Russian Request Rates Nyet As Dean Depicts Drawbacks

A petition signed by twenty-eight Yeshiva College students urging the adoption of a two-year basic Russian language course has been rejected by the Department of Languages, headed by Dr. David Felder.

Dean Beacon, in commenting on the decision, said that the addition of such a course would entail difficulties because there exists no Russian language department to serve as a basis for expansion.

Two Years Inaudible

He stated that "owing to the very nature of the language, a real working knowledge of the Russian could not possibly be obtained in two years. Other difficulties to be considered are the necessity of learning a new alphabet and the fact that the very few students have been exposed to the Russian language in high school."

The Dean emphasized the fact, however, that he is not opposed to student petitions and opinions, and stated that a Contemporary Jewish History, Philosophy course and a one-year scientific Russian course which were adopted on the basis of petitions are not unusable for the purpose of Philosophy.

Need for Philosophy

The Dean emphasized the need for a basic underlying philosophy concerning additions to the curriculum, "Expansion of the curriculum is needed but it cannot be done in a haphazard fashion. The college curriculum undergoes new changes to meet new demands. An announcement concerning an important faculty decision in this regard will be forthcoming," he commented.

Juniors, Freshies And Song Make Mighty Merry Mixture At Stern "Shadchan" Social

Yeshiva College Juniors and Stern College Freshmen attended the opening-night performance of "Painter's Paradise" at the Stern Theatre, Saturday night, December 4.

The entire production was under the directorship of Andrea Kirschnitz and Esther Wigrin with special effects by Auriel Spiegelman.

Emerging Sterlins

On entering the theatre, one was greeted by two lovely ladies who distributed leaflets, which became the secret weapon of the evening. It contained instructions on how to identify various socializers. Inside, the usual array of attractive females who demanded to know whether you were silver cuff links on your last trip to Israel, or, if your first name began with a "T," and if so, why? I evoke a lad's heart when she asked, "What's your major? What department are you in?"

Russian Sets Riots Evaluation; Seeks Official Cooperation

The Student Organization of Yeshiva is undertaking the evaluation of the curriculum of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, college level program, announced Eugene Zaveloff, '60 president of the Student Organization.

The fields of evaluation will be attendance, the relationship between rabbits and students, the amount of bickering, and the curriculum in general.

Debaters Plan West Coast Travels Among Forensics Tours This Year

Forty colleges will debate the Yeshiva University Debating Society using the national topic during its six-tours beginning February 26, announced Murray Lautlicht '61, president of the society.

A Far-Western tour to California, Colorado, and Texas will be included for the first time.

It will consist of debates with the University of Southern California, U.C.L.A., the University of Colorado and Rice University, among others.

The Midwest, the Deep South, the Washington-Baltimore district, the Boston area, and the western Massachusetts Connecticut district will also be visited by the society.

The United States Naval Academy and Georgetown University are tentative additions to the Washington-Baltimore tour schedule.

The Yeshiva team traveling in the Boston region will encounter Brandeis in a synagogue debate in addition to, among others, Harvard and M.I.T.

Contests with Amherst College and Smith College are planned for the Western Mass.-Conn. tour.

"Many of the debates will be on topics of current interest," Mr. Lautlicht said.

He added that he would like to see an honor system in operation at Yeshiva. "In general, there is a need for us to cut down on cheating, and for the administration or the students to take a firm stand on solving some of the problems."

A questionnaire will be sent to all students who neglect their responsibilities of attending class and studying in the Beis Hamidrash during the set times.

"Many students of Yeshiva no longer look to the Rebbe for guidance and advice. We do not feel that this is the entire fault of the rabbi, but rather of the students, and we hope to find a way to correct this," stated Mr. Zaveloff.

"We want to work in conjunction with the R.I.C. to find out how each of these affects each individual student," said Mr. Zaveloff. "We want to be a greater help to the administration or the students to take a firm stand on solving some of the problems."

Council Offers Cup To Bolster Bleeders

For the first time since the inception of the Blood Drive, Student Council will present a trophy to the class with the highest percentage of donors. A name plate with the graduating year, the winning class will be place, will be presented.

The drive will be conducted Wednesday, December 21, 1960 in Klein Hall. Cake, milk, coffee and juice will be distributed. Eugene Rosenthal '61, chairman of the committee, stated, "With the institution of class competition this year, the Blood Drive should surpass last year's record 275 pints."
Never On Sunday

On Sunday night, December 11, the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society presented its first production, "No Time for Sergeants." When the curtain was lifted, the members of the cast, who had rehearsed for many weeks, strolled into a disappointingly small audience. Where were their fellow students? Wherever they were, they should have been in that audience.

At the year's Dean's Reception over twelve hundred people were in attendance; at this play not even one-quarter of that number was present. The apathy and lack of responsibility among Yeshiva College students revealed itself once more to the detriment of all concerned.

The future of extra-curricular activities in this school, as it has been pointed out by THE COMMENTATOR, depends upon the responsibility and support of the student body. The value of these activities should not be disparaged by anyone, especially by the students, who receive the greatest benefit from them.

The reorganization of the Dramatics Society was an important step in the development of our extra-curricular activities and it may well come to hold one of the key positions in the entire program. Whether one wishes to participate in any aspect of the production or not is no reason for a Yeshiva College student not to attend these performances.

Attendance at the one presentation of the Dramatics Society this semester was a minimal request. The success of the Dean's Reception shows that many students are interested, and do attend, amateur productions, especially those presented by their fellow students. Where was the vast majority of those students the night of December 11? There is no answer, only an embarrassing and condemning silence.

All The Fine Young Cannibals

It is not very often that a Yeshiva man receives an opportunity to prove that he is a red-blooded American. When such a windfall presents itself, THE COMMENTATOR feels that he should hesitatingly take advantage of the situation. Aside from the personal glory thus gained, he helps earn for Yeshiva College a place in the hearts of men.

On Wednesday, December 21st, at Klein Hall, Yeshiva College students, fortunate souls that they are, will be able to avail themselves of such an opportunity. For a limited time only — 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — our boys will be able to show the stuff of which they are made. Our brave young men will turn in innumerable numbers to donate blood so that others, or perhaps they, may live healthy and happy lives. The turnout should be astounding.

The Wind Cannot Read

A first-rate library is indicative of a first-rate college. Within its book filled shelves a student must be able to find the necessary tools for a proper education. If the shelves are empty or too full to be usable, if there is insufficient room for students to do their research in relative comfort then an important part of the educational process is lost.

We've been told time and time again of the University's desire to expand the library facilities at the Main Academic Center. We are still waiting. Construction hasn't started, ground hasn't been broken, and only the administration itself knows if there are any plans for the new library building. We'd also like to know.

The beginning of the school term always provides teachers with ammunition to use against the libraries. Professors complain that their books haven't been forthcoming and library officials claim that they were never ordered or that they were too late to get them in-time for the start of classes.

We'd like to have faith in everyone. But, unfortunately, we can't really believe that the blame rests entirely with one or the other. Many instructors are guilty of ordering their books at the last moment, not reserving books already in the library for next term's classes, and in general of having a lackadaisical attitude towards the library. On the other hand books can be ordered by the library with more promptness than is presently the case. There is no reason why books ordered in September or early October are still outstanding.

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To the Editor:

The Office of the President of the Senior Class has been advised that due to a paradoxical lack of benevolence on the part of the Stern College administration, there is to be no Senior-Freshman Chagiga this term.

This unfortunate situation was brought about by the failure of the administration to provide a date for this most stimulating affair. Its effect on both student bodies has been depressing, to say the least.

Pamela Unity

The spiritual bonds to our sister school have been solidified by these functions and I feel that a vacuum has been created. These socials have given birth to a spirit of unity within the ever-expanding Yeshiva family.

Recently a Stern College student leader plaintively remarked, "Our class is such a failure. Not one of us was engaged before Rosh Hashanah. Our class is such a failure. Not one of us was engaged before May of our freshman year. Isn't that positively scandalous? I mean how does the administration let things like these happen? We must be spending too much time in our classrooms. I mean can't the administration liberalize the cut system? I mean can't the administration evaluate its curriculum?"

Cruel Handicap

Does the Stern College administration feel that the solution to this disturbing problem is the elimination of our traditional get-together? What caused the administration to place this cruel handicap on the shoulders of the Class of '64?

I find the editorial silence of the usually-bombastic Stern College newspaper most disheartening. The administration should have realized their responsibility in guiding the inexperienced new-comers to the established procedure of courtship and pursuit. "Avery Gross '61"

The Letters to the Editor Editor:

I have noted with gratification the articles which THE COMMENTATOR has been devoting to the problem of Judaism in the modern world. In particular, I do much appreciate "The Future of Judaism" in the October 24 issue and the article by Ye-hudi Felman in the Silver Anniversary issue entitled "A Synthesis." The exchange of views between Mr. Agus and Mr. Felman was the most stimulating piece of literature on the problems of modern Judaism to come to my attention in many a moon.

Synthesis and all that the word connotes is the very essence of the philosophy of Yeshiva University. As a matter of fact, the very term "Yeshiva University" is a symbol of synthesis since one might think of the concept of a "Yeshiva" and a "University" as diametrically opposed. The term "synthesis" has never been finally and authoritatively defined. Tentative definitions are all that have been offered. In this respect the search for the ultimate definition of synthesis is like the search for an ultimate scientific, mathematical or philosophical truth. All solutions are tentative and temporary but at the same time an improvement over what we had before.

On Center Be Discouraged

One cannot be discouraged over the failure of scientists to reach such a sublime truth because such an achievement is impossible and such discouragement will lead to scientific retrogression. The same is true regarding mathematics and philosophy and synthesis. If we give up the search we will only fall below the point we reached previously. It is, therefore, extremely encouraging to see THE COMMENTATOR devoting space to the most important of all problems facing the Yeshiva student and the Yeshiva alumnu. The Yeshiva student, like all good students, devotes most of his working time to intellectual development and stimulation. It is for this reason that our contribution can be a uniquely rich one.

I hope that THE COMMENTATOR will continue to tackle "synthesis" which is the central problem of Yeshiva's philosophical foundation. In that way the concept will be ever further clarified and Yeshiva and its students will come closer to discovering the meaning of their own raison d'etre.

Judah J. Harris '55

Let's Analyze:

Israeli Politics

By Murray Laichet

Recently, I had the opportunity to chat with Pinchas Pelli, editor-in-chief of Panim al-Panim, Israel's only religious magazine. With the Chief Rabbi slated to be elected sometime this month, it was only natural that our discussion centered around this important event. (Continued on page 4)
WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE:

Teachers Institute should realize the importance of its work. The number of students produced by TI is a decided minority of its student body. Many boys who attend TI are interested in going to the college and enroll in TI only because its hours are shorter than those of RIETS. We think the time has come for TI to realize this. Specifically, we ask for the following changes:

1. Teachers Institute should be broken up into two groups — those who are planning to obtain either the Hebrew Teachers diploma or to those who are planning for the B.H.L. or are interested in pursuing a general Hebrew education.

2. Teachers Institute should be required to attend classes totalling at least fourteen hours each week. The emphasis of their curriculum should be placed on Bible, Talmud, ethics, elementary Jewish philosophy, Jewish history, midrash, Hebrew and Hebrew literature.

3. Under the present system, many students who are not planning on obtaining a degree attend 10 hours of classes each week, under a reduced program, at least six of which are devoted to Talmud.

We are merely trying to be realistic in light of the statistics revealed by the survey and our own observations of the TI student body, and recognize the fact that, for better or worse, there unquestionably exists a sizable number of students in attendance at TI who do not consider themselves Orthodox Jews. The curriculum should also reveal a cognizance of this fact.

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We fail to see how Baba Metzia will inspire anyone, not already religious, to become religious. We believe that to a non-religious person Talmud can only become a boring, didactic, complicated, meaningless exercise in futility.

But on the other hand, we feel that if the emphasis is placed on courses like Bible, Talmud, history, Jewish philosophy and Jewish ethics, students will be presented with a solid curriculum in basic Judaism.

2. Teachers Institute, in both programs, should enforce attendance regulations. The amount of cutting done in TI presents a serious problem.

Here again the administration should realize that a student who does not attend a Jew ish Teachers Institute regularly, fails to meet the standards of Yeshiva. This student should be averse to such a system, despite their lack of time, because this system represents a true laboratory in practical Talmudic knowledge and could possibly be added to the smicha curriculum as an elective.

In this manner, each Yeshiva student can be offered at least one-hour per week to discuss his personal religious problems intimately with a future rabbinic. We feel that such an orientation is a needed one.

Secondly, the need for an evaluation of the RIETS curriculum is compelling. We are greatly pleased that the Student Organization of Yeshiva is planning to start such an evaluation and we wish it success.

Finally, on the above, we would argue that a solid grounding in Jewish ethics is of paramount importance. Every even denominational school, such as RIETS, includes a thorough curriculum in ethics, and we feel that Yeshiva should be no exception.

There should be a compulsory course in Jewish ethics so that all students will realize that a person who admits to being dishonest during a test cannot then claim to be Orthodox.

We believe that the student body of RIETS would corroborate this survival.

We would feel that as long as Talmud alone is taught at RIETS, the great majority of students applying for admission will be religious, since Jews.

Yet, we are dismayed that less than one-quarter of these religious, sincere Jews could state, in all honesty, that they did not participate in dishonest practices while taking examinations, that only two-fifths denied that they had any physical contact with girls, while still claiming to be Orthodox. Something is very wrong if Yeshiva boys can claim to live in accordance with Orthodox Judaism while neglecting the two fundamental principles of honesty and physical sanctity.

A majority of the Yeshiva boys apparently have not the slightest appreciation for what Orthodox Judaism claims to stand for. Yet, we feel, RIETS is doing absolutely nothing to combat this.

Religious boys come from sheltered backgrounds to encounter a new world of ideas, acquaintances, and confusion. The good boys are taught, perhaps, too little, or more accurately during the year, which we will assume they know perfectly. But what is this pitance in comparison with the sea of Talmud? Do our students take away from Yeshiva a satisfactory knowledge of Judaism merely because they studied parts of tractates such as Chumash, Pesachim, or Baba Metzia?

Can this knowledge suffice when one comes into conflict with social or intellectual problems? Can the result of this pitifully inadequate education be anything but confusion and consequent acceptance of a double standard whereby we follow only what we wish, since we understand nothing? The need for reform is clear and definite. Here are the proposals which we urge the administration to adopt immediately.

1. A threefold religious guidance program must be immediately instituted. We consider it tragic that there is but one person with whom a student can consult on an intimate basis over a long period of time. Corrective action must be immediately undertaken lest the situation deteriorate completely beyond control.

Certain smicha students, appointed by the smicha committee, as the future religious leaders of Orthodox Judaism, should be assigned three or four RIETS students that they will take under their wings. They are to offer them advice and guidance, based upon their maturity and their superior knowledge. They must be proper advocates and will be as averse to such, a system, despite their lack of time, because this system represents a true laboratory in practical Talmudic knowledge and could possibly be added to the smicha curriculum as an elective.

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all answers would remain anonymous and confidential. Until now, only the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR and the Executive Council of Student Council were in possession of the results of the questionnaire.

Of the two per cent of the RIETS students stated that they did not consider themselves to be Orthodox Jews; the remaining eight per cent classified themselves as being either Conservatives or "other."

We attribute the high percentage of Orthodox students to this fact: that it is the responsibility of all students to attend RIETS only if he plans to receive smicha, or if he studied at yeshivos all his life and has a very strong desire to continue "learning in the true Orthodox manner." A quick look at the student body of RIETS would corroborate this survival.

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Greenberg Fills Key Post
Pres. Assistant Appointed

Dr. Irving Greenberg has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Scholastic Standings Committee, stated Dr. Isaac Bacon, dean of Yeshiva College.

Dr. Greenberg is currently acting president of the University High School of Brooklyn. Mr. Wurz, a graduate of Y.C., received his M.A. from Columbia.

Record Enrollment Established Again

Approximately five thousand, students are now enrolled in the seventeenth divisions of Yeshiva University, announced Dr. Samuel B. Soloveichik, president. This is the fifth consecutive year that the student body has increased over the previous term.

Dr. Abe Gelbard, dean of the Graduate School of Sciences, noted that the enrollment of this division has jumped by 43 percent.

Fulda To Speak At S.O.Y. Affair

Rabbi Manfred Fulda will be the guest speaker at the S.O.Y.'s annual Chanukah Chagiga to be held at the Rubin Residence Hall, Monday December 19, stated Eugene Zeff '60, president of the S.O.Y.

Rabbi Fulda is an instructor in Talmud at Yeshiva University High School in Manhattan and a member of the Stern College faculty.

Four to five hundred people are expected to attend the affair. Aaron Levine '61, Norman Strickman '61, and Morty Minchenberg '61 are members of the Chagiga Committee which supervised the preparation for the affair.

Chagiva

The Tl Chanukah Chagiga, featuring Dr. Zerech Warhaftig, will be held in the dorm cafeteria, Thursday December 15 at 8:30 P.M. Dr. Warhaftig, former Deputy of Religion in Israel is a member of the Kooster.

In addition, Rabbi Shlomo Garlbach, Chassidic folk singer and guitarist, will entertain.

Loan Fund Reports On Past Six Years

The Student Free Loan Fund in Memory of Mendel Gottesman, Senior, Mr. Jacob Mandel, 40, has granted 1,092 loans amounting to $24,515.00 for students of Yeshiva and Stern College during the past six years.

For the year ending June 30, 1960, a total of $5,685.00 was lent to 279 students, 225 attending Yeshiva College and 54 attending Stern College.

Herbert Willig, trustee of the Fund, credited these achievements to the voluntary and full cooperation of the Yeshiva and Stern College student and the efficiency of Rabbi Abraham Ayrevoc, Dean Samuel Sar, and Mrs. Elizabeth I. Willig who administered the Fund.

Mr. Pelli was a career in the field of education and was a member of the faculty at Yeshiva University.

Jealousy has been known to motivate people to commit unkind and malicious acts. Thus resulted by having been rejected for the lead role in the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society's production of "No Time for Sergeants," the weather man vented all his rage and anger by calling the weather to shower down their wrath on the would-be Thespian. But the courageous Thespian, belater by her skill, saved the drama-in-quantity but a high-quality audience, proved equal to the task.

Speaking seriously however, this critic can witness with any feelings of regret that the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society's first production was a rewarding success.

Starring Jack Merkin '61, Murray Mednick '62, and Yaron Sokol '63, the smash Broadway hit "No Time for Sergeants" was revived in the auditorium of P.S. 71 in Manhattan, Sunday night, Dec. 11. Ira Levin's laugh filled play was executed with a skill far surpassing that of the usual amateur production. Directed by Vel Zeira, president of the Dramatic Society, cast members were equally well directed by Manny Waterman, "No Time for Sergeants" proved once again the talent and ingenuity of Yeshiva College students at all aspects of dramatic presentation.

Jack Merkin as Will Stockdale, the well-meaning Georgia lad through no fault of his own, dimly depicted the peaceful serenity of this country's military forces, recreated the role made famous by Andy Griffith. Mr. Merkin in the traditional role gave an outstanding performance complete with Southern drawl and sincere naiveté although suffering from fever. Yaron Sokol as Ben Whitaker was Will's buddy who desires to be transferred to the Infantry from the Air Force was convincing and portrayed with great success.

Meditnekan Magnificent

Cognizant of all the fine performances, this critic feels compelled to single out Murray Mednick for his portrayal of Sergeant King, the fall-guy, who is invariably blamed for Will's mistakes and the Air Force blunders. To state that Merkin's role was superb is no exaggeration. His appearances on the stage were the highlights of the play. His ex­pessions and gestures were executed with the audience that he was a professional actor. The supporting cast of Bernie Rachelle, Harvey MaFletie, Richard Drucker, and Henry Pharo added color and spirit to the production.

It was a cold, snowy evening outside, but inside the auditorium a warmth prevailed. Frozen fingers and soaking wet clothing were soon forgotten as a speech and song were sung. Vocalists and instrumentalists joined forces to uplift the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society.

Bernie Rachelle comforts Jack Merkin as Vel Zeira and Murray Mednick look on: "Smile, Jack! We'll have an audience."

Let's Analyze:

Israel Politics...

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Mr. Pelli was one of the earlier and most ardent supporters of the election of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik to the position of Chief Rabbi. However, since Rabbi Soloveitchik has definitely declined to run for the office, Mr. Pelli feels that all factions should unite solidly behind Rabbi Shlomo Goren, present Chief Chaplain of the Israeli Army.

"Of the available candidates," Mr. Pelli asserted, "there is no doubt that Rabbi Goren is best qualified to be Chief Rabbi. He is a strong man, a tremendous man, and a spiritual leader who truly understands the problems besetting Israeli youth."

Mr. Pelli denounced vehemently the unfounded insinuations cast upon Rabbi Goren's personability by various political organizations. "The cheap tabloids have no basis for their insinuations," asserted Mr. Pelli about the next Chief Rabbi, and it was only because of political bickering that these vicious stories were dreamed up," he asserted.

I was also informed by Mr. Pelli that the late Rabbi Toledano had plans to embark upon a "spiritual mission" to Israel, shortly after his departure from the State, commented, "When Rabbi Soloveitchik arrives in Israel, he will be crowned the religious leader of world Jewry, and particularly Israeli Jewry." I was told, "The historical significance of his trip will be truly earth-shaking."

Having been informed by my Governing Board that they would like to express their opinions on a certain matter, I was told that my space would be limited in this issue. With the help of God and the Managing Editor, I hope to conclude my report of the interview with Mr. Pelli in our next issue.

more lecturers and social directors, he stated.

The late Rabbi Toledano divided the country into 28 election districts. The Rabbinate for that reason was gerrymandered in favor of the government and refused to participate in the electoral council. Troubles mushroomed with various rabbinic changing sides between the Government's and the Rabbinate's positions, Mr. Cohen explained. The legal sanction of the Chief Rabbinate having expired a few months ago, it was suggested to solve all the problems by separating the Chief Rabbinate from the government.

Mr. Gavriel Cohen

Chug Ivri Highlights

Rabbinate Problems

"The struggle for the Chief Rabbinate," was discussed by Mr. Gavriel Cohen before a joint meeting of the Yavneh Society and the Chug Ivri.

Mr. Cohen is a former editor of the religious students' newspaper in Israel.

He gave a brief description of the historical role the Rabbinate has played in Jewish life.

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Thursday, December 15, 1960

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Campus Chatter
by Dave Zembor

Jewish Collegiate Observer: "The physical growth of a human being is accompanied by intellectual development. This development is rapidly accelerated during the college years. Consequently, he finds little time for religious education. Thus, his religious intellect becomes static and his intuitive, spiritual, and transcendental puissance and spiritual religious outlook for the remainder of his life. Oftimes, the failure to deepen the understanding of religious education leads to a negative attitude toward religious education. This rejection is not made on the basis of intelligent choice but rather on the basis of ignorance.

To those of us who are so immersed in the turmoil, the atmosphere the importance of Jewish education is obvious..."

 Pace College Press: "We are in favor of noise and enthusiasm. In our hallways, we have no fear of security and status and people who speak softly... We stand in constant support of Harris, Black, Dr. Bacon, Frank Lloyd Wright, and professors who smoke pipes. We will be just as constant in our opposition to Harry Truman, Jack Maer, Joyce Brothers, Elvi, and college professors who cheat on quiz shows. The people we try to please will be those who love laughter, truth love, love youth, and love beauty..."

St. Vincent Review: Excerpt from a letter written by a home-sick freshman: "To be fresman for to go to Mass every morning. The freshmen were the only ones who went. We prayed for the underclassmen."

Two fresh were injured in the mad rush for the dinner all the first day after Mass..."

Brooklyn College Kingman: (Dr. Bacon's president) "stated that there is deadwood on every campus and that it is up to the students to weed this deadwood out."

Dr. Bacon, chair of Jewish Studies Program answered the questionaire, we

Council Discusses Yeshiva Synthesis; Would Strengthen Jewish Studies

by Neil Storn

(Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of articles discussing the relationship of our religious and secular studies.)

Dr. Isaac Frost, dean of Yeshiva College is a truly Orthodox man with high ideals. He feels that through Yeshiva American Jewry has the chance to train its future leaders in a yeshivah-type institution within the framework of modern education and thinking.

Dr. Bacon also feels that one can live comfortably strictly on the basis of religious teachings. Thus, for the Mordechai, secular learning is neither a necessity nor a prerequisite for everyday living. But the dean stresses, since the chachomim of the past preferred such studies, Yeshiva College provides instruction in the scientific method of investigation.

The dean maintains that for this attitude is because the student tries to combine the two. If a student finds that a rationalization for the other. When a problem arises, the more material and practical science is used as an approach in a religious principle.

In place of this pseudo-combination, Dr. Bacon suggests that the student adopt the idea of a separation of science and religion. The reason? The logic of science is not the same as the logic of religion. Religion is based on faith, e.g., a person must feel within his heart that there is a God. No one can prove the existence or that there is a God. It may be that God is a God or may not be. When the problem is discussed, the more material and practical science is used as an approach in a religious principle.

The reason is that the students must learn to think such problems through on their own. For conflicts arise like this, there are two elements that are necessary: a coherent understanding of Judaism and they are part of the experience of life.

Strengthen Jewish Studies

Not so Jewish studies. These courses the dean feels are needed because the core material is not up to date. Before. However, they must be strengthened. "There is no reason why a required Bible course should be taught by a Yeshiva B.B. 1.5 which is also required," says Dr. Bacon. To give teeth to this program the dean, in conjunction with the Jewish Studies Division, plans to institute a Jewish Studies major and possibly make it required for the student to take 12 credits in Bible.

Dean Frost is also pleased to continue the college's close association with the Bernard Revel Graduate School and the five former Yeshiva scholars who visited Yeshiva.

The raios' raios of Yeshiva as the dean understands it is that the students who want to learn may also get a college education. Says Dr. Bacon, "We must strive to give the student the best college education possible within the structure of Yeshiva. Therefore, great care must be exercised in order that the student will serve as a nucleus of religious education as well as secular teaching."

Part-Time Professors

Until such a time when we can attract the professional personnel that will fit into his idea of what Yeshiva College should represent, we propose to use part-time professors in place of full-time professors. A new and an evocative form of synthesis has come to Yeshiva in the person of Dr. Isaac Bacon. Whether its stamp will have an indelible effect remains for future classes to decide.
**Grandmaster Takes 29, Hauer Draws; Team Checks West Point, Seton Hall**

In a simultaneous chess exhibition, Pal Benko defeated 29 opponents in an amazing display of endurance and speed of mind. Benko, international grandmaster, was forced to a draw by Seton Hall's John M. Hauer, Co-Capt. of the chess team which sponsored the event.

Yeshiva's chessmen, in a non-league match, vanquished West Point and won a tie game at the Rubin Residence Hall, Sunday, December 4th.

Soon after the opening minutes of the game, Hauer and Bob Goldstein strategically overtook their Army opponents and went on to post early victories for Yeshiva. Following up in similar, and yet, fine fashion, Schoffman, Ben-Weiss, Barry Frankel and Eli Leiter.

**Against Chaim Drayer**

Jeff Grossman is a close watching battle of chessmen finally capped his match and won Yeshiva's first board, thus completing an almost clean sweep.

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After suffering a loss on board one, Yeshiva went on to sweep boards two and four with J. Rappaport and M. Rosman at the matches. With the score tied, M. Diskind toppled his man, clinching another victory for Yeshiva.

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