Y. U. Philatelists Hold Successful Stamp Exhibition

An all-day exhibition of Israeli stamps was held at Yeshiva University's Paddock Library, Sunday, May 31, to mark the establishment of the Israeli Philatelic Society at the University as the second chapter of the Society of Israel Philatelists.

The presentation ceremony took place at 4 p.m. Morton Richter '50 acted as Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Louis A. Sarrow, President of the Society of Israel Philatelists, presented the charter to Dr. Samuel L. Belkin, Dean of Men of Yeshiva University, for the new chapter. Mrs. Helene Blumkin, Senior Citizen judge of the Court of Appeals of New York, was also present.

The presentation was followed by an exhibition of stamps submitted by members of the Stamp Service of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which was accepted by Mrs. Blumkin. The presentation of stamps was completed by an exhibition of Youth Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine material prepared by the Jewish Agency, and a display of palestine post stamps and post cards.

Senior Dinner

Reservations at $5 per plate for the Senior Dinner to be held at the Hotel Broadway should be submitted to Emanuel Forman '53, vice-president of the senior class, by June 5.

Judge Hand, Mayor, Dean Sar To Receive Honorary Degrees

Judge Learned Hand, Chief Justice of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals of New York, the Honorable Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of the City of New York, and Mr. Samuel L. Bar, Dean of Men of Yeshiva University, will be the recipients of honorary degrees which will be conferred by the University at commencement exercises to be held Tuesday, June 23, in the Nathan Lamport Auditorium.

A guest speaker at the exercises will be Herman Wouk, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, and Visiting Professor of English at Yeshiva.

Judge Hand, 61, will receive the degree of LL.D. upon the occasion of his retirement from a period of forty-two years on the bench. During this period, he has come to be known as a "judge's judge" and recently announced his plans to retire when court sessions end this month.

Hand Honored

Judge Hand served as judge of the United States District Court for Southern New York from 1908-34, and was appointed to his present position in 1934. Since his first appointment to the bench by President Taft, thirteen years following his graduation from Harvard Law School, Judge Hand has rendered over 1,800 decisions, and has received honorary degrees from Columbia, Yale, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Princeton, Amherst and Dartmouth.

Mayor Impellitteri received his law degree from Fordham University in 1924, and in 1929 became an Assistant District Attorney. For a short period of time, he practiced law in a firm with Judge Samuel Leibowitz, and served as law-secretary to State Supreme Court Justice Peter Schmuck. In 1945, he was elected President of City Council, and four years later became Mayor after William O'Dwyer resigned. In 1950, he ran as an independent and was elected to complete a full term in office.

Dean Sar is a graduate of the Temple Yeshiva and attended the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute and the University of Maryland School of Law. He has been associated with Yeshiva since 1919, and was secretary to the Board of Trustees until 1943. In 1957, he was appointed Dean of Men and Professor of Bible.

The resignation of Dr. Moses Legis Isaacs, Dean of Yeshiva College, effective September 1, 1953, was revealed by Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University.

Dr. Isaacs' resignation terminates 15 years of service as administrator of the College, 11 years of which he served in the capacity of dean, and comes at the end of 25 years of instruction as a member of the college faculty. No immediate successor has been named.

Dr. Belkin also announced that he expects Dr. Isaacs to remain with the faculty in the capacity of Professor of Chemistry.

In his letter to Dr. Isaacs, dated June 1, the president wrote:

"I deeply regret that a few weeks ago you informed me that it is your final decision to resign from the deanship of Yeshiva College, effective as of September 1, 1953."

"I genuinely regret your decision because you and I have worked together in harmony for more than fourteen years. You may remember that I served as a member of the Executive Committee of Yeshiva College under your chairmanship during the administration of my late predecessor, the sainted Dr. Bernard Revel of blessed memory. I say in all sincerity that I never met a man more honest, sincere, and self-effacing than you."

"I can readily understand, however, that a position of a dean—at best—is a very difficult one; indeed, it is almost impossible to satisfy a faculty, a student body, and alumni."

"You will always be remembered in the annals of Yeshiva College for having been greatly instrumental in making three major contributions toward the advancement of Yeshiva College:

- "You worked diligently in organizing a full-time faculty.
- "Through the many years of dedicated service you were chiefly responsible for having developed our College to the high academic level so that it finally achieved accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
- "You instituted discipline in the College.

"I wish you great success in your future endeavors both in the field of research and teaching."

The letter concluded with the president's greetings of "genuine affection for you, both as a person and scholar," and was signed simply "Samuel Belkin, President."

Dr. Isaacs came to Yeshiva University as an Instructor in Chemistry in 1926, when the College was first organized. He was appointed Associate Professor of Chemistry in 1930, and served as Assistant to the President and as a member of the executive committee of the College, before he was appointed Dean and Professor of Chemistry in 1940.

In 1949, Dr. Isaacs was appointed to the faculty at Columbia, where he served for 16 years. At the time of his departure from Columbia in 1952 to assume the deanship of Yeshiva, he held the rank of Assistant Professor of Sanitary Science.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a distinction he shares with his seven brothers and sisters.

Dr. Isaacs is President of the New York City Branch of the Society of American Biologist, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Executive Committee of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the Executive Council of the American Jewish Committee.
President, Editor Follow Fresh Fashion, Take Bows for Initial T.V. Appearances

By Henry Kressel

We had been prepared for almost anything when we broke the insidious machine to life by turning a knob. What we had never expected was the overwhelming effect that our commercial success has had on us. We have been accustomed to living in a state of constant fear, forever afraid to lose our grasp through R. O. had treachery, theft by a few thousand dollars and one other infirmities that are only available through as many wonderful remedies. The comedians, heaven help us, have been made out to look like caricature and accused us once again to reading a form of retribution. This, no doubt, is due to something about accidental, some people having discovered that looking oneself in a room with a good book was one sure way of escaping madness.

The normal video fare had, however, left unspoiled by the first sight of the flabby baggy, baggy tweeds and ready grin of Yitz Witty who overpowered the little screen on WNBHF May 19. He was part of a panel of college newspaper editors on the Katz Smith show who hugely enjoyed exposing themselves discussing certain serious issues of identity facing them and their papers.

During the proceedings one of the professors of the college announced: "Would you, as editor of a college newspaper, be willing to print the Willow Burtles Christmas stories, if you felt that this would increase the paper's circulation?" Mr. Witty professed himself willing to do so, feeling confident that these exposés would interest his readers immensely. This, in itself, is a most remarkable piece of psychological insight on the part of a mere student.

Dr. Belkin, acting on the assumption that anything a "Commentator" editor can do can be done better, appeared on WABD's "This Week in Religion," Suntrivially so. The intelligent questioner, Rabbi Heshel Schachter '35, the interviewer, brought out some interesting views on religion on the part of Dr. Belkin. It can justly be said that Dr. Belkin most effectively outlined the organization plans for Yeshiva and in general made a most favorable impression on his viewers.

Letter to the Editor

Prof. Levine Lists Accusations Against The Commentator In Reply to Editorial

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR some professors were accused of "voicing these criticisms and invective attempt to undermine "students' confidence in their own expression." Professor Brack's name along with mine, were singled out as guilty of voicing invective to students and in classrooms and in personal conference.

Without any feeling of rancor I want to assure these charges and, at the same time, state my views about THE COMMENTATOR, which... incidentally, are shared by a great majority of the faculty.

My first accusation is that THE COMMENTATOR staff has not always been very perceptive in checking and re-checking the veracity of their news items. Very often, perhaps unwittingly, they have published news items which are only partially true. A recent announcement that Professor Kirsch is about to open a laboratory at our college, to be equipped with an electron microscope to carry out research on the heart muscles, beautiful illusion that we checked this news item with Professor Kirsch and he laughingly denied the whole thing. "Yes," he said, "a laboratory will be opened but not in the near future, and, furthermore, at Yeshiva University." I brought this to the attention of Mr. Witty, your editor. He shifted the implied blame to an officer of the administration who gave him this information. I claim, however, that neither this editor nor responsible editors could have phoned Professor Kirsch and easily checked every item of the story.

Again, by implication, I am accused of "voicing these criticisms to students in his own initiative to come to apologize for news and certainly be slanted by judicious omission of circumstances and personal attacks as a part of his initiative.

My third accusation relates to what I think is insufficient coverage about the individual students. Over the many years I have read THE COMMENTATOR I have felt keenly the lack of news items concerning my students. Your staff should work hard to ferret out such persons and publish it with the consent of the student involved. Instead you have been concerned yourself with high policy which you have often misunderstood and I suggest you prove to the students the fact and the consideration upon which such policy is founded.

In my opinion, the remedy for most of these evils could come about through a change in the method of selection of an editor-in-chief. At present, your outgoing editor selects the new editor and all that makes this a self-perpetuating organization that has not been elected by the students body whose name you often thunder ineffectively upon your opponents. Such a procedure is by no stretch of the imagination to be construed as democratic and I am opposed to such an idea. I would suggest that elected representatives of the student body select the editor-in-chief. this constitutes a self-perpetuating organization that has not been elected by the students body whose name you often thunder ineffectively upon your opponents. Such a procedure is by no stretch of the imagination to be construed as democratic and I am opposed to such an idea. I would suggest that elected representatives of the student body select the editor-in-chief. This constitutes a self-perpetuating organization that has not been elected by the students body whose name you often thunder ineffectively upon your opponents. Such a procedure is by no stretch of the imagination to be construed as democratic and I am opposed to such an idea. I would suggest that elected representatives of the student body select the editor-in-chief. This constitutes a self-perpetuating organization that has not been elected by the students body whose name you often thunder ineffectively upon your opponents. Such a procedure is by no stretch of the imagination to be construed as democratic and I am opposed to such an idea. I would suggest that elected representatives of the student body select the editor-in-chief. This constitutes a self-perpetuating organization that has not been elected by the students body whose name you often thunder ineffectively upon your opponents.

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**Letters from the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and Andrei Vishinsky, Delegate of the U.S.S.R., have been received by the Queens College "crown" and The Columbia Observer. The editors of both papers have requested a request for a group of college editors to visit behind The Iron Curtain. This group has been designated in a group requesting a trip to the U.S.S.R. last month.

**Embassy Conference**

Embassy, which was arranged with the cooperation of the Long Island Daily Press, took place May 16. At this conference, the group stated that they were most interested in the fields of Russian Education, areas of study, the arts, student publications, and social life. "As newspaper men," a public relations group said, "we are interested in seeing how Russian publications operate, and the situation in Pravda." In addition, the group is interested in visiting a collective farm, and the Moscow Daily thoughts on the U.S.S.R. Their request was limit-

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**Science Students to Retain Status**

The plans to change the status of science majors attending the Teachers College have been announced. The announcement of Dr. Samuel Belkin, President of the University, was announced last week by Dr. Hyman Grinstein, Registrar of the T. I.

Dr. Grinstein stated that it had been planned to science majors to enter special classes where they would take a lighter program of Jewish Studies. The plan also called for science majors to spend two years in fulfilling the normal one year requirement period. However, Dr. Grinstein stressed, "all science majors to be included in the plan." Dr. Howard Spear, '55, who was a co-manager of the book store, said that the science majors to enter the special classes will serve as Student Council representatives.

**Editorial**

"The reason we wish to visit Russia is in order to foster mutual understanding with the Russian people."
YEARS AHEAD OF THEM ALL!

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