

Eban Gives Rogoff Lecture On Israeli Society's Future

By SHELDON WINSTEIN and
MEIR CHERNOFSKY

On Wednesday evening, December 4, Mr. Abba Eban delivered the Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lecture to a capacity crowd in the Koch Auditorium at Stern College on the topic of "The Future of Israeli Society." The lecture initiated the week-long SCW Jewish Arts Festival.

Mr. Eban's talk focused on the unique intellectual and moral aspects which underlie the political situation in the Middle East. The actual survival of Israel as a state, as well as that of the Jewish people is now being challenged by an enemy unprecedented in the annals of history in its character, aims and methods.

Mr. Eban explained that there are two fundamental visions of the Middle East reality — Arab and Israeli. The Arabs regard the Middle East as a monolithic entity. According to this view, anything which is non-Arab is an artificial and temporary phenomenon "destined to be covered by the shifting desert sands."

The Israelis on the other hand, see the Middle East as a mosaic composed of the multiplicity of lands, ideas and cultures which are presently there and the diversity of cultures which had been found in that part of the globe. Thus Israel is an integral part of the Middle East.

The inability of the Arabs to grasp this fundamental concept of Israel's inherent right as a sovereign state has led to "Palestinianism," the concept of the Arab Palestinian state. This movement, differing from other insurgent movements in the sense that it is not a colony driving out an imperialistic colonizer, but has as its sole aim the destruction of a sovereign state, is however unclear as to its purpose. If it advocates Palestine instead of Israel, then our answer is unyielding and eternal. If it is Palestine alongside Israel, then let us sit down as civilized nations and negotiate.

Mr. Eban equated the anti-Zionism of today with traditional anti-Semitism. He said, "They

are generically inseparable. Today, every nation has a right to exist unless it is Jewish. Historically, every individual had the basic human rights unless he was Jewish." Thus there is a transfer from the individual to the collective of anti-Jewish feeling. This parallels the development of the Jewish state as the collective identity of the Jewish people and thus anti-Zionism. The leftist intellectual, he added, now recognizes the individual Jew but not the Jewish state. The Jewish intellectual supports the concept of national freedom for every nation except his own.

In looking at the moods in Israel and the Arab world today, Mr. Eban was astonished at the sombreness of one and the boastful pride in the other. The Yom Kippur War was the greatest victory Israel has ever accomplished. In this war, during the first three days there was real doubt and worry as to the outcome. The Israelis regrouped their forces and ended up nearer to Damascus and Cairo than ever before. Yet, the Arabs and Jews look solely at the first three days. Thus we have the "victor mourning victory and the loser celebrating defeat." Statistically the Arabs should easily defeat Israel, but Israel has intangible factors like moral vitality, Jewish solidarity, scientific insight, etc. In addition, the collective Jewish experience of history has bonded the Jew to Israel like no other people to a land.

As to the future, the national leadership in Israel must "convince the people of their historical uniqueness." There are two main tasks of a leader—decision and expression. As far as deciding, the Israeli leaders have not done badly, but they must demonstrate the "why" of existence in addition to plain faith. There exists an intellectual reason for Israel's being which supercedes economics, politics, or the concrete and tangible factors like armament inferiority that say it should no longer exist. It is this worry about the distant future which bothers the Israeli and which the leaders must overcome.

He closed by remarking that men and nations act rationally after all options have been exhausted. "Peace has not been tried. Perhaps we shall now see the creative adventure of peace."

YCSC Approves Tight Budget In Abridged Session

By HARRY FELD

In its shortest meeting this year, the Yeshiva College Student Council unanimously approved the proposed budget on November 19. Completing the discussion of the budget, begun the previous meeting, President Eisenberg called for a voice vote on the budget.

Because of midterms, most Council members were in a hurry to end the meeting. Consequently, no new business was discussed, and as the meeting progressed, Council members (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

YC-Stern Intercollegiate Shabbaton Success Participants Created A Spirited Atmosphere

By MEIR CHERNOFSKY

On the weekend of November 22-23, the Yeshiva College community managed to bury the "drab YU Shabbat" as the Yeshiva College Student Council hosted the annual YC — Stern Intercollegiate Shabbaton. Over three hundred fifty participants,

and YC students were awakened by the fire engines outside RIETS Hall putting out a fire there. Shacharit services were followed by kiddush and a shiur in parashat hashavua by Rabbi Dr. Samuel Boylan. At lunch, smooth waiter service contributed to a relaxed atmosphere and

who had not previously been at YU for Shabbat.

Sammy C. Friedman, Shabbaton coordinator, commented, "It was rough at the beginning, but things got better as the weekend progressed. The spirit of the melaveh malke was nothing less than an inspiration to all who were there." According to Mr. Friedman, the success of the weekend was due directly to the efforts of Larry Eisenberg, who "worked tirelessly to iron out unexpected problems when they came up." Credit is also due to many helpful members of Student Council and the Jewish Affairs Committee, as well as the "gabbaim" of Morgenstern Shul.

Competition

The turnout of so many students was, according to one member of the Shabbaton committee, "more than we expected in view of the fact that we were in competition with a Yavneh Shabbat at Columbia, a Young Israel Shabbaton in Borough Park, and a concert at Brooklyn College Saturday night." Last year's shabbaton drew four hundred students, having no conflicts with other programs.

According to Michael Gelber, a member of the Shabbaton committee, a YC — Stern shabbaton to be held somewhere outside YU is in the works. This shabbaton will hopefully take place during February.

Amendment To Permit Alumnus As Chairman Gains Senate Approval

By RICKY EISENBERG

Confusion and Constitutional revision dominated the November 21 meeting of the Yeshiva College Senate as senators moved to new business after having defeated proposed residency requirement changes. Rabbi Doniel Kramer, the Yeshiva College Alumni Association representative for the Senate, praised Henry Zupnick, who had covered the Senate for THE COMMENTATOR for more than a year. Senator Kramer then proposed an amendment to the clause in the Senate Constitution which presently allows only a student or faculty member of the Senate to become Senate Chairman.

Senator Kramer cited the original revision of the Constitution which had previously allowed only faculty Senators to become Chairmen of the Senate. If the clause could be amended to include student Senators, reasoned Rabbi Kramer, it could also include alumni representatives.

Discussing whether to include administration senators, too, in his amendment, Senator Kramer explained that "the Dean stands as the Dean . . . who will be here forever," and continued that good reason exists to limit (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)



Boim!

Some of the fellas reaching the heights.

representing as many as thirteen colleges in the New York metropolitan area, enjoyed a program of speeches, singing, food, and ruach. The weekend culminated in a Saturday night melaveh malke ice skating party.

Sabbath Piece

Although the check-in procedure on Friday afternoon was quite a chaotic affair, Friday night services and dinner were marked by a moderate show of Shabbat spirit and a general feeling of, "Thank G-d, we're all here in one piece."

After dinner, the weekend social activities were kicked off with an oneg Shabbat. The featured guest speaker was Rabbi David Luchins, a graduate of Yeshiva College and a "musmach" of RIETS. He has taught political science at YC and is now an associate professor in that field at Touro. In addition, he is a representative to the White House Conference on Youth and an NCSY advisor. Rabbi Luchins discussed the current international status of Israel, specifically citing Israel's deteriorating position in the UN. He said that while recent events lead him to an essentially pessimistic view of Israel's world position, he hopes he is wrong in his pessimism. Rabbi Luchins ended his speech with a plea to students to do all they can for Israel both there and at home.

In the morning, many guests

heightened ruach. It was obvious to anyone who watched the spirited singing and dancing that the Shabbaton was moving in the right direction.

After lunch, participants took walks to such diverse destinations as their rooms (boys only, of course), Fort Tryon Park, and Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The speaker at seudah shelshit was Mr. Perry Davis, a graduate of MTA and YC, a former assistant to Mayor Lindsay, and a doctoral student in political science at Columbia. Mr. Davis kept his remarks close to home, as he urged Jewish youth to make their voices heard in the government concerning matters of local Jewish interest.

Fitting End

The Saturday night program was a fitting culmination to the weekend. First on the schedule was a melaveh malke, where students sang and danced to the music of the Ashira Band. Buses carried the participants to the crowded Riverdale ice skating rink. When the buses returned to YU at about 11:00 p.m., Ashira was ready with a mini-concert consisting in part of songs from their new record. Finally, the evening was topped off with a second melaveh malke at which the ruach reached an absolute crescendo. The program was enhanced by the welcome participation of many new faces

Flames Destroy Room In RIETS

During the early morning hours of Saturday, November 23, a blaze of uncertain origin destroyed an entire dormitory room in RIETS Hall and seriously damaged a second room. Although no injuries were sustained and the fire was confined to a small area, damage to personal and University property is estimated at several thousand dollars.

At about 8:00 a.m., Larry

Feder, a resident of room 287 awoke, choking from smoke produced by flames which had already consumed many of his personal possessions and had spread to the rest of the room. Smoke filled the entire building so fast that other residents probably became aware of the fire simultaneously. Fortunately, panic was at a minimum, as residents, in various stages of dress

and undress, helped each other make a hasty escape.

Didn't Panic

Wally Walpole, a semicha student and YC alumnus like most of the building's other occupants, described his exit. "As I was making my way down the hall, I was overcome by the smoke, and I shoved open a nearby window with the intention of getting a breath of fresh air. By the (Continued on page 4, Col. 1)

Not Good Bedfellows

While the PLO delegation has departed from the metropolitan area, they have left behind a malodorous memory. The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, residence of the PLO delegation during their New York stay, has been deluged by calls from irate Jewish organizational leaders, cancelling their planned banquets and testimonial dinners. It is thus ironic that Yeshiva University, whose undergraduate student body rallied and demonstrated at the Waldorf during the PLO's stay, has scheduled its annual Chanukah Dinner for Sunday, December 8th, at the Waldorf.

Realizing that previous legal and financial obligations may prevent cancellation and dinner relocation at this time, THE COMMENTATOR calls on the University to use its discretion in scheduling future functions outside the Waldorf Ballroom. Despite hotel contentions to the contrary, the Waldorf management willfully housed the Palestinean terrorists during their UN appearance, and for that reason, should lose the benefits gained by hosting future Jewish organizational functions.

Yasher Koach

Yeshiva University, on the Shabbat of November 22-23, was host to a successful intercollegiate Shabbaton. The weekend was unprecedented with regard to the number of people at the Yeshiva for a Shabbat and the ruach which was very much in evidence at the seudot and Saturday night's melaveh malke.

THE COMMENTATOR would like to commend both YCSC and those individuals whose time and effort enabled the event to be an overwhelming success. At the same time we hope that this Shabbaton will be counted among many more week-

end gatherings for years to come hosted by Yeshiva College. It is through this that Yeshiva could take another step toward establishing itself as the center for Jewish college youth in the New York area.

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From the Editor's Desk

The Weenie Roast



By STEVE REISBAUM

Serving as Sports Editor last year, I attempted to describe a particular group of students whose presence is very obvious in the Yeshiva College community. I am pleased to report at this time that this group, generally referred to as the jocks, has survived the public exposure and could actually be considered to be flourishing on the Uptown Campus. My intention, however, is not to dwell on this topic, for sports columns should be left where they belong — on the eighth page. Far be it from me to mix such a minor part of Yeshiva life with the major life or death matters usually dealt with on the second page.

Allow me now to turn my attention towards acquainting you with another, possibly more intellectual and definitely less involved, sect of our community. The two qualities which I have mentioned are two of the more important or obvious requirements one must meet before being accepted (or, perhaps a better term is rejected) into the group fondly labeled the JOE's.

Many of us have become familiar with the common use of the word Joe through the efforts of cartoonist Charles Schultz. Joe Cool, alias Snoopy, could be considered no less than the epitome of coolness. We can therefore interpret the word Joe to mean someone who excels in whatever word follows Joe.

Here at Yeshiva, however, the word Joe stands alone and needs no modifier. A Joe is a student who does nothing but worry about his grades, 24 hours a day, 6 1/2 days a week (we'll give him half a day's grace for Shabbat), 52 weeks a year. Now you may ask what is wrong with that, after all, isn't learning the reason for attending college? Perhaps you're right, but read on and gain some more insight into the workings of a Joe.

In the third issue of THE COMMENTATOR, we ran a sort of secret poll. The results were quite satisfactory and therefore it is now time to uncover our master plot.

As a result of the very innocuous question placed in the "ears", the knocking at my door has yet to subside. By now I'm sure that you avid COMMENTATOR readers are aware that I am referring to "Guess Whose Uncle . . . Is AECOM's Dean?" This question, of course, has no answer, but served its purpose in aiding us to identify the many Joes swarming among us. They flocked around the Governing Board members trying to force out a clue as to whom we were referring. When I figure out to what advantage the Joe could use such information, I will certainly pass it along to you.

One last comment concerning our "super-goof". We would like to present THE COMMENTATOR Super-Joe Award to the person we feel reacted in the strongest Joe tradition. Mike Bergman, YU alumnus and presently a student at AECOM, has such a strong Joe foundation, that he actually sent an inter-office memo asking me whom we were talking about. Congratulations Mike, all the YU Joes are proud of your fine example.

Now to return from my digression, I made mention earlier that Joes, of necessity, do not get involved. By this I meant that when a teacher asks how many students would like to cancel class to attend a rally, the Joe is the first to volunteer. He will not, however, appear at the demonstration, but instead will hide in his cuboidal room studying for next month's exams. The Joe also refuses to join any time consuming extracurricular activity, for fear that he will not be able to remain two months ahead of his instructor's schedule.

Yeshiva has not been the only school the Joes have invaded. They have also been discovered at such fine institutions as Yale, where they are known as weenies. Don't be confused by the different name, however, for a Joe is easily identified wherever you go by looking for his good qualities (yes, he actually has some!)

His major positive attribute is that without him, the academic standards of his school would probably plunge into the depths of the nearest cesspool. The real giveaway, however, when trying to identify a Joe is to look for his best side — his zitz fleish.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I could not help but laugh at your editorial in your November 7 issue entitled **Food Please**. The last paragraph stated "If yeshiva high schools have no problems installing and maintaining a variety of quality machines, why should Yeshiva College?"

This incident will briefly explain my laughter. This past week, I placed 15 cents into the soda machine in our lunchroom in YUHSGB. Soda poured out of our "quality machine" but without a cup.

I strongly suggest that your information be researched before published.

Ms. Peninah Segal
YUHSGB

To the Editor:

With reference to the article by Senator Steven A. Weinstein which appeared on the Op-Ed Page of your November 20, 1974, issue, I would like to address myself to the author through your pages.

From the article it is obvious that Mr. Weinstein is very sensitive to distortions and deceptions, and to undignified behavior etc. We might, therefore, have expected that he would try to avoid committing this type of wrongdoing himself. Nevertheless, his message not only contained a number of examples of the same, but also accused a faculty member, on the basis of hearsay information, of having changed his vote as a result of behind-the-scenes pressure. Furthermore, Mr. Weinstein accused the entire faculty of not being concerned with the students' education, and the

Bible Department of "narrow self-interest".

Did Mr. Weinstein take the trouble to verify his sources before publicly insulting a faculty member? See Maimonides, **Hilchot De'ot**, Chapter 7, #2, about **Rechilus**). Apparently not, even though it seems obvious that he had been "informed" by his "informant" as to the identity of the faculty member.

Before I continue, let me set the record straight. At its last meeting, the Bible Department voted that an Introductory Bible Course should be offered, however, not as one of the first four required courses, but rather an elective later on, for the following reason: At the beginning of each semester, every instructor gives an adequate introduction to the book or books to be covered during that term. For a more thorough introductory course, more comprehensive Bible knowledge on the part of the students is required, so that they can make more educated comparisons of the various Biblical texts in the light of linguistic distinctions, idiomatic expressions, and general philosophic outlook. To reach this level, the students require a great deal more knowledge than is implanted in them even in four years of college. However, because of their urgent and strong demands for the introductory course, and because they themselves may feel ready for it — **Kol Hakavod** — the Bible Department decided to offer it as an elective after a minimum of the first four required courses.

In my presentation to the faculty, I mentioned that I was

once asked by a student why no course in Bible Criticism was being given in the College. My answer was that we can only criticize that of which we have thorough knowledge. Only when our students are totally familiar with the Bible are entitled to this demand, because they will then be able to defend the Bible not only in traditional adherence to the sanctity of the Bible, but also in a scholarly manner.

For the same reason, I explained, we cannot give an introductory course until the students have absorbed sufficient knowledge. I never equated Bible criticism *per se* with the introductory course *per se*, and
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THE YESHIVA COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY will present four performances of **THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON**: Saturday evening, Dec. 7 at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday evening, at 8:30 p.m.; Monday evening, Dec. 9 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 apiece.

THE TAUBERMEN will fence M.I.T. at home on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m.

THE MACCABEES will face Marist at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 (away).

THE SOY CHANUKAH CHAG-IGAH will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at 8:30 p.m. in Parker's Cafeteria. Rabbi Riskin will address the gathering.

¡Que Pasa?

The preliminary round of the **SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ORAL READINGS CONTEST**, sponsored by the YC **SPEECH AND DRAMA DEPT. & CLUB**, will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 in F501 at 2:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to submit an entry to either Ms. Shirley Lauro, Festival Co-ordinator, any YC Speech instructor, Stewart Kessler, Morg. 428, or Howard Wieder, Morg. 207. The final competition will be held on Dec. 19 in F501 at 2:45 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

THE THREE YU TEAMS will be in action on Thursday night, Dec. 12. The **TAUBERMEN** will fence Hunter College at 7:30 p.m. at home; the **ELLMEN** will

wrestle John Jay College at 7:30 p.m. away; the **MACCABEES** will oppose Drew College at 8:00 p.m., at home (John Bowne High School).

THE ELLMEN will try to break the Brooklyn College team into itsy-bitsy pieces at home on Saturday nite, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

YCSC will sponsor a **SKI TRIP** to Big Vanilla at Davos on Sunday, Dec. 15. For information, contact Michael Marks, Morg. 410.

At 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 17, the **TAUBERMEN** will fence Lehman College, away, and the **ELLMEN** will, with the usual Herculean, super-human effort, endeavor to whip CCNY at home.

The President Speaks

Sounding Off



By LARRY EISENBERG

One can safely assume that almost every student at Yeshiva is bothered by one thing or another. It's not always something earth shattering, mind you, nor even something not encountered in any other institution, but it's something none the less. One imagines that finding the right department to handle the complaint is too much of a pain to make it worthwhile, even if results were guaranteed. In the long run, it's easier to keep the complaints to oneself, griping about them only in the company of close confidants, who are powerless to help and hope that the problems will go away all by themselves.

They never do.

Complaints have a way of building up unless they are resolved quickly. Even if the problems don't become more severe, they are embellished with each retelling and finally reach epidemic proportions. While a problem can often be handled when taken by itself, it is totally unmanageable once it becomes a legend.

In an effort to reach these problems while they are still small, Council is conducting a number of programs. The YOSC complaint desk is a project being continued from last year, in which a Student Council member mans a desk in Furst lobby each club hour. The YOSC suggestion box is permanently installed near the Dean's bulletin board, with a second one in my room, Morg 224, at least till the end of this year. A new project was initiated this past Wednesday, when I went on WYUR to try to inform the student body and answer questions. This program will be continued periodically, with various student leaders going on the air, all of whom would appreciate your calls and questions.

It was furthermore felt by Council, that regular meetings with the Dean would be more helpful than those convened just when the situation demands them. Dean Bacon has accepted our invitation for the first of these sessions which is to be held Monday December 16, at 9:00. The Dean will have the floor in the early part of the meeting, and will be followed by open discussion. I would recommend questions and discussion rather than criticism and debate, as being the more pleasant, *menchlich*, and effective means of communication.

Finally, anyone wishing to discuss any problem is welcome to bring it to me. (Morg 224, 781-2685) Even when I can't solve the problem myself, I'll probably know whom to take it to. Don't mind about bothering me, after all, that's what I am getting paid for.

By now you should be getting the idea that we are going to do as much as possible to help students with their problems and complaints. All that's left now is for the student with a problem to get off his butt.

Point of Information

Senate meetings are open to the public and are held each club hour in F535. While non-Senate members may not participate in debate, the meetings are informative and are a necessary step to lobbying with student and faculty Senators between meetings. The topics being discussed each week will be posted in the Student Council box in Furst Hall.

Israel Devalues Currency: Attempts To Steady Shaky Economy Through Austerity Programs

By IRV WIESEN

Imagine waking up one morning and find out that your dollar is worth forty three percent less than it was the day before. This actually happened in Israel following the government's devaluation of the Lira to six per dollar from a previous four and a fraction, its lifting of government subsidies for staple foods, and the imposition of heavy new taxes.

Reserve Depletion

Israel for the past year had been spending its reserves of foreign currency at an alarming rate. The rate was so dramatic that, unchecked, Israel's total reserves of foreign currency would have been depleted in a matter of months, leading to certain economic catastrophe. Clearly, dramatic measures were in order to avert the disaster.

The Treasury Minister had been considering measures which would serve two major aims. First and foremost, the number of dollars leaving the country had to be cut drastically. The dollar had been leaving Israel

in primarily two ways — the buying of foreign goods and raw materials by Israeli retailers and manufacturers, and the spending of dollars by Israeli tourists abroad. To close off these leaks, the government imposed new taxes on imports and profits, aimed at curtailing the buying power of the people, and imposed new taxes on air fares and exits, designed to hinder Israeli tourism of foreign countries.

The second aim of these measures was to spur the influx of dollars into the country. It is hoped that foreign investors will now see Israel as a more profitable investing ground, and that tourists will flock to Israel where their dollar is worth much more.

The Israeli government is now simultaneously swamped by approval and criticism of its action. Many banks and businesses, national as well as international, hailed the measures as "vigorous and courageous." Economists, while generally agreeing that the move was necessary, believed that lighter but earlier

Rose Halprin, US Zionist, Talks Of UN Evolution Since '48 Vote

By ABE HERZBERG

Amidst the growing wave of anti-Jewish sentiment apparent at the UN, one begins to wonder about the nature of the UN that did vote for partition on Nov. 29, 1947 at Lake Success. Since this past Thanksgiving weekend was the anniversary of that historic vote, THE COMMENTATOR interviewed Mrs. Samuel (Rose) Halprin who was directly associated with the effort to secure a Jewish state.

Mrs. Halprin is one of the outstanding Jewish-American leaders of the Zionist movement. A volunteer worker, she served as the National President of Hadassah from 1932-34, and again from 1947-52. It was during her presidency that the decision was made to open the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School. However, Mrs. Halprin was to participate in an even more fateful event. In 1946 Mrs. Halprin was elected to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which in 1947 was authorized to represent the Jewish case for partition before the UN. Mrs. Hal-

prin thus participated actively in national and international negotiations leading to the establishment of the State of Israel, putting her in a unique position to discuss the factors that led up to the crucial UN vote.

Guilt Complex

One of the first questions asked dealt with the different motivations that led the UN delegates to take a Pro-Israel or pro-Arab stance. In responding Mrs. Halprin pointed out the significance of the period during which the vote was taken, World War II had only recently ended and the knowledge and magnitude of the German atrocities had been firmly established. The delegates were then cast in an idealistic role, trying to improve the world and finding relief for the decimated Jewish people. According to Mrs. Halprin, among the USSR's motives for voting for Israel were the fact that the Russians had also lost millions of people in the war and "could therefore sympathize with the Jews", and also, the fact that they "wanted to lessen British influence in the Middle East."

Mrs. Halprin then explained that both the Americans and British had diplomatic corps in the Arab countries. "Inevitably, a diplomat or foreign officer would look favorably upon what had become his home for a good many years. Israel by nature could not compete in this regard. No such foreign office support was available for Israel."

Surprising Friendship

However, President Truman did not allow himself to be pressured by such considerations. Besides the well known story of Truman's fondness for his Jewish haberdasher store partner, Mrs. Halprin noted that Truman struck up a friendship with Chaim Weitzman, the prominent Zionist leader and future first President of the Jewish State. This was a bit surprising, according to Mrs. Halprin, considering that one would not expect people like Truman and Weitzman who travelled in such different po-

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Israel Miller on the passing of his sister, Kate. May he and his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalaim.

Israeli Tells Reason He Became Religious

By YONATHAN D. MOZESON

We had already been seated when Lior walked in. He was Rabbi Reichman's fourth and final guest that Friday evening. His short stance could not demean his powerful build. After scornfully looking us over he sat quietly, letting the conversation drift as if to underscore an unconquerable language barrier. Sensing this, Rabbi Reichman directed the conversation to the Yom Kippur War, a topic whose relevancy might overcome our guest's reservations. Little did he know that Lior would reveal his most intimate and moving religious experiences.

Lior began the Yom Kippur war as an officer, leading his men in a grueling tank battle on that crucial first day. He described losing half his men as a "good ratio" compared with other battalions. "I know all my men personally and I just didn't know what to tell their widows and orphans". His men had indeed died bravely in battle yet their constant doubts wouldn't permit him to expound on the admirable way they meet death. "Some of my men would turn to me while riding in the column and ask "What are we fighting for, why must we give our arms, legs, or lives for this piece of land?" This question troubled Lior too. He had come to a conclusion. There was no way he could fight and lead men to their death with such doubts in his mind. There was something special about that piece of land but the secular Zionist ideals were certainly not the answer. And so he was on a long and hard road to becoming a "Dati". The great religious polarization in Israel had previously made religion inconceivable, but now Lior needed time to think. "I had to leave Israel to get a clear perspective of what is happening to Israel, its youth, and what I can do for them. He decided to spend the year at Yeshiva University and E.M.C. and so through a strange series of events, found himself with us at Rabbi Reichman's house.

Friendly Natives

Upon leaving that evening, I noted that at least we had an Israeli officer to escort us in safety back to Y.U. However, my friend fell ten feet behind us, circling as he walked, as if he were on one of his many excursions into enemy territory. His hands were practically in position to accommodate an "Uzi", and he fiercely inspected our friendly neighborhood residents. The next morning, he admitted that the concept of Anti-Sem-

Double Jeopardy

Further complicating Israel's already grim future are the fears of a new round of fighting in the Middle East. Israelis speak openly about the inevitability of war with Syria over the Golan Heights.

The Arab position, bolstered by their new-found oil power, has hardened to a point deemed unacceptable to any Is-

litical and intellectual circles to develop a rapport, but that they did. When the State Department wanted to exclude the Negev from Israel's sovereignty, Weitzman protested to Truman, and Truman "straightened out" the State Department.

Mrs. Halprin sadly contrasted the UN of 1947 with the UN of 1974. At that time, according to Mrs. Halprin, one could sit down and try to reason with an individual delegate. That is why the Thanksgiving recess before the vote at Lake Success was so important in 1947. It provided extra time for the Jewish Agency to convince the UN delegates of the righteousness of their cause. Noted Mrs. Halprin, "a vote by a delegate in those days was a vote for hope and peace." Today with the advent of block votes, there are no effective means of reasoning with delegates. The Communist, South American, or "Third World" blocks vote en masse without regard to arguments posed by other delegates. Often it is quite apparent that their decisions are made even before the actual debate begins. This, according to Mrs. Halprin, is the tragedy of the United Nations today.

Dr. Levy Offers Chamber Music; First This Year

By ANDY SIMON

On Wednesday evening November 25, room 535 in Furst Hall was filled with about thirty music lovers, awaiting a most enjoyable evening of chamber music. With a nod of his head, Dr. Edward Levy, Director of Yeshiva's Music Department, Ms. Ellen Watson and Mr. Gabriel Goldberger began the first Chamber Music Concert this year.

The program was varied and interesting. For many years Dr. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Fire Damages RIETS Extensively No Occupants Seriously Injured

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) time I got my head out the window, the smoke had followed me, and all I got was a lungful of soot." A resident of a room close to the blaze who helped Mr. Feder get out told THE COMMENTATOR, "We didn't panic, but there was no time to try and save anything. It was hot, the smoke was spreading fast, and we knew what we had to do — get out."

Alarms were pulled at least twice — once in the hall by residents of the building and once in the street by a security guard. Approximately twelve minutes elapsed between the sounding of the alarms and the arrival of the local fire company. The first action of the firefighters was to smash several windows. This helped to clear the billowing smoke, saving anyone still in the building from smoke poisoning and making it easier for firemen to reach the scene of the conflagration. Access to the burning area was particularly difficult because the room was located in the interior of the structure,

with windows facing a courtyard rather than the street. It therefore took another seven to ten minutes before the firemen actually extinguished the roaring inferno, inundating the rooms in the process. (Seeping water caused the closing of the physics labs on the first floor for one day.) It was another hour before the smoke had cleared sufficiently to allow safe reentry into the building.

No Serious Injuries

Although no one was seriously injured, an ambulance, present due to fire department procedure carried Mr. Feder to a nearby hospital, where he was examined for smoke inhalation and immediately released.

Larry Feder, who graduated YC last year, is now studying dentistry at Columbia University. His academic responsibilities did not allow him to speak at length with THE COMMENTATOR concerning his traumatic experience, but he is said to have "come

through the whole thing remarkably well, considering." Mr. Feder's roommate was not present over the weekend.

The scene of the fire before maintenance men cleared the charred wreckage was dismal. Sephorim, medical books, clothing and divers other personal possessions lay charred among the soot on the flooded floor. The burnt plaster on the wall would crack and fall off at the touch of a finger. Water, broken glass, and ashes littered the hall floor.

The fire occurred during the Intercollegiate Shabbaton, and students, inspecting the damaged room throughout the day, displayed various reactions. One who saw the remains strewn over the floor asked, "Have you ever seen a dead microbiology book?"

The loss of dormitory space is especially disheartening in view of the shortage of rooms plaguing the residence hall office this year.

Senate Adopts An Amendment

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the chairmanship to elected Senators, only. Dean Bacon agreed with Senator Kramer, questioning the advisability of allowing permanent administration senators to chair the meetings.

The motion to allow the alumni representative on the Senate to become Senate Chairman gained support, as Dr. Fleisher spoke for most of the Senate saying that he "can't really see any dangers" in Rabbi Kramer's "very modest" proposal. Professor Silverman, however, moved a new amendment to allow administration senators to become chairmen, and to expand the voting power of the chairman, now restricted to cases of ties, to all situations.

Confusion reigned throughout the room as senators and spectators seemed to have difficulty in determining exactly which amendment was to be voted on, and whether, if Professor Silverman's amendment failed, Senator Kramer's motion could still be presented before the Senate at that session.

When Chairman Wandel ruled that even if defeated in its new form, Senator Kramer's original amendment could be voted on, Senator Kramer accepted both of Professor Silverman's clauses, as well as one offered by Senator Posen barring any chairman from holding office two consecutive years, as part of his amendment. The new version, however, failed to get even a majority of those voting, as all the student senators and many others voted against it, principally because of their objections to having an administration senator serve as Senate Chairman. Senator Kramer's original amendment allowing alumni senators to serve as chairmen was approved, although some, such as the Dean, who said that he had "raised the left hand, which is only half a vote," expressed a few reservations.

In the closing minutes of the meeting, Dr. Aaron Levine of the Economics Department proposed disqualifying students with more than six unexcused absences in a course from filling out teacher evaluations in that

course. He explained that a student who has more than six absences "misses the continuity of the instructor's lectures" and is incapable of rendering a valid evaluation of his teacher. Other senators, however, opined that students might be deliberately missing classes simply because they did not believe class attendance was necessary, due directly to the poor quality of either the course or the instructor, and, if so, their opinions might be more, rather than less, desirable. A vote to close debate on this issue failed to draw the two-third majority necessary, and debate was postponed to the next meeting, on December 5.

Commie After Dark

HMS PINAFORE as produced by LOOM-Light Opera of Manhattan — is a different experience to say the least. The acting is superb but cannot overcome a method of production aimed at children. The production technique is especially obvious at the

Yaakov Zev Gives Lecture On Opportunities In Israel

By GARY MILLER

Rabbi Yaakov Zev, executive director of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah, spoke at YU on November 21 on "Opportunities in Israel."

In brief, the Americans and Canadians for Aliyah is an organization which was founded in December of 1967 for the purpose of making aliyah information readily available to people who are considering eventually settling in Israel. Presently, the association has about 3500 members. It has set up sixty-one *chugim* all across the U.S. A *chug* is a group of people who get together at meetings and discuss their aliyah plans.

In the beginning of his speech,

The Editor-in-Chief and Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR extend their sincerest condolences to Steve Gordon, YC '76, upon the passing of his mother. May he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalaim.

Rabbi Zev discussed the YU chapter of the organization. He stated that the chapter with support from the students, could invite speakers, who would inform Yeshiva students about aliyah.

Job Bank

Rabbi Zev then told the audience how a person would go about finding employment in Israel. The organization, in close cooperation with the Jewish Agency, helps the potential *oleh* find employment in Israel. At first, a resume of the individual is sent to a central location in New York and from there to Israel. Employers in that field are then contacted. If some employers are interested in the individ-

ual's services, he is contacted and the process goes into full swing.

The rabbi stated that it is generally impossible to get a contact for a job in Israel without going to Israel for a personal interview. This trip is called the "pilot trip." The cost of the trip and housing arrangements in Israel are generally subsidized by the Jewish Agency. While the potential *oleh* is in Israel, the association and an organization called Tour Vealeh helps him contact and arrange meetings with the prospective employers. If the results are positive, a contract is negotiated and the main problem of the potential *oleh*, namely employment, is solved. As far as housing goes, it is now cheaper than ever to buy an apartment in Israel due to the devaluation of the pound.

In conclusion, Rabbi Zev emphasized that the traditional Israeli red tape has been cut down appreciably. For the person who goes on aliyah, the road is not as rough as Americans are led to believe, and the inner satisfaction is immense.

Letters...

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when Mr. Weinstein made assertions to the contrary, I was permitted by the chair to correct him immediately. Therefore, Mr. Weinstein, as well as all others present at the meeting, were under no misapprehension at the time of the final vote. Yet, in spite of this, Mr. Weinstein writes in his article that I had equated the introduction with Bible criticism — surely a case of deception and distortion! It reminds me of a Tshuva by the Chatam Sofer (Liqutel Teshuvot, Vol. 6, No. 61) in which he deploras tragedies that sometimes emanate from the printed word. If anyone said, as Mr. Weinstein's "informant" told him, "Remember, we have to veto this section". I solemnly declare that this person did not act in the name of the Bible Department. Had I heard the remark at the time, I would have condemned it on the spot.

I fully agree that greater interest in the subject under discussion should have been demonstrated by the faculty, and more members free at the time should have participated in the meeting and the vote. Yet Mr. Weinstein's statement that those present "were a small, unrepresentative minority of the faculty" is still not justified. Furthermore, the faculty did not automatically ratify the Bible Department's recommendations. It dealt with the question carefully, and every member had a fair chance to voice his opinion.

Permit me one last question. If the faculty had voted in favor of a required introductory course during the first two years, would Mr. Weinstein still have referred to those present at the meeting as a small, non-representative minority?

May I say in conclusion that if all of us were more imbued with the ethics and values inherent in the Bible, this entire controversy could have been avoided.

Dr. Mayer Herskovics
Chairman, Bible Department

NEWS IN BRIEF

TWENTY STUDENTS FROM Yeshiva College have been included in the 1974-1975 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges. They are: Leonard Balanson, Larry Eisenberg, Eli Goldner, Stanley Goldschmidt, Herbie Insel, Ira Kasdan, Daniel Klein, Michael Lang, Asher Mansdorf, Ted Ness, Steve Reisbaum, Jack Schachnow, Jeffrey Shapiro, Joel Silber, Mark Sulowitz, Jeffrey Wandel, Steven A. Weinstein, Howard Wieder, Steven Wolinsky, and Martin Yarmush.

Students included in the Who's Who were chosen on the basis of outstanding scholastic and extra-curricular achievement at Yeshiva College.

In addition, eleven students from Stern College and TIW have been included.

YESHIVA COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY is the only University Theater, semiprofessional or professional organization in the country given permission to produce **THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON** since it closed on Broadway last season.

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Due to the subject matter and language in the play, it is not recommended for minors without parental guidance.

Strictly Speaking

United We Stand



By JEFF STRASHUN

Under the heading of "Bar Activist Interference in UJA Drive," the *New York Post* recently reported that a coalition of Jewish activists has been temporarily barred from continuing its alleged interference with a joint UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies campaign. The article continues that, "the organization has filed suit in State Supreme Court contending that the activists, who claim too little is being done for the Jewish poor, in recent months have picketed their headquarters, disrupted conferences, and threatened to demonstrate at a major fund-raising dinner." These activists, who have earned the wrath of the powerful Federation are the Council for the Jewish Poor, the Association of Jewish Anti-Poverty Workers, and its executive director, S. Elly Rosen.

From the outset, let me stress that this column is not asking sympathy for the poverty workers or the Jewish poor themselves, both respectable issues for past and future COMMENTATOR features. What disturbs this writer is the internal conflicts developing and spreading in numerous Jewish communities and organizations and their culmination in civil suits and other public actions.

One need not complete a course in American Jewish History to realize that the following scenario is but typical of the growing problem of Jewish communal factionalization, Effective

Collegiate Yaron Of Israeli Army At HS Shabbaton

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ism was completely alien to him. "I know Arabs thoroughly, what they think and what they believe, but I fear these people more because I don't even know why they hate me."

Friday night, Yeshiva and its high school shabbaton guests were held spellbound in profound silence as Lior gave a thrilling insight into the problems he and his tank corp had faced. "We were outnumbered ten to one, but more importantly, they had hand rockets that we weren't prepared for. You think you're invulnerable in a mass of steel." Finally, he told of the attack on his own tank; the unforgettable trigger for his religious experience. "I saw the rocket coming, someone told me later that my last command, uttered in desperation, was 'get out of the tank.'" The other three men in the tank were killed, Lior was thrown by the impact and was unconscious for three days while in the hospital. "I kept thinking that my T'fillin were burning, when I awoke the first things I asked for were T'fillin and a Torah". Lior recovered from his physical wounds with the help of a skilled American surgeon, but the spiritual experience will haunt him for the rest of his life.

July 1, 1974, the UJA merged with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York — to further their mutual fund-raising goals. In anticipation of the merger, the Jewish Poverty Workers began an extensive protest campaign to publicize their claim that "since July 1, the UJA-Federation merger results in twenty-five percent of your UJA check going directly to the non-sectarian Federation and forty percent of that money going to non-Jews in NYC." The poverty workers are not interested, says Rosen, in receiving Federation funds for their own projects but aim at educating the Jewish community in "the indifference of the Federation toward the plight of New York's 400,000 elderly Jews" and urge the Jewish community to abandon the Joint Campaign by earmarking donations only to "The Israel Emergency Fund."

The poverty workers' complaints have become a thorn in the Federation's massive financial structure. Thus, it appears that their sole recourse was to take their fellow Jewish "activists" to civil court and thereby remove this growing obstruction. The mere fact that this incident was grounds for legal action is abominable enough, the necessity to bring it into a civil court is beyond comprehension. I called the Federation's legal office to discuss their intentions and to inquire as to why action in a Bet Din had not been considered as the initial arbitrator. The Federation's secretary referred me to their news department, who claimed total ignorance in this entire issue. The Public Relations Department was better informed and assured me that the whole issue was clearly discussed in a press release I would subsequently receive. To my amusement, the release discussed the Gala Federation Dinner honoring the Panovs — the same dinner that Elly Rosen and his anti-poverty workers had received a court injunction forbidding any participation on their part. No mention of the legal issue I had questioned was to be found in the release and that represents the extent of Federation cooperation in drafting this column.

Rosen, on the other hand, naturally agreed that the civil injunction was ludicrous and was prepared to serve Sanford Solendar, Executive Vice President of the Federation with a HAZMANAH (Bet Din subpoena) to explain where Federation funds are being distributed and as a counter-suit to the Federation. Rosen's hope is that this issue can be decided outside the civil judicial system and within the confines of the Bet Din. At press time, the outcome remains undecided.

What is definite is the fact that this entire issue had to develop and blossom into press coverage in the *New York press*. A cynical Israeli correspondent once remarked that if the Arabs would lay down their guns, the Israelis will internally destroy themselves, within a matter of

weeks. This observation, multiplied by a few million, is precisely the plight American Jewry, and on a local scale, New York Jewry, faces today. Whether in Washington or Williamsburg, Boston or the Bronx — there is growing dissention within the Jewish community. Just think of your hometown and the number of Orthodox rabbis. Are they all on speaking terms with each other? Is the Hashgacha of Rabbi X accepted by Rabbi Y? Are Orthodox students leaving the Yeshiva Day School movement for the superior secular education offered by the Solomon Schechter schools? The list seems endless!

To this end, I am slightly spoiled. My community, Elizabeth, N.J., is dominated by one Orthodox rabbi-Pinchus Teitz. Rabbi Teitz sets the religious standards and expects conformity by the community. Though, in principle, a dictatorship may exist, or so his critics claim, Rabbi Teitz is followed out of respect and admiration, not fear. I perceive this as a far stronger community than one in which each rabbi has his individual adherents, who scorn the advice of the others. It is unfortunate, that as a young and growing community, Silver Spring, Maryland, typifies the antithesis of the ideal Jewish community — actively

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Dr. Levy Aply Accompanied By Watson And Goldberger In 1st Chamber Music Presentation Offered This Year

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Levy has been a devotee of the music of Mozart. By incorporating the Mozart Trio in E flat major for clarinet, viola and piano into the program, Dr. Levy

Rotating Wouk Professorship Has Been Given To Dr. Linn

Dr. Irving Linn, a member of the Yeshiva University faculty since 1937, has been appointed to the Chair of the Abraham Wouk Family Professorship in English at the School. Dr. Linn is currently a professor of English at Yeshiva College.

The professorial chair is in



Yeshiva University

Dr. Irving Linn

Council Ratifies Its Budget In Year's Shortest Session

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) continued their studying, taking time out only to smile for the COMMENTATOR photographer.

Move to Chabad

Secretary-Treasurer Strenger reported on his meeting with Rabbi Cheifetz about the use of RIETS Hall for alumni who wish to continue dorming. Rabbi Cheifetz stated that they would be given the opportunity to move into the Chabad room in RIETS but doubted that many would want to live there.

President Eisenberg announced

could offer would be limited. The summer school sessions which a student would be forced to take to graduate early were criticized as being inferior to Yeshiva College's courses. Finally, any substantial increase in the number of students leaving the school after three years would necessitate revision of the entire tuition structure, which presently assumes four years' tuition from each student.

Ping pong tables have been set up on the third and fifth floors of Morgenstern Hall. Because of



Phyz Whiz

Council engrossed in heated discussion.

that the Faculty Assembly had voted down the third item of the Senate Bible requirement proposal while accepting the rest. He also reported on the reasons the Senate defeated the residency requirement proposal. It was feared that because some students would rush through school taking few electives, the number of electives the school

complaints about late-night noise, ping pong will be allowed only in the downstairs lounge after midnight. Furniture stolen from lounges has been collected along with fines for the thefts; Student Council has brought charges in the Student Court against the occupants of one room, who refused to pay the fine assessed to them.

hoped to convey to all in attendance the true genius of the composer.

Gabriel Goldberger, who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union, made his debut at Ye-

shiva playing a Nocturne by Chopin and an impromptu by Schubert.

Dr. Levy was featured as a soloist in two different works—the Marcello Clarinet Concerto in C minor and in Schumann's Fantasy pieces. The Marcello concerto was originally written for the oboe. The transcription for the B flat clarinet which Dr. Levy performed, far surpassed the oboe edition in tonal quality. The beauty and vitality of the clarinet was made apparent by this piece.

The flavor of the Schumann Fantasy pieces gave everyone a taste of the romantic. The rustic themes projected by the clarinet were quite beautiful and effective.

All went smoothly during the fantasies until a security guard came and claimed that the recital had no permit to use the room. Later, during the last fantasy the same guard returned, saying he did not want to be held responsible for a violin left unattended in the next room. He eventually left the room.

Miss Watson performed the Sonata Arpeggione by Schubert on the viola. She also played a suite by the twentieth century composer Max Reger. Both pieces were well received and much skill was displayed in their execution.

All in all the chamber concert recital was an exciting cultural experience.

Dr. Linn, who has participated in the growth of Yeshiva University since the 1930's, has served as secretary of the Yeshiva College faculty, chairman of the Division of Languages, Literature and the Fine Arts, and first secretary of the Academic Council of Undergraduate Schools. He has also been chairman of the University Faculty Review Committee.

He became widely-known through his work in television, serving as coach of Yeshiva University's highly successful "College Bowl" team in 1963, and through discussions of minority groups in American literature

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Cooper Hurt As Jrs. Lose To Sophs On Rifkin's Shot

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) in regulation time his team couldn't buy a basket and was forced into overtime.

In the additional period the game became Howie Strizower vs. the Lempels. It looked as if Howie would win, when he hit a foul shot with six seconds left to put the juniors on top by one. But he missed his second shot, there was a fight for the rebound and a jump ball was called. Benjy Goldstein tapped it to Terry Rifkin who shot from five feet behind half court, the shot went up and in, clinching the game for the sophs.

The big plusses for the sophs this game were Gary Stadtmauer and Benjy Goldstein. Gary, a former MTA varsity ballplayer, showed everyone that once he starts hitting his layups he's still the same muscling, scoring forward he always was. Stadt and Benjy, who was the sophs' leading rebounder, caused Firmes and Levine plenty of trouble off the boards.

Game Two

In the second game the freshmen, led by Mitch Merlis and Sane Jozsef, beat the seniors, who were led by Herbie "Aleph" Insel and Stanley Weiss.

Almost all the freshmen points were scored on easy layups set up by Sheldon Small, and on fast breaks to Jozsef and Merlis triggered by the tough rebounding of Effie Nulman. Effie ended up with 14 caroms and Merlis with 16. The seniors were kept alive by Insel, who was red-hot despite his bad leg, and Weiss, who played tough defense and kept the team moving. Moves Engel hit a few nice shots but was mostly asleep because of his lack of rest the night before. In the last quarter Herbie brought the seniors within

Linn Is Honored, Named To Chair

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 4) on a series for WNYC-TV, and on NBC-TV. From 1966-1970 he was the solo performer on the WABC-TV series, "This English Language of Ours."

Dr. Linn was visiting professor of American literature at the Federal University of Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, in 1968, and in 1974 he was nominated for inclusion in the volume Outstanding Educators of America. He is a life member of the Modern Language Association of America.

Dr. Linn holds the bachelor's degree from City University of New York, and the M.A. and the Ph.D. degree from New York University.

reach, but two clutch foul shots by Nulman and a field goal by Jozsef nailed it down for the frosh.

Although the freshmen scored a well-deserved victory, they should not be too cocky because the seniors were missing their best player, Noah Reifman, last year's MVP. The same advice goes to the sophomores, whose victory was over a junior team that was missing Paul Lerer, Morris Mann, and Barry Dorf.

SOPHOMORES (66)		JUNIORS (65)	
Abeff	0 1-2 1	Cooper	4 0-0 8
Goldstein	1 0-0 2	Greenspan	6 0-0 12
Krupka	2 0-0 4	Hirmes	3 0-2 6
Lmel, A.	7 0-0 14	Katzenstin	0 0-0 0
Lmel, H.	11 2-2 24	Krantz	0 1-2 1
Nitzky	3 0-0 6	Levine	5 1-2 11
Rifkin	4 0-0 8	Minkove	0 0-0 0
Stadtmer	2 3-4 7	Strenger	0 0-0 0
		Strizower	11 5-6 27
	30 6-8 66		29 7-12 65

SENIORS (57)		FRESHMEN (61)	
Cohen	0 0-2 0	Grauer	0 0-0 0
Engel	5 1-4 11	Jozef	7 3-4 17
Insel	11 3-7 25	Klein	2 0-0 4
Jetter	0 0-0 0	Merlis	13 2-5 28
Poleyoff	0 0-0 0	Nulman	0 2-2 2
Rosenblm	0 0-0 0	Rosen	0 0-0 0
Roseblm	0 0-0 0	Small	1 4-6 6
Weiss, S.	6 5-10 17	Thomas	1 0-0 2
Zelkowitz	2 0-0 4	Weiss, M.	1 0-0 2
	24 9-23 57		25 11-17 61

Weak Goaltending Leads To Freshman Loss; Breslow Ties Mark In 17-7 Senior Victory

By MIKE GELBER

Seniors 17—Freshmen 7. That score is reminiscent of many hard-hitting football games. It even resembles the outcome of a box-lacrosse match, where the goaltender, making a save on an opponent, either swallows a tooth or takes a shot in the gut in the process. One can, however, take the easy way out by just stepping aside and letting the shooter score. That's just what happened on Tuesday evening when these two teams met to do their thing.

In all fairness to the goaltenders, though, there were quite a few shots directed toward the cage in this game; a total of 114, sixty-nine for the seniors, and forty-five for the frosh. That much buckshot wasn't seen through the entire Revolutionary War, and is enough to drive a netminder puck-crazy! Yet it seemed that everything close to the goal-crease met the cording in the back of the net as if attracted by a magnet. A third period save had a fan screaming

for goal-tending, and one of the referees made the defensive play of the game.

By the way, fans, it was billed as a hockey game, in case you couldn't guess. This fiasco opened quite subtly with the seniors holding a 3-1 margin at the end of one period. The framework for period number three was set up in the second stanza, when the seniors outscored the frosh six to one, taking a 9-2 advantage.

Breslow Ties Mark

Mark Breslow and Yudie Gopin led the senior attack with eight and six goals respectively. Gopin had a phenomenal game adding six assists to his credit, and Breslow's eight goals tied a rec-

ord set in a previous game this season by Mitch Merlis.

Speaking of the big M (and who doesn't), he netted a hat-trick, but could have had a barnful had someone passed him the puck. Moishe Housman (who also registered three scores) had Merlis open for seemingly easy shots throughout the game, but wouldn't have passed to his grandmother, electing to blast away instead. It seemed that even had the freshmen erected the Berlin Wall in front of their own net, the seniors would have scored anyway. It all adds up to this: lackluster offense, porous defense, and non-existent goaltending. The frosh better do something about it — quickly!

United We Stand

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) concentrated in the utilitarian development of the whole and not selfishly interested in the hedonistic furtherance of each distinct part.

With the problems of Soviet Jewry and Israel vying for our intellectual and financial attention daily, this is no time to take our fellow Jews to civil courts, to engage in polemics over which rabbinical utterings are the rule in which section of town. Our inevitable goal is all the same — Achdut — a strong and united Jewish community. The time has come to lay aside petty differences. Yes, in comparison to the difficulties faced by our Soviet and Israeli brethren, our problems are petty. Rabbis X and Y must learn to mediate their differences in a rational and dis-

creet manner, outside the public forum. The diversified Jewish communal conglomerates must realize that, without agreement on the means to the ultimate goal — the end result will be a fruitless one. It is an age-old cry, but one which warrants constant repetition: Kol Yisrael Aravim Zeh Ba-Zeh. Every Jew Is Responsible — One For The Other.

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Taubermen Dominate Completely, Slashing St. Peters 17-10

By HOWIE SHERMAN

Though it is too early to predict for sure, this year's Taubermen might just be the light at the end of the tunnel. After beating the Alumni on November 25th, our fencers defeated St. Peters by the score of 17-10. Though St. Peters is a team of our caliber, we have often had

a bit of trouble beating them. So why is this year's team so superior? Well, it goes like this: The sabre team showed good control and poise, dropping only one bout in the first two rounds. Co-captain Ted Ness and Louis Solomon easily won their two bouts, while Morris Mandel split his two. In the third round,

sophomore subs Howard Sherman and Ricky Eisenberg lost their debut bouts.

The foil men put on an amazing show, winning all but one of their nine bouts. Junior Olympian Dave Brusowankin and Marty Hirsch both won their bouts convincingly. Freshman Bob Hirsch split his two bouts but if he can add control to his other talents, he will be a fine fencer this season. Veteran Eddie Tolchin and sophs Brian Kagan and Leonard Budow gave the team three more victories.

Last, but not least, comes the epee squad. Co-captain Shalom Buchbinder won two bouts, the second by a score of 5-0. Then the Big Red, Marc Felberbaum, lost his two bouts, a shock to all of us who saw him win con-

vincingly against the Alumni. It was Jeff Fried to the rescue, winning both his bouts, 5-3 and 5-2. But that was all for the epee men, for in the last round Sammy Abramson, Henri Lifshutz, and Mitch Schranz failed to score a win. Perhaps it was a bittersweet victory for St. Peters, winning the last round, but YU knows its strong as well as its soft spots.

The foil men showed amazing depth as well as strength. The epee squad, it seems, will be having its difficulties delivering consistently despite Book's leadership. Sabre, though it appears strong, knows that it will have to shore up the youngsters if they expect next year to be as strong as this year promises to be.

The '74-'75 season has all the appearances of a winner. So come down and be part of this successful season.

The Taubermen are looking for students to assist the managers. If you're interested, whether or not you like fencing, come down to the Gym on Monday or Wednesday between 8-9 and ask for Glenn or Howie.

Devaluation To Help Economy, Hurts Israelis

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Israeli government. Israel now faces two choices: acceptance of the Arab position, a move which most Israelis see as suicidal, or the trauma of a new war which could only make the economic burden so much heavier to bear. Either way, Israel seems to lose.

The new economic policy is indeed a crushing burden for the Israeli citizen, and it is hinted here that its effects are far from over. Bus fares will have risen forty percent by December 1st as will telephone and mail rates. Electricity and water prices have already doubled, and gasoline may undergo yet another price hike in the near future. There are also rumors that another devaluation, to eight pounds per dollar, is on the horizon. In any event, the present measures, estimated by the government to increase the average cost of a family of four by five hundred pounds a month, will remain in effect for a number of years. Optimists see Israel's economic future improving within the next few years as a result of these draconian economic measures, while pessimists see little hope for improvement in the light of worldwide inflation and a universal lack of resources, where Israel is particularly lacking. What can be stated with certainty is that the new economic policy must provoke a closer examination of Israel's economic foundations, producing in turn great changes in the Israeli tax structure as well as in Israel's whole society.

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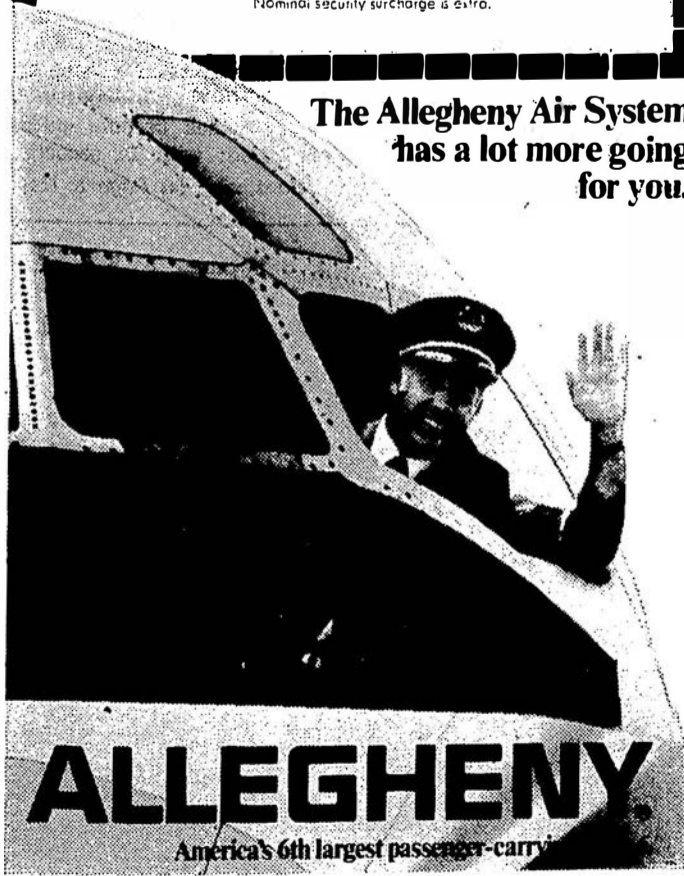
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On The Sidelines

Intramural Elitism



By David Gleicher

A friend of mine decided that he'd like to play intramural hockey this year. So he sacrificed one night, went down to the gym, sat on the bench, and waited for his turn to play. Finally, the team "captain" signaled for him to come in. He got onto the court, and was playing well too, but before he knew it, the "captain" took him out and went in with his (the captain's) own line.

My friend looked at his watch. He was right, he hadn't been in that long. Oh well, he'd just wait for his turn to come in again. After a short while it was the captain's turn to come out. "No, no," he said, "my line's doing fine." My friend just sat. Near the end of the game, he came in again for a couple of minutes. Afterwards, my friend decided that based on the amount of playing time he accumulated, it just wasn't worth it for him to waste a night of studying.

What I wrote above is an example of intramural elitism, that is, the domination of intramurals by a small group of students who feel that since they're the superstars, they should do most of the playing—even if their team is winning (or losing) 6-0 or 55-25.

Perhaps I was a bit unfair to use hockey for my (true) example. I've seen that intramural elitism takes place more in basketball than in hockey. It all begins in the first game of the freshman year when forty or so guys show up to play, but the game is dominated by six or seven MJHSL veterans. That's understandable if forty players come down, but there's no excuse why almost everyone shouldn't play if ten, or even fifteen students show up. Even when playing a close game, if only one or two players are substituted at a time, the team won't be appreciably weakened. Besides, the other team will probably be doing the same thing. That goes for hockey as well as for basketball.

On the other hand, maybe I've been too conservative with my suggestions: Maybe intramurals need a radical revision (here I'm referring to basketball only). Instead of a system which plays different classes off against each other, here's another idea: Similar to next term's volleyball intramurals, five or more students would set up a team, perhaps give it a name, and register with the intramural commissioner. The teams would be divided into two divisions: "A" (the MJHSL vets and other "superstars") and "B" (the guys who aren't great and know it, but want to play ball for the fun of it).

The present system is much less complicated, but if it's restricted to a small clique, what good is it?

There are two intramural activities that seem to have very few people participating in them: knock-hockey and table tennis. Many students view the two as big goofs. However, each sport will have first, second and third place trophies given out at the May Awards Dinner. So check the bulletin board for the next time you can play. It might be worth your while.

For thousands of years there's been a general rule in Jewish literature that one must state his source when making any statement. Last issue, in my column about the basketball team's name change, I neglected to mention that the person who originally suggested the name "Maccabees" to me was none other than Steve Reisbaum, my predecessor as sports editor. So, Steve, I've given you the credit you deserve and I'll be waiting for the DQ sundae you now owe me.

Wrestlers Open With Victory Over S.I.C.C. Marty Bodner Clinches Match On Clutch Pin

By NATY KATZ

The Yeshiva Ellmen opened their 1974-75 season with a spectacular 27-21 down to the wire victory over Staten Island Community College before a spell-bound crowd.

Captain Noah Klein, wrestling at 118 despite stitches on his chin, brought the crowd to its feet early with a near pin in the first period of his bout. Completely controlling his opponent and accumulating points during the second period, Noah coasted through the final period and won a decision.

At 126, Joel Schwitzer, a freshman, fought a poised and smart bout against his more experienced opponent. Although he was pinned in the second period, Joel showed flashes of brilliance and should prove to be a fine wrestler in the very near future.

Captain Nate Schwitzer, wrestling at 134, turned in a performance that can only be described as a masterpiece. His opponent, a Vietnam veteran, didn't have the slightest opportunity to use his skills. Nate simply overwhelmed his hapless opponent on the road to a second period pin.

Rick Schulman, a veteran in the 142-pound class, fought a strong bout for two periods. Falling victim to a lack of stamina, Rick succumbed to a pin with 25 seconds remaining in his bout.

At 150, Roy Schmuckler showed lots of energy in the first period of his bout, but tired in the third period and wound up on the short end of a 9-4 decision.

Joe Frager, wrestling at 158, showed lots of muscle along with a distinct lack of finesse in a very exciting bout. He dominated his opponent throughout on the way to a pin at 2:43 of the middle period. Joe, as always, was tough and aggressive. If he can succeed in coupling wrestling technique with his natural endowments of strength and heart, Joe should be a great asset to the Ellmen this season.

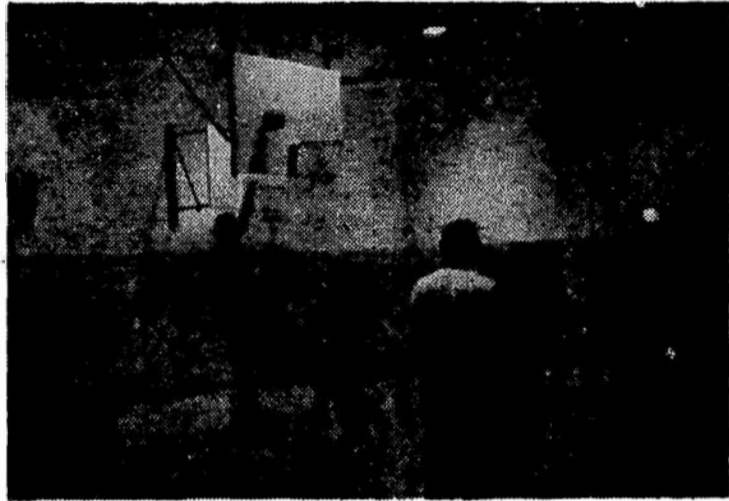
Perry Nuszen fought a tough match in the 167 pound class. Showing lots of spirit but lacking experience, Perry succumbed to a pin at 1:40 of the middle period. The match score showed S.I.C.C. leading YU 21-15.

At 177, Jerry Levine, in his nonchalant fashion, wrestled his usual bout, close enough to keep

Maccabees Lose In A Squeaker; Merlis, Scharaga, Rosey: Brilliant

By NORMAN BLUMENTHAL
Half a minute to play and Yeshiva has the ball. The Maccabees, down 80-78, need a hoop to tie the game. The question is, who will take the shot. It can't be Bruce Wenig as he fouled out a couple of minutes before after playing a masterful game.

So without Bruce, it would be



Boim'

Farout Maccabee shot.

left up to Locks to inbound the ball and set up the play. It was obvious that Yeshiva would try to get the ball in to Merlis for a short jumper or a layup. When the Macs came back onto the court, they managed to get the ball in to Merlis, but the results weren't exactly pleasing for YU fans. Paul missed the layup and the rebound rolled out of bounds off Jay. One last chance for Yeshiva, but to no avail as the in-bounds pass was thrown away.

The frustration of the last play was an example of the whole game in miniature. At the start the Maccabees were nowhere to be found. Two minutes into the game the "Mites" were down by twelve and it was an uphill battle all the way. The Jay press gave Yeshiva fits and the Maccabee zone was unable to stop John Blackwell, who scored 14 first-half points,

one guessing, but satisfying in the end. Showing fine technique, smart wrestling, and his own brand of cautious aggressiveness Jerry won a 10-5 decision over his opponent, putting YU three points closer to S.I.C.C. 21-18 with two bouts to go.

Mitch Merlis, on the strength of his poise and stamina, contributed a stunning victory to the YU comeback match. Unaffected by the mounting excitement in the gym, Mitch clawed, scratched, hammered, and, on occasion, wrestled his way to a crucial 14-8 decision.

The match score stood at 21-21 with a single bout remaining. The fate of Yeshiva's comeback rested squarely on the shoulders of our popular heavyweight, Marty Bodner. The crowd was in a frenzy as the bout got under way. The first period was uneventful as both wrestlers were overcautious, not at all unusual under the circumstances. The second period began with several quick reversals of position and, without warning, Bodner was suddenly pinning his opponent. As the referee signalled the pin, the crowd erupted into a well deserved ovation for the Ellmen.

most of them on open jump shots.

At this point, about the only things keeping Yeshiva in the game were Paul Merlis in close and a couple of smart passes from Bruce Wenig to Ira Scharaga. After Jay opened up their big, early lead, the Maccabees held them about even the rest of the half and went into the

only 30 points, most of which came from offensive rebounds. The Maccabees lack of rebounding pointed out how much they missed Jerry Jozsef. Dave Beren, getting the starting assignment instead of Jerry, was the most serious disappointment for Yeshiva. Denver was ineffective in his few minutes in the game and got an early hook from Coach Halpert.

Late in the second half, the Maccabees cut the lead to under ten, but Jay started to freeze the ball. Yeshiva's only recourse was to foul and hope that Jay would miss the one-and-one. Although Jay did just that a number of times, the lead was too much to overcome and the Maccabees fell two points short.

Among the encouraging signs for Yeshiva were the auspicious return of Paul Merlis, who is better than ever, the return to form of Ira Scharaga, who scored 18 points, and the fine foul shooting by Yeshiva (12 for 13). The brightest light however, was probably Robert Rosenbloom who gave Yeshiva unexpected strength off the bench.

locker room down 50-33.

Rosey's Debut

At the start of the second half the Macs came alive, sparked by freshmen Robert Rosenbloom and Witzky Hoenig. Rosey scored ten points from the field and sank two clutch foul shots down the stretch.

In the second half the Yeshiva defense tightened up, allowing

	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	R	A	PTS
Merlis	10	15	6	7	22	0	26
Scharaga	7	14	4	4	1	1	18
Wenig	8	14	0	0	4	10	16
Locks	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Beren	1	3	0	0	1	0	2
Rosenbloom	5	6	2	2	3	4	12
Menche	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
Hoenig	1	2	0	0	5	4	2
Behar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	59	12	13	36	19	78

Cooper Hurt As Jrs. Lose To Sophs On Rifkin's Shot

By BENJY KRUPKA

Over the past two weeks, in very exciting games, the sophomores edged the juniors 66-65 in overtime while the freshmen upset the seniors 61-57.

At the beginning of the first game, it looked as if the sophs would be run off the court as the junior starting five came out smoking. The first quarter ended juniors 14, Gary Stadtmauer 3.

In the second quarter the sophs were sparked by the "806" pair of Benjy Krupka and Harvey Nitzky. They came off the bench, hitting three quick shots and making two steals. As the spark caught fire, the rest of the sophomore team woke up, played aggressive defense, and worked with Terry Rifkin to set up perfectly executed plays.

The juniors had an edge off the boards in the first half thanks to the untiring efforts of Howie Strizower, Jerry Levine, and Alan Hirmes. On offense it was all Ira Cooper, Strizower, and Levine. All of Cooper's passes were on target, hitting Striz and Hirmes in positions that had the sophs baffled.

The second and third quarters were played flawlessly by both teams. The fourth quarter started out the same way as Herbie and Allen Lempel were bombing from all over the court and Strizower was unstoppable for the juniors. However, in this frame Cooper was sidelined because he chipped a bone in his foot. With Coop's departure, the junior attack became quite disorganized; with 14 seconds left

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