Libraries Receive Rare Collections
Growing By Thousands Books Monthly; Collections Donated By J.D.C., Others

Over one thousand books are being added to the Yeshiva University libraries every month, announced Dr. Aaron Margalith, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. Each book, donated by the Jewish Cultural Relations Joint Distribution Committee, will cover all phases of Judaism, contain a special book plate in each to perpetuate the names of their original donors.

Among the recently added volumes is the Morris Freedman collection of rare books, dating back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, which were obtained through Dr. Leo Jung. These books, placed in the Rare Book Reading Room of the University Library, cover the fields of medicine, fables, rhetoric, and general history. These books will be available for use by students and scholars.

Book Collections Obtained
Dr. Aaron Margalith, Associate Provost of Yeshiva University, announced that the Monticello Public Library of New Jersey has given several thousand books to the University Library, covering the fields of science, history, and the classics of the Polisc Memorial Library.

The College Library has now added many bound volumes of periodicals, some covering the span of many years.

The Teachers Institute Library has been consolidated with the Monticello Public Library and with the Chaim Fischel Epstein Library, which has been moved to the Graduate Library.

Members of the faculty have contributed books recently purchased through the efforts of Dr. Jack Jekuthiel Ginsburg, Dr. Henry Lissman, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and others.

The libraries will publish a bi-annual library bulletin, outlining information on library and faculty news and problems.

Physics Dept. Adds New Lab. Courses
Physics courses in "Light" and "Sound" are being offered this spring for the first time, and a laboratory course in "Electronics," under the supervision of Dr. Siegfried L. Meyers, has been scheduled for the spring semester. Dr. Arnold Leiman, head of the Physics Department, announced that a laboratory course in "Optics," which was initiated last fall, will be repeated next term.

Dr. Lowan stated that the addition of more courses and laboratories is being offered to supplement the lab courses in physics, so that the students may have a knowledge of both theoretical and applied physics.


A Good Beginning

At the recent student assembly, the students voted overwhelmingly in favor of having examinations scheduled during the final week of the semester in preference to a special exam-week. That the College Administration chose to present the question for student consideration is indicative of a truly democratic spirit in true American tradition.

It is to be hoped that the administrators will continue this practice in resolving student problems.

An Accomplished Fact

Last week the government of Israel decided to transfer its parliament and other government offices to Jerusalem.

This welcome news has put at ease the minds of Jews, the world over, who were deeply concerned about the fate of their spiritual center. We believe it has also been well received by all other groups sincerely interested in the welfare of the Holy City.

It is indeed regrettable that such a move had to be made following the U.N. decision to internationalize Jerusalem. We do not think that presenting the world with a fait accompli is a good way of doing things and we would have preferred a United Nations referral on this issue, if an about-face were at all conceivable.

Unfortunately, however, the United Nations has taken a very unrealistic and inconsiderate attitude on this question. Internationalization was voted although it cannot effectively be brought about. Moral issues and basic human rights were completely disregarded.

In the light of these considerations, we cannot but commend the decision which the government of Israel was forced to make in order to safeguard the lives and property of a hundred thousand of its citizens.

New Colleague

The appearance of The Lapid, Teachers Institute organ, on Tuesday, December 6, in regular printed form for the first time, is one of the most heartening bits of news on student activities to come from that school in years. That the newspaper is not merely a piling fancy is attested to by the fact that work on the second issue has already begun.

This success, however important, is only one of many broaching this year's I.T.S. Student Council. Regular assemblies have been held, guest speakers have been invited, a Hebrew-speaking campaign has been inaugurated, and, in general, the Council has effectively aroused student interest and school spirit. It all proves quite conclusively that a small institution can do all that is needed to awaken a large, inactive student body.

We congratulate Shragai Ariam '50, president of the Council, and the editors of "Lapid," and wish them continued success.

In passing, we wonder what ever became of "Hamevezer," official newspaper of the students of the Yeshiva. The paper was very active in the past, and we would like to see it so again. We are aware, however, that the paper has had difficulties, especially with resigning editors, but surely someone in the school is still interested enough to devote some time and effort to it. The Commentator, of course, is always available for technical advice and help.

The Commentator

The glorious era was fast approaching. We had but four pages more to Complete our journey through Wordsworth's Prelude.

We had trekked up hills and down valleys. We had walked to the Pikes Peak and the Matterhorn. We had climbed Mount Olympus. One holy cliff, to scale.

A pastoral yarn disturbed The sanctuary and paused, blending with the calm, that all too calming music. The last line dropped with a Startling sound and then, dear me, it was upon my beerhead about:

Chazak, Chazak, Velchanaveh.

We were the blessed heroes.

The dear old bunch of broken souls,

The omnipresent impulses of vernal woods,

Dumb yearnings, hidden appetites were ours, and now, their food. Their food. "A siyum," we cried.

"A reward for our toil."

Next year we'll listen some more, to a call, For in our Bain and Poteik,

Their arm with worldy goodies filled:

Secured a thousand fogels for us all.

Then naye we merrily over the Candy store's bounty, bottled.

And labeled by, ugh, Industry's fell hand.

The learned professor in gown Old habits die hard indeed. And indolent society relaxing in their hold.

"The world is too much with them."

He moaned. "Was it for this that

One beheld the fashion of Me Professor of English Literature?"

Yet in honest truth, I look for something more than an average, Affecting more emotion than I feel.

For, "is most certain that various spirits, however, a first shock

May be are without their Charm after all.

May I, too, partake of Life's effervescence?" We gave him a glass of soda.

Amd the festive din a voice Was heard. A new bard rose Among us. His cup held high. His verse unglad. He nodded. In Wordsworth's key but not.

His symphony—and, ah, the difference With a leading proclaimor.

The New William. Franck was our Approval of his worthy words.

To this, oh, decent was raised, The Professor's hundredth and one. You mock, unburdened, an Immortal in his grave. Tomorrow your lips will be with Beeps, Boys, for Monday, the Lyrical Ballads by Wordsworth.

Letters

To The Editor

By Leon S. Levy

[The writer returned to Yeshiva this fall after a fourteen-month stay with the Israeli Army—Ed.]

"Sabre is the name given to a native born Israeli, a sabre being a type of cactus, thorny on the outside but sweet at the core. The man who, like Caius Marius, has the opportunity to become acquainted with native Israelis can affirm the validity of this description."

The young people, who proved during the war that they have cast off the Gallic philosophy, are none of the signs of a milatant youth. Their dislike for pomp stems from the days of the background which was run along the lines of the partisans in Europe. In time of crisis, of course, is primary; at other times, it is strictly taboo.

The members of "Palnachim" are probably the most highly representative of the spirit of the army. They have a rare gift of being "Palnachim" in the Negev at a "Kumatz" (informal party) is hard to forget; their actions stand for themselves.

No order was plans for de-mobilization announced than the army was flooded with demands of soldiers to return to the Hebrew University, Kibbutzim and other phases of civilian life. Talking to some of these people, I saw that they were not disinterested as to the prospects of the future. It was with realization of and an eagerness to assist in solving the grave problems of reconstructing and rebuilding their country that they wanted to return to normal life.

The young Israelis are avid readers and have a good understanding of politics, but are by no means over-serious. They have a good knowledge of Tanach and are familiar with a great many Midrashim. Most important, they are eager to learn.

The charge that the Israelis are "Goyim M'dabrei Ivrit" (Hebrew-speaking Goys) is often made by religious leaders and Jewish Classicists. This seems to be a projection of their views on the life of the Yishuv. Much of this Yishuv, whose core was allocated to the Israelis would be dissipated if those who are hasty to offer judgment would make a serious attempt to understand the citizens of the young nation.

The basic fact which must be recognized, however, is that Israel is not the cultural center as proposed in the writings of Ahad Ha'am, but is to the Jews in America to the Herzl-Nordau idea. The cultural potentialities are inherent in the masses, and are in an amorphous state which must be molded. Such projects as the universitites along the Yakum, the new Jewish encyclopedia, and the publications of the Blaik Foundation are examples of the work to be done on Judasim in Israel, which will certainly be expected. A national Jew is one...
Panzer, Queens Edge Y.U.; Kingsmen Rally Down's Blue

Second Half Spurt Wins For Brooklyn

Yeshiva sustained its first defeat of the season as Brooklyn rallied in the second half and overcame the Mites 69-64, on Saturday evening, December 3, at the Central Trades High School gym, before an overflow crowd of one thousand spectators.

Hershkowitz was the high scorer of the game, scoring 17 points, including the free throw in the final minute of play, which sealed the win.

The contest started with Artie Stein tossing the first field goal through the ring. Marra then evened the count, throwing one in from the floor for the Mites. Big Art led the Kingsmen in the first half with 13 points, while Hershkowitz scored only 6. Hershkowitz's basket opened the second half, but the Mites took charge and led by 44-39 at the 5:30 mark.

Brooklyn cracked the contest open with a spurt of 13 points in the final quarter, led by Marra, who had 7 points in that stretch. The Mites were unable to score during the final 4 minutes.

In the first half, Brooklyn outscored the Mites 19-17. Brooklyn had 24 points in the second half, while the Mites had 22. During the final 20 minutes, Brooklyn scored 23 points, while the Mites scored 17.

Brooklyn's line-up included Marra, Stein, Hershkowitz, Hershkowitz, and Hershkowitz, while the Mites' line-up included Marra, Stein, Hershkowitz, Hershkowitz, and Hershkowitz.

For Prowling Panthers Nip Mites, 57-54; Queens Wins In Final Seconds, 51-45

Panzer College defeated Yeshiva at East Orange on Wednesday, Dec. 14, by a score of 51-45.

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The early big lead however was soon eliminated by the Mites in the second half, as they scored 17 points to take the lead. Marra, Stein, and Hershkowitz led the Mites in the second half, with Marra scoring 9 points, Stein scoring 8 points, and Hershkowitz scoring 7 points.

The Mites led the court during the rest period on the scoreboard.

"D LVYH" Hartman opened the second half with two sets shots, but was only able to lead the teams to a point. The twain these shots came a charity loss by Stein to leave Panzer with a 4-point lead. Shortly after, Stein's boy finally caught up with their sharp-shooting opponents, but was then stopped by a jump shot to the score at 8-1. The game progressed to 14, but the Mites were unable to force Marra, Stein, and Hershkowitz to come out of the game.

Top-scoring honors in this pulse-quickening contest were garnered by Marra, Stein, and Hershkowitz with 19 markers each. Stein, who left the game on the left hand between the Mite defense and won the Mites with 17 points.

Outstanding among the dribbling and passing players was Marra, who had 13 points, 12 with thirteen points, Marra and Stein, who threw in 14 of his 17 in the first half.

QUEENS GAME

The Yeshiva Quinhdoplets went down to their second defeat of the hands of Queens College, 51-45, on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at the Forest Hills High School court. The game was marked by many shots which rolled around the rim of the basket and were missed.

Failing to counter on 18 of their 25 free throws contributed considerably to the game's outcome. The Queens shooters did slightly better from their foul line, sinking 22 of 30 free throws.

High scorer of the evening was Yeshiva's Artie Stein with 18 markers. The Mite defense and won the Mites with 17 points.

The Mites started slowly and were tied at 5 in the opening minute of play. The lead changed hands often in the final frame, but Queens broke the contest open in the last minute of play.

The game was roughly played, and at the end of the contest the three Yeshivites and two Queens men had committed four personal fouls.

The game was delayed, but at the end of the contest the Queens and a point each was declared.

The total points were 51 for Queens and 45 for Yeshiva.

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Dyen, Sam—Some twenty years ago, Sam was born dyne', and still shows no signs of improving. Given a basketball or a ping-pong racket, he will simulate a being, but in classes he suffers a binate.

A thoroughgoing historian, Sam usually does excellent work, nevertheless. He knows his Hebrew grammar and feels little consolation at being unable to stick to the barest essentials. In the future, we should exercise more care in selecting officers whose blood does not seem to consist of a substance oddly resembling money, dyne.'