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Thirteenth Anniversary and Sol Bloom Testimonial Dinner

SIXTY YEARS OF BLOOM

I

In a heavy, April shower,
The chap began to bloom.
Is he vegetable or flower?
The neighbors all did croon.

II

A product of the early spring,
He proved a handsome boon.
He taught us what to hum and
sing,
He phonographed each room.



Hon. Sol Bloom

III

And then he built 'way up on
high.
"Tis his," we'd proudly say;
His structures scraped the very
sky,
But rents, that we could pay.

IV

A statesman grown is he.
We love this fellow Bloom.
His wisdom, heart and jolity,
Bid sixty more of Bloom.

George L. Livingston.

The Thirteenth Anniversary

of the founding of the Institutional Snagogue is also the occasion for the Testimonial Dinner to one of its most beloved directors, who is pre-eminent among his fellowmen. His unswerving loyalty to the ideals of the I. S. and his constant desire to be of service have made him a distinguished citizen. The occasion of this Dinner, which also marks his sixetieth birthday, is indeed a happy one to all concerned—to us, because we are able to enjoy the results of thirteen years of fruitful labor, and to him because of the opportunity to enjoy the esteem and love with which his many friends regard him. Congressman Bloom has always been a willing worker in communal activities and his name will forever be held high amongst us who have profited by our association with him. May he continue his noble work in the community and bask in the sunlight of its gratitude!

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Pauline Schoenholtz, Eva Davis, Mindel Fabian, Minnie Langel.

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Our Loved Ones, Never to be Forgotten

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TABLET 2

Bella Blankfort, Fannie Sacks, Annie Rafsky, Berthan Sanders, Rachel Rosenberg, Sarah R. Samuels, Rebecca Jacobs, Babette Sabath, Julia Natelson, Libby Roth, Regina Weinreich, Sarah Steinberg, Bessie Natelson, Menucha Wartels, Peshe L. Gellis, Rebecca Cassel, Mary Rosen, Anna Bob, Fannie R. Frank, Fannie L. Glass, Ida Wilner, Beckie B. Kramer, Frances Solomon, Elizabeth Corn Davis, Annie R. Rosenfeld, Ida Goldstone, Lena Pearl Rosenthal, Elizabeth Salzer, Goldie Silver, Saide Bonis, Hannah Hirschfield, Hendel Stavish, Sarah Volk.

TABLET 3

Rabbi Moses Z. Feinsilver, Solomon Jacobs, Noah Jacob Jablow, Max Rafsky, Nathan Cohen, Samuel C. Cohen, Levy Levy, Woolf Crost, Jacob Sucher, Joseph Ralbe, Harris Hyman, Jacob Blauner, Leopold Nashelsky, Chaim Zevi Hyman, David Korn, Yehuda L. Nitzberg, Morris Denbosky, David Denbosky, Saul Copstein,

Morris Wartofsky, Lsrael Brofsky, Maylich Breitbart, Jacob Jacobson, Louis Rosenthal, Philip Lefkowitz, Ignatz Margaretten, Samuel E. Weiser, Joseph Preiser, Abraham Ben Gutman, Getzel Ben Chaim, David Ben Nachim Zevi, Joseph Singer, Jacob Fuhr, Isaac Schreiber, Sigmund Eisner, Charles Kasselmann, Bernard Marcuse, Simon Davis.

TABLET 4

Dorah L. Finesilver, Sophia Jacobs, Minnie Jablow, Frieda Kinover, Pesseh Bierman, Dora L. Lefkoff, Annie Davis, Fannie Moss, Bertha E. Levine, Tillie Rosansky, Muriel Rosansky, Henrietta Nashelsky, Esther Hyman, Helen S. Jacobson, Fega Stone, Dora Denbosky, Rebecca Copstein, Amelia Rubinsky, Nachuma Blauner, Mary Epstein, Toba Ginsburg, Sarah Kadin, Yetta Lefkowitz, Rose Crost, Deborah Bas David Hakohen, Etil Bas David, Dora Fischer Kaltman, Frieda Ch. Schiller, Sarah Brody, Helen Silver, Hinda Goldie Grundwerger.

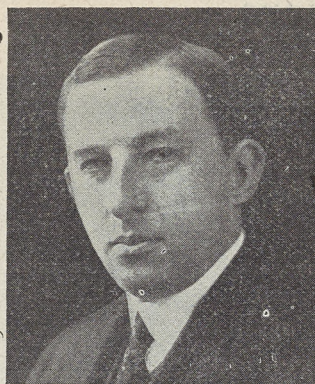
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William Friedman, Hyam Ber Lieb Aria, David Levy, Victor Lifschitz, Max Perlberg, Barnett Feigenbaum, Hillel Gouled, Judah L. Kahn, David Levy, Jacob M. Harris, Max Friedman, Jacob Friedman, Isidor Friedman, Nicholas Funk, Elijah Levy Goldstein, Samuel R. Morris, Ely Rosenberg, Samuel Groszman, Adolph Jacob Zucker, Louis Rosenberg, Hyman Resnick.

TABLET 6

Elizabeth Funk, Rachel Goldman, Eva S. Saks, Annie Levy, Annie Zucker, Helen Lefkowitz, Anna Lifschitz, Hattie Freeman, Hannah Hartstein, Hinda Kapner,

Do thy simple duty well and know that great men can do their greatest work no better.—Goethe.



HON. ISAAC SIEGEL

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE

Thirteen years is a short space of time in the history of a nation. It is, however, a long time in the story of a Synagogue experiment. No words of mine can depict the hard struggle which has ensued since April the 6th, 1927, when the Institutional Synagogue was formed to meet a condition in Harlem which had to be corrected very speedily.

As to whether the work has met with the success which those of us who started the movement anticipated, is something which you know best. I feel, however, that every boy, girl or adult who has come in contact with the environment of the Institutional Synagogue, is better off for having been there. One thing is certain, that this community has certainly gained by this experiment.

Again may I ask you to find time to go over to the main building, at 37-43 West 116th Street, very easily reached by street cars and subways. Observe, with your own eyes, the work which is being carried on. Surely, when you are asked to contribute towards such a purpose, in all fairness to yourselves you should make time, within the three hundred sixty-five days of the year, to observe where your money is going.

Harlem has lost those who could afford to give. They have moved away to other neighborhoods, but the children of those who have no other place where to go, still seek our doors. They have a right to ask, at your hands, that you give them the same opportunities which you are striving to give your own children, for indeed, no one knows who is to become the spiritual leader or the great advocate of decent citizenship.

Remember our slogan, "Always open." Better Jews, and in that way for better Americans.

In the hope that you will find time to give more than a passing thought to this work, let me extend to you our best wishes and happy greetings on this, the Bar Mitzvah day of the Institutional Synagogue.

Faithfully yours,
ISAAC SIEGEL, President.

PASSOVER REGULATIONS

When Erev Pesach falls on the Sabbath, and the First Seder is on Saturday night (as occurs this year, on Saturday, April 12th), there are a number of changes in the customary regulations.

SPECIAL LAWS FOR EREV PESACH, WHICH FALLS ON SATURDAY

a. The fast of the first-born is observed on Thursday, April 10th. One may free himself from fasting if he attends a Brith Miloh or is present at the completion of a tract of the Talmud, after the morning service. It is customary for the first-born to fast in commemoration of the fact that the first-born of the Israelites were saved on Erev Pesach while the angel of death slew the first-born of the Egyptians.

b. When the First Seder occurs on Saturday night, the leaven should be searched for on Thursday night, immediately after nightfall, as the night preceding the Seder (when this is usually done) is Friday, and searching for the leaven would be a violation of the Sabbath. "Kol Chamirah" is said after the search, as usual.

c. The leaven should be burnt on Friday morning not later than 10:15, but the "Kol Chamirah," which is usually said at the time of the burning, should be said on Saturday, after completing the eating of the chometz. The "Kol Chamirah" must be said in a language which is understood by the person who says it.

d. The time for selling the leaven is until Friday, 10:15 A. M. The time for lighting the candles on Friday evening is 6:19.

e. Chometz food and utensils must be cleared away on Friday, before dark, leaving out only sufficient chometz for Friday evening supper and the Saturday morning meal.

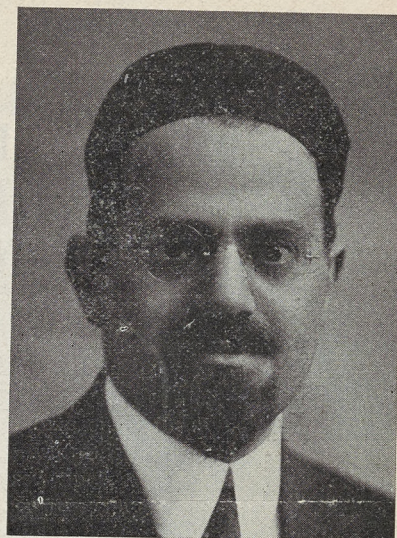
f. All the Sabbath cooking should be done in Passover utensils, as the stove must be koshered on Friday, since it cannot be done on Saturday. After the stove is koshered only Passover pots can be put thereon.

g. For Friday support and the Saturday morning meal serve in chometz dishes.

h. The last meal at which chometz may be partaken of must be over on Shabbos morning at 9:15, after which no chometz whatsoever may be eaten. After this meal the table cloth and chometz dishes are to be stored away with the other chometz utensils. The declaration, "Kol Chamirah," is then to be recited. If any bread is left over, it should be given to a non-Jew and the crumbs should be let down with the water in the sink. All this should be done before 10:15 o'clock in the morning.

i. Sabbath morning services are held at 6:30 o'clock.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI



HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, Rabbi

My dear Friends:

Thirteen years ago we were privileged by the help of God to bring to the Jews of America a new idea, namely, the institutionalization of the Synagogue. We ought to be grateful to Him, not merely for the success which we have attained but also because we have since been enabled to serve as a beacon light to other communities who have come to kindle their spiritual tapers from our inspiring torch.

In view of the fact that the wealthier people have moved away from Harlem, our Institution has become a communal responsibility. We have more free children in our school than we ever had before, and it is therefore the bounden duty of every Jew who feels a sense of communal responsibility to help us now more than ever. Just as the Institutions on the Lower East Side have to look for their support to the Jews everywhere, so do we, representing the Upper East Side, have to look for our support to all our people who want to carry out the Rabbinic edict: "All Israelites are responsible, one for the other." Let us remember that the name of the Jew tarnished anywhere reflects upon the Jew everywhere.

With the fervent prayer that we may be privileged through your unstinted help and co-operation to continue unabated our work for the greater glory of God and humanity, I am, Cordially yours,

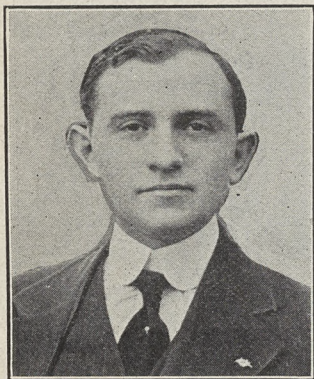
HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN, Rabbi.

PASSOVER HOSPITALITY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A MITZVAH

Those who can accommodate one or more college students at their Seder table will please notify our Executive Secretary, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, University 6729, at once.

The search for Leaven should be made Thursday night immediately after sundown.
The chometz should be destroyed Friday morning by 10:15 A. M.

The Officers of the Institutional Synagogue



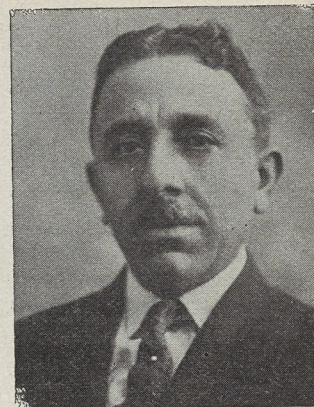
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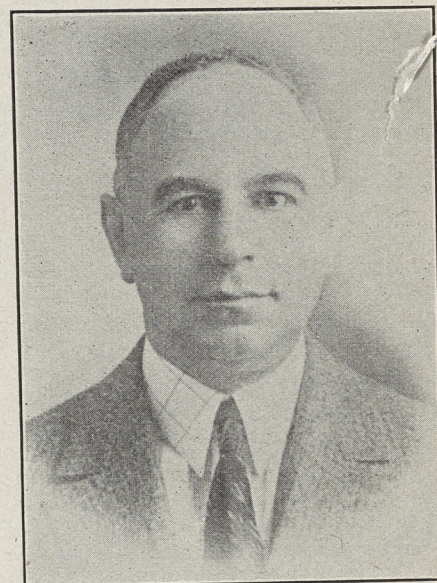
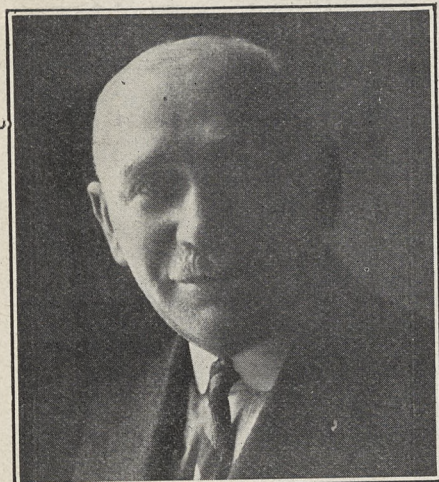
CANTOR JOSEPH ROSENBLATT
TO BE OUR GUEST

Great fortune was indeed our lot when we were made aware of the fact that the world-renowned Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt, one of our old friends, will be present at our Anniversary Dinner this Sunday evening. Cantor Rosenblatt is making the Hotel Astor his first stop in the city on his return from a triumphant tour through the western states.

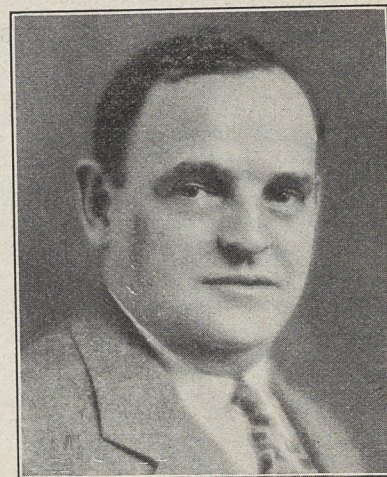
Cantor Joseph Rosenblatt is indeed well-known to the I. S. community, having davened at our Synagogue on many occasions. Those attending the Dinner will be favored by several vocal selections rendered by the beautiful and melodious voice of our guest, Cantor Rosenblatt. Our own chazan, Zalman Yavneh, will also favor the audience with a recital in which he is to sing a song written by him especially for the occasion.

EVEN LATE COMERS PROVIDED FOR!

For those who were unable to send in their reservations, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, our Executive Director, has made special arrangements by reserving several tables. If you are a late-comer, there is no need to worry, for you will be provided for. Call University 6729.

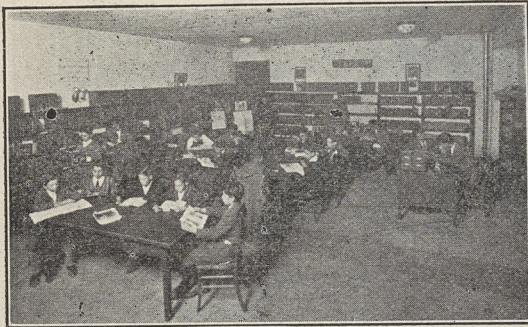
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You may still attend the Anniversary Dinner by sending in your reservation to Mr. Bernstein, who still has several unreserved tables for disposal.

A Glimpse at Some of Our Many and Diversified Activities



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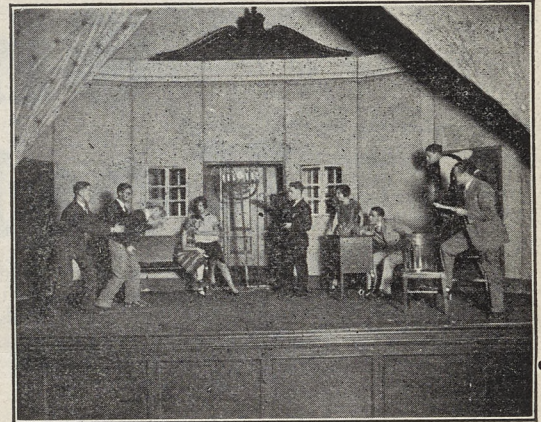
"Givers" Poem

By Edgar A. Guest

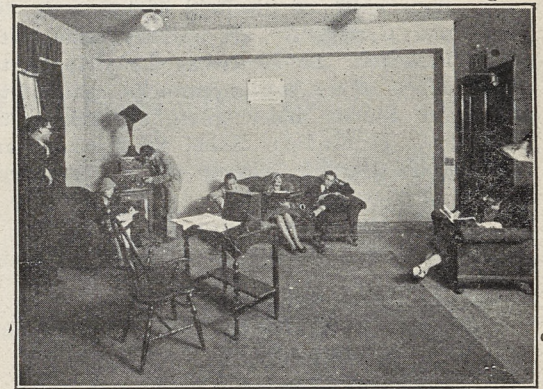
I WISH there were no need to give,
No need for sacrifice or pity;
I WISH that all on earth who live
Were rich and wise and glad
and witty.
I WISH there were no need to build
Great havens for the poor and sickly;
That every human hand were skilled
And joys for all were lavished thickly.
I WISH there were no need to ask
And plead to end the woes of others,
And each were happy at his task
And none were richer than his brothers.
I WISH that men could get along
Without assistance from their neighbors;
That all were well and whole
and strong
And well rewarded for their labors.
BUT, since this wish can never be,
I'm glad for all the people living
Who sympathize with poverty
And recognize the need for giving.



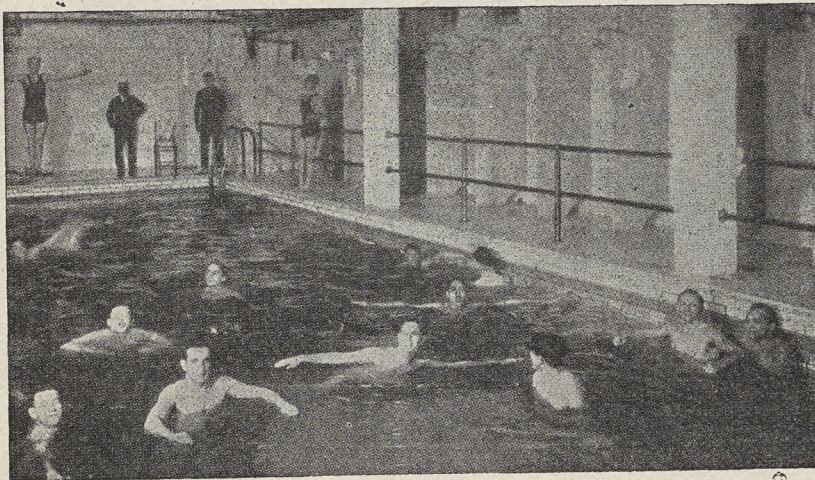
A TALMUD TORAH CLASS



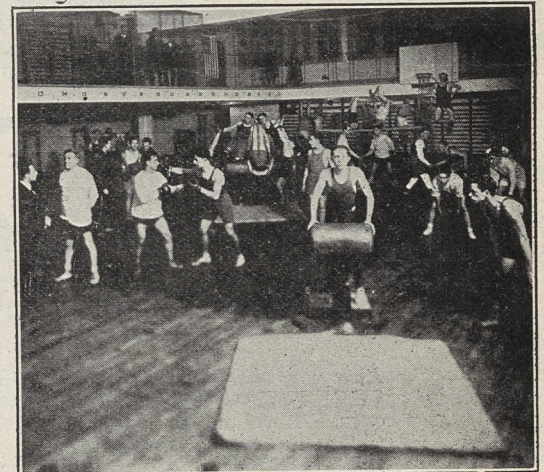
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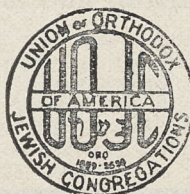
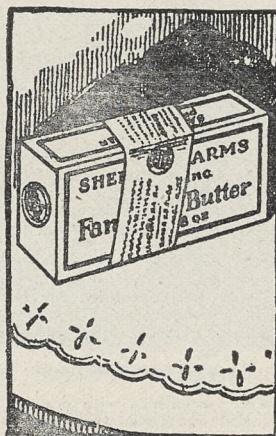
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THE TALMUD TORAH



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The largest educational agency at the Institutional Synagogue is its efficient Talmud Torah. Here the essentials of Jewish life and religious practice are inculcated in the children from the ages of 6 to 16. The program has been widened to create and constantly intensify a Jewish atmosphere. Traditional Judaism, both in practice and theory, is always at the fore.

There are at present twenty-three classes in the school. The course of study has been systematized so that an industrious student may complete it in six years. From the Aleph Beth to Talmud is its scope.

Aside from Prayers, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish History and Religion, the Mishna and Talmud are also taught. The pupils are pledged to observe the Sabbath and keep dietary laws. There are daily prayers and the pupils must wear tzitzahs.

Special children's services are held Friday evening and Saturday morning.

It is your duty to contribute to the fundamental spiritual needs of the coming generation of Jewish young men and women.

j. As usual, on Erev Pesach, Matzohs must not be eaten before the Seder. Dinner at mid-day may consist of fruit, fish, meat, or vegetables, prepared on Friday, of course, in Passover dishes. Neither bread nor Matzoh may be eaten at this time. This meal should be completed before 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

k. All preparations for the Seder, such as setting the table, must not be done till after sundown.

LAWS OF PURGING (KASHERING)

a. A vessel that cannot be thoroughly cleansed, such as a sieve, a grater, a basket used for leaven, tubes, a vessel with a very narrow neck that cannot be cleansed from within, and the like—it is not permissible to purge for Passover use.

b. Purging is done only in boiling hot water.

SOCIAL and EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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Morris Urieff, Registrar

The Social and Educational Department had a very successful program of activities this year. It has endeavored to spread the message of the I. S. by means of dramatics, debates, oratorical contests, and every other available method possible.

Besides the various club activities, there is the game room; that is very popular. Here the children, instead of playing on the street and being subject to deleterious influences, are under the constant supervision of the staff, who are able to mold character and make the coming generation realize their rising responsibilities. The library, too, has been very instrumental in giving its users an opportunity to study under desirable conditions.

The Debating Teams, both Intermediate and Senior, having won the championship of Manhattan and Bronx last year, hope to duplicate the feat for the current season. Dramatics, too, has taken to the limelight, and each club has at least produced a play during the year. The function of the S-E Department in providing a Jewish cultural background for the members is constantly adhered to. Incidentally, it seeks to promote a cultural refinement which is so necessary to the boys and girls, who are unable to secure the proper home training.

c. Vessels which are to be purged should be put into a net or basket and plunged into boiling hot water.

d. A vessel should not be Kasherred unless 24 hours have elapsed since leaven was cooked therein.

e. Before the vessel is Kasherred it should be thoroughly cleansed from rust and the like. Articles which are indented so that it is impossible to thoroughly cleanse the dents and cracks, may not be Kasherred for Passover. It is therefore necessary to carefully observe whether

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Jacob Silbert, Director

Jacob Silverman, Swimming Coach

One of the outstanding features of the Institutional Synagogue is its splendidly equipped Physical Training Department. The I. S. Gym is one of the finest in the city, and is in constant demand, even by other institutions of the city, who are only too happy to avail themselves of the opportunity of utilizing its benefits.

The Swimming Pool, in itself, is an alluring attraction, making the Physical Training Department as complete as one could desire. For what could be more compelling to our constituency than a good, hard workout in a well-equipped gymnasium, followed by an invigorating hot and cold shower, and then a plunge in the sparkling, well-chlorinated waters of the I. S. Pool?

The accomplishments of the Physical Educational Department during the past year include the following: Senior men's gymnasium classes have been enjoying novel programs of work. Mr. Jacob Silbert, the director, has laid great stress on calisthenics and apparatus instruction as a means of giving the individual the full benefits of the department.

purging will avail knives, spoons and forks with fancy handles for Passover use.

f. Vessels made of iron or other metals require glowing, i. e., they should be burned red hot before being plunged into hot water.

g. After Kashering it is customary to wash the vessels with cold water.

WELCOME, MR. ISIDORE BRODY!

It was with great joy, indeed, that the I. S. congregation welcomed back its former gabbai, Isidore Brody, on his return amongst us this Saturday morning. Mr. Brody, who has been convalescing after an unfortunate accident, some time ago, was able to come unaided this Saturday, although he had been at the I. S. on Purim. Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein in honor of his return gave him a Kiddush with everybody participating in the joyous event.

Since Erev Pesach falls on Sabbath, the Special Services and Seeyum—Thursday morning for the first born—Main building—6:15 and 7 A. M.
West Side Branch, 6:15 and 7 A. M.