Yeshiva Hall's Birth of Jewish State; Assemblies, Celebrations Mark Event

Spirited Teachers Institute Gathering Joyfully Greets Yishuv's Independence

An assembly, unanimously acclaimed as the most stirring and memorable in the annals of the Teachers Institute, took place on Sunday, November 23, in Rny. 404. Called by the administration of the Teachers Institute to celebrate the victory of the partition proposal in the United Nations General Assembly and the rebirth of a Jewish state in Palestine, the gathering outdid itself in spirited singing of Hebrew songs led by Phillip Aron '46 and energetic dancing of the traditional Hora.

The purpose of the assembly was made abundantly up in a few words by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute, prefacing the reading of two paragraphs from the Psalms and the blunting of “Shehecheyanu.”

Dr. Churgin, visibly moved, told the hushed audience, “The dream of a Jewish state has indeed been realized. The aspirations of two thousand years of exile have now been brought to fruition... This is a day for joy, indeed. You are the builders of the Jewish nation. It is your joy. Long live Israel.”

After the nestling singing of the “Hatikva” and “Techezakna” the assembly was adjourned, but would not break up. Instead, it transferred itself to the halls outside the assembly room, where the spirited dancing of the Hora was maintained unabated.

Churgin Addresses 1947 T.I. Banquet

The annual banquet of the Alumni Organization of Teachers Institute was held on December 4 at The Hotel Ribbons. Mr. Judah B. Behr, a graduate and a correspondent of the “Morning Journal,” was the guest speaker. Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, dean of the institute, spoke to the assembled guests. The musical program was directed by Sholom Senudo.

“The profits from the banquets,” will go towards the publishing of “Bible,” a journal containing the works of faculty members of the Teachers Institute and edited by Dr. Churgin.

Mayor Urges Support For Y.U. Drive

The Fourth Annual Conference of the National Council of Organizations for Yeshiva University convened on November 23 at the Hotel Astor. Mr. Louis Levine, national chairman of the organization, opened the conference, presided over more than two thousand delegates, who gathered in the Yeshiva University's $7,000,000 expansion program. The conference was opened by the president, Mayor William O'Dwyer, former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Representative Emanuel Celler, and Dr. Benjamin Cohen.

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Rabbis Samuel Brod Applauds Decision; Asserts It Will Revitalize Jewry's Soul

“The laws prohibiting all blessings of thanksgiving prescribe that the blessing shall be made at the consummation of the prayer-for event,” Rabbi Samuel Brod reminded a virulently-flushed audience of the Yeshiva Teachers Institute, on Monday, November 23, 1947 at a_ banquet in Yeshiva University. The conference was held in the Teachers Institute's assembly hall.

Library Presented Collection of Rare Talmudic Writings

The presentation of the valuable 2,000 volumes and manuscripts by Rabbi Judah F. Epstein, former Chief Rabbi of Saint Louis, Missouri, to Yeshiva University took place November 23, 1947 at dedication ceremonies in the Yeshiva's Riten Hall. The library was declared as containing “many significant Talmudic and Malachic texts, which, with the existing teaching centers of Jewish learning in Europe, has taken on added importance since they are the only existing books of their kind in the world.”

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Chankah Chagigah To Hear Dr. Belkin

On Wednesday night, Nov. 19, a meeting of the S. O. Y. was held, at the Teachers Institute Club, to hear the annual Chankah Chagigah in Riten Hall on the evening of Nov. 19, with Dr. Samuel Belkin slated to be the main speaker.

Deadline Set For Masmid Scribes

Chaim Helfgot and Aaron J. Weis, Literary Editors, announced that all contributions must be submitted to the editor on or before Thursday, Dec. 11, 1947. He said, “will be accepted after the deadline unless a specific extension is granted by the editors before that date.

Meeting Starts Debating Season

The plans of the debating society for the coming season were outlined at the opening meeting of the debating society which was held on Thursday, December 4. The meeting heard Dr. David Feinstein, faculty adviser of the society who explained the values of debating in the development of personality, and outlined general principles of oratory. A debate on world federal government was then held with Charles N. Glazer, M. A., and Bernard Daroff ’49 supporting the affirmative, and Aaron Landes '31 and Gilbert Shah, ’48, supporting the negative proposal. At the conclusion of the debate, Dr. Feinstein rendered a criticism of the orators.

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The visits of creating a Jewish state, the rabbi indicated, should be the result of consideration, benevolence. The blessings of thanksgiving, he said, would be more appropriately offered, after the Jewish state had come into being.

The speaker drew hope from Ahiba, Ben Joseph's famous affirmation of faith in the days of the pre-station. organizer, he said that as the evil aspects of the prophecy had been fulfilled, the favorable aspects receive accomplishment. With six million gone, he said, the congregation will be an expression that the favorable prophecies are now unfolding.

Booklet Issued Energy

“The United Nations awarded us in proportion to what we build. We ought to express ourselves for not building more.”

Rabbi Brod, who was once a member of his native country's parliament, declared that “all that was done in the Diaspora in the last two thousand years was taken away. He decried the “destruction of Jewish energy elsewhere.”

Israel's religious genius has been stifled in strange vineyards. The spirit of the soul which the Diaspora vitiated.

The other speaker was Nathan Ben-Asher, a well-known industrialist. He hailed the U.N. role as opening a new chapter in Jewish history. “We have a dream, from Judah Halevy's poetry which, he said, epitomized the Jewish nation that Rabbi Balman also spoke in Yiddish.

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Courses Of Study In Yeshiva Necessitate Spiritual Guidance

By MYRON M. FENSTER

Not to be outdone by the two political poles of influence existing right now in Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College also offers its students two magnetic forces, with little or no chance for the twain ever to meet.

I refer to the continuous jockeying for position which goes on between the Yeshiva and the college departments. Many individually commendable, the forces have long attempted to minimize the importance of the latter with the college, and at the same time guard the two departments not as augmentary, but divergent in purpose. Thus, I believe we have references to "Yeshiva boys" and "college boys." And there are some that even divide into third yet weirder group, the schizophrenic "split type" who in the morning are imbued with a feeling for Torah, in the afternoon are impressed with the impossibility of acquiring learning, and, in the evening are usually very confused individuals.

With this as a background we can understand the periodic outbursts which occur among the student leaders of the respective departments. At the inception of this semester, while the freshmen orientation program in the college was being run with an unusual amount of efficiency, the Student Organization of Yeshiva felt the need to prepare a fair-for-new students of the Seminary, Don't misunderstand, I do not mean to imply that the students gathering objectionably in any sense, as a matter of fact, I am very much in accord with the students.

Incoming students should be emphatically reminded that Yeshiva has no monopoly of more than Greek and philosophy, for more than basketball games and Spanish courses, Torah learning should be stressed again and again or else our school has no reason to exist.

No, the motives for this Yeshiva indoctrination program were wholly commendable, but the methods employed certainly were not. The program for the evening included one pseudo-secular, a Y.C. graduate, to boot, who in a very poor attempt at humor cracked, "Students taking law in college are only sitting three seats away from the truth." Coming from a man who was not only offering up to eager, impressionable students this remark was not only sitting three seats away from the truth to be completely inoffensive, but improper. When desires of stemming the flow of Torah study one certainly need not resort to belittling the dignity due the Torah should be employed.

Nevertheless, the students are not solely to blame. They are the merely the end products of an institution which does not offer any second thought to the Yeshiva boy. The college does not even suggest any "mental curriculum" to follow. The Yeshiva College will not likely bickerings of faculty members, to ideological clashes where, as the new children, soundly and suffer whilst the awe-inspiring fathers and mothers claim their godly conclusions.

A newcomer to Yeshiva usually is a most bewildered student during his first year. Coming from an orthodox home he well knows the importance of his religious education. Living in the United States he has the need for secular study. And yet he cannot possibly know how these two disciplines fit into our society, a synthesized individual. The newcomer's need for immediate solutions in real-life problems are not of a academic nature but what is far more important is his identity. These are totally neglected. A student may wander through the halls of our Yeshiva for years on end without anyone offering him a guidance of a religious nature. There is a crying need for rabbi and other religious leaders to understand the Yeshiva boy's problem, worries, and doubts in the light of the Harav Meshulam Dvora in which we live.

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My history output for the Connie has thus far been predominantly didactic. I hope my "pearls of wisdom," or at least attempts to be wise, have been recognized, and my fatherly advice to the seniors serving as this palatable token to heart; but far be it from me to take a full-time job expounding "Musing." So, the major part of this column will be devoted to the more mundane branches of our limited sports world.

The proposed N.Y.U. Dentistry game was the source of much disappointment to the team and the potential spectators, many of whom had traveled a great distance. It is almost unbelievable that a college basketball game, agreed to by both participants, should be called off on the morning it is to be played, via a phone call. The dentistry school owes us an explanation, and until we receive it I propose that we do not schedule any more games with them either in this or in coming seasons. Because of this irregularity, the debut of the Mites was delayed until Monday night when they tangled with the highly touted John Marshall five in New Jersey. The score of the game does in some respects show the playing ability of the varsity but that ability will be more accurately measured in the next few games. The fray with the Jerseys was somewhat in the nature of a grudge affair. The veterans on the blue-and-white remembered last year's game in which they were leading by one point till the final few minutes, and a mid-court set gave the opposition a winning margin. Cathedral, a cinch game in past years has been giving the Mites plenty trouble of late, and our contest with them should be an exciting and close.

I would like to take my yarmulka off, just for one second, in tribute to the Maxbean. Jerry Paleyfield and Sidney Friedman have done a great job of coaching, reporting the team's progress, and treating us to choice tidbits of Yeshiva and Boro Park life. Keep up the good work, fellows.

Some students are probably wondering about the regrettable state of affairs concerning the acquisition of a gym, publicity, and the sale of season tickets. The fault does not lie with any one person, but in a series of frustrating coincidences. A suitable court is next to impossible to obtain, publicity is useless without a gym, and the sale of season tickets is difficult without the former two. I am certain that all feel that arguments are useless, but that something must be done immediately to remedy the situation. It has been suggested that the Student Council and Administration exert some effort to help the office of athletic manager. It is impossible to expect one person to arrange everything in the face of so much difficulty. Perhaps Rabbi Avroch, who was recently appointed assistant manager can help us. I hope this is clear: we cannot play on this court and yet make the slightest pretense of having a competent college varsity.

Filling up space. — I'm putting my Shoelaces (the ones a Betacore sold me) on C.C.N.Y. to again take the city hoop championship. . . .

The season tickets are really a bargain at one dollar. Imagine spending only seventeen or thirty-four coppers, as the case may be, on a Saturday eve. . . . The prices at the Knickerbocker games are driving the fellows to cracker and soda luncheons. . . . The N.Y.U. Violets minus Teaneckans look like philosophy without Prof. Lifman; so, spirit, no intermission, and everything up in the air. . . . We'd like to see the N.Y.U. and A.A.C. joint hands . . . The intramural team which couldn't win a game while they were juniors is currently leading the league. Must be the upper strata. There.
Hausman Named Dinner Chairman

Samuel Hausman, industrialist and civic leader, has accepted the chairmanship of the eleventh annual dinner of Yeshiva University to be held Sunday evening, Dec. 14 at the Hotel Astor.

This year's dinner will mark the second anniversary of Yeshiva University's campus at Riverdale. A gala program, featuring a distinguished speaker, an outstanding program of entertainment, and the showing of the film 'Faith and Learning,' is promised for the more than 1,200 friends of the University who will attend the affair.

Herakowitz Asks Leave; Fenster Acts As Editor

Due to a protracted illness, William Herakowitz, editor-in-chief of The Commentator, has asked for a leave of absence for the fall term. During his illness Managing Editor Myron M. Fenster will assume the editorship of the paper.

It is expected that Herakowitz will be able to return to his post for the spring semester.

Congratulations!

The Commentator extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ausgenstein on the birth of their first-born, a son.

Said the poet...

"What makes life worth the living
Is the giving and forgiving;
Giving the fruits of kindness
That will leave a joy behind...."

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the culprit lurks in one of these rooms. Mr. Bosco: What now, Superbochur?
Superbochur: I'll have to make a systematic search of every room on the floor.

Bosco: System? Here?

(Thirty seconds later.)

Mr. Bosco: Well, Superbochur, we've gone through every room on the floor. Every boy was diligently studying Talmud. Where can Koroos have disappeared to?

Soupy was obviously puzzled. He hesitated for a second, then he walked down the corridor, stopped before a door, and knocked.

Student: I don't want to buy any ties.

Superbochur: No, it is I, Superbochur.

Student: I don't want to buy any of these either.

Superbochur: Okay, Happy, the game's up. Confess now, you may get off easy—say reduced stipends.

Student: (Shrills.) Okay, but how did you find out that I was Happy Koroos? As far as you knew it could be anyone—a Comile editor, a T.T. boy—anyone.

Superbochur: All right, I'll tell you. I searched every room and found everyone studying gemorah.

Student: But I was studying Yoreh Deah, myself.

Superbochur: Yes, but like all other criminals you made one little mistake which stamps you whole story as a lie. You weren't using a Bemenie translation.

Cercle Francais

Prof. Sidney D. Brown is going to France on Monday, Dec. 8, 1947. A recording of his address will be presented to Cercle Francais at its next meeting, the date of which will be posted shortly on the bulletin board.

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