New Mentors Join Faculty; Additional Courses Offered

Yeshiva College has announced the appointment of the following new faculty members: Dr. Menachem Brayer and Rabbi Harry Friedman, Bible; Dr. Louis Feldman, History; Mr. Maurice Wohl­
gelerster, Talmud at Stern College; and Mr. Maurice Podack founder of Ortho Medical Institute.

Dr. Brayer has taught Hebrew at the Hebrew University and is presently a faculty member of the Teachers Institute and of the Stern College.

A recipient of a doctorate in Greek and Latin from Harvard University, Dr. Feldman taught at both Harvard and Trinity Col­

From Melbourne

The new Bible instructor, Rabbi Friedman, formerly the chief rabbi of Melbourne, Australia, has been an assistant in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is presently a faculty member of the City College of Melbourne.

Professor Suskind, who will conduct the College's first Yid­dish course, is also a member of the German Department at City College.

Mr. Wohl­
gelerster, Yeshiva '91, is presently studying at Columbia for his doctorate in English.

Visitors Leave

Three visiting professors, Drs. Azubel, Syrett and Wohlgelenter, have left the faculty, disclosed a new Hebrew student at Stern College.

In addition to serving as chair­man of the Department of Jewish Studies at Yeshiva College, Dr. Sidney Horsn, member of the faculty since the opening of the school, will teach Bible in place of Rabbi Bregenbaum who has left for Israel.

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College Enrollment Raised by Largest Freshy Group Ever

Professor Morris Silverman, registrar of Yeshiva College, disclosed an approximate increase of forty students in the Freshman Class over last year, with the registration of about 135 freshmen.

While the exact figures were not yet available, the registrar explained that the total College registration is about 475.

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary reported a registration of 125 students at Teachers Institute, where regis­tration has not yet been com­pleted, announced an unofficial figure of 300.

The registration of 45 new students at Stern College for Women, for the fall semester, brings the total to 75.

This year, Stern College will have its own cafeteria, serving the students seven days a week, at its new dormitory in the Hotel Duane.

In Memoriam

Norman Palefski, honor student, member of the starting basketball team and one of the three members of the Sophomore Class met a tragic death this summer from the Talmudical Academy and is presently studying at Columbia for his doctorate in English.

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Library Adds New Wing

A new wing is being added to the Pollack Library consisting of two balconies which will encircle the entire main room, announced Mr. Solomon Zelides, assistant lib­rarian.

Mr. Zelides will accommodate 30,000 additional books.

The library is scheduled to open officially the first day after Sukkot.

The improvement of the Poll­ack College Library was made possible by a donation of $25,000 from Mr. Pollack, the founder of the library. For making pos­sible the library as well as other work he has done for Yeshiva University, Mr. Pollack received a Certificate of Distinguished Service at the commencement exercises held last June.

'Le Flambeau' Wins Top Honors Among French Periodicals

Le Flambeau, Yeshiva College French weekly, is now in its second year of publication.

Mr. Asher said, consists of a silver medal.

Le Flambeau is published an­nually by the French language students in the College and is devoted to articles written in French on Jewish subjects in French literature and civilization.

The 1955 issue, the eleventh in the history of the publication, was edited by Joseph Sungolowsky '55, with Dr. Sidney D. Braun, professor of French, as adviser.

Following the announcement of the winners, Mr. Sungolowsky re­ceived congratulations from French organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The French ambassador to the United States also sent personal felicitations to the editorial staff.

Dr. Simon Gunterman, dean of the College, in sending his congratulations to Mr. Sungolowsky, emphasized the great con­tribution that Le Flambeau has made both to French culture in the U. S. and to the honor of Yeshiva.

Stern College Displays 'New Look'; Organic Labs Lure Yeshiva Men

By Abraham Shapiro

The “New Look” has taken over Stern College. Everything, from the flower bedecked tables in the cafeteria to the new dormitory in the Hotel Duane, snatched of the new fall fashions.

Starting from the top, easily accessible to everyone, I visited the spanning new labs which, by the way, Yeshiva’s organic students will assist in breaking in this year.

According to the girls, this is a mutually disadvantageous situation. “After all,” remarked one young miss, “it’s our school.”

However, in regard to fashions, things have been improved for the amusement of the weaker sex.

The New Dormitory

While I was scouting around for the offices, one of the freshmen, peering over her locker, said, “Students are privileged to have lockers in the halls” noticed my puzzlement and offered to direct me. I accepted, and the student, with a smile, was in a smoke-filled room.

“What’s going on here?” I asked. “Isn’t it a bit early to be planning election strategy?”

“This is our smoking lounge,” a voice informed me. “It’s just beautiful — when the smoke clears.”

Augmenting the decorations in the lounge were several loung­ing students. I introduced myself to the girls handing out a line about being a COMMENTATOR re­porter, the girls, of course, taking pride in proving me a liar. After suitably establishing my identity, one stalwart remained to talk to me. A very interesting girl, whose name I neglect to mention, de­scribed the dormitory as well equipped with an absence of maids. This naturally is intended as training for the M.R.S. de­gree.

I had the pleasure of being chaperoned from the lounge to the modern cafeteria by Mr. Dan Vogel, registrar of Stern College. The food on exhibit looked quite tasty but fell far short of “Mother Weber’s” style.

Sophomores Nice

I happened to ask one freshman for her impression of the (Continued on page 4)

Med School Opens; Enrollment Totals 56

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the first medical school under Jewish auspices to be established in America, opened Monday morning, September 12, with the initial lecture delivered by Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, dean. Organized under a charter granted to Yeshiva University by the Board of Regents, the new medical school admitted a class of 56, 11 of whom are Yeshiva College graduates.

By Joseph Silverstein

The first class of students,编­
ed by Nathaniel L. Goldstein, former attorney general of New York, is now being conducted to raise the $13,000,000 required for the construction and equipment of the two buildings.

It was disclosed that the faculty will consist of two hundred top men in their fields from all over the country, headed by Dean Kogel, who is the former New York City commissioner of hos­pitals.

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Dr. Alfred A. Angrist, chair­man of the Dept. of Pathology at the college, is a Pathologist and Director of Laboratories at Queens Hospital Center. Jewish Medical, Memorial, and other hospitals.

Award Recipient

Dr. Henry L. Barnett, who serves on the faculty of the college as professor and chairman of the Dept. of Pediatrics, received the Mead Johnson award for research in pediatrics. He was an Associate Professor of the Washington University School of Medicine.

Gabin Davidoff, professor and chairman of the Dept. of Surgery at the college, is a neurosurgeon at Mt. Sinai Hos­pital and Director of Neurological Surgery at Beth Israel Hos­pital.
A Prescription

The long awaited opening of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University took place last week. It would be superfluous for us to add to the many platitudes extended to the University by the press and public for this occasion.

At this milestone, we are reminded of the University policy of zealous expansion on the graduate level, and its consequent inattention to the many problems of Yeshiva College, its primary source of graduate students.

We look forward to §16 with the hope that the administration will divert its energies and attention toward an improved Yeshiva College.

Welcome

The COMMENTATOR takes this opportunity to welcome the incoming freshmen to Yeshiva. But we feel that it is our duty to offer you a word of caution. Like all institutions, Yeshiva is not perfect. You will find many faults that need correction. We hope that as you become aware of these faults you will pitch in and help us correct them rather than sit back and cynically proclaim that nothing can be done.

Join the clubs, take part in the student publications, voice your opinion in student organizations, urge new corrective policies, put forward your solutions to pressing problems and utilize the new Senior-Freshman guidance program. Remember, most of the improvements which have taken place in recent years have come primarily as a result of student prodding.

Congratulations

Yeshiva University notes with pride that of all the college French publications in the nation, Le Flambeau, of our own college was judged the best. (See story, page 1.) It is certainly to the school’s credit that there is such a capable group of French students willing to devote their time to produce a publication worthy of national honors and international acclaim.

Congratulations to Editor Sungolowsky, Professor Braun, advisor, and the entire staff.

Book Review

Israel's Emerging Constitution 1948-1951 by Emanuel Rackman

Reviewed by Herbert Friedman '58

Rabbi Rackman’s recently published work on the formation of Israel’s constitution is a welcome addition to one’s library, both as historical material for the study of Israel and as an insight into the legal and technical aspects of the early years of the new nation.

The dearth of information in English dealing with this phase of constitutional development has been sorely felt and it is to Rabbi Rackman’s credit that he has assembled much scattered information from both official and unofficial sources, mostly from the original Hebrew documents and proceedings of various committees and organizations. He presents it in a readable format. The result is a rather brief but penetrating analysis of three years of constitutional progress in Israel and which takes full account of the pre-state antecedents to the current constitution and their final effective implementation.

Unofficial Constitution

It is Rabbi Rackman’s contention that “the fundamental laws and practices that govern the operation of a state are its constitution, even if no specific institution or organization avows it.” Contrary to the widespread error that Israel has no constitution, our author proceeds to show that even though a formal written constitution has not been accepted, the various laws passed by the Provisional Government and First Knesset since 1948 form the basis for the Government of Israel and serve as its constitution.

Not content with just recording these laws and merely listing them, Rabbi Rackman analytically groups them together under constitutional principles and constitutional patterns. It is thus shown conclusively that a usable legislative reality resulted from legislative activity of these three years.

In order to fully understand (Continued on page 4)

Yeshiva University
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Office of the President

September 18, 1955

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt welcome to the students who are returning to their spiritual and intellectual environment. Many new students are now being introduced to Yeshiva life.

It is indeed a source of spiritual joy for me to witness the annual increase in the student body, the expansion of our academic life and continuous growth of the greater center. I hope that with the added students you have joined a community of scholars who are masters in the fields of divine and human knowledge and that as such you will benefit from the unique program of studies which only Yeshiva University is able to offer.

Sincerely yours,
Samuel Belkin, Ph.D.

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Office of the Dean

September 18, 1955

I take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes to the students of the student body and of the faculty a Happy New Year.

I trust that those of us associated with Yeshiva become more keenly aware of the great responsibilities that face us in the years ahead. Without the cooperation of students and faculty the task would be an impossible one. I hope that the year will witness the changes which have become part of the Yeshiva College growth. I am hopeful that the student body will benefit from the new courses and faculty members introduced this year.

Sincerely yours,
Simeon L. Guterman, M.D.
Athletic Manager Chwat Outlines Athletic Program for Coming Season
By Sheldon Chwat, Athletic Manager

The athletic program, which I hope will secure the cooperation of the students, has a twofold purpose. First to make it possible for every student attending the College to participate in the intramural program, and second, to establish a closer relationship between the student body and the varsity teams, something which has been lacking for quite a while.

The intramural program as planned is divided into two main parts. The first is individual participation by the student body in various athletic events, with awards going to the winners, and the second is class events. The individual intramurals will include golf, ping-pong, and fencing, which are carry-overs from last year, and additional events such as swimming, weightlifting, basketball foul shooting, wrestling and physical fitness. All the above will take place within the physical education classes. The second part of the program consists of class intramural competition. The annual basketball intramurals will take place at George Washington High School. Intramurals in volleyball and softball are also planned for the Spring term.

As for effecting a closer relationship between the student body and the varsity teams, I intend to publicize all varsity athletic events on a larger scale than in the past. All this is fine on paper, but it takes a new altitude and the utmost cooperation on the part of the student body before this program can be a success.

Basketball Squad Faces Difficult Test This Year

Last year, the Yeshiva College basketball squad posted a 13-8 record, experiencing one of its most successful seasons. This year, the fate of the team despite the difficulties, the coaches confidently selected the toughest schedule they ever faced. In comparing the forthcoming program with last year's, it is noted that our favorites have slated for matches against their college rivals, whom they had played before.

Openings on Home

Opening the season at home, Yeshiva will face Bridgeport, the programmes going toward the establishment of the Palefski fund. Last year, at Bridgeport, the Connecticut team defeated Yeshiva in a tense game.

Wilkes College then visits Yeshiva followed by Paterson. It may be recalled that Yeshiva set a new "high" for points scored in a game against Paterson, defeating the latter 110-96.

Kings, to whom Yeshiva lost by two points last year, will meet our hoopsmen here, followed by Quinquipac, Adelphia and U.S. Maritime.

Basketball Squad Schedule

[Table]

Tennis Team Faces Hard Schedule; Net Course to Resume

For the third consecutive year, the recreational Hoki Physical Education course will be conducted by Eli Epstein, noted tennis pro at Grossinger's. The course, while stressing tennis also offers instruction in badminton, golf and ping-pong. The class meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Yeshiva College Gym.

Promising members of the class will be invited to varsity tennis practice, which will begin in the near future. Practice sessions will be held Tuesday nights at the Jewish Institute of Religion.

Squad Has Potential

The tennis squad now has, in the words of Coach Epstein, "great potential." The team, although hampered by the loss of Dave Lifshutz, considered by tennis experts one of the finest players in the East, remains fairly strong.

Headed by Co-captains Stan Rosenberg and Herb Herzog, the team are returnees Irwin Dysidek, Danny Harris, Seymour Hoffman, Simon Schreiber and Paul Rogers. Added to the squad are from Irving Aronson, who was sidelined last year, and Jerry Quint, transfer from Boston University. This is also the second year of Yeshiva's membership in the Metropolitan Tennis Conference. Despite a rough schedule, there is a possibility that the squad will better last year's won and lost record.
that the club’s project for this year is to index all the Psychology books in the Pollock Library.

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Officers of the International Relations Society for the coming year will be: Emanuel Feldman ‘56, president; Marcel Weingarten, vice-president, and Mandell Ganchrow ‘58, secretary.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society announced the election of the following officers for this year: Herbert Charney ‘57, president, Jerome Eisen ‘57, vice-president, and Jerry Wohlberg ‘58, secretary.

Con

BY JOY GANACHOWSKY

It is not an easy task for a writer to criticize the work of an esteemed teacher, and if he does so, it is only because he believes that the shortcomings he points out can be corrected, in order to make Dr. Rackman’s Israel’s Emerging Constitution, the first rate book it ought to be.

Even if we shall take all circumstances into account, it is somewhat hard to explain why a book published in 1955 should stop describing the historical process which is its topic in the year 1951—a year which was no stop no milestone, insignificant change of direction or means of the legislative and constitutional processes of the country. It remains that the Second Knesset did much more in the way of writing Constitutional Laws than did the First Knesset.

It is understood that no author can bring his book to include all facts up to the minute of publication, yet it cannot be denied that publication in 1951 and the publication of the work should have given its author an opportunity to at least point out all of which there was a consciousness in the processes described. In one or two points Dr. Rackman does that, but in a way which is far from satisfactory.

After a rather lengthy discussion on the educational system till 1951 the book ended which was not completed. A Law was enacted later which made changes in the system. No mention is made of the fact that this law made the whole system so extensively discussed obsolete, nationalized education, and eliminated political interference in education.

Concerning Material

Even when dealing with the First Knesset, Dr. Rackman does not utilize the whole material available. There is a section in the book dealing with constitutional changes between Jews and non-Jews, yet no mention is made in this section of a Fundamenta Act which in that part paraphrased “Every Jew has the right to enter Israel.”

Throughout the book the discussing reader can find traces of a struggle between Dr. Rackman and Rabbi Rackman. Dr. Rackman tries hard to be objective, in all sides of a given problem, and objectivity causes him to argue why Reform and Liberal Rabbis should be accorded certain protection.

Rabbi’s Viewpoint

Rabbi Rackman, on the other hand, turns the whole legislative process into a no-barred fight between the religious parties and the not religious ones, which is bringing things ad absurdum. Only the minority of all bills discussed in the Knesset are discussed according to religious lines. True, there are many dimensions of religious life, yet to say as Rabbi Rackman does, that legislation is being decided along religious lines, is only to misrepresent the facts.

There are certain statements in the book which are questionable. The District Courts cannot sit on adoption cases pertaining to Jews because there is no provision for adoption among Jews (p. 1231), while the courts do give adoption decrees and orders according to secular law.

Of course, Dr. Rackman will change all these statements and add all the missing links in the next edition will his book be what it really ought to be—the textbook on the Constitution of Israel.

Clubs

Chess Club

Officers of the Chess Club for the coming year are Louis Taubblatt ‘57, president; Bohumil Taub ‘57, vice-president; and Jay Korn ‘58, secretary-treasurer. This past year Taubblatt has sent out an urgent request for players.

Dramatics Society

Casting for the Dramatics Society’s fall presentation will be given after Rosh HaShana. Students who are interested in the performance should contact Louis Wahl ‘57, president, or Joseph Kaplan ‘56, vice-president.

Psych Club

David Hammer ‘57, president of the Psych Club, has revealed that the club’s project for this year is to index all the Psychology books in the Pollock Library.

New Commentator Selections Made

Joel Kaplan ‘58, and Joseph Radinsky ‘58, have been appointed assistant managing editor and assistant copy editor of The Commentator, respectively, announced Paul Rogoway ‘57, editor-in-chief.

The Shapiro ‘58, and Mandell Ganchrow ‘58, regular members of the news staff, have been assigned the special positions of religion and education editor, respectively. In these new positions they will do editing work in addition to fulfilling their regular assignments on the news staff.

Welcome Back

The Commentator joins the faculty and the body in welcoming back Sam Aronson, night manager at Yeshiva, from a recent illness.

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Mizrahi College Open; Register 150 Freshmen

Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, newly established, under the auspices of the Mizrahi Organisation of America, opened September 20 with a freshman class of 150 students, it was recently learned. Dr. Pinchos Churgin, former dean of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University, was named the first president of the university last year.

Med School

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nital. He is also a former member of the faculties of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and N.Y.U.

Dr. Milton Elkin, professor and chairman of Department of Radiology at the college, is associate radiologist at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Los Angeles, and a member of the faculties of Harvard Medical School and Harvard University.

"Medical City" Corps

The new Medical College is the core of the $100,000,000 "Medical City," which includes the $40,000,000 Municipal Hospital Center constructed by the City of New York and the $15,000,000 Albert Abraham Jacoby Hospital to be constructed by the State of New York. The Hospital Center, whose professional staff is made up of the members of the Medical College faculty, consists of the Nathan B. Van Etten Hospital for chronic diseases, which opened only this year, and the Abraham Jacobi Hospital, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. When completed, the "Medical City" will cover more than 200 acres and will have a bed capacity of 5,400.

The eighty-third medical school in the nation, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine is educational and completely nonsectarian. The total cost of the medical college, which will eventually include schools of dentistry, public health and post-graduate study, is $25,000,000.

The entering class was greeted by Dr. Louis Taub ‘58, vice president, and Daniel L. Goldstein, Max J. Etra, chairman of the board of trustees of Yeshiva University, and Dr. Karl G. Kornfeld, member of the board of trustees. The dedication ceremonies held at the college, Thursday, September 8.

S. O. Y. Prepares Holiday Simchot

S.O.Y. has arranged simchot for Succot and Simchat Torah, announced Label Dulitz ’54, S.O.Y. president.

The Succot celebration will be held one of the days of Chol Hamoed in the Succot adjacent to the Bet Hamedrach. Mr. Dulitz expressed his hopes for "as great a success as last year," when 150 attended the simchot.

Hakafot Planned

S.O.Y. has planned Hakafot to take place Simchat Torah until the "wee hours," in the Bet Hamedrach.

Further plans for celebration of the Sukkot period include arranging the rounds of all the Raikes Hayeshiva for Kiddush. Students of Brooklyn Talmudic Academy have arranged Hakafot to spend the weekend in the dorm and to participate in the festivities.

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