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Monster Join Week Campaign Wins Popular Favor In Harlem

CAMPAIGNERS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

About two hundred and fifty campaigners, members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue, are getting ready for the final rally during the remaining week of the great JOIN CAMPAIGN.

With their ranks growing fast and members signing up rapidly the teams are confident of going over the top in their endeavors to secure two thousand additional members for the building. They are spreading the idea that "THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY."

The grand climax of the campaign will come on Sunday, November 30th, designated as JOIN DAY. On that day at 2:30 P. M. the President and Board of Directors will formally dedicate the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool. The tentative program includes addresses by President Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Goldstein, report of the building committee chairman, Mr. Blankfort, and Judge Talley, who aided in the ceremonies of the laying of the cornerstone, has been invited to speak. The ceremonies for the afternoon will close with an inspection of the Gymnasium. The general public is invited to attend. At 8:30 in the evening will come the grand rally of campaigners in the Gymnasium proper. The evening will start with an exhibition basketball game between the Savage School team and the aggregation from the Ninety-second Street Y. M. H. A. Then will come dancing, followed by the reading of the final results of the membership drive. A big feature of

the evening will be the gymnastic exhibition, when such stars as the Women's A. A. U. gymnastic champion and the national women's fencing champion will give exhibitions. A boxing exhibition is also scheduled and such stars as Benny Leonard, Danny Lee and others have been invited to participate. The City College champion wrestling team will exhibit.

There will be an admission charge of Fifty Cents for members and Seventy-five Cents to the general public for this gala evening program.

Amongst the active teams that are producing results in the competition for the Join Trophy and Silver Loving Cups are Ladies' Team No. 1: Miss Schwartz, captain, Ruth Engel, Lillie Goldberg and Kate Hoch, lieutenants; Team No. 2: Eva G. Stein, captain, Frieda Bernstein, Millie Finn, Abe Tamor and Edith Finn, lieutenants; Team No. 3: Reba Friedman, captain, Pansy Horowitz, Serena Weissman, Florence Goldstein, Mariam Levow, Esther Garfunkel and Rose Starkman, lieutenants. Men's Team No. 1: J. Falk Bursky, Archie Harris; Team No. 2: Max Cohen, captain, Martin Wesiberger, Rose Edelson, Millie Spitzberger, Herman Geller, lieutenants; Team No. 3: Mack Karow, captain, Sally Abramson, Zelda Cohen, Bessie Burak, Anna Caves, lieutenants; Team No. 4: Emanuel Matskowsky, captain, Mannie Stavish, Esther Michaels, Moe Furster, Al Rashap, lieutenants.

And their fighting slogan—"Rabbi Goldstein Wants to See You!"

JOIN DAY EXERCISES TO OPEN WITH MONSTER PARADE

The JOIN DAY exercises on November 30th, when the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool will be dedicated, will open with a monster parade. Led by Rabbi Goldstein and Congressman Siegel, and with music by the Orphan Asylum Band, the members and clubs of the Institute will parade throughout Harlem, with banners flying high.

Institutional Synagogue Troop of the Boy Scouts will act as the Guard of Honor under the direction of Scoutmasters Luloff and Mutterperl.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING
RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN
Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 8 P. M.
Refreshments

Light Candles Today at 4:18 P. M.

SIGN YOUR FRIENDS UP NOW

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THE LAME AND THE BLIND

Antonius, Roman Emperor, asked once R. Jehuda: "Man is a union of body and soul, therefore he can't be held responsible for his sin. The body can say that without the soul it is dead, and the soul can lay all the responsibility upon the body, claiming that without the body it can do nothing." The Prince R. Jehudah replied with a parable: "A rich man had beautiful gardens, the trees bearing the most luscious fruit. He placed two men on guard; one was lame and the other blind. The lame man was tempted to eat the fruit but could not reach it, so he suggested that the blind man take him on his shoulders and then they would both enjoy the fruit. The plan was carried out. The owner came soon after and noticed that a large quantity of fruit was missing. He called the watchmen to account. 'Can I walk?' pleaded the lame man in his own behalf. 'Can I see?' exclaimed the blind man."

The owner saw what had taken place. He commanded the blind man to take the lame man on his shoulders and punished them both. God does likewise. He punished man when the body and soul are united.

**This huge sign appeared on the front of our building a few years ago—
Slowly but surely we added practically every
one of these attractions.**

THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

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THIS BUILDING WILL FILL HARLEMS GREATEST NEED. HELP BUILD!

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.

EARLY JEWISH SETTLERS

The first Jewish arrival in the New World settled in South America, and the islands of the South Sea. But we are concerned here with the story of the Jews in the United States and therefore must dismiss with this mere mention all reference to the settling of Jews in other portions of the western hemisphere.

In 1654, thirty-four years after the Mayflower landed the Pilgrim fathers at Plymouth, Mass., the Santa Caterina arrived at New Amsterdam (the present New York) with twenty-three Jews on board, who in all likelihood came from Brazil, which country the Jews left when it passed from the possession of the Dutch to the Portuguese. Shortly before the arrival of this band of Jewish pilgrims, the first Jews known to have arrived at New Amsterdam came on the ship Pear Tree. These were Jacob Barsimson and Jacob Aboab. It is quite likely that even before this stray individual Jews may have found their way to some portions or other in the country.

These first Jewish arrivals did not secure the permission to settle in New Amsterdam without difficulty. Governor Peter Stuyvesant was much opposed to them and desired to expel them, and it was only after the directors of the Dutch East India Company in Holland espoused the cause of the newcomers that he receded from his position.

The most masterful of these first settlers was Asser Levy. He made the first fight for the rights of citizenship. In 1655 an ordinance was passed that no Jews be permitted to serve in the militia, but that in lieu of this they be taxed sixty-five stivers each per month. Asser Levy refused to pay this tax and petitioned the Council for permission to perform military duty like all the other citizens of the colony, or else to be relieved from paying the tax. His petition was rejected. He seems then to have appealed to the authorities in Holland and they appear to have granted his petition, for we find that he did perform guard duty like other citizens. He continued to fight the cause of equal rights for the Jews, for eventually Stuyvesant and the Council granted them burgher rights.

In 1682 the Jews of New Amsterdam rented a house for religious services, although undoubtedly they met for worship before that. In 1729 the first synagogue building was dedi-

cated in Mill Street. This congregation, the present Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, now worshipping at Seventy-first Street and Central Park West, is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States.

New Amsterdam having passed from the possession of the Dutch to the British, its citizens were required to take the oath of adjuration. The General Assembly of New York passed an act on November 15, 1727, to the effect that when this oath was taken by a Jew the words "upon the true faith of a Christian" might be omitted.

In 1658 fifteen Jewish families arrived at Newport, Rhode Island, from Holland. This community grew apace until in time it became very prosperous. In 1763 it built the handsome synagogue which is still standing. The congregation was disorganized at the time of the Revolution, when a large number of Jews who sympathized with the patriot cause left the city upon its capture by the British.

Aaron Lopez, the foremost member of the community, with seventy others, removed to Leicester, Mass., where Lopez founded the Leicester Academy. The president of Yale College, Dr. Ezra Stiles, whose diary contains frequent references to Jews of the eighteenth century, with whom he had cordial relations, wrote the epitaph on the tombstone of Aaron Lopez, who was laid to rest in the Jewish cemetery of Newport, made famous by Longfellow's poem, "The Jewish Cemetery at Newport."

SABBATH LAW MUST BE ADAPTED TO MODERN SPIRIT

The news which has come from Palestine that the Jewish colony Rishon L'Zion has adopted a strict law against the transgression of the Sabbath has called forth various opinions in the Jewish press.

"That the Sabbath must be observed in the Jewish cities in Palestine is self-evident," says the Philadelphia Jewish World of October 21. "No civilized person will object to one day in the week being set aside for rest from all labor. And in Palestine this day must be the Sabbath on the ground of our religion as well as in consonance with centuries-old Jewish traditions."

"The only question is, how will the Sabbath law be defined. In the distorted goliath atmosphere of the Jewish towns and cities of Europe many foolish customs have arisen in regard to the observance of Sabbath, which are actually a travesty on religion."

"It is to be hoped that the new Sabbath law in Rishon L'Zion will be administered in a modern spirit, so that the observance of the Jewish day of rest may be not a caricature of religion but an act of pure faith and humanity."

JOIN A CLASS

THE POET

The Poet's cares are not alone,
For his Nation's cause to sing,
His sacred feelings he makes known,
In instruction he fain would bring.

Long 'twas his will, his cherished hope,
The entire world to harmonize,
But one and three differed in scope,
Which no two, yet, could equalize.

But lessening in his peaceful dream,
To conciliate one and three,
To stem the controversial stream,
His sweet poetic muse set free.

E'er since the lock is on the gate,
And the locksmith is not yet born,
And keys are owned by every mate,
And himself each seeks to adorn.

Oh! Leave the poet free to build,
And beauteous world to thee he'll yield,
And mystic streams of light divine,
By his fancy he'll cause to shine.

RETIREMENT OF SIR HERBERT SAMUEL WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, DR. YELLIN DECLARES

Prominent New York Jewish Leaders Welcome Guest From Palestine

"The withdrawal of Sir Herbert Samuel from his post as High Commissioner of Palestine at the present time would be most unfortunate," said Dr. David Yellin last night at a reception in his honor given by the Zionist Organization of America and the Keren Hayesod.

"Let us note that a High Commissioner who is Jewish is needed to equilibrate the situation in Palestine. The population is largely Moslem. The government is Christian. The least we could ask then is that the High Commissioner should be a Jew.

"Both the agricultural and industrial development of Palestine depend as yet on the assistance of American money," he said. "This is needed in industry in the form of credits and investment."

Over 3,000 people crowded the north ballroom of the Hotel Astor to welcome the distinguished Palestinian scholar. Miss Henrietta Szold, acting chairman of the Zionist Organization of America, opened the meeting and greeted Dr. Yellin in English and in Hebrew.

Reubin Brainin, Hebrew writer; David Tanenbaum, chairman of the New York Zionist Council; Nathan Straus and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, at whose invitation Dr. Yellin came to America to lecture at the Jewish Institute of Religion, welcomed the guest.



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CHIEF RABBI KOOK PAYS I. S. SURPRISE VISIT

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, paid the Institute a surprise visit on election day last. He was shown through the building and expressed his appreciation of the work we are doing. The Rabbi blessed the building and wished us success.

"The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, through its Executive Committee, sent a memorandum in Hebrew to Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, Chief Rabbi of Palestine, expressing the sentiments of Orthodox Jewry of America in regard to the question of admitting a large number of Portuguese and Arabians who desire to affiliate themselves with the Jewish people. The following is a translation of the letter which was delivered in person to Rabbi Kook by the Committee, consisting of Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein, Bernard Drachman and David de Sola Pool:

"To His Excellency,

"The Chief Rabbi of the Holy Land,

"Abraham Isaac Kook, may his life be prolonged:

"We, the undersigned, in the name of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, humbly present to you and your august court in the Holy Land our petition in behalf of the Maranos of Portugal and the Arabian Tribe who claim Jewish descent, who were forcibly torn away from the Jewish fold and who now beg for readmission and the privilege of becoming a part of the Jewish nation by fully embracing our holy faith.

"Fervently hoping that your findings and decision will coincide with our sentiments in this matter, we beg to remain,

"Very respectfully yours,

"Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, President;
Rabbi Bernard Drachman, Honorary President;
Rabbi David de Sola Pool, Member of Executive Committee."

GALA OPENING DANCE OF THE SEASON

and

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