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Collegiate Press Declares Commentator Top Paper

The Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, Neil Koslowe, disclosed last week that the newspaper had again achieved the distinction of being rated First Class by the Associated Collegiate Press for the January-June 1965 semester. The ACP, a nationwide organization which issues publications, holds conferences, and offers numerous services to collegiate news-

papers in the country, recently notified THE COMMENTATOR of its rating for the 73rd ACP All American Newspaper Critical Service.

The First Class honor rating is comparable to "Excellent." According to the rating guidebook, the majority of entries receive a Second Class rating. The other categories are All American, which represents a "Superior" rating; Third Class, which represents "Fair" to "Good" publications; and Fourth Class.

Mr. Koslowe noted that THE COMMENTATOR has consistently achieved First Class ratings from ACP, and he expressed the hope that this year's newspaper can maintain this fine record. The men who deserve the praise for the latest rating are last year's Editor-in-Chief, Herbert Hermele, now at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and his Associate Editor, Alan Felsenfeld, now at the University of Iowa Graduate School.

Aside from the seniors on this year's staff, the other members of last semester's newspaper were Stanley (Shalom) Raskas, Senior Editor, who is studying at *Yeshivat Merkaz Harav* in Jerusalem, and Literary Editor Ralph Cheifetz, who attends the Brooklyn Law School.

The Director of Yeshiva University's Audio Visual Center has been promoted to the rank of Professor of Education and Psychology. Dr. Sidney Pleskin, who founded the Center when he joined our faculty in 1948, teaches educational psychology in the College.

Millers Talk About Recent Trip To USSR

"Impressions of the USSR" was the topic of an informative lecture given by Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Miller, December 29, at 8:00 p.m. The evening's activity was an informal presentation of various observations made by the Millers on their recent trip to the Soviet Union, as part of a group of nine rabbis and their wives who toured the country.

Narrating colorful slides, Mrs. Miller showed various aspects of the cultural, political, and social life of the Russian people.

On their journey, the rabbis attended services in some of the few remaining synagogues in Communist Russia. At one, they witnessed the first public *Bar Mitzvah* held in Russia in the past ten years. They noted that there were not enough *siddurim* or *chumashim* for everyone present.

Government officials were seated throughout the synagogues to regulate the communication between the American visitors and the congregants. Mrs. Miller engaged in a conversation with one such Jewish official. The Russian asked her questions such as, "Are you afraid of your government? Then why do you pray?" To Mrs. Miller, this was indicative of the anti-religious indoctrination carried on in the Soviet Union.

On one *Shabbat*, three of the Americans, including Rabbi Miller, were allowed to address the congregation for a brief five minutes each.

Jewish Identification

Except in the predominantly Moslem province of Georgia, no Jewish youth were seen at any of the religious services. Yet, despite the poor attendance, Rabbi Miller offered four reasons why
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"A Foolish Consistency Is . . .

1928 — Yeshiva Dedicates Main Campus



REMEMBER WHEN? As students who have had their eardrums pierced at an unearthly hour in the morning can testify, construction is again in full bloom at the the Main Center. At times like these it is often of consolation to recall just how far YU has come.

Student Turnout Disappointing At Recent Curriculum Evaluation

Students who did not have the opportunity to complete curriculum evaluation forms for the teacher-course phase of the project, will be able to do so Thursday, Feb. 17, 1966 when Phase B of the project gets underway. These plans were announced by Nathan Mezrachy '66 and Norman Novoseller '66 curriculum evaluation committee chairmen, and Joseph I. Berlin, Student Council president who added that

no clubs are scheduled for the Phase B date.

Approximately 50% of the student body turned out between 1 and 6 P.M. Thursday, Jan. 6 in the student lounge in Furst Hall to evaluate the courses and teachers they are currently taking. The questionnaire is designed so that a good analysis is statistically available without tedious pages of questions. Most students completed the entire procedure in 5

minutes.

Phase B of the evaluation will allow for essay-type notations that individuals may wish to offer. It will concern itself with the education and environment of Yeshiva College and evaluate the feasibility of the double program, the effect of the present administrative arrangement on the double program, and the balancing of departments in the college.

Student Council was disappointed with the 50% turn-out which is the poorest on record for a curriculum evaluation, but expressed optimism for the next term.

Menorah March During Hanukkah Sets Off New Campaign In Soviet Jewry Struggle

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry carried out its fourth major public activity of 1965 on the first day of Hanukkah, Sunday, Dec. 19th—the Menorah March and Rally.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin presided at the rally. Speakers were Rabbi Meir Felman, executive member of the Rabbinical Council of America who visited Russia last year on behalf of the Synagogue Council of America, Congressman Leonard Farbstein, a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Professor Irving Greenberg who made a moving plea to religious students for a more personal concern for the fate of a suffering part of *Klal Yisroel*. He pointed out that tens of thousands of young secular Jews made many

sacrifices for Negro civil rights and for the people of Vietnam. We can do no less, he said.

A giant Menorah — 12 feet high and 8 feet wide — led the torchlight procession across Central Park, up Fifth Ave. and on to the Soviet U.N Mission on East 67th St. Borne on the shoulders of four students, it towered 17 feet above the ground and its lights could be seen several blocks away. David Dizenhouse of City College and Reuven Genn of Betar and TIM did the main construction work; Alan Fishman, YC '69, spent a whole night wiring the structure.

Politically speaking, the rally held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel was of more importance than the Menorah March. It marked

the opening of a new type of campaign for Soviet Jewry. Instead of the reiteration of the general complaints of "religious and cultural discrimination," it was decided to concentrate on specifics. The thrust of the campaign is along two lines:

- 1) Non-fulfillment of promises—voluntarily made by the Russians to the nine RCA visitors in the summer; namely—the re-opening of the Moscow Yeshiva, 10,000 *Siddurim*, unlimited baking of *Matzos*.
- 2) Reunion of families — torn apart since 1917.

The SSSJ has been fortunate in obtaining outstanding publicity for its major activities without resorting to cheap gimmicks or
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Chait Named Director Of JSS Guidance

Leading a revamped guidance program for JSS is Rabbi Morris Chait, a Talmud instructor in JSS and spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Wavcrest and Bayswater.

Under the new system, coordinated by Rabbi Chait, a special
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. . . The Hobgoblin Of Little Minds"

Club Corner

Chem Club Hosts Professors At Career Guidance Meeting

Scientific motivation versus expected salary were among the topics discussed at the first guidance meeting that scientific motivation should be the primary factor in determining whether a person



Dr. Martin Goldstein, Dr. Eli M. Levine, and Dr. Samuel Blackman discuss careers in chemistry.

ance seminar at Yeshiva College, Tuesday evening, January 4, 1966 in Furst Hall. The YC Student Affiliate Chapter sponsored the "Opportunities in Chemistry" seminar which saw 21 chemistry majors of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges attend.

Dr. Eli Levine, senior professor of the chemistry department opened the seminar with a complete analysis of the types of chemists, the areas in which they can be employed, and the expected salaries. Analytical, organic, physical, inorganic, food and agricultural, and biochemists work in industry, education, and for the government, with the most money to be had for the physical chemist and in industry.

Money Also Motivates
Next, Marvin Welcher '66, president of the chapter, called upon Dr. Samuel W. Blackman, visiting lecturer in chemistry at Yeshiva College to detail the areas in industry available to the chemist. Dr. Blackman contested the position of Dr. Samuel Solovei-

Pollack Open Till Midnight During Finals

As of January 4, and until January 25, Pollack Library will remain open Mondays-Thursdays until midnight, to afford students the opportunity to study for examinations and also to write papers.

Circulation will close at 10:00 p.m., as usual. Reserve books, however, will circulate after 11:30 p.m.

A reference librarian was added to the staff during the first week of January to aid students. This librarian will be on duty all day Sundays, and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Should this additional service meet with student approval, the staff will be further augmented next September.

should enter the field of chemistry, and asserted that money is a great motivation. He outlined the areas of industrial employment as management including officers, attorneys, and accountants, production, further subdivided into manufacturing, shipping, receiving, and control, sales, and research, both applied and basic.

Education of the prospective chemist was discussed, and Dr. Goldstein stressed the importance of the Ph.D. to the student who
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In My Opinion

How Are We Different?

by Larry Grossman

The extent and nature of the difference between Jews and Christians have undergone constant modification throughout history. At present, the attitude of Orthodox Jews toward the gentile is ambivalent. Although the *goy* is often deprecated in everyday conversation, Jews are coming to realize that it is environment rather than heredity which differentiates the two groups. To prove this, all one must do is consider the lack of religious commitment among American Jews who have grown up without the benefit of a Jewish education.

The root of the problem is to be found in the Bible. Specifically, the injunction to decimate the seven Canaanite nations has tended to engender a mood of unfriendliness, to say the least, toward the gentile. Perhaps even more significantly, the constant stress on the chosenness of Israel has been interpreted as a negation of the human dignity of the non-Jew. However, the fact is that Adam, the progenitor of all men, was created in the image of G-d. In addition, the prophetic vision of an end of days in which all peoples will unite in the worship of G-d lends a universalistic tone to Judaism.

The response of Jews themselves to the varied attitudes

Plea For Five "Original" Courses To Supplement College Program

by Stephen Bailey

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR there was an editorial decrying the lack of adequate courses in the educational department. One should not assume however, that the paucity of courses is in this department alone. As a matter of fact, there are several areas in which formal courses are non-existent. At the last Governing Board meeting, I suggested five new courses which were promptly and unanimously vetoed and, therefore, did not appear on the editorial page. But, being innately benevolent, the Board has allowed me to present my ideas unofficially.

—ADVANCED COMPOSITION—
The aim of this course is to enable the student to remain relatively calm and composed when, during registration, he finds himself closed out of three-fourths of his courses. Especially helpful for seniors who cannot graduate because they are closed out of such required courses as Speech 2.1. Topics such as "How to Persuade the Registrar to Let Just One More In" and "Graduation Can Be Fun" will also be discussed.

—SOCIAL THEORIES AND SYSTEMS—
Open only to students with no previous social experience, the

Noted Author Visits Russia; Tells of Major Experiences

(Culled from the personal experiences of Mr. Eli Weisel who is an internationally known writer.)
Since my return from Russia,

course is constructed to teach the student to be suave and debonair in the presence of the opposite sex. Special instruction on methods of finding a date for the Dean's Reception will be given. There is a \$5.00 laboratory fee.

—CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE—

Offered for the first time as a corequisite of Orientation I, this course is designed to equip the Yeshiva student to deal effectively with the outside world. The student will study all Public Relations literature and will be taught to defend the university against any and all accusations. Guest lecturers will include Vance Packard and Dr. Dichter. The entire second semester will be devoted to the problem of "synthesis."

—PROBLEMS AND METHODS OF CHILD NUTRITION—

Students will learn how to infiltrate the cafeteria supper line with a minimum of profanity and bodily injury. Those who take this course will have ample chance to apply what they have learned each evening between the hours of six and seven. This course may be taken instead of physical education.

—ANALYSIS OF LOCAL MONETARY SYSTEMS—
This course is geared to help

I am frequently asked whether the position of Soviet Jews is as grave as I visualized. The answer is "Much worse and yet infinitely better!"

The fear is worse than I expected; so is the sense of isolation, the conviction that the world does not know — and does not want to know of — the overwhelming danger threatening the future of Judaism in Russia. Terrible is the mutual suspicion between people, the endless fear of the informer, the secret agent, the unutterable oppression which people's eyes betray.

My astonishment was therefore the greater that under such conditions masses of Russian Jews everywhere refuse to give up and make mighty efforts to survive as Jews. Everywhere I witnessed their sense of closeness to one another and to all Israel in the synagogues of Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tbilisi and smaller places on the Festivals in particular. Most wonderful of all is the awakening among many young
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the student interpret imaginary numbers such as the sums of money requested by the Office of Student Finances. All aspects of Finnagle's Law of Finance will be discussed. Prerequisite of this course is abnormal psychology.

Agreed that the above courses cannot be found in the course catalog of any other college or university, but please bear in mind that Yeshiva University is a unique institution.

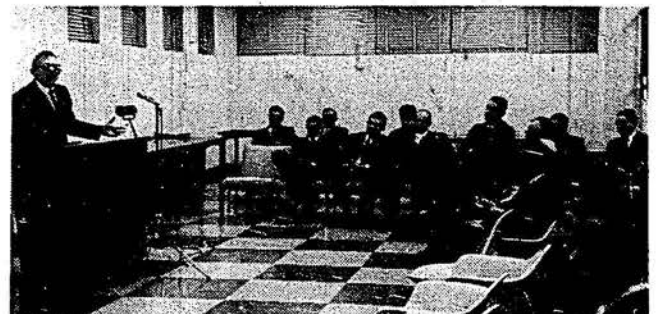
Dr. Weidhorn Shows Slides Of England

Dr. Manfred Weidhorn, assistant professor of English, presented a literary tour of England — through slides, to the Literary Society, January 4 at 8:00 P.M. in Furst Hall. The photos were taken of a trip made by Dr. Weidhorn to the British Isles. He showed slides of most literary places, beginning with 8th century literature (Beowulf) until early modern. Among the picturesque slides were scenes of Motteryhorn Castle, the town of Stratford, inns and gardens of the Elizabethan period, architecture of Christopher Wren, and the colleges of Cambridge and Oxford. The presentation proved to be very enjoyable and worthwhile, as was attested by the twenty students who attended.

March Marks '66 Campaign

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pandering to crude tastes. Most marked has been the consistently excellent coverage of *The New York Times*. Reports of the rally and march appeared on C.B.S. and A.B.C. television, numerous radio stations, and in a number of newspapers one of whom included an article. (Clippings can be seen on Soviet Jewry News Bulletin board Third Floor Furst Hall). One point made in the *Times* article was erroneous—that there was a larger turnout from YU.

Outstanding jobs have been done by Mutti Brafman, Fred Rubinger, Casey Sugerman, and George Weisz of Y.C., Leonore Wolfson and Ellen Roberts of Stern, and Margy Greenbaum of YUHS for Girl Manhattan.



Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz addressed the alumni of the James Striar School of General Jewish Studies at a recent gathering in the student lounge.

Respect For Torah

We are not concerned at this time with mentioning the various ways in which our religious studies are slighted in favor of our secular ones. What we would like to do is propose a few areas in which we feel major adjustments can and should be made.

The control of the day-to-day affairs of the *Yeshiva*, as well as its representation on committees dealing with other parts of the College and University, is a manifold task. Often, specific questions arise that require the capabilities of a rabbi. As is the case in other *Yeshivot* throughout the world RIETS should be augmented with a *Menahel*. This man should be a rabbi who understands fully the functions and goals of a *yeshiva* and is able to properly represent these goals to anyone concerned.

Another step that would go a long way toward putting the *Yeshiva* on an equal footing with the College would be the creation of a board of *Rabbeyim*. This would parallel the faculty councils of the other two religious divisions and the College in that it would be consulted when administrative or academic questions arise in relation to the *Yeshiva*. The *Rabbeyim* should be recognized as a major voice in questions of *Yeshiva* policy.

It is imperative that the administration show the students that the study and teaching of *Torah* is something worthy of the highest respect. Only in this way will the *Yeshiva* be able to exert a positive influence on the *hashkafah* of its students.

Expansion . . . Where?

Yeshiva is a growing University, we are told. We have just been informed how much *Yeshiva* College is growing with it, for the administration has asked the science departments for an estimate of physical facilities needed for a student body on 1200.

We very seriously doubt that the facilities needed will be built before the student body is expanded further. The production department must make way for biology laboratories, but has nowhere to go. The chemistry department located on the top floor of YUHS, will need another floor for its labs, but the high school, too, has no space to spare.

The laboratories we have now are in themselves inadequate. Twenty-three students must be accommodated next term in a chemistry laboratory with safe working space for thirteen. Freshman labs are filled to overflowing. Biology labs are jammed, yet we increase, not facilities, but the pressure on them.

The student body has to grow, perhaps. The question is: Where?

Rigors Of Registration

With the passing into history of still another YC registration, we feel duty-bound to offer our impressions.

First, the technical end of the operations was once more remarkably successful. Rabbi Meyer Edelstein and his organization are to be congratulated for this accomplishment. But in a number of other areas, registration was an unnecessary burden, and this was brought about by what we must call petty reasons.

Scores of juniors and seniors who sought to register for their Speech 2.1 required course found, to their amazement, that no sections were open to them. At a specially convened meeting, two new sections were opened, one between 1:30-2:45 (p.m.) though some students were not sure) and another between 8:30-9:45 (p.m.). Yet some 20

seniors still have no class. Why was there no preparation for this obvious situation?

A second snag developed around the method for waiving pre-requisites. After a student would submit a form requesting a waiver to the instructor, the instructor had to take it to the Dean for discussion, and from there it had to go to the Registrar. A few instructors simply refused to be bothered with carrying forms around and for good reason. What was the compelling need for the new method?

A third problem developed when it was discovered that the Dean's signature was necessary for a mid-year switch of section. What, pray tell, prompted this ridiculous task, a bother both to the students as well as to the Dean?

Generally, a good idea would be to have pre-registration in January and the final registration after the grades are in so students can be more certain of what they're taking. This would also give the administration an opportunity to discover the problem areas, and to come up with solutions before it is too late.

Semester Follow-Up

In our first issue, we complained about insufficient cafeteria and parking space. We felt that a greater amount of thought should be given to solving these problems, especially considering the continued expansion of our college population. Similarly, expansion will place a great burden on classroom and dormitory space now filled to capacity. With the hours of our classes extending late into the night as they do, the prospect of hundreds of dormitory residents being forced to commute is horrifying. Dormitory authorities have promised a policy statement on this question for February.

THE COMMENTATOR also decried the listing of some courses without their instructors during the Fall registration. This practice was abandoned this January, and we hope it will not be revived. We called, too, for more history courses and teachers and for limiting the physical education requirement to 4 terms. The administration has answered that a number of highly qualified faculty members are soon to join our college, and that a new plan for phys. ed.-hygiene courses is nearing completion.

In later issues we asked for a new interdepartmental major as well as unlimited cuts for juniors and seniors. Both ideas were rejected. We still feel the former is a sound idea and the latter should at least be tried out experimentally with seniors.

We pointed out the need for a new science sequence of courses for liberal arts majors, and the administration has informed us that it is in contact with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute which is working on this problem. We trust, too, that our suggestion for a joint faculty-student committee to set up a program for non-publicized curriculum evaluation will be implemented.

The administration has answered our editorials on the education department and the honors program. Since only a very few students are registered in the present education courses, it would be poor policy to establish a new elementary educational methods course when the registration would be less than 5 students. As for the honors program, it will be reviewed in the near future so that a qualified student may take an honors course in a subject that is not his major.

THE COMMENTATOR appreciates the privilege of open accessibility to the administration and hopes the administration will follow through on its responses and continue to give our views a hearing.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The pre-law student at *Yeshiva* College must envy the pre-medical and pre-dental students. They have interdepartmental majors and although Einstein is admittedly difficult to enter, it is a medical school that recognizes the problems of the observant Jew.

The pre-law student is confined within the limits of a social science major—perhaps political science or sociology or history. While many of the required courses in these departments are pertinent to law, others are totally irrelevant; yet, the pre-law major must take them all.

The lawyer requires a broad spectrum of information. He must understand the political process: how laws are made and administered. He must recognize the sociological basis of crime and delinquency. He must know the history of political institutions and theories of law. He must be able to read documents with maximum comprehension and compose written English that is concise and exact. He must be able to speak effectively and convince people of the justice of his cause.

Thus, it is manifestly apparent that the pre-law study demands a diverse interdepartmental major including relevant courses in political science, sociology, history, English,

and speech. When will YC develop such a major, and put pre-law on par with pre-med and pre-dent?

Jeffrey I. Roth '68

To the Editor:

On the evening of November 29, 1965, at the Hebrew Institute of University Heights, the *Yeshiva* College Debating Society debated the team of our sister college and lost. The debate was a lively and stimulating one; the audience in attendance was very large, and the decision was close and even disputed by some listeners. In all, it was a good, well-fought debate and nothing to be ashamed of. Noting all of this, I find it difficult to understand why this event received absolutely no coverage in either of the past two issues of THE COMMENTATOR. If the debaters who so valiantly defended the honor of YC prefer to remain out of the limelight, that is no reason to deny the team the publicity it rightly deserves for its activities. We hope that on the occasion of our next debate (Margate, New Jersey, January 10) the paper will see fit to print a full report—win or lose.

Jonathan Helfand '66
President,
YC Debating Society

Rabbinical Council Takes Stand On Humane Slaughter Dispute

Editor's note:

The following is a letter sent to all members of the Rabbinical Council of America by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the organization explaining the problems of Shechita legislation and clarifying its own position on the issue. We feel it is of major importance to our readers.

Dear Colleague:

A number of our members have asked that we re-state and clarify our position on humane slaughter and Shechita legislation. These requests have come especially from members in Pennsylvania who are faced with a situation where a bill was passed last year which the RCA found acceptable and which is now under attack by some Jewish groups who wish to revise it.

Perhaps, I can best clarify the RCA's position by giving you a brief historical review of the problem. Some ten years ago, a Federal Bill on Humane Slaughter was offered in the Congress. While it was primarily directed toward the handling of animals rather than actual Shechita, it was so worded that it would have made the practice of Shechita impossible. The practice in all of our country's kosher slaughter houses was *Shechita T'luya*, shackling and hoisting, since no other device for the

handling of animals on a mass basis in preparation for Shechita was available. We fought this bill but it was passed with an amendment known as the Case Amendment, which exempted ritual slaughter from the prohibition against shackling and hoisting. While this protected Shechita, it implied that we were indulging in a cruel practice exempt by law. You can understand our unhappiness at being thus portrayed.

The law also provided for the formation of an Advisory Committee on Humane Slaughter. The Jewish representative on this committee has been Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, and the Rav has given selflessly of himself in this area and has been most effective.

As a result of our efforts in combatting the bill, there was formed a Joint Advisory Committee, consisting of the agencies of the NCRAC, Synagogue Council of America, plus several individual agencies. This group has remained operative over the years and has coped with the problems involved in Humane Slaughter legislation. Our colleagues, Rabbi Emanuel Holzer and Rabbi Israel Klavan, have been particularly active in this committee and have been invaluable in their devotion and guidance.

The major thrust from the Humane Societies came in the state legislatures, with all sorts of bills being offered. Our response to these efforts was that because animals had to be conscious prior

Dr. Abraham C. Duker, director of libraries and social institutions, has been collecting for many years pamphlets, clippings, and throw-aways of Jewish interest and content. Such materials are available to researchers. Dr. Duker asks the cooperation of faculty and students. Please leave your contributions in Dr. Duker's office, F110, or in The Commentator's mailbox in the Office of the Registrar for Dr. Duker.

to Shechita and since no other practical device was available besides shackling and hoisting, we wanted no legislation. We publicly promised to seek a device that would solve the problem of handling animals prior to Shechita. The Jewish community, under the aegis of the Joint Advisory Committee, expended substantial sums seeking a practical device, and many of us contributed to these funds. Eventually, Cross Brothers Slaughter House in Philadelphia, developed a device which proved most satisfactory.

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Writer Relates Interesting Features Of Recent Trip Behind Iron Curtain

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Jews. I shall never forget the experience of being among 30,000 of them: outside the Moscow Synagogue on *Simchas Torah*.

Heroism

I heard of many acts of heroism. There was the case of the synagogue of Kutasi, Georgia, where a very active Jewish life persists. The authorities attempted to close down one of the three remaining synagogues. When demolition vehicles closed in, large numbers of Jews, men, women and children, lay down in front of the *Shul*. No demolition took place.

At this year's Warsaw Ghetto

Chaim Lauer '67, News Editor of THE COMMENTATOR, will be taking a leave of absence next semester due to ill health. Mr. Lauer, a resident of Miami, Florida, expects to return to YU next September. Any junior at YU may submit a written application for this position to the Editor-in-Chief.

Memorial meeting in the Moscow Synagogue, an old engineer arose and, amidst a most eloquent silence, openly defended the state of Israel and called for a monument at Babi-Lar. Gedalye Pecharsky, the leader of the Leningrad synagogue, was imprisoned for his open efforts for Yiddishkeit. He had the nerve to collect signatures asking for a Jewish school — his right under the Soviet constitution. Every Jew who makes copies of the *Luach* and circulates them, more particularly, every parent who circumcizes

his baby, assures the future of Judaism at great personal risk."

The story is told of a clandestine Mohel who was awakened in the middle of the night by a high army officer, taken away by car blindfolded from his weeping wife, ordered to circumcise the officer's recently born son, presented with 25 rubles and two bottles of vodka and brought home again blindfolded by the officer in a military car.

It is barely credible that such people, taking such risks, exist in Russia today. But they do and so I would say that there is far more hope for Russian Jewry than might rationally be expected. The courage, the painful day to day effort, often left me moved beyond description. On numerous occasions tears flowed from my eyes, tears of distress, but also tears of joy, tears of guilt but also tears of pride.

Apathy

On my return flight to Paris, I found myself next to a French Jew who managed to chat with me about every subject imaginable except that of Soviet Jewry. I suddenly asked him where he'd been on *Yom Kippur*. "In the Leningrad *Shul*", he replied. His pleasant smile froze on his face and then he burst out crying. While writing these lines, I cannot help seeing the world — theirs and ours — through a veil of tears. My heart is torn not only for our brethren but for ourselves. By reason of our neglect and indifference we are sinning grievously. Would that we could learn from them but a

small portion of the self-sacrifice and overwhelming love of *Klal Yisroel* which I found among them. But we do not really want to know. We have other worries. Surely, we will one day bitterly regret our apathy, our lack of burning concern — but by then it may be too late.

Chait To Head JSS Guidance Program; Emphasizes Need For Personal Contact

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effort will be made at each guidance session to gain the confidence of the student and to establish a personal relationship with him. Each counselor will prepare a report of his sessions, and submit his evaluation of the student. Rabbi Chait will study all of these evaluations paying particular attention to special problems.

Previously the JSS guidance program had provided a guidance period in the schedule of full time instructors. The group which the instructor taught most frequently was assigned for guidance. Each teacher conducted his counseling independently, consulting Rabbi Besdin, JSS chairman, on special problems.

Largest Program

JSS's guidance program has the largest number of counselors of the three religious divisions, but, as Rabbi Chait explained, "the problems within JSS are considerably greater than those of the other divisions, and of a substan-

Campus Chatter

by Louie Katz

Somewhat unbiased, the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives conducted a government survey of engineering schools. Its purpose was to determine the correlations between educational institutions receiving substantial federal science funds and those giving the highest quality of undergraduate education. The survey was measured by the frequency with which the graduates of the school win awards and prizes for graduate study. A partial listing of these findings reports:

1. Cal Tech; 6. MIT; 8. Cooper Union; 10. Queens College; 16. Harvard; 17. Princeton; 26. Case Institute of Technology; 28. Yale; 31. RPI; 36. Brooklyn Poly; The colleges omitted were generally small liberal arts colleges.

Holiness and hangovers were the subjects of a recent survey reported by the *West Virginia Yellow Jacket*. The review showed that "as the sale of alcoholic beverages increases, it is in direct proportion to the increase in the sale of Bibles."

The family that prays together, sways together.

Early last May, the *Columbia Spectator* ran an ad by a mythical "liberal girl," seeking two male roommates. 72 lechers responded.

The students of Rutgers University are up in arms in a campaign to remedy the "mediocrity" which they say is caused by inadequate financing by the state. At a meeting with the President of Rutgers, Dr. Mason Gross, the collegians pointed out that money was necessary to increase faculty salaries in order to attract talented scholars; to increase the size of the faculty; to

upgrade the quality of administrative personnel; to enlarge and improve the physical facilities and university library.

A speech by Edward Douber, president of Student Council, incited this concern over the mediocrity. Mr. Douber said, "Mediocrity is a disease far more crippling than polio and more fatal to our future than any epidemic. We, as students, must act to protect the students of 1965 and 1985."

University financing has been a major issue between the State Board of Education and the university educators, since Rutgers became the official state university in 1956. Its faculty's salaries, which are controlled by a board of state officials, average several thousand dollars below those of comparable universities.

Intrepid and efficient, four beard-sporting gunmen executed a daring robbery of the Bursar's Office at the University of Chicago, escaping with an estimated \$18,800. The quartet entered the office at 10:30 A.M., and one instinctively announced, "This is a holdup!" The 26 employees present were ordered to lie down on the floor while the thieves proceeded to rifle the various drawers and safes. After only a few minutes of activity, the robbers fled into two awaiting cars. Earlier, the crooks had put themselves in the driver's seat by stealing two Pontiacs from a Hertz Rent-A-Car Agency. The police have not been able to come up with any clues as the investigations continue. The theft was so well performed that police suspect that students (who are familiar with the procedures) may have been involved.



Rabbi Morris Chait, new director of JSS guidance program.

tially different nature."

This is borne out by the most frequently discussed topics at guidance sessions which are: conflicts at home, difficulty in adjusting to the double program, commitment to religious observance, *minyán* attendance, student-teacher relations, and, according to Rabbi Chait, actually "any per-

sonal matter the student chooses to discuss."

"Basically," Rabbi Chait continued, "we want to establish a relationship between the student and faculty which will be of a more intimate nature. The uniqueness of our program is that practically every teacher guides his own students."

YU To Present Broadcasts On Education

Between January 8 and April 2, YU will present a 13 week series of 25 minute radio programs called "The Challenge of College." Broadcast over WOR Radio, Saturday evenings between 8:05 and 8:30, the programs will deal with the educational problems facing students planning to go on to college or graduate school.

Professor David Mirsky, dean of admissions, will discuss various problems with distinguished guests. For the January 22nd presentation the guest will be the Administrative Secretary of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Mr. Calvin Crawford. Yeshiva University is a member of Middle States.

Joining Dean Mirsky, January 29th, will be Dr. Louis Rabineau, special assistant to the president, New York Institute of Technology.

The first graduate of Yeshiva College to attain the status of college president, Dr. Jacob I. Hartstein, the President of Kingsborough Community College, will be the guest on February 5.

Rutgers University Dean of Admissions, Dr. George Kramer, will join Yeshiva University's Dean of Admissions February 12th to continue the discussion on the educational problems facing today's youth.

YU Publishes Monograph On Luzzato Marking One Hundredth Anniversary

Marking the hundredth anniversary of the passing of Samuel David Luzzato, a study of his religious philosophy, as well as the first English translation of his classic work, "The Foundations of Torah" (*Yesodei ha-Torah*) has just been issued.

Entitled "Luzzato's Ethico-Psychological Interpretation of Judaism," the monograph is authored by Dr. Noah H. Rosenbloom and

published by Yeshiva University's Department of Special Publications. Dr. Rosenbloom is an associate professor of Jewish history and literature at Stern College. The new treatise is another of the University's "Studies in Torah Judaism" series.

Samuel David Luzzato, a noted Italian Jewish philosopher, was permeated with a deep love for Torah Judaism, and attempted to

meet the theological challenges of his day.

In the introduction to the monograph, Dr. Leon Stitskin, Director of Special Publications, comments that Luzzato viewed Torah Judaism as a total approach to existence, taking into account the emotional responses to human situations. "The Torah which always takes into account the nature of man has given us precepts designed to offset derivative instincts by the cultivation of desirable impulses such as compassion, self-assertiveness, and fear of retribution." Emotional drives, then, must not be considered exceptional conditions or illnesses, but as concomitant of human nature.

The study of Luzzato, who was traditional in both his religious practices and his beliefs, reflects the objective of "Studies in Torah Judaism," whose purpose is to offer a rationale for Judaism, grounded in Biblical, and *Halachic* sources and geared to a contemporary view.

Rabbi Miller Notes Reasons For Soviet Jewish Identity

(Continued from page one) the Jews in Russia still identify with Judaism.

1. Each Jew is listed as a Jew by nationality on his internal passport and thus acquires an intellectual curiosity about his heritage.

2. Anti-Semitism, still present in many areas of Soviet life, makes the Jews aware of their separate identity.

3. The State of Israel helps the Russians identify as Jews in that they "identify more nationally than religiously."

4. The old Jews, although vanishing, provide a focal point for religious activity in the community.

Although religious intimidation is rare, Jewish youth are constant-

ly being indoctrinated with Communist theory, which frowns on religious activity. With the diminishing opportunities for religious education and the dying-out of the old generation, the religious future of Soviet Jewry is dubious. In the words of Rabbi Miller, "Russia is not a death camp, but it is a spiritual Auschwitz."

Two out of every three students at Stern College for Women come from communities outside the five boroughs of New York. What do New York girls know about Stern that girls from Uruguay and Los Angeles don't? There must be a moral lesson there, somewhere!

Book Printed; A History Of Jewish Guilds

That Jews have shown reluctance to do manual labor is an anti-Semitic stereotype long held throughout history. This is the subject of a new book entitled *A History of Jewish Crafts and Guilds*.

Written by the late Dr. Mark Wischnitzer, a professor of history at Yeshiva University, the book lay untouched for thirteen years, since the professor's death. Brought to the attention of the publishers and seen through publication by the author's widow, Dr. Rachel Wischnitzer, professor of fine arts at Stern College, the volume was published by Jonathan David Co. for YU, and sponsored by the Conference on Jewish Social Studies.

As the first documented volume on this subject, the book offers detailed evidence that Jewish artisans from the earliest times practiced all kinds of crafts, and in fact were pioneers in the development of the simplified devices that made mass production and the Industrial Age possible.

In the volume, the late Dr. Wischnitzer documented evidence of Jewish artisanship in Palestine, during the period of the Babylonian exile, and in Spain, Southern Italy, Turkey, Bohemia, and Poland. The bases of research were Biblical accounts, Talmudic allusions, medieval rabbinic responsa and the writing of travelers.

Also recounted were guild statutes which shed light on labor practices and welfare provisions, as well as the Jewish struggle for the right to work, master-journeyman relationship and the position of the artisan in the community-at-large. Covered is a period extending from Patriarchal times down through the emergence of a broad Jewish working class in the 19th century.

A History of Jewish Crafts and Guilds features a forward by Professor Salo W. Baron of Columbia University and an introduction by Professor Weiner J. Cahnman of Rutgers University.

How Are We Different? . . .

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to the United States and it has intensified as the result of a reaction to the American experience. Not knowing how to cope with a civilization whose values seem alien to their own, some Jews tend to deny the reality of their new environment.

It will take at least one generation for the Jewish attitude to the Christian American to adjust to the freedom enjoyed by the Jew in America. I do not mean to suggest any sort of "ecumenical spirit;" our theological rejection of Christian doctrine must not be weakened. Yet, it must be understood by all that the chosenness of the Jewish people lies in its acceptance of and adherence to Torah and not in any form of innate racial superiority.

Orlian Replaces Subways With Bike



"... East Side, West Side, all around the town ..."

(YU Public Relations)

He does not ride his students, but during the recent subway strike Rabbi Mitchell Orlian of TI took to riding his English racer to keep up with his busy schedule. Shockingly enough, Rabbi Orlian really seems to be enjoying his ten-mile trip between TI, where he teaches Bible, and Stern, where he instructs the girls in the finer points of Hebrew.

Besides the fun aspect, Rabbi

Orlian, who is also assistant to the registrar, points out that "physical fitness, according to the *Rambam*, is necessary in order to have cognizance of G-d."

There are many advantages to his bicycle routine; as a former member of many YC athletic teams, Rabbi Orlian recognizes the value of the exercise: "It's good for the lungs, and frankly I've been feeling just great!"

No red light problem confronts a cyclist, and in a jam you can hop onto the sidewalk. Without the buses New York has a new advantage — or as Rabbi Orlian puts it "New York really is a nice place if you get out in the fresh air."

It seems, however, that there's one grave disadvantage: you can not read on a bike trip, unless you use one hand. . .

Club Corner

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intends to do research and get ahead. The shortage of good students was stressed, and a contrast to former times when a student had to secure part-time employment to work his way through college compared to present conditions where there is ample financial support, was clearly defined.

Pre-Med

On Thursday, January 6, Rabbi Dr. Immanuel Jakobovics returned to complete his three-part lecture series on Religion and Medicine with a question session. The questions concerned organ grafts, emergencies requiring Sabbath violations, and choice of specialties.

Grafts are permissible because of impairments which may result if they are not used. The transplanting of the cornea of an eye, for example, is permitted if sight is endangered. However, the remainder of the eye should be buried in accordance with the *halacha*.

Life endangering circumstances include any impairment when death is a possibility. Any steps can be taken to preserve a Jewish life, even violating the Sabbath.

Finally, a *Cohen* should not undertake a medical career because of the prohibitions involved. Similarly a medical student should shy away from plastic surgery and pathology because of similar considerations.

YC Checkmates Move Opponents From Boards

Yeshiva College's chess team, in "A" team play, rolled over NY Community College on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, in a lopsided match. The following night they beat Cooper Union in a close contest.

Against NY Community College, the Checkmates played with four of their five regulars for first-time this year. The result—an overwhelming victory, YU 4 1/2, NY Community College 1/2. On board one, Moish Merduchowitz won on a forfeit to stake YU to an early one game lead.

On board four, Phil Kliener, a newcomer to the "A" team this year, easily downed his opponent, in 25 moves, to stretch the lead to 2 games. On board five, Mechi Frankel, the only "B" team player who played in this match, mounted an attack that couldn't be stopped to give YU the match but only after his opponent had overlooked the theoretical chance of exchanging a queen for three minor pieces and a rook. The score, YU 3—

NY Community College 0. On board two, Co-captain Paul Schneid reluctantly agreed to a draw after finding himself one tempo behind his opponent, YU 3 1/2—NY Community College 1/2.

In the next game on board three, Yeshiva's Ira Rapaport won the most exciting and surprising contest that day. The final score, YU 4 1/2, NY Community College 1/2.

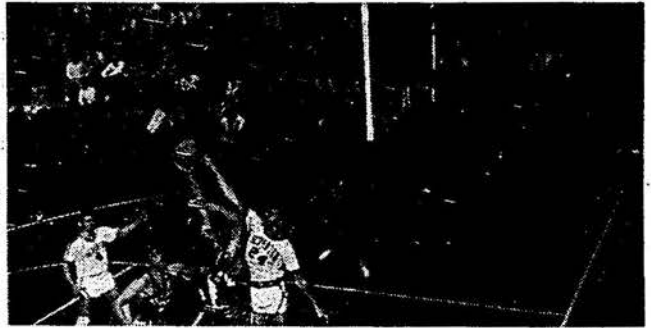
The YC Checkmates entered an "A" team match against Cooper Union with only one "A" team regular and the rest "B" team members. The result—a narrow victory—YU 3, Cooper Union 2.

Their victories in the last two outings have given the team greater impetus toward the city championship.

Hoopsters Drop Fifth Straight Game As Rokach Nears Thousandth Point

(Continued from page eight) threw away this hard earned lead. With five and a half minutes left in the game, Bridgeport passed us at 65-64 and eventually hung on to win, 76-71. Shelly Rokach, by the way, is only 23 points shy of his 1000th college point.

Jan. 11, against Monmouth, the Mites continued to play poor, sluggish ball. Neither team was able to score until 16:57 when the Hawks netted a jumper. For most of the first half both teams traded points. However, with 44 seconds remaining in the first half and Monmouth leading 32-29, the Jerseyites intercepted two passes and rocketed to a 39-29 half-time advantage.



Ray Aboff goes up for rebound against Scranton as Shelly Rokach tries to help.

When play began in the second half, it soon became obvious that YU was listless and had had

the starch taken out of them. The victorious Monmouth squad, now 11-2, outscored, outlasted, and outrebounded, to score a resounding 80-52 win. With three freshman starters in their lineup, the Hawks indeed are a team with a bright future.

Yeshiva, with a 2-8 record, will next play Hartford University, away, on Thursday night, Feb. 3. The first home game of the spring semester will be Feb. 5, when the Mites face Stonybrook College in a crucial Knickerbocker Basketball Conference encounter.

Varsity Bladesmen Narrowly Defeat Alumni; Face All Time Greats Of Coach's Career

The returning Yeshiva alumni fencing team lost to the varsity, 14-13, Sunday, December 26. This marked the third straight victory for the Taubermen and the first alumni fencing match in recent history.

The day's festivities began with a joint luncheon. There was no doubt that the alumni won a decisive victory at Parker's. The varsity claimed "foul" for the alumni had brought along their wives and children for moral and culinary support. The varsity's defeat is understandable in light of the fact that they faced over fifty enthusiastic people hungry for victory.

After lunch, the scene of en-

gagement switched to the already infamous Yeshiva College gymnasium. Several of the alumni gasped in relief (no doubt trying to catch their breath in the fetid air) that "it's good to be back." "It has not changed in the past fifteen years," remarked one perceptive alumnus.

The match was ably directed by Coach Arthur Tauber. In his absence as coach, Captain Maurice Zauderer assumed responsibility for the varsity. Coach Zauderer cautioned the team not to be awed by the fact that they were up against the best fencers in the history of the school.

The alumni sabre team was led by Warren Enker who posted a

brilliant, and as yet unmatched, 40-2 record. Not to be outdone, the alumni foil and epee team featured such greats as Danny Chill, Steve Rothman, Jack Finkelstein, and Warren Goldman. Warren (the "stretch") Goldman is the current holder of the epee record at 25-3.

The match was as close as it could get. At the end of the second round the score 9-9. Norman (go go) Novoseller outreached his opponent in a crucial match to make the score 13-12 in favor of the varsity. Vic Kops won the next bout to clinch for the varsity. The only fencer to post a perfect 3-0 for the afternoon was Alex Zauderer, a sophomore who shows great promise.

Foil Team Strong In Recent Wins

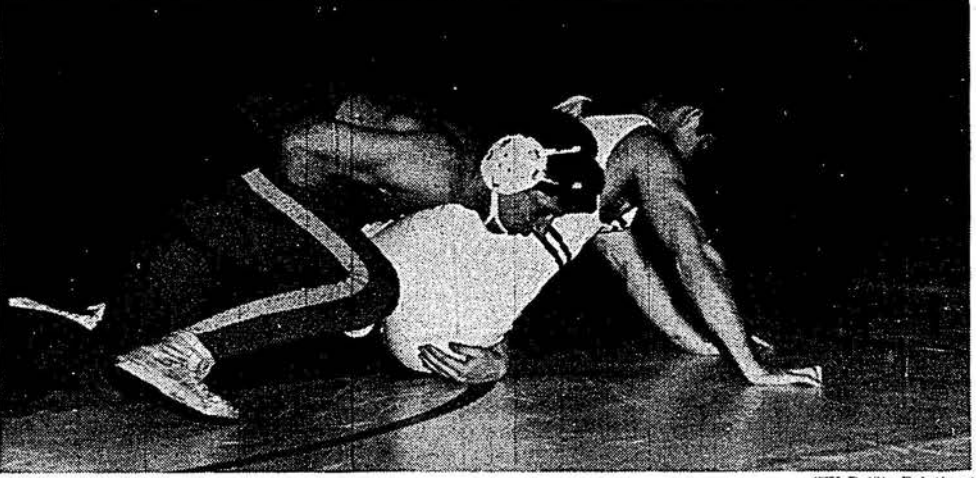
(Continued from page eight) brother Alex Zauderer, who had outclassed his previous two opponents, iced the match as he won a close bout (5 touches to four) to give YU the necessary 14 wins to win the match.

Coach Tauber's charges, 4-0 so far this year, now boast the best won-lost record of any YU athletic team. The next match after intercession will be a home affair, Feb. 8, against Drew University.

Who's Whose

- Engaged**
Kalman Tuchman '64 to Janice Grossfeld
Zev Goldberg '67 to Toby Kalus
Morton Merowitz '60 to Arlene Sherman
- Married**
Samuel Fuhrer '64 to Denise Doppelt
A special congratulations to chemistry lab assistant Joe Levovitz upon his impending marriage.

Wittenbergers Tie All Time YU Mark; Enhance Chances For Winning Season



Undeclared Neil Ellman overpowers opponent.

(YU Public Relations)

(Continued from page eight) 1965-66 edition of the wrestling squad has already tied the all-time YU mark, set in 1962-63, of four wins in one season. A great deal of credit must be given to Coach Henry Wittenberg, while the dedi-

cation and determination of the grapplers has proven to be a key element in the winning formula.

The Wittenbergers resume activity on Feb. 7, the first day of the spring semester, when they meet Marist College at the Main

Campus gymnasium. Last year's Marist match ended in a tie. A victory over the upstarts this time will not only set a new mark, but will greatly enhance the matmen's chances of having a winning season.

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Alumni Sponsor Activities; Start Drive To Raise Funds

The following is the second part of a series based on an article by Rabbi Milton Furst, which will discuss Alumni Activity and its relationship to the undergraduate student.

Joint Alumni Activity

While the development of each individual alumni association is encouraged, it is also endeavored to stimulate joint activity in some areas. Thus, for example, all alumni groups have jointly sponsored a number of lecture series on such themes as:

Meeting Modern Challenges of Torah Judaism

Contemporary Problems in the Light of Jewish Thought

Current Challenges to Israel

Twentieth Century Challenges to Torah Judaism

Which Way Orthodoxy? — A

Re-examination of Organiza-

tional Relationships.

The Yeshiva University Alumni Review, first as a magazine, and now as a quarterly bulletin, is published to keep all alumni apprised of developments at Yeshiva, of personal achievements, as well as *simchas*, of individual alumni.

The Yeshiva University Alumni Fraternal Order has also been established as a service to alumni of RIETS, YC, TI, SCW, and YUHS residing in the Greater New York area.

In the course of these past years, attempts were made to organize regional clubs of YU alumni in areas where there is a concentration of former students.

Specifically, alumni clubs were established in the Greater Boston area and in Southern California.

Rabbinical Council Presents Stand On Humane Slaughter Legislation

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factory, which met the Halachic requirements of our own committee, and which has been installed in slaughter houses under the supervision of the Agudath Harabbonim presidium member, Rabbi Pinchas Teitz. It is similar to the device in use for some years in Canada.

During this period of activity and particularly through Rabbi Soloveitchik's involvement in the Advisory Committee, we came to know many of the people in the responsible humane movements, whose major concern was humanness to animals and who had no desire to in any way infringe upon the practice of Shechita. In fact, as a result of our discussions with the ASPCA in New York, they undertook a program of exploring

this problem of finding a suitable handling device which would protect Shechita. At the tremendous expense of some quarter of a million dollars, they undertook a research program. They purchased the patent rights to the Cross-Pen and renamed it the ASPCA Pen and made it available without royalty or profit to the industry. These devices are available for all who want to install them. They are still engaged in a very expensive program that will perfect a device for small animals.

Despite our efforts, the response of the industry to voluntary installation of the pen was most disappointing and pressure began to mount for legislation in this area, not to outlaw *Shechitah* but to force the slaughter houses to install the ASPCA pen for handling

larger animals. Smaller animals were to be exempt from the provisions of the act.

Since we and almost all Orthodox communities at public legislative hearings had stated that we would not oppose legislation when a practical, suitable device was available and that the Case Amendment was a reflection upon the Jewish community, we decided that the bill presented by the ASPCA was acceptable. Our decision was that the bill would not be sponsored, but would not be opposed by the RCA.

This bill was offered last year in the N.Y. State Legislature and failed to pass. Earlier this year, a bill with the Case Amendment passed the legislature in Pennsylvania. The Jewish community representatives, with our approval, communicated with the Governor and pointed out that the bill with the Case Amendment was not as desirable as the bill offered in the New York State Legislature. As a result, a bill similar to that offered in New York State was passed and signed into law in Pennsylvania.

Currently, there is a movement in some Jewish groups to amend this bill back to the original Case Amendment bill. We are opposed to such a step. There are certain Orthodox groups who continue adamantly to oppose any legislation. This is their prerogative, but when they press for a bill with the Case Amendment, we must disagree.

The alternative to the ASPCA bill, which we did not oppose, is a bill currently re-introduced by the FOA (Friends of Animals) which would exempt kosher slaughter, but would require that meat that may be sold must be labelled either "kosher" or "Humane". You realize the implications of such a bill and the havoc it would create.

The situation as summarized is as follows: The RCA was and is in the forefront of those who seek to protect Shechita. Now that a device is available and there is no threat to Shechita (in fact, all legislation declares Shechita as humane), we see no reason for opposition to the passage of a bill such as was offered by the ASPCA in New York, which would remove this problem from the agenda. The passage of a bill with the Case Amendment would mean that the Humane Societies will continue to press for its amendment and, therefore, may pose a continued threat to Shechita itself.

Our own integrity is at stake. We promised that we would not oppose legislation where Shechita is not threatened. The RCA has, therefore, adopted a policy whereby it will state that legislation which declares Shechita humane but outlaws Shechita *T'luya* (shackling and hoisting) and provides an exemption for smaller animals until such time as a proper device is available, is acceptable.

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Foilmens And Matmen Continue To Please Coaches And Fans While Mighty Mites Falter, As Midyear Break Halts All Sports

By Kenneth Koslowe

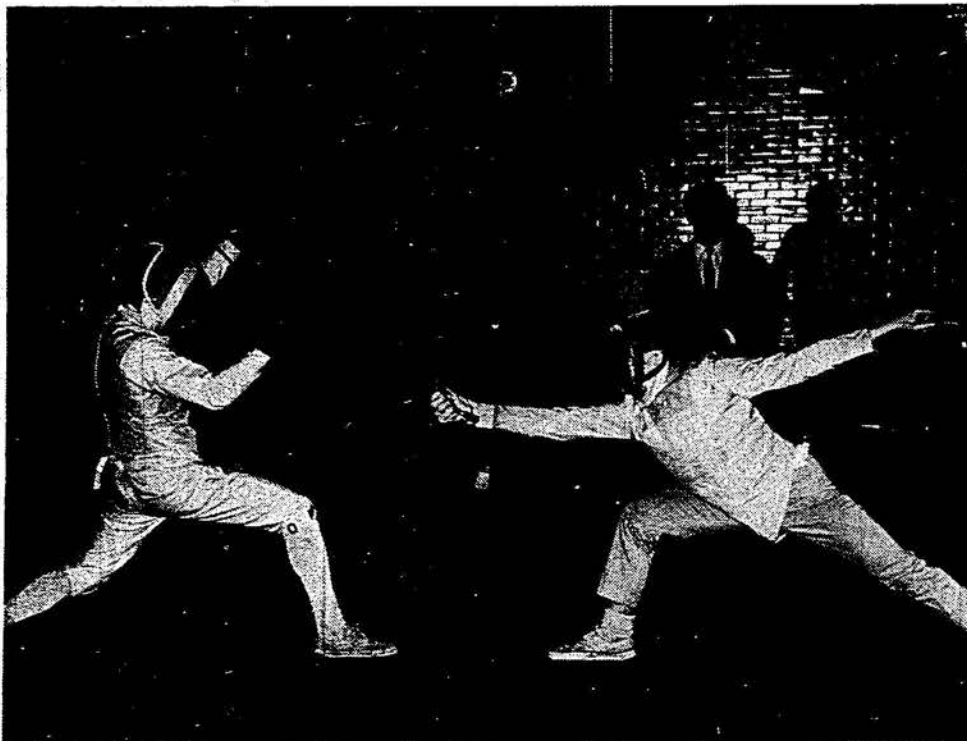
The Mighty Mites in the midst of a slump, have now lost five games in a row. Their latest three losses were to Scranton, 82-64, Bridgeport 76-71, and Monmouth 80-52.

Although the scores don't reflect it, the first two losses were very similar. The Mites started slowly in both, and then came back early in the second half, only to falter badly at the end. The main difference in the two games was the quality of the opponents.

The Scranton game pitted our roundballers against a tough and talented opponent. The Pennsylvanians jumped to a quick start and scored seven points before Shelly Rokach put YU on the scoreboard with a foul shot. This set the mood for the first half as Scranton kept well ahead of the Mighty Mites. Whenever our quintet threatened, some untimely fouls would keep Scranton safely in the lead. In the second half, after an inspiring half-time talk, Yeshiva appeared to come alive. With six minutes gone, the hoopsters cut a 24 point lead down to 10, mainly on the shooting of Rokach (26 points) and Aboff (14 points). Once again, however, fouls proved costly as Scranton put together two 3-point plays to keep their lead safe. The loss of Sam Stern on fouls with eight minutes left, iced the game for Scranton and they won by 18 points.

The Bridgeport game started in a similar fashion as Yeshiva scored only five points in the first four minutes of play. However, the difference in this game was quite apparent as Bridgeport scored only two points in the same amount of time. Yeshiva could not mount a good attack in the first half, but they did manage to lead 38-34 at the end of the half. The Mites (led by Rokach's 33 points) broke out of their lethargy in the early part of the second half and after six minutes were leading 52-43. This sudden burst of activity proved to be too much for our quintet as they soon collapsed and

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Fencer Alex Zauderer (right) exhibits winning form typical of this year's squad. (YU Public Relations)

Fencers Smash Fairleigh Dickinson, 18,9; Boast Best Record Of Yeshiva Teams

by Bob Galbut

On its way to a tremendous season and aiming for great heights, YU's greatly improved fencing team breezed to their fourth straight victory as they smothered Fairleigh Dickinson, 18-9. The match was decided in the third round when Alex Zau-

derer narrowly defeated his opponent to give YU a 14-9 lead, thus insuring victory.

The swordsmen entered the match with a three game winning streak. They jumped to an early 6-3 advantage in the first round. However, Fairleigh Dickinson U. regained their composure to win

the second round, 5-4. With the score 10-8 in YU's favor going into the third round, the Taubermen went on to win two of the three sabre bouts, pulling ahead, 12-9. With the fencers anticipating victory, Maurice Zauderer won the first foil bout and his

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On The Sidelines

Of Men And Boys

By Myron Iteld

Ruby Goldstein, one of boxing's all time great referees, in his book *Third Man In The Ring*, labeled any form of sports officiating "a lonely job." Later on, Mr. Goldstein added that although rules are supposedly standard throughout, interpretations often vary considerably. In this respect, basketball is no exception.

The roundball sport, like all other organized forms of athletic competition, differs, in play, from area to area. For example, the East is noted for slick ballhandling and conservative, set-up offenses. The Midwest, on the other hand, is the land of the survival of the fittest. This cage-crazed section stresses racehorse style basketball complemented by bruising, bone-crushing rebounding. Inexplicably, however, officiating in the different locales is as different in interpretation and execution as is the play. This situation is very widespread.

Complicating matters even more, in various areas the level of refereeing is subject to different standards. Consequently, a team playing in different cities will find its pattern of play cramped through fear of violating the "rules."

An example at hand is the Mighty (not of late) Mites of Yeshiva. The great gap in officiating was not so sharply defined until the Blue and White travelled to Madison, New Jersey, to tackle Drew University. For years, "Jersey refs" have been known to be notorious; however, there is no excuse for lack of knowledge and intimidation. Although YU did not play one of its better games, its whole pattern of attack was hampered continuously by the officials' ineptness. The three second violation was totally ignored as was the offensive charge, thus enabling Drew to score many baskets which ordinarily would have been disallowed.

Naturally, YU fans became boisterous and soon they felt obligated to jeer what many called "the two jailbirds." Trying to be constructive at the same time, the Mite's faithful also began to assert themselves as "grandstand referees." Almost immediately the two officials lost their composure and were parroting the calls from the stands. A fan would scream "walk" —toot—the ref called "walk." Intimidation and incompetency such as this, is shameful and a disgrace to basketball.

Perhaps even more shocking, was the game at Scranton, Pa. Robert Freed and Terry Stoudt, two novices at officiating are quite fortunate (not to their credit) that no ballplayer was injured. Resplendent with schoolyard tactics and fallen battered bodies, the Scranton game was the absolute antithesis of what basketball, the non-contact sport, is really like. The charge, both offensive and defensive, was

Grapplers Trounce Bridgeport, 33-10

Aided by forfeits in three weight classes, the YU matmen smashed their visitors from Bridgeport, Jan. 6, 33-10. This resounding victory swelled the wrestlers' record to 4-2, the best early season mark of any Yeshiva wrestling contingent.

Leading the way to victory were the unbeaten Shelly Katz who pinned his man at 4:23, bearded Peter Barron, with a 7:40 pin, and Barry Levy who also downed his man. Captain Lew Zinkin, the other grappler victorious in combat, wrestled a tough, exciting bout before gaining a 6-3 decision.

The foundation for a Yeshiva

Box Score

Yeshiva 33 Bridgeport 10			
123 LB.	Mike Groob	Won-Forfeit	
130 LB.	Steve Dostis	Won-Forfeit	
137 LB.	Neil Ellman	Won-Forfeit	
145 LB.	Lew Zinkin	Won-6-3	
152 LB.	Allen Friedman	Pinned-3:58	
160 LB.	Barry Levy	Pin-7:32	
167 LB.	Peter Barron	Pin-7:10	
177 LB.	Shelly Katz	Pin-4:23	
Unlimited	Howie Poupko	Pinned-4:30	

victory was set early in the evening with the Blue and White being awarded 15 points as Bridgeport forfeited three lightweight bouts. Beneficiaries for Yeshiva were Mike Groob (his third forfeit victory), Steve Dostis, and Neil Ellman. Bridgeport however, did bring three freshmen who fought exhibition matches with YU's lightweights. The most shocking result was Neil Ellman, previously unbeaten and untied, losing on points, 12-9.

With victories over New York Community, Columbia JV, Bronx Community, and Bridgeport, the

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Box Score

Game 8—Yeshiva 64 Scranton 82									
	FGM	FTM	RB	FF	Pts		FGM	FTM	Pts
Halpert	0-7	0-0	0	1	0				
Rokach	11-28	4-5	18	4	26				
Stern	4-11	0-0	3	5	8				
Wiener	2-11	3-2	0	3	7				
Aboff	2-11	0-2	6	3	14				
Raphael	0-1	0-0	1	3	0				
Palefski	2-3	1-1	1	2	5				
Hershkowitz	0-2	0-0	3	0	0				
Korn	1-1	0-0	0	0	2				
Kurz	1-1	0-1	0	0	2				
Shlmansky	0-0	2-2	0	0	0				
Totals	27-75	10-14	32	21	64				
Game 9—Yeshiva 71 Bridgeport 76									
	FGM	FTM	RB	FF	Pts		FGM	FTM	Pts
Halpert	2-6	0-1	0	4	4				
Rokach	12-28	9-13	25	5	32				
Stern	4-12	0-2	2	1	8				
Wiener	6-10	1-1	2	4	13				
Aboff	1-3	0-1	7	4	2				
Raphael	1-4	1-5	13	2	3				
Palefski	2-4	0-0	0	0	4				
Hershkowitz	1-2	0-0	0	0	2				
Korn	1-1	0-0	0	0	2				
Kurz	1-1	0-0	0	1	2				
Shlmansky	0-0	0-0	0	0	0				
Totals	30-69	11-23	54	26	71				
Game 10—Yeshiva 52 Monmouth 80									
	FGM	FTM	RB	FF	Pts		FGM	FTM	Pts
Halpert	2-8	0-0	2	0	4				
Rokach	4-14	2-2	12	4	10				
Stern	5-10	0-0	5	0	10				
Wiener	4-9	1-2	4	1	9				
Aboff	3-10	2-3	6	3	8				
Raphael	1-2	0-5	6	1	2				
Palefski	2-3	0-1	4	1	4				
Hershkowitz	0-0	0-0	1	0	0				
Korn	0-1	0-0	1	0	0				
Kurz	0-1	0-0	0	1	0				
Shlmansky	0-1	0-1	2	0	0				
Koenig	1-0	0-0	0	0	2				
Totals	22-60	8-18	44	12	32				

professionals should be employed.