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RELIEF WORK OF JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE CONTINUES UNABATED

It seems ages ago that we first began to hear about the Joint Distribution Committee, and indeed that which has taken place in the world since then has been sufficient to crowd several ages. A new world, a new time, a new life.

Long, long ago, the Jewry of America took up the burden of the Joint Distribution Committee. This was at the beginning of the war, and then it was said, "This is only an emergency. Soon the war will be over and a good life will again be in Europe."

But the war did not end soon and in the third year we ourselves as Americans were in it. Then the Jewry not only assumed the burdens there were for all Americans but they continued to carry their special burden as Jews concerned with their brethren in Eastern Europe; and if others "gave till it hurt," we gave another portion besides.

Then it was said: "Soon the war will be over and good times will be again in the world and the burdens of every one will be lifted."

But, alas! Some of us have become tired from helping to carry the load and \$4,000,000 still remains to be collected of funds pledged in the last campaign. It is as if we were carrying bread to a hungry people, and we said, "No, we will go no further. We will stop here."

We may not stop. It is one of the privileges of Israel that he has an everlasting burden to carry, that he is never permitted to forget that he is a social being whose heart is not only bound to his immediate neighbors but to distant brethren as well, that he is realizing to an extent the brotherhood ideal.

That the Jew may come quickly to a consciousness of his privilege and that he may be persuaded promptly to put a strong shoulder under the burden, was the purpose of a conference of the Joint Distribution Committee held in New York

Strawberry Festival and June Walk

Holiday Services

	West Side	Harlem	Branch
Thursday Evening	8:00	8:00	
Friday Morning	8:30	9:00	
Afternoon and Evening.....	6:30	6:30	
Saturday Morning	8:15	8:30	
Yiskor Services	10:15	10:30	
Afternoon and Evening.....	8:00	8:00	

Sermons will be delivered by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, assisted by Hyman Ronterberg. Please do not forget Eruv Tavshilin, before sundown Thursday.

WEST SIDE CELEBRATES BAR MITZVAH OF MASTER JEROME GOLDSTEIN

A Simcha that was celebrated in real Jewish manner exemplifying the spirit of friendship and jollity was manifested last Saturday morning when our faithful director, Dr. Benjamin and Mrs. Goldstein, honored the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Master Jerome Goldstein.

Friends from all parts of the city were present to help happy parents in their joy. Although the weather was inclement many of the directors and members of long standing at the I. S. put in an appearance to pay tribute to the splendid father and loving mother, the proud parents of the Bar Mitzvah.

Of especial interest is the fact that this is the first occasion of this kind to be celebrated at the new West Side Building, 148 West 85th Street.

Master Jerome intoned the Maftir in excellent manner and otherwise performed very creditably. His grandparents, who are ardent workers and faithful friends of the I. S., were seemingly gratified as we could see by the radiant expression on their faces.

Good luck, Jerome, and always carry the principles of your faith to the fore. May your future acts be a constant source of joy to your parents and many friends.

Mrs. A. Wartels, Vosberg and Miss G. Stein, Head Committees.

A very interesting meeting of the Parents' Association was held Monday evening at the Institutional Synagogue, following a bible class conducted by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein. Plans for the coming Strawberry Festival which will be held on Wednesday evening, June 19th, were fully discussed.

A Banner Event

Several of the members have already brought various merchandise and material that will be raffled off on the evening of June 19th. The Parents' Association is very desirous of making this year's festival a banner event.

Prepare for June Walk

Extensive preparations are also being made for the coming June Walk, after which the children of the Talmud Torah and the Social Department are going to be treated. Mrs. Vosberg, the Secretary, is the chairlady of the Strawberry Festival. Miss Gertrude Stein is in charge of the tickets. They are assisted by their respective committees, consisting of the most active workers of the organizations.

Play Ball

Among the many novelties to be had in the afternoon of the walk, we notice a basketball game between the champion interclass ball team and the nine composed of the members of the Talmud Torah faculty.

The walk is to take place this Sunday so let's get ready for the biggest and best June Walk ever conducted by the I. S.! We're starting bright and early, so be sure you're on the dot.

Our Fighting Faculty

Recalling the game last Field Day you'll remember the thrilling battle with the Messrs. Cass, Reiss, Cohen, Israel, Feier and others giving their utmost to uphold the dignity and honors of the teachers. It is rumored that Mr. Datt, the principal, will act as umpire.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES 8:12

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YAHREZEIT NOTICE

Who were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their deaths were not forgotten. May God remember them for good.

Mrs. Sarah Sanberg, for husband, 8th day in Sivan, commencing Saturday, June 15th, ending Sunday, June 16th.

Mr. A. M. Davis, for uncle, 10th day in Sivan, commencing Monday, June 17th, ending Tuesday, June 18th.

Mrs. Philip Simpson, for mother, 12th day in Sivan commencing Wednesday, June 19th, ending Thursday, June 20th.

Mr. L. Nitzberg, for son, 14th day of Sivan, commencing Friday, June 21st, ending Saturday, June 22nd.

Mrs. Esther Shapiro and children, for father, Asher, 14th day of Sivan, commencing Friday, June 21st, ending Saturday, June 22nd.

CLUBBERY

"Bad Boy" is the play which will be presented on June 27th as part of the entertainment to be furnished by the **Maccabees**. This event will mark their departure from the Building for the season.

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Mr. Paul Margulies, leader of the **Klon-dikes**, will be honored at the Farewell Party of his affectionate charges. The event will take place in the Klondike clubroom this Monday.

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Last Sunday the **Melrah Social Club** held a club party in the social room. An enjoyable time was had by all present.

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As the final club event of the season, the boys of the **Jewish Stars** propose to spend Sunday at Steeplechase, Coney Island. They will, undoubtedly, have a good time.

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Great strides have been made by the **Argoes** in athletics. They have developed excellent teams in baseball, basketball and swimming. They look forward to Field Day on June 23rd, with keen expectation.

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New members have recently been in our **Boy Scout Troop**. This Sunday the entire body of scouts will hike to Ross Dock, N. J.

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Notwithstanding their coming Farewell Party for the season, the **Ramblers** will continue to meet bi-weekly for the entire period of the summer.

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Last Wednesday, June 5th, the boys of the **Pioneers** celebrated their season farewell from the I. S. The boys took the opportunity to thank Mr. Abe Margulies for the able and kindly manner in which he led the club.

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An award is planned by the **Jeshurun** boys for the member who has worked hardest for the club during the season now coming to a close. The quality of the Jeshurun baseball team was manifested as a result of its victory over the team of a Young Woodmen's Lodge.

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As a part of their coming meeting, two-minute topics will be delivered from the floor by various members of the **Collegian Girls**. These talks promise to be of unusual interest.

ARE YOU COMING TO WELCOME I. S. NOTABLES AND BENNY LEONARD

One of the greatest final affairs of the season will be celebrated at the annual "Award" Night on Wednesday, June 26th, at the I. S. Auditorium.

Standing beside our President, Rabbi, Executive Director, will be the world's renowned Benny Leonard. Benny has always been an ideal among us, and as announced in last week's Institutional will be present to assist in the presentation of the awards that memorable evening.

Mr. Samuel Leff, field secretary of the Jewish Welfare Board, will present the beautiful trophy which will be symbolic of the Institutional Synagogue's supremacy in swimming for the past four years.

Talks by Benny Leonard, Hon. Isaac Siegel, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Congressman Sol Bloom will be the features of the evening.

Beautiful gold filled sterling silver and bronze medals will be presented to those who have deservedly triumphed in their individual ways.

Plaques will be awarded to the clubs for the victories they have had.

Come down to welcome Benny Leonard, whose slogan has always been "shoot clean, play square and don't let them say anything about Leonard, the Jew."

POWER OF ORTHODOX JUDA- ISM SEEN IN GROWTH OF ELCHANAN SEMINARY

There is something amazing in the vitality of Jewish Orthodoxy, thriving and building great institutions and synagogues, putting forth young rabbis even in this American scene. This phenomenon is especially interesting because for some ten years past Orthodox Judaism has been receiving no accessions of Jewish life from eastern Europe.

It was believed that Orthodox Judaism could not survive long in its ancient character after immigration laws shut off the stream of Jewish life from Europe. Orthodox Judaism, it was said, would become a relic cherished by old men. The young ones would turn away from the old synagogues. But last month saw 41 English-speaking young men ordained as rabbis by the Orthodox Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary in New York. And so, it seems, the old Yiddish-speaking European rabbi is passing and in his place has entered the youth, often American-born, preaching in English the ancient doctrine.

SHEVUOTH—FEAST OF WEEKS

The Feast of Weeks is a holiday on which, to use a popular saying, we can eat what we want and where we want it; we need not limit our diet to unleavened bread and foods as we do on Passover; nor are we to live in booths, as on Tabernacles. Moreover, since it occurs during the beginning of the summer months, when the weather is very pleasant and fruits of various kinds are in abundance, we may enjoy nature in any form we please. The occasion for having real enjoyment is the more keenly felt, because it is preceded by a number of weeks of abstinence from everything festive. This brings us to the explanation of the name Feast of Weeks.

Commemorates the Giving of the Torah

The Feast of Weeks does not last weeks, as already mentioned; it continues only two days; but it comes at the end of the seven weeks of the Counting of the Omer, which (not counting the Passover Week and the one day "Lag B'Omer") form a period of abstinence from everything joyful. This period was a preparation for the great event, in commemoration of which Shevuoth is celebrated, namely, that of the giving of the Torah of Israel (more about the Counting of the Omer was given in connection with Passover and Lag B'Omer). (It is true that Shevuoth is nowhere in the Bible referred to as the Time of the Giving of the Torah; but it has been celebrated as such since times immemorial. Moreover, from the account in Exodus XIX, as regards the giving of the Torah, we learn that it took place at the time we celebrate Shevuoth, since the Israelites, as we are told, reached the Mount of Sinai on the first of Sivan, rested a day or two, and then spent three days for the great event.) In the light of the aforesaid we can understand the readings of the two days of Shevuoth.

Encourages the Study of the Law

Many a pious Jew passes the first night of Shevuoth studying the Torah. This is an admirable way of showing our attachment to and love for the Torah. There is only one way in which we can show gratitude to heaven for heavenly gifts, and this is by using them in a heavenly way. We love the Torah so much that as soon as we get it, we try to swallow it. We would like to finish the whole Law, the written as well as the oral, in one night; but this is obviously impossible. Therefore a collection of short sketches from all sections of the Torah was made. This abridgement of the written and unwritten Law is known as "Tikun," which Hebrew term means a special arrangement, and is studied and completed on the first night of the Feast of Weeks.

The Day of First Fruits

There is still one appellation of the Feast of Weeks to be explained. It is also called, as already mentioned in the beginning, "Yom Habikkurim," the Day of the First Fruits. The sages say that it is so called because all the offerings of the first ripened fruit which the Jews were accustomed to parade to the Temple were brought only after the Shevuoth wheat offering was sanctified. But it is also possible that the term "first ripened" is not to be limited to the kingdom of plants; but to include human beings also, because the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people opened the gates for many a first ripened individual to join the ranks of the pious and righteous.

In brief the Feast of Weeks is a holiday that is celebrated after weeks of preparation; but when celebrated it is a holiday of the harvest season in both material and spiritual sense. The first ripened fruits as well as human beings, are paraded to the sanctuary; and every pious Jew rejoices over the receiving of the Torah by the study of it. We Jews were in ancient times an agricultural people and in agricultural terms we expressed many of our ideals. The soil did not drag us down, for the receiving of the Torah enabled us to raise the material to the spiritual, earth to heaven, as it were.

Since Shevuoth this year falls on Friday and Saturday, it will be necessary for Erev Tavshillen to be made on Thursday afternoon. This ceremony was explained in detail in the Passover paper.

Best wishes for a very happy Shevuoth from the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

MRS. MORRIS SCHATZ,
Women's Branch, U. O. J. C. A.

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The Jewish holiday, Shobuoth, the Festival of Weeks, will be observed on Friday and Saturday, June 14th and 15th. In ancient times this festival marked the beginning of the harvest in Palestine and was the occasion for bringing first fruits to the Holy Temple.

This year the first day of Shobuoth will coincide with Flag Day. Jewish Centers will take advantage of this coincidence by arranging celebrations suitable to the observance of both occasions.

The Jewish Welfare Board has prepared a bulletin which contains references and suggestions for club programs and for mass celebrations, including readings, music, dances, games, tableaux, pantomimes, plays, motion pictures, and stereopticon slides. There are also twenty questions and answers relating to the historical and ceremonial significance of the festival.

The Board has made available material of a similar character for the observance of Flag Day.

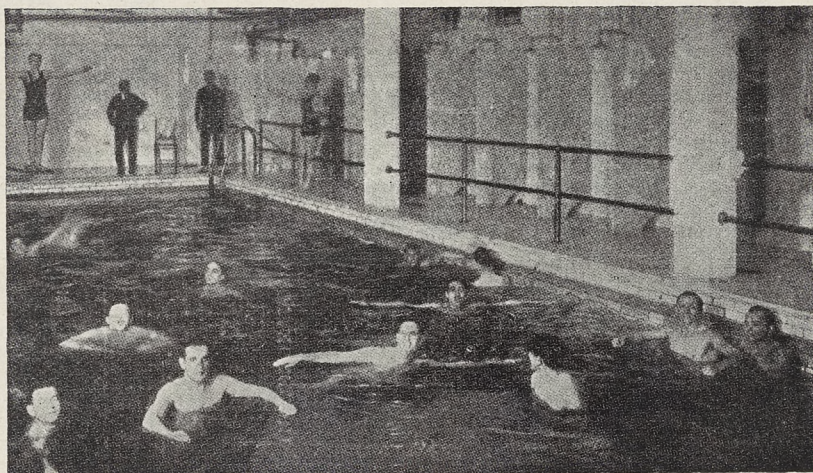
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**LET THIS BE A WORD TO THE
WISE**

SPECIAL NOTICE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MEMBERS, SEAT HOLDERS

No doubt after this Yomtov you will make preparations for the summer vacation, but before leaving the city, I would like you to make your reservations for your seat for the coming High Holy Days. The High Holy Days this year begin October 4, and we expect all our friends back to the city by that time, therefore make your reservations immediately to insure your getting the proper seat.

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