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ANNUAL DINNER OF INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE TO BE SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT



ISAAC SETTEL

POPULAR I. S. LEADERS ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Two of our very popular workers announced their engagement last Sunday, January 17th. Mr. Ben Berk, leader of the Seacs, and director of our photography project last year, and Miss Helen Zauzmer, leader of the I. S. P's, are the happiest people in the I. S. at this writing.

These leaders first met at a conference of the Leaders Staff last year. The "Institutional," for the Directors, the Executive Staff, and the membership, extends congratulations and best wishes to Helen and Ben.

Fifteenth Annual Event to be Held Sunday Evening, April 10th

As a climax to a year of great expansion, unusual activity, unprecedented development, the Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner of the Institutional Synagogue will be held on the evening of Sunday, April 10th.

It is expected that the attendance this year will surpass that of previous years. Prominent speakers and personages of note will grace the occasion. The I. S. Annual Dinner a ways excites an interest such as no other event does during the year.

Especially are the members of the Dinner Committee and their associates on the Board of Directors and the executive officers exerting themselves to the fullest in seeing that no stone is left unturned towards insuring a dinner success far surpassing any Annual Dinner heretofore held.

Send in for Table Reservations Now!

Mr. Isaac Settel is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the dinner arrangements; the Associate Co-Chairmen are Mr. Lester Udell and Mr. Aaron Wartels; Mr. Max E. Sanders is Treasurer, and Mr. David H. Gluck is Secretary. These names, it can be seen at once, are the indefatigable workers of the I. S. and their association with any activity is synonymous with the successful conducting of that particular activity.

It is urged that reservations be made promptly.

W. S. WOMEN'S LEAGUE SETS RECORD FOR ACTIVITY

The active West Side Women's League met at the home of their charming Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Sedwitz. Refreshments were served after a very interesting meeting. In addition to their work for the West Side Synagogue, these charming workers are also busy planning their Rummage Sale to be held at the West Side Building.

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES: 4.53.
 Sedrah for Week: Yisro.

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A JEWISH THOUGHT

"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)

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

1. The fifteenth day in the Hebrew month of Shevat.
2. Rosh Hashonah L'onoth.
3. New Year for the trees.
4. By planting of trees.
5. A cedar tree was planted for every male child born and a cypress tree for every female.
6. When a marriage was to take place the trees were cut down and used as posts for the "Chuppa" or canopy.
7. By partaking of fruits that grow in Palestine.
8. By conducting outings and field events.
9. Palestinian fruit parties, including especially "bokser" (carob or St. John's bread).
10. Palm, cedar, cypress, almond, eucalyptus (any 3).
11. Date, fig, pomegranate, citron, quince, carob, orange, grape, raisin, olive (any three).
12. Arbor Day.
13. To a group of Jewish students who left Russia in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and went to Palestine to colonize the country.
14. "Beth Yaakov L'chu V'nelcho." Bil'u is made up of the initial letter of the four words in this sentence.
15. "O House of Jacob, come and let us go up."
16. About ten thousand square miles.
18. About two-fifths.
19. Approximately 160,000.
20. The Jewish pioneers who are actually engaged in rebuilding Palestine.

—J. W. Bd. Bulletin

HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM

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.

**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.

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

The Parents Association announces its Annual Theatre Party for Monday evening, March 28th, at the Prospect Theatre in the Bronx.

The parents are urged to attend this Theatre Party with their guests. A very fine production will be the feature on that evening. Proceeds will be devoted to Talmud Torah work.

THE CULTURED JEW**THE JEW IN ART**

Art, as an expression, must have a message of Beauty, Universality, an Objective Aspect, a Subjective analysis, and a medium which in form must have concordancy, rhythm, and harmony. In the plastic arts this form is secured by a consideration of line, curve, shadow, color and proportion.

There are various types of Art. In each of these types we find the Jew as the foremost, or very near the foremost, creators and expounders and critics. In glancing over the wide fields of oil paintings, etchings, pen and ink work, wood-cuts, decoration, illuminations, prints, colored windows, miniatures and other art forms, we can see the Jew in a manifold position as the creator, the artist, the critic, the collector and preserver. Truly remarkable this becomes when we think that the Jew first made his bow in this form of Art less than 300 years ago.

Up until the eighteenth century the Jews were unable to express themselves in the Arts. Then came the birth of the Social Revolt, and its championship of the trodden Jewish minority. The new toleration inflamed the undying embers of the Jew's love of liberty and he began to use the arts to speak his cosmic message. The new thought, the new dawn, the new fire in the Jew made him believe that any expression of beauty would no longer be an abomination or if it were to be expressed by grasping in oils or marke the subtle shades of human form a "profanation of His heavenly nature." Schiller speaks of revolt as the "spirit of art."

The clarion voices of Schiller, Rousseau, Voltaire, Montaigne, and Lessing were like the gentle yet sufficiently strong breeze to awaken the embers in the Jew's repressed and inhibited soul. Revolt — light — consciousness — and lo — the Jew speaks.

Almost immediately minitursts and portraitists of the race began to appear in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Italy and in England. Israel Mengs appeared and left behind him the almost incomparable miniatures. Lajas Bruch attracted the art world in Paris. Brandeman, that titanic creator of the famous canvas, "The Jews Mourning in Babylonian Exile," was already raising a voice which would leave as a perpetual echo works of art that would touch a resonsive chord in the hearts of humanity, a chord that would touch every Jewish soul as it recognized in the canvases the subtle touch of themselves.

(To be continued.)

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

How a Jewish grocer and his wife of Evarts, Ky., contributed their savings to supply flour for starving miners of Harlan County, fired for joining the union, and fed forty and fifty children daily, until they were prosecuted through the instigation of the Black Mountain Coal Corporation, was revealed at a hearing before the Commission appointed by former Gov. Flem Sampson to investigate conditions in Harlan County.

The miners' benefactors are Mr and Mrs. Harry Appleman, who for twelve years have operated a general merchandise store in Evarts, Harlan County. The money she had saved to purchase an automobile, Mrs. Appleman, last Passover, used to purchase a carload of flour, which was given away in twenty-four pound bags, regardless of creed or color, to needy families in Evarts, and surroundings, as long as the supply lasted.

As soon as the flour was distributed the Applemans were arrested and indicted for criminal syndicalism. Mr. Appleman was forced to go into hiding. Later the indictment was dismissed.

Commenting on the case, the Governor's Commission stated: "Here it seems the finest trait and virtue, charity, was illy rewarded by the authorities."

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Two Jewish members of the British Parliament, Percy Harris and A. M. Samuel, former Financial Secretary of the Treasury, were elevated to the baronetcy on the occasion of the New Year.

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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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Six Jewish youths carried off the highest prizes in the musical contest now in progress in Moscow.

The New York Board of Jewish Ministers, comprising leaders of the principal Jewish congregations in New York, rejected the report of its own inter-faith committee which had recommended that the State Board of Regents give college credits to high school students for studying the Bible as "religion."

The general inter-faith committee has been sponsoring for the past two years an interdenominational campaign for the inclusion of Bible study as a religious teaching to the curriculum of the city's public high schools. The plan was approved by the Board of Education last June and it was decided that pupils enrolling in the course were to receive instructions in the Bible from teachers of their own religious faith. After the plan had been adopted, however, few students availed themselves of the course and the matter appeared to have been dropped.

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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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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.

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