Religious Guidance Committee
Formed to Aid Dorm Students

The formation of a committee of faculty members for the purpose of giving religious guidance to College students who reside in the dormitory was announced by Dr. University Rabbi Samuel Selkin, president of the Teachers Institute, and associate harvani, who was named chairman of the committee.

Defer Reception; New Date Jan. 9

The Dean's Reception has been postponed to Sunday evening, January 9, and will be held at the Charles Evans Hughes High School, 351 West 18th Street, disclosed Morris Stillman '56, chairman of the affair.

An all-star show has been planned including Emanuel Gold '55, Joseph Levine '55, Morris Polakowsky '56, and others. Eugene Horn '55, will serve as master of ceremonies.

M. Stillman also announced the appointment of George Riwowsky '56, as assistant chairman of the affair.

All College students will receive invitations to the Reception in the near future. Admission will be by invitation only.

Dr. Litman Discusses
Rambam and Spinoza
At Fireside Session

"Spinoza differed from Maimonides in his methods but not in his concepts," asserted Dr. Alexander Litman, professor of Philosophy, and chairman of a series of Fireside Chats sponsored by Student Council, Monday, December 13, in the Dorm Social Hall.

The celebration was held in the Dining Hall of the Charles Evans Hughes High School. The audience did a double take when the Rambam was introduced, which consisted of Sol Siegel, instructor in Hebrew Center of Brooklyn, and his friend, Rabbi Harold B. Kanotopsky, who was named co-chairman of the committee.

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Distinguished Personalities

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Teachers Institute Committees
Rearranged In Both Divisions

Revisions in the scheduling of hours for the Teachers Institute, effective next semester, were announced by Dr. Hyman B. Grinstein, registrar. The changes will be instituted on a trial basis for one semester.

There will be four periods a day, each beginning on the hour and lasting fifty minutes, followed by a ten-minute interval between classes. The same classes will last fifty-five minutes each and Classes 3 and 4 will have an additional session each week.

The high school division will have seven periods of forty minutes each, daily, from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Two periods will be devoted to supervised recreation, conducted in Hebrew, and one hour will be given for lunch.

"The purpose of these changes is to equalize the time in T.I. with that of the College and make the division of work more clear," said Dr. Litman, that he will have to prepare for two, and at most three, courses per day," declared Dr. Grinstein.

Postponement

Dr. Belkin's coming address before the student body has been postponed from Wednesday, January 5, to Thursday, January 6.

Rabbi Kanotopsky Speaks
At S.O.Y. Chanuka Fete

Food, friends, and Rabbi Harold B. Kanotopsky, spiritual leader of the Young Israel of Eastern Parkway and rashi-yeshiva at Brooklyn College, were featured at the S.O.Y. Chanukah Chagiga held at Weber's Cafeteria Wednesday, December 14.

The afternoon program, which consisted of Sol Siegel, instructor in Hebrew Center of Brooklyn, and his friend, Rabbi Harold B. Kanotopsky, who was named co-chairman of the committee.

Rabbi. Kanotopsky, a member of the Teachers Institute committee, addressed the students outside.

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A Matter of Legality

Several weeks ago, a dormitory council, supposedly representing dormitory residents, was established. Its averted purpose was to give those students the opportunity to express their opinions on dormitory problems and to seek solutions themselves. We challenge the council's right to call itself a student representative body.

The council lacks any legal basis, for its members were not elected according to established democratic procedure. Such procedure would require advance public notice of elections and further advance public notice of the time and place of voting. Also, elections should be conducted by persons authorized by the students; no such persons should tally the votes. None of these requirements were met.

Here are the facts:

On two floors, students were informed only that important issues were to be discussed at a meeting. On one floor, the council was first told of the proposed formation of the council at these meetings, and, then and there, with less than fifty per cent of the students present, they elected their delegates. Few knew beforehand what was to be discussed, and those who were not present had no means to learn what met.

On one floor, the counselor passed from room to room, asking students to indicate their choice of representatives on slips of paper which, instead of being placed in a locked ballot box, were returned to him. The ballots were then counted by the counselor and two other persons, chosen by the counselor himself. None of these persons ever received any authorization from the students.

On another floor, no elections were ever held, but those who volunteered to serve on the council were chosen as delegates. Less than fifty per cent of the students were represented at this meeting too, due to the inadequate notice that was given.

But most preposterous is the fact that this "representative" body then proceeded to add the seven dormitory counselors to its voting membership. These counselors represent gates. Less than fifty percent of dormitory residents.

This seems to us-the issue is simple. Who has the right to express the opinion of dormitory residents. Several weeks ago, a dormitory council, supposedly representing dormitory residents, was established. Its avowed purpose was to give those students the opportunity to vote. None of these requirements were met.

The invention of the door marked a new height in man's attempt to reach perfection. The door, it eliminated "party crashers." The invention of every civilization. Invitations, on the other hand, are a perfect example of this. They are not the only form of an "invitation." Invitations, for the most part, opened the advantages of the "door-invite" barrier to the lower degree.

Unfortunately, those who did not receive invitations to the Stern affair, or those who forgot their "billet doux" at home were forced to contend with a very determined hostess. They entered, they groveled, they called her by her first name. They even offered to pay the entrance fee they obviously needed for a glimpse of the evening's festivities. The hostess was unmoved, and by forcing the entrance fee to be paid, the stern hostess, watchdog of Hades, barked, "You shall not pass."

Those who brought their invitations were, of course, treated with the utmost hospitality and even so cordially relieved of one dollar and twenty-five cents. But, before anybody could feel a pang of searing pain, the symptom of an empty wallet, he was ushered into the Palm Room of the Hotel Diplomat. Why it bore the name Palm Room is well beyond the ordinary sterile confines of mortalities. There wasn't a palm to be seen. The walls of the room were plain, with no adornments. The girls had painted them with their palms. For want of a better explanation we accept this.

The room was a very small room, dimly lit, and terribly hot. Tables were placed against the wall and on the tables, candles, to help guests find matches or those desiring to raise the room temperature. A night club atmosphere had been achieved; next time, however, someone should remember to open a window—even night clubs have those.

By Nat Geller

Rabbi Gorelik States Need For Change

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Rabbi Jeruchem Gorelik is not fulfilling this aim because the Yeshiva education is being carried out under the favor of the secular studies.

He believes that this situation is in no way the fault of the administration, for, knowing Dr. Selikin from the time he learned together in Radin, Rabbi Gorelik insists that the President of the University is a staunch opponent of compromise.

"The blame can rather be put on a small group of influential students, who for the sake of ideas of the fanatical Maamikin of the late 19th century," he says. "These long outmoded ideals exercise great influence on Yeshiva University, causing confusion in the minds of the students and leading to those so-called and misrepresented of themselves.

"The present avenue on the College and the large amounts of unimportant and disturbing extra-curricular activities which do not fit in, with the aims of the Yeshiva are proofs of the tendency towards secularization of the College at the present time.

"But," the Rabbi continues, "any change in policy would have to come as a result of demands by students themselves. Only those who have faith in the Yeshiva and would like to see it fulfill its aims will criticize the University and try to improve and one day reach its goal. The University, however, instead of encouraging constructive criticism, tries to silence its critics, 'fanatics.'"

Suggests Improvements

Rabbi Gorelik believes that a committee of the Yeshiva Faculty should be formed to meet regularly and discuss problems facing the students.

An improvement that he (Continued on page 4)
Mighty Mites Defeat Brooklyn For First Time in Eleven Years

By Julie Landworth

Ten years of supremacy on the basketball court enjoyed by the Kingpins was challenged by a delightfui win over the mighty Mites at Brooklyn's New York City College for the annual contest, Saturday, December 18, and beginning of the 1500 firmly planted themselves into the coveted title of victory. Amid all the razzle-dazzle and "sabre" proceedings, the Mites won in a playoff, sparked by the scoring of "Red" Blumenreich and Abe Sodden's rebonding, each "Red" Stara- 
chek's Blue and White of '54 see their mark in the annals of the Brooklyn victory, whisking Brooklyn to the first time of the season.

Tension crescendoed and the familiar "Best Brooklyn" ban-
ers danced wildly in the stands as the opposing corners squared off for the opening tap of the ball rolling. The Kingsmen first drew blood in Swordsman Stomp

St. Peters by 17-10

In Season's Opener

The Yeshiva fencing team, led by Co-captains Barnett Liberman and Howard Spear and neophyte Israeli Eben, claimed a 17-10 victory over St. Peters College in the first match of the 1954-55 season.

As the foil team made the finest showing of the evening by winning seven out of nine bouts while the saber team took six out of nine. For the epee squad won four and dropped five bouts.

Epeeman Liberman, Fullman Sabreer and Saberman Katzen each won three while Liberman and Spear showed the form that has made each number one in his weapon. Katz's display of knowl-
dge with the saber will help greatly to strengthen the saber squad which was depleted by graduation losses. Danny Flah and Seymour Greenfield each won two bouts for the foil team. Josh Danziger won two saber matches, with the able replacement Sid Ingber taking one. In epee, George Siegel won one bout. Of the 16 men on the fencing team, 11 were able to display their talents. For many, this was the first time on the strip, and the general showing was impressive.

Water Polo Group

May Be Organized

Mr. Bernard Sararch, director of athletics, has announced the possibility of the formation of a water polo club which would be open to anyone who is proficient in swimming.

In a letter, sent by the president of the Eastern College Water Polo Conference, Yeshiva was asked to join the conference. It was assured that a coach would be supplied by the confer-
cence if a substantial amount of students showed enthusiasm for the sport. At present the conference consists of five teams, namely, West Point, Fordham, Man-
hattan, Queens and New York City College.

Mr. Sararch said that "acceptance of this sport by the stu-
dents would not only help Yeshiva to raise its athletic standings, but would also offer an opportunity for some students to compete in the Israeli Macabiah games in 1957 in the Water Polo meet."

Yeshiva Accepted By Athletic Group

Yeshiva University has been accepted into the Eastern Col-
lege Athletic Conference, announc-
ed the Office of Athletics. The con-
ference is composed of 101 colleges in the East. One of the requirements a college has to meet in order to gain acceptance is that it must be fully accredited by all educa-
tional groups.

Yeshiva was accepted into the Conference along with Brandeis University, Fairfield University and Le Moyne College.

On the Sidelines

Alumni, Insurance:

Abe Sodden

By Aaron Freeman

The athletic program of any university needs financial support. At most colleges this is supplemented by alumni funds. At Yeshiva the Boosters Club has been organized to fulfill this responsibility.

When originally formed, this organization was supposed to be composed mainly of alumni, especially those who had been connected with sports while attending Yeshiva, plus others who were inter-
ested in the program. The alumni have failed to do their part in this organization, leaving it to interested outsiders to make this function a success. Here are the facts.

The chairman, co-chairmen and advisory board of the Boosters, never attended our college. Of a committee of fifty-eight members, seven were grantees of Yeshiva. Only three, however, from an alumni body of better than a thousand members, have done any work or contributed to the welfare of our athletic program.

The inactive alumni have as great a responsibility to our school as those who are participating in the program and more of an obligation than outsiders. Of the three Y.U. grade who have done some work, only one was ever a member of any varsity team. In other words, no past member of any team is doing anything for the boys that are out there now, trying to win for Yeshiva. Either they have forgotten what the lack of facilities and equipment was like, or they do not care whether we have sufficient material for an athletic program.

To the interested outsiders, for their efforts and contributions, we offer our thanks. To our alumni body we can only say that it is not too late. Now is as good a time as any to become an active member of the Boosters and do your share.

Many inquiries have recently been made into the problem of insurance coverage for any team participating in an athletic event. It was the general feeling of the student body that any competitor in a sport, whether varsity, intramural or any other part of the physical education program, should be insured against a possible injury.

For the benefit of those who have inquired, the Office of Ath-
etics has made it known that negotiations are now proceeding with a major insurance company" to formulate a policy covering all the aspects mentioned above, and that these negotiations should be con-
cluded in the very near future.

"Next year" has come to Washington Heights for the second time in a period of three months. The first time, Abe Sodden's Giants won a world series after better than two decades. The analogous second is Yeshiva's first victory over Brooklyn College in eleven years.

The win came at a time the Mites were in a slump and had lost three in a row. Some may be wondering what the difference was between the Blue and Whites who were beaten in the three in a row, and that these negotiations should be con-
cluded in the very near future.

SURELY, to the fans, everybody on the court looked good. But there was this one thing not known to many of the fans, except to the Yeshiva fan who was seeing his first, and maybe only, game of the season. This difference was the brand new Booster Abe Sodden. It is not found in the box score, since rebounding and defensive play are not included therein. Sodden's twenty-four rebounds is what turned the tide. Without them, we would still be waiting for "next year."

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Rabbi Gorelik
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 advisé that these students settle one or two years before high school, so that they could devote solely to Jewish studies and thus develop a sound base in Jewish learning and knowledge. He feels that the same objective could also be realized by lengthening the college program over a longer period of time.

The week’s relationship between students and rabbis in the Yeshiva, according to Rabbi Gorelik, can be blamed on the present status of the Yeshiva. The emigration crisis, he says, “causes the student to consider his rabbi as just another teacher. Thus, no true close relationship may be developed. The attitude of the administration in not recognizing the true worth of the boy who leaves Torah also allows for little interaction for Torah study among the students. Since the Talmudic scholar receives no more attention than the basketball player, the student feels that a close relationship between himself and the rosh-yeshiva is not necessary.

Discuss Mixed Seating
When asked his opinion concerning one of the major problems of R.I.E.T.S.—that of mixed seating in a synagogue, the Rabbi answered that he was “pleased and surprised” by the stand taken by Rabbi J. B. Soloveichik in a recent newspaper article. Rabbi Soloveichik strongly argued against the “incoherence” of any mixed seating in the synagogue, which have mixed seating or lack a satisfactory partition separating the men from the women.

Rabbi Feldman said, “This stand taken by Rabbi Soloveichik on a matter which does not have a strong and clear basis in the Shulchan Aruch seems to classify him with the ‘extremist’ wing of the orthodox group. But it is a contradiction to the non-state of affairs in the Yeshiva if a student is faced with the problem of mechitza only when he is about to seek a livelihood. The preservation of mechitza should be a part of the Yeshiva atmosphere.

Rabbis’ receptions and other mixed affairs are scarcely not in keeping with this ideal. The student who does not receive a training in the laws concerning mechitza during his stay at Yeshiva, will be so confused over this issue that he will know little how to handle it outside,” the Rabbi concluded.

Gov. Harriman Praises Yeshiva At Waldorf Scholarship Dinner
Gov. Harriman praised the Yeshiva University for its “excellent topic.”

President Alvin M. Kramer, president of Yeshiva University, has been named Sheldon Kornbluth ’55, chairman of the Blood Drive Committee.

The Yeshiva University has received a total of 155 pints of which Yeshiva received two-thirds.

The forthcoming third annual drive is scheduled for the Spring.

Tracing Jewish history from the Creation to the present, the program centered in such topics as Jewish Customs and Ceremonies and “Jews in America.”

The series opened December 6, with a talk by Solomon Jacobovitz ’56, on “Jews from the Creation to the End of the First Jewish Commonwealth,” and continued December 20, with Stanley Wagner ’54A, lecturing on “Jews During the Life of the Academies of Babylonia.”


Mr. Goldwasser is chairman of the program. The sponsoring groups are Redemptorist Lodge of B’nai B'rith, Redemption Chapter of B’nai B’rith, and Egan Raffel Chapter of B’nai B’rith.

Psych Fraternity Installs Officers
Ralph Schuchalter ’55, Morris Kramer ’53 and Joel Green ’55, were installed as president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Jewish Fraternity in the Yeshiva University's chapter of Chi Psi, national honorary society in Psychology.

Other speakers at the dinner included Mayor Robert F. Wagner, New York's mayor, and Joel Green ’55, president of the University's Board of Trustees, and Charles H. Silver, Dinner chairman.

The New York City Opera Company presented scenes from The Dybbuk and Act Two of Die Fledermaus as the musical portion of the program.