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HARLEM AND WEST SIDE SYNA-GOGUE WELL ATTENDED DURING PASSOVER SERVICES

Additional Pledges Made Prior to Yiskor Adds to Dinner Contributions

Passover services at both the Harlem and West Side Synagogues drew exceedingly large congregations, both Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Yiskor services and the clear weather aided materially in increasing the attendance.

At the West Side, a substantial sum in pledges to the I. S. was realized after an appeal made prior to the Yiskor services by Rabbi Goldstein. The results are even more gratifying, since the Anniversary Dinner was held but a few weeks ago.

President Isaac Siegel preceded the Rabbi in addressing the congregants.

Our appreciation is due to our active director, Mr. Max E. Saunders, who aided wholeheartedly in the collection of the pledges.

The excellent weather induced our Executive Director, Mr. Abraham Bernstein, to hike down from the Heights. He was accompanied by Associate Director Mr. Abe Eisenstadt, Mr. Max Naus and Mr. Maxie Cohen.

At the Harlem Synagogue, owing to the absence of Mr. Lester Udell, our second vice-president, who annually makes the successful appeal prior to Yiskor, Mr. Clarence Liberman acted in that capacity. In view of the attendance and the fine speech that Mr. Liberman made, the response was encouraging indeed.

Appreciation is tendered to Dr. Zadok Kapner for his marvelous pilpul, delivered on Shabbos Hagadol. Also to Rabbis Alfred Cohen, who assisted Rabbi Goldstein the first two days of the holiday, and Rabbi Samuel Wind. We hope for their further co-operation for many years to come. Cantors Zalman Yavneh and Menachem Rosenberg are also given a vote of thanks for their fine cantorial renditions.

Various Connotations of "Love" Presented by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein in Sunday Sermon

Daily Services		
	Harlem	W. Side
Friday Evening....	6:30 P.M.	6:30 P.M.
Sat. Morning.....	8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
Mincha & Mariiv....	6:30	6:30
Daily morning	7:15	7:00
Daily afternoon....	6:30	6:30

ROSH CHODISH IYAR

Monday and Tuesday

April 28 and 29

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB OF W. S. HEARS RABBI GOLDSTEIN AT SMOKER

Because of the absence of Harry Hersfield, the noted comedian, at the Third Smoker of the season, sponsored by the Young Men's Club of the West Side, last Monday evening, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein most ably substituted as the main speaker. Before a congenial and well attended audience the Rabbi delivered a very interesting talk on the Bible.

The fine decorum that was characteristic of the previous smokers was again in evidence. At the conclusion of the talk, questions were asked and answered. Then, delicious refreshments were served. Judging from the contented expressions on the faces of those present the Rabbi's wit and thoughts more than made up for the absence of Mr. Hersfield.

MUSIC FESTIVAL OF JEWISH CENTERS ATTRACTS TALENTED BOYS AND GIRLS

Talented young musicians, representing the 30 Y. M. H. A.'s and Y. W. H. A.'s, and other Jewish centers affiliated with the Metropolitan League, will participate in its sixth annual Music Festival to be held Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at 3 o'clock at the Astoria Center of Israel, 820 Crescent Street, Astoria, L. I.

The Music Festival will be in the form of a contest and will be divided into two sections, a senior and a junior. The senior competition will be in violin, piano and vocal music. For the juniors, there will be only two divisions, violin and piano.

Means "Giving Up of One's Whole Self for Another"

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, preaching his sermon on "Love" before the members and friends of the Institutional Synagogue at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street, Sunday morning, said in part:

"Love means the giving up of one's whole self for another. The Bible commands us not merely to love God with heart and soul and might, but 'with ALL thy heart, with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy might.' The Talmud, commenting upon this commandment says with all thy heart means with prayer, with all thy soul means with life, 'and with all thy might' means with all one's money. Nothing short of this fulfills the divine prescription for love.

"As for marital love, most people mistake passion for love. Those who give passion first place generally find that marriage jades as beauty fades. There is a French proverb which says 'In true love, it is the soul that embraces the body.' Our Rabbis teach us that the sacred hour of the marriage ceremony can be the basis for a world of happiness for bride and groom, when both will it. Then love grows stronger as they grow older.

"As for the social love, this is the real test of religion. Brotherly love is the flower of the seed of faith. Without it we belie the fatherhood of God. The best way to practice brotherly love is to bring cheer and happiness to our fellow men. There is in every one of us some sadness, some disappointment, some blight, some one thing which deflects from contentment and leads to unhappiness and misery. Everyone seems to be missing just some one thing. Let us then not add to the individual unhappiness but soothe, understand, and elicit the best, the noblest from those about us. Even when we are wronged let brotherly love cover our baser impulses."

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 6:29

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GIVE AND TAKE?

Very often when a prospective members signs up for a year, he wants to know what advantages and opportunities he is to receive for the amount he hands over the counter. His first thought is usually "What can the I. S. do for me? How much can I get out of the gym or swimming pool? Are 'those' handball courts always crowded, or am I to get a chance to play whenever I have the leisure to do so?" etc., etc. In other words, the first impulse is to calculate the personal, concrete, immediate values that may be derived through the facilities of the Institution. However, fortunately for the members at large and for the community as a whole, there are quite a number of individuals who come to the I. S. and want to take part in its work with a somewhat different motive in mind; and this type of prospect asks himself the following questions: "What abilities do I possess that might be used for the betterment, intellectual and physical, of boys and girls who need my services? Is there a club that needs a sponsor? Is there a class that needs a teacher? Is there a small discouraged band that needs inspiration and encouragement? Are there ventures that need leadership? Are there undertakings to be launched which require the time and energy and intelligence of adequately equipped men and women who control the necessary leisure? If there are these opportunities for service, then I shall enter into the life of the organization and try to do my bit in my humble way and to the best of my ability." These are the persons who make possible a finely balanced organization—an organization that can boast of cultural and spiritual leadership. However, besides these two categories of individuals—those who are always looking for what they can get out of the Institution and the others who are altruistic enough to feel that they should give as well as get—there are the borderline personalities, many of whom have latent talents, hidden possibilities, but who have not quite developed the attitude that they may make use of their powers here at the I. S. It is this group that must do a little introspection and come to the fore to supply the dwindling ranks of those who have given and given and who pretty soon will have other interests which are to remove their presence from the I. S. building and make it possible for them to visit the Institution only occasionally. There are many undertakings, movements, tasks and events that need able leadership, people with tireless energy and intelligence, men and women highly endowed; and it is hoped that the needed talent, ability and leadership will be forthcoming.

CONGRATULATIONS

are extended to our reliable
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on the occasion of the betrothal to
him of
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CLUBBERY

Now that the basketball season has successfully been brought to a close, the Marmon Club has gone to other fields of athletic endeavors. Recently one of its members, Jack Kartzin, romped off with the Metropolitan League wrestling championship. Watch out for these handsome and tough Marmons!

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The Happy Wanderers are planning an outing to be held Sunday, May 4, 1930. They intend to visit one of the museums under the leadership of Miss Frances Phillips, their charming leader.

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Because the first and eighth day of Passover came out on Sunday, the Fourth Annual Passover Hike of the Tranquillity Club was postponed until Sunday, April 27th. The place chosen is Silver Lake and the girls are very nice in that part of the country, we hear.

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The Argos have thus far had a successful baseball season. All challenges will be cheerfully accepted. See Mr. William Rosenthal, our capable manager, or Abe Leal, the doughty captain.

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The Chi-Aeta and Amigo clubs have merged and now have a roster of 16 names, one of the largest in the house. The officers are:

George Fleitman, President
Diane Margolin, Vice-President
Rhea Rothkin, Secretary
Sam Fleitman, Treasurer
Al Dessler, Athletic Manager
Joe Sandler, Social Director
Eugenia Gold, Social Directress

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The opportunity to purchase tickets for a gala time Wednesday, April 30, is still open. All who went to last year's theatre party given by Club Variety, did not regret it and neither did they forget it. We hope that all clubs will co-operate with us in this annual affair.

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VAGABONDS TIDBITS

Our constitution genius, Sam Bellit of the Vagabonds has decided to become a cowhand. He has some pull.

In due credit to our president, Willie K. Slaines, we beg to announce he did not shoot Rothstein at one of our famous "special meetings."

The Vagabond "freelances" say, "Try our famous special meetings."

DO NOT FORGET TO LISTEN IN ON RABBI GOLDSTEIN
THIS SUNDAY AT 4:30 P.M. ON WPCB

Birthday of Mr. Aaron Wartels, I. S. Treasurer, Fittingly Celebrated by West Side

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Last Sunday morning it was the pleasure of the congregants at the West Side Synagogue to assist in celebrating the birthday of the grand old man of the I. S.—Mr. Aaron Wartels, who is now sixty-one years young. The unrestrained joy of the audience at this happy occasion was self-evident and many of his friends were further induced to pledge to the I. S. cause in tribute to Mr. Wartels.

No one who has met Mr. Wartels, has yet failed to be impressed by his friendly and fatherly demeanor that radiates happiness and contentment. Amid the ever-changing current of affairs at the I. S. he thoughtfully watches the events that pass before him and then fits himself to the task that he is most fitted for.

At the West Side, the new horizon of his activities, Mr. Wartels is a busy figure. Not only serving on Saturdays and holidays but many a weekday besides. With a subtle understanding of human nature he is constantly soliciting strangers in the interest of the I. S., lending a hand here, giving courage there, always sharing that dignified pleasantry and good feeling that is so naturally his.

Our membership hopes to celebrate many more of Mr. Wartels' birthdays in the future. He has gained not only the appreciation of a host of friends, but also that sure personal satisfaction in knowing that his efforts have been for a noble purpose—the upbuilding of the I. S. Our hearts go out to you!

PARENTS EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO I. S. TALMUD TORAH

It is not the purpose of the I. S. to constantly vaunt the fine work of the Talmud Torah, but among the hundred letters of approbation received from grateful parents, these are representative of their opinion. We therefore take this privilege of printing them forthwith:

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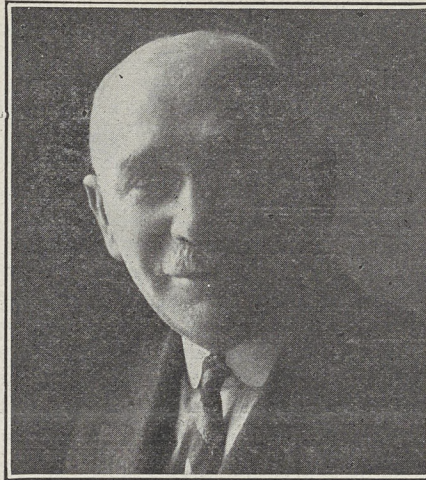
My dear Mr. Datt:

I want to compliment you and your teachers on the excellent teaching which you impart to my son Arthur.

His preparation for Passover was splendid. He chanted the Kiddush and recited the Four Kashes very well. Even so the Afikomen. He was rewarded with a suit and a pair of shoes.

I beg to remain,

(Signed) MRS. B. WECHSLER.



AARON WARTELS, Treas.

2

My dear Mr. Datt:

May I express my thanks to you for the thorough Jewish education which you give to my granddaughter Sarah. It was proven on the night of the Seder, when she said the Kiddush and read the Hagada excellently. I must admit much better than myself. She gave us the greatest pleasure.

I hope and pray that all Jewish daughters should be blessed with such a Jewish education.

Expressing our greatest pleasure, I remain,

(Signed) M. BARASH.

3

My dear Mr. Datt:

I owe all my thanks to you for the knowledge of Passover that my daughter Sarah showed at the Seder.

There is really no way of expressing my thanks and gratitude to you.

With no possible end of thanks, I am

(Signed) MRS. WEINSTEIN.

4

My dear Mr. Reiss:

I feel it is my duty to thank you for the pleasant holiday which was spent listening to Bernard asking the Four Questions and saying his prayers.

I greatly appreciate the fine teaching given to him.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) MRS. M. ELGART.

WE MOURN

the departure of

MRS. ANNIE FRIEDMAN

mother of our active co-workers and

members, Miss REBA FRIEDMAN

and Mr. LESTER FRIEDMAN

May her soul rest in peace

ETHICS of the FATHERS

By Rabbi HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Moses received the Torah on Sinai, and handed it down to Joshua; Joshua to the elders; the elders to the prophets; and the prophets handed it down to the men of the Great Synagogue. They said three things: Be deliberate in judgment; raise up many disciples, and make a fence round the Torah.

MOSES. In Jewish devotional, ethical, and philosophical literature, the question is often asked, Why did Moses receive the Torah and not Abraham? Abraham was the first Jew, and therefore ought logically to be the recipient of the Torah. The answer was given by Albo in the "Ikarim," and by Jehuda Halevi, in the "Kuzari." The reason that the Torah was given to Moses and not to Abraham is this: If the Torah was given to Abraham, and he was the first Jew, alone in the world, we might doubt its authenticity, and historicity; but it was given to Moses in the presence of 600,000 people. This publicity gave it the value of historicity.

RECEIVED. It is significant also, that a treatise on Ethics should begin with the announcement that the reception of the Torah was at Sinai. This comes to emphasize the fact, that not only Law, but all ethics and morality has its *raison d'être* and foundation in the Torah—revealed Religion, in spite of the fact that men and women do make that distinction today. It is as possible to do that as it is to make the flower a separate growth from its seed. The Torah is the seed, and when it realizes itself and flowers, it is ethics and morals. That we know of ethics and morals today, separately from religion, is due to the fact that we have plucked or cut off the flower from its seed. But without the seed there would have been no flower. This is essentially the distinction between Judaism and Ethical Culture.

MAKE A FENCE. Unlike Paul and the founder of Christianity, who made innovations, thereby distorting Judaism, the Rabbis made fences to safeguard Judaism. These fences are based on Lev. 18:30, "Therefore shall ye watch my charge." Rab Kahana in the Talmud Yebamos 21a explains this to mean: "Make a guard which may protect (enact measures to prevent a transgression of the Biblical law). Just as the garden, in order to be protected from any inroad, has a fence around it, or 'no trespassing' signs about it, so in order to safeguard the original Biblical law, the Rabbis made fences. If the fence is guarded carefully, no harm can come to the garden proper, e. g. 'one may not climb a tree on the Sabbath' is a Rabbinic

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RABBI GOLDSTEIN WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
CHEERFULLY OVER STATION WPCH



An innovation in the activities of the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool is the special classes being offered to the male members of our Institution. In the Gymnasium Department, instruction is given to those men who wish to become camp councillors and leaders during the coming summer. They are taught the fine points of councillorship through the teaching of Mr. Silbert, who has long been associated as head worker and councillor in some of the largest camps in the East.

In the Swimming Pool we have Mr. Jack Silverman, our swimming instructor, organizing classes for those who wish to become supervisors of swimming at these camps. His valuable help and instruction will undoubtedly be of great benefit to those men who will seek such positions and try to maintain a high standard while holding these jobs.

Mr. Silverman for the past six years has held head swimming councillorships in camps. These classes are successful, insofar as they furnish a substantial background for those young men of the Institution who desire to have an excellent vacation during the summer, at the same time making some money for the coming winter season.

JUNIORS ENTERTAINED BY DRAMATIC READINGS

An interesting time was had by Juniors last Wednesday night, when Mr. Julius Cohen, Director of Dramatics at H. H. I. rendered several dramatic readings. Of the two plays read, one dealt with a Jewish subject.

INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR DEBATING TEAMS TO ENGAGE IN SERIES OF BATTLES

Schiff Center, New York "Y" and Yonkers Jewish Center Listed Among the Opponents

Next Sunday afternoon, when the Intermediate team of the I. S. swaps arguments with the team representing the Jacob H. Schiff Center, at the latter's auditorium, the audience will be the recipient of some keen thought on the subject of "Resolved, That the Jewish boys and girls be trained to enter the trades rather than the professions."

The I. S. will maintain the negative of that proposition. Abe Margolies, Irving Levine and Dave Jacobson are ready to present a formidable array of logic and fact situations in order to prove that education of youth should be untrammelled by dogmas or man-made rules.

The subject is replete with interest in view of the cry that Jews are discriminated against in the professions and also because of the assertion that Jews flood the field of medicine and law, their presence in no way aiding the problem of progress. Other psychological and sociological problems are involved.

Within a short time after this debate the I. S. Intermediate team will maintain the negative of the resolution "That the Volstead Act be modified to permit the sale of light wines and beer," against the New York "Y," coached by Mr. Beckelman.

Early in May, the Junior team, composed of Myron Heckler and William Rosenthal, will meet the Yonkers team at the I. S. The subject is "Resolved, That Hebrew be included as one of the elective languages in the high schools and that students passing satisfactorily examinations receive credit for advanced knowledge." The I. S. is on the negative.

With Sorrow

did the I. S. membership learn of the death of

MR. MAX UDELL

father of our directors, JEROME UDELL and LESTER UDELL, second vice-president. The condolence of the entire community is extended. May They Be Spared Further Sorrow

HEBREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DEDICATED

The founders of the Hebrew University are aiming to create a home for Jewish learning and Jewish ideals where Jewish culture can freely develop a liaison between the civilizations of the Eastern and Western world and are aiming to make the University a center of learning and research open to all students regardless of nationality, creed or race, which is a worthy ambition, declared Sir John Chancellor, High Commissioner of Palestine, in opening the David Wolffsohn House, the Jewish National Library.

In the first part of his address the High Commissioner referred to the late Lord Balfour and said "the universal tributes that have been paid to his memory by Jewish communities in all quarters of the world have greatly touched Lord Balfour's compatriots and friends," Sir John said that "the opening of the Library marks an important step in the development of the University's activities. The site is one of the most beautiful and historic in the world which must be worthily used." He praised the intention of the University to establish a residential quarter for students and professors and wished that the plans of the University's founders be fulfilled and declared the Library open.

The quarter of a million dollar structure which now houses 300,000 volumes and has room for a quarter of a million more was dedicated in the presence of high government officials, Jewish leaders, foreign consuls, but no Arabs, although many of them were invited in the amphitheatre on Mt. Scopus.

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fence. Climbing itself is not forbidden, but in climbing a tree a branch may be broken. Breaking is forbidden on the Sabbath. Rabbinic Judaism through the fence idea aimed for Jewish saintliness, separateness, and above all, self-restraint. This idea of the "fence" has kept the Jewish people alive. The weak among the Jews, the Reformers, broke down the fence of self-restraint and in doing that have since necessarily trespassed upon the garden.

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