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MONSTER BAZAAR OPENS THIS SUNDAY

Variety of Merchandise for Sale

The Sisterhood will officially open their Monster Bazaar this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Gymnasium proper.

Members of the Sisterhood and their associated committees have been working steadily to secure a large amount of merchandise to be placed on sale during Bazaar week. The Bazaar will be open every evening from 8 o'clock on.

Two of the special features will be a Restaurant and Dancing and Entertainment every evening.

Mrs. Annie R. Morris, president of the Sisterhood, who has been working quite diligently, announces that the booths will be in charge of the following people:

Candy and Cigars—Mrs. Henry Greenwald.
Drugs and Perfumes—Mrs. Moe Goldstein.
Piece Goods—Mrs. Aaron Wartels.
Dolls—Misses Lena Morris and Reba Freedman.
Novelties—Mrs. Cooperstein.
Millinery—Miss Miriam Goodman.
Silverware—Mrs. Messing.
Stationery and Books—Miss Topper.
Men's Furnishings—Mrs. Lauer and Miss Blanche Levov.
House Furnishings—Mrs. Walc.
Lingerie—Mrs. Grundwerg and Mrs. Lippman.
Toys—Mrs. Rosenbluth.
Blankets—Mrs. Isaac Siegel.
Cloaks, Dresses and Ready-to-Wear—Mrs. Leah Siegel.
Groceries—Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kaplan.
Oriental—Mrs. Benoliel.
Parents' Association Booth—Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Vosberg and Miss E. Stein.
Arts and Crafts—Misses Pearl Oshrin and Reggie Freedman.
Mrs. Gouled will assist on the floor.
The following ladies have donated cakes: Mesdames Dworkin, Wald, Wartels, Grundwerg, M. Goldstein, Rosenbluth.
Mrs. Messing has kindly donated bread for sandwiches.
Mesdames Goldstein and Stavish will be in general charge.
Mr. Wald is going to supervise the construction of the booths with the assistance of Mr. Hollander.
Lillian R. Wald is in charge of decorations.
Since all of the Sisterhood members and many friends of the Institutional Synagogue are continuing to bring in merchandise during the week, the Bazaar will be adequately equipped to meet the desires of all those who want to purchase Chanukah gifts.

Come and bring your friends with you!

RELIGIOUS NOTES

THIS SATURDAY MORNING RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 9 P. M.
HOST: ELDORADO CLUB

Light Candles Today at 4:13 P. M.

ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY TO BE HELD AT MANHATTAN OPERA HOUSE

I. S. Entertains on January 18th

The Institutional Synagogue will hold its Annual Theatre Party and get-together on Sunday evening, January 18th.

Mr. Morris Jablow, chairman of the committee in charge, announces that there will be an exceptionally good program and that tickets have already been placed on sale. He also calls attention to the fact that we are publishing a very interesting journal. Members who desire to advertise or who wish to solicit advertisements should get in touch immediately with Mr. Isadore Brody, chairman of the Journal Committee.

Tickets may be procured at the building.

BASKETBALL CANDIDATES WANTED

Twenty men reported for basketball tryouts at the first practice, held Thursday, December 4. The material looks promising and the prospects are excellent for two fast teams. The House will be represented by a Junior Team, men under 135 pounds, and a Senior Team, of unlimited weight.

Candidates will report to Coach Dreeben in the gym on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 P. M. with uniforms.

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINS TALMUD TORAH

The Parent's Association entertained the Talmud Torah children at a party last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. I. Stein, President of the Association with the assistance of Miss Eva Stein acted as hostesses for the occasion. The party was held with all the ceremonials attached to a Sabbath afternoon gathering and, since such a good time was had by all the children, Mrs. Stein promises to continue the parties in the future.

Rabbi Goodman announces that he will designate the honor students each week to attend these gatherings.

COME TO THE BAZAAR

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THE POET'S CORNER

(At the suggestion of some of our readers we are conducting a weekly column of poetry. All of the poems which appear here have been clipped out by one of our readers who has been interested enough to think that others might enjoy the same ideals and the same pleasant reflections that the reader did when the reader clipped the poem for our use. We suggest that you avail yourself also of this opportunity and send us your choice of poems.)

THE MAN WHO WINS

The man who wins in the tilt of life
Is the man with a steady hand,
Whose muscle, quick in the heat of strife,
Responds to the brain's command.
The fellow who wins is the one who trains
And fits himself for the test;
The one who prepares is the one who gains,
For the battle goes to the best.

The man who wins in the race for fame
Is the man who works with a plan,
Who prizes the worth of a spotless name
And fights his foe like a man;
Who treads his way with a will that's strong,
Who struggles with all his soul,
Who doesn't surrender when things go wrong,
But sticks till he makes his goal.

The man who wins in the search for friends
Is the man who is on the square;
Who isn't concerned with his selfish ends,
But fights for the thing that's fair.
The fellow who takes a weak man's part,
Who gives him a lift and grins—
The man with a great, big, human heart
Is the kind of a man who wins.

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AROUND AND ABOUT

Back again to tell the world and the Institutional Synagogue that we have been doing a little traveling.

Ran in the other evening to take a look at the opening dance of the season and found the ever-smiling Reuben Richman all decked out in his Tuck. All the sweet young things at the dance mistook him of course for one of our eligible bachelors.

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"The Girl Who Came Back" is the title we would bestow on Reba Freedman because every year she is back again full of pep and anxious to get into the swing of activities on behalf of the Institute. Reba has been with us so long that she really has become part of the family.

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About the happiest one of them all at the opening exercises was Mr. Dreeben, our new Director of the Department of Physical Education. Big Bill was all smiles as he watched his performers "do their stuff" and he has promised even better gymnastic entertainments in the future.

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We could not help but notice our own Rabbi as he sat back in his chair on the evening of the opening dance and we all saw with him the fulfillment of that vision of seven years ago. We'll bet that the Rabbi would have liked somebody to have pinched him just to make sure that it was true that the gymnasium and pool were finished at last.

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And not so far away from where the Rabbi sat was "the man of few words but many deeds," Mr. Henry Blankfort, chairman of our Building Committee, who was busy receiving congratulations from our many friends.

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And Mr. Prober was so busy that he actually wished he was a centipede so that he could take care of everything at once.

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Our President admitted that the gymnasium and swimming pool was exceeding in appearance his fondest hopes.

Mr. Samuel Silver, our Vice-President, summed it all up in the expression that was prevalent on his countenance as he proudly showed his relatives through the place, which said, "Well, here you are, we've done it."

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Mr. Max Stavish showed his satisfaction together with Mr. Aaron Wartels in a great big beaming smile.

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Mr. A. M. Davis even stayed in town over the week-end to make sure that he didn't miss any of the opening ceremonies, and he declared that "it certainly was worth while."

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The sum total of it all is that we are all glad the gymnasium and swimming pool is done and now we are going to enjoy its benefits.

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

The INSTITUTIONAL has invited men and women interested in specified lines of endeavor, in professions and writers to contribute articles, the nature of which would be of interest to our readers. Each week we hope to publish an article by another individual and topics will cover a wide range. Your ideas of the subjects touched upon will gladly be published in our weekly, irrespective of the views which you take.)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA

By Harry M. Goldman, Executive Secretary

For the student of Jewish life a most remarkable phenomenon exists in contrasting the growth of Judaism in the two great English-speaking countries. In England, traditional Judaism has remained completely in the forefront, while in the United States the situation in the past has been completely reversed. Though the number of Orthodox Jews here is still, numerically speaking, the largest, they have not exerted the power corresponding to their numbers.

Realizing that nothing will be done by those interested in strengthening Orthodox Judaism in America unless all who are of the same belief are properly united, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America was first organized on the 18th day of Iyar, 5658 (June 8, 1898). Recognizing the fact that, if Orthodox Jews are not to become a helpless minority in American life, the Union was formed to speak for this vast number of Orthodox congregations and educational institutions that conform to Orthodox practice, of which it is composed. Since its inception, it has devoted itself to strengthening and properly developing the various phases of Jewish religious life. The Union very soon realized that in order to become a strong body it was necessary to assemble and unite those of our people who adhere to Orthodoxy. In other words, to succeed it was essential to organize all the moral resources which Orthodox Jews in America possess.

During the past year, guided by the strong leadership of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, the Union has taken on a new lease of life and has begun to attack the Jewish problems with renewed vigor and life. The Union proposes to halt the chaos and confusion which exists among our brethren on the basis of congregational, institutional and individual affiliations, and in this way bring about some measure of order and authoritative action in matters relating to Orthodox Judaism.

The Reform and Conservative Jews have for a long time appreciated the value of organization. Because the general, social and economic tendencies in American life serve to extinguish and crowd out Orthodox Jewish life, the Union is bending every effort, once and for all, to drive out the notion that Orthodox Jews cannot be organized. Thus uniting all Orthodox congregations and institutions that sincerely desire to better conditions, the Union has been able to do what

no single organization can hope to do alone and has been able to solve Jewish problems with that force and intensity which the power of numbers can alone bring.

There is ground for the belief that Orthodox Judaism will gain in strength in the coming years as it has in the past. The influence of the Orthodox Jew has been less because he has been Yiddish-speaking. Today the Yiddish-speaking generation has been supplanted in the synagogue by their English-speaking offspring. Also the lack of rabbis capable of presenting their views in English is now continually being reduced by the graduation of English-speaking rabbis from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary—the Yeshiva.

The limitation of space does not permit more than a cursory enumeration of the Union's most significant accomplishments and endeavors. Every facility available is being sought and utilized to carry its messages throughout the country—even the radio. Every Wednesday evening the Union broadcasts an address by a prominent rabbi or layman, accompanied by selections of Jewish music.

During the winter months a noonday (12:30) Mincha service has been introduced for employers and their employees in the business district. This service is now being held daily at the Broadway Central Hotel and the attendance warrants the belief that it is filling a long-felt want.

The Union has also been instrumental in inducing one of the largest biscuit manufacturers of the country to allow a "mashgiach" to supervise the baking of several brands of their crackers, each one of which has stamped on its face the word "Kosher" in Hebrew letters—thus making possible a Kosher cracker for the first time.

One of the most significant endeavors of the Union at present is its campaign for a five-day work week, and the chances of success are very rosy for union labor is strongly in sympathy with the project.

Another of the projects closest to the heart of those active in the Union is the establishment of a group of Orthodox "circuit riders" to carry the message of traditional Judaism to all the outlying parts of the country, where a modern version of the ideals of Orthodox Judaism is seldom heard.

Perhaps, in passing, it would not be amiss to mention the great work of our Women's Branch in providing dormitory accommodations for the students of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. Nor should the accomplishments of the Collegiate and High School Branches be lost sight of. Their endeavors in bringing back into the fold the great student body of our universities and high schools are too well known to require greater comment.

Wordsworth, in his great "Ode to Duty," calls duty "Stern daughter of the voice of God." However, there is one beautiful thing about this goddess and it is this—that as we go on obeying her dictates, her face loses its sternness and shows a gentle, lovely aspect. Utilizing the words of Lord Nelson, the Union

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SUNDAY IS BAZAAR DAY

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 REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD

Among the foremost citizens of South Carolina at this period was a Jew, Francis Salvador. He was a member of the provincial Congress of the Colony which assembled at Charleston, January 11, 1775, and the second provincial Congress, which assembled in Charleston in November, 1775.

The records of the Revolutionary Army are incomplete; there is no way of discovering how many fought in the Continental Army. Of the list of Jewish soldiers whose names have been preserved a large proportion are officers. The names of twenty-seven of these officers are given. It is more than likely that the names of many Jewish privates are unknown, for the number of officers is disproportionately large. Among these officers special mention may be made of Col. David S. Franks, Col. Solomon Bush, Col. Isaac Franks, Maj. Benjamin Nones, Capt. Jacob de la Motta, Lieut. Abraham Seixas and Lieut. David Sarzedas.

The company of the Charles Town (Charleston), S. C., regiment of militia, commanded by Captain Richard Lushington, included twenty-six Jews.

Esther Hays was a Jewish heroine of the Revolution. Her husband, David Hays, was in the patriot army; she was left with her children in the home in Bedford, Westchester County, New York. In July, 1779, Tories entered her home while she was lying ill, and demanded of her information concerning the patriot plans which she was supposed to possess. When she refused, her home was fired; she and her children were saved by a faithful negro servant.

The Jewish congregation of New York, led by its patriot rabbi, Gershon Mendès Seixas, disbanded when the British approached the city. Mr. Seixas left New York and after a brief sojourn in Stratford, Conn., removed to Philadelphia, taking with him the sacred belongings of the synagogue. Quite a number of the patriot Jews who had left New York on the approach of the British had settled in Philadelphia, and desiring to organize a congregation, induced Mr. Seixas to come to Philadelphia for this purpose. He did so, and organized with them the Mickve Israel congregation. In 1784 he returned to New York, where he continued to be a prominent figure; he was a trustee of King's (now Columbia) College. In 1789, at the inauguration of President Washington, he participated in the ceremonies together with thirteen ministers of other creeds.

Hayam Salomon rendered invaluable financial service to the government during the darkest days of the Revolutionary War. He was the chief individual reliance of Robert Morris, the government's Superintendent of Finance. In Morris' diary, in which he recorded his financial transactions, Salomon's



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name appears seventy-five times. The sums advanced by Salomon in aid of the government aggregated approximately \$200,000.

Besides the aid rendered the struggling patriot cause, Salomon came to the rescue of prominent statesmen who were in bad straits. James Madison, later President, who was a delegate from Virginia to the Congress sitting in Philadelphia, wrote in 1782, "I have for some time past been a pensioner on the favor of Hayam Salomon, a Jew broker." So also it is recorded that had it not been for the aid "administered with equal generosity and delicacy" by Salomon to James Wilson, one of Pennsylvania's most prominent patriots, he would have been forced to leave the public service.

The heirs of Hayam Salomon made a number of attempts to secure from the government a settlement of claims for sums advanced by him to the government. Although committees of both branches of the National Legislature reported favorably to the heirs, no appropriation was made. Finally, in 1893, the heirs agreed to forego their claims if Congress would have a gold medal struck in recognition of Salomon's services. The House Committee to whom this was referred reported favorably, but the House failed to pass the report.

Another Jew, Isaac Moses, helped out Robert Morris by pledging £3,000 to the patriot cause.

Philip Minis advanced \$7,000 toward paying the troops of Virginia and North Carolina in the State of Georgia.

The services of the Jews at this critical time, when the whole Jewish population was scarcely three thousand, were referred to by Col. J. W. D. Worthington, in 1824, during the deliberations of the Maryland Legislature on the so-called Jew Bill, in these words, "There were many valuable Jewish members, officers principally, in the Revolution, from the South chiefly, and these were ever at their posts and always foremost in hazardous enterprises."

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expects and calls upon every Orthodox Jew "to do his duty." Our duty to our country and its institutions is a serious thing. Too many of us hold that duty too lightly. There is a big account charged against us here and if we have a spark of that honor that inspired our forefathers, we will want to repay it. We are enjoying our religion here because our ancestors dared to speak out what they felt to be true, even though the guillotine faced them while they were saying it. It is for us today to pay the debt of those grand heroes by fostering the working of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and aiding in placing Orthodoxy in America in its proper place in the sun.