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PROF. ISAACS OF HARVARD SHOWS IMPORTANCE OF JEWISH LAW IN CIVILIZATION

Professor Nathan Isaacs, of Harvard, in an address before the Lawyer's Committee for Establishment of the Department of Jurisprudence in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, pointed out the importance of Jewish law in modern civilization. In the course of his talk, Professor Isaacs traced the development of Jewish law throughout the centuries and its influence upon civilization.

Bemoans Lack of Research

He declared that due to the lack of research and the fragmentary nature of the material, Jewish Law has not as yet been made a subject of study, and because of that has suffered a loss. The professor pointed out that the Jewish Law is the oldest of systems now in use, antedating the Roman law by 1,000 years.

He shows the wisdom of the Jewish law by citing the principle: "Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." The expression proves that by their law, the Jews adhered to a principle which has been adopted by all civilized nations today, to the effect that church and state are two separate institutions.

Jewish Copyright Law

As another illustration of the uniqueness of Jewish law and the importance of its study to jurisprudence, Professor Isaacs cited the fact that the Jewish Copyright Law was worked out 2,000 years before the English statute. Honorable Benjamin Cardozo, the other speaker of the evening declared: "Law, human and divine, has been the craving of the Hebrew spirit. There must be a home for its study in its human as well as in its divine aspects in the Hebrew University.

YOUR SUMMER ADDRESS IS REQUESTED

to be left at the office of the I. S. before you go away on your summer vacation.

Twelfth Annual Get Together Field Day to Be conducted at Pelham Bay Park, June 23rd

Daily Services

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

TWENTY I. S. ATHLETES TO COMPETE IN METROPOLITAN LEAGUE TRACK MEET

This Sunday afternoon, at 2 P. M. sharp, in the Lewisohn Stadium, the following 20 of our boys selected from the various clubs and Gymnasium divisions, will represent the Institutional Synagogue in the Fifteenth Annual Track and Field Championship of the Metropolitan League.

The 60-yard novice entrants are Milton Shrenzel, Al. Puritz, Sid. Trachtenberg, Lawrence Rosenthal, Max Finkelstein.

Those entered for the hundred yard dash, unlimited, are Freddie Melisano and Marcus Rosenblatt; and the two hundred and twenty yards run novice, Louis Goodman and Sam Shapiro. Harry Goodman will enter in the four hundred and forty yard run, unlimited.

In the 880-yard run, novice, will be S. Light, Is. Moses, Ralph Levy, Ed. Gross, Al. Brickman and Irv. Weidman, and the one mile contestants are Mac Bleiberg and Jack Resnick.

For the 12-lb. shotput Yock Cohen and Bernie Deutsch will compete. Al Puritz and Sam Shapiro will enter the running broad jump.

Upon the shoulders of these boys will rest the chances for victory. This is a good beginning for a very much needed track team. Why not go out and help the I. S. win?

Large Field of Entries Expected As Talmud Torah, S. E. Dept. and Gym Members Participate

Little Boys, Big Boys!
Little Girls, Big Girls!
Talmud Torah, Clubs, Gymnasts! All Ready to Join in the Gala Event!

The Institutional Synagogue will again hold one of its old-fashioned big field days on Sunday morning, June 23rd, at the Pelham Bay Athletic Field. Below will be found a form entry blank, and a list of events that are to be filled out by each and every man who wishes to enter in one of the contests on this day.

There will be absolutely no charge to enter these events. Medals for first and second place will be awarded in the individual events. Medals will only be awarded to the team coming in first in the various relays. Games start at 9 A. M. sharp at the Field.

Send your entry blank in immediately, either through Mr. Silbert, Mr. Silverstein, or Mr. Datt; or leave it at the desk in the Lobby. Entries close Thursday, June 20th, at 9 P. M.

Fill Out the Below and Send It In Immediately!

FIELD DAY ENTRY BLANK

(Place a check before the event you wish to enter.)

Junior Club and Gym Boys:

- 1. 40-yard dash.
- 2. 60-yard dash.
- 3. Running broad jump.
- 4. 200-yard club relay (4 men).

Intermediate Club and Gym Boys:

- 1. 100-yard dash.
- 2. 220-yard run.
- 3. 880-yard run.
- 4. The 80-lb. shot put.
- 5. 400-yard club relay (4 men).

Senior Club and Gym Men:

- 1. 440-yard run.
- 2. One mile run.

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FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES 7:58

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..... 3. Running high jump.

Girls of Clubs:

..... 1. 40-yard dash.

..... 2. Basketball Throw for distance.

Events Closed to Talmud Torah Boys:

..... 1. 40-yard dash.

..... 2. 50-yard dash.

..... 3. Running broad jump.

..... 4. 200-yard class relay.

Closed to Talmud Torah Girls:

..... 1. 40-yard dash.

..... 2. Basketball throw.

Name

Division

Address

Weight

Club

Talmud Torah Class.....

CLUBBERY

The girls formerly known as the Soessos will hereafter continue under the name of the Rainbow Girls. We trust that under the new appellation the good work which they did in the past will be continued.

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Saturday night, June 8th, 1929, has been the date selected by the Collegian Girls for their final outstanding event of the season. The club is looking forward to a large attendance at this event, as it is a Spring Dansant.

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Our Jewish Stars have finally determined that May 26th be the date of their Farewell Party. It appears, however, that they will remain in the building beyond this date, for in the early part of June, they propose to have a party at which the parents of all the members will be present as their honored guests.

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Many mothers and one father were royally entertained by the Omaha Girls at the last meeting of that club Sunday, May 12th. The girls look back with satisfaction upon the excellent program of entertainment which they presented.

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The Argos are anxious to tell the world that they are making great strides in athletics. They are willing to accept challenges with respect to swimming, basketball and baseball.

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In keeping with their high club spirit, the Jeshuruns recently acquired a large club banner upon which their name is inscribed. Prior to disbanding in June, the Jeshuruns propose to honor the members who had done most for the club during the season with a service medal.

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News has reached us that the Greyhounds, a Senior organization connected with this Building, has already disbanded for the summer. We extend to them wishes for a pleasant summer vacation.

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We are glad to learn of the recovery of tor, who had a cataract removed by the Rabbi Shapiro, father of our Social Director, famous surgeon, Dr. Wolfe, of Mt. Sinai.

LAG B'OMER

Lag B'Omer is the youngest of all Jewish festivals. Its name is based neither on date (since it has nothing to do with the eighteenth of Iyar on which it occurs) nor on fate (since it does not in any way suggest the event or events which gave rise to it). The celebration of this minor holiday is beyond any question a great deal easier than the explanation of the origin of it. This year it occurs on Tuesday, May 28th.

To understand the meaning of the phrase "Lag B'Omer," we must first know what the "Omer" was. All that the term "Omer" means is an ancient dry measure about the size of a half gallon; but it has been commonly used to indicate the barley sacrifice which was brought in the Temple on the second day of Passover, as a thanksgiving offering for the first ripened grain. It has been so called because the "Omer" was the measure used for that sacrifice. Beginning with the second day of Passover a period of forty-nine days is counted daily, and the fiftieth is celebrated as Shevouth, the Feast of Weeks. "Lag" consists of the Hebrew letters "lammed" and "gimmel," which are numerically equivalent to thirty and three, respectively.

The most important feature of this minor holiday is the permissibility to hold festive celebrations on this day, such as weddings and the like, and that of hearing music and cutting the hair, practices that are prohibited during the days of the Counting of the Omer. But though its main feature is a mere release from prohibitions that are observed before and after this day, it has a number of secondary features which make it a real joyous occasion. On this day it is customary to eat fruits that are known to grow in Palestine, and for some people it is an occasion for engaging in various athletic games. It has always been a holiday for the youth. We celebrate it by excursions, picnics, hikes and outings to field and forest.

The festival of Lag B'Omer may be compared to a wanderer's accidental stop in an oasis. Tiresome and dreary is his walk along the sandy paths in the burning sun of the tropical desert. He is hungry and thirsty and tired, and the fertile spot catches his eye. He does not hesitate; sits down on the grass; refreshes himself with the spring water and swallows as many tropical fruits as he can; but does not stay there very long, for there is a long way before him.

WOMEN'S BRANCH OF THE UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA.

I. S. BELIEVES FUTURE RESULTS TO ITS MEMBERSHIP WILL BE AS SATISFYING AS PAST

92nd Street Y. M. H. A. to Be Opponent of I. S. Senior Debators for Manhattan Title

Messrs. Lefkowitz and Sterenbach To Argue Negative of Jewish Agency Participation Question

The championship of Manhattan and the Bronx in Senior Debating will be at stake this Sunday afternoon when the team from the 92nd Street "Y" will match forensics with the team representing the I. S. on the subject, "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."

The I. S. team, which will uphold the negative, consists of Messrs. S. Alexander Sterenbach, Jack Lefkowitz and Frank Horowitz, alternate. These men have been diligently preparing their briefs, even going to original sources for material.

The I. S. will argue that the Jewish Agency should not be the sole means of directing the cultural growth of Palestine. They will by cogent proof, show that separate and distinct bodies should supervise each different activity.

But a few weeks ago the I. S. team defeated their traditional rivals, the Bronx "Y" who were the champions in 1927. The results were so encouraging there that another victory is looked forward to over the highly touted 92nd Street Y. M. H. A. team.

MUSSOLINI CHAMPIONS CAUSE OF THE JEWS AS ANTI-SEMITIC PRESS ACTS UNFAIRLY

As a result of the Fascist-Clerical Treaty now being concluded, one of the anti-Semitic newspapers has recently suggested in its sheets that the Jewish inhabitants of Italy be banished from the land, and their Synagogues closed.

Championing the Italian-Jewish minority, Premier Mussolini declared, "The Jews have been in Rome since the time of the Caesars, and it would be ridiculous to consider any measure to banish them. There were 50,000 Jews in the time of Augustus, and they asked permission to weep at Caesar's grave. The Jews will remain undisturbed."

This attack upon the Italian Jews, and the consequent commendable stand of Benito Mussolini in their behalf indicates a dictator is still needed in the Italian peninsula.

A SYUM HATORAH

will be celebrated at the Main Building, Sunday evening, June 9th, at 8 P. M. Mr. Samuel Grundweg has donated the Sofer Torah with the accompanying two mantels in memory of his beloved wife, HINDE GOLDIE GRUNDWERG.

At a regular meeting of the general membership of the Institutional Synagogue, held last Monday evening, May 13th, 1929, at the Main Building, there was an agreement for the purchase of the West Side Branch of the I. S. at 148 West 85th Street, New York City, and the execution of a purchase money mortgage for the sum of \$39,800, payable in seven years, payable on account of principal, the sum of \$1,500 per year, was unanimously consented to. The Board of Directors, at the meeting held the same evening, ratified such consent and agreement.

Ethics of the Fathers

Chapter IV.

Ben Zoma said, who is wise? He who learns from all men, as it is said, from all my teachers I have gotten understanding (Psalm cxix. 99). "Wise": It is commonly supposed that to learn from anyone is a mark of intellectual inferiority, whilst in truth, it broadens one's mental horizon.

Who is mighty? He who subdues his passions, as it is said, he that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.

"Mighty": It is commonly believed that action makes for strength, whilst in truth real might is shown by restraint.

He that ruleth over his spirit than he that taketh a city (Prov. xvi. 32).

"With his spirit": To rule over a city by force of spirit is harder than to conquer it by force of might. The other meaning of this verse from Proverbs is, that to govern oneself is the highest conquest.

Who is rich? He who rejoices in his portion, as it is said, when thou eatest the labor of thine hands, happy art thou, and it shall be well with thee (Psalm cxxviii. 2); happy art thou in this world, and it shall be well with thee in the world to come.

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DO YOU SEEK HAPPINESS?

When someone named this the reckless age, he didn't know modern youth. It could have been better named the "restless age." The great cry of today is, "I want to be happy! Why am I not happy?"

Our moroseness and depression about this business of happiness sometimes borders on a state of melancholia, as is evidenced by countless tales of suicide of young people appearing in the daily newspapers.

Why does it seem so impossible to adjust ourselves to our present day living. Why all this unhappiness? Lack of wealth certainly cannot be causing so much unhappiness. The poor man is usually too busy earning his bread and board to stop and wonder whether he is happy or unhappy. It certainly cannot be due to the lack of pleasures. In this marvelous age of the radio, the automobile, the movie palaces and the dance halls, one cannot possibly complain of lack of pleasures. Is it possible that we are over-educated? No, hardly. Education would teach us that life cannot always be a constant round of joys and pleasures, that we cannot all be rich or famous, that we cannot all find happiness in the same manner.

One day in an exceptional fit of depression I cried out in despair, "Oh, God, show me how to be happy." Then a radiant light seemed to pierce the darkness, a light that revealed man, surrounded on either hand by all that life had to offer, reaching out his hands in a vain and fruitless attempt to reach the moon—but the moon remained ever out of his reach.

At last my prayer was answered and I now hold the key that unlocks the door to happiness.

With all the opportunities and advantages of life at hand, we are still forever searching for something that always seems to remain out of our reach. We want the moon and cry because we can't get it. The youth of today seems to feel that life owes it something. It is constantly making exorbitant demands upon life and when it does not get what it wants, it says—well, what's the use of living?

To be happy, we must set a definite goal for ourselves—a goal within our reach. And then it is up to us to put up a fair and square fight to reach that goal, for life is a game and no foul play ever merited praise. Then when we have won the game fairly and overcome all obstacles—when we have reached the goal which we have set for ourselves—then will we be happy!

SUCH BELIEF IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT ADHERENCE TO HIGH STANDARDS

Clubs Preparing With Abated Breath To Share Honors on Annual Award Night

Prizes and Medals To Be Awarded In All Phases of Activity

No other event in the year will exemplify as much enthusiasm among the various clubs of the I. S. as the coming Award Night which is to take place some night in the middle of June. Upon this occasion, the zealous Juniors with bright smiles and a courteous "Thank you," will have presented to them the various awards that they so earnestly strove for during the year.

Entertainment, Too!

Besides the awarding of the many medals and prizes, there will also be a unique entertainment presented. One of the clubs has decided to present a hilarious play entitled, "Gassed," and are busily preparing for their parts.

Unique Prizes!

It is planned to have the prizes this year of such nature so that a mere glance will carry the story as to the line of activity the medals represent, and the name of the winner will be engraved on each award. Among the activities for which the clubs will be recognized are Dramatics, Declamation, Chess and Checkers, Basketball, Ping Pong, and the Bible Story Contests.

Tokens of Appreciation

More prizes will be given away this year than ever before. They are presented as an appreciation for what has been done, and as a slight token of recognition that the I. S. recognizes merit. It is thus hoped that the Juniors and Intermediates continue their good work, when in the future they will be called upon to exert themselves.

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"Rich": It is commonly believed that riches implies an abundance of material possessions, whereas in reality it means satisfaction with one's own (B'chel-koh) possessions, be they many or few.

Who is honored? He who honors others.

Honored": It is commonly thought that the one who receives honors is the honored one, whilst in truth, he proves himself the fountain of honor, who honors others.

Ben Azzai said, run to do even a slight precept, and free from transgression; for precept draws precept in its train, and transgression, transgression; for the recompense of a precept is a precept, and the recompense of a transgression, a transgression.

"Flee": Even when you perform a Mitzvah to do away with the transgression in it, namely arrogance, honor, pride, etc.

He used to say, despise not any man, and card not at any thing; for there is not a man that has not his hour.

"Hour": Do not despise anyone, because every man has his hour, that is, a time when you may reform him. No one is beyond redemption.

There is not a thing that has not its place.

"Things": There is no quality which is entirely bad; it is wrong only because it is wrongly applied.

R. Jochanan, the son of Berokah, said, whosoever profanes the name of heaven in secret will suffer the penalty for it in public.

"In secreta": Hypocrisy is punished by

THE UNVEILING

of the Monument in Memory of
HINDE GOLDIE GRUNDWERG

HINDA GOLDIE GRUNDWERG take place this Sunday, May 26th, at 2 P. M., at the Washington Cemetery, Sochotzover Plot, Section 3. Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Fischel Neuman will speak, the latter in Yiddish.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT.

public revelation.

R. Jonathan said, whoso fulfills the Torah in the midst of poverty, shall in the end fulfill it in the midst of wealth; and whoso neglects the Torah in the midst of wealth shall in the end neglect it in the midst of poverty.

"Fulfills — Neglects": We know from experience that one who attaches himself to a cause, while it is unpopular, will remain loyal to it when it becomes popular, whilst, on the other hand, those (the fair-weather friends) who enter a cause only when it is popular, will desert it when it becomes unpopular. If one does not side with a movement when it receives popular favor, he will surely not stand by it in its downfall. So also is it with the Torah. He that upholds the Torah while it does not confer any mundane benefits on him will certainly be loyal to it when it confers wealth. On the other hand, he who attaches himself to the Torah only when God gives him good fortune, and no sacrifice is required of him, is certain at the test of poverty to neglect it. He who neglects the Torah when he is rich, will surely neglect it when he is poor.

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