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YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Yeshiva University, the alma mater of your Rabbi today occupies a unique position in American and world Judaism. It is the leading orthodox institution of higher learning, both in the numbers of its faculty and student body and in Hebrew and secular scholarship.

Yeshiva University, called for short The Yeshiva, now comprises six departments:

- 1.—The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.
- 2.—Teachers' Institute.
- 3.—Talmudical Academy High School.
- 4.—Yeshiva College.
- 5.—Bernard Revel Graduate School.
- 6.—Harry Fischel School for Higher Jewish Studies.

Total student enrollment in all these schools is over 900. In addition, the Yeshiva opened a branch in Brooklyn a most two years ago which now has an enrollment of over 120 students. The Brooklyn Branch offers classes comprising the first two years of High School plus parallel Hebrew classes.

The faculties in the various departments total over 100, exclusive of executive and administrative staffs. There are more than 30 Rabbis on the faculty, among them the leading orthodox Rabbis of the United States and the greatest surviving scholars of Europe.

The Yeshiva publishes two Jewish scholarly journals in Hebrew and a mathematical quarterly, all three of them recognized as authoritative in their fields. In addition to these, the students themselves publish various

journals that distinguish themselves by their high level of style and erudition and have found their way into the most important American libraries.

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, named after the late Rabbi of Kovno, Isaac Elchanan Spector, was founded fifty years ago, on March 20, 1897. It is now housed in a magnificent building occupying the block from 186th to 187th Streets on Amsterdam Avenue in New York City.

The college was chartered in 1927, and the Yeshiva was granted full University status in 1945. President of Yeshiva University is Dr. Samuel Belkin.

The Yeshiva is not solely a seminary for Rabbis. One of the greatest and least known contributions of Yeshiva is the training of an intelligent Jewish laity. Not all who attend Yeshiva enter into the Rabbinate or the Hebrew teaching field. The overwhelming majority of those who at one time or another attended the Yeshiva are now active in various fields of endeavor, business and professional. But they are Jewishly well informed and Jewishly observant "ba-ale battim."

The total number of Yeshiva "musmochim," ordained Rabbis, to date is 371. Of these, 233 occupy pulpits, 36 are in Jewish educational work, 17 are engaged in Jewish organizational work, 3 are with Hillel, 4 are in the Chaplaincy, 5 are in other fields of Jewish activity, 14 are unclassified, 44 are engaged in business or professions, 15 are deceased. They are found in virtually every state of the Union, the District of Columbia, Canada, Latin America, and Palestine.

FROM YOUR RABBI

With the beginning of the United Nations session on Palestine, one of the main weaknesses of the Jewish cause has again come into focus. This weakness, whose seriousness is recognized but which nevertheless seems to persist, is the fact that there are at least two Jewish groups claiming to speak for, and one that speaks against, the Jewish cause.

On the credit side there are the Jewish agency, legally recognized and widely representative body of world Jewry, and the so-called Bergson group which functions under various names, such as "Hebrew Committee of National Liberation," "American League for a Free Palestine," and others. On the other side stands the American Council for Judaism, a small group of ultra-assimilated Jews backed by money and such an efficient mouthpiece as the New York Times. Of the three we can easily discount the American Council as being un-Jewish in the fullest sense of the word and of probably little real influence.

The situation is different, however, when we come to the American League for a Free Palestine. This outfit, which fully supports the worst terrorist acts, continually runs full-page advertisements in the newspapers, claiming to speak for the "Hebrew Nation," boasting of its alleged accomplishments, and soliciting contributions. The fact is, though that with all the money it collects and all the noise it makes about its rescue work, it has succeeded in bringing to Palestine exactly one ship, the "Ben Hecht," and built it up to appear larger than the American Navy. But even that might yet be forgiven, were it not for the strong and unjustified competition it offers the legitimate Jewish bodies in seeking to represent the Jewish people before the U. N.

All this leads us to one very important point. Historically, the Jewish people owes its national existence to its religious identity. Jews were a nation before they had a country, and have continued to be one for almost two millennia after they lost their country. Today we are again seeking to establish a

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a Jewish state on the Jewish land. This may, on the surface, be primarily a political problem, but in essence it is a religious one. Proof, if one were required, can be found in the confusion of terms that exist today. The Zionist calls himself a Jew, the Bergonist calls himself Hebrew, both of them disclaiming any religious significance of their respective terms whereas the Council supporter gives his "Jewishness" a religious significance where there is none.

This confusion has its origin and continuing cause in the fact that we have ourselves forgotten the true meaning of being Jewish. There is no Jewish religion if it does not adhere to Jewish tradition. Every Tom, Dick and Harry tries to improve Judaism, every non-orthodox Rabbi, no matter how "traditional," knows better than Moses himself how to "read" the Bible, and the result is that anyone with enough money to buy a page in PM becomes a spokesman for his private brand of Judaism. Where the clear, unequivocal path of traditional orthodox Judaism is abandoned there remains nothing but a cacophony of arrogant voices. And that holds true of the political as well as the religious side of Jewish life, which, in the final analysis, are but two manifestations of the same thing: Judaism.

There is only one answer to the problem of Jewish unity: Jewish tradition. It is the one historic rallying point of Jewish forces, and the only one that will make our strength efficient and effective.

Rabbi Arthur Oles.

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mr. Lewis Peril on the passing of his wife.

May the Lord comfort you together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Jake the Ribber:—

MUSINGS IN MAY

Just like a baseball game, it is now Jake for Eleanor, and hope that my substitution will be as good as hers. You know, this is a job for a super sleuth and while my experiences have been on an amateur status, I hope that you will bear with me

It is May and that means that Summer is around that proverbial corner and it also carries the good facts that now we can let the big stove go out, we don't have to put leggings on the kids any longer, we can let both doors and windows open in the club without someone jumping down your throat and we can put our fur coats in storage. Then our thoughts turn to picnics, basking in the sun, open air pinocle, lots of daylight and warm weather. Makes you feel better already, doesn't it? What say, let's make it a summer of real activity and really get together as often as possible?

Around the town, the routine has sort of slowed down. Parties and Dinners have reached a minimum—a sure sign that summer is about here—and the "Gin" and bridge players will earn a yell—deserved rest. The babies are now progressing to the stroller stage and it won't be long before you want to know whose kid is who. It is wonderful to see our young married couples as well as those as yet unmarried being so active and we really enjoy it.

It is needless to mention any names in this column as this covers everyone and maybe its because I feel so good writing about all of you. Perhaps in the next issue, I can resort to the personal line.

We'll be writing about you later.
Jake.

MEETINGS

- Tue., May 6 Fellowship Club
- Tue., May 13 Ladies Aid
- Wed., May 14 ... Hadassah Linen Shower
- Thur., May 15 Hadassah Board
- Tue., May 27 B'nai B'rith
- Thur., May 29 Tifereth Israel
- Tue. June 3 Fellowship Club

YORZEITS

- Jeanne Cohen May 7
 - Mrs. M. Miller May 8
 - Ruth Grossman May 14
 - Freida Rae Brest June 7
- The observance begins the preceding evening.

Talk of the Cheder:—

SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

Just think, another year will soon pass and Lag B'Omer will be here again. As you all know the Hebrew School usually goes for a hike on that day. This year Doc Ufberg made the splendid suggestion to get a few cars and take us near Bear Gap, and then we can hike a few miles in the resplendent country with all its glory. Whether the suggestion can be taken up remains to be seen, and, above all, the Weather Man has to approve.

I suppose you all enjoyed the delicious supper at the Package Party, even if you had to pay for it.

Attention, Hadassah members: Don't forget to leave a vacancy in your date book for May 14 for the Linen Shower at the Penn Lee Hotel in Shamokin. Your hostesses will be Mrs. David Cohen and Mrs. Dan Smigel. Remember also that our B. B. girls will present a Palestine program at the next Hadassah meeting. Come and be delighted!

The Hebrew School sends a future birthday wish to Adele and Norma Smigel who will be ten and nine years old on the 10th and 31st of May respectively.

Did the kids surprise you at the Double or Nothing show? I bet you didn't know you had such brilliant children in this community. Imagine, everyone winning first prize! We also have a quiz Wednesday mornings at the Religious Training hour. You need't worry about the Club treasury. You see, we each bring five cents a week. The kids are divided into two groups, and the group that wins the most points in answering the questions wins 50 cents, which they divide among themselves.

Good bye until next month.

The Super Snooper.

CALENDAR

Candle lighting time is given for preceding Friday nights.

- May 3, Acharey-Kedoshim (DST) 7:40
- May 8, Lag B'omer
- May 10 Emor 7:47
- May 17, Behar-Bechukosai 7:54
- May 20, Rosh Chodesh Sivan
- May 24, Bamidbor 8:00
- May 25, 1st day Shevuos
- May 26, 2nd day Shevuos (Yizkor)
- May 31, Noso 8:05
- June 7 Behaaloscho 8:10

HADASSAH TO INSTALL OFFICERS AT LUNCHEON

A regular meeting of Hadassah was held on Thursday, April 17, with the President, Mrs. Rebecca Grossman, presiding.

All quotas for the year 1946-47 have been met and payment sent to National headquarters.

The Annual Donor Luncheon will be held at the Marble Hall Hotel, Wednesday, April 30, at 12:30 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. A. Weiss of Scranton. The new officers for the year 1947-48 will be installed at this affair.

The Annual Linen Shower will be held by Mrs. Lena Cohen and Mrs. Pearl Smigel at the Penn Lee Hotel, Shamokin Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 p. m. All members are invited to attend this worthy affair. Admission will be by cash donations or linens for the Palestine hospitals.

Orchids to the following members on their birthdays:

- May 6—Mrs. Cohen.
- May 12—Mrs. Anne Douglas.
- May 15—Mrs. S. Bronstein.
- May 15—Miss Ethel Lippman.
- May 16—Mrs. Belle Strauss.
- June 4—Mrs. Eva Gellert.
- June 23—Mrs. Ella Leverson.
- June 23—Mrs. Sylvia Roberts.

SOCIAL NEWS

A very enjoyable time was had by the hostess and guests at a party given by Leona at Leisl's. Stage act by Dorothy G. and "Rosalyn." All the choice adjectives can be applied to the party given by Goldie and Belle.

Lots of luck and happiness to Mrs. Oles and Mrs. Melv'n Wolfe in their new homes!

FASHION NOTES

Ethyl S. sporting a new blouse and belt and advertising them to "Yours Truly"

Essie H. advertising the latest in hats. Product of Philly

That's all now. Be seeing you at the Linen Shower.

Reba.

THEODORE HERZL IS TOPIC AT STUDY GROUP

The Hadassah Study Group met on April 15 at the home of Mrs. Oles, 138 South Oak Street. The discussion, led by Mrs. Oles, centered around the literary activities of Theodore Herzl his gradual acceptance of himself as a Jew, and his realization of the gravity and complexity of the Jewish problem.

The following meeting of the group, scheduled for May 1, is to discuss Herzl's most important contribution to the solution of the Jewish question, his book "The Jewish State." The implications of this work and the far-reaching results of Herzl's message will constitute the topic of this meeting, and will give all those present a more thorough understanding of the philosophy and meaning of modern political Zionism.

The Hadassah Study Group is scheduled to meet every other week at 138 South Oak Street.

B'NAI B'RITH SLATE TO BE INSTALLED

The B'nai B'rith extends hearty congratulations to its new officers elected at the regular April meeting.

- Brother Louis Cohen, president;
- Brother Wm. Lippman, vice-president;
- Brother Abe Stern, treasurer;
- Brother Sam Douglas, secretary;
- Brother Rabbi Oles, chaplain;
- Brother Hy Shapiro, warden;
- Brother Abe Forman, monitor.

Best of luck, brothers, and may this coming year prove to be the most successful of all B'nai B'rith years since the lodge was first organized in Mount Carmel.

At the next B'nai B'rith meeting the installation of officers will take place. refreshments will be served, and a prominent speaker brought in. Let all members plan to attend!

Thursday, May 8, will be quilting Night at Doc Ufberg's. We wish you all a nice time.

Orchids to brother Sam Douglas, who reports that all members are paid in full on their B'nai B'rith dues.

The Hillel drive for a new building at Penn State has reached \$367.50. The goal is \$500.00. If you haven't made your donation yet see brother Louis Cohen.