Rackman Appointed Aid To Belkin
Will Supervise RIETS And CSD

The appointment of Dr. Emanu- nel Rackman, associate professor of political science at Yeshiva Col-
lege, to the position of Assistant to the President of Yeshiva Uni-
versity, was announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Dr. Rackman will be in charge of the University's division of rabbinic studies at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and will oversee the Community Service Division.

Professor Rackman received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa in 1931. He earned his Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Columbia in 1933 and 1935, respectively. He was ordained at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in 1934.

Former president of the Rabbinical Council of America and the New York Board of Rabbis, Dr. Rackman is spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarai Tefilin in Far Rockaway, N.Y. Prior to assuming this pulpit, he was rabbi of Congregation Beth David, Lynbrook, N.Y. and Congregation Tefefrah Israel, Glen Cove, N.Y. He is presently head of the R.C.A. Beit Din for Gittin, which has been credited for saving more than 500 marriages since its inception.

Rabbi Rackman, a native of Albany, was born June 24, 1910. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and is past president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of the Armed Forces of the United States. He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for his services in World War II, where he served as military aid to the European Theater Commander's special advisor on Jewish affairs. He dealt with the problem of the Hachshara.

In 1961, Dr. Rackman was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Yeshiva University.

Alumni Plan For Career Guidance

The Yeshiva College Alumni Association is planning its fourth annual career night. The career night, arranged in cooperation with the Student Council, the Young Men's Council, and the Alumni Association, and Rabbi Diamond, director of guidance, will feature a series of discussions on "career opportunities and requirements in various professions."

A number of Yeshiva College alumni who have achieved merit and distinction in their fields as well as a group of vocation guides, will be available for the guidance of students.

El Yid Wins Competition; May Give Over Co-op

"El Yid," an original musical comedy produced and presented by members of the Junior Class, was held at George Washington High School. More than 1000 students, faculty members, and guests attended the affair.

The Junior play, called "El Yid," was written by David Zoscik, Myron Sokal, and David Jacobson. Seymour Rockoff composed the songs while David Waller directed the production. The principle players in the cast were portrayed by Ziff, Sherrard Goffin, and Rockoff.

The action revolves around a "revolutionary move by the Soviet Prenium to convert the entire population of Russia to Judaism." In order to implement this proposal, the President decides to bring over a Yeshiva University rabbi to teach about its new religion.

H.M.S. Harthtost was the title of a comedy presented by the Sophomore Class. A巴ader produced the script while Mitchell Wolf wrote the lyrics to the Gilbert and Sullivan melodies of the world-famous musical. Leonard Glass was play director, while Michael Goodman, David Lifshitz, Henry Fink, Carl Hartnitz, and Val Kran played leading roles.

The entire Junior Receptions was under the direction of Dr. Yossi Zeit's and Daniel Ziff '63.

Dr. Dirac Appointed To Physics Staff, Holds Nobel Prize

Dr. Paul A. M. Dirac, Nobel Prize winner in Physics for 1933, has been appointed visiting Professor of Physics for the spring semester of 1962 by Dr. J. M. Smith, Provost of Cambridge University, and by Dr. James Franck, Dean of the Graduate School of Science, announced Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Dr. Dirac was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1933 at the age of 31 for the mathematical suggestions that positive electrons do exist. In addition to the Nobel Prize, he was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society of England.

Professor Dirac is the originator of the transformation theory, which he developed in a book, "The Principle of Quantum Mechanics." This theory and related methodology is regarded as one of the most brilliant achievements in the history of modern physics.

Co-discoverer of the Fermi-Di- 
rector of physics, Dr. Dirac pioneered in developing the quantum theory and in electron theory.

He will deliver a series of lec-
tures on the Hamiltonian method in "Field Theory."
Dr. Menachem Brayer

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The Commentary

Dr. Brayer's door opens on a dim foyer of a Washington Heights apartment. You may hear commonplace sounds—a random yelp from one of his two infants and the sound of running water in the kitchen. But when you enter his library, you feel as if in a dwelling apart. It is like a long, high-ceilinged closet: two walls covered with bookshelves from floor to ceiling. The far wall has a window and a desk piled high with more books and articles in the making. The scene is complete with a few plain chairs, a dull green filigrain cabinet, and a low round table whose sole occupant are a large tall-sheik and a Villa gemara.

Parshah HaMikra (Biblical Exegetics) and Biblica occupy the next shelf. Psychology is the next section of the library. While Tanach is "the work of my heart," psychology is "my applied profession in practice." Psychology has added the value of serving as a key to understanding Tanach, and Dr. Brayer has lectured and written on the relation of religion and psychology. One projected work is "Dream Interpretation in the Ancient Hebraic Literature."

A few shelves are devoted to music and art. He even paints in his spare time.

1890 Yousse Library

His literary energies have also entered such fields as the history of Rumanian Jewry, Targumic literature and medicine in the Bible. The library has about 5000 volumes, only a fraction of what was destroyed by the Nazis in Europe.

His father had a sizable library when Mendel Brayer was born in Strusov, Poland, some 40 years ago. Before he finished his first year, the family was on the move, ultimately settling in Stefaansfel when Mendel was six years old. His father served as Rav and Marc de Awa in Stefaansfel for twelve years. That was when Mendel drank deeply of his father's library and absorbed much of the Kabbalistic experiences and hakela le maam.

Bedtmei Lazishy

At night he would lay awake in his tiny bed, listening to the voices floating in from his father's bedroom. Litigants came and went, and the Rav arbitrated justice far into the night. That was the bed-time hollay of young Mendel Brayer.

He would wake to the bustle of a Chauntic Jewish community. From his father and uncle he learned much Gemara, Tanach, Diddah, and Chassidus. For secular education he attended the local grammar school. At the age of fourteen, he left for the great Yeshiva of Kishinev.

The 1900 Telmad 1 at Kishinev were interested in learning and little else. There were no blue slips and no red tape. And certainly no financial considerations. The telmad owned little more than the cloak or kapotah on their backs—and some had only a vest.

Chassid-Yevnik Bimcheka

After his stay at Kishinev, Mendel returned home to Stefaansfel. He had his Yeshivah-Yevnik tmicha and was eighteen years old. It was 1940 and the first taste of war was bitter. Stefaansfel was a military zone and as security risks, all Jews were to be "evacuated." That night the Jews packed what possessions they could and prepared to leave their homes. Mendel's mother baked bread all night to distribute to the exiles.

The next day no Jew remained in the town. Rav Joseph Brayer headed his community in exile, until they settled in Botoshan. Four hundred months passed before the exiles were crushed with new or old. When Jews 10 to 60 years old would go no more. All rabbis would be held by the government as hostages.

While stories were told and new stories about life in the camps. You know about the dogs, the barbed wire, the forced marches. Yet every story has a moral.

Inside the camps, as outside, the Jews were not religious. Some, like Brayer, took to learning the Torah, and observed what laws they could. But it was not easy. Owing to a long Eshimon eretzi, Brayer's number (there were no names in the camps) was missed at 6:00 a.m. roll call. A guard was quickly dispatched to investigate and found the offender in his toilet. The whip came first. "All the guards carried whips. We thought them more frightening than the guns." Brayer's name was asked for an explanation. "I was praying for rain," Brayer said. "If it rains, we all go home." The guards, however, were assumed to be communists and grabbed the whip and walked away. "He never beat me again for dancing."

Ezer Pesach

Most Rumanian Jews who were sent to Besarabian and other camps survived. Some were sent to the gas chambers.

There were transfers from one camp to another. The first day at that was attended by a dusty drizzle. To guard against shaving every day, smiling soldiers would pull a bearded Jew from the huddled prisoners and rifle his beard, leaving his bloody and sensations on the ground.

In the animal-like life of the camps, undying souls still tried to uphold the faith. "They pulled us out to build roads in the middle of Yom Kippur."

He tramped the shores of the Danube where congregations were drowned.

The walls of the Nisa modroz in Yedidin were covered with scrawled inscriptions by the fleeing Jews of that city:

-Bruder, falter uns nis!—Zachor Aiki

Redemption came in 1943. "It was Ezer Pesach. We all ran home naked and without shoes, but that did not matter. We were oblivious to pain."

The remnants were alive in Botoshan. The house was bombed and looted. "What incensed me most was the loss of all the seforim. I brought my seforim with me when I was a child."

When his father and grandfather, their Haggahon on Torah and Shabbat, were lost. He had a beautiful set of Shabbat cloth and leather. They had ripped off the leather to make sandales.

Yet countless others, he tried to help. One day he was asked to help a former student. Now in his early twenties, he became active in Bnei Akiva. "In those days it was dat shenerh, no hopeless is."

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A group of professors at a small college were reviewing their plans for the University's upcoming social events. One gentleman was asked by his colleague what number he had dialed on the phone number of a nice girl. This was a strange request, for the inquirer was a happily married man, blessed with many grandchildren. After much prompting by the other professors, he gave the reason for his action. It seems that his wife was not as young as she used to be, and although he loved her very much, perhaps it would be wise to take some one else to this particular show. After all, his students would be there. What would they think?

Every member of that particular college community was plagued by a strange problem. Since there was only one prom during the entire school year, it was necessary to escort a young lady likely to make a good first-impression. The silent eyes of one's classmates would quickly pronounce judgement on one's choice; therefore, the basic pre-requisite for an evening's companion was a pretty face.

The relatively few minutes of a young lady's exposure to the public determined one's current status for an entire year. For many weeks after the event, official ratings were compiled by talented students in the large morning study hall. The fortunate received grades of ninety-five; those who had made less fortunate choices were greeted by cold stares.

A grade of forty-five was pitilessly doled out to one boy, despite the fact that he was a dean's list student in her school, the guardian of twelve brothers and sisters whom she had raised with care, and the recipient of a Good Student Award for keeping a vow. When her escort discovered the low grade, the engagement was immediately called off.

Let it not be thought that the young ladies are entirely devoid of judgment. In City Hall parlor rooms, and City Hall parlor rooms are made weeks before the great event, and campaigns of friendship aimed at the boys in the parlor rooms are initiated. In the borough of New York famous for its kosher pizza, mothers begin to contact their daughters to ensure that they have not asked out another boy.

A young lady from the camp in the Carpathian mountains didn't like it when we blew shofar six in the morning. He soon learned it is not considered fashion to wake this particular young lady to any motion picture of recent years, and will be shown each week until Passover.

"Bells Are Ringing" the first offering was shown February 12. Among the other films to be seen during the successive weeks are "The Longest Day," "D-Day, Sixth of June," "The Man Who Never Was," "Sink the Bismark," "Gunfight at the OK Corral," and "The Trouble with Harry.

The second series will consist of cultural selections. They will be shown throughout the week. The schedule of showings has not as yet been established. However, "South Window," a short film dealing with Elia Kazan's Frankenstein, was arranged for February 26 and "Death of Socrates" will be seen March 6. Another selection to be shown will be a short film dealing with the migratory labor problem. It is narrated by Edward R. Murrow.

"Gideon" Electrifies Throng With Dynamic Biblical Plot

by Daniel Shapiro

From the fast flowing quips to the immensely powerful man versus G-d drama, Gideon thrilled the audience, throwing them from their seats and into a medley of emotions. Gideon, played by Douglas Campbell, acted with a masterful movement through "divine simplicity" waxing vanity, and thorny ego, picked the throat. One could deal with Elia, but it has been transformed and his exalting passion.

And the angel of G-d. What an angel. Frederic March stomped in rage at Gideon, played by the radiant Jew, for him; March comforted and befriended the confounded Gideon. With his OK Corral, his table beard and flowing silver hair, the angel expressed dynamic character. The audience fixed their eyes and minds on him. With March, the tempo of the play was moved, both in joy and sadness.

The plot followed the Biblical plot. But Gideon's thoughts and actions were not always in keeping with the original character. Paddy Chayefsky, the author, seemed to want to present a conflict of interest between G-d and man, personified by Gideon. Chayefsky dragged Gideon through the real feelings of disbelief, great belief and David's faith in the year of G-d, and finally to the realization that man cannot really recognize G-d because man would be too insignificant in the face of such an omnipotent Being.

Pass The Test
With A Segal Vest

Kings Point Edges Matmen In Closing Minutes Of Meet

Israel Represented By YC At U of M

This year's session of the model United Nations at the University of Montreal was attended by David Epstein, 63, tournament director [Debat- ing Society] and President of Student De- pendent of the International Relations Society; and 63, President of the International Relations Society.

Montreal schools annually invite various colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada to participate in a mock United Nations session. Yeshiva was chosen to represent Israel.

"For hakshara, the children underwent a training period in the Carpathian mountains. They were taught Hebrew and self-defense. When the ships sailed under cover of darkness, the human cargo could be given away by a baby's cry.

In 1948, Menachem Brayer came with his wife, Ahuva. He became associated with Rabbi Chaim Heller, who advised him to go to Yeshiva University and work in Biblical-Talmudic Literature. He has served on the faculty ever since. He married into a prominent Chasidic family, the daughter of Rabbi M. S. Friedman, the Bosnian Rebbe: direct descendant of the great Maggid of Mezritch.

This is the life of Menachem Brayer. As this reporter looks at the material he has worked from, he realizes that it says much more than has been written. Here on the desk are seated European documents, the passport, the Bnei Akiva posters, a stack of photos, each harboring memories of far-reached people and places.

But most of the memories are in the mind of Menachem Brayer. As the facts were relayed by Rabbi Stefenstani, the fresh challah at Kishinev, the bloody face of the Jew whose beard was torn out, all these memories are slices of a life we have never known, lingering moments of a world destroyed. Many parts of the world need to be rebuilt for the Israeli and American Jewish communities. It is up to us to do the building.

On February 6th, Yeshiva lost a wrestling meet 30-0 to the New York Argies. Last night, the matmen triumphed over the home team to C.W. Post.
The Rookies

by Stuart Barman

According to the official interpretation of the N.C.A.A. by-laws in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Yearbook — Article IV, Section 1, "Freshmen, who are otherwise ineligible, may be permitted to compete in college division events provided their institution has an undergraduate male enrollment of less than 750. . . ." The ruling affects the athletic scene at Yeshiva University as we are included in the above category. Presently the fortunes of the basketball team are being aided considerably by four very capable rookies, one of whom is in the starting lineup — an unusual situation.

Particularly impressive is Joe Garsman, the shortest man on the squad at 5'6", who played at Jamison High School, the training ground for Al Stueden of St. John's and "All-American" fame. Capped on as the "sixth" man, Garsman has lived up to pre-season press rankings.

The four freshmen (l. to r.) Mike Aronwald, Neil Katz, Jay Garsman, and Steve Gralla.

and then some. In the C. W. Post game, Garsman held the celebrated Prabile Trownend to seven points. To the fans, "Chew" the displayed pointplay and general court wizardry a la Bob Cousy.

The "take charge guy" among the rookies is Steve Gralla, who comes to YU from New Utrecht High School where he participated in football and track along with basketball. He is a stalwart performer for the Green and White hoosters who played in the Garden in last year's city playoffs. Coach Sarachek liked his hustle and defensive tactics enough to start him in the Brooklyn Poly game. Gralla, an amazing leaper, can dunk the ball with ease, even though measuring only six feet even. It is rumored that he's been taking lessons from Jumpin' Johnny Green of the Knicks.

Perhaps the best known of the four freshmen is Neil Katz, who performed in our own backyard at YUSHEM. Katz, the popular captain of the local high school team, was named to the All-City Prep Team last year. To date, he has shown scoring potential and the ability to inspire.

Everyone had heard of the "classy ballhandler" from Jamaica, Gralla from perennially strong New Utrecht, and the home-grown Katz; but the sleeper in this package deal of freshmen is Mike Aronwald. Mike, whose forte is baseball, did not play varsity in high school. He has done a commendable job under the boards and holds a respectable .600 field goal percentage, second only to the team leader Artie Aaron.

Not since the days of Willie Goldstein and company has YU seen a group like these freshmen. Any allusions to the starting quintet are purely coincidental, although Gralla is adept at staging Rock 'n Roll. Ask Coach Sarachek and he'll feel you that the rookies have made the difference in a year that finds the team ahead this.

Mites Whip Danbury State, Grossman Hits 40 At Poly

Yeshiva walloped Danbury State Teachers College 91-67 Feb. 7th at Power Memorial Gym, with YU's Steve Grossman hitting 40 points on a rebound, the third game in a row and the second consecutive game with more than 30 points. The game was called with 1:15 left in play after YU had taken a 16-point lead. Grossman's 40 points were the third highest in a basketball game at YU, and it raised his season average to 31.8 points per game, just fourth all-time. The previous YU record was 40 points, set by Ben Benet in 1967-68.

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Gates

The athletic committee of Student Council has announced that the YU Gymnasium will be open:
Thursday night 10:30-12:00
Friday afternoon 4:30-7:30
Sunday night 10:30-12:00

Fencers Whip Jersey City
As Epeemen Spark Team

On Wednesday evening, January 3rd, Yeshiva's fencers, in a home match, easily defeated Jer-

ney City State College by a score of 18-9. The epee team came into its own and compiled a record of eight bouts won and onelost, leading the rest of the squad. Even though the competition was not the finest, the team showed much needed spark, particularly in the epee department.

Following a long intermission vacation, during which the fencers were given a good chance to recuperate, Rutgers University clashed foils with our men in the YU gym. The fencers, sluggish, slow, and dull, struggled to a heart-rendering 14-13 defeat at the hands of an inferior foe.

Captain Warren Enker's spirit

and aggressiveness highlighted an otherwise nondescript first half of the fencing season. In addition to this, fencers Noel Nusbauch and Manny Waserman have excelled in the saber division.

The fencing team travels to the Fairleigh Dickinson University campus tonight.