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Dear Parents:

One of our greatest holidays is to be ushered in tomorrow. This holiday is rich in many beautiful ceremonies which makes it pleasant, lovely, and fascinating to the children.

It is a beautiful custom to have the children participate as much as possible. They should not be passive. They should be active to the utmost degree.

You will find that we have done our very best to equip your child with all the knowledge required for the celebration of this holiday. He can chant the Kiddush, ask the "Four Questions," read with you the "Hagada" and possesses a fine knowledge of the history and of all the laws and customs of Passover.

We hope that you will make your child happy and yourself proud of him by giving him a fair chance to participate. We hope that you will also award him with all the usual holiday spoils that go to the child, such as nuts to play and a prize for succeeding to hide the "Afikomen," etc.

May we also ask you to inform us how active your child was and how he impressed you.

Wishing you a very pleasant, enjoyable and Kosher holiday, I am

Yours very truly,

Joseph Datt,
Principal.

Herbert S. Goldstein,
Rabbi.

HIGH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES NOW SANCTION SEMI-RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. William J. O'Shea, Superintendent of Schools, in an address on April 2, to high school principals, announced that organizations of a semi-religious nature, such as Menorah, Hatikva or Habonim, may, under faculty supervision, be founded among the students attending the public high schools.

In the past, many of the high school principals had refused to permit these societies to operate in the absence of a specific authorization from the School Superintendent's Office, notwithstanding that no rule ever existed against their creation.

Debating Looms Big on Horizon as Senior and Intermediate Teams Prepare for Battle

Passover Services

	West Side Harlem Branch	
Wednesday evening, April 24	6:30	6:30
Thursday morning, April 25	8:15	9:00
Thursday evening, April 25	6:30	6:30
Friday morning, April 26	8:15	9:00
Friday evening, April 26	6:30	6:30

Daily Services

Saturday morning services	8:30	9:00
Mincha & Mariv services	6:23	6:23
Daily morning services	7:15	7:00
Daily afternoon services	6:30	
Next Friday evening services	6:00	6:20

Please do not forget to make
"ERUV TAVSHILIN"
this Wednesday, any time before sunset.

SPRING DANCE FEATURED BY ACTIVE INTERMEDIATES

Annual Highlight Is Thoroughly Enjoyed By Crowd

The big night of the Intermediate Division took place last Saturday evening at the I. S. Gymnasium, when the Annual Spring Dance was held. An unusually large group was present, and an enjoyable evening was undoubtedly had by all those who attended.

The Gymnasium was beautifully decorated for the evening, and no effort was spared to make this an outstanding event. Cleverly arranged lighting fixtures contributed greatly towards giving the desired atmosphere. The Delvan Orchestra that has so often pleased the dancers at the I. S., again furnished the music. In addition there were sandwiches and punch on hand as refreshment for the weary.

Much credit is due to the Dance Committee who completed the arrangements. It consists of Ben Rahcels, Julius Teicher, Murray Katz, Morris Rines, Estelle Menham, and Esther Grensher.

92nd Street Y and H. H. I. To Be Opponents of I. S. In Near Future

On Sunday evening, May 5th, at the Harlem Hebrew Institute, the Institutional Synagogue Intermediate Debating Team, consisting of Messrs. Abe Margolies and Dave Shapiro, will debate that institution on the topic, "Resolved, that Uniform Federal Divorce Law be Enacted (constitutionality waived)," with the I. S. upholding the affirmative.

Intermediates Preparing

The Intermediate team which was to meet the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A., was shifted against their Harlem opponent by the Metropolitan League, but decided to have the New York institutions decide the champion New York teams before having them meet the best of Brooklyn. In the first debate of the season, the Intermediate Team won by the default of the East Side Jewish Center, having for their proposed topic, "Resolved, that a College Education be a Necessary Qualification for all Professions."

The Jewish Agency Again

The Senior Debating Team, composed of Messrs. S. A. Sterenbuck, Jack Lefkowitz and Frank Horowitz, alternate, are meeting the debaters of the 92nd St. Y. M. H. A. at the Institutional Synagogue Auditorium on a Sunday evening in May, during the Passover Season. The I. S. is to uphold the negative of the proposition, "Resolved, that the Expanded Jewish Agency, With Equal Participation of Zionists and non-Zionists, is the Most Desirable Plan for the Economic and Cultural Development of Palestine."

Recently Beat Bronx Y

The Senior Team recently proved victorious over the highly touted Bronx Y, when they defeated them on the proposition, "Resolved, that the Restoration of Palestine is Indispensable to the Growth of Judaism in the Diaspora."

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TO THE DIRECTORS:

Please note that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held Monday evening, April 29th, at 8:15 sharp.

Very interesting reports regarding our West Side Branch as well as our successful annual dinner, will be rendered at this meeting, and it is therefore very essential that we have one hundred per cent attendance.

Kindly make every effort to be present on time so that the business of the evening may be disposed of as quickly as possible and that we may be in a position to adjourn early.

I hope that you will endeavor to set aside this evening for the Institution.

With kindest regards, I am
Cordially yours,

ISAAC SIEGEL,
President.

CLUBBERY

Miss Mildred Adams, who has just assumed charge of the **Sunshine Juniors**, announces that two-minute topics delivered from the floor by each girl, will be a regular feature of each of the club's meetings.

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The **Klondikes**, who are rehearsing their one-act play for their Social Hour, are coached by Paul Margulies.

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"Resolved that the street cars and elevated systems be removed from the streets of New York," was energetically debated last Sunday at the **Kaweco** clubroom. Goodman and Albala, composing the negative team, were adjudged the winners over Cohen and Edwards of the affirmative.

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As a part of their coming Social Hour Entertainment, the **Pioneers** will present the play entitled, "Young America." Rehearsals will commence under the direction of Mr. Abe Margulies, the club leader.

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A dance is being planned by the **Collegian Girls**, for the month of May. Incidentally, Miss Treisman, who recently entertained so well at the Level Club, will perform for the Passover Entertainment and Dance, to be held in the I. S. Gym on May 4th, 1929.

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At their coming meeting, the members of the **Bronharts** propose to debate, "Resolved that a Jewish Homeland be established in Palestine," followed by short speeches by some of the girls on current Jewish topics.

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Social hour entertainment will be presented sometime during May by the **Macabees**. Among the features will be a three-act play, entitled "School days," Hebrew songs, and recitations.

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Elections were held some weeks ago by the **Melrahs**. Those given office were: Benjamin Handsman, President; David Popkin, Secretary; Ethel Schwartz, Treasurer; David Rosenthal, Social Director.

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The **Harlem A. C.** have engaged the "Collegiate Ramblers" to furnish the music for their coming Dance and Basketball Game to be given Saturday evening, April 27th.

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At their coming meeting, the girls of the **Omahas** will entertain their mothers, whom they have invited as honored guests. A lively program has been prepared for the occasion.

THE QUESTION BOX

(Conducted by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein)

Do You Believe In Early Marriage?

I certainly do. Judaism urges early marriage, first, because it serves as a prevention against immorality, and second, because it is most constructive for the upbuilding of the individual. Early marriage brings with it the responsibility of home building and of communal obligations. It leads to courage, ambition, and all the nobler strivings of life.

I have just been reading "My Concept of God," symposium of those considered big in religion. I would like to know yours.

My concept of God is personal. He is unseen yet real. Man writes history and God rights it. My God is all powerful. To Him I speak daily in prayer, and His will I seek at all times. His will is presented very clearly to us through His law, our Holy Torah. My conception of God is expressed in the Odon Olum hymn, the translation of which follows:—

"He is Lord of the Universe, who reigned ere any creature yet was formed.

At the time when all things were made by His desire, then was his name proclaimed King.

And after all things shall have had an end, He alone the dreaded one, shall reign; Who was, who is, and who will be in glory. He is One, and there is no second to compare to Him to consort with Him:

Without beginning, without end: to Him belong strength and dominion.

He is my God—my Redeemer liveth—and a rock in my travail in time of distress.

And he is my banner and my refuge, and the portion of my cup on the day when I call.

Into His hand I commend my spirit, when I sleep and when I wake;

And with my spirit, my body also; the Lord is with me, and I will not fear.

AN APPRECIATION

We want to take this means of thanking **Dr. Henry S. Morais** for delivering the Anniversary Sermon at our main building.

We hope he will be with us for scores of years to come.

OUR DRAMATICS

Hebrew Melodies, a Comical Play, and Other Treats Being Anticipated

If you have been in the vicinity of the I. S. during the last week, you surely must have seen something that would delight you. There is that hurry and bustle that bespeaks something big impending. This time, it is the Junior Passover Entertainment and Dance which is to take place on May 4th.

A Real Show

The entertainment will consist of a One-Act Comedy entitled, "The Passover Rehearsal." There will also be some song numbers, both by individuals and by groups. Miss Fay Sussman is to sing Elleyohu Honovee. Miss Beatrice Triesman will recite the poem, "The Seder Night." Also, there will be some Pesach Melodies, to be sung by a selected group.

Roles Assigned

Parts for the play have already been assigned, and rehearsals are taking place. Miss Eva Stein is coaching the dramatic group as well as the vocal program.

Following the entertainment, there will be dancing in the Gymnasium.

JUNIOR HIKEES PROVE BIG ATTRACTION ON PROGRAM

With the advent of the balmy days that announce the presence of spring, the hike program of the Junior Clubs has again been added on their list of social activities. Several picnics will also be held during these hikes.

Mr. Zimmerman, of the New York Hiking Club, has again kindly consented to be in charge of this activity. Many youngsters who trooped with him last year can still fondly recall the good times that were had, and are certain to partake of this activity once more.

These hikes usually take place on Sunday, and start from the I. S. at 8:30 A. M. sharp. Each hiker takes along his or her lunch, and a few cents to cover possible expenses.

Most of the hikes planned will take place in the vicinity of Westchester County. However, the Palisades or even Staten Island might be the center of these peregrinations.

Dr. Henry S. Morais will preach the first day Passover, at the main building.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN EXPLAINS THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

1. The counting of the Omer is begun from the second night of passover. It is counted whilst standing. This commandment is performed in the beginning of the night, yet the entire night is the proper time for its performance. On the nights of Sabbath and festival, the Omer is counted in the synagogue after the Kiddush has been said. At the conclusion of Sabbath and festival it is counted before the Habdallah is said, in order to say the Habdallah at the last.

2. If one had forgotten and did not count the entire night, he should count in the daytime without pronouncing a blessing thereon, but the following night he should pronounce a blessing thereon, but the following night he should pronounce a blessing when counting, but if he had forgotten to count that entire day he should count every night thereafter without pronouncing a blessing. If he is in doubt as to whether he had counted the previous night or not, although he did not count on the following day, he may nevertheless pronounce a blessing when counting on the remaining nights.

3. If one is asked, at twilight or later, previous to counting the Omer, how many days are to be counted on that day, he should tell him the number of days that were counted on the previous day, for by mentioning the number of days to be counted on that day, he will afterward be forbidden to pronounce a blessing when counting the Omer.

4. Before one pronounces the blessing, he should know the number of days to be counted, however if one did not know it, and pronounced the blessing with the intention of counting as he will hear his neighbor count, he has also fulfilled his obligation, likewise, if one pronounced the blessing with the intention of counting four days and was afterward reminded that he must count five days, he does not need to repeat the blessing. Likewise, if one erred in counting and when he should have said "six days" said "five days," if he was immediately reminded thereof, he should count properly and he is not required to repeat the blessing, but if he had paused slightly he is required to repeat the blessing.

5. Neither men nor women should do any work during the days that the Omer is counted, from sundown until after the Omer has been counted.

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6. One should not marry on the days that the Omer is counted, nor should one have his hair cut, but the Sandek, the Mohel, and the father of the son are permitted to have their hair cut on the day before the circumcision toward evening. It is permitted to make engagement parties; even to have a feast thereon is permissible on the days of counting the Omer. However, dancing and music are forbidden.

7. Up to Rosh Hodesh, Log Be'Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer) and the three days before Pentecost, one is permitted to marry.

8. On the first night of "Shebuoth" the evening service should be put off until the stars appear.

The counting of the Omer begins on the second night of Passover, commencing Thursday evening, April 25th, and continues for 49 days.

A glad welcome is extended to the newly organized Silver Star Club. This group consists of boys of junior ages.

ATHLETICS

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Juniors of our Institution participate in regular Gym and Pool activities. They indulge in all sorts of games and exercises that are especially meant for their development. The periodical physical examinations which are held advise the instructors exactly what exercises should be given and taught to these youngsters in order to correct or improve any imperfection in the physical makeup of our boys.

Some of these boys come to us weak, anaemic, and ailing. We try to the best of our ability, to correct these defects. The inculcation of clean sportsmanship is one of the highest standards of our methods. Our ability to keep these youngsters off the streets and keep them interested in their work, is one of our proud boasts.

Our Gymnasium instructor has been associated with boys in the New York grammar schools and high schools. Advice as to how to pursue certain courses is usually prescribed.

During one of the pool periods next week our Juniors will take their Junior Red Cross Life Saving exam. It is expected that at least 75 per cent will be successful.

We invite the fathers and mothers of these boys and others to come down to our Gym and Pool on any of the above nights and inspect the noteworthy work that is being done.

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PARENT ASSOCIATION THANKS MISS GERTRUDE STEIN FOR HER EFFORTS

The recent Theatre Party of the Parents' Association was a huge success, as was evidenced by the munificent amount given to the Building.

Much credit is due to the tireless efforts of Miss Gertrude Stein, Secretary of Affairs of the Parents' Association, that they were able to realize this huge sum. Miss Stein, who is a diligent and capable official, and who so nobly gives of her time and energy to help the Association, is highly praised by the Committee.

Considerable depended upon that able leader, the President, Mrs. I. Stein, who

spurred the members on to greater achievement and obtained a larger amount than they had originally set out for.

Mrs. Aaron Wartels, Chairlady of the Theatre Party, and the committee consisting of the Mrs. R. Vosberg, I. Gottlieb, M. Cohen, R. Lieberman and Levine take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Miss Stein for her noteworthy efforts.

The Parents' Association is very active in all Talmud Torah functions. During the year, they give the children parties and outings, medals at promotion and graduation, and help them celebrate the holidays by giving them goodies on those days. It also supplies the classes with the necessary requirements in order to observe these holidays, and does charitable work in clothing many of the poor children.

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