of freshman voters.

After a short *Maariv* recess, a petition was presented for the formation of a Betar Club. At this point President Joseph Isaiah Berlin seized the opportunity to explain the involved process in forming a club. Council votes on the petition containing ten signatures as to whether it should be accepted or not.

Betar is a Zionist movement designed to persuade Jewish youth to immigrate to and settle in Israel. An argument ensued between Joel Poupko and Hyman Fishgrund. Poupko charged that "Betar is out of the *halachic* situation," and Fishgrund attempted to rebut this point.

Following a few parliamentary attempts to end the discussion, a motion was passed tabling the discussion until the next meeting.

During a discussion on the recreational facilities, Mr. Berlin passed on the college administration's suggestions that all students sign a petition that they recognize their responsibility for any damage or loss occurring to new additions. Council voted down this motion with the stated feelings that such an act would reduce the students to mere "inmates" who are being treated like children. Many of the council members felt that responsibility for damages would not depend on any signed paper. Either

they would be responsible without any signed papers or they could not be held responsible on account of their signature.

Senior Class President Isadore Halberstam moved that there be a student lounge inspector with the authority to appeal to Student



Attentive audience listens to Student Council discussion.  
(I. Rapaport)

Court. Mr. Howard Davis, a former chairman of the Dorm Committee, pointed out that all students have the right to subpoena any student to the Student Court on this basis. Mr. Halberstam withdrew his motion.

When the issue of the proposed tuition increase was brought up it was pointed out that: 1) No col-

lege has any sort of financial freeze, 2) The College has the right to increase the tuition, 3) Mr. Socol has the right to, and does manipulate the scholarship loans. 4) The scholarship stipend most probably will be increased in proportion to the rise in tuition.

Among the reasons given for the increase in tuition were the raise in Regents State Scholarship and the additional monies provided through federal aid to education which will come to the students' aid.

Discussed at the end of the meeting was the proposed new gym.

## Add Facilities, Events To Brighten Dorm Life

Attempting to enhance the various realms of dormitory life, Yeshiva's Dorm Committee, headed by Mel Gottlieb and Ronnie Gray, is planning and presenting a number of programs. Taking into consideration the expressed wishes of the residents, programs concentrating on recreational, educational, and spiritual functions have been organized.

Plans are being formulated by the Recreational Committee, which presented a well attended talent show November 14, for professional entertainment that will be solely for the enjoyment of dorm residents. Under the leadership of David Shapiro, cooperating with Mr. Blazer, Director of Buildings and Grounds, new furnishings have been provided, including four ping-pong tables, four television sets, and vending machines in both dorms. Refrigerators in various rooms and pool tables in the lounges, might be added, pending the approval of the administration.

Educational benefits may be obtained through the YU-Stern lecture series, presented by chairman Ted Miller. Rabbi Riskin, analyzing the writing of Ayn Rand, spoke on the topic "Man as God," November 7. Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, informed the students about "The Conscience of a Catholic Worker," December 12. Isaac Bashevis Singer will soon lecture on his works.

Another educational program,

that is being scheduled for December 29, is a travelogue by Mrs. Israel Miller. She will discuss her trip to Russia and will show slides of that country.

Douglas Elkin, chairman of the *Hashkafah* Committee, and Paul Lichterman, chairman of the *Oneg Shabbat* Committee, have presented programs that strive to fulfill the spiritual needs of dorm students. Two *Hashkafah* programs were scheduled this month. Rabbi Herszkovics dealt with the topic "Massorah vs. Bible Criticism," December 2. Rabbi Max will discuss a pertinent subject, "Torah's View of Sexual Behavior in the Light of Modern Times," tonight. Drs. Agus and Duker and Rabbis Blidstein, Bulman, and Fulda have spoken at the earlier *Oneg Shabbat* programs.

Finally, the Committee recommends the Rose Sheskin Gallery which recently opened here and has gathered a selection of works by outstanding Israeli painters of the modern school, and has put them on exhibition.

The artists represented include Bezem, Giladi, Okeshi, Tumarkin, Bergner, Blum, and Tamir.

Situated at 119 East 71st Street, the gallery intends to replenish the array of paintings, as they are sold, with newer works by the same and other leading Israeli painters.

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### Rav Fishman

THE COMMENTATOR wishes to express its profound feeling of grief on the death of Rav Henoch Fishman, a *Roshi Yeshiva* in RIETS. The passing of any faculty member is cause for sorrow; yet Rav Fishman was someone unique and the loss is irreplaceable.

The personality of this man defied description. Indeed, only his own *talmidim* could really appreciate his qualities. Rav Fishman took a personal interest in each of his students. He chose to exert influence through example and encouragement, rather than anger or theatrics. The passing of a man like Rav Fishman is an especially great blow in our time, when professors of Talmud are numerous and true *Rebbayim* rare.

We extend a heartfelt message of condolence to the family of the deceased and to all who knew Rav Fishman, a devoted husband and father, an ideal *Rebbe* and a *Tzaddik*.

Many men are capable of being teachers, but few are worthy of the title, *Rebbe*. Rabbi Henoch Fishman was such a man—capable and worthy.

### Radio Free YU

A generous gift to Yeshiva College is being wasted. The donation by a major radio network of turn tables, transmitters and other equipment requisite to the operation of a radio station would allow the Radio Club an inexpensive operation of an on-campus radio station. During club hours, student members of the Radio Club have met to learn the techniques of radio broadcasting. The interest is evidently present. But there is no radio station.

The major argument of the administration in not allowing such an operation is based upon a single, unfortunate and indiscriminate use of language on a collegiate radio station several years ago. We feel that this is not a sound basis for this restriction. That previous attempt at operation was an unsupervised effort on the part of a small unorganized group. It represented an adventure rather than a cultural and educational experience. The present Radio Club has the supervision of several members of the physics department faculty. Its activities in the year since its inception have proven its serious intentions—symposia with professional broadcasters and lectures on radio station operations. Its leaders have been shown to be both dedicated and responsible in planning such programs and in obtaining their equipment.

We firmly believe that the entire student body should not now be punished for

the actions of a few in the past. We hope that the administration will review its position and recognize the merits of the present movement and the maturity of its leaders.

### Again, The Cafeteria

In spite of continued criticism, the pressing problems in the cafeteria have not been ameliorated. They have rather become intensified and immediate action must be taken.

We suggest three corrective steps. First, the dinner hours should be extended. When the cafeteria opens at 5 P.M., there is already a long line stretching to the cashier. And, because of extended school hours, many students do not leave class until after 8 P.M. The cafeteria should increase its hours proportionately and be open from 4:45 to 8:45 P.M.

Secondly, the lines during peak hours are prohibitively long. A student with a 45-minute supper break may have to wait 30 minutes in line. This situation can be eased somewhat if outsiders are not permitted to use the cafeteria facilities during peak hours.

Finally, a security guard should be stationed in the cafeteria. He would aid in forming the line so as not to interfere with the cashiers. Likewise, he would see that outsiders are excluded when there is a long line of students.

Students have passively accepted the status quo. They cannot be expected to remain passive much longer if conditions are not improved.

### An Honorable Goal

To encourage the intellectual development of its students and to help them develop the habits of independent thought and research is an important part of a college's obligation. Although lectures and outside assignments that are part of many classes are necessary, they are certainly not sufficient. Something more is needed to stimulate original thought and creative talent.

The honors programs at YC should be a means toward this end. Any senior with a 3.4 index may request permission to do outside work and receive credit for his project. However, the severe limitations placed on the granting of such permission, all but eliminate the program as one contributing anything significant to the general educational process at YC. First, a student must be a senior, must do work only in his major, and must present evidence that regular courses do not suffice for his needs. A student who has completed most of his requirements as a junior, a student majoring in English and desiring to work in archeology, or a student majoring in history and desiring to do work in sociology, may not enter the honors program. It matters not that the research may be related to a special interest in which there are no courses given; if the student is not a senior, or if the work is not his major, honors work is unacceptable.

Another problem lies in the fact that the chairman of the department must approve the request. If there are courses being given in a certain department in which few students are interested, the applicant may be told to register for them rather than enter the honors program. Thus the student is limited even within his major, and his chances for trying creative, independent work often rest on the whims of his department chairman.

The education that YC offers is not so superior that the administration can overlook an opportunity to improve it. A good, workable honors program would certainly be a step in the right direction.

### From The Editor's Desk

## These Crucial Times

by Neil Koslowe

Yeshiva University is a confusing place. It employs an efficient and very talented public relations department which depicts a wonderland of scholars and students, imbibing culture in a refined atmosphere of intellectual activity. Pure fantasy. But it also employs administrators and faculty who actually believe what is being written about them.

Still, this aspect of the PR releases may be regarded as light comedy, necessary for fund raising, community support, and other such inglorious causes. There is, however, a second, more dangerous, aspect of the releases and publications. This aspect, obvious for quite a while, is the great emphasis on the school's growth and expansion. Here it is the idea behind the releases that is crucial. For if non-denominational, scientifically oriented graduate and professional schools represent the real future of YU, and they are getting most of the publicity lately, our institution has definitely altered its course and is no longer at a crossroads of *yeshiva* and university.

Critical in this regard is the reaction to the great changes of the Sixties. And this is what makes YU such a confusing place. Administrators, for example, should be expected to keep a close watch on the great numbers of students, products of our expansion, and to make certain that the religious atmosphere of YU would not be watered-down. Yet the reverse is true. Astonishingly, the students have been constantly exhorting the administration to maintain the proper religious atmosphere, and finding the battle all up-hill.

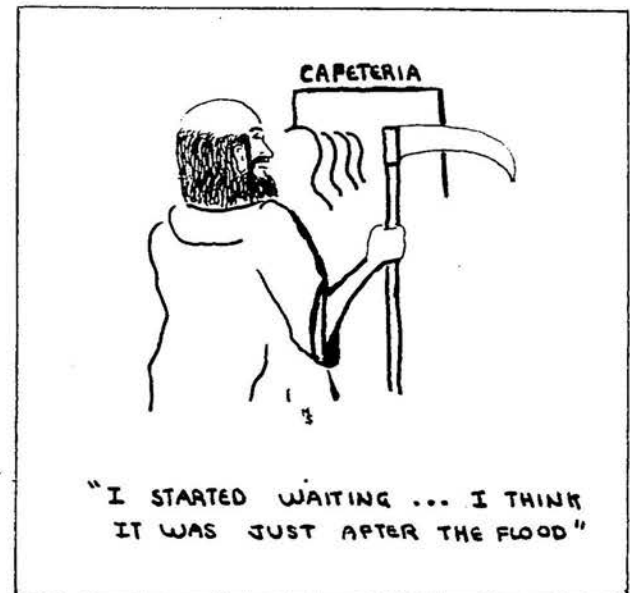
Faculty members have decided, by and large, to remain silent. The few who speak out are criticized by their fellows. The only time one can hear a chorus of squawks is when the student newspapers print something irksome. Then these classroom critics go to town—at least, that is, for the benefit of their own students. Brave people. For example, *The Commentator* heard numerous reports about instructors at Stern and Yeshiva Colleges who were exasperated over last issue's editorial on *negiah*. Yet our mailbox received but one letter, and that from a YC student. This is one reason why we lose little sleep over faculty criticism.

And if the college faculty were not complacent enough, a large number of *rebbayim* are apparently in another world. Even when an issue dear to their hearts, such as the suggestion a while back that Stern College move uptown to the Main Center, appears on the scene, they are overcome with sound and fury—but sign nothing.

Students, finally, can often be apathetic or ignorant. Some, though, are deeply concerned. Unfortunately, they often attack peripheral issues (which are usually connected somehow with girls) that, at the very worst, are not worth the emotional furor they arouse. There are so many more basic and meaningful issues over which to get excited.

Now *The Commentator* has a responsibility to fight for the preservation of certain religious ideas and the maintenance of certain religious practices. Sometimes these may conflict with our own personal feelings. Nevertheless, due to the sudden nature of the changes going on about us, we must adopt a very conservative approach. Thus we have in our possession a detailed article, potentially explosive, based on a decisive meeting a few students had with certain administrators recently. But this article is being held so far, to see whether more diplomatic means of accomplishing the objectives set forth may be employed.

On the other hand, certain questions have been raised over and over again in private—and not answered satisfactorily. *THE COMMENTATOR* has an obligation to discuss these questions. We expect, for instance, to report from our news and editorial columns on the activities of a new coalition of college professors, religious instructors and *rebbayim*, and students, who are prepared to make their voices heard. Perhaps we will then get across our sincere feelings to the proper persons.



**Professor Exposed**

**Former Gestapo Prisoner Now YC Prof.; Dr. Adler Explains His "Task" At Yeshiva**

by Arye D. Gordon

The voice of the Gestapo chief shrilled in rage at the Jew who stood before him.

"Where did you get the money to liberate these Jews?"

The tall figure looked him straight in the eye, but did not speak.

"Do you not know what awaits you, if you remain silent?"

Three full hours had passed, since he had been brought to Gestapo Headquarters. Three grueling hours of standing at his feet, being grilled, insulted and threatened.

"For the last time, answer! If not, I'll press the button." His meaning was clear. SS men were waiting for their prey.

The man spoke. "If I answer," he said, "I would be a traitor to my community." He paused. "Could you rely on a traitor?"

For a full minute the Gestapo chief studied him keenly. "Sit down," he said, his voice low.

"Such consideration from the Nazis was unheard of!"

As he made this statement, Dr. Karl Adler, Professor and Director of Music and of the Cantorial Training Institute at Yeshiva University, leaned back in his chair. We were in his office, a secluded world on the fourth floor of YU's Main Center. Observing the good professor, one would find it difficult and incongruous to equate this tall, kindly, white-haired man with that Jew in Germany, who had been a central figure in the musical life of his homeland and during the "thirties" went through horrendous experiences under the Nazi regime.

In 1933, the Nazis ousted Dr. Adler from his post as Director of the Conservatory of Music in Stuttgart. However, in their devious manner, they granted him permission to organize a Jewish

chorus and orchestra in Stuttgart, and in many Jewish communities throughout Germany, to provide the Jews with a musical life of their own.

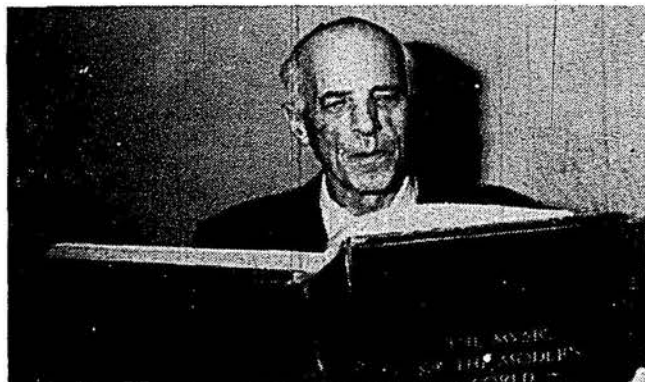
**Intermediary With Gestapo**

So great was his prominence and the esteem in which he was held, that the Jewish community asked Dr. Adler to be their intermediary with the police and Gestapo. It

his wife made arrangements to send their son to England.

**Comes To U.S.**

Thanks to the American Consulate, in 1940, the doctor received permission to leave the country, provided that a music school in America would accept him on their faculty. The New York College of Music offered him a position.



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**YC's versatile professor, Dr. Karl Adler, prepares a lecture.**

was in this position that Dr. Adler was instrumental in rescuing and redeeming Jewish lives between 1933 and 1940.

In 1938, he himself was imprisoned. After a week, he was promised his freedom if he would sign a statement agreeing that he halt his cultural activities; that he not emigrate; and that he help in preparing the emigration of other Jews, who had permission to leave the country.

Dr. Adler stopped talking. He leaned forward in his chair and stared at us intensely. "From then on I had to deal with the Gestapo every day and spend many a night in a make-shift office, for my regular office had been totally destroyed during my imprisonment."

Realizing that they could not leave the country, Dr. Adler and

Upon settling, the most urgent task of the moment for Dr. Adler was to bring his son to America. However, after final arrangements were completed, the boat on which his son sailed never arrived. This personal tragedy was the catalyst that caused Dr. Adler to devote

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**In My Opinion**

**Does Yeshiva Have Room For Bible Criticism?**

by Larry Grossman

Should Biblical criticism be studied at an Orthodox institution of higher learning? Two letters have appeared in recent issues of this newspaper which take opposing views on the matter. I feel that a dispassionate analysis of the

points on both sides will show that a scholarly Orthodox approach to Bible criticism is not only consonant with Judaism, but is also, urgently needed at the present time.

The Jew in America does not live in a vacuum. In Europe, challenges to authentic Judaism such as those posed by Bible critics could be ignored, since very little contact existed between Protestant Biblical scholars and Orthodox Jews. In the United States, however, educated Jews are likely to hear or read about criticism. If these people are ignorant of a Jewish response to the challenges of the critic, criticism will be accepted at face value. It will be concluded that his ignorance is just one more example of the irrelevance of Orthodoxy in the contemporary world. If we truly believe in a Divine Torah, why do we feel so insecure in our faith that we shy away from controversy about it?

There is also an intrinsic benefit to be derived from a study of modern Biblical scholarship. There are words and phrases in the Bible which can be understood only through a knowledge of Semitic philosophy; indeed, *Rashi* himself used this tool in explicating texts. In addition, a knowledge of Near Eastern History in the Biblical period can be of substantial help in reconstructing events recounted in

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or South Vietnam. Under this exchange of population, 861,000 persons left Communist-governed North Vietnam and asked for resettlement in the Republic of Vietnam south of the 17th Parallel. Less than 5,000 persons chose to

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**Students Aid Jewish Youth With Program**

Last spring, approximately 50 Yeshiva and Stern College students met to establish *Bnei Avraham*, whose purpose was to try to persuade *Yeshiva K'tanah* graduates to attend yeshiva high schools.

Towards this end, *Bnei Avraham* has initiated several projects and programs for the aid of such students. At Yeshiva, it has instituted a Leadership Training Club for present and future leaders in Jewish groups work. In addition, a series of lectures dealing with problems of group work and with working with non-religious Jews has begun.

A similar but more intense program has been formed in Yeshiva University High School (Manhattan): A lecture series designed to show the students the problems of the secular world and how to meet them has had two successful gatherings. An *Oneg Shabbat* and a Big Brother program for college students and high school dorm freshmen have also been instituted.

Representing Yeshiva College in the Inter-Yeshiva Student Council, *Bnei Avraham* has expanded its activities to include organizing yeshiva alumni groups, instituting learning programs, printing educational information, addressing adult groups, and planning religious programs outside of the regular yeshiva program. Recently much energy has been expended on *Bnei Avraham's* monthly publication, *Sevivah*, designed especially for high school students.

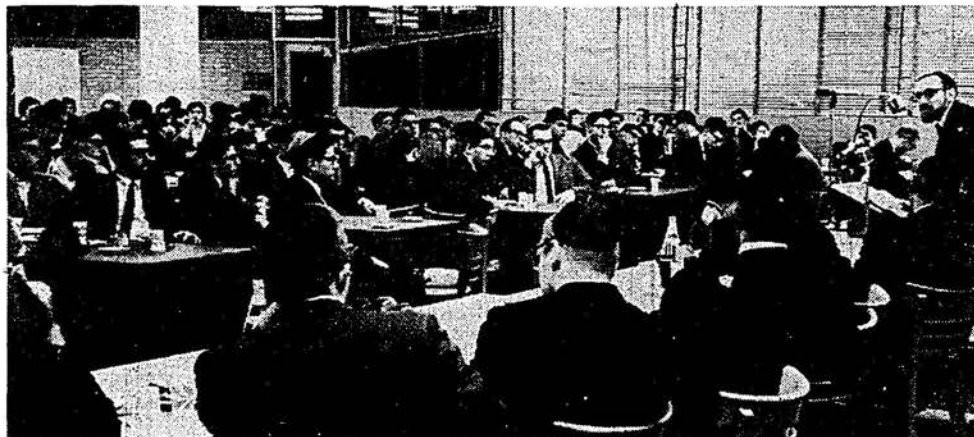
**Bar Hiyya Theory Proven Practical**

Abraham Bar Hiyya, an 11th Century Jewish mathematician-scientist, may, through his philosophies, enable the Smithsonian Institute to better explore unknown ocean depths. Bar Hiyya appears to be the first to ever devise, a lineless sounding device to measure the oceans' depths.

According to Dr. Leon D. Stitskin, professor of Jewish philosophy at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, director of Community Relations and Special Publications at Yeshiva, and author of the book *Judaism as a Philosophy*, Bar Hiyya's sounding device is a ball-shaped, hollow mass of copper or lead with as thin a wall as possible. It is attached to an iron form of extra weights which will cause it to sink in water. Upon hitting the bottom, the hollow ball will be released and head to the surface.

Dr. Stitskin's book deals with all facets of Bar Hiyya's life and achievements in such varied fields as astronomy, areas and measurements, religion, and psychology.

**SOY Sponsors Successful Melave Malkah; Rav Aaron Soloveitchik Is Speaker**



(L. Steinh)

**Rav Aaron Soloveitchik addresses the Melave Malkah.**

Addresses by Rav A. Soloveitchik and Rav. P. Paretsky were featured at a Dec. 4 *Melave Malkah* sponsored by SOY. David Miller, acting in behalf of Gary Feder, President of SOY, opened

the *Melave Malkah*. Rav Paretsky *Rosh Yeshiva* in TI; discussed a topic in *Gittin*. He was followed by Rav Lessin, *Mashgiach* of RIETS, who inspired the audience with words of *Mussar*.

Rav A. Soloveitchik then brought the evening to a climax with a lengthy discussion of the concept of *Kibud* and *Oneg Shabbat*. This discussion was warmly received.

# Hespadim For Rav Fishman Reflect Student Grief



(J. Birn)

Procession follows the ahron to Beth Judah cemetery.

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as if I have lost a friend and a brother." It seemed to the Rav that Rabbi Fishman's beauty and strength lay in his dedication to Torah and *Yiddishkeit*, and the loving way in which he would communicate to his many students the intricate thoughts of our revered sages—the *Tosaphists*, the *Rambam*, and other *Rishonim*.  
"There are few people with fineness, humility and depth, but Rav Fishman had these gifts." Rabbi Soloveitchick pointed out

that the late *Rosh Yeshiva* was a fine teacher, combining the necessary knowledge with an unusual amount of patience. "A friend and a brother. . ."  
Harav Zaks was unable to speak — the tragedy being too great for words.  
"To Learn And To Teach"  
"Lilmod u'lelamed" — to learn and to teach—the son of the late *Rosh Yeshiva* described this as his father's drive and his unspoken goal in life.  
Morcinu HaRav Lifshitz tear-

fully remembered a mind and a soul—the fine classes and the love of Rav Fishman. A loss as great as this, Rav Lifshitz felt, should lead to a great strengthening in study and attitude.  
Speaking last, Rabbi Simon Romm attempted to understand the immensity of the tragedy, — not only to the family of Rav Fishman, but to all *b'nei Torah*.  
After the *hespadim*, the coffin of the late *Rosh Yeshiva* was carried out by crying students to the waiting hearse. There, bus-

loads of students plus a large number of cars followed the hearse to Beth Judah Cemetery, where Rav Fishman *z"tl* was laid to final rest, minutes before sunset.

## School Observes Shloshim

"The *B'nei HaYeshiva* feel the great loss to the Yeshiva and World Jewry and will observe the *Shloshim* —mourning period— on the loss of their *Rebbe*, Rav Henschel Fishman, *z"tl*." With this announcement, President of Student Council Joseph I. Berlin postponed all festive events for the 30-day period including films, a planned magic show, and the Dean's Reception. *Hannukah chagigot* will be cancelled.

Commenting on the feelings of the student body, Mr. Berlin said, "We recognize the value of a human life and especially a particular kind of life. Whether it is a reality or not, the *bochurim* sense that there should be a closer relationship between a *Talmid* and a *Rebbe* than between a professor and a student."

"It is significant," he further noted, "that the mourning period was not dictated by the administration but self-imposed by the students themselves."

## Announce Civil Service Test For Temporary Employment

A nationwide competitive examination for temporary summer employment in the Federal Government as an office assistant or a science assistant was announced today by the Civil Service Commission.

Commission, Washington, D. C., 20415, before January 3, 1966.

The test, which is scheduled to be given only once, is designed to measure clerical skills, vocabulary, reading comprehension, abstract

Applicants seeking summer employment in grades GS-1 through 4 (at annual salary ranges of \$3,507 to \$4,641) in such occupations as clerk, stenographer, typist, office machine operator, student assistant, engineering aid, physical science aid, biological aid, and mathematics aid should ask for a copy of Announcement No. 380.

Candidates for the examination should obtain a Civil Service Form 5000-AB. This form is available at many post offices, at U.S. Civil Service Commission offices, and at Boards of U.S. Civil Service Examiners. The completed form should be mailed to the Civil Serv-

On *Hannukah* vacation, Monday, Dec. 20, the YCSC is sponsoring its first ski trip of this year, weather permitting. Transportation, skis, boots, poles and instruction, use of slopes, lifts and tows will cost approximately \$7.50 for the full day. Final details regarding time of departure to the upstate slopes and prices will be posted shortly. For more information see Arthur Waltuch R 420 or D. Eisenberg ND 422.

reasoning, and table and chart interpretation. Sample questions will be provided in advance.

## Letters To The Editor

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leave South Vietnam for North Vietnam. This fact, I stressed, should prove that given a truly free choice the majority of the Vietnamese would opt against the Communist government in North Vietnam and its Vietcong agency in South Vietnam.

I never spoke of a "domino effect." Instead, I stated that unilateral withdrawal of our forces from South Vietnam and the surrender of the South Vietnamese to Communist domination would cause distrust in the willingness and ability of the United States to come to the aid of any nation attacked by Communist aggression. This would ultimately lead to a Communist take-over of all of Asia, Israel included.

Your headline, page 5, "Dunner says U.S. can win" is also incorrect. I stated that French military authorities, who until a few months ago had been most skeptical of our chances to win the war in Vietnam, have recently come out with statements that the United States is in a position to emerge the victor. I added, "while I have no way to decide whether the French are right in their prediction, I, for one, hope most fervently that the United States will win the war in Vietnam and thereby stem the tide of Communist ag-

gression."  
Joseph Dunner  
David W. Petegorsky  
Professor of  
Political Science

### Serious Issue

To the Editor:  
Regarding the editorial entitled "A Touchy Problem," of the Dec. 2 issue of THE COMMENTATOR, several areas have been bothering me. The aforementioned editorial was, no doubt, to have been a timely reminder with regard to the forthcoming Dean's Reception. Yet, by its method of presentation, I feel the very purpose for which it was mentioned was defeated. To start, the first paragraph attacks the actions of those students who seemingly have a total disregard for the basic precepts upon which Orthodoxy has stood fast for so many centuries. Thinking of myself and, I should hope, of the majority of the students at Yeshiva College not to be "so coarse," an immediate sense of alienation overcame me. My immediate reaction was that this article was not directed towards me. Perhaps it was instituted for the benefit of those students not having any religious background whatsoever. And were such indeed the case, the editorial would have approached total ludicrousity, since a person who doesn't feel the signifi-

cance of *Shabbat* wouldn't have any reservations concerning *negiah* either. Obviously, upon reading further, such was not the case at all. The *halachic* area of *negiah* is one wherein a good many students at Yeshiva College, irrespective of their backgrounds, should devote some serious thoughts. Thus, the "leading paragraph" was quite misleading.

I wonder, secondly, why the editor saw fitting to treat a *halachic* area, especially one "so basic" (Continued on page six)

## Grossman Evaluates Bible Criticism; "G-d's Divine Revelation Is Perfect"

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the Scripture. Finally, it must be recognized that many institutions and customs mentioned in the Bible cannot be separated from their Oriental context.

The letter which appeared in the last issue of *The Commentator* warned against the teaching of Bible criticism, since "G-d's Divine Revelation is perfect and not subject to criticism." A fallacy is committed here; "Biblical criticism" is a technical term which does not have the same meaning as "criticism" in the sense of the negative or de-

rogatory comment. Of course, the Bible cannot be subject to criticism in the latter sense. But it is subject to the criticism defined as "investigation of the text, origin, etc. of literary, especially Biblical, documents," (The American College Dictionary).

It is objected that the study of Talmud provides Orthodox students with a knowledge of Torah that makes other study unnecessary. Yet, the fact is that *Aggadah*, that portion of the Talmud which throws most light on the Biblical narrative, is virtually neglected among Orthodox Jewish students.

The problem presented by Biblical criticism is just one example of a basic, unresolved conflict among Orthodox intellectuals. If secular studies are to be pursued as a means toward earning a livelihood, or even towards developing Jews who are well-educated secularly, then "controversial" matters can be excluded from curricula. If, on the other hand, the purpose of an academic experience is to gain perspective on religious issues and thereby to create a unique Torah personality, all relevant topics must be explored.

Club Corner

# Dr. Jakobovics Gives Torah View On Medical Morals; Chemistry Club Hears Lecture By Samuel Soleveichik

## Pre-Med Society

Over one hundred students heard Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovics of the Fifth Ave. Synagogue speak about the moral problems in



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Dr. Immanuel Jakobovics

medicine at a meeting of the Pre-Med Club on Thursday, December 2.

The first problem raised was whether a doctor could deceive a suffering patient. Dr. Jakobovics said that by precedent from the Torah we see that he may lie about the seriousness of the illness to ease the patient's mind.

Euthanasia or mercy killing was the next problem posed. This widespread practice which is performed upon the request of the patient or his next of kin is forbidden. Though our religion feels very strongly about alleviating suffering, the value of life is infinite and should not be shortened.

Dr. Jakobovics concluded with the problem of autopsies. This practice, which is deemed necessary in many cases to determine the cause of death, is strictly forbidden by the Torah unless it will have a direct bearing on saving another life. The inalienable rights of the

dead supercede the claims of the living.

Dr. Jakobovics will return to complete the second part of the lecture Thursday, December 23.

## French Club

"L'Enfant dans la Litterature" (children in literature) was the topic of a speech given by Dr. Maurice Baudin, visiting professor of French, at a meeting of *Le Cercle Francais*, Dec. 9. Dr. Baudin's theory was that children appeared rather late in French literature because they were thought to be miniature adults and not a separate class of beings.

Isadore Klahr, '65, president of the club, announced that the next meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 30. He also reminded all students that the club has an extensive collection of

A new medieval history course, designated as History 20, will be offered in the coming spring semester. All interested students should sign up immediately for the course, which will be given from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. It will be taught by Dr. Charles H. Riggs, visiting associate professor, who is now teaching in Adelphi College on leave from the University of Florida. Dr. Riggs was an undergraduate at Oberlin College and received his Ph.D. from Columbia University.

French publications. Those wishing further details should contact Harvey Woldenberg (R614) club secretary-treasurer.

## Chemistry Club

Dr. Samuel Soloveichik, associate professor of chemistry, presented a personal theory of complex

ion stability to the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates, Thursday, December 9. He argued from the relative stabilities of silver and nickel ammonia complexes that the usual criterion of



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Dr. Samuel Soloveichik

empty "d" orbitals was not entirely valid.

Electronegativity, the affinity of a nucleus for electrons, is, Dr. Soloveichik contends, more important than "d" orbital availability. Increasing with decreased radius and increased charge and total number of electrons, electronegativity accounts for the stability of silver and mercury covalent complexes. Ionic complexes, on the other hand, are strongest in elements of low electronegativity.

Announcements before and after the lecture by Chapter President Marvin Welcher '66 included a tutoring program, a seminar on Opportunities in Chemistry, set for January 4, and a December 20 field trip to Esso Research and Engineering Company in Linden, New Jersey.

## Sociology Club

Project Phoenix, an experimental program aimed at aiding delinquent children was discussed by Mr. Henry Grossman, of the Jew-



ish Board of Guardians of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, at a meeting of the Sociology Club on Thursday, December 9, during club hour.

With a current pilot enrollment of seven "seriously delinquent, and seriously disturbed boys, 16 and 17 years of age," the Phoenix School is a "half-way house" where these youths receive intensive "treatment, education, and love," and yet still remain in the community.

In the near future, the Sociology Club will present Mr. Sherman Barr, assistant chief of services to individuals and families from Mobilization for Youth, and a tour of a Kings County Prison on December 20.

# Dr. Saul Wischnitzer Elected To Royal Microscopical Society

Dr. Saul Wischnitzer, associate professor of biology and assistant to the dean of Yeshiva College, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London.

A native New Yorker, Dr. Wischnitzer received his bachelor's degree from Yeshiva College in 1951 and his masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana in 1954 and 1956 respectively. He also did graduate work at the University of Basel in Switzerland and joined the Yeshiva College faculty in 1964. Earlier he was associated with the New York Medical College as an Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Visiting Instructor in Anatomy at the Hadassah Medical School in Israel. While at Notre Dame he was a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Biology.

Dr. Wischnitzer gained a wide reputation for his work in microscopy and anatomy and is listed in the American Map of Science. The author of many scholarly articles, he has also written such reference texts as the "Outline of Human Anatomy," "Introduction to Electron Microscopy," and "An Atlas of Histology."

# SSSJ Hosts Visitor To U.S.S.R.

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry presented a three part program to a large audience of Yeshiva and Stern students on Thursday, December 9, in Furst Hall.

George Weisz and the Denburg Brothers, the "We Who Care," sang five original SSSJ songs with great feeling and provided the guest speaker, Rabbi Rafael Grossman of Long Branch, New Jersey, with a receptive audience. Rabbi Grossman, a prominent member of the RCA, who recently returned from Russia, succeeded in communicating to his listeners his passionate concern for Soviet Jewry. He contrasted the oppressive fear under which Soviet Jews live with the recent rebirth of hope among them—their enhanced will to survive as Jews.

Professor Irving Greenberg and Jacob Birnbaum joined Rabbi Grossman in discussing some of the key issues involved in protest. Chinese-Soviet rivalry has created a situation tending to better relationships between the Soviets and the United States. Unfortunately, the Viet Nam war—with its increasing hostilities—has hindered the amelioration of the position of Soviet Jewry. This was particularly regrettable as the Soviets were showing much sensitivity to external charges of anti-Semitism and were under pressure from Western Communist parties. It was therefore all the more imperative for us to increase the pressures of Western public opinion.

The panel showed that controlled mass-protest far from hampering the work of individual groups actually enhanced it.

## The President Speaks

# Purpose And Direction Of Yeshiva

by Joseph I. Berlin

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, one editor concluded that Yeshiva University has neither purpose nor direction. I agree in part that there no longer seems to be any unique high purpose, but I must take issue with the latter half of his assertion. Indeed, Yeshiva is heading in a very definite direction—the wrong way.

Recently the Presidents of SOY and the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society went to Dean Bacon to relate their wish that the annual Dean's Reception be postponed so that the *shloshim* period of mourning might be observed for Rav Fishman, *Zecher Tzadik Livracha*. The answer that they, and later I, received, is that the entire University can not be plunged into a state of mourning over the loss of one individual; it's not fair. Dr. Bacon was at first reluctant to even discuss the matter.

And I agree. The entire University, Belfer, Ferkauf, Einstein, the Department of Public Relations . . . they can't be plunged into a period of mourning. That the administration must point to this as an answer accents one important concept of which we must all be cognizant. The University is far more important than the Yeshiva. At YU secularism is primary while religion has taken a back seat. Secularism has flourished with the opening of new graduate schools and the acquisition or building of homes for them. In 10 years Einstein has become a leading medical school and Belfer is getting a 15 story science center. Public Rela-

tions cites this as the growth and expansion of Yeshiva University. So I ask, what makes these parts of the University unique? Nothing. What makes Belfer, for example, part of YESHIVA University?

The uniqueness, then, must be in the undergraduate schools, but it is dwindling there too. Is RIETS qualitatively flourishing or declining? Until now, the Main Center, Yeshiva College, the Yeshiva has been sheltered from the adverse conditions of real non-sectarianism, co-education, and laboratories open on *Shabbat*. These are adverse conditions for a true yeshiva. But with the building of a Science Center here, 15 stories of personnel without *yarmulkas*, the shield has been pierced. Inevitably, a graduate dorm will follow and surely other graduate divisions. Projection into the not-too-distant future will show Yeshiva University as just another space age private school of higher learning, with a division for specialization in Jewish Studies.

The late President Kennedy noted that Yale and Harvard began as theological seminaries. Stop and think, what kind of Yeshiva will YU be for your children, and in what environment will it be? Will your son want to go to Yeshiva University's theological seminary? Will it be worth \$1500 or more?

Of primary importance in a school, are the students. Well, what have you got to say?

# Fortnite

- Thurs. 12/16 Dorm Speaker, Rabbi Morris Max. 8:00 Rubin
- Sat. 12/18 Yeshiva vs. Kings College Power Memorial (basketball) 8:00 p.m.
- Sun. 12/19 Dean's Reception GWHS and Yeshiva. 6:00 p.m. canceled due to Shloshim
- Mon. 12/20 Yeshiva vs. Bronx Community BCC (wrestling) 7:30/no school Yeshiva vs NYC Community at NYC Community Brooklyn (Fencing) 7:30 p.m.
- Soc. Club trip to King's County Jail
- Blo. Club trip to Bethesda Medical Center
- Wed. 12/22 Yeshiva vs. New Haven College, West Haven, Conn. (basketball) 8:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 12/23 Dr. Immanuel Jacobovics—Pre-med. (second part of lecture)/Blood Drive
- Fri. 12/24 Oneg Shabbat Dr. Feldman Rubin Hall "Zorba and the Zoyda" 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. 12/26 J&P Alumni Hannekakh Reunion, Furst Hall 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. 12/27 Revel Disinterment JFK Airport
- Wed. 12/29 Dorm Speaker Mrs. Israel Miller 8:00 p.m., 601 F.
- Thurs. 12/30 French Club 7:30 p.m.

## Professor Exposed . . .

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the rest of his life to the education of Jewish youth.

In 1945, Dr. Adler approached Drs. Belkin and Isaacs. He told them that he was "not looking for a job, but a task." They understood. Although a department of music at Yeshiva was unthought of at that time, the excellent support Dr. Adler received from the Administration immediately triggered interest in this department and led to its present growth. From this department the Cantorial Training Institute developed.

Several times during the past two decades, Dr. Adler was approached by publishers requesting that he write of his involvement with the Nazis. Unfortunately, because of his heavy schedule, he has not found sufficient time for this work.

Even today, German courts contact him concerning Nazi criminals with whom he dealt as a Jewish intermediary.

### Outdoor Type

Not all of the professor's time is spent on music. He somehow finds time to further his hobbies of skiing, mountain climbing, and hiking. He even has an affinity for Yoga. "Though to really be a true Yogi man, one must adopt the whole Yoga philosophy, which I can't," Dr. Adler implicitly believes in the numerous breathing exercises which he practices daily, and teaches to his voice culture students.

Amongst the numerous im-

pressions we received of the doctor, we were most struck with the fact that he usually arrives at school at 9 a.m. and stays until after 10 p.m. "After all," he said in his deep well-modulated voice. "I do have three jobs: full time college professor, head of the Music Department and head of the Cantorial Training Institute. He laughingly confided in us, "Should I be fired, Yeshiva would need three men to replace me."

Dr. Karl Adler, singer, conductor, educator and above all, musician, indeed has a task at Yeshiva University—not a job!

## SOY Plans Charity Drive

Chagigot, Charity Drive, and curriculum changes are being planned by the three Jewish studies divisions.

SOY has cancelled its *Hannukah Chagiga* because of the untimely passing of Rav Fishman, z"tl, but another *Melaveh Malkah* is tentatively planned for the beginning of January.

A Charity Drive will be held in the next few weeks by SOY to support religious *kibbutzim* during the *Shemita* year. Plans are now being made for the annual YU charity drive, which contributes money to various Israeli institutions. In conjunction with JSP, SOY is conducting a *Tomcha: Torah* fund to aid needy students.

## Letters To The Editor

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to our concept of *kedusha*, with a title fitting a sarcastic Bible critic. When *Rashi* saw fit to comment upon the words "*Kedoshim Yihiyu*," that one should, in order to achieve this end, exercise restraint in areas of *arayos*, his spirit was one of high seriousness, rather than overt lightness. One would do well to emulate such an attitude.

A final point that I should like to make is as follows. THE COMMENTATOR differs from such publications as *Hamevaser* in that it is directed towards the entire student body, rather than to a specialized segment of it. Perhaps *Hamevaser* can mention terms such as *negiah* without having to expect misunderstanding on the part of its readers as to its definition. Such a luxury, however, is not affordable to THE COMMENTATOR. Having those, in the student body, with very little religious training it might have been advisable to explain, if ever so superficially, the meaning of *negiah*. I was quite bothered when confronted more than once with the question, "Why did THE COMMENTATOR print an editorial concerning the ritual washing of hands before eating bread?"

I do sincerely hope that, should the editorial staff of THE COMMENTATOR decide to venture into such areas in the future, they maintain the high standards of journalism so evident in their other columns.

Jay Bensinger '67

### An Answer

To the Editor:

I will not attempt to evaluate Mr. Jabitsky's letter of Dec. 2. What I feel obliged to state and state most emphatically, is this: No proper understanding of the Bible can come through the Talmud alone. It can only come through a critical analysis of the text. (And since when does Yeshiva College completely prepare its students in Talmud?!)

I do not sneer at *Rashi* or the *Ramban*, and a nuclear scientist doesn't sneer at Newton. But there are more things in heaven and earth than even a Medieval genius ever dreamed of—and they must be sought out.

I must concede one point. It is quite possible that a university which hasn't touched the ABC's of the text, will stumble tenderly over the J E D P's.

But my position is still firm. Modern Biblical criticism presents important and relevant issues, and those who disregard them, disregard their own intellectual being. I would challenge any and every reader of this paper to adhere to the philosophy of "only the Talmud" and try to call himself a broad-minded, modern Jew.

Robert Korot '66

### Personal Problems

To the Editor:

Is there anything in the plans for the sixties concerned with helping the student with his many personal problems? Improved facilities and token guidance programs do not fill our abandoned *Bet Ha-Medrash*, alter the poor choice of language among our students or intensify the *kavanah* in *Kiyum Ha-Mitzvot*. New facades hide the problems; they do not solve them.

The YC student needs direction. He cannot find it in general lectures, forums or a quick conference with a busy faculty member. Nor can he drown his thoughts with TV's, card games, movies and pool tables. A positive program must be instituted to correct the student's difficulties.

All this has been said before and I do not wish to strike the same note of doom that has been echoed

in the past with no program to check the prophecy.

Every student who is sincerely interested in seeing a new course charted for the school, one alive spiritually as well as intellectually, should get in touch with Box 619-ND. We aim to strengthen, through specific programs, the Jewish life blood of our *yeshiva* and to redirect our students on the path which is intimated by the goals of this school. Remember, we offer an attempt at change. Let it be on your conscience, if we are not successful because we lack support. (Name withheld by request.)

### Jewish Vote

To the Editor:

I was very disappointed to see Rabbi Louis Bernstein so outraged at the fact that the Jewish voters of New York City have finally learned to vote as Americans and to leave any Jewish sentiments for the home and for the synagogue. Rather than to despair at the Jew's lack of defense of Mr. Beame when he was attacked because of his religion, rather than to expect the Jewish voters to lower themselves to the level of other ethnic groups by supporting candidates of their native lands, I would humbly suggest that Rabbi Bernstein re-examine the situation to see if he can't find some comfort in the prevailing intellectual attitudes of New York's Jewish voters. Perhaps they have finally realized that we must live as Jews and vote as Americans, and that supporting the candidate of one's church will in no way enrich the well being of our state or of our country.

Let us hope that the vote which elected John Lindsay was not a vote against the Jewish religion, but was, instead, a vote in favor of the ability and integrity that America so needs.

Janice Rutberg  
Stern College '68

### Senior Rings

To the Editor:

Recently, while I was reading the bulletin board on the first floor of the New Dorm, a sign caught my eye. It read "Sophomores — 'Senior Rings' orders must be in (Continued on page seven)

## Club Corner



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IN THE past few weeks, the Thursday Club Program has been in full swing. Hundreds of students have enjoyed lectures by prominent authorities on a wide range of topics. Recently, Professor Maurice Baudin (upper left), Mr. Henry Grossman (upper right), and Dr. George Ducat enlightened the students of the French and Sociology clubs, respectively. These top-quality lecturers symbolize the "new intellectual look" of the club meetings. Each club is seeking out the finest speakers available so that the students may supplement their classroom lectures.

## JSP Now Separate School; May Issue Academic Degree

The Jewish Studies Division, conceived as a programmed curriculum under the direct auspices of Yeshiva College, is now a separate undergraduate school. As such it has achieved equal status with RIETS and TI.

The change in status was made possible by a donation from Mrs. James Striar and family in memory of the late James Striar. Henceforth, the school will be known as the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies.

Significant changes are expected in JSS policy. Indications are strong that an academic degree will be issued to graduating students. To allow for greater diversity in program selection, electives may be offered.

No changes in admission policy, however, are forthcoming. According to Rabbi Morris Besdin, chairman of the faculty, the non-committed are not admitted. He was emphatic in explaining that "no student in JSS can say that he comes here without a commitment (both oral and written), to learn *Torah* and to observe it."

Since its inception in 1956, JSS has grown from an initial 17 students to the present enrollment of 256. The new expansion program and JSS's unparalleled growth indicates that JSS has passed the experimental stage.

Academic policy for the James Striar School will be formulated by a committee under the direction of Professor Morris Silverman.

## YU Blood Drive Planned; Increased Donations Hoped

The Fall Blood Drive will be held Thursday, December 23, it was announced by Arthur Feinerman '66, chairman. It will take place in Room 024, Furst Hall, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Blood Drive was formed by Student Council several years ago for the protection of the faculty, staff, and student body. Those who donate are guaranteed protection for one year from the date of donation. This would provide reasonable amounts of blood needed by the donor or his family during this period.

A goal of 225 pints has been set for this drive. This would mean an increase over last year's record of 197 pints.

Mr. Feinerman will be assisted by Pinhas Friedenberg, '67, Harry Bialik, '67, Howard Rothman, '66,

## Trivium Back

In order to combat the insecurity and apathy of teenagers, Dr. Solomon S. Simonson, Professor of Education at the Ferkauf Graduate School of Education, has proposed a return to the trivium of classical education. Dr. Simonson

*The Commentator wishes Samuel Ottensoser '65, a good friend, patron, avid reader, and leading Harvard Law supporter, a speedy refuah shleimah.*

calls for a reorganizing of the high school and junior college curriculum to include the study of reason, right and trivium. This corresponds to the trivium's dialectic, ethics and rhetoric.

## "B" Chess Team Beats CCNY In Exciting Opening Match

The "B" chess team, the school's only championship team, opened its season with a very close and exciting match against a strong City College contingent. Greatly weakened by the elevation of lettermen Alex Zauderer and Philip Kleiner to the "A" squad and the retirement of ex-captain Henry Horwitz (to devote more time to his studies), the "B" chessmen were surprisingly most impressive in their opening match.

On board three, Michael Frankel, after having played a gruelling "A" team game earlier in the day, opened the match with a brilliant victory which gave Yeshiva the initial lead. City quickly recovered, however, by defeating the inexperienced Sam Kirschner in his first inter-collegiate game (on board four). Last year's standout, Morfy Frank, brought the checkmeters within one game of clinching the match by outmaneuvering his opponent on board five. With Co-captain Willie Helmreich losing, the match went into the final game tied at 2-2. Co-captain Moishe Bernstein, in a hotly contested and tense 41-move game, won on a beautiful show of strategy and led YU to ultimate victory with a final score of 32.

In the near future the team is

Howard Salob, '66, and Barry Greengart, '66. The Blood Drive forms will be distributed before the Chanukah vacation. They will also be available in New Dorm Rooms 523 and 518.

## Brody Announces New Team Course

In line with the phenomenon of shifting boundaries in higher education, the Economics Department, headed by Dr. Alexander Brody, is introducing an undergraduate course in Econometrics, next semester.

Econometrics, which will be taught by Dr. Hyman Sardy, deals with the construction and examination of economic models, measurement of economic parameters, and application to supply, demand, and consumption functions. Topics which will be discussed will be drawn from types of statistical analyses, and Dr. Brody pointed out that a course of this type would interest students of mathematics who contemplate work in operational research and other areas of applied economics.

Dr. Brody added that Yeshiva College is among a select number of undergraduate schools pioneering in introducing, on the undergraduate level, courses which were previously considered strictly graduate courses. "The distinction between graduate and undergraduate work," the Professor added, "is becoming blurred."

Economics I and a course in statistics will be prerequisites for this three credit course.

hoping for victories over the always tough Columbia "B" squad and Fairleigh Dickinson, which Yeshiva has never played before. Co-captain Bernstein sees the championship as a close race between Columbia, Brooklyn, and Yeshiva, but he claims that with proper student support, the "B" team "will be able to better last year's record with a perfect season," while retaining the championship trophy.

## Dr. Hershkovics Criticizes Allegations Of Bible Critics

Rabbi Meyer Hershkovics demonstrated the prejudice and lack of knowledge shown by some modern Bible critics in a Dec. 2 lecture on Biblical Criticism.



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Dr. Meyer Hershkovics

## TIM Faculty Passes New Resolutions

Acting on suggestions raised in a recent student evaluation poll, the faculty of TIM has passed a few resolutions regarding irregular absences and new course election.

Any student whose attendance is abnormally irregular will be put on probation in the college. This will cause the loss of credit and privileges of regular students. This probationary action may even occur in the middle of a school semester.

At the faculty meeting subjects for advanced elective courses were discussed. Ranging from: History of Zionism to Biblical Analysis of the Pentateuch, the courses may be given after 1:00 p.m., the end of regular TI hours.

Some suggestions, which according to Dr. Hyman Grinstein, Director of TI, were "based primarily on a survey done by student leaders," have already been implemented. Rabbi Simon Isseroff has begun to instruct students on Jewish education in the U.S. The course will attempt to explain the set up of all types of American Jewish day and afternoon schools and how TI graduates who have not gone into the field of education may become active in their community.

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by... I checked with the President of the Student Council, Joseph Berlin, who informed me that

On the local scene in chess, Ira Rappaport, captain of the "A" team, announced that next term Yeshiva will again host a noted chess expert, who will compete in exhibition play against 40 Yeshiva students. This year Samuel Reshevsky, International Master and former U.S. champion, will be the guest expert. In a similar exhibition three years ago at Yeshiva, Reshevsky won only 28 of thirty boards, drawing the remaining two.

Bible critics have denied the Divine authorship of the Torah by seizing upon the term *Tikun Sofrim* as proof that man has the power to change the words of *Tanach*, though they ignore the overwhelming evidence to the contrary. The question of changes in the wording of *Tanach* has arisen in several places where it appears that the phrasing is incorrect. The traditional explanation, according to the *Rashba*, has been that Moses, when writing the Torah, was Divinely inspired, but had the dignity of G-d in mind and considered what was appropriate rather than only what was grammatical.

## Dreary, Dry Drones—Lucid, Lively Lectures

by Stephen Bailey

*The courses at college, to the best of my knowledge Can be categorized into two;*

*Those with profs who're sharp, and give lectures with spark, And the dull ones that tell nothing new.*

*The first kind is rare, but the only course where Your learning can oft-times be fun;*

*The prof is sincere, his lectures are clear And you've "learned" when the period's done.*

*"He's a real sharp guy," you'll always reply When asked about this kind of prof;*

*"He knows what he's saying; he's never just braying." From his knowledge you ceaselessly quaff.*

*There's another type course, a cause for remorse Where the prof is "way out of touch;"*

*When time comes to leave, it's not hard to perceive That the class hasn't learned very much.*

*When he speaks he drones, in dull monotones (You try hard to stifle a yawn),*

*The lecture is rapid, its contents are rapid, You sigh with relief when he's gone.*

*So here's some advice, (tho' it's very concise) That I heard from a fellow who knows:*

*"If your prof is okay, thank G-d every day, And if not get a box of No-Doz!"*

## Letters To The Editor

many sophomores had requested senior rings and that he, therefore, was making the arrangements. It is my feeling, and I'm sure the feeling of many seniors, that the senior ring should be just that, a ring for seniors. They have worked hard for four long years and are therefore entitled to such a ring. If Mr. Berlin feels that this custom should be changed, it should be voted upon by the entire Student Body.

A senior ring is meant to be solely a graduation ring.  
Ira Rapaport, '66

### Talmud

To the Editor:  
The study of any discipline requires the complete mastery of its fundamentals, something achieved by long hard work.

Paradoxically, the teachers of our school's most important subject, Talmud, have lost sight of the fact that a house cannot be built unless a foundation has been laid. Imparting jurisprudic concepts in the Talmud or analyzing hair splitting caustical debates can have no lasting value unless the student acquires the ability to learn on his own. Isolated, spoon-fed principles of law will surely be forgotten. Only self-gained knowledge becomes entrenched in one's mind. But Talmudic knowledge cannot be self-gained unless the method of learning has been mastered. What is needed in TI and perhaps for some RIETS students is an intensive course in Talmudic methodology. It should stress the syntax and style of *Gemara*. Once the student possesses the tools, dissecting an *inyan* will constitute a challenging and intellectually rewarding experience.

I am convinced that many apathetic *Talmidim* can be stimulated to greater interest in *Gemara*. The prevailing attitude toward Talmud as a grueling requirement can and should be changed. This change will be accomplished, however, only when the students know how to approach the subject.

William Berman '66

### Other Plays

To the Editor:  
Every year, students are encouraged to write plays for the Dean's Reception. One play is selected for presentation from the sophomore and junior classes. It is reasonable to assume that more

**Student Council has decided to provide a tutoring service for students in need of help in their courses. Both the guidance center and the residence hall floor counselors have been asked to recommend students who might benefit from this program. If anyone is interested in tutoring or is in need of assistance, he should contact Larry Ciment, president of the junior class.**

than one person will be inspired to write a play for the Dean's Reception; such is usually the case. What happens to the other plays?

These plays were written by students who worked hard and sacrificed many hours of free time to provide entertainment for the student body.

I suggest that the Dramatics Society present all the plays that were written and not accepted at some future time this year.

Jay Silman '68

# Fencers Confident Group; 'Bring 'Em On,' They Say

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Preceding the match, the fencing team was an exuberant, confident

Box Score	
Yeshiva 15	Maritime 12
<b>Epee</b>	
Kops	2-0
D. Bernstein	2-0
Novoseller	2-0
Davis	1-0
Rothman	0-1
J. Bernstein	0-1
<b>Sabre</b>	
Feldman	2-0
Serels	2-0
Mandel	1-2
Danziger	0-1
<b>Foil</b>	
A. Zauderer	2-1
Saidlower	0-1
Kalish	0-1
M. Zauderer	0-2

group. They appeared anxious to begin their season successfully, and successful they were. There is something infectious about confidence. From the time of assembly at Rubin Hall, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that Yeshiva was destined for victory.

Coach Tauber, whose guiding hand was reflected in his team's performance, was not completely satisfied. Though jubilant over the initial win, he predicted a tough season for his fencers. He did, however, state that there is a lot of

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potential on the squad and that he expects an improvement over last year's record. The team has already equalled last year's win output and seems certain to make Coach Tauber sound like a prophet.

## Tennis Team Start Practice

Although the inter-collegiate tennis season does not begin until April, the varsity members are already at work. During the fall semester, practice is held indoors every Wednesday night. Beginning with the spring semester, however, practices will be increased to twice a week.

The returning upperclassmen are Sanford Moos, Victor Kops, Dave Shapiro, Morty Lightman, and George Kornfeld. It will be their responsibility to fill the 1, 2, 3 positions which are now open, because of the graduation of Mike Samer and Noah Lightman. Don Zisquit, who held down the number-one position, took a leave of absence in order to study in Israel.

The varsity is fortunate this year, in that there is a fine crop of freshman tennis players. Among these fine prospects are Joe Eichenbaum, Herb Berezin, and Harry Jakubovich.

# Yeshiva Stifled By Hartwick, Then Sputters Against Queens



(D. H. Rubin)

**Mighty Mite Captain Jonny Halpert follows through in picture-book form.**

(Continued from page ten) offensive boards. In the short time he was in the game, Stan grabbed 5 rebounds and blocked three shots. Grant was high scorer for the victors with 19 points, while Rokach and Stern tallied 19 and 18 points, respectively.

In YU's second game, on December 4, a tall Hartwick team overwhelmed the Mites by a 70-44 score. Hartwick, employing a 1-3-1 zone defense, completely stifled Yeshiva's lethargic attack and jumped off to a 19-6 lead, with 9

minutes gone. With 5:52 remaining in the half, Yeshiva narrowed the gap to 23-19 on baskets by Wiener, Stern, Halpert, and Raphael. However, Hartwick's defense stiffened, and they outscored the Mites, 11-2, during the remainder of the first half. Hartwick began the second half with a spurt that carried them to a 43-23 lead, with 4:09 gone. Despite good second half performances by Stern and Raphael, the Mites were unable to close the gap.

### Third Setback

On December 6th, the hoopsters suffered their third straight setback, 48-68, to Queens College, in

### Box Score

GAME 1					
YESHIVA—53; L.I.U.—87					
Player	FGA	FTA	Reb.	PF	Pts
Aboff	0-0	2-2	3	2	2
Halpert	3-7	0-1	2	1	6
Paiofski	0-1	0-0	2	2	0
Raphael	2-3	1-2	5	5	5
Rokach	6-17	7-9	9	1	19
Stern	7-9	1-5	2	2	18
Weber	0-0	2-2	1	1	2
Hershkovits	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kahn	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kurz	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
Shimansky	0-1	1-1	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-39</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>55</b>

GAME 2					
YESHIVA—44; HARTWICK—70					
Player	FGA	FTA	Reb.	PF	Pts
Aboff	2-5	1-1	4	3	5
Halpert	2-6	0-0	0	0	4
Paiofski	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Raphael	3-5	1-2	8	5	7
Rokach	3-11	3-3	12	2	9
Stern	6-13	1-2	1	2	13
Weber	3-9	0-0	0	2	6
Hershkovits	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Koentig	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Korn	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kurz	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Shimansky	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-51</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>

GAME 3					
YESHIVA—48; QUEENS—81					
Player	FGA	FTA	Reb.	PF	Pts
Aboff	5-11	3-3	10	4	12
Halpert	1-5	2-2	2	2	4
Paiofski	1-2	2-2	1	1	2
Raphael	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Rokach	5-17	11-18	18	3	24
Stern	5-10	3-3	7	3	13
Wiener	3-8	0-0	2	2	8
Hershkovits	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Koentig	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Korn	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Kurz	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Shimansky	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22-59</b>	<b>23-32</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>68</b>

GAME 4					
YESHIVA—72; QUEENS—68					
Player	FGA	FTA	Reb.	PF	Pts
Aboff	1-10	1-2	19	5	3
Halpert	1-7	0-1	2	1	2
Paiofski	2-4	0-0	1	1	4
Raphael	3-3	0-1	1	0	6
Rokach	8-16	6-9	20	2	22
Stern	7-15	4-7	4	2	18
Weber	2-5	6-6	2	5	10
Hershkovits	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Koentig	0-0	1-2	0	0	1
Korn	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Kurz	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kahn	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24-60</b>	<b>24-35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>72</b>

## Novices Flock To Friday Judo Lessons While Experienced Students Sharpen Skills

by Moishe Westreich

It seems that a large percentage of the student body has forsaken its ping-pong paddles and knock-hockey pucks to be pummeled and punished on the blue and white mats of Yeshiva. Every Friday, eager judo novices submit to a routine of organized torture and what seems like group collapse. These contortions and exercises, supervised by our blackbelt instructor, Ching-Yvan (Joe) Wu, and older experienced students, toughen the students up and teach them to fall unhurt when thrown from any position. This group punishment has paid off already with almost all the new students having passed their ukemi (falling) test and having moved on to learning throws.

The judo team, aside from helping the beginners every Friday, has a separate practice session every Sunday. Here the better students

sharpen their skills for the upcoming inter-collegiate competitions. Our challenges have been sent out, yet there have been no takers (perhaps the other schools are afraid of us). Judo's amazing popularity among the "boys of the Book," seems to have two reasons. First is the sporting aspect; judo is a really active physical sport, with emphasis on skill, speed and intelligence rather than brawn. With a modicum of skill, a slight judoist can throw someone twice his size. The second reason is the more prevalent among the students; this is a basic human fear that if confronted with trouble, a fellow won't be able to give an account of himself (the outcome: his being sent to the hospital, or perhaps shipped home in an envelope).

Whatever the reason for its popularity, judo is here. When the first home meet does take place, it

wouldn't be a bad idea if some students came down.

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- Herbert Horowitz '65 to Rita Kesten
- Abba Engelberg '65 to Ruth Cohen
- Samuel Lasko '66 to Arlene Phillips
- Sheldon Rokach '66 to Faye Silbiger
- Lawrence Levitt '64 to Laura Libby Levison
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# Juniors Defeat Sophomores In Close Game; Shatzkes Leads Semicha To First Victory

The fourth game of intramural competition saw the slightly favored Juniors defeat the Sophomores 39-35 in a low scoring but well played defensive game at the main building gym.

The Sophs, inspired by their stunning victory over the Senior team in their previous intramural match, fought hard and stayed close to the Juniors, who had regular starters Bachman, Pachter, and Rosner playing together for the first time this year. The latter maintained a small lead throughout the game by dominating the boards and playing fine defensive ball.

In the opening minutes of the game, the Sophs jumped to a quick 8 point lead with Jake Bauman driving and Marty Eidenbaum hitting from the outside. However, by the end of the quarter, the Juniors, behind Murray Goldstein's flashy ball handling and scoring, tied the upstart underclassmen and forged ahead by two points. With this momentum continuing into the second quarter, the Juniors upped their lead further. Harvey Bachman scored on two fast breaks while Leon Pachter pulled down everything in sight. But the Sophomores fought back and slowly narrowed the gap to within two points by halftime, to 19-17.

In the second half, the Juniors maintained their small lead behind Goldstein's playmaking. Abe Speiser's shooting from the outside in the third quarter helped keep the Sophs in the game. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the Juniors led by three baskets. The Sophs desperately tried to catch up, but the game went to the Juniors 39-35. Bauman and Eidenbaum were high scorers for the Sophomores with 10 and 8 points, respectively. Pachter netted



Where the heck did the ball come from?

10, while Goldstein and Rosner each collected 8 for the winners.

On December 7, the sparkling ball playing of Matty Shatzkes and Dave Jacobson sparked the Semicha team to a surprising 70-65 victory over the favored Freshman intramural basketball squad. The Semicha contingent, which had lost its first match, played a heads-up offensive game. The Freshies, coming off an impressive victory over

the Juniors, worked smoothly together on offense, but couldn't contain the Semicha sharpshooters.

In a first quarter marked by heavy shooting, the Freshmen, behind Hyman Fishgrund's four baskets, moved to an early 12-10 advantage. But the second quarter saw Semicha grab the lead, with Shatzkes exploding and sinking four baskets in a row during one stretch. He was helped by Jacobson's fierce rebounding and Jack Shapiro's shooting from the outside. Guided by Captain Sheldon David, the Freshmen fought back, but the end of the first half saw Semicha hold a comfortable 31-26 edge.

In the first minute and a half of the third period, Fishgrund pumped in three more baskets to even the score. The lead then sawawed with the Rabbis-to-be maintaining a +8-41 third quarter advantage. During the action-packed final period, the Freshmen cagers tied Semicha twice; however, they were unable to capture the lead. Semicha eventually won, 70-65, with Shatzkes the high scorer, garnering 28 points. Fishgrund finished with 26 points, high for the losers. Jacobson also played an outstanding game, scoring 20 points.

# Ellman Shows Possum Stomp; Katz Displays Determination

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Neil Ellman, who is unquestionably this year's top wrestler (and he's only a junior), showed the home crowd his "possum stomp" (no one knows exactly what it is), and then finished off his man in 2:30. Captain Lewis Zinkin, not wanting to break the tradition of first period pins, floored his man in 2:47. Allen Friedman continued the wild frenzy and disposed of his man in a mere 2:35.

It all seemed unbelievable. The crowd was in an uproar; the team was hot and raring to go; and the coach looked pretty pleased, too. But Barry Levy probably felt that too much excitement was bad for the health, so he took the liberty of showing that there is more than one period to a match and pinned his man with only 8 seconds remaining. Peter Barron was not so daring and took 4:32 before he secured his opponent's fall. David Carr went back to the old-fashioned style set in the early stages

of the evening and put his man away in 2:00.

The unlimited division is always a tough class for YU to wrestle in, as opponents are usually considerably heavier and taller. It is especially hard when you have to wrestle without any previous experience. Howard Poupko, although trying his best, lost the last match, ending Yeshiva's home meet at 40-5. In short, "Wow!"

Yeshiva, in the past, had never beaten Columbia. For the last two

# Bowling Five Scores Two Close Victories

After a poor start, Yeshiva's fledgling bowling squad has now established itself as a team capable of bringing distinction to YC.



(J. Meltzer)

Hey Swartz, don't forget to let go.

Our first match win, November 28th, was in a round robin competition with Fordham University and St. Francis College. The match consisted of the usual three games in which all three quintets participated. The two high scoring squads each received a game point with the low finishers receiving a loss.

The Kegler's winning scores

were 806 and 767; our loss 740. Key performances aiding the victories were a 190 game by Sophomore Mike Witkes and two 180 games by Captain Howie Salob.

In head-on competition with Fordham University on December 5th, our pinner again came out on top. The match was decided by just eleven pins, an extremely small sum considering that each match consists of fifteen individual games. The match score was two games to one, with Yeshiva taking the second contest by 16 pins and the 3rd by 5 pins, while dropping the opener by ten. Willie Helmeich was outstanding as he rolled to a 197, the second highest mark to date, achieved by a Yeshiva bowler.

The team's record now stands at 8-22, but all eight wins have come in the past 14 games.

# Soccer Team Needs Players

The little known soccer team is preparing for next term's debut with steady practice and training. Although Yeshiva did play one game last year, the first real schedule of games will begin in February, when six or seven matches are anticipated.

One of the major problems that must be solved stems from the very same nationalism that leads to a wide range of styles. In order for these differing styles to be useful, they must be fused into one common method of play. In short, the team must combine the strengths of the various approaches and form from them one powerful and successful method. Only steady training can achieve this effect.

Yeshiva, under the aegis of co-captains Thomas Friedlander and Enrique Fenig, hopes to solidify itself in time to avenge last year's 3-0 loss to Hunter. The soccer men, who could easily develop into one of the city's stronger soccer squads, if it had a regular field and a full-time coach, presently is using the facilities of George Washington High School.

It is known that many people at Yeshiva excel at soccer, but as of yet have not offered their services. Managers Ira Rapaport and Peter Hans request that all students who would like to play for the team contact either of them or the co-captains.

Sophomores wishing to obtain their senior rings this year should contact Ronnie Gross, '68, ND808. A \$10.00 deposit must accompany a form to be submitted no later than Dec. 22, 1965.

A city-wide Menorah march and rally is the first step of the winter campaign of SSSJ. A giant Menorah will be at the head of a torchlight procession, Sunday, Dec. 19, across Central Park up 5th Ave. to the Soviet UN Mission (E. 67th and Park Ave.). The march will be preceded by a mass rally at the 2 West 64th St. station at 3:15 p.m.

The theme of the march and rally will be a call to the Kremlin to honor previous promises concerning the re-opening of the Moscow Yeshiva, the printing of Siddurim, and the baking of Matzot. The speakers, including Rabbi Rafael Grossman, Sen. Jacob Javits, and Theodore Bikel, will also call for a reunion of families separated since the revolution.

the mat the score stood at 14-9 in favor of Yeshiva. If Shelly had lost his match, it would have put all the pressure on the unlimited division. Shelly's opponent was tough and in better shape, but Shelly kept driving himself onward throughout the entire match, and finished with a nerve-wracking 6-4 decision that clinched the meet for Yeshiva.

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# Yeshiva Changes Image—Every Athletic Team Emerges Victorious; Swordsmen, Grapplers And Hoopsters All Win Their First Contests

## Mites Beat Pace By 72-68 Score

by Ronald Damboritz

In a tremendously exciting ballgame, the hoopsters defeated Pace College, 72-68, on December 9, for their first win of the season. The score was tied at 8-8 with five minutes gone in the game, when the Mites broke loose for 9 straight points on two jump shots plus a foul shot by Stern, a jump shot by Rokach, and two free throws by Wiener. Pace went into a 3-2 zone defense, but Yeshiva was able to freeze the ball sufficiently to force Pace to abandon the zone. Pace began to close the gap and by half-time the edge had narrowed to 7 points, 31-24.

The second half started with baskets by Rokach and Stern, but once again Pace was able to keep close and trailed, 36-31, with 3:45 gone in the half. Sam Stern then put in 3 brilliant layups and the lead ballooned to 52-38, with 9:50 left. After a time out, Pace zone-pressed the Mites and closed to within 59-54, mainly on the great jump shooting of Bob Kranz, who scored 35 points. However, Sam Stern, with three fantastic assists to Raphael under the basket, opened up a 10 point lead to ice the game with 45 seconds left.

### LIU Too Strong

In Yeshiva's opening game, LIU proved much too strong for the Mites, as we were defeated 87-55. LIU, which employed a full court press throughout the game, jumped off to an 11-2 lead, mainly on easy layups by Grant and Newbold. Stern kept Yeshiva in the game for a while with his driving layups and sharp jump shot, but toward the end of the half Lebowitz and Grant combined to outscore Yeshiva, 12-1, for a 46-25 halftime advantage. In the second half, Stan Raphael displayed his tremendous ability to grab rebounds under the

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## Wrestlers Off To Successful Campaign; Team Downs NYCC And Columbia JV

by Lewis Zinkin

This may well be the year for Yeshiva's wrestling team to bask in the glories of a well-deserved, victorious season. Unlike the previous year when only one or two men could be counted on for wins, this year's team has overall bal-

The meet ended with a 27-8 YU loss.

Yeshiva matmen were determined to redeem themselves in the next match. This determination was crucial for both the sake of victory and also for the restoration of the good graces of Coach

the Hunter (season's opening) match. Unfortunately, it seemed that Mr. Wittenberg put a great deal more effort into the match than the team did.

When December 6 arrived, the general spirit of the team was "go-for-broke." They were determined not only to win, but also to make it a night never to be forgotten. And that is exactly what happened.

Mike Groob once again started off with a 5-point forfeit. It seems everyone is afraid of him. Steve Dostis wasted no time in sizing up his opponent and pinning him in the season's record time of 1:55.

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One of the mightier Wittenbergers going for a fast pin.

ance. Although stamina (or rather the lack of it) still remains their biggest problem, the grapplers have combined skill and drive to launch the team off to a flying start.

The first match, December 2, with Hunter College, proved to be something of a disaster. The team as a whole seemed to lack spirit and could not move against the hard-driving Hunter matmen. In each match, from the moment the opening whistle blew, Hunter drove our matmen into one big exhausted heap. The only things that salvaged the evening were a 5 point forfeit taken by Mike Groob and a decision won by Neil Ellman.

Wittenberg. The coach, appointed as a member of the Olympic Committee, (quite an honor for Yeshiva), had been in Washington. At a considerable personal sacrifice of time and money, he flew in, the evening of the match, for the sole purpose of being with his boys at

### Box Score

Wrestling Results		
Hunter 29	Yeshiva 8	Won-Forfeit
123lb.	Groob	Pin-1:55
130lb.	Dostis	Pin-2:47
137lb.	Ellman	Won-10-3
145lb.	Zinkin	Lost-1-1
152lb.	Friedman	Lost-7-1
160lb.	Levy	Lost-8-5
167lb.	Barron	Pin-1:50
177lb.	Carr	Pin-1:20
H'W'T	Poupko	Pin-5:59
Yeshiva 10 NYCC 5		
123lb.	Groob	Won-Forfeit
130lb.	Dostis	Pin-1:55
137lb.	Ellman	Pin-2:30
145lb.	Zinkin	Pin-2:47
152lb.	Friedman	Pin-2:36
160lb.	Levy	Pin-8:52
167lb.	Barron	Pin-4:22
177lb.	Carr	Pin-2:00
H'W'T	Poupko	Pin-2:10
Yeshiva 22 Columbia J.V. 9		
123lb.	Groob	Lost-9-5
130lb.	Dostis	Won-4-0
137lb.	Ellman	Won-7-4
145lb.	Zinkin	Lost-3-0
152lb.	Friedman	Won-8-1
160lb.	Levy	Pin-4:59
167lb.	Barron	Lost-1-2
177lb.	Katz	Won-6-4
H'W'T	Troodler	Pin-5:03

### On The Sidelines

## "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten"



By Myron Iteld

## Mighty Mites To Meet Two Tough Opponents

Yeshiva will host Kings College of Pennsylvania Dec. 18, at Power Memorial High School. Kings had its finest season last year, posting an 18-6 record.

With six returning lettermen this year, they figure to be much tougher. Their captain is a 6' 2 1/2" senior, Tom Flamm, who was named to the ECAC All-East team for the past two years. Last year he averaged 21 points per game and over 20 rebounds per contest. His field goal shooting percentage was an excellent 54%. Hugh Lowery, 6' 0", is a senior who averaged close to 11 points a game last year. He has a very accurate shooting eye and is extremely fast on the court.

Other returning lettermen are: 6' 1" Don Roberts, who led the team with a 56% shooting average, Dennis Lazorchek, and Bill Benz. Their tallest man is 6' 5" Mike Babuska, a highly talented defensive player. In previous games

with Yeshiva, King owns a 6-4 edge, the last two victories being 83-67 in 1963 and 70-50 last year. This year Kings has already defeated Marist, Adelphi, and just recently, highly-touted St. Francis of Brooklyn, 57-54.

Four days later, the Mites will travel to Connecticut to take on New Haven College. In our only previous encounter, the hoopsters emerged victorious 79-77. Gary Liberatore of New Haven, then a sophomore, scored 36 points, mostly on long shots and driving layups. That game marked the only loss for New Haven in 15 non-league encounters. With Liberatore averaging over 34 points per game last year, New Haven once again copped the Southern New England Conference Championship. Imposing as ever, the New Englanders pose a strong challenge and will certainly try to avenge their narrow defeat of two years ago at the hands of Yeshiva.

Athletics at many great American universities have ceased to be merely a contest pitting the strength and athletic talents of members of one school against those of another. In many instances, pageantry and showmanship have all but overshadowed the contest at hand. At some institutions, intercollegiate competition has become such a lucrative business that fulltime staffs are necessary to handle the dispersal of tickets and the promotion of publicity.

One can certainly find, without much difficulty, many shining universities employing such practices. Outstanding are Ohio State University, Notre Dame, UCLA, etc. In many instances, the lifeline insuring success for these undertakings is the mass communications media, specifically, the press. In diplomatic fashion, relations between the two are guarded and preserved with neither group daring to offend the other. Newspapers are especially kind to these schools, for public interest demands full coverage of their athletic fortunes.

On the other hand, there still exist numerous small institutions which participate in many facets of sports without perverting the true essence of competition. In such schools, athletics is still an extra-curricular activity, not a major preoccupation. Publicity is limited to student newspapers and at best a rare article in a local publication. Yeshiva is fortunate to be such an establishment.

Two weeks ago, the Mighty Mites, clearly playing out of their class, were soundly trounced in their opener, by LIU, 87-55. Attending the game were many students of both schools and also a "New York Post" reporter, Vic Ziegel. The following afternoon, many people were astounded to read a masterpiece of literary trash bylined by the same reporter. In addition to maligning Yeshiva and misquoting Mite Sam Stern, this scribe reported the game with a biased view and totally out of context.

Admittedly so, LIU is one of the best of the local quintets and this was the deserved theme of the unfortunate article. However, any intelligent reader would think, after having digested the story, that the Blue and White of YU are perhaps the worst basketball team ever assembled on a hardwood floor. In describing the action, Ziegel labelled the contest a "laugher." The same week, in a different issue, Pace's 47 point loss to St. Francis was merely called a "defeat." In a later tirade, he stated that Yeshiva was out of the game from the outset and at no point offered any opposition. It seems that our all-knowing reporter must have been napping, for he fails to note that YU played on even terms with LIU for more than half the game and that midway in the last period they managed to whittle a 28 point deficit down to 17 against the Blackbirds vaunted starting squad.

In quoting Stern, he wrote "LIU is good. We scrimmaged against Iona and they're nothing." For the record, Sam never mentioned the relative merits of Iona, he simply said that we tied them. At last report, coach McDermott of the Gaels is still perturbed about this journalistic remark. Also, the day we played Pace, the Post carried an article labelling Pace the team favored to take our conference title. Though we defeated Pace that night, not a word appeared about it the next issue.

For many years, the Post has humored itself by degrading and laughing at Yeshiva contingents. Last season, the hoopsters were called "a bunch of empty uniforms." Another time, they concisely wrote "Yeshiva — No." Although Yeshiva is sensitive to and loves publicity (as can be attested to by the fourth-floor bulletin board), we do not actively solicit or seek "copy." If Post correspondents find that they can only write about Yeshiva in disdain — then they shouldn't write. Athletics at YU will manage just as it has for over three decades, to survive without the Post. The Post's chances for survival, though, are not as bright.

## Fencers Triumph Over Maritime

by Gary Epstein

The Yeshiva College varsity fencing team defeated New York State Maritime College 15-12 in their season premiere, Dec. 7. The fencers, though not in top form, clearly out-classed their opponents.

The meet was decided in a dramatic foil bout won by Alex Zauderer. With the score 13-10 for Yeshiva, Zauderer fought back from a 4-0 deficit with five straight touches, to clinch the match.

Yeshiva won the epee and sabre competition, 7-2 and 6-3, respectively, while Maritime took the foil division, 7-2. The only victorious foilman for Yeshiva was Zauderer, who won two bouts. Captain Maurice Zauderer, fencing in the number one slot, lost three close bouts but showed flashes of the form that should carry him to a successful season.

In the epee division, Yeshiva's fencers excelled. Led by Vic Kops, this group won its first seven skirmishes. Co-captain Kops was superlative in conquering his two opponents, 5-0, 5-1. Norman Novoseller, David Bernstein, and Howard Davis chipped in with masterful performances for the other five epee victories.

Howie Feldman was the only Yeshiva fencer to be victorious in three bouts. He led the sabre team to an impressive victory. Mark Mitchell Serdis won two straight

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