Freshmen Choose Officers; Lauer Elected To Presidency

Howard Lauer was elected president of the freshman class, and Frederick Nagler and Donald Zisquit were elected vice presidents, for the vice presidency, winning on the sixth ballot. He is also a member of the Staff of the Commentator.

A history major in the Jewish Studies Program, Frederick Nagler defeated six other candidates for the vice presidency, winning 80 votes. Mr. Zisquit is a pre-med major.

Mr. Lauer indicated that he and his fellow officers feel that their primary duty to their classmates is to represent them responsibly. "We hope to accomplish all that is expected of us, but we will need the cooperation of the entire freshman class," he added.

The election was supervised by Allan Cohen '64, Richard Forman '65, and Stanley Fishman '66.

The New Look On YU Campus

The main building, constructed in 1929, is undergoing extensive renovation and modernization in order to improve the facilities for Yeshiva College students. Included in the alterations is the installation of an elevator, now under construction.

On the fifth floor, rooms which were previously used for college officials will now be reserved for extracurricular and study purposes. All the rooms have been repainted, and new lighting and furniture have been installed.

Students' offices will occupy the rooms along the south and center corridors of the floor. These offices are the new Dramatics Society, Student Council, Debate Society, Co-op, Museum, and SOY. The rooms along the north corridor are being converted into study halls, holding from fifteen to twenty-five students each.

New fluorescent fixtures and a sound-proof ceiling are being installed in the Beit Medrash, along with modern chairs and tables, several bookcases, and a large coat closet.

A great deal of labor and money has been expended to put the rooms and the Beit in condition for the students, and we hope the facilities aren't abused," commented Mr. Jay Blaser, Director of Buildings and Grounds. He noted that "only with the complete cooperation of the students will we be able to maintain proper service.

Yeshiva Establishes Chair In Bible; Will Honor Memory Of Late Dean Sar

The Dean Samuel L. Sar Memorial Chair in Bible has been established at Yeshiva College "as a perpetual memorial to the late Dean of Men and professor of Bible at Yeshiva College since 1937. His affiliation with the university stemmed from 1919.

Dean Sar was born in Lignitz, Poland, in 1893. He received his seminary education at the Yeshiva of Telz, where he obtained Smicha, and pursued studies at the Seminaries of Bohemia and Hungary. Arriving in the United States in 1914, he settled in Baltimore and there headed the Jewish educational system from 1917-1943. Prior to this, he attended John Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Law School.

Lecture Series To Begin As Golda Meir Speaks

Inaugurating a lecture series on "Current Challenges To Israel," Mrs. Golda Meir will examine the "Aspects of Israel's Foreign Policy." The lecture will be held on November 12, at Yeshiva College.

M. Meir, Foreign Minister of the State of Israel since 1954, is currently head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations. She has served the State of Israel in many administrative capacities, and has been a leading spokesman for the state on various lecture tours all over the world.

On the following Tuesday, Dr. Yitzhak Rafael, Deputy Minister of Health for the State of Israel, will speak on "Is there a Culturkomp in Israel?"

The final topic in the three work series is scheduled as "Israel's Challenge: Chance and Challenge." The speaker, Dr. Joseph Burg, is a former Social Welfare official for the State of Israel and his address will be delivered November 26.

All lectures will be held in Strauss Hall at 8:30 p.m. The series is sponsored by the alumni associations of Yeshiva College, Stern College, Teachers Institute, and RIES.

Chemistry Honor Students Are Presented Opportunity To Work In Advanced Lab

The introduction of an honors laboratory course in elementary chemistry is one of the modernizations instituted this term under the terms of a National Science Foundation grant awarded to Dr. Eli M. Levine, chairman of the department.

The thirteen students enrolled in the special section, all of whom presented at least an A plus average for both general and science grades in high school, will receive training and instruction in laboratory experiments usually reserved for advanced courses.

Hours Lengthened!

The students, described as enthusiastic by Dr. Levine, will devote four hours a week to work with advanced experiments to be chosen from quantitative analysis, and organic and physical chemistry.

More Research

This added experience will enable such students to skip the introductory experiments on more advanced courses and provide extra time for additional work.

Prof. Levine noted that although "the course is still in an experimental stage, I am confident that the students will be able to successfully cope with such advanced work.

N. Smith Heads JSP Student Council, Felsenfeld And Rubinger Also Chosen

Norman Smith '65 was elected president of the Jewish Studies Program Student Council, Alan Felsenfeld, '67, vice president; and Fred Rubinger '66, secretary-treasurer. The election took place October 22.

Mr. Smith, a member of the illustrious "B" class, served as secretary-treasurer of the council last year, while Mr. Felsenfeld, managing editor of the Commentator, also attended junior "B" class and Mr. Rubinger of the sophomore "A" class were class representatives.

Preceding the election there was an assembly Monday, October 21, which was attended by more than 100 students. The assembly was chaired by Arthur Katzman, Student "A," former vice president of the council.

Rabbi Morris Begun, Director of the Jewish Studies Program, addressed the JSP student body for the first time this year. Following the address, each candidate for the position was briefly presented his platform.

"One hundred and fifty students participated in the election, slightly more than 90% of the JSP student body, compared with 60% last year," stated Theodore Sylvestery, "Senior "A," chairman of the election committee.

Smith, Felsenfeld, and Rubinger dispute JSP place.
Coach Tauber Has Superb Record; Olympic Star Wittenberg Won 400

Arthur Tauber, coach of the Yeshiva fencing team, has accomplished outstanding results despite the most adverse circumstances. Literally starting from scratch, this year one comes to Yeshiva with previous fencing experiences and trained by space and time — he consistently produces highly competitive and successful teams.

In his undergraduate days Mr. Tauber fenced as national foil and epee champion and was never defeated in interscholastic competition. He made the U.S. Olympic fencing team in 1942, the same year he was rated All-American. He has also been chosen to train the Olympic team on several occasions, the first being in 1946 and the last, three years ago in 1949.

In college Coach Tauber fenced left handed, but when he started coaching, he switched to the right hand position to facilitate teaching his fencers. This anecdote is but one example of the effort the coach expends in teaching and preparing his squad.

Assisted by a group of fencers of exceptional ability, Coach Tauber reached his 10th coaching victory last year. He has also written several precision physical rehabilitation books.

At present, Coach Tauber is getting his masked marvels ready for the opening match guided by ex-Olympic wrestling champ Henry Wittenberg, Yeshiva's most famous tennis player. To what might prove to be the finest record ever achieved by any American school, Coach Wittenberg, who amassed the amazing total of four hundred consecutive matches, only proposed his amateur career, anticipates the coming season with great optimism.

Of this year's squad coach Wittenberg has said, "It is a strong, eager, experienced group — the most promising I've ever had." When asked about the many freshmen who have shown up for practice, the coach commented, "The freshmen look very good and show great potential. With looking forward to a great season, and these freshmen will help make it so."

Olympic Star Wittenberg Won 400

"No, I like Wash-Out In the Fourth."

The sun is burning in the sky. The birds are singing in the trees. The Harlem is flowing like a mountain stream. And, as usual, the YU Rowing Team isBerber, very verdant, wearing leaf:

As I stood about Yeshiva, I happened to hear a bunch of singers of ages in a rowing gown:

Don't Row Or Pass, Just Go It Shabbos — Ho, Ho, Ho

The pride of YU's bathtub submarines. The YU Rowing Team is the most important of them, an enlightened athlete, "rows like the little things that float in the Harlem."

It was at this point that I posed a question to a fellow, a fellow, a fellow, to the group. Suppose the team set out in a contest on a Thursds and down the river in the new boat and the lack of team practice, it's quite conceivable that the team might still be rowing come Friday night.

Now, should they finish the race and then submit themselves to the natures of whatever land they land up on, or should they ball up and send the Shabbos boat to the water?

Not only that, but what about the boat?

Admittedly, Yeshiva isn't in desperate. What are they thinking about? But who knows? After all, look at what the swimming pool was converted into, a gym. So! And look at the YU Rowing Team. They have often wondered about the nature of the last half ball. They look and sound like a Parker's Matzoh ball to me.

Nature Of The Ball

And so ended another heartbreaking contest for the coaches, most disappointing because, for a while at least, it looked like they might win. But with the Dodger's'' victory, the weather has been retired in order; the game is over. The administration never bails — in fact, they refuse to use bats. "How can we swing with shovels?" our Master Builders, the men who have worked on the school, laugh.

On The Sidelines

Happy days are here again! As the psalmist said, "Thou has put off my yoke and girdled me with joy!" and all that jazz. The Dodgers won! Not since the happy days of Rutherford B. Hayes has victory by an underdog been so much appreciated.

Even though, as a native of the land of the free and the home of the Brave, I remain a true and true Yeshiva fan, I can help thinking that the Los Angeles triumph will fortify worthwhile and courageous fabulous.

So What

All right, you say, so the underdog won; what have they got to do with the price of bread at the supermarket?

Actually, the Dodgers' victory has implications for us. The silent prayer on every Yeshiva fan's lips is, "If it has happened there, maybe it can happen here, too."

Perhaps a few of you don't know what I'm talking about. Of course, that's not too unusual. But after last year's article, even you know that if I didn't make myself more easily understandable. So before I lose my entire audience, I'll try my best to report the sequence of action of Yeshiva's World Series as I witnessed it last year.

It was a perfect day for baseball when the four man administration team took the field against the coaches in the annual championship, afternoon game. A friendly, rather solemn, and the outfielders were made possible by the natural ambience. It is called its synthesis delivery. It and it consists of releasing two balls simultaneously while giving the illusion of only throwing one.

Leading off for the opponents was Coach Tauber. With perfect finesse, he glanced once at first base coach Doc Hurwitz and placed his first base, a single. A hit! A rally! The spectators, all three of us, stretched anxiously from our seats as the second base, Coach Wittenberg, doubled up. Twirling his bat like a toothpick, he glanced at Doc Hurwitz for a sign, then he lifted his Hankie. The Dodgers unhooked his of synthesizer, but Wittenberg was ready. He laced the ball past third and charged to first, Tauber pulling up at second.

By now the fans were in an uproar as the clean-up batter of the three men coaching team, Red Sakraco, strode up to the plate. Conference on the mound. Belkin, Rackman, Baco and Hartstein conferred anxiously from the bench. The white cheerleader Silverman stood, by the side taking insomne minutes.

Shirt Signals Signs

At last the Imagiers went back to their positions, and Coach Sara- chek stopped glancing at the Yeshiva fan's lips. All eyes centered on Hartstein; the stretch -- the glance toward second -- kick -- a blazing pitch.

What happened then was almost too fast for me to follow. With a thundering sound, ball and bat collided; the former whirled across the infield grass where Belkin backedhand it, tagged Tauber, fired to Rackman who stepped on second; pivoted and whipped to Baco; Triple play!

Those only accustomed to ordinary baseball rules might not have shared the grief that fell upon the spectators. You see, according to regulations in Yeshiva, the coach has been retired in order; the game is over. The administration never bails — in fact, they refuse to use bats. "How can we swing with shovels?" our Master Builders, the men who have worked on the school, laugh.

Soccer Season Approaching; Big Frosh Turnout Needed

Yeshiva's soccer team held its first practice last Friday, October 18. Co-captain Phil Boodle '64, Sylver Jacobovits '64 and Allan Kirchenbaum '66 voiced concern over the prospects of a successful year because graduation has left the starting line-up with only three of its eleven men. The problem posed can easily be solved by tightening up the squad with fresh material.

Returning from last year's team along with the captains, are veteran lettermen Aly Maggules '64 and Steve Kaplan '64, who also served in team manager. Other seasoned players include Tobias Gabriel '64, Jack Shmker '64, and Peter Hans '66. These men have virtually, clinched starting positions at forward and fullback.
Students Of Other Schools Prove College Is Not Only For Learning
by Don Panos

They're "whbiting Dixie" at Elmira College. "The college has become a magnet for undesirable men," moaned the president as he approved an order to distribute police whistle to Elmira's 472 coeds. The action was taken after one of the girls was surprised in her dorm room by a venous trespasser. The question is: was he really trespassing? Are some men who arrested were not be considered eligible for the draft, the Oklahoma State University. So in order to learn the students' reactions, one corded that if anyone could find her available to save from the service, she would the serve, "the sacrifice."

A male student said he would rather have a "two-year contract which is a lifetime contract from which I could not get an honorable discharge." One girl said, "It will cause an increase in the price of milk, and I hate married men, but..."

The professorial chairman of the Committee on College En- vironment said the college police don't socialize with students. "Their interview for outside-student-faculty relations can often be achieved by drinking together," he said. "Let us all get a police and make the three ring signs unless we're hav- ing more fun than they are!"

The Newark News, weekly in New York, still seeking from attacks on its over-sexed, over-aged, and over-privileged students. It said that the inviting college girls never get into the popular West End. "It is, in fact, a place where few people with a moderate college education can afford to spend much money," the paper read on this subject.

If a person would not think of harboring salacious thoughts about his college, it seems he should not harbor them against a paid and disinterested model, sufficiently characterized to allow herself to ponder her body.

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Letters To The Editor

Schneid Concludes Future Is Bright For Checkmates

"I look forward to a successful season and, as our team is young, the future looks bright." These are the words of a young man who is a co-captain of the YC Chess Team. Actually there are two sides to the picture. Last year's team was composed mainly of sophomores and freshmen. This year's team is composed mainly of sophomores and freshmen. On first impression, the team may seem disorganized, but Captain Streatfeild's emphasis is not for. But the team has been augmented by the addition of a few new members, and the team has been ranked number one in the United States by the Chess Players of America as we know it would cease to exist.

Finally, he attacks Senator Goldwater's policy of the House of Representatives and supports those, like the John Birch Society, who are opposed to it. He is a member of the Church of England and is a member of the United States of America as we know it would cease to exist.

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Sincerely yours,

David Wills '64

The Professor Exposed

Dr. Norman Cantor

Dr. Norman F. Cantor is also professor of history at Columbia University and teaches courses in Medieval History and English and Institutions in Western Civilization.

Professor Cantor has attended and also taught at Jewish schools and colleges during his career. He is a lover of Yiddish and attends a Conservative Temple in Riverdale, where he resides with his wife and two children.

When asked how students compare at the three colleges where he teaches, Dr. Cantor was quick to reply that the average student at Columbia was not as well informed as he should be.

Dr. Cantor feels that many of our law school graduates in education have not changed since the 13th century.

Changes Made in Masdum Show

Dr. Norman F. Cantor, a comedian and actor, and the Masdum Singers, a popular group of Masdum students, announced Donica Wad, editor. He stated that the planned solo of John Mays, the subject of an unusual story, had been dropped. Miss Mays will not appear in the show. The show will be held Saturday, January 11, in the large auditorium of the university, and the show will be televised on local television stations.

Mr. Fad urged the entire student body to the show, especially as it is the view of the expenses which Masdum has paid to modify the show to meet the interests of all the students.
Commentator's Man Mirrors News Problem; Prefers To Read A Telegram Style Journal But Owes His Dimes To The New York Times

by Irwin Geller

The best piece of news I have heard lately concerns the New York Times. It was an announcement which read, "Hold up your end of the conversation by reading the Times." Another ad in the same issue featured a bespeckled lad palpating the heart of a young miss with words of wisdom apparently called from Arden Avenue. Still another had a college prancing nose skyward, a copy of the Times well displayed under his arm. The ad read, "And you didn't need a Vance Packard to tell you what he was seeking either.

Moricenoses Offerings

It will be noted that nary an ad listed as a selling-point Enjoy the New York Times. Instead of the thrills and knee-kicking excitement usually promised by every product from corn flakes to underwear, the come-on here is an offer of something more serious: "Popularly boosted, which means that the Madison Avenue Museum has been injected with a large dose of serum.

Letters To The Editor

Steckler's Facts Criticized, Goldwater Supporters Gain

To The Editors:

I have just finished reading Mr. Steckler's article attacking Senator Goldwater in the October 24 issue. I venture to say that Mr. Steckler has made some serious errors in his assessment of the situation.

He says that American youths "are being marnized by the liberal wing and the need to conform." As a matter of fact, the tidal wave of conservatism which is sweeping the youth of America, on the contrary, is arising out of the strong feeling against the individual being controlled more and more by Washington and its will.

Mr. Steckler goes on to say, "A keynote of the Goldwater conservative philosophy is a stake in federal aid to crucial pupil of course. Of course, the first area on the agenda to be cut would be the military budget." True, Senator Goldwater would like to reduce the federal budget, but he would do so in those areas where federal spending is not required. This would include, for example, foreign aid to Communist countries such as Poland and Yugoslavia or to those previously called "establishments" will never accuse Russia of wrongdoing, but who always seem to be attacking American policy. However, it seems to me that those areas in the military budget are not conservativeness, but those ultra-liberals who demand it as a first step toward unilateral disarmament. On this score, Senator Goldwater insists that America remain militarily strong. It is only by advocating a strong and vigorous policy that we can hope to meet the Communist threat. As we have seen, the only time that Russia has backed down was when we took a strong military stand on Berlin and on Cuba.

On the issue of civil rights, Senator Goldwater has always said that segregation is morally wrong. But here again, we have the issue of Federal control over the individual, this time extending as far as his very home. Does not the public accommodations section of the proposed civil rights bill, for example, discriminate against

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It all began doctor, when I was a snip of a scholar in Mink's 5th grade. The names have been changed to protect the innocent, who, happens to be me. I was called on to reveal the name of a new postmaster, general, I think it was. After saving my thumping ignorance, Mink X, wallowing in good cheer, assured me not only of the name but also of her source, The Times.

Then there I resolved, in my childhood innocence, that anything that could make a person so happy must be odes of fun. By now, of course, I suspect that the information was crooned to Mink X by her precious sight's supper date, and possibly introduced to "hold up her end of the lesson." But perhaps that is to take advertisements too much for their word, nevertheless, her blissful demeanor must have revealed something deeper than joy attendant on a postmaster's general. Name. Say what you will, I'm no fool.

From this misleading beginning, I entered to cast my lot with a bunch of fellows who got their kicks not by picking holubres but by reading the you-guess-it-or—er—so they said. Since the perils of conformity were then distant from my mind, I undertook similarly to live, honor, and obey that sedate publication. The results were not gratifying.

Satirizing Tidbits

We would open to an item about a debate in the Peruvian economy, and I would gaze silently as my peers enjoyed a good cathartic cry. On one occasion I was able to muster two or three tears only to learn that the Duke of York had passed away was of the English, not the Snicker variety. The situation became worse; Vladimir Borodzhevsky won the Serbo-Croat Chess Tournament and my group went out and got drunk; the Times came out with one of its ringing editorials against Vice and Corruption and General Naughtiness, and they formed a vigilante committee. It seems that we were trying to get an eye of the (shudder) tabloid press. I roamed the streets till late, poking through trash cans for a message from Walter Winchell, a sign from L. I. Alben—
even a nod from Walter Lippman.

L. and to my conscience was burdened with my realization: I did not thrive to the New York Times. I knew keeping informed was necessary—but so was the bright side. I did not thrive to saltiness. But now I can breathe easily, assured that the Times can only be gloatingly interrogating when holding up conversations' ends or impressing dates. After all, who can't understand that there are times when the only off-color stories should deal with integration marches, and "diet" should denote H-bomb pollution? No, Chairman Keeler will buy that explanation and the New York Times as well, but for sheer joy and kicks give me corn-flakes and underarm deodorants any day.
**Dramatic Society Unmasks Dean's Reception Changes**

The Dean's Reception and the spring production of the Yeshiva College Dramatic Society were somewhat of the topics discussed at a board meeting of the society held last Wednesday, Lenny Glass '64, president.

The entire format of the Dean's Reception was viewed by President Glass, and vice presidents Richard Drucker '64, Ben Feldman '64, and Ted Block '64 and the problem of revision was presented to the Governing and Associate Boards. In order to avoid any separate boards and the closing of two gymnasiuims for the reception, a policy which detracts from the social opportunity of hall or auditorium to house the reception was suggested. By a unanimous vote of the boards it was decided not to hold the reception in George Washington High School, but a new site was not chosen.

**Elaboration On The Theme**

Another suggestion was made that the theme of the play should not be published and be kept as a secret to be related to Yeshiva University.

Because of the last minute confusion in the past years, December 17 has been designated the closing date for submitting plays for approval.

The board enthusiastically announced that under no circumstances will this date be postponed.

If both a sophomore class play and a junior class play are not submitted, the spring production will be a repertoire of a professional and/or amateur variety night.

The Dramatics Society plans to encourage participation of the after activities, the closing date, the Dean's Reception will automatically be postponed.

March 22 is the tentative date for the spring production. Director of the play, Dr. Ziegler '64 assisted by Warren Goldman '64, Tony Schwartz '64 and the title will be announced in the near future.

Workshop Week

Among the other activities already underway this year is the Dramatics Workshop held during club hour and directed by Mrs. Thomas '63. In addition, a speech and faculty advisor to the Dramatics Society, "Too few students attend the workshop," noted.

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**Stacks And Stones Can Break All Their Bones**

*by Irwin (For Rocky) Valach*  

With high hopes that can be known only to reporters who sit at an opportunity to expose vice and corruption, I went to meet the chief of Yeshiva's secret society, 'Kocher Nisnas.' Expecting to be regaled with tales of dirty work and furnished with reams of exposé material, I found this impression unworthy.

"How do you get the idea to form the group?" reporter said.

"It all started," the rafter, looking chief replied. "We asked our 110 cards. With mug shots like those, what else could we do but live a life of shame?"

"Will you reveal us the of your famed 'organization' by fire?"

"Of course," reporter assured him, explaining that the reference was to the warning given to those destined to be hit. "Oh, you mean that Sure we have it. We go over to the guy and say, 'Sank you!''"

By now, your reporter had almost given up, but tried on last bit of the sensational.

"Cut Up" reporters felt to feel a let-down, but tried to recoup with this question: "It is rumored that Kocher Nisnas takes a cut of everything. Trust?"

"True," came the answer. "I0 alone have forty three cuts to my name that I can recall."

"But," protested reporter, perceiving that his great expose was going down the drain, "you can't go on these various activities. Don't you even take people for a ride?"

"Now you're talking. Just let us get somewhere we don't like walking into the elevator, and we press all the buttons -- every single one of them. And he does stop them. Will he be astounded?"

**Fatal Kiss**

"You surely have a 'kiss of death':"

Barber, the engorged chief, noted: "You're not taking one of those physical contact surveys for COMMENTATOR, are you?"

"Very interesting," your reporter assured him, explaining that the reference was to the warning given to those destined to be "hit."

"Oh, you mean that! Sure we have it. We go over to the guy and say, 'Sank you!'"

By now, your reporter had almost given up, but tried on last bit of the sensational.

"Of course, we take gym," reporter concluded. "I'd suppose you usually hang out at right spots with gay guys, eh?"

He looked the reporter straight in the eye and said: "What? Keddah! Never!"

**Stuck**

"Hang out somewhere, I assume. You haunt the shadows with your 'kisser'?"

"Now, there aren't any student lounges around or under Yeshiva -- and it doesn't look like there ever will be," reporter added.

"How will campus expansion affect your plans?"

"A bigger library means more smoking rooms."

"And Kocher Nisnas doesn't like that, see? We're against all stacks -- especially Room 200."

"Now I ask you, readers, is this a way to treat an aspiring vice-exposer?"

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**Dynamic Intramural Program Set**

**Basketball And Volleyball Included**

The Yeshiva intramural program is under way. Next Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 8:45, the freshmen class will have their first volleyball, while the seniors take on the Sophomore team in basketball. On Saturday, Nov. 16, a fierce battle is shaping up between the seniors and the freshmen. Although the details of the game are still being kept under wraps, we can tell you that the seniors have a very strong team. They also have a very strong bench. Not much can be said for the sophomores and seniors. The sophomores lost their top scorer, Vel Werbelowsky, who is out for the fall with a football injury. The seniors have the most spirit of the five intramural teams, and they never will stop trying. However, a serious lack of height and passing ability will work against them this year.

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**Who's Whose**

**Engagements**

Arthur Alexander '64 to Barbara Kopito

Elliot Shiloff '64 to Sandy Stein

Chaim Sokleik '63 to Martha Wehs

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Rabbinic Alumni Pleased With Pulpit Positions
But New Openings Have Religious Problems

There is general satisfaction among RITTS Rabbinic Alumni with their pulpits positions, according to a report released by Mr. Victor B. Geller, director of Rabbinic Placement for the Community Service Division.

Of the 367 Yeshiva graduates who are present active in pulpits, only about 20 changed their positions in the past year.

Metropolitan Musings

The report also revealed that relatively few positions are available in the metropolitan area. "A number of graduates have not found positions in the Greater New York area, and this places himself at an extreme disadvantage."

Clearly evident, also, is the problem of the religious character of available positions. In the past year, the Community Service Division received leads and inquiries from 109 congregations seeking rabbi. Only forty-six had positions.

Problems Solved

The Community Service Division successfully filled twenty of the positions with rabbis, two with separate seating, and sixteen with mixed seating, but "with a good chance for a change." Thirteen positions were not filled because the synagogues involved "would not meet Yeshiva requirements."

In four cases, Yeshiva successfully helped on improved religious standards "as a prerequisite to making a referral."

The report went on to admit that much more must be done in broadening the career opportunities in rabbinic areas other than pulp work. Finally, the Rabbinic Alumni was praised for its "discipline and cooperation."

Dormitory Shabbos

Program Is Planned

The Dormitory Synagogue Committee will once again invite guest speakers for the Shabbos Shukhah on Saturdays, according to Henry Rothman '64, vice president of the Student Organization of Yeshiva University, who mentioned that Mary Gott '66 and Gary Feder '66 have been appointed to oversee this function. The speakers, who will be Ravsho Yekivo, prominent alums, and students, will discuss the relationship of the week's Dvinah to daily life. Rabbi Gershini, a YU alumnus and professional mathematician, spoke last week.

One Sees Funny Things On Way To The Forum

by Stephen Kleinman

As a musical comedy based on the plays of Plautus, with a book by Bert Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" is directed by George Abbott. One can readily see that a Funny Thing has everything to do with Harold Prince, who could even ask for a "Surprising Love Story."" -

The opening number of a Funny Thing very aptly describes the show. "Something familiar, something peculiar, something that you'd never want to sit in a comedy tonight; something that's too much, something that's too little, something for everyone, a comedy tonight!"

The time is two hundred B.C.E. in Athens, and the entire action takes place on a street in Rome. Pseudolus (Zero Mostel), a slave to Hero, the son of Senex and Domina, yearns for his freedom. He wants to be a par with other citizens of Rome so he might have a slave of his own. He therefore makes a deal with Hero as follows: if he formally introduces Hero to Philia, a beautiful country, then his wish will be granted. By many antics, as well as certain problems involved with this introduction, since Philia has already been promised to a warrior. Each incident leads to far more humorous events than the previous one.

To save himself, Philia and Miles (a warrior) come to the realization that they are long lost brother and sister. Therefore, Hero and Philia, having fallen in love, embrace; and Pseudolus, who has become free, informs the audience that it had to end this way--it's a comedy tonight.

George Abbott has engineered a nice final sequence, and he has employed mixed identities, swinging doors, kicks in the poster, and double takes, which enhance his superb direction. "Everybody Ought To Have A Maid," "Comedy Tonight," "Impossible," "Fists" and "Lovely are some of the musical numbers that stand out for their humorous lyrics.

Among the cheerful participants in the play were Ruth Kobart, as the large, voiced, domineering wife, Domina; Brian Davies as Hero, the Juvenile Lead; Freshy Markler, as the dummy, but beautiful courtier; Philia; and Ronald Holgate, as Miles Gloriosus, who admits to being a "legend in his own time."

Zero's In

Zero Mostel is exceptional in the role of Pseudolus. Throughout the show, his mannerisms, movements, gesticulations, and ejaculations are cause for uproarious laughter.

I highly recommend "Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" as a good and laughter filled evening at the theatre. If you don't believe me, try and keep a straight face as Zero Mostel explains to the sacrificial Jack Gilford, that an impending pyre is only "A fire pyre."