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## ARABIAN GRIEVANCES ARE ASSAILED BY JEWISH WRITER

Meyer Weisgal Presents Jewish Viewpoint  
Regarding Palestine

In the November issue of Current History Magazine, Meyer Weisgal, speaking for the American Zionists, discusses the conflict in Palestine from the Jewish standpoint, replying to the assertions made by A. Ri-hani who presents the Arabian viewpoint.

Assailing the so-called "extravagant Arab grievances," Mr. Weisgal points out that the pledge of the British Government to establish a confederation of Arab States was never intended to include Palestine, since the whole of the country west of the Jordan was specifically excluded from that pledge.

Nor is it fair to accuse Great Britain of having "betrayed" the Arabs after their revolt against the Turks, he holds. "The Arabs in Palestine," Mr. Weisgal adds, "did not revolt against the Turks as did the Arabs of Hejaz and Mesopotamia. The Jews, on the other hand, supplied the British forces with three battalions whose exploits in the Palestine campaign received official recognition.

"The historic right of the Jewish people in Palestine implies no violation of the rights of the Arab inhabitants of the country. These rights are safeguarded in the Balfour declaration and in the Palestine mandate. Nevertheless, we are advised to revoke the Balfour declaration; to sweep away any and all rights granted to the returning sons of Israel.

Then the Arabs would raise no objection to the development of a "spiritual centre." But there is no reality behind the words "spiritual centre." Spiritual centres do not exist in the air. They are born of political freedom and economic security. Commerce, industry, agriculture and the free exercise of the rights of the people to the land that they call their own are the props upon which a spiritual centre are built."

## Shemini Atzereth and Simchas Torah Celebrated With Mirth and Joviality at Both Main and West Side Buildings

### NOT FOR YOU

If you have fulfilled your pledge with the I. S. by sending in that promised check, then of course this notice does not apply to you.

But there are some people (you would be surprised, if you would know their names) who, while they are very well-meaning and have the interests of the I. S. at heart, really cause the I. S. hurt by withholding that promised sum.

Please be considerate. Do not make it necessary for us to write you personally concerning your pledge.

### I. S. DAUGHTERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL SUCCOTH PARTY AT WEST SIDE

Due to the inclement weather last Tuesday evening, October 22nd, the exceptionally large crowd that is always present at a Daughters' affair, failed to materialize.

It was decided at the gathering that the forthcoming meeting of the Daughters would be held at the main building the following Tuesday.

THE  
INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE  
mourns the loss of its faithful friend

HON. M. S. STERN

The Social Educational Dept. of the  
**INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE**  
desires to congratulate one of its very  
active leaders,

**MISS THEODORA KLAHR**

on the occasion of her betrothal to

**MR. ALBERT RUTSTEIN**

Simeon Hai Fischel Goldstein and  
Clarence Lieberman  
Preach

### FORMER'S DEBUT AS "RABBI"

"The Jewish people have always been outstanding in the great interest which they exhibit towards supporting institutions of learning. They have always realized that unless Torah is continually imparted, the message of the Jewish nation might fail."

With these mature and elevating words did Simeon Hai Fischel Goldstein, son of our Rabbi, sound the keynote of the Torah-rejoicing holidays in a sermon delivered by him at the main building last Sunday, on Simchas Torah morning.

#### An Accurate Imitation

Simeon punctuated his remarks with fidelity to his famed father's mannerisms and gestures. His mode of expression and his speaking with deep faith and understanding reminded everyone of the Rabbi. The adjustment of the Talith about his shoulders, his kissing the Paroches, his movements and pacings of the body, all served to heighten the premeditated imitation of our beloved Rabbi in action, to the delight of the knowing congregation, and Rabbi Goldstein who was present.

#### Well Done, Simeon!

This was the "maiden" speech of Rabbi Goldstein's talented son, who preached the Simchath Torah sermon, taking the place of Mr. Clarence Lieberman, who descended on the West Side. The audience were sincere in their admiration of the Jewish knowledge he expressed, which bespoke a promising career in the future.

The youthful "Rabbi" then continued on the subject of Jewish education, and pointed out that now, more than ever, the I. S. was in need of funds because of the shifting population, which left the local neighbor-

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### ANNUAL SHEMINI ATZERES PARTY AT RABBI'S HOME IS WELL ATTENDED

In accordance with their annual custom, the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein was the scene of a party in celebration of Shemini Atzereth last Shabbos afternoon. The many who availed themselves of the opportunity of being present were pleasantly entertained in the form of speeches, singing and the usual ready wit of our beloved Rabbi and Rebetzen.

Among the happy gathering who had walked from Washington Heights and from the West Side, it was in the nature of a "pilgrimage." But rather than miss the good cheer, the chance to see their old friends and, not to forget—the dainties and refreshments of Mrs. Goldstein, they thought themselves well repaid by being counted among those attending.

## CLUBBERY

On November 2nd the **Ramblers** will gather in glad fellowship to celebrate their first anniversary. Harry Goodman, their social director, has been very busily occupied in making this Anniversary "one grand affair. We congratulate the Ramblers on their first birthday and offer them, in common with others, wishes for a happy and active year.

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The **Stars of Zion** are this year living under their happy guiding stars. S. Alexander Sterenbuch, their former president, has been admitted to the Bar and is now busily engaged accumulating the first million. Congratulations are due to one of their oldest and outstanding members, Mr. Aaron H. Seltzer, upon his engagement to Miss Claire Schwartzberg. The Stars are also felicitating their chairman, Mr. Irving Briskin, on his sixth wedding anniversary.

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The **Collegians** take this means of modestly asserting that this year will be a banner year for them. With the supervision of Miss Teddy Klahr, their active leader, and their newly elected president, Sarah Finger, they will beyond doubt succeed again in making I. S. history.

The **Omahas**, led by the attractive Miss Winoker, now meet Sundays. They invite girls of about 16 to affiliate themselves with one of the most active and popular clubs of the I. S.—the Omahas, of course—offering good following pleasing social programs and plenty of activities. Visitors are welcome at their meetings.

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A number of our clubs are making this year's bow in the attractive form of social activity. The **Melrahs**, **Tranquillities** and **Kowecos** are busily engaged in making their respective dances the happiest and most congenial ever held. Our next week's column will contain the dates, features and details of these dances.

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The **Ko-Sacs** now boast one of the largest club memberships in the I. S. The co-eds extend a cordial welcome to all to attend their meetings. Social hours and literary discussions are the inducements.

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The **Spartons** announce their newly-elected officers: President, Isidore Samuels; Vice-president, Leonard Klein; Secretary, Charles Espino. Their officers and leader, Mr. Chaiken, assure us that theirs will be a rep of pep.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS ENJOYABLE SUCCOTH GATHERING

A very enjoyable Succoth party was held by the Parents Association last Wednesday evening, October 23rd, at the Main Building Succah. Those attending also had the pleasure of listening to Rabbi Goldstein's discourse.

The Succah was well populated by the members and friends of the Association, and as usual the genial Mrs. I. Stein, President, saw to it that everybody was made happy. A fine program was presented, and after partaking of the goodies so munificently provided for, everybody declared that it was an evening par excellence.

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hood destitute of its more prominent supporters. He also cited Congressman Siegel's statistics in asserting that 92% of those committed to penal institutions never received a religious education.

### The Distinguished Ones

Mr. Weisberger was honored as Chasen Torah, and Chaim Maslinsky was given the distinction of Chasen B'raishith; Maftir was accorded our Director, Mr. Lester Udell. "Lester" acquitted himself creditably as a Bar Mitzvah.

Following upon the Reading of the Law, a feast was held in token of the Chasonim. The Directors of the I. S., members and other congregants, all partook of the goodies furnished by the ladies. Appreciation is once again extended to Mesdames Annie R. Morris, M. Stavish, S. D. Burnett, N. Lieberman and H. S. Goldstein. Also the Misses Weil, Clark, Weisberger, Miriam Levow and Bessie Burack.

### West Side Celebrates, Too!

At the West Side branch our esteemed friend, Clarence Lieberman regaled the congregation with his inimitable take-off of Rabbi Goldstein, which made Clarence so famous at the Main Branch. After a witty introduction by our President Isaac Siegel, Mr. Lieberman gave a discourse on the subject of "Faith."

Mr. David Gluck turned in a very admirable performance as cantor. Chasen Torah was accorded Mr. Isaac Settel, and Mr. Sedwitz was chosen as Chasen B'raishith. Mr. Harry Mirken concluded with the Maftir. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fichter were kind enough to serve refreshments at the conclusion of the service.

In the ante-room the Reading of the Law was wound up with the distinctions of Chasen Torah and Chasen B'raishith given to Mr. I. M. Blankfort, the father of our director, Mr. Henry Blankfort, and to Mr. A. M. Davis, respectively. Mr. Reuben Richman was accorded the honor of Maftir.



## Jewish Contributions To Civilization

### Article III

#### THE JEW AS CITIZEN AND PATRIOT Part 2

Here are some miscellaneous and very interesting details of the importance of Jews in the development of America.

In 1654 Jacob Barison settled in New York City. He was the first Jew to settle in New York. Now there are almost two million Jews living in this city. Levy Asser, in 1655, was the first Jew to receive commendation as a military officer. He fought the Indians under Governor Peter Stuyvesant.

The first Synagogue was built in 1691. In addition to the Synagogue, a Hebrew School was established. In 1772 a Jew was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania. This is the first record of a Jew gaining admission to a State University. In 1864, there were a great many Hebrew Schools throughout the United States. In 1853, the first Yeshivah was founded. It was called the "Zion Collegiate Institute." In 1867, "Maimonides Hebrew College was founded in Philadelphia.

Jacob Cohen, Bernard Gratz and Solomon E. King were the Jewish champions of Liberty and Civil Rights in 1826.

In the Revolutionary War the Jews contributed 100 officers and petty officers. The first true heroes recorded in this war were Jews: Colonel David S. Franks, Lieut. Isaac Franks and Major Benjamin Moses.

In the Mexican War a Jew twice received the highest laudatory commendation from Congress. He was Major David de Leon.

In the Civil War, seven to eight thousand Jewish soldiers saw active service. It is interesting to note that there were NINE Jewish generals, 18 colonels, 8 lieutenant-colonels, 40 majors, 205 captains, 325 lieutenants and 20 Jewish surgeons!

Aside from military service, the Jews contributed to American Culture. Especially noteworthy is the fact that the first statue presented to the United States was the gift, in 1835, of a Jew, Comm. Uriah P. Levy. The statue is one of Thomas Jefferson, in bronze, and was elected by the French-Jewish sculptor, David d'Angers.

Outstanding in American Art can be found the Jews Moses Ezekiel, Keyser, Katherine Cohon, Louis Lieb, Jo Davidson, Jacob Epstein, E. C. Piexatto, Toby Rosenthal, and Mulzner and his son Joseph. Bernard Beinenson is today one of the world's leading Art Critics.

## Bulletin Boards of I. S. Vestibule Possess Great Amount of Interest

### Its Varied Items Seem to Interest All Perusers.

There is one little place at the I. S. we pass by so often that we have little thought to stop by it momentarily in order to see what interest it may hold for us. We refer to the miscellaneous variegated news and tid-bits that appear on the Bulletin Boards within the I. S. vestibule and lobby.

Here, off to a corner, are to be found the staid and matter-of-factish announcements of the P-T Department; the results of the various games (basketball, baseball, swimming, etc.), with non-elaborately drawn schedules of coming games and classes. Off to a side are two spread copies of the last "Institutional," replete with news of the Building and news generally Jewish.

One feature that does much to lighten the task and whet the interest of the average Sabbath-goer is the library placard that is kept up to date with news and references of a lightly entertaining and pleasing order. On a Sabbath morning it is not unusual to see three or four individuals huddled together, their eyes intently taking in all the culled news items that is the limited offering of this source.

The very serious and business-like atmosphere of the Building is breathed in the simple and almost severe style of the lobby's finish. Not a lounge for the idle, but rather a workshop for the busy, is the direct suggestion and conviction of this lobby. Let not this statement imply, however, that the I. S. is without its social facilities; on the contrary, the social and club rooms lead directly from the entrance of the Building. The Synagogue, the Gym, the Library, as well—these retreats beckon to the visitor as he passes through the lobby.

The most distinguished poetess in America was the Jew Emma Lazarus. She wrote the inscription found at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

Professor Morris R. Cohen is an outstanding authority on Philosophy; Fabian Franklyn on Mathematics; Franz Booz on Anthropology; Joseph Jostrow on Psychology; Simon Flexner on Pathology. Dr. Flexner is also director of one of the largest scientific institutions, the "Rockefeller Scientific Research Institute." In American Music we find Block in classic music, and Gershwin, Berlin and Al Jolson in the jazz and popular music.

Occasionally an ambitious poster will attract the eye. The poster may pertain to the sponsoring of some hopeful young scion to the august presidency of the G. O., or else it may concern itself with the graphic status of some intensive campaign or drive. Right now, painted in red, you may find a series of barometers, all cross-sectionally, telling the stock of this club's first place and that club's ultimate goal of intention. And notwithstanding constant supervision, some one enterprising club of the S-E Department may courageously (perhaps selfishly) slap its gaudy pasteboard indifferently over the pictorial declamations of some other rival club. So that at times the Bulletin Boards represent a jamboree of clashing color, youthful effervescence.

Is it any wonder that many observant people find pleasant interest in scanning the contents of the Bulletin Boards of the I. S. vestibule and lobby?

### THOUSAND DOLLAR PRIZE OFFERED FOR JEWISH HISTORY

A prize of \$1,000 is being offered for a Hebrew textbook of Jewish history adaptable for the use of Palmud Torahs in the United States by the National Board of Education of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The rules of the contest require that the book consist of about 360 pages, exclusive of illustrations and questions. It should embrace history from creation up to the present, and should be written in an easy, fine, exemplary Hebrew, the entire contest to be in keeping with the spirit of Orthodox Judaism.

### SOVIETS TO ESTABLISH AN AUTONOMOUS JEWISH REPUBLIC

An autonomous Jewish republic capable of absorbing over one million Jewish colonists within the next ten years, will be set in operation by the Soviet Government in the spring of 1930, according to an announcement by Abraham Epstein, acting secretary of Icor, an American association for Jewish colonization in the Soviet Union.

The territory of the new state is said to be larger than that of Belgium, and is situated north of Manchuria on the Amur River. It is now known as Biro-Bidjan and, at present, is sparsely populated. Full autonomy will begin when the first 5,000 Jewish families have settled on the land.

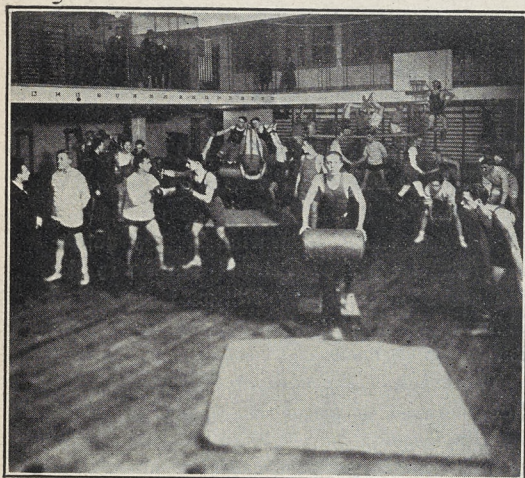
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# ATHLETICS

Inter-club tournaments, both basketball and handball, will be held very shortly, according to a statement given by Mr. Silbert, our gymnasium director. After a few weeks of practice sessions the basketball tournament will start during the latter part of November.

Because of the fact that the gymnasium activities were suspended for the clubs for the past month, it was thought wise to begin the tournament a little later than usual. The suspension was due to the occurrence of the Jewish holidays on Sundays.



At least ten clubs are expected to fight out the Intermediate senior championship in the court sport this winter. Last year the Stuyvesants proved to be masters of the situation, but this year they will have to overcome much more determined opposition because of the presence of such basketball combinations as the Pals, the Ko-Sacs and Jeshuruns.

Mr. Silbert stated that upon the conclusion of the basketball tournament the handball contests will begin. This is the first season that inter-club handball contests are to be held, and there is no doubt about their success. Mr. Silbert will use the winners of the contests as a nucleus for the house handball team.

Mr. Silverman, our popular swimming instructor, has also planned an extensive inter-club program for swimming and aquatic sports. In the meantime the practice sessions for the undefeated I. S. swimming team will continue, having as their goal the retention of the Metropolitan League crown.

## PALESTINE CONDITIONS ARE STILL UNSETTLED

### Mutual Boycott, Strikes and Court Sentences Disturb Calm

Mutual boycott is still being used by both Jews and Arabs against each other. The Jews refuse to buy any vegetables, fruit, meat or fowl from Arab peasants and the Arabs will not enter a Jewish shop. Arab pickets are posted outside of almost every Jewish store to prevent their kinsmen entering.

At various meetings called government authorities to which they invited representatives of both sides in order to end the boycott, the Jews signed a statement declaring their willingness to end it, but the Arabs refused to follow suit.

A new proclamation by High Commissioner Sir John Chancellor is expected, urging all inhabitants of the country, in view of the continued violence and robbery to assist the authorities to trace the criminals; otherwise, the government will impose collective punishments on all neighborhoods, not only the villages whence the crimes are believed to have originated.

In Jerusalem, during one week, two Jews died in hospitals, one of them mysteriously shot and the other stabbed. Both attacks took place at night and the assailants escaped. The police commissioner has threatened to return the curfew hour to 6 P. M. instead of 9, as at present, if one more instance of sniping occurs in Jerusalem.

Following a three-day trial in the District Court of Haifa, 32 Arabs of the village Tireh were sentenced to five years imprisonment each and 5 Arabs to two years each, for having assembled for the purpose of attacking Beth Galim, a Jewish suburb of Haifa, on August 26.

The Jewish policemen in Jerusalem are under arrest following refusal to patrol sections exclusively inhabited by Arabs because they were not allowed firearms.

## FRIENDSHIP

One who enters the community center sees immediately that he enters a new existence; feels himself transported from a garish and a frustrating world to a pleasant and welcoming one. An atmosphere of friendliness surrounds him.

There is an affinity of spirit, a common work, a mutual purpose that closely binds the ties of friendship among members of the center. Here, through the cultivation of similar tastes in athletics, dramatics, public speaking, or club interests, and through fellowship, one makes contacts which grow and ripen slowly and steadily into friendships that are real and solid. One makes friends with whom he can be sincere, to whom he can put his personal problems and tell his innermost thoughts. Friends who see the best in him and by that very fact call forth the best from him. Friendship is indeed the greatest asset of man.

One will find that very few people agree upon the definition of success. To some it means achievement as an author or an artist; to others it means the accumulation of wealth. Listen to what Charles M. Schwab, one of the most successful men of the age says about friendship, "Wealth and everything else count for nothing beside the hearty handshake of our friends."

With the passing of the years one will find that he harbors many memories. Some are bitter but most of them are sweet. Memories that are etched on the canvas of Time, unending; that have risen from the basic principle underlying one's friendships formed at the center, namely that he has developed his attachments not because of what he has received from his friends but by what he has given to them. The reward of virtue is virtue.

"He entered our portals, silent, with little to offer,  
Lo! he has now the most treasured gift of the world."

Paul Goldstein.

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