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ETHICS OF THE FATHERS

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

R. MEIR SAID, "LESSEN THY TOIL FOR WORLDLY GOODS, AND BE BUSY IN THE TORAH; BE HUMBLE OF SPIRIT BEFORE ALL MEN; IF THOU NEGLECTEST THE TORAH, MANY CAUSES FOR NEGLECTING IT WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES TO THEE. BUT IF THOU LABOREST IN THE TORAH, HE HAS ABUNDANT RECOMPENSE TO GIVE THEE."

LESSEN: This is a very timely admonition, warning us not to be enslaved by business to such an extent that we have no time for the study of the Torah.

MANY: If one questions whether he should study the Torah or not, he will find many reasons for not studying it. But, if one does his duty and studies the Torah, then he derives that pleasure, joy, and distinction which are inherent in the study of the Torah, and which are a part of the great reward which the Lord has in store for him.

R. JOCHANAN, THE SANDAL MAKER, SAID, "EVERY ASSEMBLY WHICH IS IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN WILL IN THE END BE ESTABLISHED, BUT THAT WHICH IS NOT IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN WILL NOT IN THE END BE ESTABLISHED."

NAME OF HEAVEN: The historical illustrations are Israel at Sinai, on the one hand, and the assembly at the Tower of Babel, on the other. It is natural that when people assemble together, and express opinions, there will be differences. If they have a common aim, namely, "For the sake of Heaven," then the gathering will be permanent and will accomplish something. On the other hand, if the gathering is not "For the sake of Heaven" then it will lack permanency and will accomplish nothing (Rabbi Isaac Abarbanel). "Many are the thoughts in heart of man but the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand." Though there are many thoughts, if they have as one unifying

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Junior Debating Team to Engage Yonkers Center in Their First Home Appearance

Daily Services

	Harlem	W. Side
Friday Evening.....	6:30	6:30 A.M.
Saturday Morning...	8:30	9:00 A. M.
Mincha & Mariv	7:30	7:30 P.M.
Daily morning	7:15	7:00 A.M.
Daily afternoon	7:45	7:45 P. M.

PING-PONG, CHECKERS, CHESS AND CAROM TOURNAMENTS CONTINUE

The Annual I. S. Checker Tournament was begun last Wednesday evening at the Game Room with an entry list of twenty-five. A majority of the games have already been played, resulting in many a heated and interesting battle, leaving only the championship game to be played.

The principals in this game, which will be held on Thursday evening, May 15th, are Ray Wolken and Solly Behar and they will have a battle royal for the championship. An interesting game is expected as both have several victories to their credit. The winner of this game will receive a Gold Medal and the loser will be the recipient of a Silver Medal. A Bronze Medal will be awarded to the runner up, who, as we go to press, has not yet been announced.

The remainder of the Tournaments will be held according to the following schedule; winners will receive gold and silver medals:

Ping Pong—Week of May 18th.

Chess—Monday, May 12th.

Carom Pool—Week of May 18th.

NEW PALESTINE IMMIGRATION POLICY

A new immigration policy in Palestine is indicated in the terms of a bill published today in the Official Gazette. The bill divides immigrants into four categories, those of independent means, those whose maintenance is assured, those with definite prospects of employment and dependents.

Well Delivered Speeches Are Expected—Both Teams Well Prepared

The Yonkers Jewish Community Center Junior Debating Team will come to the I. S. this Thursday evening to meet our Junior Team in debate on the subject: "Resolved, That Hebrew be included as one of the elective languages in the high school and that students passing satisfactorily examinations receive credit for advanced knowledge."

Because of recent developments regarding the New York high school curriculum, the subject is well nigh undebatable, but it has been agreed that these developments will not be referred to. Myron Heckler and Willie Rosenthal represent the I. S., and will maintain the negative of the proposition.

Irving Gruber, Robert Fondiller and Arthur Leblang are representing our opponents. These boys have won their first debate. An entertaining and well prepared debate is expected, because of the reputation of both teams.

COMMEMORATION OF LAG B'OMER BY JEWISH CENTERS

Lag B'Omer, which falls this year on May 16th, was commemorated by Y. M. H. A.'s, Y. W. H. A.'s and Jewish Community Centers. The Jewish Welfare Board, the national organization representing these organizations, has made available a revised program which contains an outline of the historical and agricultural significance of Lag B'Omer and digests of the romantic story of Rabbi Akiba and Bar Kochba, leaders in the unsuccessful struggle for independence by the Jews against Rome in the second century, which event this minor festival commemorates. The bulletin also includes texts of songs, recitations and prose selections, games, information concerning plays, tableaux and dances, selected references, stories, and twenty-five questions and answers on Lag B'Omer.

FRIDAY EVENING, LIGHT CANDLES 7:50

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SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

With hot weather just around the corner, the Institutional Synagogue has put into effect a special summer membership with minimum fees with a view to enable our people to make the fullest use of the swimming pool during the hot summer months. This plan will enable college students who return home for the summer months to secure a very desirable service at a very small fee. It will, in addition, make it possible for non-members to secure the benefits of refreshing showers and the use of the pool at a time when it is most inviting. Full details regarding summer membership and fees will be gladly furnished by inquiry at the desk.

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY

Jewish and world history is being made daily. The recent report of the English Commission on the Palestine situation will have historic significance both in its explanations of past events as well as in its implications for future work. The recent meetings of the Executive Council of the Jewish Agency will no doubt have great influence in moulding the plans for future accomplishments in Eretz Yisroel. The forthcoming allied Jewish Campaign to be launched shortly in America will have far-reaching consequences, for upon its success depends much of the Jewish Agency's effectiveness for the ensuing year. Every intelligent and wide-awake Jew should keep abreast of these historic events. Young people especially should consider themselves fortunate that before their very eyes, history—Jewish history—is being made.

The youth of today should read at least one periodical dealing with current Jewish events. Young people with vision will see remarkable changes in Jewish life for the next decade and they would do well to familiarize themselves with present-day events which cast the shadows of a remarkable future in which they can and should have a part.

ROSH HASHONAH
AND
YOM KIPPUR

are on the horizon. Reserve your Synagogue Seats, both at the Main Building and West Side Branch, at once before leaving the City for the Summer. I. S. Auditorium open every evening for inspection.

DISTINCT BENEFIT

may accrue to you if you will leave your name with the I. S. before going on that much-desired vacation.

There is not telling what may happen while you are gone; and the I. S. is peculiarly well-circumstanced to reach relatives and otherwise dispatch that which a certain moment may make most important.

LET THIS BE A WORD TO
THE WISE

CLUBBERY

The Delta Iota Rho are indeed happy to learn of the recovery of their active president, Miss Renee Libin, who was ill with a bad attack of the gripe. She knew that the Boat Ride was coming on and that her assistance was necessary.

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Club Variety's theatre party was a great success. After the party the crowd all went out for a good time.

Many of Club Variety's girls went on a hike this Sunday to Interstate Park. They still are suffering from the effects.

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The Kaweco Club is taking Gargantuan strides towards fame and popularity. This ace-high organization is securing its own clubrooms in the exclusive Kingsbridge section. The social activities of this club will take on added impetus through this action. The hike that this club ran was a smashing success and the most enjoyable time imaginable was had by the members and their lady friends. The Kaweco Club is on its way to glory!

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Last Sunday found most of the Tranquility Juniors up in Silver Lake. The hike was a success, both socially and financially. Tranquility boys are picked as counsellors in very well known camps this summer. Our boys are slowly and surely growing up.

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Imbued with the hiking spirit of their colleagues, the girls of the Omaha are contemplating a hike to Interstate Park Palisades. Miss Winokur, their active leader, will head them, as usual.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PLEDGE?

To members and Seat Holders:

You were good enough to pledge your support for the emergencies in which we find ourselves at the present time, owing to the unstable condition prevailing in Harlem. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to co-operate with us and send in your contributions as pledged with your yearly membership dues. In that way we may be able to pay our staff.

Thanking you for your co-operation, which I know I may expect from you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

CHARITY IS A MERCY THAT DOES NOT FAIL OF
ATTENTION AT THE I. S.

Facilities Galore Remain to Tempt I. S. Summer Members--All Cool and Beneficial, Too

Library, Gym, Social Room and Pool Await Leisure of Members

Now that the summer is here, the major activities of the Junior and Senior clubs are on the wane. The unusual interest manifested in social activities such as dancing, gym contests, etc., is gradually decreasing with the advent of the torrid weather.

Several of the organization, in order to keep up the spirit of unity and fraternity that was so evident throughout the year are leasing bungalows at the beaches for the summer season. Some of the I. S. club members, using I. S. training by participation in activities as a background, are employed as social entertainers, positions carrying substantial salaries.

For those, however, who will remain in the city, there are enough facilities at the building to keep them profitably occupied. These facilities are oftentimes overlooked because of their apparent obviousness. For instance, there is the splendidly equipped library, which, because of its cool and inviting atmosphere, should furnish a real haven for those who will do their summer reading. And let us not forget the beckoning call of the social room wherein to spend the summer evenings.

The spacious and almost frigid atmosphere of the gymnasium, where a strenuous workout may be indulged in, should keep us physically fit and able to withstand the discomfort and rigors of the sweltering days.

But what is unanimously considered as the outstanding feature of the summer facilities at the I. S. is the swimming pool. One plunge in its sparkling and refreshing waters at the end of a distressingly hot day is enough to earn life long gratitude of those who will avail themselves of this opportunity.

While crowds are struggling in the overlaid subway trains en route to the beaches the wise man will realize the needlessness of this inconvenience.

CHOICE CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

The Institutional Synagogue is in possession of choice plots at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. We request every member to call upon our Executive Director, Mr. Bernstein, in regard to any information that they may desire in regard to this matter.

BIBLE CLASS POPULARITY

Herewith is an extract from a letter Mr. David H. Gluck, one of our directors and attendants at the Bible Class, received from Niagara Falls, which will bring delight to our readers:

"It seems that my two trips to Bible Class have done me some good, I've been eating hen berries (eggs) three times a day, soft boiled, medium, and three minute ones for variety. Who knows what you fellows will make of me.

"Kindest regards."

(Signed) HI

"DAD"

Mother's Day is, to my mind, one of our most holy observances. While Mother should be revered with every hour, a particular time set apart in her name is useful and sacred in its emphasis of the inexpressible debt we owe and cannot ever fully repay to our mothers. And yet a separate day to father is not less, but equally important.

Mother naturally enters into our lives more than father does. Not only does she spend more time with us, but represents an influence that is more penetrating and persuasive than even many fathers put together can wield.

Father is not therefore to be regarded as comparatively unimportant. His role is just as essential and valuable as that of Mother. He may lack that impressiveness and sensitiveness of sympathy and love which reaches so exalted a degree in motherhood, but the pride and pleasure and sacrifice of a father, in behalf of his children, are just as holy and are aspects of character identical with that which we so deeply love in our mothers.

It is the womanly element in Mother that attracts us. The lack of this in our fathers should make us cautious not to fail in that appreciative and grateful regard for them to which their interest in us entitles them so bountifully.

I bow low in reverent spirit to our fathers past, present and to come. Our mothers are the heart, our fathers are the backbone of our homes. When we think of the one—let us always think of the other. For both let us always, in conduct as well as in contemplation, maintain that regard which in being an honor and joy to them will crown ourselves with that dignity which should be our aspiration.

—Anon.

FREE MOVIES FOR JUNIORS THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

On the evening of May 14th in conjunction with the Lag B'Omer program to be celebrated by the junior clubs, the Consolidated Gas Co. will show a picture and a comedy. This film is scheduled to run immediately following the program, and all the members of the I. S., both of the Social Department and the Talmud Torah, are invited to attend. Come and bring your friends!

ARABS DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

Withdrawal of the Balfour Declaration, the termination of the Palestine Mandate and the establishment of a free and independent government composed exclusively of "original Palestine inhabitants" in accordance with the principles of self-determination and free from mandatory control were among the demands made in resolutions adopted at the All-India Moslem Conference for Palestine held in Bombay, according to reports in the Times, Telegraph and Post.

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JUNIOR HIKER RECOUNTS HIS THRILLING EXPERIENCES

Ben Bimstein—Seac's

Last Sunday, the Junior Clubs of the I. S. enjoyed a hike, baseball game and a general good time. The ancient antagonism that existed between the Seac's and the Junior Giants was temporarily done away with. After leaving the last stop of the Lexington Ave. line, the Juniors hiked about four miles to Hunters Island where they sought out a good spot to enjoy their lunch.

After this ceremony, a clearing was

found where—although it contained a great many weeds and plants of various types—a baseball field was laid out. The game began. Although it wasn't a very exciting game, the Junior Giants won by a score of 11-2. Mr. Cohen then distributed marshmallows, which were enjoyed by the heated athletes of both teams.

Finally, the tiresome return hike was started. It was held up several times by the stragglers who lagged behind. Dog-fights were enjoyed on the way. On their arrival, the Juniors sojourned to the I. S. swimming pool. A good swim proved to be the end of a perfect day.

DON'T FORGET The Thirteenth Annual June Walk SUNDAY, JUNE 8th and the Annual Strawberry Festival

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 10th

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Saturday morning.

TEPHILIN

Erect he stands in fervent prayer
His body covered in silken Tallis;
He seems a king, so free from care
His wife a queen, his home a palace.
These bands he views and softly prays
Devoting strength and mind to God,
His body slowly, gently sways,
He walks the ground his fathers trod.
This daily commune with the master
Lifts him above mere common clay,
The Jewish heart, like alabaster,
Grows pure and purer every day.

bond "the counsel of te Lord," then as
the verse concludes, "That shall stand."

*R. Nehorai said, "Wander forth to a
home of the Torah, and say not that the
Torah will come after thee: for there
thy associates will establish thee in the
possession of it; and lean not upon thine
own understanding."*

ESTABLISH: If you will go to a
place which is pervaded by the spirit of
the Torah, then you will by intercourse
and atmosphere become permeated with
and guided by the Torah.

THINE OWN. To have your home,
away from a place of Torah, and to trust
to your own understanding, without the
guidance of the Torah is unsafe.

*R. Jannai said, "It is not in our power
to explain either the prosperity of the
wicked or the afflictions of the righteous"*

PROSPERITY—AFFLICTIONS: Many
have tackled this grave question; Moses
in Ex. 33:18 and Berachos 7, Asaph in
Psalm 73, Jeremiah in Jer. 12:1, Habak-
kuk in Hab. 1:13, and Job in Job 12:6.
The Rabbis declare with frankness and
great faith in the ultimate justice of the
Lord, their inability to solve this prob-
lem.

*R. Mattithyah, the son of Cheresh,
said, "BE BEFOREHAND IN THE SAL-
UTATION OF PEACE TO ALL MEN;
AND BE RATHER A TAIL TO LIONS
THAN A HEAD TO FOXES."*

BEFOREHAND: It is said of Rabbi
Jochanan ben Zakai, that he did not let
anyone get ahead of him in extending a
salutation to those whom he met. We may
learn also from this maxim, that it is
fitting and proper to be the first to make
advances for peace, rather than to wait
for the other side to do so.

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WARDS PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF JUDAISM**