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GROWTH OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY IS MARKED AS SEVERAL NEW FACULTIES ARE ADDED

New Library, Department of Jurisprudence and Optometry are Among Features

That the Hebrew University of Palestine will develop from its present embryonic state into a great university, comparable with the best of central and western Europe, is evident from the numerous learned activities into which it will or has already embarked.

High Standards

While maintaining its high standards, it has steadily added to its campus. Among various new units of the University, is the recently constructed Wolffsohn Library, which was formally opened April 30th last. This institution, which represents an outlay of \$250,000, will house a minimum of 200,000 volumes.

Extensive Legal Library

The Lawyers' Committee, composed of Jewish attorneys practicing in the United States, propose to create and maintain a regular department of Jurisprudence at the Hebrew seat of learning, to be under its supervision and direction. In addition, it has planned to provide necessary professorships and an extensive legal library for research work, and for the development of a modern system of jurisprudence on historic Hebrew sources.

New Clinic

The Hebrew University will also be equipped with a modern college and clinic of optometry. This addition has been made possible by the generous gift of Isidore D. Morrison, a prominent American Jewish attorney. Inasmuch as the people of the Holy Land have from biblical times been afflicted with diseases of the eye, the value of the new optometrical institution will be inestimable.

Results from Archaeology Dept.

With respect to the University Department of Archaeology, notable results have already been obtained. Under the direction of Dr. Sukenick, Professor of Archaeology, numerous archaeological finds have been unearthed.

I. S. Intermediate Debators Trample H. H. I. and Win Championship of Manhattan and Bronx

Daily Services

	West Side	Harlem Branch
Saturday morning services	8:30	9:00
Mincha & Mariv services	7:30	7:30
Daily morning services	7:15	7:00
Daily afternoon services	7:30	
Next Friday evening services	6:30	6:30

WEST SIDE BRANCH SERVICES AT NEW QUARTERS HONORED BY PROMINENT GUEST

Director Sol Bloom, Back from Washington, Attends Service and Is Gratified at New Location

Except to his few intimate friends, the interesting aspects in the private life of a public character is seldom revealed to the populace. We cite, for instance, our own Congressman Sol Bloom, a director of the I. S., who observes the Sabbath and the rituals of Judaism with the same devotion as many of our Jews who are considered pious.

The Congressman was spending a few days in the City as a respite from his manifold public duties as a legislator in Washington. He had a thousand and one things to do, and so many friends to see, but when Shabbos morning came about, Congressman Bloom was found among the congregants of the I. S. at the new quarters of the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street.

We are sure that he did not attend the Synagogue for the sake of appearance, for his fundamental sincerity would not allow that. He attended solely because he is true to the cause of Judaism, and the Institutional Synagogue. He was only too happy to be amongst his own friends, and he radiantly expressed his joy at seeing the new quarters of the West Side Branch.

Need To Win But One More Tilt For Superiority of Entire Metro. League

The flag of victory waved high at the I. S. last Sunday afternoon, when the Intermediate Debating Team, as a result of the battle against their rivals, the Harlem Hebrew Institute at the latter's Auditorium, won the championship of Manhattan and the Bronx. This entitles the I. S. to compete in the finals for the championship of the Metropolitan Area.

Interesting Subject

The topic for debate was, "Resolved that a Uniform Federal Divorce Law be Enacted (constitutionality waived)," with the I. S. upholding the affirmative of the argument. The briefs of both sides gave evidence of long and careful preparation, and the rebuttal was unusually fiery. The H. H. I. team entered the contest with a slight advantage because of the fact that they had defeated the 92nd Street Y. M. H. A. and the Bronx Y., the Metropolitan League Champions of 1927 and 1928.

Present Condition

Dave Shapiro, of the I. S., started the ball a-rolling when by means of relevant data, he proved the chaotic and discouraging conditions that result from State control of divorce laws, economic, social and moral injustices resulted.

Morris Alpern, the first speaker of the negative, tried to refute the necessity of any Federal legislation, and presented claims that the present existing conditions are good enough to be left in their "status quo." The complexities of State jurisdiction are, he said, hardly noticeable.

Desirability and Utility

Abe Margulies, the last I. S. speaker, then presented facts to prove the extreme desirability and practicability for Federal regulation, which would eliminate jurisdictional

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difficulties. I. Baron Kopelsohn closed the presentation for the negative by asserting that Federal control of the divorce question would be another step in the States losing their sovereignty.

In the refutation which followed, the I. S. was clearly superior to their Harlem opponents, Messrs. Margulies and Shapiro making a brilliant denunciation of the H. H. I. side of the question. The judges were Messrs. Julius Umansky, Allen Dennison, and Joseph Bleisch. Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen, the H. H. I. Social Director, presided.

The next opponents of the I. S. will be the team representing the Brooklyn Y. M. H. A. It is undecided as to whether the debate will take place during this month, but Mr. William Shapiro, the Social Educational Director, is confident that the boys will capture the trophy for the I. S.

CLUBBERY

Elections were held by the Klondikes May 6th last. Those raised to office were: Kline, President; Gold, Secretary; and Isaacs, Treasurer.

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A play entitled "Brothers" will be presented by the Orion A. C. for presentation in the coming One-Act Play Contest. Rehearsals have already commenced.

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Three minute topics were discussed from the floor by the Bronharts at their meeting on Wednesday last. These talks have proved very instructive.

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Because of resignations an irregular election was held by the Jewish Stars, as a result of which Morris Cohen was raised to the Vice-Presidency and Emanuel Sterenback was elected Treasurer.

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Our Melrah group took a jaunt Sunday last, hiking through Interstate Park. This is one of a number of successful hikes in which this club participated.

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Regular elections were held by the Argos Wednesday, May 1st. The following were honored with office: Sam Shapiro, President; Leo Light, Vice-President; Abe Levine, Secretary; Abe Leal, Treasurer; and Fred Melisano, Athletic Captain. Incidentally, this club is continuing with an active program.

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From all indications, the Pioneers will come out high in the coming One-Act Play Contest, for the reason that they are rehearsing the play entitled, "Young America," with intense zeal. Although this club is putting forth serious efforts for a successful presentation, it is not neglecting its other varied activities.

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During the next few weeks, the Jeshuruns expect to be busy presenting a Social Hour, and an Open Meeting. A banquet will commemorate the closing of this club's activities for the season.

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A lively impromptu debate upon the topic entitled, "Resolved that the Metric System be adopted in the United States," was argued by Mr. Kornfeld, the Junior Director, who upheld the negative, and Phil Goodwin, of the Tranquillity, who took the affirmative.

MR. SAMUEL GRUNDWERG
DONATES SOFER TORAH IN
MEMORY OF LATE WIFE

The unveiling of the monument in memory of the late Mrs. Samuel Grundwerg, one of the most active members of the Sisterhood, and former Secretary of this worthy organization, will take place at the Washington Cemetery, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 26th.

At the conclusion of the unveiling, the congregants will return to the Main Building of the I. S. at 8 p. m. the same date and assist in celebrating the Syum Hatorah. Mr. Grundwerg, in memory of his beloved wife, has donated a Sofer Torah with the accompanying 2 montels. All members and seat holders are requested to be present at this function.

The Grundwergs have always been counted on by the I. S. as dependable workers. Mr. Samuel Grundwerg has always participated in I. S. activities, and is a former director, resigning only when he left New York City to reside in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

VIOLENT PROTEST RAISED
AT BAN OF JEWISH
FRATERNITIES AT BROWN

Brown University, which has become notorious because of its policy to suppress Jewish fraternities, has again become the subject of news. A small group of students who were members of a local chapter of Pi Lamda Phi, were ordered by the Brown authorities to resign therefrom or face expulsion from the University.

Brown University, by its rule forbidding the organization or existence of any fraternity on racial or sectarian lines, has as a result, subjected the Jewish students to a veritable state of social ostracism, inasmuch as the existing fraternities at Brown do not admit Jewish students.

HOPE

Be hopeful and you are bound to be more healthy and more happy. Hopefulness is exhilarating. It is an expression of a conviction that neither you nor the world is bankrupt, but that there is something somewhere that somehow can and may with effort be attained.

Hope is not an unwarranted assumption or a blind expectation. It is an attitude determined by one's past experience or observation. No life is ever completely impoverished. No sacrifice or suffering is without compensation. This indicates that we are never entirely forsaken.

—The Supplement.

THE SENIOR DEBATING TEAM MEETS THE 92nd STREET TEAM ON MAY 26th

Adult Auxiliary Organizations Show Their Stuff as They Reconvene After Holiday

Rabbi Goldstein Conducts Bible Classes At Conclusion of Meetings of Daughters, Brotherhood, Women's League and Parent Association.

It seems that after a tedious eight days of Passover, several weeks of recreation as a means to recuperate would be necessary. This is especially so for our women folk, who had first to clean and prepare for the Pesach, and then to preside over a hot stove so that the family might enjoy the holidays.

Not so with women auxiliary organizations of the Institutional Synagogue, for immediately following the Holidays meetings were called and were well attended. The Daughters, led by their energetic president, Miss Esther Garfunkel, breezed 'round on Tuesday evening, May 7th, and at the conclusion of the meeting, Rabbi Goldstein conducted a Bible Class.

Not to be outdone by the "youngsters" the Parents' Association also had their regular meeting on Tuesday, which terminated in the customary interesting fashion—Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class.

The Women's League of the West Side had their regular meeting Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Morris Fichter, 90 Riverside Drive, and were present in full force. Rabbi Goldstein was in charge of the Bible Class that followed the end of the meeting.

We must not, however, forget our young men, for they too returned with renewed energy at the conclusion of the Passover Holidays. The Brotherhood enjoyed an interesting meeting last Tuesday night, May 14th, when Rabbi Goldstein expounded the law in his inspiring and pedagogical manner. An active session in the Gym then followed, with the Rabbi hitting home runs "a la Babe Ruth," as one of the features.

INCREASE OF JEWISH POPULATION IN PALESTINE IS ENCOURAGING

That Palestine is advancing is evident from the large increase in Jewish population in the past ten years. Following the Artistic, the Jewish population was estimated at 55,000, Major Hornsby-Gore declared. The major, who is Under-Secretary for the Colonies, also stated that in his estimation, the population at the end of 1928 in Palestine reached a total of 149,554. This increase in population indicates that the Holy Land is making great strides economically.

AMERICAN JEWS PROTEST AGAINST PRESENTATION OF PASSION PLAY BY JEWISH PRODUCERS

The presentation of the Freiberg Passion Play, scheduled to be opened at the Hippodrome in New York, according to an announcement by Morris Gest, was viewed as an act of "outstanding heartlessness" on the part of an American Jew, leading to the stirring of anti-Jewish prejudice.

Immediately upon the announcement by Mr. Gest of his intention to stage, with the assistance of David Belasco, the Freiburg Passion Play at the Hippodrome, Mr. Marshall wrote to the producer protesting against the project, both from the point of view of "millions of good Christians who believe that the presentation of such a play is a vulgarization of what they regard as sacred" and from the point of view of American Jews who believe that such presentation would "furnish material to our ignorant defamers and add fuel to the flame of prejudice and bigotry."

Mr. Gest, who ignored Mr. Marshall's letter as well as a subsequent one, when no reply was received, later telegraphed in reply to an insistent telegram from Mr. Marshall that he has "refrained from answering so far because I prefer to have the opening night audience and the critics of the leading newspapers who represent the fair-minded public of New York pass judgment upon the religious pageant. Personally I do not find it offensive. Did I feel so I would not sponsor its presentation."

Mr. Marshall replied on April 18 by telegram as follows: "I regret to say that your telegram is most unsatisfactory. When the welfare and peace of mind of an entire people are involved, it is presumptuous for you to ignore the experience of the past and to disregard the harm which but recently followed the presentation of a moving picture play portraying the same subject as that which you are now seeking to exploit and which will occasion great mental agony and deep humiliation to thousands of estimable men and women. Your purpose to permit those who may share your indifference to the feelings of your fellowmen to pass judgment upon your action after the seeds of mischief have been sown, without giving the slightest consideration to the opinions and sentiments of those directly affected, evinces an astounding heartlessness on your part which will never be forgotten."

ETHICS OF THE FATHERS Chapter 3.

R. Chanina, the Vice-High-Priest, said, pray for the welfare of the government, since but for the fear thereof men would swallow each other alive.

Though the Jews at this time suffered adversity and were under Roman oppression, nevertheless they were loyal to government. The Jewish ritual today contains a prayer for the welfare of the governments under which the Jews live.

R. Simeon said, if three have eaten at a table and have spoken there no words of Torah, it is as if they had eaten of sacrifices to dead idols, of whom it is said, for all their tables are full of vomit and filthiness; the all-present is not (in their thoughts) (Isa. xxviii. 8).

The table is regarded by the Jew as an altar. Eating must not be gluttony. It must have sanctity with it. It is more difficult to eat in the name of the Lord than to fast in the name of the Lord.

R. Nechunya, son of Hakkanah, said, whoso receives upon himself the yoke of the Torah, from him the yoke of the kingdom and yoke of worldly care will be removed; but whoso breaks off from him the yoke of the Torah, upon him will be laid the yoke of the kingdom and the yoke of worldly care.

The Jew who makes the Torah his highest aim and greatest honor, frees himself from the yoke of worldly temptations. On the other hand, the Jew who gives up the Torah is bound by the yoke of man-made laws, customs, and manners.

R. Jacob said, he who is walking by the way and studying, and breaks off his study and says, how fine is that, three, how fine is that fallow, him the scripture regards as if he had forfeited his life.

When one deviates from revealed religion and tries to find God by the medium of the phenomena of nature, he endangers the fate of his soul. Revealed religion is exact and certain, whilst the natural is speculation, therefore inexact and uncertain.

R. Chanina, the son of Oosa, said, he in whom the fear of sin comes before wisdom, his wisdom shall endure; but in whom wisdom comes before the fear of sin, his wisdom will not endure.

"The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord" (Proverbs)). As this fear grows so is wisdom stabilized. Young and emotional people are afraid of the word fear, and would have us substitute the word love. They fail to realize, however, that fear includes and supersedes love. We are con-

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I. S. To Be Among Contestants at Metropolitan League Track and Field Meet

All Athletes Are Urged To Participate In One of the Many Events

The Fifteenth Annual Track and Field Meet of the Metropolitan League of Jewish Community Centres will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1929, in the Lewisohn Stadium of the City College of New York. The Institutional Synagogue is now forming a team that is expected to do honor to the Building that it is representing.

Enter Immediately

Through the medium of the Institutional, a general call is issued to the members of the Institution who are athletically inclined in track and field events. These members are urged to see Mr. Silbert or Mr. Silverstein immediately, in order that the proper application and entry blank be filled out. The Physical Education Department asks that every man come down and see either one of the two above men, in reference to entering this meet.

Among the Features.

The program of events closed to members of the Metropolitan League are:

- 100-yard dash.
- 440-yard run.
- One mile run.
- 60-yard dash for novices.
- 220-yard dash for novices.
- The field events are:
- 12-pound shot put.
- High jump.
- running broad jump.

High jump for novices.
80-yard run for novices.

Boy Scouts Too!

The Boy Scouts of our Institution may enter the 400-yard relay. For this event the Lodge and Ascher Trophy will be awarded.

The events closed for the female members of our Building are:

- 50-yard dash.
- Basketball throw.
- 440-yard representative relay.

The open A. A. U. events for this meet are the two-mile walk handicap, 2-mile run handicap and the 100-yard dash handicap. Diamond prizes for these events are to be awarded.

Fame and Medals Await You

Prizes for the Metropolitan League events are gold, silver and bronze medals respectively to first, second and third in each event. A trophy will be awarded to the association securing the most points. No

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stantly afraid of hurting those whom we love. The greater the love, the greater the fear. So in the realm of religion, Judaism holds, that the greater the love of God "and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut.), the greater the fear of doing wrong. Solomon says at the close of Ecclesiastes, "The end of the matter is fear God, and keep His Commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

man may enter in more than one running and one field event. Entries must be in the hands of the Physical Education Department not later than May 19th.

THE UNVEILING

of the monument in memory of

ELY ROSENBERG

late brother of Mrs. Annie Morris

will take place this Sunday, May 19th, at 2 P. M., at the Machpelah Cemetery, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT

HAVE YOU PAID UP YOUR PLEDGE?

To Members and Seat Holders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable condition prevailing in Harlem. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to cooperate with us and send in your contribution as pledged, with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation, which I know I may expect from you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
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LET'S SEE YOU ALL COME DOWN AND SUPPORT YOUR WINNING TEAM