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WOLFSON OF HARVARD AT STUDENT FORUM

Lecturer Strikes New Note In Discussing Rambam Before Large Group

By GERSHON J. FEIGNS

Dr. Harry Wolfson, Professor of Semitic Philosophy of 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 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 not merely incidental to his 800th anniversary, "for Maimonides is with the students daily in their study and practice." "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 Jewish life. Maimonides is to us the fully developed Jew."

Describing Professor Wolfson 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 such calibre address them.

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

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STUDENT HEALTH CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED BY MEDICAL DEPT.

Dr. Swick, Health Director, Announces Plan

The formation of a Yeshiva College student health club, probably to be called the Maimonides Health Society, was announced Thursday evening, 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 launch the new club in view of the enthusiasm animating student activities this year.

While the wider scope 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 announced 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 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.

Lookstein At University Club Condemns Zionist Labor Party

The Labor Party of the Zionist movement was condemned as a danger to the future development of Palestine by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein in his address at a meeting of the Jewish 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 ideals of the Revisionist Party but criticized the military spirit which, he said, has unfortunately grown up in the movement.

The Laborite Party was held by the speaker, to be inconsistent with Judaism because it is based on the Marxist philoso-

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

In conclusion, he praised the Mizrahi Party for its work in creating a religious Palestine, and urged the audience to participate in the coming Zionist elections in order to support the Mizrahi movement. Rabbi Lookstein ended his address by urging upon the audience the ideal of "Eretz Yisrael, for the Jewish people according to the Torah."

EDITORIAL POLICY COMMENDATED

Editorial Board Praises Staff

A unanimous vote of commendation in the editorial policy of The Commentator was passed by the Student Council in its first meeting held on May 1, since the Passover 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 already being made by the administration to invalidate the editorials by labeling them as individual opinion. The entire purpose and effort 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

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Isaacs and Garrett Figure In Promotions at Columbia

Dr. Moses L. Isaacs, head of the Yeshiva College Chemistry Department, and Professor Henry E. Garrett, head of the Psychology Department at Yeshiva, both figured in the promotions of the Columbia University staff which were announced last month by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president 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 Department of Public Health. Professor H. E. Garrett, formerly Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Columbia, was appointed Associate Professor in the same department.

Dr. Moses L. Isaacs was born in Chelmno, Galiz, and received his A.B. degree in 1911 from the University of Wisconsin.

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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 importance that I took my place at the council meeting 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 with as much fervor as my befuddled and over-zealous lips would allow that the twenty bucks 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 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 physiognomies 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 pent-up 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.

Scene III

Just then, when the world was at its darkest, my colleague Mo Feurstem arose and very eloquently expressed the belief that an appropriation of five

ATHLETIC GRANTS MADE; COUNCIL TO AWARD INSIGNIAS

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 Wednesday evening, May 1, 1935. In addition, the Council, commenting on the success of the 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 impractical and unnecessary.

Defeating a motion for a lump contribution of \$25 for athletic material, the Council, under separate 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 Ave. tennis courts for three hours 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 latter'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 appellation).

Epilogue

And so the meeting ended and the Palestra was saved. But what started out with great expectations went the way of all flesh and turned out to be mere irrational illusion. "That is all we know on earth." (Tragic chorus flies out.)

RESHEVSKY NEW "GRAND MASTER"

Former Yeshiva Student 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, former world 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.

Frosh and Juniors Open Indoor Baseball Tourney

The intra-mural indoor baseball competition will be inaugurated 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.

- The schedule is: May 7—Frosh vs. Juniors at 6:15. May 12—Junior vs. Seniors at 7:15. May 14—Frosh vs. Soph, at 7:15. May 19—Junior vs. Frosh at 6:15. May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Seniors vs. Juniors. May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Soph vs. Frosh. May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Juniors vs. Soph. May 21 (Lag B'Omar) Seniors vs. Frosh.

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Dr. Wolfson Addresses Yeshiva Student Body

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once a student, and of being able to discuss Maimonides with 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 commentators.

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 Maimonides' 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 material, 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.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LAUNCHED IN YESHIVA

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course, for which a maximum of 16 credits will be allowed.

New Courses
Students enrolled in the proposed school will be graduated after a four year course with a Bachelor of Science degree based upon a double major in Business rather than two separate majors in other departments: According to the tentative curriculum, courses taken during the first two years will be closely allied to those of the liberal arts students.

Business mathematics will 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.

Sophomores will be offered Principles of Accounting and a course in either Banking or Marketing. Juniors will be required to take the usual 15 credits of Philosophy, Psychology and Ethics; all other courses during the last two years will be elective in the business field.

Arms Question Debated by C. C. N. Y. Yeshiva Teens

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ting the manufacture of war materials directly into the hands of these militaristically crazed madmen.

"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 arms. He vigorously upheld that only by elimination of profit in all industry could the "permanent security our opponents speak of be accomplished."

TWO OF YESHIVA STAFF PROMOTED AT COLUMBIA

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sity of Cincinnati for a period of two years. Since becoming a member of the Columbia staff he has occupied the National Research Fellowship, and instructor previous to his present promotion to assistant professor.

Dr. Garrett was born in Richmond, Va., and received his A.B. degree from the University of Richmond in 1915, and his Ph.D degree from Columbia University in 1923. Since becoming a member of the Columbia staff in 1929, he has occupied the posts of lecturer, instructor, and assistant professor prior to his present promotion to associate professor.

Student Council

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the undergraduates to rally in support of The Commentator in its fight for a truly Jewish college.

Student Council not only passed a motion of confidence but went so far as to urge The Commentator to continue its policy, particularly in reference to the editorial calling for more Jewish courses in the College, and promised to back the newspaper to the utmost towards achieving this goal.

The following appropriations were also made at the Council meeting:

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