Lecturer Strikes New Note
In Discussing Ramah
Before Large Group

By Gershon J. Fekets

Dr. Harry Wolfson, Professor of Semitic Philosophy of Harvard University, and former student of the Yeshiva, delivered the second of a series of lectures on the Life and Works of Maimonides in the dormitory Social Hall last Sunday night, before an assembly of over 200 students, faculty members, and visitors.

The lecturer was introduced by Dr. Bernard Revel, President of the Faculty of Yeshiva College, and Rosh Ha-Yeshiva, who acted as chairman of the evening. Dr. Revel in his introductory remarks asserted that the discussion of Maimonides in Yeshiva College is merely incidental to his 800th anniversary. For Maimonides is with the students daily in their study and practice. To discuss Maimonides is to mould the mind and spirit of the student. Dr. Revel declared that such an institution as Maimonides is his most important task today in the Yeshiva College.

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"Let 'Em Eat Cake"

Rumors that Yeshiva College intended to establish a Department of Business Administration next term were finally confirmed last week. This decision clearly shows the ambition of the authorities in their efforts to expand the College. Nevertheless, we feel that this step is of such magnitude as to warrant searching student criticism and analysis.

Let us state at the outset that we recognize in the Business Administration a very fine extension of the ideal of Yeshiva College. To train intelligent Jewish laymen rather than made-to-order rabbis should be the ultimate goal of the institution. The time, however, is not ripe for expansion.

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The administration to the new department of students who have had but little elementary training in Hebrew and Jewish studies will result, we fear, in a lowering of the standards of the institution, and will bring about an even greater secularization of the College. Until the time when the College has an able Jewish administrator in charge of a more integrated program will exercise a more healthful influence on its students, it is inadvisable, we feel, to open the doors to this new department.

More power to the Student Council! We have pointed out on innumerable occasions that the College is absolutely failing to realize this synthesis. The duty of the administration to Orthodoxy in general and to Yeshiva in particular lies in the intensification of their efforts to strengthen the College rather than in experimentation and extension. It is absurd to witness the authorities venturing into new fields before they have in any measure succeeded in achieving their original avowed purpose.

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Must We Keep a Back Seat?

New developments of the past year have impressed us as favorably as the growing interest being manifested by the student body in Zionist and Zionist problems. It marks the first expression of a widespread preoccupation on the part of Yeshiva students with the problems confronting us Jew today. Like most significant trends in the Jewish College, this new development has received its impetus from the students rather than from "the powers that be." The failure of Yeshiva College to push itself with any measure of forcefulness into the forefront of Orthodoxy Jewish life is directly attributable to the negligible interest it has evidenced on paramount Jewish issues of the day. Problems of major importance have disrupted American Jewry and have become ancient history before Yeshiva seemed aware of their existence. American Orthodoxy looking to Yeshiva for the expression of authoritative opinion in many instances has been disheartened. While other Jewish institutions never hesitate to assert their viewpoint in various situations, Yeshiva College, morally bound to lead the way, has been conspicuously silent.

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ON THE SIDELINES
By BILL KAUFMAN

Alas! Santayana Was Right
(A Tragedy in Three Scenes)

Prelude
It was with mingled emotions of inexpressible pride and deep importance that I took my place at the council meeting just recently held in the Student Council at its meeting held at the dormitory Social Hall on Wednesday, May 1, 1935. In addition, the Council was considering the success of the recent basketball tournament, and the recommendations of the Athletic Manager to the President of the Student Council and the latter's approval. An outlay of $5 for the purchase of a new basketball, $5 for the purchase of a new tennis racket, and $5 for the purchase of a new tennis ball, and $5 for the purchase of a new tennis ball, were authorized, as the Council decided to conduct no competition in the latter sport.

Awards Granted
In reply to questions concerning the awarding of insignia to the various college teams, Mr. Petrugsky informed the Council that for the present Mr. Zornfeld was at work selecting and determining awards. The groups eligible for letters or insignia were the intercollegiate basketball team, the Debating Team, the Chess Team, the Tennis Team, and the Sophomore Basketball Team. The intra-mural basketball team planned to present these awards at the final student assembly of the year.

Athletic Grants Made; Council to Award Insignia
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RESHEVSKY NEW "GRAND MASTER"
Former Yeshiva Student Scores in Marquette Chess
The triumph of Samuel Reshevsky, former Yeshiva student, on Friday, May 2, at Marquette, England, where he captured first prize in the international masters' tournament ahead of Jose Capablanca, former world champion, has caused renewed attention of chess followers to the youthful Jewish figure, who astonishes the world by his remarkable performance in exhibition of simultaneous play.

As cited in the second issue of The Commentator, Reshevsky was co-winner of the Chicago tournament and winner of the international matches at Syracuse last fall. His performance at the latter tournament accorded him one of the world's "grand masters," and it was his brilliant playing at these matches that offered him the chance to participate in the tournament at Marquette along with Capablanca, Sir George Thomas, the British champion, and other international masters.

Samuel Reshevsky is not unknown to Yeshiva College chess enthusiasts. His guidance and coaching of the chess team at the intercollegiate chess matches conducted at the Manhattan Chess Club last fall, was in a large measure responsible for the fine reputation Yeshiva College has gained.