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TALMUD TORAH CONDUCTS

REGISTRATION DRIVE

The Talmud Torah is starting a drive to register children for the new term. Thousands of circulars will be distributed and committees of women from the Parents' Association will visit the homes of children who do not attend the Talmud Torah. The aim of this drive is to procure 100% of the children in the neighborhood, and to have them receive their religious education in the Talmud Torah Synagogue. Special commendation should be given to the members of the Parents' Association, and its President, Mrs. I. Stein, for their enthusiastic co-operation in the Talmud Torah.

The following two courses for adults will be given in the new term. Elementary Reading, a course for adults who do not know how to read Hebrew and prayers.

2. A course in History. Each course will be given in twenty lessons. The course in Reading will be given Monday night at 8.30, and History on Thursday night at 8.30. The fee for each course is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for members). Registration starts immediately, and will continue until February 8th when there will be an additional fee of \$3.00 for late registration.

This is additional to the evening courses for High School groups which are given twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 in advanced Hebrew and Minor Prophets.

SOCIAL DEPARTMENT CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT NIGHT

Host—Junior League

The Social and Educational Department annual Chamisho Osor B'Shvat party will be held this Friday evening, January 29th at 8:30 p. m.

Fortunately, the hosts for this Friday night will be the Junior League, whose splendid and successful conduct of Friday Evening Forums in the past assures us a both entertaining and educational evening. Members of clubs with their friends are cordially invited.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

This Saturday Morning

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Will Preach

Friday Evening Circle at 8:30 P. M.

Host: JUNIOR LEAGUE

Light Candles Today at 4:53 P. M.

SOCIAL HOUR

Sunday at 3:00 P. M.

Host: ALOHA CLUB

I. S. PARTICIPATES IN ALL-ROUND CHAMPS

More than sixty juniors took part in the first round of the all-round champs, which started off with a bang last Sunday morning in the gymnasium under the capable direction of Mr. Driebein.

Standing out pre-eminently from their respective divisions were L. Kaplan, a junior who broad-jumped 7' 9", A. Super, a midget who did 6' 8" and Fader and Silver both members of the Sachems, in the intermediate division, who did 8'

Happy Day Heart

The cost for this week's issue has been
defrayed by

MR. & MRS. JOSEPH F. COHEN

in honor of

The Bar Mitzvah of their son Arnold.

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10" and 8' 9½" respectively.

Both teams representing the I. S. are leading the Community League. The juniors are tied with the C. J. I. for first place. The E. S. J. C. are tied with the I. S. Seniors for first. The next week's trial with the C. J. I. will probably decide the championship.

DIRECTORS ENGAGE NEW EXECUTIVE

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors Mr. Benjamin Sonenberg was chosen as the new Executive Director of the building. Mr. Sonenberg was a member of the Hoover Relief Committee, of which Mr. Felix Warburg was the chairman, that was sent to relieve conditions in Russia. The new director has studied at Columbia University and at several European Universities, and has been engaged in philanthropic activities for the past six years.

The members of the building welcome Mr. Sonenberg, and wish him every success in his undertakings.

Mr. Theodore J. Prober tendered his resignation as Executive Secretary last month, so that he might be free to further engage in legal practice. The INSTITUTIONAL bids him God-speed, and hopes that he will have a successful professional career.

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HAPPY HEARTS

"And the whole earth was of one language and of one kind of words." Genesis XI:1.

And it came to pass and they said one to another . . . Go to, let us make bricks . . . and build ourselves a city, and a tower, the top of which may reach unto heaven. So the Bible tells us the story of the tower of Babel. Each country has its own language, each nation its own standards each race its own color, but the hearts of God's children all beat in the same unison. Not all of us are men of learning, neither are we all skilled artisans; not all of us possess riches, neither are we all destitute. We vary in our trades and vary in our professions. In the chaos of nations and the multitude of our avocations there lies the one bond of union amongst us all—the beat of a heart.

Here in our own community we Jews are often prone to maintain a communal interest. More often the situation arises in the opposite way.

At any rate, just as we seek many forms of entertainment, interests and charities, so does our institution spread its message and try to bind the spiritual with the material—promoting a community of spirit and interest.

The Happy Day Fund represents the legion of "Happy Hearts"—the avowal of those who have learnt the lesson of the tower of Babel, that they will not be party to polyglot community interest. To them the glitter of gold is not reflected in the base metal—rather it shines with deeper lustre in good deeds and accomplishments that their gold will provide for. No man can bargain with his conscience, neither may he barter for his soul. The tower that reaches to God's haven is the path

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION TO HOLD
CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT

Will Fete Talmud Torah Children

A Chamisho Osor B'Shvat party will be given to the pupils of our Talmud Torah and their friends on Saturday, January 30th, by the Parents' Association, and all the pupils and children of the neighborhood are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be distributed, as is the custom of the PARENTS' ASSOCIATION, who are constantly striving to provide pleasures for the Talmud Torah children. They make these parties on this day every year.

THE WEEK'S BAR MITZVAH

Arnold Cohen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Cohen and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cohen, was Bar Mitzvah recently. Among those who attended were Rabbi W. Z. Margolies, Dr. Moses Hyamson and our own Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. Rabbi Goldstein spoke very feelingly pointing out the moral that "Judaism is safe when three generations can walk together in the same spirit and practice." The party was most brilliant in its religious atmosphere as well as in its social success.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ISSUES
HOLIDAY MATERIALS

The Jewish Welfare Board has recently made available to its local constituent societies, which number about 300, in various cities materials which will enable them to celebrate appropriately three important holidays falling in February namely, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Purim, the Feast of Lots, on the 28th.

These materials which are of a concrete nature and which include detailed suggestions for mass celebrations and club programs, are in the form of bulletins, which are revised and enlarged from year to year. The issuance of these holiday bulletins is in pursuance of the policy of the Jewish Welfare Board of stimulating and assisting its constituent societies in the conduct of broad cultural programs containing both American and Jewish elements.

of good deeds and unselfish service. But those who come before the Judgment throne must cast aside their worldly comforts; not only their hearts but their thoughts must be united.

This is a call to legionnaires—an invitation join the ranks of "Happy Hearts." Stand forth then, let your heart beat in thought and in measure with good deeds—gaze with smiling countenance at our synagogue, the nearest earthly symbol of the spirit of the Lord—let each man and woman do their duty when joy is at its height, and stand steadfastly erect and say "Our hands, our hopes, our hearts are all with thee, are all with thee."

SIGN UP FOR GYM AND POOL

CULLED FROM COLLECTED PENS

EDITOR'S NOTE—At the close of the last season, the Social and Educational Department conducted its annual tournament for the purpose of awarding the Bible medals to the members of clubs who had received the finest spiritual message from the Bible study conducted in the clubs.

The essay printed below was so far above the others in content and in thought, that it was decided best to withdraw this essay from the contest in all fairness to the other participants. The writer, Louis Hellman, of the Crescent Club, was the recipient of the Character Medal, the highest possible award offered in the institution during the season for 1924-1925. He has been a member of one of our clubs for the last three years, and is an institute protege.

THE SABBATH—ITS RELATION TO THE HOLY BIBLE

The Puritan fenced in his Sabbath with a wall of iron. Within that wall were sheltered, through stormy centuries three inestimable treasures—the sanctity of human rest, as well as of human labor; the peace and order of the Puritan household; and the dignity and simplicity of common worship.

There is no question of this day, it seems to me, that comes closer to the life of the Jewish people and affects our future welfare more deeply than the observance of the Sabbath. In the Book of Genesis, Chapter II, we are told that the Lord, our God, rested on the seventh day after all that he had created, and sanctified it. In our divine service of the Sabbath we softly repeat these sweet words of sanctity. The Sabbath is a garden, protected by its beautiful peace; it is a day of divine worship, a shining temple, into which none shall be compelled, but all shall be invited, to enter. There they will learn that the deepest rest comes through adoration; the strongest refreshment is drawn from faith, and the sweetest music is that which praises God. Man in his love and in his fear of God is bidden to perform the will of God on earth. His duty is to respond to the Command.

The keeping of the Sabbath entails a heavy burden. The modern pressure of business and the growth of competition make it almost impossible for a strictly observant Jew to compete in any way with his Gentile neighbors. Yet in united action there is strength. If Jewish employers in unison would lay down work on Saturday and close up their places of employment it would necessarily follow that Jewish laborers would be relieved of pressure on that day.

In religious observance there is no compromise. Yet, until the time shall come when every Jew will be able to observe his Sabbath, some condition can be instituted and adopted. In a recent sermon by one of our rabbis on the subject under discussion it was explicitly given us to understand that "those Jews who

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HAPPY DAY FUND CREATED FOR SYNAGOGUE

Mr. Maurice Greenstein, one of our directors, has been appointed as chairman of the committee for the Happy Day Fund.

The purpose of this committee is to raise money on the happy occasion in the lives of our members and others so as to be able to help the synagogue pay its debts particularly for the support of the INSTITUTIONAL, this weekly paper which carries the news of the work of our building. The first donation has been pledged by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Cohen of \$32.00, which pays for this week's issue of the INSTITUTIONAL.

We know that there are many of our friends who have their "Heart" in our work, although they cannot find time to be as active as they would like to. They will realize that this is a splendid opportunity for them to co-operate.

"Happy Hearts" are a source of inspiration to those who are carrying on our good work. The INSTITUTIONAL has no doubt that there will be many more "Hearts" to follow the splendid example of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen.

are bound to their work on the Sabbath because of the satisfaction of subsistence wants can still be real, observing Jews. All that is essential is to be as observant as possible. Don't do things that are not permissible on the Sabbath, if you are not obliged to do so by your employer. In this way you can intrinsically maintain that you have done as much as is within your power and self-conviction to glorify the Sabbath." Let us hope and have faith that the time will come when we shall be strictly Sabbath-observant Jews. Until then, the above recommendation is propitious and satisfactory.

This is the fundamental and indispensable step toward the resuscitation of orthodox Jewry in America. Conservation and Reformism must be retarded; more so, they must be extirpated. This can only be accomplished if we will all get together to push forward the plan of the orthodox Jewish organizations to revive the observance of the Sabbath. Their work is worthy of sincere commendation—it is a task in the interests of our own brethren. Already progress has been made. Everywhere in this city we may perceive the accomplishments of these faithful sons of Israel. And now it is up to us. Let us plant those treasures which the Puritans prized within our own faith. Let us do the will of God on earth as He would have it done. The Holy Bible is our guiding star! Its light is our inspiration. The performance of the fifth commandment as it is transcribed by the Torah and in the Holy Bible the book of Deuteronomy, is our earthly obligation: "Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath day; in it thou shalt do no manner of work . . . for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the sea and all that therein is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed and hallowed it."

ATTEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL HOUR

THE JEW IN AMERICA

IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC LIFE

It is a mistake to think that all Russian Jews are engaged in the clothing trade. Other industries also possess their Jewish quota. Jews are found in the furniture making and house decoration industry. They are also expert in what may be called the gentler manufactures; they are jewelers, watchmakers and producers of electrical appliances. Twenty-five percent of the silversmiths of America are Jews. With the opportunity of joining unions and engaging in manual labor open to him, there has been noticeable an increasing trend of Jews to painting, bricklaying, tanning and building industries.

The purchase of real estate and the building of new houses has become a Jewish business in New York, and in the other large cities where Jews are represented in appreciable numbers. Whole stretches of hitherto uninhabited territory, like the Bronx, Borough Park and Bensonhurst in New York City, Douglas Park section in Chicago and similar sections in the other cities have been converted into veritable cities, where block after block of fine suburban residences house the Jewish population. Land values within ten years have risen to an extent undreamed of. The tenement sections into which they migrated several decades earlier have been to a certain extent rebuilt; numbers of old private houses and slum dwellings have been converted into up-to-date double decker apartments.

TO OUR READERS

We maintain an EMPLOYMENT BUREAU for young men and women, who desire to observe the Sabbath. Let us help you fill your positions when in need of help.

Call Employment Department—University 6729.

This ad paid for by Fischel Family Foundation.

A perusal of the real estate columns of the daily newspapers bring out the fact that the overwhelming majority of buyers of real estate are German and Russian Jews. The vast heterogeneous population of New York City are sheltered in Jewish houses. The Real Estate Record and Guide might be mistaken for a Jewish directory of the city.

These Jewish operators do not confine themselves to the East side, but extend their activities to all parts of the Greater City and its environs. There is more than an accidental connection between the tremendous rise of real estate values in New York City since the 90's and the expansion of the Jewish community in the metropolis. In critical times, however, more than one fortune went with greater rapidity than it came. Nevertheless as a result of this unparalleled expansion, a large number of erstwhile Jewish pushcart peddlers and storekeepers marched triumphantly through the portals of homes in New York's most exclusive residential section.

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