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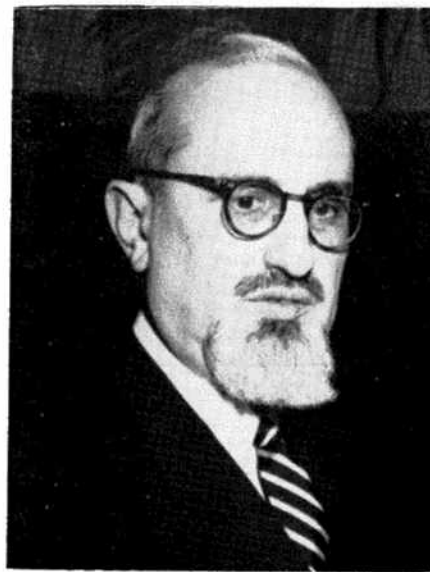
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DR. BELKIN, DR. SOLOVEITCHIK TO ATTEND Y.U.R.A. CONVENTION



Dr. Samuel Belkin



Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik

Dr. Samuel Belkin, our revered Rosh Hayeshiva, will attend the Rabbinic Alumni Convention, to be held at the Hotel Brunswick, Lakewood, N. J., November 9-11. Dr. Belkin will address the convention Monday evening at the opening dinner. Tuesday evening, Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, our esteemed mentor and Rosh Yeshiva will deliver a Shiur on Masechet Megilah which will inaugurate the monthly Shiur program instituted during the past year. It is not often that we have the privilege of hearing such distinguished and outstanding personalities at the same convention and it is an opportunity our alumni should take advantage of.

The theme of this year's convention is "The Sabbath." Interesting and informative papers will be delivered on the Halachic and philosophic implications of the Sabbath and its practical application to contemporary Jewish living. Workshops on all phases of Sabbath programming for youth, adults, the synagogue and home, will be conducted. The aim of the workshop sessions will be to help the rabbi and rebbitzen translate the spirit of the Sabbath into a more meaningful and significant religious experience.

In addition to the above mentioned attractions, your convention committee has allowed ample free time for recreation and general comraderie, thus affording you an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones and enjoy the company of your colleagues.

From all indications the convention should prove to be the most outstanding one your Rabbinic Alumni has had to date. Make your plans to attend now!

The above mentioned figures are further proof (if any is needed) of the tremendous influence Yeshiva and the Rabbinic Alumni continue to exert on the world Jewish community.

NEW MUSMACHIM SWELL RABBINIC ALUMNI RANKS TO 861

Since the Chag Hasemicha which was held last March, thirty musmachim have joined the ranks of the Rabbinic Alumni, increasing our membership to the grand total of 861. This figure is unsurpassed or even unparallel by any other Yeshiva, Rabbinical School, or Organization thus making your Alumni the largest single Rabbinic body in the world.

Of greater significance is the fact that the majority of our musmachim, six hundred and seven to be exact, are directly serving the Jewish Community. Three hundred and ninety seven of our fellow Alumni are serving in pulpits throughout the world while the remaining two hundred and ten serve in allied fields, including Jewish education, military and civilian chaplaincies and Hillel directorships.

The following are the figures and classifications of the Yeshiva University Rabbinic Alumni to date:

Serving in Pulpits	397
In Jewish Education	112
In Jewish Organizational work	47
Military Chaplains	14
Civilian Chaplains	9
In Israel	14
Hillel Directors	5
Graduate Students	9

607

In Business and Secular Professions162

Unclassified (musmachim awaiting placement, recent musmachim who have not made career decisions, several musmachim who are ill)	56
Deceased	36

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EDITOR'S PREROGATIVE

by Rabbi Abraham R. Besdin

The disunity in Orthodox ranks is frequently bemoaned. The wide gulf separating various shadings within Orthodoxy, at times seems to approximate distances which set orthodoxy apart from non-orthodox groups. A millenium of strength and great strides is foreseen, if only our unilateral efforts would be replaced by an Orthodoxy united and centralized.

The virtues of unity are beyond question. A concerted effort will unquestionably create a greater thrust towards a desired objective than energies dissipated in all directions. Nevertheless, it is my conviction that much of the disunity within our ranks is not only inevitable but, perhaps, even desirable.

Judaism has never been monolithic in ideology or practice. Shadings of variation within a circumscribed area have always characterized our ranks in both halacha and theology. Our Gedolim of the past have reflected variegated emphasis in their Orthodox religious expression. Of course, I repeat, this divergence was confined within an area of allowable variation.

Within American Orthodoxy, as well, our seeming disunity may constitute the source of our strength. "Kanos" in behalf of Torah Judaism by divergent groups, each pursuing its particular emphasis, represents a source of invigor-

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Rabbi Israel Miller

The beginning of a new academic year finds the Yeshiva continuing its amazing growth. Dr. Belkin met with the officers of our Rabbinic Alumni on the day after Yom Kippur and outlined for us the very gratifying increase in the enrollment in the Yeshiva departments to which our prime interest is directed. We were also pleased at the report of the magnificent increase in the number of Rabbinic Alumni now serving on the faculties of the various schools and as advisory personnel in the Residence Halls. I will include much of this material in the President's Report to the Convention. I know you will share with me the pride and sense of accomplishment I feel for the part we have played in this expansion, and the optimistic note it sounds for the future of orthodoxy in our country.

I am confident that our colleagues have not assumed the attitude of too many lay people in our communities in taking the professional staff of our institutions for granted. The luncheon we tendered, honoring Rabbi Morris Finer at our last Mid-Winter Conference, was not an empty gesture. We are appreciative of the dedicated efforts of the Community Service Division Staff in the many areas in which they work. Despite the assumption of new duties by Rabbis Furst and Stitskin, we are certain that they will continue to function within the framework of our needs as they take on additional responsibilities for the Yeshiva.

As your president, I would like formally to pay tribute to Rabbi Sol Spiro who has left the comparative safety and

comfort of "Orthodoxy's Pentagon" to take an exposed, front-line position on the battlefield. After five years of fruitful accomplishment in CSD, - and we are all grateful to Sol for the publications he wrote, gathered and edited and his excellent organizational work with the Assn. of Men's Clubs - he has gone into a new community in the suburbs of Montreal as the rabbi of a recently-formed congregation. Our thanks to him for a job well done, and our sincerest good wishes for success in his new undertaking.

We are pleased to welcome our fellow alumnus Rabbi Bernard Walfish to the Staff. He has earned a fine reputation in the years he has served in the rabbinate, and we look forward to his adding lustre to his reputation as Rabbi Spiro's replacement.

I had a privilege early in September that several of our colleagues have had in the past, when I visited the Yeshiva Youth Bureau's Teen Age Seminar at Camp Monroe. I was the guest speaker at the concluding Banquet, and could thus perceive the results of 10 days of an intensive Jewish experience for the youngsters fortunate enough to attend. I was heartened and inspired. Staff members Abe Stern and Cy Shavrick deserve a special vote of thanks and an expression of confidence from the Rabbinic Alumni. Make a mental note to send your teenagers to these conclaves. You and they will be well rewarded.

I hope to see you, please G-d, at the Convention.

ation, an antidote to lethargic self-righteousness. The Satmar approach may be unpalatable to many of us but who can deny that its very existence constitutes a source of spiritual stimulation to other Orthodox groups. The Lubavitcher movement may seem incongruous on the American scene, yet its energy and missionary fervor have unquestionably enriched Torah Judaism in America.

The seeming inflexible positions of other movements as well, may seem unrealistic and possibly anachronistic. Yet, their very stubbornness and persistence have achieved wonders in many areas, and their articulate existence has prevented other somewhat-compromised liberals from plunging over the precipice.

My basic thesis is that a "Kinas Soferim" within Orthodoxy is a beneficial stimulant; that the supposed blessings of

a centralized unity are mainly illusory. I do not, thereby, mean to condone the petty snipings and reciprocal disparagements rampant in some circles. One would also wish a united stand representing Orthodoxy in our relations with civic authorities and Jewish deviationist groups. But, beyond this "Klapay Chutz" area, a continuation of the multi-colored texture in Orthodox would seem desirable.

Your colleagues are interested in what happens to you and to your family. Won't you please send us personal items so that we may include them in the next issue of CHAVRUSA. Send all material to CHAVRUSA, Program Department, C.S.D. Yeshiva University.

C S DOINGS

by Rabbi Morris H. Finer

It is gratifying that our colleagues and their congregations are participating in increasing numbers in the many programs and projects sponsored by C.S.D. At the same time, it is often a source of wonder and disappointment that so many rabbis still fail to take advantage of splendid opportunities to promote Yiddishkeit within their communities simultaneously enhancing their personal prestige and professional effectiveness. This thought comes to mind as we inaugurate our activities for the coming year.

Yudae now has 130 congregations affiliated with our program. Why not enroll your synagogue's adult education program with this attractive and successful instrumentality for promoting Torah learning among the laity? Our Association of Men's Clubs now has 64 affiliates. There is a warm sense of fellowship within this organization. If your congregation boasts a Men's Club, you ought to encourage the group to join the Association. Are you planning a forum or lecture series? Instead of going to other sources why not make the arrangements through our own Lecture Bureau which has an outstanding roster of personalities available? If you are scheduling any important congregational function, you should invite the participation of some representative of Y.U. Thus you will not only help tie your congregation more closely to Yeshiva; you might also afford your Alma Mater a chance to say some nice things about you to your own people.

The one C.S.D. activity that should especially command your enthusiastic interest is the dynamic program offered by our Youth Bureau. The regional Conclaves and semi-yearly Torah Leadership Seminars have made a remarkable impact upon thousands of Jewish teen-age participants during the past six years. You will soon receive an announcement concerning the forthcoming Winter Torah Leadership Seminar to be held at the Lake House, Woodridge, N. Y., December 24-30, 1959. Send us your youth; they will return to you stimulated by Torah learning and inspired by a rich experience in group Torah living.

In addition to the above enumerated activities, C.S.D.'s major concern is the personal happiness of each individual Musmach. If you are confronted with a problem and could use guidance and counsel, you will find C.S.D. staff members understanding, sympathetic and frequently helpful in a very practical way.

CAPSULE REVIEW by Simcha Dvash

"This Is My God"

By Herman Wouk

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Garden City, New York

A layman's analysis and perspective of Judaism always attracts the rabbinical eye, for it may contain exactly that which the spiritual teacher is seeking to impart to his congregants. Such an approach is not burdened with rabbinical casuistry, but uses only the layman's 'spectacles' and verbiage. If such a volume is written by a prolix novelist, a Pulitzer Prize Winner, it is especially welcome. And if the spiritual 'autobiography' of one of the foremost writers in America, living as an observant Jew, may serve as a guide to other Jews, it is thrice blessed. Herman Wouk has all of these assets, but was humble enough to seek scholarly counsel from experts, so that his volume is basically accurate in defining Judaism (Why these scholars permitted the use of B.C. instead of B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) is an enigma). Every phase of harmonization of Jewish tradition with modern living, be it in the company of Fred Allen in Hollywood, or on a warship in the Pacific is revealed. The book describes, as only Wouk can, "the way Jews live, who believe in God and who follow Mosaic tradition."

Sometimes one gets a better glimpse of Herman Wouk and his grandfather, or the author and his Jewish library, rather than the solution to pressing Jewish problems of *mechitza*, *kasbrut*, *two day observance*, et al. But Wouk did not seek to "flog the horse." His viewpoints should not be considered as final rationalization; they are mostly *apologia*. They will be extremely wonderful springboards for discussion in classes of adult education, even in regard to the relationship of the Kinsey Report to Mosaic law (p. 160 ff.), or the *lex talionis* and common law, or circumcision and hospital practice. An index would have served to pinpoint the author's views by cross-checking. But can one's emotional attachment to his faith as delineated in a book not intended for study but "to be read straight through in a few attempts" be critically measured? The simple fact that Wouk shows that Judaism is not a fossil but a living adventure, accessible to all, is sufficient to make his volume of importance in this lunar age. Mr. Wouk has attempted to show that "our law of Moses is as great and honorable now as when it first came to us." The instinct to survive as a Jew "through religion" which he honors and the plea he makes for the training of the young, are matters wherein all will affirm *יישר כח* or Bravo.

RABBI ISRAEL MILLER HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER



Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinic Alumni was honored by his congregation, The Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center, Bronx, N. Y. and by Yeshiva University on the occasion of his 18th year of service both in the Rabbinate and as spiritual leader of his Congregation. Pictured above are L. to R. Jack Holliday, Chairman of the Dinner, Rabbi Morris H. Finer, Director of C.S.D., Dr. Samuel Belkin, who made presentation to Rabbi Miller, Rabbi Miller.

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A REBITZEN RESPECTFULLY DISSENTS

To the Editor:

In a recent issue, Rabbi Adams projected the ideal role of the rebetzin as that of non-involvement in the programmatic and administrative aspects of the synagogue.

I would like to take exception to this viewpoint and I am probably echoing the sentiments of many other rebitzens who have chosen a course of active participation in synagogal and community affairs.

I feel that a rebitzen, in addition to being a devoted wife and mother is, by virtue of her inescapable status, the first lady of the congregation. Her counsel will inevitably be sought by the Sisterhood; her unique abilities by virtue of her Jewish rooting especially qualify her to assist in many vital areas. She can desist or she can become an active force for good in the synagogue, believing firmly that thereby, she is aiding and advancing her husband and the cause of Judaism.

It is no wonder that a rabbi's wife is honored by a unique title, "Rebitzen", denoting an inescapable community role. If she is truly to be a source of psychological strength to her husband, to encourage and to counsel, then she must have a realistic understanding of synagogal affairs which can only come from a rebitzen who is involved. Like Mrs. Roosevelt who was the eyes and ears of her husband, so can a rebitzen be similarly helpful.

Attendance at Sabbath services is very important. Here she can be helpful in evaluating her husband's sermons and possible procedural failings which are not discernable from the altar. Greeting people with "Gut Shabbos" after services is excellent public relations, certain to evoke good will.

I believe that a rebitzen's primary role should be in cultural activities in Sisterhood and in outside organizations. She is uniquely qualified for this role and has a positive contribution to make. In this capacity, she will find herself a member of The Sisterhood Board and, thus exercise a voice of restraint or encourage-

ment in matters crucial to our ideology. Deviationist tendencies can thus be curbed, trefa affairs sidetracked, and traditional Judaism encouraged.

Of course, a rebitzen should never permit herself to outshine her husband by word or deed. In her every endeavor, she must ask herself "will this further the welfare of my husband and thereby redound to the benefit of the organization as well?" Her role is strictly auxiliary; the rabbi is always the shining luminary.

Some rebitzens may feel timid, fearful in assuming roles for which they have had no formal training. I can state that it's not the training but rather the sincerity, the warmth, the love of people and the desire to serve that really counts. These qualities will, unquestionably, bring honor to herself and to her husband while, in general, evoking good will.

Rabbi Adams is entitled to his opinions but this rebitzen respectfully dissents.

Helen Felman
(Mrs. Meir Felman)
Brooklyn, New York

ALUMNI NEWS

by Rabbi Bernard H. Walfish

MAZEL TOV**Births**

Rabbi and Mrs. Norman Bernhard, Wichita, Kans., on the birth of a second daughter, Tova Kim.

Rabbi and Mrs. Hayim Donin Detroit, Mich., on the birth of their daughter, Rena.

Rabbi and Mrs. Max Goldzweig, Rockville, Conn., on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Isaiah Hertzberg, Camden, N. J., on the birth of a first child daughter, Dena.

Rabbi and Mrs. Hyman Krantz, Glen Rock, N. J. on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Jonah Kupietzky, Forest Hills, N. Y., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Norman Lamm, New York, N. Y., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Elihu Marcus, Jamaica, N. Y., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Marvin Pachino, Lewistown, Pa., on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Nisson Shulman, Bridgeport, Conn., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi and Mrs. Eric Zimmer, New York, N. Y., on the birth of a daughter.

Rabbi and Mrs. Phil Zimmerman, Long Beach, N. Y., on the birth of a son.

Rabbi, and Mrs. Yakov Zev, Bayside N. Y., on the birth of a second son, Daniel Nachum.

Bar Mitzvahs

Rabbi & Mrs. Israel Klavan on their son Avram Macy's Bar Mitzvah.

Rabbi & Mrs. William Orentlicher on their son Avraham Moshe's Bar Mitzvah.

Engagements

Rabbi Ahron Batt, Brooklyn, N. Y., on his engagement to Miss Iolet Shapiro.

Rabbi Karpol Bender, Kingston, Ont., on his engagement to Miss Nina Zambrowsky.

Rabbi Julius Berman, Hartford, Conn. on his engagement to Miss Dorothy Gewirtz.

Rabbi Morris Gans, Cynwyd, Pa., on his engagement to Miss Cynthia Hattie Menzel.

Rabbi Jerome M. Herzog, Brooklyn, N. Y., on his engagement to Miss Hadassah Bukspan.

Rabbi Simon Kobrinetz, Woodmere, N. Y., on his engagement to Miss Beverly Becker.

Rabbi Bertram Leff, Brooklyn, N. Y., on his engagement to Miss Gloria Stein.

Rabbi Ahron Lichtenstein, Brooklyn,

N. Y., on his engagement to Miss Tova Soloveitchik.

Rabbi Myron Rakowitz, Paramus, N. J., on his engagement to Miss Sarah Kitainik.

Marriages

Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz, New York, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Adele Hollander.

Rabbi Marshall Korn, New York, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Ethel Milch.

Rabbi Simcha Lent, Kew Gardens Hills, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Veda Eckstein.

Rabbi Harold Neustader, Brooklyn, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Betty Freiman.

Rabbi Stanley Rosenberg, Brooklyn N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Carol Rothchild.

Rabbi Herbert Scheinfeld, Kew Gardens, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Esther Weinstein.

Rabbi Mordechai Schnaidman, New York, N. Y. on his marriage to Miss Bayle Chesir.

Rabbi Bernard P. Shoter, Miami Beach, Fla., on his marriage to Miss Dolores Keusch.

Rabbi and Mrs. Israel Weisfeld, New Orleans, La., on the marriage of their son H. Daniel to Barbara Elaine Garber.

Rabbi Louis Leifer, New York, N. Y., on his marriage to Miss Miriam Bodek.

New Positions

Rabbi Aaron Baer: Principal Hebrew Academy of Tidewater; Norfolk, Va.

Rabbi Karpol Bender to Beth Israel Cong.; Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Rabbi Alvin Bobroff to First Hebrew Farmers Assoc.; Perrineville, N. J.

Rabbi Aaron Borrow to Cong. Agudath Israel; Montgomery, Alabama

Rabbi Aaron Brander to Kerhonkson, N. Y.

Rabbi Mark Brener to American Hebrew Center Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Seymour Brickman to Hebrew Community Center; Florida, N. Y.

Rabbi Leonard Buchen to Cong. Sharrey Tzedec; Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Rabbi Jerome Chervin to Cong. Keshet Israel West Chester, Pa.

Rabbi Matthew Clark to Faculty, Yeshiva University High School; Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Label Dulitz to Faculty, RIETS Yeshiva University, New York, N. Y.

Rabbi Moshe Elefant to Faculty, J.S.P. Yeshiva College, N. Y.

Rabbi Ludovico Fleischmann to Cong. Bnai Jacob Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Rabbi Jack Goldman to Erz Chaim Cong.; Jacksonville, Fla.

Rabbi Max Goldzweig to Cong Bnai Israel; Rockville, Conn.

Rabbi Jacob Greenberg to Beth Israel Synagogue; Wallingford, Conn.

Rabbi Abraham Hartstein to Community Synagogue Center; New York, N. Y.

Rabbi Irwin Haut to Levittown Jewish Community Center; Levittown, N. J.

Rabbi Joseph Heimowitz: Principal, Day School; Allentown, Pa.

Rabbi Albert Hollander to Young Israel of New Rochelle; New Rochelle, N. Y.

Rabbi Meyer Horovitz to Bnai Zion; Chattanooga, Tenn.

*Rabbi Harold Konovitch to Cong. Beth Jacob New Kensington, Pa.

*Rabbi Sholom B. Kowalsky to Young Israel of Hillcrest; Hillcrest, L. I.

*Rabbi Sidney Lebor to Young Israel of Sheepshead Bay; Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Bertram Leff to Sunrise Jewish Center; Valley Stream, L. I.

Rabbi Max A. Lipshitz to Cong of Monticello Park; North Miami Beach, Fla.

Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz to Beth Israel Synagogue; Lebanon, Pa.

Rabbi Norman Lobel to Cartaret Hebrew Community; Cartaret, N. J.

Rabbi Issaac Lubin to Temple Beth Sholom; Fairlawn, N. J.

Rabbi Marvin Pachino to Cong. Ohav Sholem; Lewistown, Pa.

Rabbi Abraham Pelberg to Mt. Sinai Cong.; Newark, N. J.

Rabbi Solomon Poupko to Cong. Cohevei Torah; Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Marvin Pritzker to Homestead Hebrew Cong.; Homestead, Pa.

Rabbi Jerry Pruzansky to Cong. Beth David; Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Rabbi Boris Rackovsky: Director,, B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation, University of Indiana; Bloomington, Ind.

Rabbi Berel Rothman to Cong. Bnai Zion (Assistant Rabbi); Bronx, N. Y.

Rabbi Morris Schnall to Surburban Park Jewish Center; East Meadow, L. I.

Rabbi Irving Shapiro; Principal Hillel Academy; Perth Amboy, N. J.

Rabbi Gilbert Shoham to Cong. Shaarey Zedek; North Hollywood, Calif.

Rabbi Solomon Shoulson to Cong. Beth Judah; Philadelphia, Pa

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NEW POSITIONS (continued)

Rabbi Sherman Siff: Executive Director, Mizrachi Hatzair; New York, N. Y.

Rabbi Joseph Stern: Educational Director, Cong. Shomre Emunah, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Isaac Suna: Supervisor, Yeshiva University High School Dormitory; New York, N. Y.

Rabbi Samuel Tabak to Cong. Emanuel; Roselle, N. J.

Rabbi Seymour Tannin: Educational Director; Island Park, N. Y.

Rabbi Aaron Twersky to Sherman Oaks Synagogue, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Rabbi Norman Twersky: Educational Director, Clearview Jewish Center; Whitestone, L. I.

Rabbi Bernard Walfish: Director, Program Department; Community Service Division Yeshiva University; New York, N. Y.

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg to Cong. Ahavath Achim; New Bedford, Mass.

Rabbi Leon Wengrovsky to Beacon Hebrew Synagogue; Beacon, N. Y.

Rabbi Herbert Witkin to Flemington Jewish Community Center; Flemington, N. J.

Rabbi Jacob Zev: Assistant Director of Alumni Activities, Yeshiva University; New York, N. Y.

Personals

The Bayside Jewish Center, Bayside N. Y., of which Rabbi William A. Orentlicher is the spiritual leader, had its cornerstone laying ceremony for its new \$850,000 building.

Rabbi Gerson Romanoff was tendered a 10th anniversary dinner by his congregation, The Hebrew Center of the East Bronx, N. Y.

Rabbi Joseph Schimelman was tendered a testimonial dinner by his congregation, Tifereth Israel, Glen Cove, N. Y.

Rabbi George Bernard Schwartz, Englishtown, N. J. recently published a sefer "Divrey Regesh."

Rabbi Ephraim Shimoff was awarded the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters by the Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Samuel S. Stollman was tendered a dinner in honor of the tenth anniversary of his rabbinate in Windsor by his congregation, Shaar Hashomayim of Windsor, Ont.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman was reelected president of the Rabbinical Council of America at their recent meeting. Re-elected with him were: Rabbis Solomon Sharfman, honorary president; Charles Weinberg, first vice-president; Robert Marcus, Abraham I. Rosenberg,

SPECIAL FEATURE**THE 1959 SUMMER TORAH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

An informal study group in Bible. Seated in left corner: Abraham Stern, Director of Youth Bureau.

Zev Segal and Harold P. Smith, vice-presidents; Paul Levovitz, treasurer; Leon Stitskin recording secretary and Abraham Chill, financial secretary.

Rabbi Irving Koslowe was honored by his congregation, the Westchester Jewish Center, on the Occasion of his 15th anniversary with the Center. YURA participants in the event were Rabbis Abraham Avrech and Israel Miller.

Rabbi Morris Max was recently honored by his congregation, Queens Jewish Center, on the occasion of his 10th anniversary with the Center.

Rabbi Meyer Felman presided at the dedication ceremonies of the new Talmud Torah building of the Judea Center, of which he is the spiritual leader.

Rabbi Herbert Goldstein left for a four months visit to Israel on behalf of the World Academy in Jerusalem, of which he is the leader.

Rabbi Louis M. Tuchman of Congregation Agudath Achim of Freehold N. J., was elected chairman of the 1959 U. J. A. Campaign for Freehold and surrounding areas.

Condolences

Rabbi and Mrs. H. Friedman on the loss of their daughter

Rabbi Philip Reiss on the loss of his father.

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld on the loss of his wife.

TORAH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

An area of major concern in the sphere of congregational activity is the teen-ager. Understanding and reaching his particular needs and interests is frequently trying.

The Youth Bureau has, in recent years, undertaken a number of programs and services aimed specifically at this group. Perhaps the most successful program has been Torah Leadership Seminar.

Torah Leadership Seminar, an informal Jewish educational experience, is now entering its sixth year. Combining Jewish studies with group work techniques, Seminar offers young people a chance to learn more about their heritage while acquiring useful leadership skills.

With wide acclaim resounding from the successful summer Seminar, keen interest and many preliminary reservations for the winter event are already on hand.

The summer Seminar attended by nearly two hundred teenagers is evidence of the tremendous interest on the part of Synagogue youth in this unique opportunity to experience Jewish living.

A typical first year Seminarian recently wrote, "My first Seminar trip was one of the most exciting and inspiring experiences that I have ever witnessed. I've begun to realize," she continues, "that Judaism is a true and living religion, and that it is our duty as young American Jews to encourage and inspire others in our respective communities." These sincere senti-

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ments echo the feelings of scores of teenagers upon their return from the recently concluded Summer Seminar.

Of those in attendance at the past TLS, fifty-eight expressed a definite interest to continue their studies at Yeshiva or Stern College. This figure coupled with the sizeable number of full time "recruits" already at the Yeshiva is of great significance. It lends credence to the belief that Seminars and other informal educational media properly planned and implemented can become vital forces for the perpetuation of Yiddishkeit.

With Seminars now offering both winter and summer sessions, an opportunity will again be presented at our forthcoming Winter Torah Leadership Seminar, from December 24 through December 30, to communities and congregations to expose their teen-agers to this meaningful experience in Jewish living.

The Winter Seminar, to be held at the Lake House Hotel in Woodridge, New York will function on six educational levels to suit the varied backgrounds of participants.

In addition to the program of studies in fundamentals of Judaism, workshops and skill sessions in leadership techniques and group dynamics will be offered plus a full complement of recreational and evening activities. Sessions are led by young Yeshiva University faculty, Rabbinic Alumni, and Community Service Division Staff, with Yeshiva and Stern College students as advisors.

RABBI BERNARD H. WALFISH JOINS C.S.D. STAFF
Succeeds Rabbi Spiro As Director of Program Department

The appointment of Rabbi Bernard Walfish to the Community Service Division staff was announced last week by Rabbi Morris H. Finer, Director. Rabbi Walfish is a musmach of RIETS (class of '49) holds a B.B.A. degree Cum Laude from C.C.N.Y. (1948) where he also received the Louis Greenbaum Gold Medal for scholarship and extra curricular activities. He is presently working for his Doctorate at Y.U.'s Bernard Revel Graduate School. His rabbinic experience gave him an opportunity to study Jewish life at close hand in various sections of the United States and Canada. He held pulpits in Minneapolis, Quebec City, and Engelwood before coming to Y.U.

"Yummie," (short for Binyomin) as he is affectionately known to his friends, has been very active in Jewish communal life especially in Hillel work, for Israel in general and for Mizrahi in particular. He recently received a special award from Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel for his outstanding work in behalf of Israel Bonds.

Rabbi Walfish's particular responsibilities within C.S.D. will be in the areas of programming and Lecture Bureau. He will

As a rabbi of a congregation, to whom the validity of the Seminar experience needs no further explanation, we strongly urge that you act quickly to get prospective applicants to reserve now while they can still be accommodated. Cost is \$54.50



Rabbi Bernard H. Walfish

also serve as consultant to the National Association of Men's Clubs affiliated with the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council.

Welcome to Rabbi Walfish and best wishes for Bracha V'hatzlacha!

which covers room, board and Seminar materials.

Further information and Seminar particulars can be obtained by writing the Youth Bureau, Community Service Division.

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