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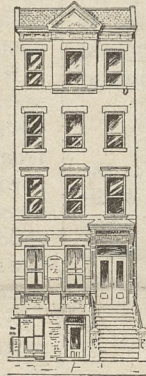
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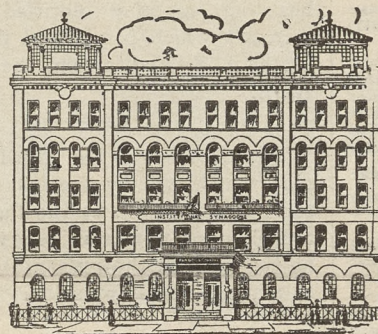
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FROM OUR RABBI

My dear Congregants:

With the help of God, we have been able to bring to the Jewish life of America, a new idea—the institutionalization of the Synagogue. Whether this was to be a success or a failure the founders could not foresee. Time alone would tell. Now that we have reached our twelfth year, the work of the Institutional Synagogue has proven that America is indeed fertile ground for the reconstruction of the spiritual centre of Israel into its historic form, namely, the House of Prayer, the House of Study, and the House of Social Gathering all combined.

We ought to be grateful to God, not merely for the success which we have attained, but also because we have been privileged to serve as a beacon light to other communities who have come to kindle their spiritual takers from our inspiring torch. We have demonstrated that a Synagogue can be absolutely traditional and still be thoroughly abreast with every environmental need of our time.

In view of the fact that the wealthier people have moved away from Harlem, our Institution has become a communal responsibility. We have more free children in our school than ever before for this reason. It is therefore the bounden duty of every Jew who feels a sense of communal responsibility to help us now more than ever. Just as the Institutions on the Lower East Side have to look for their support to the Jews everywhere, so do we, representing the Upper East Side have to look for our support to all our people who want to carry out the Rabbinic Edict, "All Israelites are responsible, one for the other." Let us remember that the name of the Jew tarnished anywhere reflects upon the Jew everywhere.

With the fervent prayer that we may be privileged through your unstinted help and cooperation to continue unabated our work for the greater glory of God and humanity.

I am,

Cordially yours,
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN Rabbi.



Samuel Silver, 1st Vice-President



Lester Udell, 2nd Vice-President

To the Membership of the Institutional Synagogue.

It is not what we take out of the Institutional Synagogue, but what we put into it which counts the utmost.

The Club work of the Institutional Synagogue is progressing along the highest lines and the Talmud Torah has been accomplishing exceptional fine work. 500 children attend after school hours. Our swimming team has once more won the championship of the Metropolitan League. Indeed, it is a splendid record and actual achievement to which we can point with lots of pride.

To all who have made this work possible I express the gratitude not only of myself but in behalf of the boys and girls who some day will have to lead. We are building character; we are helping American Jewry to the utmost.

I have sufficient confidence in our intelligent citizenship, to realize that ours at the present time is essentially a community institution which is entitled to their fullest support.

Wealth may come and wealth may go, but the deeds accomplished here, help in every way to make life sweeter.

So put your shoulders to the wheel and get ready to help us celebrate our Bar Mitzvah next year.

Faithfully yours,

ISAAC SIEGEL, Pres.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES 6:08.

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THANKS TO MR. BERNSTEIN FOR
ENLARGED FORM OF THE
"INSTITUTIONAL"

The enlarged form of the Institutional has met with instantaneous success, according to expressions of approbation we have received from many of our readers. In due fairness, we must say that it is due to the foresight and administrative ability of our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, that the issue was increased in size..

Realizing that the growing constituency at the West Side Branch was desirous of being informed of I. S. events, and because of the fact that so many members of the I. S. are not within the vicinity, Mr. Bernstein thought it advisable to make this change.

Also because of the added activities of the Institutional Synagogue, and since previously many of our events of interest had to be greatly compressed, this new format was a real necessity. At present, we are in a better position to be of service to our members.

Clubery

Sometime during Easter Vacation, the Girls of the Symeeha Club propose to attend a Theatre Party. A jolly time is looked forward to.

Sammy Stein, the literary master of the Argoes A. C., tells us that his club is rehearsing a play entitled "Putting It Across", which is planned to be presented in the I. S. Auditorium, the latter part of April.

"The Mystery of the Third Parrot" is the play which will be presented in the Auditorium of the I. S. by the Pals A. C. They are planning numerous rehearsals inasmuch as they expect the presentation of the play to make a real impression.

Elections were held by the Maccabees on Thursday, March 14th. Those raised to office were Milton Schrenzel, President; Leonard Goldstein, Vice-President, and Irving Weisberger, Secretary.

Two-minute topics, discussed from the floor by individual members will be one of the features added as a part of the regular program of the meeting of the Arrows A. C.

Among the many activities added to the schedule of the Neon Club, word has been received from them that they have put into the field, a new baseball team, regarding which the club expresses great confidence for the season's success.

The Melrah Club, last week, bid Adieu to the Junior members, inasmuch as it has been raised to the status of an Intermediate Club.

All-Pals is the designation of a club of Intermediates that just organized in the I. S. Besides preparing their constitution, they are drawing up a schedule of activities.

ALBERT EINSTEIN, JEWISH SCIENTIST,
ACCLAIMED WORLD OVER
ON OCCASION OF FIFTIETH
BIRTHDAY

Albert Einstein's birthday was celebrated March 14th, last, the world over. Throughout the whole of Germany the event took on the proportions of a national holiday. It is refreshing to learn that despite the public acclaim the illustrious Jewish scientist and philosopher still maintains his charming modesty and simplicity.

His interest is keen with respect to all matters bearing on Jewish problems, notwithstanding the fact that he grew up apart from Jewish precepts and traditions. A Jewish atmosphere did not prevail in the home of his parents. Nevertheless, as a child, he was religious. It was at a much later age however, that he first realized the value of a Jewish individuality.

He was born in the German city of Ulm on the Danube. When but ten years of age he entered the Gymnasium wherein he first became acquainted with the science of mathematics. From the onset he developed a thirst for mathematical knowledge which in the course of time reared him to the loftiest altitudes of that science. At the age of fifteen he was pronounced eligible for admission to the University.

Attending various schools of collegiate grade, young Einstein embarked on a study of physical phenomena, and thereafter took courses in pedagogy inasmuch as he finally decided to become a teacher. After tutoring for several years he was placed with the Swiss Patent Office as a technical expert which position he held for seven years. The foregoing background served as the basis of his success in relativity years later.

ANNOUNCEMENT !

In order to get wine properly within the law, application has to be made through the Synagogue. This must be done long enough in advance of Passover to enable the office to have the necessary papers signed and delivered to the Government authorities.

We are anxious that every worshiper in our Institution have for Passover, wine that is Kosher ritually and is in accordance with the Constitution of our beloved country. Kindly inform Rabbi Goldstein or Mr. Bernstein of your requirements.

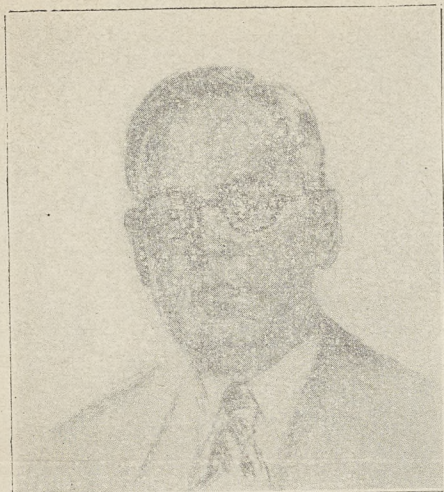
WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP !

There are many needy Jewish families in Harlem, who would like to observe Passover suitably, but who unfortunately, cannot do so because of the lack of necessary funds. Won't you please enable these families at least to share the pleasure of having Matzoths on their Seder nights, and thus incidentally, getting a "mitzvah" for yourself?

The Institutional Synagogue has never failed to do its bit in enabling Passover to be observed by all Jews. Not only Matzoths, but clothing as well, are desired for those people who anticipate relief from this institution. We must not fail them. Kindly send your contributions to the I. S. Sisterhood, care of Institutional Synagogue, 37 West 116th Street, N. Y. C.

IF YOU SEE ANY WAY IN WHICH THE SERVICE OF THE I. S. CAN BE IMPROVED, PLEASE
SEE OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

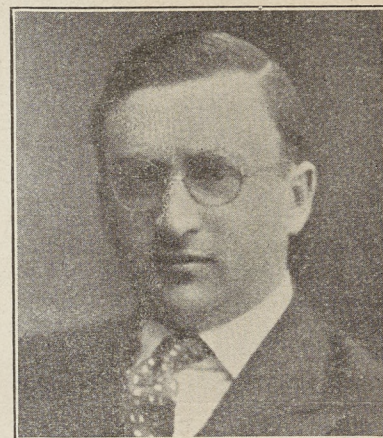
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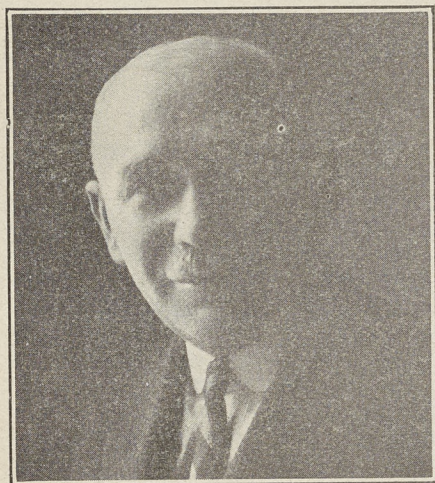
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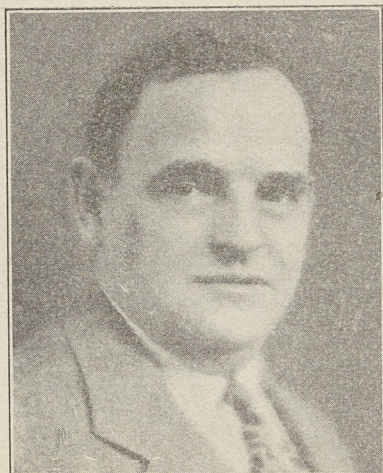
Judge Max Salomon, Chairman



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Mr. Samuel N. Samuels, one of our directors, asks you to please read this poem.

GIVERS

By EDGAR A. GUEST

I WISH there were no need to give,
 No need for sacrifice or pity,
 I wish that all on earth who live
 Were rich and wise and glad and witty.

I WISH there were no need to build
 Great havens for the poor and sickly,
 That every human hand were skilled
 And joys for all were lavished thickly.

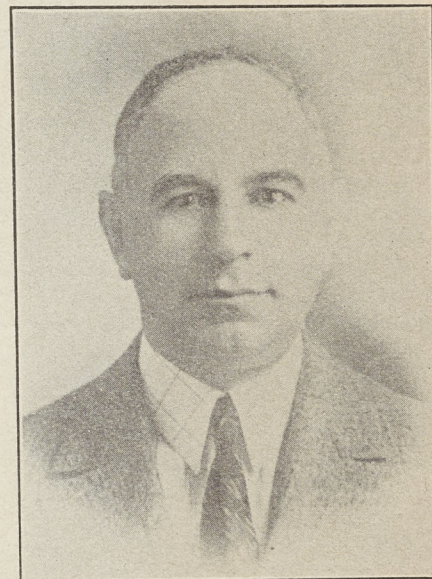
I WISH there were no need to ask
 And plead to end the woe of others,
 And each were happy at his task
 And none were richer than his brothers.

I WISH that men could get along
 Without assistance from their neighbors,

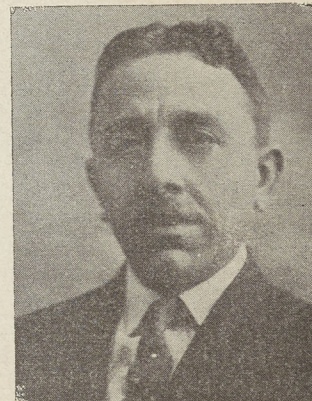
That all were well and whole and strong,
 And well rewarded for their labors.

BUT since this wish can never be
 I'm glad for all the people living

Who sympathize with poverty
 And recognize the need for giving.



Morris Jablow, Recording Secretary



Abraham Bernstein, Executive Director

REMEMBER THAT THE I. S. IS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION THAT SEEKS THE GREATEST

For Those Who Have Moved away from Harlem.

Life is a gently flowing tide—
That bears us on its way;
We now must sail our ship afar—
To isles unknown today.
To breast the ever changing waves;—
We start with courage true,
But ere we go, we'll sing once more,—
One parting strain with you.

Refrain.

God speed thy bark to sunny shores—
Where peace and plenty dwell.
Thy "Alma Mater" bids thee go:—
Speedwell, speedwell, farewell.
Today is but the promise fair—
That holds tomorrow's sun;
But memories sweet we'll bear away—
To charm when storm may come,
We'll think of happy days we've spent—
In our dear I. S.
And faces now we love to see—
Will in our hearts survive.

Refrain.

God speed thy bark.

BROOKLYN "Y" TO BE NEXT OPPONENTS OF I. S. INTERMEDIATE DEBATERS

The next opponents of the Intermediate Debating Team of the I. S. will be the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., according to the Metropolitan League. The Brooklyn team recently defeated Borough Park, on the subject, "Resolved that the Volstead Act be modified to permit the sale of light wines by the government," their team consisting of Sam Schapp and Carl Alper.

Abe Margolies and Dave Shapiro, the I. S. forensic hopes, are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Brooklyn team in regard to this subject. It is expected that the debate take place at the I. S. Auditorium in the very near future.

SUCCESS CROWNS EFFORT OF INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL AT PURIM DANCE.

With a record-breaking crowd present at the Gymnasium last Saturday evening, the Intermediate Council successfully conducted the Sixth Annual Purim Celebration of the Institutional Synagogue. The floor was taxed to capacity with an unduly large number of dancing couples, who stayed until a late hour.

Entertainment of a high order was furnished by individual club members, and was well-received by the crowd. The Hamantaschen furnished by the benevolent I. S. Sisterhood was done justice to, together with about ten gallons of delicious punch.

The Council deserves a lot of credit for their consistent work. The officers are Ben Rachels, President; Murray Katz, Vice President; and Julius Leischner, Secretary.

MAJOR ADLER APPOINTED ACTING CHAIRMAN OF ARMY AND NAVY COMMITTEE OF J. W. B.

Judge Irving Lehman, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, announces that in the absence abroad of Dr. Cyrus Adler, chairman of the Army and Navy Committee, Major Julius Ochs Adler has been appointed acting chairman of the committee.

Major Adler is vice-president and treasurer of the New York Times, vice-president of the Military Training Camps' Association, second Corps Area, and a member of the executive council of the Jewish Welfare Board. He participated in the World War and was cited and decorated for distinguished service. He edited "the History of the Seventy-Seventh Division."

INTRODUCING A NEW FEATURE.

Rabbi Goldstein will conduct a question and answer column every week. Please send in your questions and problems directly to Rabbi Goldstein for reply. The name and the address of the writer should be given but will not be revealed. Take advantage of this opportunity.

METRO. LEAGUE WRESTLING BOUTS AT BRONX Y NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

On April 6th, at the Bronx Y. M. H. A., 1511 Fulton Avenue, the Metropolitan League Wrestling Championship Bouts will take place. This is a yearly feature, and a large turnout is expected. These are two open A. A. U. events in the 160 to 175 pound classes. The other bouts will take place in the 120, 126, 135, 147, 158, 175 and heavyweight classes.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded to first and second in each class, and a suitable trophy will be awarded to the association winning the championship. The men will wrestle ten minutes in the preliminaries and fifteen minutes in the finals.

Any member of the Institutional Synagogue who is capable of handling himself on the mat is urged to report to Mr. Silbert of Mr. Silverstein.

WHOOPEE! WE'RE ALL COMING

An enjoyable evening is in store for the Juniors at the Jewish Stars entertainment and dance which will take place April 6th, Saturday evening. A play will be presented, which, incidentally, won first prize in 1917.

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The largest educational agency at the Institutional Synagogue is its efficient Talmud Torah. Here the essentials of Jewish life and Religious practice are inculcated in the children from the ages of 6 to 16. Its program has been widened to create and constantly intensify a Jewish atmosphere. Traditional Judaism, both in practice and theory is always at the fore.

There are at present twenty-three classes in the school. The course of study has been systematized so that an industrious student may complete it in six years. From the Aleph Beth to Talmud is its scope.

Aside from Prayers, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History and religion, the Mishna and Talmud is also taught. The pupils are pledged to observe the Sabbath and keep dietary laws. There are daily prayers and the pupils must wear tzitzahs.

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The Social and Education Department had a very successful program of activities this year. It has endeavored to spread the message of the I. S. by means of dramatics, debates, oratorical contests, and every other available method possible.

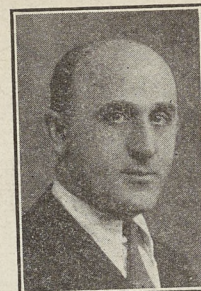
Besides the various club activities, there is the game room, that is very popular. Here the children, instead of playing on the street and being subject to deleterious influences are under the constant supervision of the staff, who are able to mold character and make the coming generation realize their arising responsibilities. The library, too, has been very instrumental in giving its users an opportunity to study under desirable conditions, and its complete facilities as regards Jewish papers and magazines are always used to good advantage.

The Debating Teams this year, both Intermediate and Senior, have to date, been undefeated, and are looking forward towards capturing the championship of New York. Dramatics, too, has taking to the limelight, and each club has at least produced two plays during the year. The function of the S-E Department in providing a Jewish cultural background for the members is constantly adhered to. Incidentally, it seeks to promote a cultural refinement which is so necessary to the boys and girls, who are unable to secure the proper home training.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Samuel Grundweg, one of the former directors of the I. S., for his kind donation of a Sefer Torah in memory of his late beloved wife,

Hinde Golde Grundweg
MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

PHYSICAL EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Jacob Silbert, Director

Staff:

- Jacob Silverman Charlotte Osman
Irving J. Silverstein Julius Dreyfus

One of the outstanding features of the Institutional Synagogue is its splendidly equipped Physical Training Department. The I. S. Gym is one of the finest in the city, and is in constant demand, even by other institutions of the city, who are only too happy to avail themselves of the opportunity of utilizing its benefits.

The Swimming Pool, in itself, is an alluring attraction, making the Physical Training Department as complete as one could desire. For what could be more compelling to our constituency than a good hard work-out in a well-equipped Gymnasium, followed by an invigorating hot and cold shower, and then a plunge in the sparkling, well-chlorinated waters of the I. S. Pool?

The accomplishments of the Physical Education Department during the past year include the following: Senior-men's Gymnasium classes have been enjoying novel programs of work. Mr. Jacob Silbert, the director, has laid great stress on calisthenics and apparatus instruction as a means of giving the individual the full benefits of the department.

ELEVEN NATIONS INCLUDING U. S. ARE REPRESENTED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

According to the American Advisory Committee, of which Felix Warburg is chairman, the roster of the Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University, in Palestine, records the names of students, representative of eleven countries.

Of the 212 students enrolled, Palestine leads with one hundred students, Russia follows with thirty-two, Roumania fourteen, United States twelve, Germany five, Austria three, Lithuania three, Latvia two, England one, and Egypt one. Of this number one hundred one support themselves; forty-three are teachers, eighteen work in offices, and of the twenty-five employed as laborers, most of them work on the new buildings of the University now under construction on Mt. Scopus.

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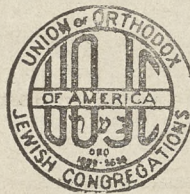
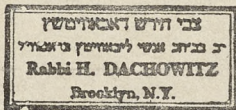
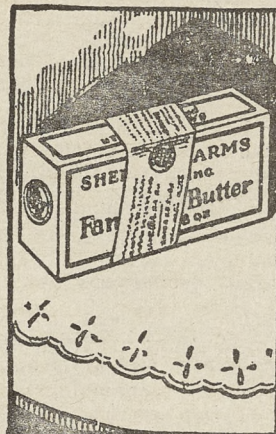
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