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We Want You!

November 15th to December 1st is I. S. Join Week!

The big Membership Campaign is on. Our campaigners—250 strong—are going out this week to canvass 10,000 Jewish families of this community. They are going to make every member, of every one of these families, above the age of 12, an active participant in at least *one* of our building's activities.

There is something in this building for every one in the family!

That means that everyone in every Jewish family in this vicinity will find something in this building in which they are interested.

We Want New Building Members!

We Want New Gymnasium and Swimming Pool Members!

We want you to come around and get into the campaign. Our candidate for election is INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE. We have got to put our candidate across in Harlem!

There will be a permanent trophy with the names of the winning members of the successful Campaign Team of Five put up in the building. There will be a little silver loving cup for each one of the members of this team. Join a team now! There will be an individual loving cup for the campaigner who brings in the greatest number of members.

Get a copy of our new descriptive booklet! Get a pencil! Get a number of membership blanks! Get hold of your neighbor and his neighbors! Get the whole family to sign up!

You will find a huge clock outside of the building, with hands denoting the progress of our membership campaign and our gymnasium and swimming pool campaign. Help us make these hands go around!

Talk, sing, write, spread the doctrine of the INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE, Harlem's Jewish Community Center.

To help us put this great campaign across—

We Want You!

FRIDAY EVENING CIRCLE :: HOST SOCIAL LEAGUE :: REFRESHMENTS
Light Candles at 4.25 P. M.

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GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL TO BE FORMALLY OPENED

Dedication Services to be Held on Sunday, November 30th

The gymnasium and swimming pool will be formally opened on Sunday evening, November 30th, at 8:00 P. M. The President and Board of Directors will, on that evening, officially open the gymnasium and swimming pool for the use of the members. An interesting program of dedication has been arranged, including a gymnastic exhibition.

During the same evening, the final reports of the Campaign Committees for the monster INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE Join Week will also be heard.

Following the short ceremonies there will be refreshments and dancing. Members are invited to attend these ceremonies. Admission to members 50 cents, and to outsiders, 75 cents.

FRIDAY EVENING CIRCLE CONTEST STARTS

The Young Folks League was the first Senior Club, last Friday evening, to offer their program in competition for Rabbi Goldstein's trophy for the best program presented at the Friday evening circles.

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THE BIG CAMPAIGN GETS UNDER WAY

Institutional Synagogue Starts Great Join Week Drive on Saturday, Nov. 15th

Old members, new members, contributing members, active members, inactive members, all met together, last Thursday evening, at the home of Rabbi Goldstein, and firmly resolved to put across the big Join Week Campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to secure new members for the building and new members for the gymnasium and swimming pool. A list of all the activities in the building has been supplied to each campaigner. This list shows that there is something in this building for every member of the family according to their age and inclination.

The members have been divided up into teams of five. Each member has been given a list of eighty families to see. They have descriptive booklets with them containing an outline of the building's activities. They are out to put the INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE across in Harlem!

There are at least 30,000 Jews in the vicinity of the INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE who should be making use of at least one activity, if not more, carried on in Harlem's Jewish Community Center.

The campaign will open on Saturday evening, November 15th, at the same time that the beautiful gymnasium and swimming pool, recently completed, will be thrown open for inspection. This gymnasium and swimming pool will accommodate 1,000 children of the Hebrew Schools, 2,000 members of the various clubs and 1,000 other members of the building. Adjoining the large, airy and attractive gymnasium, there is located one of the finest swimming pools in the city. Adjoining this swimming pool are fifteen showers and lockers for gymnasium clothes. One of the features is a steam room.

The climax of the campaign will come on Sunday evening, November 30th, when the gala campaign celebration of the gymnasium and swimming pool jubilee will be held on the gymnasium floor. At this time there will be formal exercises for the opening of the gymnasium and swimming pool and the final reports of the various campaign committees will be ready. Following this program will come refreshments and dancing.

They offered for discussion the question "Shall there be a Jewish Colonization of Mexico?" After a general discussion and a musical program, refreshments were served.

This Friday night, the Social League will present its program, the announced topic being, "The Jewish Educational Problem and the Public Schools."

The judges of the contest are: Mrs. Goldstein for refreshments; Cantor Lauer, for singing, and Mr. Max Shuchatwitz for program contest. The judges are using the point system by which to make their decision.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

THE JEW IN AMERICA

Editor's Note—The INSTITUTIONAL will print, each week, a brief synopsis of contributions that Jews have made to the making of America. Your comments on these articles, which are taken from the writings of various Hebrew scholars in America are invited.

The story of the Jew in America equals in interest that of any other religious denomination. It will appear further that the Jew in the United States is American to the core, and has entered with his fellow citizens of every faith and opinion, who understand the principles upon which our American institutions rest, into the true spirit of this government.

In the words of George Washington, in a message by him to the Jewish Congregation of Newport, R. I.: "This government gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, and requires only that those who live under its protection shall demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

Jews were instrumental in making the voyage of Columbus possible. Negotiations between the navigator and Ferdinand and Isabella, the King and Queen of Spain, had been suspended when the Jewish favorite of Ferdinand, Luis de Santangel, Chancellor of the royal household of Aragon, induced them to lend favorable consideration once again to the appeal of Columbus. He himself advanced 17,000 ducats out of his own fortune, for which he would not accept interest, towards fitting out Columbus' first expedition. The discovery of this fact has destroyed the century-old legend that Queen Isabella pawned her jewels to secure the money for the equipment of the expedition of Columbus and led the late Prof. Herbert B. Adams, of the Johns Hopkins University, to coin the epigram, "Not jewels, but Jews" were the real financial basis for the first expedition of Columbus.

It is undoubtedly because of the assistance given him by Santangel, that Columbus wrote him the first detailed account of his voyage. This was in the form of a letter written by Columbus on February 15, 1493, from the Azores, where the navigator stopped on his homeward voyage.

The first European who set foot on American soil was a Jew by birth, Luis de Torres, the interpreter of the expedition of Columbus. He settled in Cuba and lived there the remainder of his life. He was the first European to discover the use of tobacco.

There is also an indirect connection between the Jews and the second expedition of Columbus. One of the most infamous acts in history was the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. The property of these unfortunates was confiscated by the government.

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HARVARD CHAPTER OF COLLEGIATE BRANCH OF ORTHODOX UNION

At a meeting of the Collegiate Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which was held last Wednesday evening, plans were discussed for the organization of a chapter of the Collegiate Branch at Harvard. Dr. Moses Isaacs, of Columbia, brother of Professor Nathan Isaacs, who is a member of the Faculty of the School of Business Administration at Harvard University, is chairman of the Committee on Extension Activities, and it is hoped that before long the Collegiate Branch of the Union will have a chapter in the leading universities throughout the country.

The Discussion Group of the New York Chapter of the Collegiate Branch held its opening meeting of this season in the Trustees' Room of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, on Monday evening, October 10th. It was decided to collect the substance of this series of discussions, print it in pamphlet form and distribute it for the use of all the chapters of the Collegiate Branch, as well as for other young people's organizations.

STUDENT CUTS EXCUSED

"Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein,
President, Union of Orthodox Jewish
Congregations of America,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of Oct. 27th, 1924, with reference to the Jewish holidays occurring recently, and the consequent absence from college duties of a number of our students.

May I say that while these absences are necessarily counted as cuts, and cannot be pre-excused, the student always has the right of appeal to the Promotion Committee in case her absences exceed the allowed number in any subject. The Promotion Committee would never allow a student to suffer for absence caused by religious observance.

You may rest assured that every consideration will be given all such cases.

Thanking you for calling the matter to our attention, I am, Very truly yours,

(Signed) ANNIE E. HICKINBOTTOM,
Dean."

A further connection between the Jews and the discovery of America lies in the striking fact that the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, the most disastrous event in Jewish experience since the destruction of Jerusalem, and the discovery of the land which was destined to prove their refuge from the persecutions of the old world, both took place in the same year.

The coincidence of these events impressed Columbus himself, for he writes in his diary (it will be noted that by a slip he wrote January for August): "After the Spanish monarchs had expelled all the Jews from all their kingdoms and lands in January, in that same month they commissioned me to undertake the voyage to India with a properly equipped fleet."

JOIN A CLASS

BAZAAR COMMITTEES GET UNDER WAY

The Sisterhood Bazaar Committees have already started to function. A large number of letters were sent out to various firms throughout the city, announcing the bazaar, and requesting donations of merchandise.

Acknowledgment is made for the receipt of merchandise from the following firms: A. E. Rothstein, N. Oshinsky, Manhattan Button Co., Marcus Bros., L. May, Sam Wisenthal, Samuel London, S. Unterberg, Levy & Enden, Maurice Bob, Herman Sacks, M. Hauptman, J. Richman, Trashker Bros. & Co., Morgenstein Bros., Chas. Whitcup & Son, L. E. Waterman Co., Levy, Shulman & Co. and Vandewart Co.

The following ladies have rendered excellent services during the past week in connection with the bazaar: Mrs. Isadore Brody, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Moe Goldstein, Mrs. Moe Goodman, Mrs. Kapner, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. A. R. Morris, Mrs. Max Stavish, Mrs. Louis Tuchman and Mrs. A. W. Wartels.

Won't you follow their example during the coming week by volunteering your services?

CONDOLENCE

We extend our condolences to Mr. Samuel Grundwerg on the death of his mother, Fega Grundwerg, at the age of sixty-five.

Mrs. Grundwerg is survived by her husband and Mr. Samuel Grundwerg.

**JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ARRANGES
HOLY DAY CELEBRATIONS FOR
SERVICE MEN**

Through arrangements made by the Jewish Welfare Board with the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans' Bureau, furloughs were granted to Jewish men in the service and disabled veterans for the period of the Jewish High Holy Days. Many men were unable to take advantage of this opportunity by going to their homes, and to these men, through the efforts of the Jewish Welfare Board, a welcome was extended by the synagogues of nearby communities, or the Board arranged special services. Lodgings and meals for Rosh Hashonah, lodgings for Yom Kippur, and meals before and after the Day of Atonement were provided by the Board. Holy Day prayer books, calendars for the Jewish year 5685, and New Year greeting cards were distributed.



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BRISBANE LASHES HUNGARIAN MINISTER FOR ATTITUDE TO JEWS

The attitude of the Hungarian Minister of the Interior in refusing to punish Hungarian students who persecute and attack their Jewish fellow students, because Jewish bodies are not furnished for dissection in the anatomy class, has called forth the following comment from the famous editor, Mr. Arthur Brisbane (N. Y. American, October 24).

"Hungarian students, demanding the expulsion of Jews from classes in anatomy, have caused the closing of an important college. The students, if you please, complain because in the anatomy class, where bodies are furnished for dissection, no Jewish bodies were furnished. The reason is that the Jewish community guarantees decent burial to all unidentified Jewish dead. Therefore none drift to the dissecting room. Plenty of Christian bodies arrive to be cut up, because nobody cares to bury them.

"Nevertheless, the anti-Semitic students demand that Jewish as well as Christian bodies shall be dissected. The Minister of the Interior says, 'while the students act unlawfully, I sympathize with them. I CANNOT PUNISH HUNGARIAN YOUTH FOR A FEW JEWS.'

"That's too bad, but, as you remember, the whole of Europe was punished, twenty million lives were sacrificed, Hungary and Austria were reduced to beggary and humiliation, all because a Serbian happened to shoot one rather worthless grand duke. What about that?"

**YOUNG FOLKS HOLD FIRST
CLUB DANCE**

It is the pleasure of the Young Folks League to announce a Carnival and Dance on Saturday Evening, December 6th.

A handsome trophy will be presented to the club most represented from the building.

The committee is sparing no expense to make this affair a most decorative and fitting opening Club Dance in the building.

Tickets can be procured at the office.

OPENING GALA DANCE OF THE SEASON

and

Dedication Services for the
GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL

SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30th at 8:00 P. M.

Gymnastic Exhibition

REFRESHMENTS AND DANCING

Admission to Members 50 cents

General Admission 75 cents