Origin Of Laws And Mutual Covenants Expounded By Plato

Class Note April 27

Sunday, April 27, has been finally designated the date for the annual Class Note and Variety Show. Erwin Kossoff, '41, chairman of the social committee, announced.

In an effort to facilitate the completion of all arrangements as early as possible, the social committee has set April 8 as the final date for the submission of all classes to start work immediately on their scripts due to the intended date of April 27.

Rabbi Goodman Shows Value Of Group Work

Stressing the necessity of vitally involving the Jewish Club program, Rabbi Philip Goodman, executive chairman of the Jewish Club and chairman of the registration board, urged all Yeshiva students actively to participate in the group leadership program initiated at Yeshiva College.

In a recent letter to the students, Rabbi Goodman stressed the importance of group work in the Jewish Club and the potential benefits for its members. He pointed out that by working together as a group, students are more likely to develop a sense of belonging and pride in their Jewish heritage.

Dr. R. Rosenberg Outlines Problems Of Translation

Speaking in connection with the German translation contest now under way, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg addressed the regular Sunday evening gathering of the Talmudic Academy. Dr. Rosenberg stressed the importance of translation in maintaining the continuity of Jewish thought and culture.

Pointing out the difficulties that translators face in rendering the text accurately, Dr. Rosenberg outlined the various problems involved in translation. He emphasized the need for translators to be familiar with the original language and its nuances, as well as the cultural context in which the text was written.

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Twenty Years After As Seen Through Pame Of Room 301

It was on a balmy February evening that Stacie, as well as a strange light shone out from room 301. A stray passerby peering through the crystal panel of the door would have seen a group of students gathered in the room. The dimly lit room was filled with the sound of laughter and conversation. The walls were adorned with various posters and pictures, creating a cozy atmosphere.

The students in the room were engaged in a lively discussion, their voices echoing through the quiet hallways. The room was a hub of activity, with students coming and going throughout the evening.

T. A. Forms Arista

The Arista (honors) society of the Talmudic Academy was called to order by President Martin Zion, Henry Margolis, and Al Weissel. All of the class of '43, as well as a few seniors, attended the meeting.

The president introduced the new officers for the coming year, which included Martin Zion, Henry Margolis, and Al Weissel. The new officers were then given theduties of their position and the club's objectives.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers and a pledge to carry on the work of the society in the new year.
THE COMMENTATOR

BUSINESS NOTES

Meet The Seniors

Kuros, Israel: "It is not fortune that brings you but after gold of the Bronx, gold with a vengeance. The popular question is "What is this fellow worth?" was answered in a jiffy. "Far," he said, "in the high ring. He is one of the top men in the ring. He is an honorary professor of the Teachers Institute. His brilliance, good looks, the blondes and the showers himself may not exactly "answer personally guarantee Israel’s success in life, although he be as yet definitely decided in which field to succeed. As a Philosopher, he leaves a pin with no marks of self-complicity with Siegfried and "cousin" Graber.

Lakes, Hyman: Hyman is ac- counted one of the most quiet members of the class. His retir- ing nature makes him a perfect source—a people only talks when he has something to lose. He is a Bronx custom. His implicit faith in books has yielded him editor- ship of the "Enlightenment," the best publication, and a scupafying macli at St. Juds and other such light literature occupy his time, while Commentator work serves as his "beau- rous, conscientious and hand- somely shaven," he is one of the richly merits all the good fortune of his life.

Lisak, Abraham: An East Side boy, "Loky" is making a life career of Phil Horwitz, one of his old R. J. C. companions. Ye- shiva’s boys are not always a rather second-hand one (at two cents the clip). He may or may not have benefited from his col- lege education, but he certainly

imagines that his W. P. A. textile department is a success, the fact that the class was co-oped nothing to do with it. "Loky," Mr. Weinberg, the school’s financial director, is darkly suspected of visiting the stock market.

Mandelon, Ephraim Frash: In the Frankfort News, Frash an entire page of cutting away from the page. "Mr. Hiteson in front—front—tongue frisson of the page. He had not moved a ruber since the page yielded him the "down", of his book.

Most of the firm’s methods were carried over from the times of the company, which the company has transferred head- quarters to the front. Most of the skilled artists and employ- ees are of European stock but several of the men believed that the firm had been added to the staff. The firm since its incorporation here has attempted to keep its methods secret, but some of its followers appear to have leaked out. Unusual to American business methods, the firm at first failed to understand the importance of external regu- lation. It is reported that I. M. Menahem, indignantly, "told the page, "show me 100,000."

Business hours of the firm are three p.m.—9 p.m. and 9 p.m.—11:30 p.m. Most of the work can be made by presentation of cash or credit cards.

Members of the executive are: I. Menahem, president; Herve Shtickman, vice-president; and recording secretary; M. Heterov, treasurer.

The progress of the firm will be watched and reported upon with interest.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the Commentator:

For years now, I have been observing the manner in which mail has been treated in the main office and, to say the least, the situation is deplorable.

To begin with, official matter lies exposed to the public, awaiting a proper handling of each and every trea- ture. At present, all the receipts, private messages are com- bined.

Aside from the question of small matter, the problem of packages and letters is also a problem. Regular notices appeared on the branch office of the post office.

Today, even that service has been discontinued. Small wonder then, that articles have disappeared even under the most vigilant and watchful of care.

Why hasn’t the administration in the main office attempted to eliminate such a malignant evil? Money cannot be an obstacle in this line for very little is required to improve the above conditions.

Whatever the case may be, let us hope the office will apply it- self immediately to end all this, not to the elimination of such evils. There is no reason why it can’t be done.

Charles Katz ’43

By Charles Katz ’43

"Sticks and stones May break my bones But names will never harm me."

But they didn’t believe in this simple axiom and one of the most terrific tussles in Yeshiva history was promoted.

It all started at Harry’s last night when the other warts — one brakly, the other braun — were thrown into a specific fight. One word led to another, calm became turmoil, and the following dialogue could have been heard when they came audible throughout the em- pire.

"Well, what are you gonna do about it?"

"I’ll come down to the gym and we’ll see about it." And off they went, the seconds and roosters of each close behind.

The gladiators disrobed to the waist. On one corner of the main floor stood "Toby" Borodkin ’40, weighing in at 190 lbs; on the other corner stood the terror of Balti- more, "Yossel the Muscle" Rosenthal ’42, weighing in at 240 lbs. What

Psalms 137

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Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh, even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.

Hear, O Lord, when I call with my voice, And be gracious unto me and answer me.

In Thy behalf my heart hath said: "Seek ye My face": Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face from me; put not Thy servant away in anger; thou hast been my help.

Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

For though my father and my mother forsake me, The Lord will take me up.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord;

And lead me in an even path, Because of them that lie in wait for me.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out violence.

If I had not believed to the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living—

Wait for the Lord;

Be strong, and let thy heart take courage:

Yea, wait thou for the Lord.
FROSH CROWNED CLASS CHAMPS

Enthusiastic Spirit Of Yearlings
Aids In Sensational 1,000 Record

BY E. H. '41

Establishing a record never before equaled in the annals of intramural basketball at Yeshiva, the Freshman squad completed its 1948-49 season with the outstanding percentage of 1,000. The Freshmen in their contest clinched their marquee record by defeating the Juniors in the last game of the season.

Briefly, the latest in our splendid achievements of the yearling squad, we find the following facts:

1—First Round Robin—won by freshmen with record of three wins, two losses.
2—Second Round Robin—same record as above.
3—Individual Game Honors—won by freshmen who set new court record defeating Sophs 29-8.
4—Compiled Team Honors—won by freshmen who compiled greater number of points during season than ever previously earned.

With this in mind, we may proudly hail the Frosh as the finest class basketball squad ever to enter competitive sports at Y. C.

Leadabity remarks, such as the above, usually give rise to "eye-brow raising" comments from the basketball fans, the basis of this praise. But the cause of such an overwhelming response is in the case of the Freshman squad based on two important factors, excluding, of course, the enthusiasm of the boys and secondarily the cooperation of the entire student body. Wielding these lethal weapons at the expense of their foes, the Froshmen team has literally "stooped to conquer." Further exemplifying their fine team play, we find our greatest difficulties in distinguishing stalwart or leading performers. The backbone of the Froshmen squad was comprised of Lehrman, Harte, Kaplan, and Friedmann; yet, the support and spirit of the remaining members were just as instrumental in the accomplishment of victory.

Were all competitive teams representing Yeshiva to be run according to the criteria established by the class of '48, sports and sportsmanship at this institution would become invaluable assets.

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Attention: Sports Editor

To Mr. Abe Karp (Sports Editor):

The following is written in regard to the article of March 19 printed in the Commentator. It is in my opinion very misleading and grossly exaggerated, and as a sports editor I think you should print news that is authentic and represents the true Yeshiva College spirit.

Your statements are misleading in that:

1. The team is pictured by you as individuals playing strictly for self-glory. (Only in one instance might this be called true, this might occur with any college team where personalities conflict with the rest of the team.)

2. Also, at no time did the following occur, and I quote from your article: "Two frequently did we see the whole bench rise to call the coach's decision; no uncertain terms to a participant's mis-play." Mr. Karp, your imagination seems to have run wild in making a factual statement.

3. "That I as a coach could not cope with the supposedly frequent incomprehensibility with which I dealt, may have been one case of incalculability; but it was handled in the proper manner and in the best interests of the team.

4. In the statement of "Flying fleet" this was an outburst that might occur in any activity where there is a personal contact element and it was disposed immediately and unceremoniously.

5. To say that the student body has certain trust in the members of the basketball team and that this trust was betrayed is the most inaccurate and insulting remark ever made by a sports editor. Incidentally the sports editor himself has not made it a practice to be present at a major portion of games played at home or away.

When students attend school from 9 a.m. to in many instances as late as 6:30 p.m. and then of their own free will try to call for the varsity basketball team, pay for a major portion of their uniforms, literally "fight their heads off" in a majority of their games and then you decide they have betrayed a trust, "Worse Pu'll Me."

(As for your statements on team play, such fine coaches as Tony DeVillips of Cooper Union, Matty Beegough of John Marshall, William Schwartz of Brooklyn Pharmacy, at the conclusion of games with their respective teams remarked to members of the varsity and myself, "that team was a fine bunch who played together as a unit and fought like all blazes." Also, that it was too bad that we didn't have size to go with the qualities mentioned by them. Others who have remarked on Yeshiva team play and conduct of the team were Mike Shulman, former N.Y.U. basketball star; Bernard Bloom, Brooklyn Academy coach; Bernard Sarnecky, Workman Circle coach and Tobias Bashkin, Bronx Y.M.H.A. coach.

Surely if the above mentioned basketball experts commented favorably on the Yeshiva team, you who have had limited experience in the field of basketball are not qualified to make such statements as you have made.

In conclusion, I cannot understand the inconsistency of a sports department which during the season infers the team is doing well, and for its final basketball article criticizes the boys so severely. Even with the aforementioned article adjacent to it in the Commentator, we find this heading: "Quints go down fighting to Marshall in last season," and "Never did the men of Yeshiva College play once in a lifetime ball as they battled the Jeggers (one of the major basketball powers) for three quarters to a standstill." Your statements concerning the team reads more like a daily tabloid whose object is to sell papers by printing interesting news regardless of its authenticity. Speaking as coach of the team you should be reminded of an apology to the members of the varsity squad.

Sincerely,

HYMAN S. WETSTEIN.
Suits Made For Students

One hundred and fifty-six students of the various departments of Yeshiva were measured for new suits for Passover on Sunday of last week. It was revealed by Rabbi Zaltzkin ‘42, vice-president of the B. O. Y.

All students who were measured for suits are asked to complete their payments as soon as possible. Payments should be made either to M. Malmagie, room 3-25, or M. Schnall, room 2-17.

In order to facilitate preparar and prompt delivery of the suits, all payments must be completed in full by tomorrow.

A dormitory committee, headed by Rabbi Shlomo Novoseller ‘40, was appointed at the last meeting of the B. O. Y. council. The function of this committee will be the supervision of all dormitory activities, and the general regulation of dormitory life. The other members of this group include Rabbi H. Fried- man, H. Malmagie, M. Blumenstein, Y. Ciller, and M. Zaltzkin.

The sum of $58 has been collected for the Yeishivoth and Erzath Torah Funds by a committee headed by Rabbi Jerome Willig ‘38. This money will go for the maintenance of poor rabbi and students abroad.

Radio Passes Now Available

By means of a new arrangement which has been effected with the Curtain Relations Division of the different studios in the metropolitan area, the Concert Bureau is now in a position to offer an extensive variety of broadcast tickets for every evening of the week, Fridays excepted.

Among these programs are quite a few which have been hitherto unavailable to the public. Since tickets are now being obtained in blocks from each studio, students will be able to attend at least two programs in the same evening. T. Rubner ‘41, co-chairman of the bureau, explained. All tickets are posted on the bulletin board on the fourth floor as soon as received.

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Talmudic Discourses At ‘Siyum’

Throbe were flying and Torah flowing; hands were nodding and eyes sparkling. In a Torah-permeated atmosphere, as the students of Rabbi Poleyeoff, each and every one dressed up in his Torah best, celebrated the Siyum on the Tractate "Nebi. Muta," last Sunday morning.

Commencing on a spiritual plane in the classroom, with Irwin Gordon ‘43, presiding, and Joseph Karsack ‘41, Mortimer Rubin ‘44, Jacob Goldberg, and Raphael Levy delivering the "Badrana," the audience adjourned to the Dormitory Social Hall, where the more material fruits of life were parted taken of.

Thereafter the singing was gay and festive one, with singing, dancing, eating and drinking, made all the more lively by exuberant alumni of Rabbi Poleyeoff’s former classes who added their bit to the festivities. In the presence of bunting, parents and distinguished visitors, the boys again batted their "piece" and guests. The program was interspersed with “Zive Hakolleh” and words of encouragement and good wishes by Rabbi Yeshiva Rabbi Reiss, W. B. and Bureck, and Rabbi Levy and Mosonn.

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