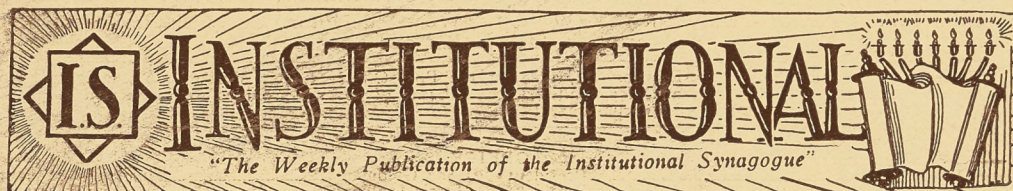


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ADVERTISING COURSES TO BE OFFERED BY CENTER DEPT.

Arrangements have been completed with Mr. Sidney J. Simon, M. C. S., for a course of lectures in Advertising to be given at the Main Building every Tuesday beginning on Tuesday, January 26th.

The course which Mr. Simon has planned will be arranged for the special benefit of three groups — first, high school students who intend studying advertising at college; second, young men and women who would like to enter the field of advertising, although unable to attend college; third, business men who wish to know more about advertising. For the first group, Mr. Simon's course will lay a foundation which will make their subsequent college course more beneficial. For the second group, the course is designed to provide sufficient acquaintance with the processes and routine of advertising production to enable a young man or woman to qualify for a position in an agency or advertising department. The course will enable business men not only to work intelligently in cooperation with their advertising departments or agencies, but, in a measure, to prepare their own advertising.

All those wishing to take this course should see Mr. Cohen as early as possible in order that adequate facilities may be provided to accommodate the first session, which promises to be well attended, on Tuesday, January 26th.

VARSITY GIRLS WILL CELEBRATE CHAMISHA OSER WITH PARTY

The active Varsity Girls will conduct a Chamisha Oser B'Shvat Party Saturday, January 23rd, in the Social Room.

A fine holiday program has been arranged by Miss Taitz, their Leader, and the Club Committee. Delicacies associated with the festival and Palestinian songs and games will make this evening a truly happy occasion for all.

Other clubs are planning their Chamisha Oser B'Shvat parties. The Juniors may have their annual party shortly.

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. We, therefore, ask you to be sincere enough to cooperate 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 cooperation, which I know I can expect from you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ABRAHAM BERNSTEIN,
Executive Secretary.

E. J. LONDOW WILL SPEAK AT INSTITUTIONAL BROADCAST

Mr. E. J. Londow, Field Secretary of the Metropolitan League, will be the guest speaker during the Institutional broadcast this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock through station WPCH.

Mr. Londow will discuss "The Jewish Community Center." This talk should be of great interest to I. S. members. Mr. Londow is recognized as one of the foremost leaders of the centre movement. He was formerly president of the National Association of Jewish Center Executives.

WOLKEN ISSUES CALL FOR SWIMMING TEAM CANDIDATES

With an enviable record of three Metropolitan League Championships behind him, Mr. Bernard Wolkin, Swimming Coach, has issued a call for candidates for the 1932 I. S. Swimming Team.

Candidates are requested to report to him on Wednesday night at 8 P. M. in the gym office.

Mr. Wolkin is optimistic. With such fine swimmers as the I. S. has, certainly his optimism is fully justified.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES: 4.44

Sedrah for Week: B'shalach.

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A JEWISH THOUGHT

(Ed. Note: The Institutional will publish regularly in this column some of the most outstanding thoughts of famous Jews. These thoughts may at times be frankly controversial. It is not to be assumed that these thoughts are in accordance with or repugnant to the Institutional attitude and policy towards similar problems.)

A HEBREW EDUCATION IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

"Eighteen years ago I saw the beginnings of this educational work in Palestine, and I could not then bring myself to believe that the individual teachers stood for the great ideal of a Hebrew education in the Hebrew language, and had begun to put it into practice with their limited resources could really succeed in producing such a spiritual revolution. But at the same time I saw how bent they were on the attainment of their object, and how confident of success; and I said, 'who knows? Perhaps this confidence will be able to work miracles.' Now I have seen that confidence has indeed worked miracles. 'A Hebrew education in the Hebrew language' is no longer an ideal in Palestine, it is a real thing, a natural inevitable phenomenon; its disappearance is inconceivable. . . . All who know how things used to be must confess that there has really been a revolution in Palestine, and that the Hebrew teacher has won. Of course, there is still much to be done before victory can be complete, even internally—that is to say, before Hebrew education can find the right road in every department, and before its defects, which are still numerous, can be removed. But the conqueror has already shown his patience and his devotion to his ideal; and we can surely trust him not to rest until he has so perfected Hebrew education in Palestine as to make it a worthy model for Jews throughout the world, a standard type of national education, to which they will endeavor to approximate so far as the conditions of the Diaspora allow."

ACHAD HA'AM, from "Ten Essays," pp. 158-161

"History has not yet satisfactorily explained how it came about that a tiny nation in a corner of Asia produced a unique religious and moral point of view, which has had so profound an influence on the rest of the world, unable to this day either to conquer it or to surrender to it. This is an historical phenomenon to which, despite a multitude of attempted answers, we must still attach a note of interrogation. But every true Jew, be he 'orthodox' or 'liberal,' feels deep down in his being that there is something in the spirit of our people—though we know not what it is—that kept it from the highroad taken by other nations, and impelled it to build up Judaism on those foundations for the sake of which the people remain to this day confined 'in a corner' with its religion, being incapable of renouncing them. Let them who still have this feeling remain within the fold; let them who have lost it go elsewhere. There is no room here for compromise."

ACHAD HA'AM (From "Judaism and the Gospels," Selected Essays, pp. 251-253)

Sat. Afternoon Chamisha Oser Shaloth Sudos—By West Side Talmud Torah Faculty
 West Side Bldg.

THE TREES OF HOME

Far away where blooms our Homeland,
 Palm and Cedar watch in vain,
 And they cry, "O wandering children,
 Will you ne'er return again?"
 For two thousand years we've waited—
 Lonely years an endless train!

In the north, the mighty Cedar
 Watches from his mountain height,
 In the golden south the Palm tree

Weaves a shelter cool as night,
 And the Vine and Olive brighten
 All the land for our delight.

We joyfully return, O Palm! O Cedar!
 Trembling Olive, sigh no more!
 Strong again, O faithful oak-tree
 We draw near our native shore,
 And with garlands of your greenness
 Wreath a greater Temple Door!

—Judith Ish-Kishor.

TWENTY QUESTIONS ON CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT

1. What does CHAMISHO OSOR BIS-HEVAT mean?
2. By what special Hebrew name is "CHAMISHO OSOR" known?
3. What does Rosh Hashonah L'lonoth mean?
4. How is "Chamisho Osor" observed in Palestine.
5. What peculiar custom has been in vogue in Jerusalem in connection with the planting of trees?
6. To what special use were these trees put?
7. How do Jews outside of Palestine observe Chamisho Osor?
8. In what manner do the Hebrew Schools in Palestine celebrate Chamisho Osor?
9. What special functions do the classes and clubs in Hebrew Schools and Jewish Community Centers arrange on Chamisho Osor?
10. Name three kinds of trees that grow in Palestine?
11. Name five Palestinian fruits?
12. What American festival does Chamisho Osor resemble?
13. To whom was the name "Bil'u" applied?
14. From what Hebrew sentence was the name "Bil'u" derived?
15. What is the meaning of the sentence, "Beth Yaakov L'chu V'nelcho," which the early colonists used as their motto or slogan?
16. What is the approximate area of Palestine?
17. In what State in our country do the climatic conditions resemble those of Palestine?
18. What proportion of Palestine is at present (1932) cultivated?
19. What is the Jewish population of Palestine?
20. Who are the "Chalutzim"?

(Answers next week)

—J. W. Bd. Bulletin

CLUB PROGRAMS SUGGESTED FOR CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT

1. Palestinian Fruit Party.
2. Story of Palestine Pioneer Life, or talk on "Chamisho Osor" by Member or Club Leader.
3. Readings, Recitations and Declamations.
4. Chamisho Osor "Question and Answer" Contest, and Playing of Palestinian games.
5. Singing of Palestinian Melodies.
5. Debate, General Discussion, or Reading of Original Essays, written by members.

The Jewish Welfare Board Bulletin is recommended to Club Leaders. A copy is on file in the Library.

INSTITUTIONAL ATHLETIC ASS'N TO CONDUCT GALA DANCE

On Saturday, January 30th, the Institutional Athletic Association, members of the fair and athletic sex, will hold their first annual dance in the I. S. Gymnasium.

A splendid program of surprise features has been planned by the committee in charge. A kiddie show of the finest array of talent is to be one of the features.

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the I. S. have promised their full cooperation, and are expected to attend.

Admission to the Dance and Entertainment will be only fifty cents. Tickets may be purchased at the gate or through a member of the staff.

Sun. Morning Chamisha Osor Party—For Talmud Torah — By Parents' Association,
 Main Building

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The deathbed instructions given by Julius Rosenwald to his children for their guidance in philanthropic work have been outlined by Edwin R. Embree, president of the Rosenwald Fund. They provide for the completion of charitable projects involving the expenditure of about \$10,000,000.

The major item among these unfinished works is the colonization of Jews in Russia. Mr. Rosenwald pledged \$5,000,000 toward a program of the Soviet Government to establish Jews dwelling in Russian cities, on farms in the Crimea. Half of this sum, remaining to be paid, will be given by the Rosenwald children, according to the directions of their father.

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The Commandant of Factory No. 1, Moscow, was dismissed from his post by a special commission appointed to investigate the brutal anti-Semitic acts perpetrated by factory workers against a Jewish watchman.

The court issued a strong reprimand to the chairman and members of the Factory Guild who were present and warned that if similar acts occur, those responsible will be banished from the Communist Party.

Severe reprimands were also administered to the secretary of the Factory's Communist group, the chairman of the Factory Committee and the principal foreman.

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Eight thousand pupils in the Yeshiboth of Poland are suffering from hunger, it was revealed by Rabbi Fein of Slonim, in an address before the conference of the Agudath HaRabonim.

Greater support for the Yeshiboth from the pehillah and the government was demanded.

An appeal to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America to aid the famous Slabodka Yeshiva, which is in dire straits, was sent recently by Rabbi Schapiro, head of the institution.

The message to the Union declared: "It is my holy duty to report to you the catastrophic situation at the Slabodka Yeshiva. The students are starving in the literal sense of the term. Immediate help is urgent."

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Six Jews are listed on the "Nation's" honor Roll for 1931. The choice of this liberal weekly encompasses a variety of fields and the Jewish representation includes Aaron Sapiro, the lawyer; S. N. Behrman, the playwright; Morris Cohen, professor of philosophy at the City College of New York; Emma Goldman, the widely known radical; Louis Stark, a member of the editorial staff of the "Times"; and Otto Sogolow, cartoonist.

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Official instructions were issued last week by the Secretariat of the White Russian General Executive Committee of the Soviet Government to the local Soviets to assist in the Jewish colonization work in Crimea and Bira Bidjan.

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