Symposium Studies Yeshiva Education

In connection with American Jewish University's annual symposium, a meeting was held in Riets Hall on Tuesday evening, April 25, on the topic, "The Future of the Yeshiva Education in the United States," featuring a panel discussion.

Participants included Rabbi A. Grossman of Los Angeles, chairman of the drive; Rabbi David B. Cohen, president of the New York City local of the American Friends of Yeshiva; Professor Charles A. Brown of the American Friends of Yeshiva; Rabbi Mortimer J. Seif of the American Friends of Yeshiva; and Rabbi A. Klein of the American Friends of Yeshiva.

The discussion centered around the question of whether the American Yeshiva should continue to exist as a separate entity or should be merged with the American Jewish University.

Rabbi Grossman stated that the Yeshiva should exist as a separate entity in order to maintain its traditional educational system.

Rabbi Cohen believed that the Yeshiva should be merged with the American Jewish University in order to provide a more comprehensive educational program.

Professor Brown argued for a combination of the two institutions in order to exploit the strengths of both.

Rabbi Seif favored a merger of the two institutions with the Yeshiva retaining its traditional educational system.

Rabbi Klein believed that the American Yeshiva should continue to exist as a separate entity in order to maintain its traditional educational system.

The meeting was attended by a large crowd of students and faculty members.

Dever To Address Boston Y.U. Dinner

Governor Paul Dever of Massachusetts, and Dr. Daniel Marsh, president of Boston University, will be the principal speakers at the Yeshiva University Scholarship Fund Dinner, held at the Hotel Bradford Thursday, May 11, announced Max Hoffman, director of the Massachusetts Friends of Y. U.

A report on the expansion plans of the college will be given by Dr. Mortis Simon.

Bnei Akiva Group Analyzes Religion

Rabbi Moshe Kessel addressed a meeting of the recently formed Bnei Akiva Religion Chadir organization, Thursday evening, April 27, in Riets Hall, discussing "Religious Life in Israel.

Rabbi Kessel criticized the attempt on the part of most people to synthesize "religious life in the Golah as a pattern for Torah life in Israel." The Torah, he said, was aimed at regulating all phases of life. The Hakhshah developed this strictly along religious lines, while such problems as economics, the position of the woman, social ethics, and functions of government went undevoloped.

"It is a question of creativity by the faithful," said Rabbi Kessel, "not of platitude, principle," said the speaker. This must be done by an official body, in the form of either a Benedictine or a High Court.

Communists' Filibuster Ended By Mincha

As T. I. Celebrates Israeli Independence

By David Magilser

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my hand become rightless," shouted Communist delegate Gustave Solomon '52 as he addressed the mock congress and re-affirmed his party's stand on all issues. Mr. Solomon, aided by fellow-black-elmars Larry Neus '52, continued and verbal harassment for 10 minutes before the cry of Mincha, raised by tendencies now in conflict.

The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer period. Reuben Green '51, chairman of the evening, announced that five candidates for the presidency of the Student Council, Including Gus Minch, would be elected.

Nair To Be Readied During Vacation

The Nit, Teachers Institute yearbook, will be ready for distribution after the vacation period, announced Milton Shoner '51, editor. The book will be dedicated to the late Mr. London, teacher in the Faculty and to the late Moshe Pearlstein, T. I. graduate who was the first American to fall in Israel's war of independence.

The issue will contain a thesis, in Hebrew, entitled "The Hebrew Press in America," which was written by Pearlstein while a student at T. I.

Lapid Board Elected For Next Acad. Ye

The outgoing editorial board of Lapid, the official undergraduate newspaper of the T. I. Institute, announced the appointment of the governing board for the academic year 1950-51 as consisting of David Mogilner '52, Leon Kentzbaum '52, Barry Eckstein '52, and Moshe Weiss.

The last issue of Lapid for the second year, which appeared on Monday, April 24, commemorating the second anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Congrats

Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Rabbi Lookstein received congratulations to Max Eynan '52 upon his recent engagement to Miss Rivka Epstein.
Sanitation Dept. Reports: Yeshiva Invades Park Ave.  
By Philip Frankelstein.

The proud name of Yeshiva is becoming every day more widely spread, more deeply emblazoned upon American public buildings great and small in the near and far, throughout the deepest recesses of the entire island of Manhattan. Last report has it that the belt has been pleated along 53rd Avenue. A pal of mice who collects garbage there, and should know about such things, informs me of the following conversation he overheard at a cocktail party:

Redfaced matron: My dears, I just don't know how I can live with my son. He's such a flabby boy, you know. He's been to all the most exclusive schools in New England but none of them suited him.

Beaustrapped matron: Really?

Bed matron: That's dreadful what the private schools are coming to. Why, the last place he went to actually required attendance.

Bed matron: Frightful!

Just The Place!

Bed matron: Well, he was been thinking of registering at one of the city schools, but I just won't have him going to college for nothing.

Bed matron: Have no fear, my dear, they charge almost as much as Columbia. And since they offer so much more, why you're being overpaying more than once.

Bed matron: Oh, it sounds wonderful, but tell me, is there any chance that that'll get any reversionary clause? Because you just can't tolerate a communist in the house.

Bed matron: Don't be silly, nothing counterintuitive is going to happen.

Looking For The Goodies

My pal reports that at this point the bespangled Mr. Silberman has arrived in one of the silent parts and both emerged gurgling, one saying "Not really," and the other answering, "But it's true." The only other comment he made was "the whole situation was the bespangled lady in slip.

I even heard they're looking around for an ex-governor, but that's not an ex-governor. You know they can't be too.

Of course, no one knows exactly what college they were talking about, but shall we venture a guess?

Meet The Seniors

Ritterbord, Paul—A descendant of the last king of Israel, Pesach came to Yeshiva after attending the University of Chicago and Boston College. Being conditioned to Avodah, he has found no difficulty in acclimating himself to the Yeshiva way of life. This year he has found spending most of his time in the basement (to be close to his yeshivah), while his time at the university was spent as a magazine editor, and being enrolled in the gym with the Yeshiva team, which he co-captains. To win his heart is not a task.

Arlington—Arthur Rosenfeld has cum laude, cum summa, cum summa, somewhat lately in the social settings with the institutions of higher learning. A conscious student and socialite, he always keeps himself free from all contamination with his family social science and devoted himself to the pure contemplation of machine guns and statistics.

In addition, poverty in scholastic record, by a piper in college, in his capacity as a member of the debating society, he is a vice president of the Yeshiva University Student Union. We are confident that the University authorities will realize the students’ stand and will rectify the issues in question.

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Your Contribution is Needed

The annual U.J.A. Drive, presently conducted by the Yeshiva College Student Council, deserves the wholesale support of every student in the University. The cause to which the U.J.A. has pledged itself constitutes the basis of the financial support of American Jewry to the state of Israel, and enables the thousands of homeless Jews to find freedom and security there.

The Commentator appeals to the entire student body to contribute liberally to the present U.J.A. drive and hopes that this year's campaign will be successful.

Curriculum Suggestions

The curriculum of Yeshiva College possesses a number of faults which have been subject to some serious criticism on part of the student body. We refer in particular to the fact that present Sociology and Psychology do not constitute a major, and that Philosophy 1 and 2 does not figure as a requirement for graduation.

With respect to Sociology and Psychology, we consider these two subjects essential for a large part of the Y.C. student body. Many of us who are planning to go into the Rabin'shit of Jewish teaching find the practical applications of these subjects for the proper organization of synagogues, Jewish centers, and Hebrew schools.

Furthermore, it is clear that there ought to be a certain continuity between a college and its graduate schools. At Yeshiva, however, we do have a graduate school of Education and Community Administration, and we fear that we are unable to prepare ourselves for these studies in the course of our college education.

Concerning Philosophy 1 and 2, we believe that these courses constitute a laboratory of critical thinking and wide understanding into the realm of Western thought. We, therefore, consider them indispensable for every and each student, no matter what his major and field of concentration are, and request the administration to prescribe Philo. 1 and 2 as a requirement for graduation.

Financial Assistance

The applications for financial assistance recently sent out by the Bursar's office include two items, at least one of which requires rectification, while the other needs to be clarified.

Item 1: A clause in the application reads that financial assistance can be withdrawn from a student at any time.

The implications of this statement put a scholarship student into a permanent position of insecurity, since he might find himself deprived of financial assistance at any moment, and, thus, at the last moment find himself without a college to attend. We suggest that any scholarship, once granted, should be guaranteed for the particular academic year, thus putting students in need of financial assistance into a secure position.

Item 2: The application contains a question concerning expected earnings during the summer months.

We would like to remind the proper authorities that the agreement reached at the beginning of the year between the Student Placement Service and the administration expressly states that summer positions are excluded from the regulations applying to financial assistance granted by the institution. To the best of our knowledge, the agreement referred to is still valid since it can not be discarded without the consent of the representatives of the Inter-Yeshiva Student Council.

We are confident that the University authorities will realize the students' stand and will rectify the issues in question.

Life Of Chaim Ostrowsky  
Devoted To Hebrew Stage

By Leon S. Levy

After the recent faculty-alumn affair, I was introduced to Mr. Chaim Ostrowsky, director of the Masada Foundation, and organizer of the first Hebrew theater in Palestine; he had just entertained the faculty with some personal anecdotes.

Mr. Ostrowsky is a man of medium height, in his early fifties, with an intent look upon his face, startling eyes, and a ring of gray on his hair. He was born in Russia at about the turn of the century, and as a young boy attended the Mir Yeshiva. He got his Teachers' Degree there, in the Purim and Chanukah cantatas.

During the first World War he moved to deep Russia, and before the end of the War he was at the age of twenty-three appointed to the Moscow Theater. There he organized performances in Russian, based on material with Jewish content.

After the Revolt of 1917 and during the subsequent rise of the Zionist movement, Mr. Ostrowsky first got involved with the idea of cultivating a Jewish theater. When he went to Poland in 1921, he organized the theater there, presenting dramas based on the works of Sholem Aleichem, Peretz, Jacob Gordon, and other popular Jewish classicists.

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In 1929, he left Palestine for a tour of Europe and the United States, winding up in Cleveland, where he organized two studio theaters, to present plays and develop talent at the same time.

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Letter To The Editor

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Sincerely yours,
The Masmid Editorial Board

Meet The Students

(Continued from Column 2)

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Abolition Of Athletic Director Post Menaces Stability Of Y.U.A.A.

By Hilry Drygold

The Yeshiva University Athletic Association took tremendous strides in an effort to give athletic programs a大师. The establishment of a part-time athletic director gave the Association a stability it never before enjoyed. Records of correspondence, gate receipts, expenditure and even the number of incidents attached to any organization, were accumulated and disclosed to a moderate degree of order.

Bad to note, this condition is to be ended. The Y.U.A.A. is in a precarious position. Unlike the procedures of most institutions, the set-up here welcoming the payment of the athletic director by the Association. Barely able to operate within the confines of its skimpy obligations in a highly satisfactory manner, Certainly, no group of men the purchase of needed equipment, publicity, testing ground for every new athletic activity which is introduced in the school. The Association has been made the school. The

Sad to note, These men cannot be A part-time athletic director cannot be expected to fulfill these responsibilities. The Association is one of the few not a factory, but a salaried athletic director on cor. 186th St.) (185th Avenue, cor. 185th St.) (2545 River Parkway) (Just across from the Yeshiva)

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The Yeshiva University tennis in their first appearance two years ago, By Maritime

The Yeshiva University tennis in their first appearance two years ago, year by year has boasted a 7-3 defeat by the New York State Maritime Academy, on Thursday, April 16, at the Riverview Tennis Courts in the Bronx.

Yeshiva's only victory came in the singles by Rabbi Chaim Shulman and Samuel E. Weil, a double victory for the Hy Abelson, and the Stiller, 6-2, 6-2. In the first singles, Shulman lost a hard fought match to the C. Q. Reynolds, 10-12, 6-2, 5-7. Both racquetists, playing conservative in each other's service often, were not always able to take full advantage of the upper hand gained.

On a second second, Parnett defeated 2. Feder of Yeshiva in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Feder was not able to make his full use of his strong baseline game as he ever-aggressive opponent made impossible retrievals.

T. Parnett and N. Eiderman, in singles but lost the first set of their match against D. Van Wart and C. Farber on the third court at the Bronx, but also lost. The scores, Van Wart vs. Parnett, 6-7, 6-1, 6-0, and Farber vs. Eiderman, 6-3, 6-1.

S. K. Weilger burnt on fourth singles, played his usual steady game, with a long backhand with English soft placement shots, and went down to defeat, 6-4, 6-0.

The second doubles team of the Yeshiva sailors also bested Yeshiva's in its main counters. The resulting boisterous proceedings in the University gym.

Tennis Box Score

TEAM 1: 5-4-3. Yeshiva: 6-2, 3-4-5. Vassar. Upon the winners were Van Wart and Engel, and for the losers, Parnett and Eiderman.

The resulting boisterous proceedings in the University gym. The pressure was on Tokayer, the Yeshiva Heavyweight who had been victorious in six contests, Yeshiva trailed, finished strongly, copping six bouts of the season, against Queens College.

Game Postponed

Yeshiva won its second tennis match of the season, against Queens College, scheduled for Monday, May 1, was postponed due to rain. The scoring board showed six wins for the winners under their bill yan Yeshiva.

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Yeshiva Debates Columbia On Communist Infiltration

Stanley Siegel '32 and Gilbert Rosenthal '33, representing Yeshiva, debated Columbia University, which took the decision by a point, in the Dormitory Social Hall on Wednesday, April 16. Debat ing the topic, "Resolved: That Communist Party Members should be barred from teaching in colleges and universities," Yeshiva upheld the affirmative, and the visitors, the negative.

Masters, Siegel and Rosenthal held that the Communist Party members should be barred from teaching because their membership demands party loyalty in deed and thought, so that they can only teach that which is approved by the Communist Party. Therefore they are not able to accomplish their responsibility as teachers to society.

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A return debate with Columbia is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9.

Eranos To Hear Talk By Prof. Chernowitz

Dr. Maurice E. Chernowitz, assistant professor of French at Yeshiva College, will speak on "Old Roman Art" at the next meeting of Eranos to be held on Wednesday, May 10, at 8:30 p.m., in Hillel Hall.

Dr. Chernowitz will supplement his talk with slides.

Senior Dinner

The date of the annual Senior Dinner has been tentatively scheduled for the month of June. Alvin Schwartz '50, president of the senior class, announced. The graduating class of January 32 will also be permitted to participate in the banquet.

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