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**The Commentator**

**The Death of Stephen S. Wise**

The death of Stephen S. Wise has come as a source of much grief to all freedom-loving men. To the American people, he was a champion as a cause of the cause of righteousness and there were many who would be guided by his word. His voice of protest was always among the first heard whenever an act of social injustice was committed. He presided tolerance towards and equality for the Negro; he rallied to the aid of the persecuted Armenians at the end of World War I; he deplored the widespread use of child labor and fought for social legislation.

Within the Jewish camp, Stephen S. Wise introduced Zionism to the United States. He advanced the idea of a Jewish State at a time at which the leaders of the American Jewish Community and the Reform Rabbinate, to which he belonged, condemned any form of Jewish nationalism. He ignored their opposition and became one of the architects in the building of the state of Israel.

As a member of both the American Jewish and the World Jewish Congress, Stephen S. Wise gave a concrete expression to his notion of Jewish unity, dignity and democracy among ourselves. His pupil in the Free Synagogue was a platform for complete freedom of speech; his Jewish Ministry of Religion, an honest attempt to aid Rabbits for all the religious groupings of American Israel.

We mourn the loss of Stephen S. Wise, a great Jew and a great Liberal.

**Required: Scholastic Guidance**

In a recent article, Sam Glaser, president of The Student Council, asked for a "system of guidance in scholastic affairs." The need for such a system is obvious. Many students have no idea of what subjects they should like to major in; numerous others find themselves majoring in some course, to their own surprise, have no understanding of the reading necessary to give some insight into the subject matter.

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Advocates Unity
In Israel, in U. S.

On Monday, May 2, at 8:30 P.M., Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog, chief Rabbi of Israel, delivered an address to an audience of two thousand people gathered in the Lamport Auditorium.

Centering his talk upon a plea for a united orthodox Jewry throughout the world, the chief Rabbi assured American orthodoxy of a possible religious fulfillment yet in Israel, emphasizing however, "a state of Israel according to Torah is dependent upon a united orthodox Jewry."

Torah in Israel

"The spirit prevailing in the brave soldiers of Israel is derived from the Torah," said the chief Rabbi. He further claimed that "it is not correct to divide the Jew in Israel into two groups, religious and irreligious. Even the non-orthodox have managed to obtain a high ethical Torah standing."

Of the importance of Torah in Israel, Rabbi Herzog repeated that he heartily endorses what has been said before of the Torah institutions of Israel as the life blood of the country, and performed that the firm establishment of Torah in Israel was an undeniable reality.

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Directing his words to an immediate problem, Rabbi Herzog spoke of the duty of the orthodox Jewry as "the pietists of our tradition," and the necessity of aiding its building of a religious Israel. "The blood of the country. He reaffirmed that the last time he was in New York as Chief Rabbi of Palestine and as Chief Rabbi of Israel, he established the Teachers' Institute, which has been managed to obtain a high ethical Torah standing."

The chair of the Zionist Emergency Council, Dr. Emanuel Neumann introduced Rabbi Berlin at the event.

Rabbi Berlin devoted life to Zion, Hebrew, Orthodoxy

By Leon Lauer

Thy beauty, O Israel, upon the high places is seen! How are thy mighty fallen!

(Third Samuel, II, 1:19)

On April 17, 1946, the second day of Chol Hamoed Pesach, Rabbi Meir Berlin, honorary president of the World Mizrachi Organization, died; he was sixty-eight years old. His death symbolizes the end of a tragic-victorious period of Jewish history and the beginnings of a new age in which a Jewish society may realize the ideals of the Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Berlin represented the period of Jewish intellectual activity in the Yeshivas of Volozhin, when he devoted himself to the study of the Talmud. His training never left him, nor did the love for scholarship which it inspired in him. During his last few years, in spite of his work on behalf of the Zionist movement, he was trying to publish a new edition of the Tal- mud Bably.

"Haklui" also symbolized the era of Hebrew literature during those years. The two movements were in-extricably related, as Rabbi Berlin demonstrated. In 1908, he founded a Hebrew weekly which as he edited Berlin. Later he moved the paper to New York. When he settled in Israel, he established the Hebrew newspaper "Haklui" that was published daily. It is still existing.

His interest in contemporary Hebrew literature was as unfailing as his love for previous Hebrew literature. For him, as for us, Hebrew is the tongue of the Jewish people. With the rebirth of Hebrew literature, he found a correspond-

Speaker's Urge Admission To U.N., Present Problems Facing New State

New York Jewry celebrated the first birthday of Israel, on the fifth of Iyar, May 4, by a mass rally in Madison Square Garden. More than one hundred fifty thousand cheering people jammed the small park, and neighboring blocks.

The site of many a protest rally was converted into a festive birthday party which was concluded late in the evening by a concert in Carnegie Hall.

Young and old came to partake of the festivities. Here and there one could see the scarlet cap of the Jewish Legion which had fought with the Allied forces in World War I. The white-bearded Hassids chose to "see the "Jewish Kaysar'' with their own eyes, and both young and old came to pay tribute to the fighting Army of Israel, the Hagana.

The first to arrive was the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Isaac Hales Herzog. He was greeted by shouts of "Yechi HaYariv" (long live the Rabbi). The event was opened by Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, Professor of Sociology at Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Lookstein delivered the benediction and called for Divine protection for the government of Israel, and its institutions. He was followed by Chief Rabbi Herzog, who, in flawless English, recalled the past events of Jewish history and the Divine participation in the national re-birth. He compared the spiritual values contained in the Prophets and the Prophets in the past to those they are creating in the present. "The skeptics who doubt the wisdom of the Prophets and the Prophets will and real line that the prophecies of antiquity are being fulfilled in our present day.

Turning to the Holy City, the Chief Rabbi asserted, "Israel and the Diaspora are inseparable."

He pledged Israel to protect the Holy Places of all faiths.

Rabbi Berlin believed, in accord with the religious aspirations of our people. As for the American Jewry, he stood for ordination of women as rabbis, its stance is as firm as its further steps of the rabbinical authority of the Synagogue, as for the norms of the Diaspora. As for the norms of the Diaspora, he was elected honorary president of the Central Committee of the United Nations.

The existence of Israel proved the Jewish contention that only a sovereign state would terminate the Diaspora's hopeless situation.

If justice still resides at Lake Sodom, Israel will be the fifty-ninth member of the United Nations." He was followed by Rep- resentatives of various Zionist movements, and Mr. T. O. Thack- ety, former publisher of the New York World-Jewish Daily News.

Dr. Weizman

Suddenly the blaring police siren announced the arrival of the President of the State of Israel, Dr. David Weizman. Chair of the Emergency Council, Dr. Abba Haskel, President of the Organization, and Mr. Z. O. Thack- ety, former publisher of the New York World-Jewish Daily News.

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THE COMMENTATOR

Chief Rabbi Talks On Halachic Topic

On Monday, May 2, at 1 P.M., over a thousand rabbis, students, and laymen gathered at Lamport Auditorium to welcome Rabbi Isaac Herzog, chief rabbi of Israel, the first halachic lecturer on the topic of “Sinuhas Doynimon Mimchim.”

“Americanization of Jewish law should spend five years of study in Israel,” suggested the Chief Rabbi. “Such action would be beneficial to the American Jewish community and to the Jewish community in the United States.”

In Israel

In discussing the new Jewish state, Rabbi Herzog said that although Israel did not as yet accept the Torah as the state’s legal system, he saw great hope of such an acceptance since the laws concerning marriage and divorce have already been adopted.

In his halachic lecture, Rabbi Herzog posed the question: whether it is obligatory for the Torah that a “Dayan Mumche’” be ordinated. He explained that the requirement only rabbinic and not to be strongly enforced. After having defined the number of sources, quoted from memory, Rabbi Herzog concluded that ordination was “a war of Jewish states” required by the Torah itself for a “Dayan Mumche’.”

The Chief Rabbi also urged that Yeshiva students pursue the study of the “Even HaTserah” quite extensively.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of Yeshiva University, in introducing the Chief Rabbi, expounded on the various levels of holiness existing in Jewish life, and compared Rabbi Herzog to the High Priest of the Temple.

Staff of Masmid Named For 1950

Matthew Katz ’46, editor of the ‘49 Masmid, announced that the board of editors of the forthcoming year will consist of the following: Boris A. Rackovsky ’56, Editor in Chief; Henry Keeler ’51 and William Frank ’50, Associate Editors; Stanford Frank ’50, Managing Editor; Herbert Mandel ’40, Art Editor, and Arthur Rosenfeld ’50, Literary Editors; Al Morgernstern ’51, Photography Editor; Howard Danzig ’36, Business Manager; and Ira Harow ’36, Business Manager.

Mr. Rackovsky served as an Associate Editor and Morgernstern as the Photography Editor of the ’48 Masmid.

Mr. Katz, the outgoing editor, announced at the same time that the ’49 Masmid is still in need of funds and urges all students to bring in ads.

Rabbi Finer Reports

West Coast Jewry Grows Despite Dearth Of Leaders

By Rabbi Morris Finer

( Editor’s Note: Rabbi Finer, a rabbi ordained by the Yeshiva, is a member of the Student Community Service Bureau. He recently toured the West Coast on behalf of the Bureau.

The first fact to strike the numerous New York visitor to California is the numerical magnitude of the Jewish community. Los Angeles has already become the third largest Jewish community in the United States. A conservative estimate puts the population figure at a quarter of a million Jews. There is certainly quantity here, even if quality is not always commensurate. San Francisco, another center of a large Jewish population; the most recent census lists approximately 50,000 Jews.

The second observation is that for such a large Jewish community, the number of rabbis is pitifully small. Many of those who were prompted to remain as a sort of community center were, unfortunately, religious quacks and mountebanks who only have done the cause of Judaism a disservice by representing themselves as leaders of Orthodoxy. It is a sight that any Jew can hardly count on the fingers of two hands.

The situation is, however, by no means hopeless. There are many fine synagogues in California, a number of able and idealistic rabbis; Los Angeles boasts two Yeshivot, K’aton and is a community where one can live a full Jewish life not only for himself but also for his family’s cultural and social. Potentially, the possibilities for achievement and creative work are limitless. The stimulus and inspiration which a few additional pioneering rabbis might provide, is not as yet felt. The entire completion of the Jewish community and make California a thriving center of Torah and traditional Judaism.

A thrilling experience was unexpectedly running into many former students of the various schools of Yeshiva University. Not only did those encounters provide an expected atmosphere for kinship, but the role which Yeshivas has been playing this past half century in training and educating intelligent and proud Jews was constantly referred to. In Los Angeles alone, I located thirty-four such former Yeshiva students. The group held a special meeting, which itself is a permanent Yeshiva University Alumni Organization under the presidency of Dr. M. Ira Harow.

Synagogue Conference

The main project which occupied my time and attention was organizing the Southern California Synagogue Conference, composed of 18 congregations (with a participation membership of over 30) to represent the orthodox synagogues in the Los Angeles area and to coordinate their programs and activities so that they might act with greater efficiency and dignity.

A special session was devoted most suspiciously under the aegis of Yeshiva University and will go far toward the establishment of Augdat Israel in the United States.

There are at the present time six to ten pupils available in California, but too often they are swept away by idealism and prepared for the wrong test. Hard cannot only do a good job of training, but can create for himself a bright and prosperous future.

Our Goal: West Jewish Young! The typical Yeshiva “miasmach” has a marked preference for the large Jewish community. When he is still a “bochur” there is the problem of the limited social opportunities in the small town.

Symposium Studies Jewry In America

Speakers Discuss Present Status, Consider Possibilities For Future

On Tuesday, May 3, at 8:30 P.M., a symposium on “The Future of the Jews in America,” celebrating American Jewish History Week, was presented by the Jewish Student Movement and the Yeshiva University Department of Student Life. Mr. Yerachmiel Chorrowsky of Y.U. addressed the assembly.

Mr. Chorrowsky told the audience that the Jewish student has a dual responsibility. He must bring to the American community a new viewpoint of Judaism, and he must also be a bridge to the Eastern Jewry which represents the future of American Jewry.

Mr. Chorrowsky stated that the American Jew is faced with three problems. The first is the problem of Americanization of Jewish law. It is estimated that there are 125,000 Jews in the United States who are not Americanized. This problem is of considerable importance, as it is a reflection of the Americanization of Jewish law. The second problem is the problem of the limited social opportunities in the small town. The third problem is the problem of the limited social opportunities in the large city.

Y.U. Students Hear AgudahSpokesman

On Thursday, April 7, Mr. Aaron Noah Blasbalg of Poalei Agudah of America, addressed a public meeting at Yeshiva University. He under the auspices of Zerei Agudah of Israel. Mr. Blasbalg, a native of Y.U., traced the history of Poalei Agudah of America from the time of its inception in 1925 to its efforts toward the establishment of Agudath Israel in 1912, till the present day.

It is not meant to introduce a new ideology but has solidly for the active implementation of the Kehilat Kadosh. Mr. Blasbalg explained the need to step up the drive.

Mr. Blasbalg remained to answer in detail questions concerning the program of Agudah and the nature of Kibbutz Chofet Challay.

The demand for religious life in the achievements of the Jews in Israel. He defended the concept that it is the duty of the American Jew to support the development of Eretz Israel, stressing the obligation resting upon us to copy their fiery devotion.

Dr. Grinstein Leads Discussion

In presenting his views, Mr. Lamin felt the topic too broad and dealt only with the future of religious Judaism. He commented that, based on the Jewish historical trends, Jews do as their Christian neighbors do. Fear of Communism has caused a return to religion; Mr. Lamin predicted a similar trend among Jews. What brings religious Judaism and orthodoxy must benefit, Mr. Lamin did not say. However, he presented a comprehensive view of orthodox chances and pleaded for full integration within the ranks of orthodox Jews, especially within the four walls of Yeshiva University.

Before opening the question and answer period, Dr. Grinstein emphasized the salient features of the various speeches. He concluded that, based on the Jewish historical trends, was in general, and was glad to see socialism present in Israel. In America, Communism has caused a return to religion. He feels that the long run. History has proven the contribution and source of Jewish life. This is the full future. The importance of the middle class and not the laboring classes.

When his children begin to approach school age, there is the problem of finding for them a Yeshiva. Dr. Grinstein emphasized that this is large, Eastern Jewish Community is becoming increasingly scarce and more people. However, the monolithic and the Sofer provides the ideal spot for the in either of the above two categories. During the next few months, the Community Service Bureau will exert every effort to place several good men on the West Coast.

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With the summer recess within sight a good percentage of our students are packing their bags and preparing to book a flight to camp, where they might overlook assume the magic title of Counselor. A Counselor is assumed to possess, in addition to a sound genial personality, the learned psychology of “camping.” Among those in our school aspiring to counselorship are students unlearned in camping, which demands much versatility and assorted knowledge of various games, activities, etc.

It has occurred to me that a Seminar program would be beneficial to all, especially those unable to take advanced P.T. There certainly are men within these walls well qualified to acquaint the students with the everyday needs of camping. The most appropriate sponsors of this Seminar would be the A.A. or Phys. Ed. officers.

A wofe of fear sweeps up the spine of inexperienced un aquatic mammals as they approach the business end of the diving board, look down 20 feet into the watery basin and brace themselves for the plunge. Experience lessens the fear. So it is with the writer on the brink of prognostication, and your scribe foresees no brilliance in basketball prophecy as he again looks into a crystal ball. Strangely enough, there is no flattering in my urge to laud, rave, become unprognostication, and your scribe with loads of practice if not brilliance experience.

Of this Seminar

activities, etc.

He expects the newcomers to display their ingenuity in the next two matches to be held on the Y.U. home court, at the Riverview Courts.

Tonight's Team

Spring Hoop Sessions Begin:
Neophytes Show Much Talent

The 49-50 version of the Mite basketball machine was unveiled on April 28th in the Y. U. gym when the new coaches, both Wolfhalgerten and Parness showed great promise in their exhibitions of the seasoned Daniels.

He also stated that his yearling team did surprisingly well considering the lack of practice in the past two months. He expects the newcomers to display their ingenuity in the next two matches to be held on the Y.U. home court, at the Riverview Courts.

The team has scheduled games with Stuyvesant High School and the High School of Science.

DrewNetmen
Love Yeshiva
In 7-0 Match

The tennis squad of Yeshiva University bowed before the excellent play of the veteran racketeers of Drew University at Madison Avenue, New Jersey, Wednesday, April 27. Five singles and two doubles were dropped by the Y.U. racks, who had a closer match, lost seven-love on the victor's clay.

In the single arrays Chayim Buehlmann was first man, Joe Peder, 2nd; Julius Parness, 3rd; Samuel K. Wolfhalgerten, 4th; and Jacob Scheinfeld, 5th. Schonfeld, man and Wolfhalgerten teamed up for the first match in the doubles while Peder and Parness composed the second set.

Veteran Captain Shulman stated that of the four new men both Wolfhalgerten and Parness showed great promise in their exhibitions of the seasoned Daniels.

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Meet The Seniors

Schwer, Seymour — People don’t often boast that they come from deep in the heart of mosquito land (Jisey, to you) but not Sy. He claims that there are two sides to the tracks and he’s from this side — Camden. Avid attention to pawn-pushing for the varsity team has carried over to his school and social activities. He has pushed himself quite far in school — he is now a senior — and has succeeded in pushing himself into all the “Y” functions in the city. Sy especially wants us to make note that, contrary to popular opinion, he does not suffer from tonsilias (need a haircut, to you) but that he has been frequenting a self-service barber shop and has a lot to learn. Shapiro, Irving — Irv did himself up quite Braun in college. While we poor sufferers were under the impression that it was summer in France and consequently sweated properly. Irving just had to open his mouth and breathe through. But don’t get us wrong; he did the same in every coup. Irv is going to be one rabbi who knows how to give a handshaker. Most of the learned clergymen give you dead fish for a hand; Irv gives a claim. His weight-lifting and grip-improving exercises are really something to watch. And don’t underestimate the thumb workout in the Beth-Meirin etcher. He claims that that has a lot to do with his strength also. We predict a tower of strength in Irv some day.

Shavrick, Cyrus — Pretty boy Cy with the Clark Gable ears really improved his lot at Yeshiva. He rose from being voted “Most Handsome” in high school to being elected senior class president. Cy is one of our Baltimoreans with an ear and eye for music — Southern Bellevue. This business manager of Maxmeid teamed up with his boss in the dorm this year and now we have a true kala chorus, “Bring in ads, bring them in.” Cy thought that he had a novel idea when he decided to have the senior class go on a boat ride up the river. I guess he doesn’t know that most of the seniors are up the creek already and would appreciate a change in scenery.

Jewish Education

(Continued from Page 2) them. Increasingly, these schools have been taking part in city-wide programs.

These schools, locally, face many problems — buildings, membership, equipment, program, curriculum, qualified personnel, and so on. In addition, they must build a real organization, by which they can share one another’s problems and solutions. Finally, they must come of age as an important, integral part of the Council on Jewish Education, contributing to and drawing from it. Obviously, none of these needs can be met in isolation; each bears on the others. Every step so far taken on one of them, materially forwards the others.

Synagogue Pamphlets

The Community Program Office has published a special Synagogue service on the occasion of the first anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish state.

Dr. Petegorsky

(Continued from Page 2) skills, while the people possessing the technical skills have lacked the broad insight into communal affairs, particularly as regards the relationship of the Jewish background to the general background. The job of Yeshiva and similar institutions is to bring these two abilities together.”

“Incidentally,” he added, “I hope the revolutionary spirit still continues at Yeshiva.” We do, too.

Rabbi Finer

(Continued from Page 4) We need more rabbis who should be prepared to make the sacrifice of going into communities where there is no ready-made Jewish life but where it is necessary to create the elementary institutions of Judaism such as “Shabbat Minyan,” Kaddish, “Jewish education, etc. Yeshiva rabbis can bring about a renaissance of Tora Judaism in this country only if they will get out and do “grass roots” work.

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