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SUCCESSFUL BIBLE CLASS IS FIRST ACHIEVEMENT OF I. S. DAUGHTERS

First Social Meeting to be Held At West Side Succah On October 22

It was with a reverberating bang that the I. S. Daughters commenced the present season when Rabbi Goldstein led the primal Bible class last Tuesday evening at the Director's Room of the Main Building.

The girls were unusually peppy and happy to greet each other. Before the class began, "dieting" was the main topic of conversation—don't you know? But all the hilarity turned to earnestness and intensity when the Rabbi began his instruction, beginning where he left off at the end of last season, when most of Genesis was studied.

A drive for new members will start the season socially. At 8 P. M. Tuesday evening, October 22, a social meeting will be held at the West Side Succah, 148 West 85th Street. Invitations are extended to all the clubs and young folk organizations at both branches. Entertainment, speakers and the usual supply of holiday goodies are part of the program for the evening.

The members present unanimously expressed their hopes for the speedy recovery of Miss Lillian Mitchell, one of the finest of the Daughters, from a recent operation.

The present incumbent officers are: Honorary president, Lena Morris; president, Esther Garfinkle; vice-presidents, Bess Burak, Miriam Levow; treasurer, Reba Friedman; secretary, Helen Weisberger; recording secretary, Florence Goldstein.

THANKS

Thank you, again, for your generosity.

The hearty response of the I. S. community both the West Side and Harlem constituency, to the Yom Kippur Appeal shows again the faith that lies behind I. S. methods and idealism.

You've surely heard the adage: "He who gives promptly, gives twice." Let's see if you cant' follow out its teaching.

Please make good that solemn pledge right now.

West Side Talmud Torah Begins Instruction Inaugurating Several Novel Features

Hearty congratulations are extended to MR. MARTIN WEISBERGER, one of the active members of the Brotherhood, on the occasion of his wife giving birth to a boy. Both mother and child are feeling well.

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With Two Classes As Nucleus, Prospects are Encouraged For Good Season

The inauguration of the West Side Talmud Torah, activities take place this Tuesday afternoon, October 15th, at the West Side branch with the opening of two Talmud Torah classes. Due to constantly evinced interest exhibited by the parents in that vicinity there is no doubt that the number of classes will increase presently.

Ivrith B'Ivrith Method

Mr. Joseph Datt, principal, announces that the Ivrit B'Ivrit method will be used throughout. This implies that the entire class recitation and instruction is conducted in Hebrew so that the child is impelled to speak and to listen to the Holy Tongue for the entire period.

Small Classes

As an added attraction it is understood that the school will furnish the combined advantages of public and private instruction. The classes were purposely made small in number so that personal contact of teachers and pupils will be assured.

Three Sessions Weekly

Several excellently qualified teachers have already been selected to constitute the staff.
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Schedule of Succoth Services

	Harlem	West Side
FRIDAY EVENING	5:00	5:00
SATURDAY:		
Morning	8:15	8:45
Sermon	10:00	10:15
Evening	5:00	5:00
SUNDAY:		
Morning	8:15	8:45
Evening	5:00	5:00

Sermons will be delivered by Rabbis Herbert S. Goldstein and I. L. Bril. Cantors Zalmon Yavneh and Menachem Rosenberg will officiate.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 4:57

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Dear Friend:—

You were good enough to make your pledge toward the support of our work on the Holy Day of Yom Kippur, for which kindly accept our thanks.

We ask you kindly to send us your check for your contribution as soon as possible. It is of utmost importance that you enable us to continue our activities so that we may house the hundreds of poor children of our Talmud Torah, the numerous social, literary and athletic clubs, as well as the many adult classes we conduct.

With the hope that we may all have in store for us a year full of good, I am with the greetings of the Synagogue,

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Director.

CLUBBERY

The Collegians recently elected the following to help materialize an extensive program of activities that they contemplate for this year. The president, Sarah Finger; vice-president, Rose Sedaka; secretary, Marie Haire; treasurer, Mary Terris; cheerleader, Beatrice Triesman; editors, Marie Haire and Rose Sedaka. Entertainment Committee consists of the Misses Renee Fishman, Rose Markowitz. They are again supervised this year by the ever efficient Miss Teddy Klahr.

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We welcome and with a very cordial hand shake a junior club, the Spartans Social Athletic Club, under the leadership of Chester Chaiken. They expect to make their bow in the I. S. in a very spirited form by active participation and house activities.

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The Ko-sacs are taking these means of whispering into our public's ear that they—the public—can and should anticipate a series of unusual social activities which they hope will make this year a "Ko-sac Year" in the I. S.

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The Omaha Girls are initiating a new literary feature at their regular club meetings, and they expect to invite the various literati of the I. S., as guest speakers at their meetings. Their first speaker will be Mr. Maxwell T. Cohen, who will discuss "Israel Zangwell," this Tuesday at 8:30 P. M. promptly. They extend a cordial invitation to all to attend this meeting.

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The Emanons will resume their meetings and activities at the termination of the Jewish Holy Days. They too hope to conduct extensive literary work at their meetings.

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The Tranquillities have been invited to assist in conducting a series of intermediate and senior forums, which will be introduced very shortly.

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The Jeshuruns are planning a most unusual feature and a distinctive activity. They expect to invite men well noted in various fields of activities to discuss topics and subjects of interest at their meetings. The Jeshuruns also invite visitors to participate in the discussion sessions following the talks.

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The above cards must be mailed in to the office before October 12th, preferably sooner, so that they may be had for the Memorial Services.

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Classes will be held from 4 to 6 P. M. on week days and on Sunday morning. Three sessions a week will be held.

Register Now

The framework for the third class is already evident and with a few more pupils to be expected, this class will begin instruction next week. Parents in the vicinity are urged to give their children an opportunity to study the Hebrew religion and language, and are urged to register very soon so that the new season's activities may be availed.

HEAVY ATTENDANCE MARKS INITIAL MEETING OF W. S. WOMEN'S LEAGUE BIBLE CLASS

The first Bible class for the current season was held by the Women's League of the West Side Branch, of which Mrs. Morris Fichter is president, last Wednesday morning at the Reception Room of the W. S. Building.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein conducted the class with his usual skill and ability. From the unusually gratifying attendance, there is no doubt that 1929-30 will be the banner year for the Women's League.

These active and public spirited women have already launched into their program of activities, the first of which is to assist in the decoration of the West Side Succah.

There Are Scores of Young Boys and Girls at the I. S. Who Are Asking for Real Leaders.

Rabbi Goldstein Scores Irreligiosity of the Rich in Yom Kippur Sermon

President Orthodox Union Pleads for Return to the Torah

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, as president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in his Yom Kippur message addressed to approximately five hundred congregations in the United States and Canada, scored the rich for casting off religious restraints and called for a return to Israel's Torah. He said in part:

"In this day of an unprecedented rise in material prosperity, alarming signs of spiritual decline are in evidence all about us. Loose morals, convenient honesty, and religious disloyalty are being licensed in many quarters. The spiritual vision of the people has become dimmed. This is being brought about not by the masses, but by the rich who are 'waxing fat,' and are making of religious restraint a football, easily to be kicked. The Sabbath desecrators, the unchurched, the prayerless, and the Epicureans are mounting in ever increasing numbers.

Loyalty to the Torah

"My appeal as it affects us as Jews is to reestablish the Torah as the sole guiding principle of our lives in this country. Freedom, wealth, and political position, will avail us nought, unless we are completely loyal to our Torah in its entirety. Without the Torah we will be lost, as other nations have been lost. With it we will remain the world's indestructible people, representing the soul-life of mankind.

Israel Is Immortal

"As the soul is immortal so will Israel be immortal. The Jewish people as a biologic unit of mankind has not given to the world a culture uttering the profane, an art indicative of the material and a philosophy breeding irreverence. Judaism has given to the world, rather, a culture voicing holiness, an art denoting sublimity and a philosophy teaching the knowledge of God.

Our Spiritual Power House

"In short, Judaism has crowned the human race with a pure monotheistic, undefiled religion, as set forth in the Torah, and in the storehouse of its traditions. The Torah is the spiritual power house lighting up in us as Jews the various phases of the spiritual life. 'Where there is no vision the people perish, but he that keepeth the Torah, happy is he.' (Proverbs 29:18.)"

PARENTS' ASS'N HOLDS SEASON'S FIRST MEETING

Last Tuesday evening found the members of the Parents Association holding their initial meeting of the season at the I. S. which was begun very properly with the Bible Class led by Rabbi Goldstein.

There was a goodly number of members who greeted each other for the New Year with old time friendship and fervor. Mrs. I. Stein, president of the Association, outlined some of the activities that will be undertaken this year.

The first item in the program of activities will be the coming Succoth party given for the students of the Talmud Torah. This will be held Wednesday afternoon, October 23rd, at 4 o'clock at the main branch Succah.

The Parents Association sponsors this party every year. Once more Mrs. I. Stein has again devoted herself unselfishly to the cause of the children's welfare and is going about collecting donations, cake, punch and fruits, which will be served for the children.

The Talmud Torah teachers will also lend their assistance in making this annual affair a memorable one. It is rumored that a teachers party will follow the one tendered to the kiddies.

The Parents Association will hold a Succoth Party Wednesday evening, October 23, at 8:30. All are invited.

JEWISH CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE IN NUMBER OF JEWS IN AMERICA

One-Third of 4,228,029 in United States are In New York

Crediting New York with one-third of the Jewish congregations of the United States, the Jewish Year Book of 1929, just issued, estimates the Jewish population of the country.

The book, the thirty-first number published by the Jewish Publication Society of Philadelphia, states that one-half of the religious expenditures for the race in this country are made in New York. The sum is placed at more than \$16,000,000. In addition \$13,000,000 is spent annually for charities in New York.

Contained in the book are a tribute to the late Louis Marshall, a survey of European conditions of the Jews by Harry Schneidman, a study of the American Hebrew communities by Dr. H. S. Linfield and reports on world-wide progress of the race.

Jewish Contributions To Civilization

PART I.

"WE OWE TO THE JEW ..."

"Israel is the heart of Mankind," wrote our great thinker and poet, Jehudah Halevi.

"The Scholar," says our Talmud, "takes precedence over the King."

These two sayings from our wise clearly show that our Religion is not only the Spiritual as well as the Material sustenance of Mankind, but also the Mental and Moral guiding forces.

In these series of articles to appear as a feature each week, we will show how Israel was truly the Mind, the Heart and the Hands of Civilization and Humanity. We will discover Israel as a kind, commiserating and most humane force in a dark, war-stricken, and often ignorance-darkened world. We will also see Israel as the strong, unfeared and unflinching warrior combatting and vanquishing, like the Knights, the Giants called "Ignorance," "Unlawfulness," and "Darkness." We will view Israel as the Poet, the Financier, Philanthropist, the Scientist, the Artist, and as the Citizen and Patriot.

In viewing our contributions, let us first determine their significance by the intelligent Gentiles' estimate.

Lyman Abbot said: "We Gentiles owe our life to Israel. It is Israel who has brought us the message that God is One, and that God is a just and righteous God, and demands righteousness of His children, and demands nothing else. It is Israel that has laid the foundations of Liberty. It is Israel who has brought us our Bible, our prophets and our apostles. Let us remember that all that we Christians have and all that we are, we owe, under God, to what Judaism has given us."

T. H. Huxley wrote: "All that is best in ethics of the modern world is the direct development of the ethics of old Israel. There is no code of legislation, ancient or modern, at once so just and so merciful, and tender to the weak and poor, as the Jewish Law."

So we see that the intelligent person's estimate of Jewish Contributions to Civilization are very laudatory and grateful.

In our next article we will discuss the Jew as Citizen and Patriot. We know that you will be surprised and pleased to learn of the great part the Jews had in the making of our own United States.

DON'T FEAR THAT YOU'VE HAD NO EXPERIENCE AT LEADING, WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!

ROSENWALD GIVE \$10,000 PRIZE FOR JUDAISM

Another Contest Also Conducted Among College Students

A prize of \$10,000 is offered by Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, for the best essay on "The Future of Judaism," Dr. Samson Benderly, chairman of a committee of the Julius Rosenwald Prize Essays Commission, announced today. The sub-committee offices are at 71 West 47th Street. The contest closes December 31, 1930.

Another contest restricted to undergraduates in colleges and seminaries was also announced, with Rosenwald contributing a \$1,500 prize.

Dr. Lee Frankel and Elisha M. Friedman of New York, Professor Nathan Isaacs of Harvard University, Judge Irving Lehman of New York, and Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia, are judges.

The theme of the essay is: "For the fullest spiritual development of the individual Jew and the most effective functioning of the Jewish community in America, how can Jewish life best adjust itself to and influence modern life with respect to beliefs and theories, institutions, the home, the synagogue, the school and Jewish education for the youth, child and adult?" Rosenwald was led to make his offer of the prizes by an article by Elisha M. Friedman, published in Union Tidings, a publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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—Chauncey M. Depew.

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Succoth

"Ye shall dwell in booths seven days . . . that your generations may know that I made the Children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt." (Lev. 23:42-43.)

Historically

Succoth means booths or tabernacles and commemorates the wanderings of our ancestors in the desert of Sinai, which followed their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Since they had to change their place of abode constantly, they were compelled to dwell in temporary shelters or booths.

Symbolically

Our sojourns in booths is also very suggestive of several great Jewish ideas. It reminds us of the special signs in the sky which guided the Israelites of old in the wilderness. It calls our attention to the fact that with God's protection we are safe even in carelessly constructed tabernacles, and without it we are in danger everywhere, even behind steel walls. It suggests also that our motto is peace and therefore we have no reason to be afraid of anybody. Finally, according to many remarks found in rabbinic literature, it reminds us also of the present day involuntary wanderings from land to land.

The festival begins on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month of Tishri, corresponding this year to Friday evening, October 18th. It lasts for seven days; but is followed immediately by another holiday, Shemini Atseres, which lasts two days, therefore it is thought of as lasting nine days. Shemini Atseres is really the conclusion of all the three holidays known as "Shalos Regolim," Pesach, Shavuot, and Tabernacles. On the second day of this holiday the reading of the Torah is completed and recommenced; it is known, therefore, as "Simchas Torah," rejoicing with the Torah.

The first two days of Succoth and the last two days, called Shemini Atseres and Simchas Torah, are holy days, the five intervening days, that is, the third to the seventh inclusive, are only half holy days and are called "Chol Hamood." This year the holidays will be concluded on Sunday evening, October seventh.

The Succah

The Succah is a temporary structure built specially for the festival either in the yard or on the roof of a house. The roof of the Succah is not covered with boards,—but with detached branches, called in Hebrew "schach." They are sparsely laid to allow the sun and stars to shine through them. It is however, necessary that there should be more shade than sun. The sun by day and the stars at night remind us of the special signs of God's providence and love which guided the Israelites in the wilderness; while the frailty of the structure is symbolic of the goluth (exile), our precarious existence full of forced migrations. In the Succah we take our meals, study, rest and sleep, if health permits. Its construction and decoration is usually a family function. It is a fine custom to commence building the Succah on the night after Yom Kippur.

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

The listeners of our good

DR. ZADOK KAPNER

take this means of expressing their thanks to him for his excellently delivered PILPUL held last Saturday afternoon.

The appreciation of the entire constituency of the I. S. is extended to our active director

MR. MAURICE H. BOB
and his daughter

ELEANOR

who is fitting up an Arc, a Pulpit and a Readers' Table, "Shulchan," at our West Side Branch, in memory of her beloved mother.

Do You Feel That You Would Want To Do Something Useful, But Don't Know Just What Specifically?