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Chamisho Osor B'Shvat Celebrated by Talmud Torah Children In Real Style With Parents' Association Assisting

Mrs. Stein Assists in Distribution of Packages Containing the Holiday Fruits

Chamisho Osor B'Shvat, Jewish New Year of the Trees, which occurred last Saturday, was celebrated in true style by the I. S. Talmud Torah children last Sunday morning. Over five hundred merry "kiddies" almost filled the auditorium, and were feted by the Parents' Association.

Mr. Datt Explains Its Meaning

Mr. Joseph Datt, Principal, was the Master of Ceremonies. He spoke of the significance of the Jewish New Year of the Trees, giving the children the cultural and historical aspects of the holiday. The children were delighted by his recital of how the Palestinian Youths celebrate this joyous festival.

Children Sing and Cheer

Mr. Bernstein, our Executive Director, after urging the children to an appreciation of the holiday, was followed by Mrs. Stein, President of the Parents' Association. Mrs. Stein spoke of the relation between the Parents' Association and the Talmud Torah, and then gave a practical example by promising an unusual treat. After several songs and cheers, the children concluded by singing Hatikvah. At the conclusion of the celebration, Mrs. Stein, with the assistance of the teachers, distributed the packages which were filled with cakes, raisins, buksor, and other fruit symbolic of Chamisho Osor B'Shvat.

A Perfect Holiday

As a special treat to all the boys, Mr. Bernstein invited the children down to the Gymnasium to disport themselves. This was followed by a plunge in the pool, under the guidance of Messrs. Reiss, Israel and Cass. Is it any wonder that one cute "kiddie," with a mouthful of fruit and candy exclaimed, "Why can't we have Chamisho Osor B'Shvat every day?"

I. S. TALMUD TORAH REGRETFULLY BIDS FAREWELL TO MR. JOSEPH FREIMAN

It is indeed with a great deal of regret that the I. S. Talmud Torah bids farewell to one of its outstanding and most conscientious teachers, Mr. Joseph Freiman. Mr. Freiman, who has just been admitted to the New Jersey bar, has found himself unable to remain with the I. S. because all his time will be utilized in establishing himself in the legal field.

It was about six years ago that Mr. Freiman assumed the pedagogical duties at the I. S. He immediately proved himself to be a scientific and sincere instructor, and for the last few years has been in charge of the graduating classes. After being graduated from the Yeshiva Talmudical Academy, where he obtained a scholarship, he received his Bachelor's Degree at New York University, and last June received his L.L.B.

Mr. Freiman is a member of a National Debating Fraternitv, and is President of the Collegiate Branch of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America. As much as we regret his leaving, we all hope that his legal career will be as successful as has been his stay at the I. S.

To the Members and Friends of the Institutional Synagogue:

I want to take this means of asking you please to notify the office of the Synagogue of any vacancy that you may have, or know of, whereby our young men or young women may observe the Sabbath.

We have hundreds of calls from earnest and sincere Jews and Jewesses who want to keep the Sabbath properly.

I beg of you to help us, help the many, who seek our aid in regard to employment.

HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN,
Rabbi.

Friday Evening, Light Candles 4:56

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY VAAD LEUMI TO ARBITRATE PALESTINE LABOR DISPUTES

For the purpose of establishing better relations between Jewish labor and capital, a committee was recently appointed by the Vaad Leumi National Council of Palestine Jews to negotiate with the workers and colonists.

At a recent disturbance in Petach Tikvah the Jewish workers protested against the attitude of the colonists towards the non-employment of Jewish workers. The Vaad Leumi criticized both the workers and the colonists for having used force, and refused to arbitrate the controversy. It is hoped that such unwarranted situations will be eradicated by the work of the Committee.

Clubbery

Due to the fact that many were engaged in examinations, and because of the prevalence of colds, the One-Act Play Contest, which was to take place this Thursday, has been postponed for Saturday Night, February 16th.

We are glad to welcome as coach of our Junior Basketball Team, the Assistant Head Counsellor of the Tranquillity Camp, Mr. "Pip" Schneider. Mr. Schneider has coached basketball at camp, and is a player of repute. The I. S. Junior Team should be on its way to success now.

The girls who were formerly the Comrades and Carmelites have combined and now call themselves The Ronoh's. Their new officers are: President, Judith Winokur; Vice-President, Flora Franklin; Secretary, Pearl Reikman; Treasurer, Ida Menahem. A great deal is expected of the club under the new administration.

Sunday, February 17th will be an eventful evening for the girls of the Collegian Club. They are going to have a little gathering at which they will honor their conscientious leader, Miss Teddy Klahr.

The Neon Club held its elections last Sunday, and the following were given office: President, Ben Rachels; Vice-President, Phil Wasserman; Secretary, L. Chazin; Treasurer, Harry Rothbart.

The Harlem A. C. held their election of officers last Sunday, and the following were given office: George Schein, President; F. Irrizary, Vice-President; Hal Malkin, Secretary; Louis Ross, Treasurer, and Jack Resnick, Basketball Captain.

In a hard-fought battle between the Pals A. C. and the Harlem team, the former emerged victorious by a 20 to 16 score. This was the second victory of the day for the Pals, who turned back the Jeshuruns earlier in the day by a 21 to 14 set-back.

Miss Rachstein, who, unfortunately, was ill a short time ago, is back with us again. She leads the Sunshine Girls, one of the real active clubs of the Juniors.

We are pleased to learn that Sammy Simon, of the Tranquillity has assumed the duties of coach of the Basketball Team of the Jewish Stars. The cooperation of the older groups with the younger is the foundation of I. S. success.

Why Waste Your Evenings in Pleasures That Don't Mean a Thing?

Our Modern Youth

Young people of today are better trained, more independent and more self-reliant than those of 40 years ago. They are so radically different because in the home they have been given more privileges. They have more freedom, more luxuries. They work best and spend more.

They are, therefore, more selfish, more independent, less respectful and less polite. Too, they are more frank. They pull down the shades on nothing. I do not overlook the effects of environment, but an experience of many years with tens of thousands of young men and women has brought me to the conclusion that young people are tremendously like their parents. Whatever traits we find in young people, if we look closely enough, we shall find them in their immediate ancestors.

Children Imitate Parents

If the young people are so different it is because of the economic and scientific changes in the home. Nobody is at home any more. Father and mother are riding, at the movies or their clubs. The children likewise.

Companions, the synagogue, the schools and the home influence our characters. But the most potent of all these is the home. Courtesy, ideals, truth, honesty—all these have their foundation in the home. We learn by precept and example. Every parent should remember this, because a child's character is pretty completely determined by the age of fifteen.

It is Your Duty to Assist

So writes Dr. Thomas A. Clark, Professor of the University of Illinois, in sizing up young people of today, and this goes a great deal towards bringing across the tremendous importance that community centres like the Institutional Synagogue play in molding the character of our youngsters—the coming generation.

Our institution is doing too noble and too important a work to allow it to be stunted by lack of support. Every member of the community should make it his and her duty to assist in the best way possible towards strengthening the character of the rising generation. Let's keep these principles in mind when we aid the Institutional Synagogue in its many activities.

JEWS OF ROUMANIA SEE LIBERAL REFORMS WITH THE ELECTION OF THE PEASANT PARTY

The Peasant Party at the recent Roumanian elections was again victorious, as indicated by an overwhelming majority of the Roumanian people. In view of the fact that the leaders of the party had shown a liberal tendency towards Jewish questions, we hope that the ascendancy of the Peasant Party to power will mean the turning over of a new leaf in the relations between the Roumanian Government and the Jewish population.

The million Jews of the country are only too glad to promote the welfare of the entire nation, as has usually been the case with the Jews of all nations. But their attempts at assistance must at least be received with a liberal attitude and certainly deserve the consideration that will be accorded to all overtures of such nature.

Although very few Jews were elected to the Parliament at the recent elections the fact that the Peasant Party has announced its humanistic program should more than outweigh the disappointments because of the minority of the Jewish constituents. For, should the Jews ever need any assistance their lack of representatives should not deter them, providing, of course, the Peasant Party keeps its word in regard to its election platform.

In Memoriam

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NATHAN RUBIN, JEWISH GLOBE TROTTER, SPEAKS AT JESHURUN CLUB MEETING

Mr. Nathan Rubin, a Jewish globe trotter, was the guest of the Jeshurun Club of the I. S. last Sunday at the regular meeting of this organization. The visitor then addressed the boys in Jewish, and received the admiration of all present.

Hails from Lithuania

Mr. Rubin, who recently disembarked from Soviet Russia, is one of the 22 young men competing for a prize of \$15,000 offered by the Lithuanian Government to the successful candidate who is the first to encircle the globe. Short in stature, Rubin presents the appearance of a rugged athlete.

Stresses Jewish Superiority in Athletics

In his impromptu speech he stressed the point that the Jews should aspire to superiority in athletics as well as other fields. Rubin presented a striking appearance in his khaki walking uniform, his blouse bedecked with the numerous decorations bestowed upon him by the many cities through which he passed.

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That benevolence has finally reached the stage of organization and coordination on a scale equal to that of big business, is evident from the activities of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. This organization, composed of and representing ninety-one institutions, has as its purpose the collection of the community's bounty and its equitable distribution among its members.

Has Ninety-One Members

In an article recently appearing in the American Hebrew, Judge Proskauer stated that the Federation distributes among its ninety-one members a sum just short of five million dollars. Out of every Federation dollar received, but 4½c goes to the expense of collection, distribution and administration, and the other 95½ goes to the direct support of the institutions themselves.

Utilize Co-operative Buying

From the foregoing, it is very apparent that the Federation is the means of affecting a great economy in the collection and distribution of money. There are numerous other advantages that flow from the Federation. Noteworthy among them is the great saving effected by cooperative buying for the various institutions.

Bankers Lead in Gifts

With respect to the Federation's recent campaign for \$5,300,000, which ended successfully at the close of 1928, it was interesting to learn that bankers and brokers led all other divisions with a total contribution of \$1,153,192. The real estate and builders' section was next with \$471,648. The lawyers were third with \$264,704, and the women's apparel committee received fourth place with \$224,323.

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