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Fifty Leather Chairs

Social Hall Will Be Renovated And Furnished

immediately after the Passover recess will be opened to the Social Hall, which until now has been practically unused, will be turned into a study room and lounge and will be made available to dormitory students. This ar­rangement has been made possible through the efforts of Mr. S. Mau­ries Plotnick, dormitory supervisor, and the cooperation of the "Organizational, which has allocated funds for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

Dorm Room Plans

In keeping with this policy of dormitory improvement, plans are being pushed to have the main floor Social Hall refurbished to serve the needs of dormitory students. All dorm rooms which have not as yet been painted will be taken care of during the Pass­over recess. In addition, arrangements have been made to install permanent shelves in all rooms and shoe racks in each closet.

Chanoover Lauds Actions Committee Before Council Last Monday Night

A lengthy report, concerning the proceedings and results of the Student Council's Actions Committee, was delivered by Hyman Chanover, "41, president of the student body, as a regular Council meeting held last Monday night. In his state­ment, Chanoover outlined fully the nature of this committee and men­tioned in detail the events lead­ing up to the decision of the Board of Directors.

Following this report, appropria­tion of funds for local homes, in partial payment for his services as bushead coach, and $30 to the athletic staff to cover expenses for the coming intra-mural baseball season, were unanimously passed. The final grant of $23.00 was made for the purchase of a typewriter which will be in the disposal of all organizations under Council supervision. A loan of $45.00 was extended to the Social Committee in Social Hall Class Nite is held this semester.

After the presentation of a fiscal report of the basketball season by Milton Kroner, "42, athletic manager, Council received for its approval, financial reports of all Council supervised organizations.

Before adjourning, the appoint­ment of Hyman Laks, "41, as chairman of the Anniversaries Committee was ratified. Assisting him will be Eli­sh Goodspeed, "42, and the two other members to be appointed in the near future.

At a special Council meeting held Thursday, March 29, a vote of con­fidence was extended to the Com­mittee on its March 29th issue.
Success At Last

For years there have reverberated in the halls of the dormitory recurrent complaints about the lack of study and recreational facilities in the dorm. For years the call has been taken up to fill this need only to be followed by the customers—no action did follow.

Now, however, it seems that the dorm will have a study hall after all, and are adequately furnished one at that. For, according to the Supervisor, equipment has already been ordered and plans for the installation of additional furniture are about to be completed. And so we shall finally have our social hall—a real social hall.

In this connection a word of commendation must be given to the housemaster, and the women's organization which has made possible the successful execution of his plans hitherto. From the very beginning of his tenure the Supervisor has been able to effect numerous improvements in the maintenance of the dormitory. True, there are not drastic nor revolutionary changes, but rather minor, almost inconsequential ones. Yet it is the total improvement of the comparatively minor deficiencies which these changes remedied that makes for a more ordered and more habitable dorm.

Basic, major changes, however, require more time and will, it is to be hoped, be consummated before much time elapses. To see the full scope of his active cooperation of all students will be required. Many, we know, will be prepared to help however possible for the welfare of the dormitory. A good start has been made toward ameliorating dormitory conditions. It looks as if we may yet realize that long-promised new dormitory life—yes, in our own day.

For The Greater Glory Of Torah

In the Jewish tradition there is no recognition given to the idea of monopoly where Torah and devotion to Torah are concerned. In fact, every effort to agreggrate the cause of Torah is to be welcomed and even encouraged, for the advancement of the Torah-tradition means the enhancement of the Jewish community and the furtherance of its ideals, and these are, in the final analysis, the ultimate aims of Jewish life.

It is with this understanding that we note the celebration of the Mesif'ta, Voda'th upon the dedication of its new home. And indeed this feeling can but be shared by everyone to whom Torah and the real Jewish tradition are dear.

The loyalty and a devout tenacity to the full tradition of Jewish life is one of the aims shared in common by Yeshiva and such institutions as the Mesif'ta and other growing strongholds of Torah in other cities. The progressive growth and flourishing of these institutions as a group bears ample testimony to the range of the potentialities hitherto unrealized.

At this time, particularly to the Mesif'ta, we extend our congratulations, and offer our hope that it emerge as the potent force it can be in strengthening the Torah influences established in this country. Long may it prosper.

Meet The Seniors

Meyer, Samuel: After he spent eight years in the building, "Sam" learned to play a decent game of basketball. He is pursuing further purpose in higher education, decided to leave (investigating commissions notwithstanding). He returns from spring meetings in a 1911 Maxwell, in which theme song is "Marlins we roll along. A resourceful gent who is class president, ex-basketball captain and almost always approval string of keys at the end of the one. Meyer also shows a mean skill as cook for his family. To know "Sam" is to admire him for his good personality and general friendliness.

Perlmutter, Harry: Struggling desperately to overcome the handicap of a Washington Heights environment, Harry plunged into the ranks of his university library, and was among the first in the V. C. L. Library and distribution of the New York Times, with ardor. The fact that, as a Chem major, he choose Hydrogen sulfide as his subject woult seem to have no organic relationship to his personality or character. Despite the fact that he has to double up to eat a shade, he is an excellent homoe in and out of the dormitory. In general, a serious and conscientious student, he takes an occasional cue from his more gadabout brother.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the Commentator,

Dear Sir:

A recent Executive Committee was profoundly shocked at the intemperate language used in the news columns and editorial in the last issue.

The fact that the Commentator in the past has been free from editorial supervision and censoring on the part of the faculty is no fault in the good judgment and tact of the editors. The editors on their part should have been more careful and should have abided by accepted standards of good taste.

It is one thing to "blow off steam," but quite another to use the entire institution in a bitter quarrel which in the end can only do harm.

The editors acted for what they thought was best for the college or that they dealt with charges for which they thought there was proof and that no one had faith in the good judgment and tact of the faculty. The faculty is not averse to taking an hour of class time to use the boys as gallon pigs. One must realize that he only takes the boys to gather statistics with which to do battle with the Behaviorists who are adamant in their belief that human behavior is a continuous function of environment—no matter by what means.

The editors of the Commentator will abide by their decision and will continue to show this institution in a better light.

Yours truly,

Moses Lewis Isaac, Chairman, Executive Committee, Yeshiva College

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Meet The Faculty

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BY HENRY MARGOLIS '41

To make a study of Dr. Abra­ham S. Lowenthal, instructor of psychology, is to make a study in contrasts. There is, perhaps, no better manner of showing this than to relate that as a youngster he was considered a moron and his I. Q. was something less than ninety. Yet, on being examined before receiving his master's de­gree at Columbia, Dr. Luchins placed in the first percentile of a large group. Further examinations revealed that he had an I. Q. of eighty for high school isn't so hot. His arid psychology, with its emphasis on research on vari­ous phases of psychology, will be published in the near future, a book revealing his discoveries in the field of mechanism and habit. His work has allowed him into the study of productive thinking and problem solving.

"When are you getting married, Doo?"

"Dr. Luchins looked up pursively, "When I get a job!"

The above sketch of Rabbi Horowitz was hastily done by Alfred Wiesel '42 at the reception for the president, Rabbi real tuesday. The artist ap­proached the great scholar for his signature, and Dr. Horowitz gave it to him, good-naturedly remarking that the Yeshiva does not produce solely rabbis.
Future of Betar To Be Discussed
By Elias Ginsburg

The third in a series of lectures given by Y.B.C. Betar leader Elias Ginsburg, president of the New Zion Organization of America. The topic of the address will be the "Future of the New Zion Organization and the Basis of the Past." A native of Russia, Mr. Ginsburg, after coming to America in 1913, joined the Jewish Legion in 1916 and saw action for two years. He then participated in the activities of the Zionist Commission in Jerusalem, and when the Arab outbreak initiated a dangerous climax, Mr. Ginsburg assisted the late Vladimir Jabotinsky in the formation of the Jewish Self-Defence Committee.

Duker Sees Palestine As Jews' Solution

Speaking before the International Relations Society last Wednesday, Mr. Aherem Duker, managing editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, painted a very gloomy picture of the state of Jews on the European continent at the present time. The speaker, who has travelled extensively abroad, claimed that due to the unspeakable conditions prevailing in the Ghettos into which Jews have been herded by the totalitarian states there must inevitably result a large increase in the mortality rate of the Jews, particularly among the children and the aged.

Expressing his misgiving at the perilously low level of Jewish education, Mr. Duker pointed out that the condition has prevailed almost the last war, and has made it necessary to re-fund certain non-Aryans. "The only Jew with dignity in Europe today," he stated, "is the Orphaned Zion Jew.

Despite the common factor among Jews from party to party, the speaker reported an expression of hope for a new life in the Jewish homeland, Palestine, and concluded with the firm opinion that Palestine is the only solution to the problems of the Jews after the war, when the Jewish nations have been defeated.

Tennis Team Schedule Is Announced

With the passing of the basketball season, the Yeshiva racquetballers have taken over the top sports position in scholastic interest. Boasting the largest squad in its young history, the 1941 tennis team, comprised of three dependable veterans and a host of freshmen, held its first practice season last night in the gymnasium. Joseph Pfeifer '43, co-captain, foreworded the drill by stressing the importance of team play rather than individual heroism and jealousy concerning future ranking.

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Doctor Handler Discusses Fate of France; Sees Hope For Restoration of Glory

"France today is the France of yesterday and of tomorrow," Dr. Joseph Handler declared in an address before the Cercle Francais on Monday night in the domity social hall. Former secretary to Georges Mandel, Minister of the Interior in pre-Vichy France, Dr. Handler displayed a profound grasp of the French situation in international politics today.

After being introduced by Mr. Sidney Bliss of the French department, Dr. Handler went on to analyze the three phases of the present French situation, occupied France, non-occupied France, and the "Free French" movement of General De Gualte.

The former official's tones grew bitter as he described the intrigues of Pierre Laval, who treacherously betrayed France and its people on more than one occasion. Relating the sufferings of the populace in occupied France and the passive revolt that they continually carry on against German domination, Dr. Handler described the existing conditions as critical.

The situation prevailing in non-occupied France is one of an entirely different nature, Dr. Handler continued. "Pur in the belief that England would soon be defeated, Petain, who is universally popular in France, endeavored after the military defeat to extort from the Germans the best possible provisions for his country."
Twelve Students Receive Jobs As Practical Training in Leadership

Twelve students have been assigned to actual leadership of various Jewish groups throughout the city. Mr. Kalman Levitan, lector in Group Leadership, announced last night at a regular session of the group, that the position is to be held by the members of his group.

In his address, Mr. Levitan emphasized the importance of encouraging spontaneity of ideas in individual members. The leader should, however, constantly be a "stop ahead of the group" and able to formulate plans for actual work in leadership.

In the discussion following the lecture, Mr. Levitan asked the leaders to outline some general policies and social orientation of group students. It is his belief that the Group Leadership course may help to remedy this situation.

At the next session of the course, Mr. Irving Stone, director of vocational guidance at the Washington Heights Y.M.H.A., will lecture on vocational opportunities in group work and a program for vocational guidance.

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