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Lecturer Strikes New Note STIDE In Discussing Ramb Before Large Group

By GERSHON I. FEIGHT Dr. Harry Wolfson, Professor of Semitic Philosophy Harvard University, and a 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 assemblage of over 2(1) students, faculty members, and visitors.

The lecturer was introduced ly Dr. Bernard Revel, president i 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 disaussion of Maimonides in Yeshiva College is not merely incidental to his 800th anniversary, "for Maimonides is with the students daily in their study and prac-"ice." "To discuss the Rambam," declared Dr. Revel, "is of tremendous interest to us at all times for he embodies within his own personality every phase of lewish life. Maimonides is to us the fully developed Jew."

as one of the world's greatest authorities on Scholastic philosophy in general and Jewish philosophy in particular, Dr. Revel pointed out how fortunate, the students were to have a man of -uch calibre address them.

Professor Wolfson expressed las satisfaction at returning to the institution of which he was

The formation of X Yeshiva health club College student probably to be called the Maimonides Health Society was announced Thursday evering, May 2nd, by Dr. David Swick, head of the Yeshiva College Health Department. *

Feeling that there was a great need for such an organization in the institution, Dr. Swick declared that the present was the most opportune time to aunch the new club in view of the enthusiasm animating student activities

While the wider scape of the club will be concerned with general hygiene, lectures and instruction in all phases of first aid will also be an integral part of the program. Dr. Swick innounced that he planned to give the more interested and promising members of the society actual first aid experience by allowing them to assist at clinics where they will Describing Professor Wolfson come face to face with, all the different situations that can arise in an institution of this type.

Eventually the Maimonides Health Club will apply for membership to the American Student Health Association, Dr. Swick declared. The National Student Health Association is composed of organizations in each state whose membership derives itself

from the various college societies. (Please turn to page 4) Lookstein At University Club

Condemns Zionist Labor Party

ist movement was condemned as a danger to the future development of Palestine by Rabbi Juseph H. Lookstein in his address at a meeting of the Jew-1sh University Club on May 1. The meeting, the last one of the season, was held in the Social Hall of the Kehilath Jeshurun Synagogue.

Rabbi Lookstein praised the tine, and urged the deals of the Revisionist Party but criticized the military spirit which, he said, has unfortunately grown up in the movement.

The Laborite Party was held ence the ideal of by the speaker, to be incommeent with Judaism because it is according to based on the Markist philoso- rael."

The Labor Party of the Zion- phy. The Rabbi accused the Laborites who control the Zionist Actions Committee of denying immigration certificates to impoverished middle class Jews in order build up and maintain Laborite capital rule in Palestine.

In conclusion, he braued the Mizrachi Party for the in creating a religi 作。注册 participate in the co ist elections in or port the Mizi Rabbi Lookst dress by urgina rael, for the

in the distance pale The Commentant was pared by the transfer it its first meet-May 1, since the Pass over vacation. Enthusiastically approving the tone and content of the editorials of the issue of April

8th, the Council commended the entire staff on the excellent progress the newspaper has accomplished in every phase since its initial appearance,

In bringing up the motion it was pointed out that efforts were al ready being made by the administration to invalidate the editorials by labeling them as indi-ments of the various nations. vidual opinion. The entire purpose and effect would therefore be offset unless the Council, as the official representative of the student body formally endorsed

them.

David W. Petegorsky, '35, president of the Student Council, in asking the adoption of this motion, declared, "The Commentator in its last issue has given expression to the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the student body. The issues it has raised are fundamental to the existence of the institution. It is the duty of Council as the voice of (Please turn to page 4)

Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, head of the Yeshiva College Chemistry Department, and Professor Henry E. Garrett, head of the Psychology Department Yeshiva, both figured in the promotions of the Columbia University staff which were announced last month by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, pres-

ident of the university. Occupying previously the position of instructor in Sanitary Science, Dr. M. L. Isaacs was promoted to the post of Assistant Professor in the Detiment of Public Health. Professor H. E. Garrett, for

A "borough to borough" B. N. X. hookup catried voices of Yeshiva and Colle of the City of New York baters throughout the city la Thursday night. This was second successive year which the teams of the two i stitutions met to distres ti problems facing the gover

Yeshiva upheld the affirms tive of the question. Resolver That the Private Manufacture of Arms and Munitions Be Prohibited by International Agree ment."

Private manufacturers of arms were pictured as causing and prolonging wars, by Arthur Rosenbaum 37, who also pointed out that "these evils can be remedied in only one way—that every country agree to completely nationalize the mantifacturer of its armaments and place an embargo on munitions exports."

Pinchus Chazin of City College, in attacking the affirmative plan, cited the profits in other industries during the Great War which exceeded those in the arms industry. He law declared that nationalization of munitions in militaristic nations, "would render these was machines more potent, by put-(Please two to page 4)

Yeshiva Faculty At Academy

A meeting to celebrate the Maimonides Octocentennial was held by the Jewish Academy of Acts and Sciences at the Jewish Cener on Sunday, April 28th Papers of Rambian's life and infileach were as larged in the supress Marie Bellino Co

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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 Department 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.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was established for the purpose of harmonizing secular and religious knowledge. 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 as presently constituted rather than in experimentation and extention. It is indeed a strange sight to witness the authorities venturing into new fields before they have in any measure succeeded in achieving their original avowed purpose.

The establishment of this new department can but result in a dissipation of energy-energy that must be concentrated on a solution of more important problems. At a time when every force in the institution must be brought to bear on the development of a more Jewish spirit in the College, it is a betrayal of the ideal of Yeshiva College to expand through the addition of business courses.

The admission 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 through the formulation of a more integrated program will exercise a more healthy influence on its students, it is inadvisable, we feel, to open the doors to the general public. It is true that these new students will be required to take several courses of a Jewish nature. Yeshiva College, however, should stand for something higher in Jewish education then the ent of a Talmud Torak training. Cir topy to our demands for more Jaw-Lon American Definition of continuous

ish courses, we have been told that the College is in no position to expand. Yet the Administration capdidly ampounces this new department for next terms

We realize that the program involves the addition of only a few courses during the arst year or two. The College, how ever obligates itself by its action to the establishment in the future of a complete department qualified to grant the degree in Pusiness Administration.

The Commentator pointed out in its last issue the fact that Yeshiva College has broken from its moorings and is drifting rapidly from its lofty ideals. We asserted that the de-emphasis of the Jew ish aspect of the institution is tending to make the College more myth than reality. We stressed the vital need for an integrated corriculum embodying many more subjects of a Jewish nature than are being offered at present. We, assistudents, had the right to expect that any attempts at expansion would take place in the directions we had indicated.

Nevertheless, the authorities choose to disregard the crisis that exists in Yeshiva College today. They propose instead to add to the College a department, which, as we have seen, is of dubious value from any angle. At any event, many vastly more important measures must be taken before the College is ready for expansion.

The student body demands the addition to the curriculum of vital courses in Jewish studies. The answer of the Administration is that the program will be any menter by lanking, accounting and business. We clamor for bread, and the authorities reply, "Let 'em eat cake!"

Must We Keep a Back Seat?

Few developments of the past year have impressed us as favorably as the growing interest being manifested by the student body in Zionism and Zionist problems. It marks the first expression of a widespread preoccupation on the part of Yeshiva students with the problems confronting us Jews today. Like most significant trends in Yeshiva College this year, 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 Orthodox Jewish life is directly attributable to the negligible interest it has evidenced on paramount Iewish 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 consistently disappointed. While other Jewish institutions never hesitate to assert their viewpoint in various situations, Yeshiva College, morally bound to assume the leadership of Orthodoxy in such cases, has been conspicuously silent. Loss of prestige in the eyes of American Jewry and a corresponding weakening of its position are the toll Yeshiva is paying for its Sphinx-like silence.

The sterility of Yeshiva College on modern Jewish problems is due, among other things, to the absence of appropriate media for the discussion of these problems. The authorities must realize that we must study Jewish life not only as it was lived in the past but as it is being and should be lived in the present. Until then, they can expect Yeshiva College to exercise little more than a mergre and negligithe influence on lewish life in general and

Toward & United Out

The decision of the leaders of the Agudath Israel in America and the Young Israel Organization to unite in support of the Mizrachi at the coming Zionist Congress elections cannot fail to strike extreme joy in the hearts of Orthodox Jews. The alarming development of militant anti-religiosity in Eretz Israel can be stremmed only by a united Orthodox front. The action of the Agudah leaders and the Young Israel in strengthening the hand of Mizrachi as the representative of Orthodoxy in the Zionist Congress is the first step, we believe, towards the creation of such a body. It presages, let us hope, the consolidation of all Orthodox forces in the work of rebuilding Eretz Israel in the spirit of Torah.

Meanwhile, the Congress election looms near. As students of the only institution of higher Orthodox learning in the land, it is our duty to follow the lead of the various Orthodox groups in rallying to the support of Mizrachi. It becomes the obligation of every Orthodox Jew to buy a Shekel and to vote the Mizrachi ticket on June 23;

Hail, S. O. Y.

The announcement by the newly elected S.O.Y. administration of its plans for the coming term comes as welcome news to distudents of the Yeshiva.

The Commentator wishes the S.O.Y every success in its effort to correct many of the ills prevailing in the Yeshiva at present.

More power to the S.O.Y. and its new administration!

Kidnaped or ???

"How long, pray oh Cataline, will you test our forbearance?"

The Student body of Yeshiva College has during the past four years been waging a continual fight for the establishment of satisfactory conditions in the dining-room. Our complaints have been laid before the Administration, the W man's Auxiliary, Student Councils and practically every other organization affiliated with the institution. Our efforts have yet to be capped with success.

Last month, after weeks of chaos, we were certain that at least one of our several demands, the long-standing one that a "mashgiach" be employed in the dining-room, had been satisfied. Yet, on our return to school, the fact that we are forced to serve ourselves with bread and butter is evidence enough of the disappearance of the "mashgiach." Either a new kidnapping wave, sweeping the country, has hit the Yeshiva or his retention has become too costly in terms of profit. We choose to believe the latter.

A continual repetition of such instances strains our patience to the breaking-point.

The establishment of the dining-room on a non-profit basis offers the only solution to the dining-room problem.

A DREAM

One night I died and left my earthly guise:

With golden wings I vaulted to the skies. G-d seated me upon His kingly throne; I looked below and then I wept for home.

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ON THE SIDELINES By BILL KAUFMAN

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

It was with mingled emotions of insuperable pride and Wednesday evening, May 1 importance that I took my place at the council meeting commenting on the success of the only recently deputized by "Red" Kasten as one of his athletic managers pro tem, and more specifically as the supplicant for a bill of athletic appropriation amounting to twenty dollars, which "Red" himself could not champion because of an important previous engagement. I assured Kasten tical and unnecessary. with as much fervor as my befuddled and over-zealous lips would allow that the twenty material, the Council, under sepbucks were in the bag. And so we cheerfully departed; I to the meeting, and Kasten to the movies.

Scene I

The usual run of business took place during the first part of the meeting, but I confess Ave. tennis courts for three hours that I was entirely impervious to the proceedings, as I was busy memorizing an appeal for funds which would knock the boys dead. And when at last "le jour de gloire" had arrived, with a Shma Yisroel on my lips, I began.

Scene, II

.... I am still in confusion as to the cause of my dismal failure. Was it that my nervousness had caused my lips to babble forth meaningless words and phrases, or were my arguments, previously so sound and iron-clad, mere mumblings of hot air? I can still recall the scene of a sea of faces synchronized with the sound of rumbling whispers. I sat down. The drab colored physiogno mies of my colleagues, reflecting anger and distaste, were becoming clearer. I could feel the eyes of the president pierce my very innards, and my neighbor and co-biologist, Dave Wachtfogel, was biting his lips and withholding a pentup indignation. I was then set upon by a barrage of bursting indignities and outrageous cries. "What happened to the previous five dollar appropriation for tennis?" "Where are we going to get the money?" "How can we expect to play baseball with final exams just around the corner?" After these outbursts had somewhat quieted, a symposium between Petegorsky and Wachtfogel on the financial plight of the council took place which almost brought tears to the eyes of the assemblage. I could utter no suitable words of reply and so I sat utterly dejected, a physical wreck, aye, a martyr to the cause of athletics.

was at its darkest, my college Mo Reunstein diversity of the eloquently expressed that an appropriation to

MILLERIA HADE TOWN TO AWARD TRSKERLAS

One of the largest appropriations for athletics and athletic awards was made by the Student Council at its meeting held at the dormitory Social Hall on 1935. In addition, the Council, recent basketball tournament, provided for the arrangement of a program of intra-mural competition in indoor baseball and tennis. The Council, however, after brief discussion, reluctantly had to forego the running of an outdoor baseball tournament on the grounds that it was both imprac-

Defeating a motion for a lump contribution of \$25 for athletic arate motions for the individual items, made provision for most of the material requested. Among these are the following:

\$5 for indoor baseball material,

\$5 for tennis balls.

\$5 for the use of the Bennett a week, and

\$2 for general expenses.

Each of these appropriations was passed with the rider that they be granted only upon the recommendation of the Athletic Manager to the President of the Student Council and the lat-'er's approval. An outlay of \$3 for outdoor baseball material was voted down, however, 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. Petegorsky informed the Council that a committee under Mr. Kornfeld was at work selecting and determining awards. The groups eligible for letters or insignia include the Varsity Basketball Team, Debating Team, Chess Team, Tennis Team, and Sophomore Basketball Team. intra-mural champions. It is planned to present these awards at the final student assembly of the year.

dollars for tennis material was not entirely out of the question. His Philippic was successful and the motion passed. Glancing furtively around me, I weakly volunteered two motions for the financing of the intra-mural indoor baseball and for an appropriation of two dollars for incidental expenses, both of which passed in spite of the disgruntled pessimisms of that mechanical materialist, Dave Wachtfogel (What could be a stronger appelation).

Rollogue And so the meeting ended and the Palestra was saved But what started out with Just then, when the world way of all flesh and curned on to be more a returned illustrate There is all sections on CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF THE

HAMMAMMAM "GRAND MASTER"

Former Yeshiva Studen Scores in Margate Chess

The triumph of Samuel Reshevsky, former Yeshiva student, on Friday, May 3, at Margate, England, where he captured first prize in the international masters' tournament ahead of Jose Capablanca, forworld champion, has caused renewed attention of chess followers to the youthful Jewish figure, who astonished 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 acclaimed him as 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 Margate 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.

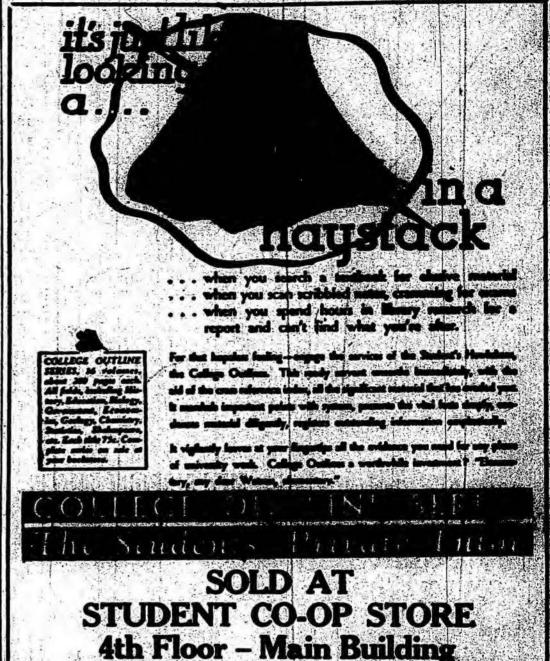
The intra-mural indoor baseball competition will be inaug- May 14-Frosh urated by a match between the Frosh and Juniors on Tuesday, May 7. This is the first time in the history of Yeshiva College sports that softball is being conducted under a competitive basis, and the enthusiasm with which this sport has been received in other institutions warrants its success here.

May 12-Junior vs. vs. Soph, at 7:15. May 19 Junior vs. Frosh at 6:15. May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Seniors vs. Juniors. May 21 (Lab B'Omar) Soph vs Frosh.

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May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Juniors vs. Soph.

May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Seniors vs. Frosh.





(Continued from Page 1) once a student, and of being able to discuss Maimonides those whose Talmudic training qualify them for a better understanding of the Rambam.

Bringing to bear in a novel manner on Maimonides' philosophy the approach that is usually associated with his Halacha, Professor Wolfson dwelled at length on the interpretation of several portions of "The Guide To The Perplexed" that have puzzled Maimonides commenta-

The vast erudition of the lecturer, his command of the entire field of ancient and medieval philosophy, and his fine appreciation of the historical setting of Mainmonides' works, were brought to bear in masterful fashion on various problems that Professor Wolfson dealt with in the course of the evening. In considerable detail, he showed the care with which Maimonides analyzed and pondered his maetrial, and this thorough acquaintance with his forerunners and contemporary philosophers.

"Maimonides expresses an individual philosophy which has as its source, the Talmud," Dr. Wolfson declared.

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(Continued from perso 1) course, for which a maximum of 16 credits will be allowed. New Courses

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Business mathematics wil be substituted for Mathematical Analysis and Business English for Composition and Grammar. Courses in Economics will also be open to freshman in this department, but all other requirements will remain the same.

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"We are convinced that nationalization alone can obviate the horrors of war," stated Asher Block '35, the second affirmative speaker. "The governments of many nations have already expressed a definite tendency in this direction."

Reuben Gross, the second City College speaker, attempted to minimize the profit in He vigorously uparms. held that only by elimination of profit in all industry could the permanent security our opponents speak of be accomplished."

of two years. Since becoming he has occupied the National Research Fellowship, and in

Dr. Garrett was born in Richmond; Va., and received his A.B. degree from the Univerhis Ph.D degree from Columbia University in 1923. Since goal. becoming a member of the Columbia staff in 1929, he has oc- were also made at the Council cupied the posts of lecturer, instructor, and assistant profes- \$25 sor prior to his present promo- \$17 tion to associate professor.

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