

Audience Acclaims Miller's "Incident At Vichy"



Two tense scenes from the Dramatics Society's much hailed production of Incident At Vichy.



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Reviewer Calls Stage Production "Unmatched"

By Dr. Irving Linn

Anyone who saw *Incident at Vichy*, so excellently presented by the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society the other week, must readily concede that this play, unmatched in its evocation of the tragedy of silence, is of equal stature with the same playwright's epoch-making *Death of a Salesman*. The saga of Willy Loman is, after all, the story of a nonentity, told, it is true, with understanding and compassion; but *Incident at Vichy* sobs the tragedy of the whole six million by reduc-

ing the number to a motley handful of stray Jews picked up by chance on the streets of occupied Vichy during the period of the methodical and intensive application of the Nuremberg regulations.

Only One Escapes

Symbolically, the few represent the entire Jewish community. All they have in common as the play opens is a nose long enough to enmesh them with the authorities. Once herded together, the meaningful differences appear, the divisive qualities erode even the chance of a momentary banding together to overpower their single and indifferent police guard, and, one by one, the little band is sent to the cattle cars. The one Jew who escapes, a psychiatrist, talentfully portrayed by Alan Schwartz, does so less by wile than by chance.

In the tense dramatic moment at the end of the play, the one obvious Christian, the Viennese Prince Von Berg, so competently played by Bruce Horowitz, who had been carrying on a surprisingly intellectual dialogue with the doctor — harrowing, in consideration of the circumstances — concludes that his life has become so meaningless as to make him willing to surrender it. He gives his just-obtained pass to the doctor, allowing him to rejoin his wife and children in what they had regarded as a safe sanctuary.

All this makes very effective theatre, and the Yeshiva College players wisely chose in their presentation to accent the individuality of the characters, even to their makeup and their clothes — the worn double-breasted and sack suits adding to the realism of wartime and occupied France. Likewise, the dramatic tableau, except for brief moments of movement, was triangular in shape, focusing attention on the ear-locked Jew from Poland, all of whose worldly possessions were carried in a burlap bag, into which he looked every once and a while to assure himself that he was still of this world.

Contrast of Characters

Not once does this character, so intelligently acted by Sheldon

Stern, utter a single word, but with each additional gesture it becomes clearer and clearer that deportation is lurking nearby. When the old Jew's expressive fingers move from the stroking of his chin, amid a glimmer of hope of survival, to the caressing of his tzitzit,

Incident At Vichy by Arthur Miller. Produced at Furst Hall by the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society, Drew Kopf, president, Mr. Anthony Benkas, faculty advisor. Presented on the evening of November 25, with matinee and evening performances on November 26, 1967.

we know that he is expressing more eloquently than all the others the inexorable destruction of the community. The old Jew, so oddly out of place in the presence not only of his worldly intellectual correligionists like the painter and the actor but even in comparison with the craftsmen and servicemen of

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By A. Cyril Mendelsohn

For two days, Silver Lecture Hall (F501) served as a "theater-in-the-round" for the Dramatics Society presentation of Arthur Miller's *Incident at Vichy*. During three performances given November 25 and 26, the YC Players appeared before more than 600 persons. At the close of each performance, the audiences responded with long volleys of brisk applause.

The play depicts discussion among a group of individuals arrested to have "their papers examined" by the Nazi-controlled Vichy French government. All are shocked by the prospect of "trains going to Poland." The Austrian Prince Von Berg cannot believe the extent of the German atrocity. He is slowly convinced of it, however, and forfeits his own life to save that of a Jewish psychiatrist who guides the evolution of the prince's thought on the purposes of Nazism. Von Berg is told that racism and nationalism are camouflage for the individual's attempts at self-assertion. The observer becomes aware of a growing change in his outlook.

Modern Theater

The audience is situated on three sides of the stage in the "theater-in-the-round" configuration. It allows more intimate communication between actors and audience. As a result of the system and the theater's relatively low ceiling, the actors are always audible without the shouting-to-project sometimes heard in college dramas.

Drew Kopf, producer and director of the offering, was greatly pleased by the audiences' reaction. He said, "Since I came to the Society two years ago in my sophomore year, I've seen it grow into a unit which can consistently turn out handsome shows with organi-

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Council Pres., Sec'y Return From Coast Student Meeting

YCSC President Ronnie Gross '68 and Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon David '69 returned last week with new ideas from the conference of the Associated Student Governments, held in San Francisco during the weekend of November 21.

Take Active Role

This was the first year that Yeshiva University was represented at the conference. According to Mr. Gross, YU has been increasingly "fenced in," and now is the time to drop its provincial views and attitudes and begin to "take an active role in a student organization so as to meet all the problems of student representation." Mr. Gross went on to stress the importance of making a name for YC in the more remote regions of the country by actively participating in meetings of this kind.

The conference sponsored various workshops which enabled representatives to discuss pressing matters such as curriculum evaluation, the judicial systems in schools, and student power. Also discussed were problems relating to student representation, dormitory government, and various other campus functions. A manual was distributed by the A.S.G. which contained programs already instituted by some schools in such areas as discount services, radio stations, campus parking, etc.

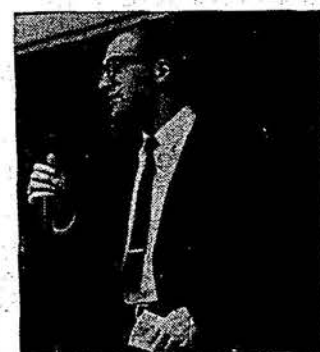
Calls for Negro Boycott

One of the highlights of the convention was a speech by Dr. Edwards, a professor from San Jose State University. He proposed that Negro athletes boycott the 1968 Olympics because this country continues to be "a living hell for the Negro people." The proceedings were televised by both NBC and

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Rabbi Lichtenstein Elected Senior Professor; David Miller Will Receive Lieberman Memorial

This year's graduating class of Yeshiva College elected Rabbi Dr. Aaron Lichtenstein as Senior Professor and awarded David Miller the Philip Lieberman Memorial Award.



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Rabbi Dr. Aaron Lichtenstein.

The Senior Professor Award is given every year to a teacher "who

personifies the goals of Yeshiva College," according to David S. Ribner, president of the Senior class. The Lieberman Memorial Award was established by the Class of 1966 in memory of the late Philip Lieberman, a student who passed away in his junior year. It is given to the student who has best exhibited character, personality, devotion, and special service to the class.

Rabbi Lichtenstein is a *rosh yeshiva* in RIETS, where he was ordained. He received his doctorate in English literature from Harvard University.

David Miller, voted the outstanding member of his class by his peers, is Educational Vice President of Yavneh and President of the Student Organization of Yeshiva. A math major, he has been on the Dean's List throughout his college career.

Over 64 per cent of the senior class voted in the election which was held Thursday, November 30. The prizes are an engraved plaque with the name of the Senior Professor, to be affixed to the wall in the office of the Dean, and a \$100 gift to the student winning the



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David Miller

memorial award. Both prizes will be officially awarded at the Senior Dinner, June 10.

Levine Urges Pressure Be Brought On Soviets To Curb Anti-Semitism

By Ben Nelman

An intensive advertising campaign and the special feature speaker, Hillel Levine, who recently was expelled from Russia, drew a capacity audience to the Thursday night meeting of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Speaking in a low, emotionally charged voice, Mr. Levine related some experiences in Russia and described the pitiful condition of Soviet Jewish life.

He decried the sad state of the synagogues and the rabbinate, both of which are limited in number and contain numerous spies and collaborators.

To illustrate, he cited the city of Odessa, which formerly was the center of Jewish culture in Russia. The Jewish population is 740,000, or 30-50% of the city's population. It has but one synagogue and no Jewish schools, whereas the Greeks who comprise 2% of the population, have two schools with Greek as the language of instruction. Mr. Levine cited the rabbi of the city, who is a known collaborator, as an example of the Russian line on Jewish life. The rabbi showed him photographs of a kosher slaughter house, *sukkah*, and circumcision, and emphasized that all institutions of Jewish life exist in Russia and are available, but that

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Enough Is Enough

Student sentiment opposing the present policy of limiting unexcused absences is a matter of record. The Curriculum Evaluation Committee reported last year that 89% of the students were in favor of unlimited cuts. Similarly a study conducted by Atkins and Levy of Ferkauf Graduate School found that 73% of the students sampled wanted unlimited cuts while only 17% were opposed. Last year THE COMMENTATOR repeatedly campaigned for such a policy for all but freshmen. Moreover, this year's Executive Council was elected on a platform favoring unrestricted absences.

We are tired of editorializing on the necessity for affording students freedom to regulate their classroom attendance according to their own academic needs. The time has come for action. We are also tired of the good old run-around we get every time the topic is mentioned. The administration claims that it is the faculty that supports the status quo, while the faculty throws the blame back on the administration.

Enough of playing games. Using a plan brought back by our delegation to the San Francisco student governments conference, we strongly urge the immediate establishment of a committee representing the administration, faculty, and students to face the problem squarely. At long last the students would have a serious hearing on a just demand. Rather than side-tracking the issue of unlimited cuts by shunting it off into some general faculty committee, this ad hoc group would be able to concentrate on concrete proposals based on its findings and present its reports at some specified date next term. This would afford the administration enough time to institute new procedures before the fall semester of next year.

It is hoped that the administration and faculty will enter into a dialogue with the students in a mutual spirit of concern for the upgrading of Yeshiva College.

Finals Solution

Sympathetic administrators have often expressed their cognizance of the difficult but necessary situation which the double program entails. When approached with some plans that might alleviate the burden, however, their reaction does not go beyond sympathy; their concern for the student seems always to stop short of action.

The issue at hand is the schedule of final examinations. As matters stand now, EMC and JSS students will have no more than one day separating their religious studies examinations and college finals. In many instances, students will have no time off at all. RIETS classes do not end until after college finals begin.

A simple solution to this unfortunate situation was formulated and presented to the administration. If final examinations in the religious divisions were to be administered during the last class periods, it would be possible to study during the interim period between religious division finals, pushed up one week, and college exams. The solution was received sympathetically; no action was forthcoming.

We believe that the situation merits action; to decry it is clearly not enough. If an acceptable answer is not presented, we call upon the student governments and student bodies of EMC, JSS, and RIETS to utilize what weapons they have at their disposal to bring about the abolition of the existing inequity. If the Student Councils do not take the initiative, we will make con-

crete proposals for definitive action in our next issue.

Council Budget

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR we reported that this year's Student Council budget is \$29,250.

We are sure the members of Student Council realize the tremendous responsibility they bear for the wise and useful distribution of this large sum, but so far this year's budget presentation has been ill-planned to say the least.

To begin with, the meeting at which the budget was presented and discussed was inadequately publicized and consequently ill-attended. In addition, three weeks elapsed before the minutes of that meeting were distributed.

But our basic complaint is that the Council programs so far have not lived up to the grandiose allocations. Sums of up to \$2,000 have been put into such ill-defined brackets as "clubs," "entertainment," and "office expenses," yet no specific blueprint for the purposeful use of this money has been drawn up. Instead, lump sums are put aside in case they are needed. This certainly is a slipshod way of spending almost \$30,000.

One could quibble with the necessity of a few of the allocations, such as \$1,050 for telephones, and \$2,000 for intercollegiate conventions, but on the whole the budget's allocations seem to provide a more than adequate means for a rich program of activities. The task lying before Student Council is then, in full view of the student body, to prepare a plan for the vigorous and dynamic utilization of these funds. Is it in the best interests of Yeshiva College Student Council to spend \$650 to send two of its officers to San Francisco? That has yet to be determined by the concrete proposals that emanate from that trip. But it definitely is in the students' best interest to schedule a worthwhile lecture series, to provide clubs with ample facilities, to present quality dramatic productions, and to have a fine radio station and student publications.

The Student Council has an awesome obligation to the students of this school to invest their money in a well conceived program of student activities, and we pledge ourselves to see that such a program becomes a reality.

Right To Privacy

While students' transcripts are being distributed to them, the box in the Registrar's office containing these supposedly confidential documents is left open to anyone who cares to peruse the records.

THE COMMENTATOR is indignant over this crass disregard for the privacy of students at Yeshiva College. Only authorized personnel, including administrators and their secretaries and excluding Work-Study students, should have access to transcripts. Immediate rectification of this violation of trust is as simple as it is imperative.

About Time

It has long been a disgrace that our University, "the oldest and largest under Jewish auspices," has no regularly appearing publication in Hebrew.

We note with hope the imminent appearance of *Hamashkif*, a Hebrew newspaper being put out by a dedicated group of EMC Hebraists. The paper deserves the enthusiastic support of the administration, the faculty, and certainly the students.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

While I appreciate the obvious sincerity and sensitivity that my brother, Joseph Kaplan, manifested in his warm and moving tribute to Woody Guthrie, I must, nevertheless, point out that the *Gedolim* (who are, of course, the only authentic spokesmen of Judaism on all major issues) have not as yet evaluated Woody's merits as a social or moral critic. Thus any tribute is, to say the least, premature. True, Joseph's column is called "In My Opinion" and, thus, can be viewed as merely expressing a purely subjective reaction. Yet his column, solely by virtue of its being printed in THE COMMENTATOR, the "Official Undergraduate Newspaper of Yeshiva College," may be misconstrued to represent the view of Orthodox Judaism.

To obviate this possible misunderstanding, perhaps Joseph could have included opposing views regarding Woody's songs. For example he might have discussed the sentiments that the California grape-growers harbor toward Woody's song about the migrant workers, "Pastures of Plenty." I must confess that I can not understand how Joseph can rate this song so highly. Is he not aware of the fact that the *Gedolim* have not as yet taken a stand in the current struggle between the migrant workers and their employers? (This being Yeshiva College such an issue must be judged in the context of *halacha*.)

I am furthermore shocked by Joseph's quoting Pete Seeger as an authority competent to evaluate Woody's personal status and stature. We all know of the notoriety that Pete Seeger has acquired on account of his Communist affiliations. Surely, he can not, by any stretch of the imagination, be credited with embodying *da'at Torah*.

For the future, I would suggest that Joseph stick to strictly localized and less controversial topics. A tribute to "The Rabbi's Sons" or the "Od Yeshama Band" would

be more in order.

Lawrence Kaplan '65

Bravo!

To the Editor:

THE COMMENTATOR may well be proud of the quality of the Jewish Studies Supplement in its issue of November 9th. I particularly admired Jeffrey Roth's skillful elucidation of the technique applied by Dr. Nehama Leibowitz to the study of *Rashi* and Usher Caplan's clear and interesting account of Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz's theology.

Congratulations!

Prof. David Fleisher
Chairman, Division of Language,
Literature & the Fine Arts

Unlimited Cuts

To the Editor:

In a recent editorial in THE COMMENTATOR entitled "Blueprint For The Seventies" (Nov. 9, 1967), attention was drawn to the fact that the "Blueprint For The Sixties", which was involved in improving Yeshiva College's physical plant, is now drawing successfully to completion. But at the same time, the editorial notes, the administration must now devote itself to problems of an academic nature which confront the College.

The basic contention in the editorial is that the quality of teaching on both the religious and secular levels needs "upgrading." Various suggestions are advanced to pinpoint the problem and offer a solution, the results essentially being that to improve the level of teaching, salaries must be upgraded and endowed chairs established to attract capable scholars.

Both of these suggestions skirt around and do not grasp the problem. Certainly it is true that the great majority of the teachers here not only don't teach but don't do any scholarly research, and exactly what they do must be left in a state of quandary and considered a total

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Anti-Israel Intellectuals Deny Jewish Heritage

By Noah Baer

A mid-western farmer on his first visit to a zoo was stunned when he saw the giraffe. He walked around the cage, scratched his head, and, during an inspired moment, commented, "There ain't no such thing!" This is essentially the problem facing the American Jewish "intellectual" in explaining the last Arab-Israeli war — how to fit round events into square thinking modes. His mental gymnastics are recorded, analyzed, and rejected by Robert Alter in "Israel and the Intellectuals" in the October issue of *Commentary*.

Mr. Alter sees an attempt on the part of the intellectual to rescue his traditional Jewish stereotype. The image of triumphant Israeli tank columns does not seem to merge with the spectre of European Jews meekly traveling by boxcars to their deaths. The European Jews of Hannah Arendt were dishonored for not fighting back, and the Israeli Jews are dishonored for defending themselves. Victory has been an unsettling experience,

Stern Prof Epstein Authors New Book, 'Tales of Sendebat'

The recent publication of the *Tales of Sendebat*, a medieval Hebrew romance similar in form to *The Canterbury Tales* and *The Decameron*, with the wickedness and wiles of women as its central motif, marks the culmination of an unusually fruitful search for unknown manuscripts by a Yeshiva University scholar, Dr. Morris Epstein. Dr. Epstein is professor and chairman of the English Department at Stern College, and editor of *World Over* magazine.

In his research, Dr. Epstein found single manuscripts of the work in such Eastern languages as Greek, Syriac, Old Spanish, Persian, Arabic and Hebrew. He also came upon a most interesting fact: that the Hebrew was the intermediary between the Oriental and Occidental versions.

While describing the romance as "sometimes bawdy, frequently amusing and always fascinating," Dr. Epstein said that he regards it not only as a source book for students of literature, but as a source of delight for every reader.

rience, and for the intellectual to remain safe within his stereotype, he must dissociate himself from Jewish strength and disavow its results.

The New Jews

One method of explaining this change in character is to divorce the Jew of Europe from the Jew of Israel. J. F. Steiner, reviewing *Treblinka* by Bruno Bettelheim in the July issue of the *New Republic*, says that the ghetto Jew died in Europe, and that the Israeli is a different Jew — both people are similar in name but not in content. The names Israeli and Jew are two different descriptive terms; therefore, the Jew did not win the June war. This line of attack is also forwarded by Georges Friedmann in his book, *The End of the Jewish People?* (For a nation which died in Europe twenty years ago, we are having an unusually long post-mortem examination.)

Other commentators take the liberty of denying facts while picking and choosing their favorite Communist line: Israel is a buffer of the West; Israel attacked the Arabs; or Israel had help, since Jews are not a fighting people.

This summer a petition, *A Call for Respect and Humanity in the Middle East Crisis*, was circulated among the academic community. (To my knowledge it did not reach YU.) The petition was signed by Jews, Arabs, teachers of Arabic civilization, teachers of Christian religion, and Arnold Toynbee. It called for aid to Arab refugees, and for Israel to respect Moslem shrines (as if they respected Jewish shrines?). The signers claimed to "identify intimately and respectfully with their (third world) tra-

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The Draft Game Or, Play Dial "D" For Delinquents

By Edward Abramson

*Draft, draft, go away,
Do come again another day!
Don't you see I'm learning hard?
'Divinity' reads my little card!*

*Study, study—all I do,
Student am I! (Have I fooled you!!)*

Yuk, yuk, I'm out of it, a mental case and so unfit.

*Fight, they say, they've got their nerve,
For I'm physically unfit to serve:
Falling hair, sore feet and head,
Fungus, too, I should be dead!*

*All of us are free from draft
At those who serve so hard, we
laughed,
"They put their land before
their lives
Without regard to kids or wives.
They sold their souls to Uncle Sam
And so got sent to Viet Nam.
These patriots just make us sick,
We'll never know what makes them tick.*

Could they be right and we be wrong?

*We don't see why it takes so long
For them to see that we know best*

*And so have passed the acid test,
For we have crushed our
conscience well*

And to our friends we proudly tell

That just for now this land must run

*By us who will not lift a gun;
For they must die and we will give*

*Of minds now purged of guilt,
and live."*

In My Opinion

Faith Lives In Honest Doubt

By Joseph Kaplan

When changes finally do occur in Yeshiva College, they usually come about slowly. This is true for student and administration alike, both in the realm of actions and ideas. I think there has been a change in the views of many Yeshiva men — an important change that has come about all too slowly.

Two years ago there was a debate sponsored by Student Council, concerning Vietnam. Dr. Joseph Dunner spoke in favor of the Administration policy, and three Belfer Graduate School professors spoke against it. Lamport was packed; interest, for once, filled the air. I remember that at that time I had changed from a supporter of the President to a member of the opposition. I was sitting right behind a group of about twenty students who loudly opposed the President (and Dr. Dunner's defense). However, when the applause started and one could sense where the audience's sympathies lay, I realized that those twenty students were all alone. Almost everybody else was on Dunner's side. The audience overwhelmingly backed administration policy.

The debate should have been only the beginning. It wasn't. While in other colleges the next year was filled with debates, discussions, lectures, symposiums, pickets, sit-ins, and teach-ins, at Yeshiva all was silent. Not a sound was heard. And then a group of sincere students decided to concretize their concern and formed a Students Opposed to the War in Vietnam Club. They met before

the summer, obtained recognition from Council and began work.

A little less than three weeks ago this club held its first major program. Over 400 students and friends listened to Miss Linda Morse and Representative William F. Ryan speak about the Vietnam war and its consequences. Miss Morse is executive secretary of the Student Mobilization Committee, and Cong. Ryan is a well-known Congressional dove. At last some interest was being shown in Yeshiva about the major issue facing the United States, and probably the world, today.

Yet what struck me as especially significant was the audience reaction to Mr. Ryan's speech. Mr. Ryan was not an overly eloquent speaker; he has neither the char-

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Fortnite

Thurs., Dec. 7 — 2:45 P.M. — Clubs
7:30 P.M. — Wrestling vs. Marist —
8:00 P.M. — Basketball at Kings Point
Fri., Dec. 8 — Oneig Shabbat; Rabbi Shimon Roman
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 8-9 — Elizabeth Weekend
Sat., Dec. 10 — 8:30 P.M. — SCW Concert for Belt Olet; YC Open House
Mon., Dec. 11 — 8:30 P.M. — Intramurals
Tues., Dec. 12 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. C. W. Post at Power Memorial; Wrestling at Brooklyn Poly
Wed., Dec. 13 — 8:30 P.M. — Movie — "The Court Jester"
10:00 P.M. — Intramurals
Thurs., Dec. 14 — 2:45 P.M. — Clubs; Fencing at N.Y. Community College; Wrestling at Seton Hall
Fri., Dec. 15 — 8:00 P.M. — Oneig Shabbat; Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz: "The Revolution on the American Campus"
Sat., Dec. 16 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. Brooklyn Poly at Power Memorial; Movie — "Shop on Main Street" at Albert Einstein Main Center
Sun., Dec. 17 — 8:30 P.M. — YC-Stern Lecture
Mon., Dec. 18 — 8:30 P.M. — Intramurals
Tues., Dec. 19 — 8:30 P.M. — Intramurals
College Bowl; Basketball at Adelphi
Wed., Dec. 20 — 8:30 P.M. — Symposium: Wrestling at Hunter
Thurs., Dec. 21 — 8:30 P.M. — Basketball vs. Brandeis
2:45 P.M. — Clubs

Daiches' Autobiography Describes Religious Defection; Explains Conversion To Humanitarian, Ethical Beliefs

By Isaac Gottlieb

Two Worlds, by David Daiches, Harcourt, Brace, & Co., N. Y.

That product of synthesis bearing the *klaft* on one hand and wearing the hood of the sciences on his shoulders is not unknown at Yeshiva. More often than not, the merger adds nothing that either faculty could not have obtained separately. However, the thoroughgoing humanist — I conceive him

to be a hedonist of sorts, an epicure of ideas — who maintains a religious *Weltanschauung*, is a phenomenon worthy of observation. Having come to a stalemate here at Yeshiva in counting those who effected the marriage in their minds, and others who sued for incompatibility, I was happy to come across this book.

The author is a prominent literary critic and dean of the School of English Studies at the University of Sussex. Most recently, his review of two anthologies of Hebrew poetry appeared in *The New York Times Book Review*. He has written or edited more than a dozen works, all concerning literature, save this slim autobiography of a Jewish childhood in Edinburgh.

Describes Jewish Experience

I was attracted to the book for two reasons. I wished to see the Jewish experience described by someone whose skills were sensitivity and criticism. Secondly, noting *The Times* review, I wanted to see how much Daiches' present interest in Jewish topics was the result of religious commitment.

There is a great deal of feeling in the portrait of his youth.

The description is not primarily chronological, but selective and conceptual. Those incidents which later formed part of the writer's mature notions are included, especially those which shaped the views of his father, the virtual Chief Rabbi of Scotland.

Includes Intangibles

Not only incidents are included, but intangible observations — not the sense of timelessness he felt as a very young boy running through the streets of Edinburgh with his Scots playmates — but the sense of time imposed by the Jewish realm of life which overtook him on Friday afternoons. By sundown, the Meadow and Marchmont and Blackfriars Hill were forgotten. The synagogue, though it had indeed been in the same spot all week, became the focal point of his map, the point to which all streets led. Though the world of timelessness and the one of time were compatible in youth — what isn't? — one already sees the author's first strivings regarding the realm of the secular and the holy.

Later on, the missing of all school sports events, because they were held on Saturday, was taken for

granted. Similarly, the literary club and the debating society meetings were missed because they met on Friday nights. So much was taken for granted.

Picture of Synthesis

Most poignant is the picture Daiches draws of his father, a *tal-mid chacham* with a university education, whose life goal was the

The Yeshiva College Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, December 28, between the hours of 9:30-3:00 in Furst Hall lounge 024. If there are any questions, contact: Stuart Weigus, Blood Drive Chairman.

development of a community that would be both Scottish and Jewish. His father had a humanitarian-ethical view of religion, though he was staunchly Orthodox and fought liberal English Jewry strongly.

However, the sensitivity in the descriptions of Jewish life and childhood impressions is not the sensitivity of the mature English professor, but the inborn gift that his later education merely enabled him to articulate, the astute ob-

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Dr. Emanuel Beckman and President Samuel Belkin present plaque to Rabbi Ephraim Stekberg upon his retirement from RIETS after 46 years.

Linn Commends Stellar Production; Intellectuals Attack Israelis In Attempt To Be Impartial

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the work-a-day world, understands, through his inheritance of suffering, the meaning of the treacherous roundup. His foil, the Gypsy, convincingly depicted as a tinker by Harry Schulhof, cannot stand the gibes and breaks down, brandishing a knife, a meaningless threat of individual force, before he is consigned to the oblivion of the tins.

Vivid Emotions Displayed

Not so the old Jew. He even leaves behind him his few possessions for use by anyone who might escape the holocaust. Through him Mr. Miller has revived the character of a commentator, who discourses not only on the play but also on life, a dramatic character who goes back to a time when plays worthy of production had to be didactic in nature. Our age has different standards, but *Incident at Vichy* tells us in no uncertain terms how far we have to travel to become human beings.

Not all the characters are by any means omniscient. The difficult roles of getting the play started with a dialogue made up of incredulity, cynicism, hope, despair and the other emotions to be displayed in more abundant amounts later are managed deftly by the artist, Eugene LeVee, and by the electrician, Jeffrey Schwartz. The brusque businessman, who as a non-Jew, suffers only minor inconveniences, is played with frightening disengagement by George Baumgarten.

Soviet Jews Express Hope For International Protests

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the Jews do not have any interest in religion.

Mr. Levine continued that, despite all the suffering that Soviet Jewry is enduring, they refuse to die. The youth take great risks in appearing at the Moscow and Leningrad shuls on *Simchat Torah*, but they find "comfort in numbers" and seize the opportunity to manifest their love for Judaism.

To illustrate the fear that is prevalent among Soviet Jews, he described how he arranged, by signaling a young lady in the women's gallery, a meeting with a group of Jewish intellectuals.

At the rendezvous the Jews embraced him and expressed the hope that Western Jewry would pressure the Soviets into letting them emigrate.

One of the group related how he had been condemned to the firing squad for talking to a member of the U.S. Embassy, but that he had his sentence commuted to ten years in a Siberian prison. Although the group consisted of cultured people they had wild fantasies of their deliverance from Russia by Israeli submarines.

Turning to the protests in New York City he stated sadly that Russian Jews were amazed that out of 2½ million Jews in New York City, only a small fraction is involved.

Speaking of the effectiveness of



Groob grabs attention

Equally frightening is the contrast between the Jewish waiter, Michael Groob, and the non-Jewish restaurant proprietor, Alexander Newman, who aptly demonstrated to the audience how easy it is to make the Jew a second-class citizen. In a major role, the Nazi major (Joel Kutner), dominates the stage as the embodiment of force. The one moment of humanity which creeps out under the vizor of his peaked cap reveals the terror concentrated in naked and arbitrarily employed power backed up by the gun.

Superb Direction

If Arthur Miller speaks in his own person, it is through the actor Monceau, a delicate and difficult role strikingly portrayed by Chaim Cohen. The self-delusion, not only of the Jewish intellectuals but also of all other people, including many

of goodwill, comes out sentence by sentence, reminding the older generation of its inaction then, and its complacency now, in the face of a world on fire. All the other characters, portrayed competently by Drew Kopf, Solly Dan (the boy), Bob Westle, Marvin Srolowitz, and Hillel Markowitz (the Nazi Jew-baiter and anthropologist) assisted the fine sweeping movement of the play.

Mr. Beukas, splendidly assisted by Drew Kopf, did an excellent job of directing. He obviously remembers the original production well and used it as the basis for a strikingly improved presentation—and all with genuine amateurs. Sincerest congratulations, Yeshiva College Dramatics Society.

Pres. Kopf Sees Dramatics As Important Asset of YC

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zation and good taste." He sees the society as an inroad into the legendary apathy on campus and said proudly, "Last year, they were curious to see if we were good. We were. This year, they wanted to see if we could do it again. We did. Next spring, they'll expect us to do well a third time. We will. We are building ourselves into one of the most respectable assets of Yeshiva College. You don't build by sleeping but by working at major problems, then with trivial ones, and then still more trivial problems."

Beukas Tremendous

"Mr. Beukas (Instructor of Speech) is absolutely tremendous. Rehearsals start at 10 P.M. and usually go to 2 A.M. He is there whenever we need him to offer his professional touch to groom and polish the show. He is always pointing up valid points we may have missed in interpreting scenes." Mr. Anthony Beukas is a professional actor with an M.F.A. degree from Yale and is faculty advisor to the society.

"We try to attract youth," Drew said. "What do you do if

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Charges Israeli Aggression

Mr. Alter pays particular attention to an article by I. F. Stone in the August 3 issue of *New York Review of Books*. Mr. Stone claims that after each of the three Arab-Israeli wars, Israel's territory grew together with the number of Arab refugees. He remarks that the Israelis seem to have forgotten the passage in the Balfour Declaration guaranteeing the rights of minorities in Palestine.

After attacking Israel's conduct of the war, Mr. Stone goes on to differentiate between the Jew and the Israeli. This time the Israelis come up short; a Jew is a missionary in the human wilderness, while an Israeli is interested in narrow tribal warfare. He comments that

the greatest Jewish cultural periods occurred in tolerant, pluralistic civilizations, not in Israel.

Mr. Alter: "Lofty universalism with no roots in national identity exists only in the fervid imagination of the refugees from the ghettos... one must belong to a particular part of mankind before embracing the whole of it."

Refutations Not Given

Although Mr. Alter does a commendable job in recording and refuting the latent verbal assaults on Israel, this review has been centered on presenting the attacks, leaving their refutation to the reader. Although this review is familiar with Arab propaganda against Israel and contemporary Jewish "intellectual" disenchantment with its own culture, it is still unsettling to see Jews attack their fellow Jews for asserting their identity.

It is unfortunate that Jews must double over backwards to show their impartiality. In this reviewer's opinion, a new low has been reached when Jewish "intellectuals" carry the standard of irrationality and hatred against their own people. Other ethnic groups are content with, and admit to, their parochial interests, while some Jews need the empty joy of being universal symbols, the fulfillment of being for everyone and no one.

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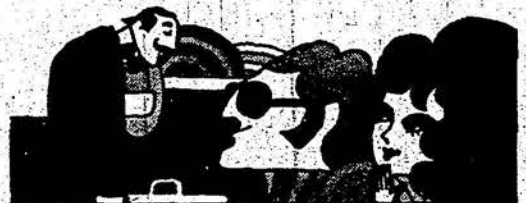
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Wachtel Initiates Program To Help Students In Area

Because he believes that it is the responsibility of every Yeshiva student to help others and to try to improve the entire community, Steven Wachtel '69 is initiating a new program involving two forms of help for Washington Heights students who need it.

Temple Starts Intern Course

An intern teaching program for liberal arts college graduates who wish to become secondary school or special education teachers has been announced by Temple University in Philadelphia.

While selected applicants will begin studies June 24, most interns will begin work in September as full-time salaried teachers in city or suburban schools, under close supervision.

Applicants must have a liberal arts education with a bachelor's degree, and preparation in a subject area. No education courses are required. At the culmination of the program, interns earn a master's degree in education, professional certification, \$12,500 for two years and placement and tenure.

Detailed information can be obtained by writing to Dr. Russell A. Hill, director of the program, at Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, Philadelphia, Pa. 19122.

One facet of the program will have students who require tutoring helped by capable volunteer Yeshiva students during school hours. Tutoring hours will be from 2:00-3:00 P.M. each day of the week at P.S. 189 on 183rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, with each student having at least one session per week.

The second element of the tutoring program will be an attempt to build personal contacts between Yeshiva and other local students, so that those with personal problems can be helped on a close, individual and friendly basis.

Reps. Gross And David Return From Conclave; Plan Many Innovations

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ABC and, in fact, two of six representatives that were called upon to express their views regarding this question were Mr. Gross and Mr. David. Appearing before the microphones and cameras, they both stated they strongly opposed Dr. Edwards' plan, on the grounds that it would only hamper the many efforts now being made in the cause of civil rights.

Gross Outlines Plans

Based on his experience in San Francisco, Mr. Gross outlined his plans for innovation at Yeshiva. His ideas are presented in an article on this page.

YCSC's Representatives Evaluate Coast Findings



Executive Council relates its San Francisco findings.

By Ronald Gross and Sheldon David

Having just returned from San Francisco, where we attended this year's conference of Associated Student Governments, we are devoting this article to an explanation of this organization and a report of our trip.

Associated Student Governments is the second largest student body organization in the country. Its aim is to help improve student governments throughout the country, whereas the largest student organization, N.S.A., is primarily a political organization.

The conference was a gathering of 400 student leaders representing 100 American colleges and universities. We discussed problems that all student governments are faced with, and tried to find solutions to these problems. In this way we were able to learn from each others' experiences.

Knowing the many problems that our Student Council has, and wishing to learn more about how to tackle them, we asked for and received Student Council's approval to send two representatives to this conference. Our primary purpose was to come back with fresh ideas for Student Council. Hence, our main objective was to listen and learn from others.

The information which we gained will be of value to this year's Student Council as well as to future Councils. Ideas such as the establishment of Student-Faculty-Administration committees for all aspects of school policy, Student Council running freshman orientation with the help of the administration — as opposed to the present method of the administration running it with the help of Student Council; a shuttle service between University centers and new approaches toward an effective curriculum evaluation, are but a few of the many new ideas which we brought back.

But we not only listened; we also gave as much as we gained. The information on modern Orthodox Judaism which the delegates gained through being with us was valued by them and created a *kiddush Hashem*. Most of the delegates had a rather distorted concept of Orthodox Judaism and what it stands for. By our presence and actions many things were clarified for them.

However, above and beyond all that we either gained or contributed, we were left with one primary thought — that Student Council leaders have a purpose; to fulfill and goals to achieve. Hence, it is very important that we never give up. If one approach to a problem is tried and is found wanting we must not forget the entire project, but rather see where we made our mistakes and try again until we succeed.

It has been very unfortunate that, in the past, Yeshiva College Student Council leaders have been very apathetic towards their duties. Hence, many of their ideals and goals never became realities. There were two justifiable reasons for such action: 1) a lack of support from the student body and 2) a feeling of having the administration and faculty fighting them on every issue instead of working together toward a common goal.

There have been times when we, too, have had this feeling of frustration for the very same reasons. However, this organization (A.S.G.) and specially this conference has rekindled the spark in us.

We are prepared to sacrifice almost everything in order to achieve the goals which we set forth last May. But this is not a two man job. We are once again requesting that you the students offer suggestions, volunteer your services, and, most important, have faith in Student Council and all that it stands for.

Letters To The Editor

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mystery. In a similar vein, students here, while being very serious, are too busy taking tests to know exactly what they're supposed to be learning. Thus, individual research on both the teacher and student level is at such a pitiful dribble as to be almost unnoticeable.

Poor teachers can only be replaced by better ones; but as far as the students, what is needed is more free time for evaluation and research. Thirty hours of classroom attendance is normal at Yeshiva College, an outrageous sum of hours by any university standards. It's not bad enough, though, that there should be so many hours — what is worse is that one must attend these classes. While this sys-

tem may be justified for freshmen and sophomores, because there is a need to adjust and settle down to college work, it must have a deleterious effect on upperclassmen, who should be considered mature enough and capable enough to do individual research. The requirement that one must attend classes can have only one purpose, and that is, to protect teachers incapable of teaching. For if there were no compulsory attendance, who would attend their classes?

The fact that one gains much information but little knowledge after studying four years at Yeshiva College became manifestly clear to me while studying last year at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. One year of freedom from the drudgery of compulsory classroom attendance finally made the learning process the pleasure which it should be. One year there was worth the three here.

When the "Blueprint For The Seventies" comes to be written, then, I suggest that the following be seriously considered: firstly, compulsory class attendance is absurd, especially in the religious divisions — for does not, ideally speaking, everyone come to Yeshiva College voluntarily to attend the religious divisions? And secondly, it should be noted that the growing number of students spending their junior year at the Hebrew University is not only because of the desire to go to Israel. It is an implicit plea for sensibility — will someone listen?

Douglas Wertheimer '68

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EMC Council Votes More Cuts; Studies YCSC's Proposal

The Erna Michael College Student Council held its second meeting recently.

Mr. David Luchins '68, chairman of the Yeshiva College Senior Dinner Committee, addressed the Council. The committee would like to see the combination of the two presently independent senior dinners sponsored by YCSC and EMCSC. Such a move would cut expenses of both the Council and of the seniors.

Service Awards

Some of the questions raised were whether EMC service awards should be presented jointly with YC service awards, or whether there should be class awards for service, either in YC or in the religious divisions. SOY has already abolished its own service awards, and has expressed interest in going along with the class-wide idea. EMC would still maintain its academic awards, which could be presented in Hebrew, in a separate part of the award presentation. The question of whether college juniors who are Class 7 EMC students would attend remains to be discussed.

Pass Four Resolutions

Four motions on other questions were passed at the meeting:

"The EMCSC requests that the EMC administration allow a half hour (12-12:30 P.M.) monthly meeting between classes and officers of EMC, in order to allow an interchange of views and interests in EMC problems." The vote was 8-2 with one abstention.

"The EMCSC requests that the EMC administration raise the permitted cuts from two to five for students above their freshman year in Yeshiva College, irrespective of their class in EMC." The vote was 9-3 with one abstention.

"The EMCSC requests that any final mark of *aleph* should not be reduced because of excessive absences." This was passed by voice vote, with one abstention.

"The EMCSC requests that Talmud be made a transferable course, in light of its being accepted for transfer credit from the other divisions, in light of its inclusion in a composite average (in event of failure), and as a means of providing a further impetus to study." The vote was ten in favor, with two abstentions.

Ferkauf Begins Series Of Educational Lectures

A series of lectures on the status of Jewish education throughout the world will be given at Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences on Monday evenings at 8:20 P.M. through Jan. 15, 1968.

Dec. 11—Dr. Herbert Danziger, a specialist in Russian culture, will speak on "The Cultural Struggle Behind the Iron Curtain."

Dec. 18—Bezalel Sherman, lecturer in sociology at Stern College, will discuss "Continuity and Change in Latin America."

Letter Of Thanks

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Mr. Ronald H. Gross,
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For this, in particular, the Prime Minister extends to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Amnon Ben-Yohanan,
Assistant to the Prime Minister.

Autobiography Tells Of Observant Childhood; Secular Awareness Caused Religious Conflict

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servations of a bright child. On the contrary, the very qualities of observation, lyric-writing, and sensitivity to character, which were present in youth, enabled the development of a critic of stature.

Though he had the normal adolescent questionings about G-d, he never doubted the Scotch-Jewish synthesis of his father. Serious religious defection first began after entering the University of Edinburgh. Here, he found his literary talents appreciated and even sought after. He now realized how narrow his life had been, due to the curtailment of extra-curricular activities in high school. He writes, "The sense of liberation was intoxicating."

Judaism a Strain

At first, this had no effect on his Jewishness. On the contrary, he was somewhat snobbish in displaying its superiority. However, the sense of living in two worlds sharpened and deepened with the discovery of meaningful social relations in the secular atmosphere. "No one had warned me of the possibility that I might find some non-

Jews more *sympathique* than any Jews I knew . . . it made toeing the invisible line, imposed by the policy of Jewish self-segregation, not only physically almost impossible, but a great strain psychologically."

From then on, the differences between the worlds were thrown into bold relief. Coming home for a weekend was a trip from one century into another. The fact that the University and his friends made accommodations so that he never had to violate religious precepts did nothing to alleviate the tension, though it sharpened the sensation of sitting on the fence.

What was once respect and pride for his father and the Jewish tradition changed into that sort of love and sympathy we feel upon meeting a helpless individual. Somehow, such magnanimity of emotion leaves denigration in its wake. "My affection for my father increased . . . as I realized how innocent and vulnerable he was."

Religious Upheaval

Disbelief in Divine revelation came to the author, but only after the psychological challenge. The pride in Judaism inculcated in him from youth remained. Hence, the review in *The Times*. And, in classic humanist language, "I came to see the psychological questions as subordinate to the more practical question of the basis of culture."

The whole tale of religious upheaval comes very late in the book. Obviously, the author is more interested in conveying the religious phase of his youth. Indeed, his entire childhood was spent as an observant son of a scholarly rabbi.

Secularism Breeds Doubt

Nevertheless, even the small glimpses into his religious crisis are significant. One notes that Daiches' doubts were not born of scientific revelations which contradicted beliefs, nor even from dis-

Ryan Response Shows Students Oppose War

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isma of a Martin Luther King nor the speaking talents of an Abba Eban. Yet when he finished his talk, more than half the audience stood and applauded. I do not think they were applauding him, as much as what he stands for. More than half the people gathered in F501 were against the war — a significant (and welcome) change from the small handful in Lampert almost two years before.

The club should be thanked for sponsoring this program. It not only helped its own cause, but also helped stimulate concern at Yeshiva. Questions were asked and answered in a serious tone (except for one boorish questioner), and a mood of sincere concern prevailed. I do not know whether anyone's mind was changed at this lecture; I rather doubt it. Yet there was an exchange of ideas — an important, yet rarely observed phenomenon at Yeshiva.

I would be remiss if I didn't

mention the pickets outside the building. A group of twenty-five students marched in front of Furst Hall carrying signs supporting the President and the war, and opposing Communism and those against the war. The picketing was orderly; there were no incidents. They marched for a few hours in the cold, and then come up to hear (and boo) Cong. Ryan. I do not doubt the sincerity of the pickets, however misguided I think they might be. At least they care enough about an issue to go out and act on it.

I do wish, however, that those who support the war and the President (and the President himself) would realize that those who don't support the war are also sincere in their beliefs. They are not cowards and draft dodgers. They are not traitors and Communists. Rather, instead of following Stephen Decatur's famous toast "our country right or wrong" they adhere to Carl Schurz's position that "when right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right." Perhaps all their methods are not used properly; an article in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* two weeks ago analyzed this point carefully. Yet, some extremists notwithstanding (and it is usually more useful, even if less sensational, to look at the general case rather than the extreme), the dissenters' aim is valid: To get the U.S. out of a war they consider illegal, immoral, unjust, and hopeless. If the Students Opposed to the War in Vietnam Club could only bring about this mutual understanding, then it will have served a very constructive purpose.

Discussion and debate did not end in Yeshiva on November 19. There will be future lectures, discussions, and meetings sponsored by the club in order to bring to the fore other aspects of the war including, hopefully, the moral and *halachic* ones. We can then utilize our role not only as leaders of tomorrow but also as citizens of today, in a rational and constructive manner. We in Yeshiva have always been apathetic about our school. Let us not be guilty of the same in regard to the world.

Graduate Schools Start Child Education Program

Programs in the realm of child psychology and child education are soon to be inaugurated by the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and the Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Wurzweiler program will emphasize the education of foster parents with regard to the problems particular to adopted children. Preparatory to starting the parental phase of the "Foster Family Workshop," the school will conduct seminars for the instructors to teach them the proper educational approaches and emphases, that is, the overcoming of the effects of the children's previously

unhappy environment.

The Ferkauf program will enter the realm of psycholinguistics, the study of the effects of language on behavior and behavior on language. The range of pupils to be investigated can be mapped from the hyper-intelligent child who is hampered by teachers demanding a straight "yes" or "no" answer to the deaf child who is hampered by a society that demands oral communication. Dr. Dorothy Sievers, the program's director, has expressed hopes that the program will point the way in reducing the psychological strain arising from lingual frustrations that may affect the child's learning ability.

Wrestling Mentor Finds Gym Equipment Deficient

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wrestled for the "Y." He was undefeated and won six championships.

During his varsity career, Mr. Steinberg suffered only one loss, this as a freshman; his opponent was the metropolitan champion. As a junior and senior no points were scored against him.

Helprin's Triple Strike Aids In Kegler's Upset Defeat Of NYU Team

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matches consist of three games each, with five bowlers competing in each game. The game is decided by the total scores of the five.

The early matches were rough on the bowlers: With only three men returning from last year's team, Captain Mike Witkes was experimenting with different players, trying to find the best combination. Meanwhile, the team lost its first three matches, salvaging only one game out of nine. The losses were to Cooper Union, Hofstra, and St. John's.

The slump was broken against Brooklyn Polytech, as Yeshiva, led by Joel Thirer's 212, swept all three games, to bring its season's record to 4-8. This match set the stage for the big contest against New York University one week later. N.Y.U. was the fourth best team in the league when rated on the basis of per-game average.

Beat Violet

After losing the first game of the match by a considerable margin, our bowlers rallied to win the second game and even the score. The third game was close all the way. In the tenth frame, a triple strike by Yis Helprin gave Yeshiva the victory and the match by the narrow margin of 18 pins. Joel Thirer's 216 paced the team, while Yis Helprin and Mike Witkes helped out with 197 and 187 respectively.

The last match to date was held on November 12, and it pitted Yeshiva against King's Point. The keglers took one of the three games, lead by Yis Helprin's 199. This brought the team's record to seven victories and eleven losses, good enough for a 3 way eleventh place tie with Columbia and King's Point.

Team Lacks Time

When one realizes that most of the other teams in the league have alleys right on their campuses, and that they bowl ten to fifteen practice games a week at their school's expense, and that students at Yeshiva often have trouble finding time to come to the matches themselves, one can see why eleventh place represents an improvement over last year.

Besides those players already mentioned, the team possesses such players as Ed Werman, who has been a pleasant surprise this year, capable substitutes Wally Schechter and Phil Savitz, and newcomer Stan Weinberger. There is still room on the roster, however, and anyone who is interested in joining the team is urged to contact Mike Witkes at 781-9650.

Facilities Found Lacking

Although he has not been affiliated with us too long, Mr. Steinberg has formed a few opinions about athletics at Yeshiva University. Referring to his immediate concern, the wrestling team, Coach Steinberg said that the wrestling mats are in very poor condition. This both hampers practice and causes injuries to the wrestlers.

Elaborating on this, he said that "there is no reason why a Yeshiva boy should not be able to wrestle as well as anyone else if he receives proper training and equipment. Unfortunately, our boys' practice time is severely limited."

Well Acquainted With YU

Although, unfortunately, he never wrestled for us, Coach Steinberg is acquainted with Yeshiva wrestling. When Mr. Wittenberg was coaching, Mr. Steinberg officiated at some of our matches. He feels that the members of this year's team are in better condition and are more knowledgeable in wrestling tactics than any of Yeshiva's previous wrestlers. Another big plus is the fact that the team this year is comprised mainly of seniors who are experienced in competition. Having been together for so long, the boys have terrific *esprit de corps*. With all these factors taken into account, Coach Steinberg said he will be very disappointed if the team does not post a winning record. So, too, will the rest of us.

Wrestlers Look Ahead To Victorious Year With New Coach, Seasoned Team Members

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by shoulder trouble. The 160 pound starter recently separated his right shoulder and must now adapt his style to protect against further injury. Paul, who sported one of last year's better records, is also improved and should, barring re-injury, be one of the team's stalwarts.

Troodler Returns

Co-Captain Jeff Troodler, at 167 pounds, possesses fine moves, including a switch and roll combination which catches most opponents. Having spent last year as an "off season," while reducing from heavyweight to 167 pounds status, Jeff is now ready to reach his full potential.

The most improved wrestler on the squad is 177 pound Marty Twersky. Marty has finally acquired the self-confidence that should make him one of the team's top wrestlers. Harry Bajnon, although light for a heavyweight, is expected to do well this season. He makes up for a lack of poundage with a combination of quick moves and "guts". A back injury hampered his pre-season practice, but he is finally getting into condition.

Newcomers To Squad

Completing the squad are several newcomers to the sport, who have been working out with the team and will see action in exhibition matches. Lewis Cohen at either 160 or 167 pounds is beginning to acquire the techniques necessary for success. Steve Singer

YU Blitzkrieg Smashes "Y" Matmen; Weiss And Ellman Pin Hapless Foes

In the first competition of the season, YU's wrestling team defeated the West Side YMCA team. Victorious over Hunter and City Colleges, the West Side "Y" found itself pressed to keep in the

and nearly pinning his man, beat his opponent and added three points to Yeshiva's total.

Ellman Widens Lead

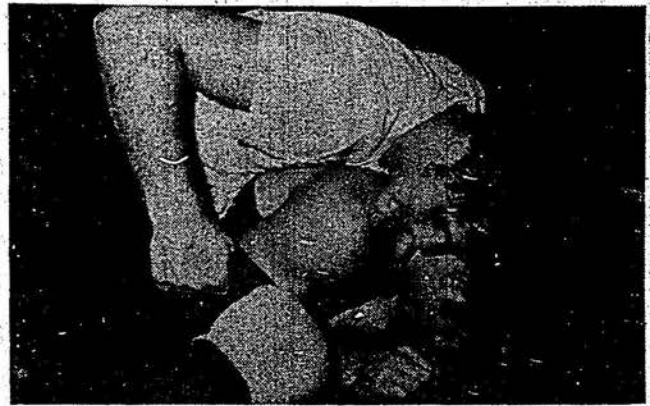
The impressive style of Neil Ellman, last year's captain and main-

heavier divisions. Harry Aronowitz at 152 pounds put up a good fight but was defeated by a more experienced adversary. Lew Cohen, subbing for injured Paul Rolniki, showed good form and wrestling sense but was overcome by a more powerful opponent. Co-Captain Jeff Troodler, facing a nationally famous AAU champ, Jim Anderson, endured with perseverance the tremendous onslaught, but was finally halted in the last minutes of the match. With the defeat of hard-working 177 pound Marty Twersky, the score was 16-15 in Yeshiva's favor.

Our heavyweight, Harry Bajnon, with drive and zeal, came from behind to pin his man and win the decisive match, securing Yeshiva's 21-18 hard-earned victory.

Exhibition Matches Follow

Three exhibition matches followed the varsity match. Lou Shapiro, in the first match of his career, showed aggressiveness and great potential by defeating his man 5-0. Wrestling for the second time, Rob Weiss and Miltie Sonneberg also disposed of their opponents.



D. Kosselachmidt

Twersky and Sonneberg diligently pursue lost contact lens.

running with the previously untied Yeshiva grapplers.

The initial impetus was provided by four straight victories in the opening matches. The lightweight division *blitzkrieg* was spearheaded by 123 pound Captain Arnie Weiss, who dominated his match throughout and pinned his man in 4:35. His quick and polished moves plus dogged determination inspired his younger brother, Rob Weiss, who followed in the 130 pound class. In an exciting match, Rob, unscored upon

stay of the team, decisively widened the lead by an additional five points. Proving true to form, he relentlessly drove his opponent, pinning him in 3:10 — Yeshiva's quickest pin of the evening. The mustached-marvel, Miltie Sonneberg, won his match, hitting his man with unexpected and well executed moves. Miltie's win made the score at this point 16-0.

Fearing a shutout at the hands of Coach Jerry Steinberg's men, the "Y" team redoubled its efforts and managed to recoup in the

Fledgling Rabbis Plagued With Fouls In Roundball Loss

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and Matty Shatzkes (15 points) of Semicha. The Semicha squad committed numerous fouls in this period and the Sophs converted eight foul shots to lead 28-23 at the half.

Semicha started the second half with three future rabbis, Benny Leibovitz, Moshe Bernstein and Myron Bari with four personal fouls apiece. This turned out to be a decisive factor in the outcome of the game, as the Sophs quickly switched to a running and pressing attack. These tactics broke the game wide open and the Sophs led 50-35 going into the last period.

With the contest and first place on the line, the Semicha squad ignored their foul situation, and closed the gap to nine points with five minutes left to play. The Sophomores then slowed down the pace of the game and held on to clinch a victory and remain in first place.

(152 pounds) is long on strength and determination, but short on wrestling know-how. Lou Shapiro at 160 or 167 pounds possesses

WRESTLING SCHEDULE			
December	7	Marist	Home
Thurs.	12	Brooklyn Poly	Away
Tues.	14	Seton Hall	Home
Thurs.	20	Hunter	Away
Wed.	20	Hunter	Away
January	3	L.I.U.	Home
Wed.	3	Brooklyn Poly	Away
Thurs.	9	Bronx C.C.	Away
February	6	Drew	Home
Tues.	6	C.C.N.Y.	Away
Thurs.	13	Adelphi	Home
Wed.	14	Adelphi	Away
Tues.	20	Buffalo C.C.	Home
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strength and know-how but must get into condition to attain his potential.

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Experienced Grapplers Anticipate Successful Season; Balance Will Make Team More Powerful Than Ever

By Elie Zuroff

One of the keys to success in any sport is experience. This year for the first time, every member

of Yeshiva's wrestling team will have had wrestling experience. It is no wonder, therefore, that the grapplers are optimistic about the

upcoming campaign, and anticipate a winning season.

The team not only has experience, but also good balance with few weak spots, a factor that has hampered past squads. Starting in the 123 pound class will be Co-Captain Arnie Weiss. Arnie is faced with a unique problem. The only person anywhere near his weight who can give him any competition is his brother, Rob. Naturally, each knows the other's moves all too well. Despite this, Arnie figures to be a big winner this year, and Coach Steinberg expects at least seven wins from him.

Bob Weiss Debuts

The 130 pound slot is occupied by Arnie's brother, Rob. This will be Rob's first year of varsity competition. Last year he made a fine showing in the exhibitions he wrestled. Rob has great potential, which he is first beginning to realize, and should eventually be one of the mainstays of the team.

Returning to the 137 pound class is three year veteran Neil Ellman. Neil, one of the finest wrestlers to represent Yeshiva, has

been working out at the downtown A.C. and the West Side "Y" in an effort to find competition. Coach Steinberg is depending on Neil to go through the season undefeated, and Neil, despite chronic shoulder trouble, should be up to the task.

Harry Aronowitz

The starter at 145 pounds, Milty Sonneberg presents an enigma. He seems to possess all the physical attributes and the desire necessary for a winner, yet he consistently fails to take the initiative and force the action. If Milty can overcome this problem, he will undoubtedly be a big winner.

One of the most improved wrestlers is Harry Aronowitz, who starts at 152 pounds. This year, Harry should come across for quite a few wins, as he is finally learning to use his weight to great advantage. With his desire and determination, Harry should become a formidable opponent. Paul Rolnicki is another grappler hampered

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Keglers Down NYU After Losing Three, Record Now At 7-11

On November 5, 1967, one of the major upsets of the sports year took place. Yeshiva University defeated New York University



Thriller lets loose

L. Stein

sity in a sports event. The sport was bowling, and the victory was the high point of the young season for the bowlers.

Yeshiva is a member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference, which holds matches every Sunday at University Lanes, located at 110 University Place, near 14th Street in Manhattan. The

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On The Sidelines

In The Early Morning Rain

By Bruce Spinowitz



One month ago, there appeared in this column a recommendation for the reorganization and revitalization of the Athletic Association. Inherent within that proposal was the simple fact that activity must take place if something which has stagnated is to be revitalized, and sports at Yeshiva certainly has stagnated (the very term "sports at Yeshiva" has a musty aura attached to it).

Over the years, however, it has become evident that those individuals theoretically in charge of our athletic program have been satisfied with the status quo. The primary job of stimulation through innovation has somehow found permanent residence in "On The Sidelines," and it seems as though innovation has taken just such a position. Sports editors have often been criticized for their continuous treatment of "the same old topics." The fact is, however, that after years of pleading, reasoning and begging for even a modicum of improvement, nothing has changed since varsity sports were rounded out with the addition of wrestling as a big letter sport some fifteen years ago.

One of these "hackneyed" subjects, which came to the "back page" of THE COMMENTATOR last Spring, was the suggested establishment of a regular tour for our big-letter squads. At present, the bi-annual trip to Brandeis University is just about as far as our varsity teams get during their respective seasons.

Little known, however, is the fact that the concept of touring is not a new one. The Mighty Mites participated in their first distant sport competition in 1953 against Lycoming College. As reported by Sheldon Rudoff, then sports editor of THE COMMENTATOR, the hoopsters enjoyed the shabbat hospitality of the small (250 family) Jewish community in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. From his article it seems evident that the community was thrilled to see the "synthesis" of athletic prowess with traditional shabbat feeling. No doubt this left a favorable impression upon these people.

The following season three contests were scheduled against colleges outside the New York area. This was in 1954-55. After this, it seems as though out-of-town games were just eliminated. The reasons for this can only be speculated upon. It certainly could not be due to any poor showing athletically. We give the administration more credit than that. Rumor has it that members of the team did not act in an acceptable yeshiva manner, and rather than have Yeshiva University subjected to embarrassment, these away games were subsequently cancelled.

If this is indeed the case, then one need only look at last year's Brandeis trip for proof that our athletes are more than ready for a revitalization of touring. The fencing and wrestling squads stayed in the town of Newton, Massachusetts and made a true kiddush Hashem (even though both teams lost).

We can easily identify with the recent furor surrounding the Pentagon's decision to prohibit Army from accepting an expected invitation to the Sugar Bowl. Sports Illustrated carried an item quoting the Secretary of the Army's reason for his decision. He said, "accepting an invitation to play in a postseason game would tend to emphasize football to an extent not consistent with the basic mission of the Academy, which is to provide Army career officers."

We need change only few words to make this statement sound as if uttered from the mouths of our administration rather than that of the Pentagon. Our "big-wigs" might claim that an official athletic tour would place too great an emphasis on sports. But we may counter this claim as Army did (albeit unsuccessfully), by citing the fact that "applications to the Naval Academy quadrupled in the years following Navy's first bowl appearance." So too, we may contend that the exposure of Jewish communities to our squads could conceivably interest out-of-town high school seniors in our institution.

With these benefits possible, the only obstacles are the planning and the finances. The scheduling can be done as it has been in the past. The athletic office need only decide which out-of-town teams it wishes to contest. Provision for the weekend could be taken care of by the managerial staffs with the aid of the Community Service Division. The only finances necessary would be for the hiring of a bus, which should hardly be an obstacle at all.

Weighing all the pros and cons, it seems that there is possible gain, with nothing to lose, by reinstating the abandoned touring program. But, if this is to become a reality, plans must be started now, to ensure such a program for next season's athletics.

Sports Profile

Steinberg Looks Ahead To YC Coaching Debut

By Ronny Gottleib

"The fact that today's Jewish youth does not speak Yiddish is very unfortunate. It is a shame that the language is dying." This is not a rabbi speaking; rather it is an opinion expressed by Yeshiva's wrestling coach, Jerry Steinberg.

This is Mr. Steinberg's first year here at Yeshiva and his first year as a head coach. Coach Steinberg's qualifications are numerous. As a member of the City College wrestling team he was twice voted the best wrestler on the squad and as outstanding athlete. The only other City College wrestler to achieve

Olympic team. For additional competition Coach Steinberg also

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Mites Play Four Games; Predicted To Win Three

By Michael Faber

The Mighty Mites of Yeshiva will win at least three of their next five games simply because they will have jelled as a team (to some extent) after their first two games, and because four of those games will be played at home.

Thursday, December 7, we travel to Kings Point. They have always given us trouble because of their brute strength. Despite that fact, we lost by just three points last year on their home court. With our added strength and depth, and with the help of the loss of some of their big men, we should win this game.

Tuesday, December 12, we play C. W. Post at Power. They are good, very good. We should lose this one despite the fact that Tito Ades and Mike Levine have graduated. Post has depth, speed, strength, size, and a very good junior college transferee. It would require a miracle to win this one.

Brooklyn Poly

Saturday, December 16, we play Brooklyn Poly, perennial cellar dweller in the Knickerbocker Conference. With our strength we will probably have an easy time downing Poly. Defensive ace Dave Hershkovits will have little trouble containing high scoring Chuck Privalsky.

Tuesday, December 19, the Panthers of Adelphi invade Power to take on the Mighty Mites. We will

triumph in this game despite the fact that we will be outmatched. Last year their coach let them run the score up on us, and our returning lettermen remember the experience bitterly. Don't be surprised if we walk off the court with an upset victory over what I'm sure will be an overconfident Adelphi squad.

Sophs Beat Semicha; Take Sole Possession Of Intramurals Lead

The Sophomores and Semicha met last week in a battle for sole possession of first place. The well balanced Sophomore squad broke open a close game in the third quarter and went on to win 61-47.

The opening minutes of play were highlighted by the disciplined teamwork of the Sophomores and the substandard shooting of both squads. With three minutes left in the quarter and the score tied at 2-2, the spell was broken by Moshe Bernstein of Semicha and the quarter ended with the Sophs on top 12-8.

Shatzkes High Scorer

In the second quarter, the balanced scoring of Jonas Lew (13 points for the night), Mike Friend (14 points) and Harry Winderman (14 points) for the Sophs was matched by Avie Weiss (10 points)

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Coach Jerry Steinberg

this distinction was Henry Wittenberg.

AAU Champion

Mr. Steinberg did not confine his wrestling to City College meets but was active in amateur athletics as well and was voted the outstanding wrestler at the AAU Eastern championships. He also received a trophy for the quickest fall. In national championship matches he placed second and fourth. This earned him a position on the 1956 United States