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Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln, as we all know, left Springfield, Illinois, on the afternoon of February 11, 1861, never to return. About 200 persons assembled to say good-bye to him. It was raining and just as Lincoln was about to deliver his farewell words to those who gathered to say good-bye, Abraham Kohn presented to him a silk American flag upon which there was embroidered the words taken from Joshua which read:

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

That showed the spirit, the loyalty and devotion of the American Jew to the cause of our country. Many years afterwards, President McKinley referred to this incident as one that he had heard had given to Lincoln the greatest possible courage during the trying days of the Civil War.

When, on April 15, 1865, Gen. Garfield heard that Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated, he uttered the ever-memorable words, "God reigns, and the Government at Washington still lives." No other sentence and no other speech ever made has more thoroughly embodied Lincoln's faith and Lincoln's sole ambition in life.

During all the four years of that terrible irrepressible conflict, he constantly hoped and prayed that the Union would be preserved, and that when the time would arrive for him to hand over the reins of government to his successor, it would be a united Nation that would greet him. The battle had been fought and the victory was his, but, like Moses, he was not destined to reap the harvest.



In the short span of fifty-six years, having first seen the light of day on February 12, 1809, he wrote his name on the pages of history in such a way that time can not efface it. To have been merely the saviour of the Union would have entitled him to the lasting generous regard of generations yet, unborn, but to have been the one who freed 3,000,000 men from the bondage of slavery was to win him such a measure of fame as to forever make his name secure not only in the hearts of his countrymen, but in the memory of all mankind.

Where can you find a man whose patriotism has not been strengthened and his pulse quickened whenever he has read or heard Lincoln's Gettysburg address? Longer speeches have been made, but no orator pleading for the highest interests of the Republic has even been equal to that address, either for purity of language or for sounding a clarion note to citizens to rally to the defense of the Union.

Many years have come and passed away since Lincoln was taken from us. The Union has grown large and stronger each year. The bitterness of civil strife has gradually melted away until now all men, whether descendants of those who fought for the grey or those who battled for the blue, have come to recognize the greatness of the man who stood by the helm of the ship of state during the four trying years of 1861 to 1865.

Men and rulers may come and go, but as long as men can read so long will Abraham Lincoln's loving memory and his noble needs survive.

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QUOTATIONS FROM LINCOLN'S SPEECHES AND WRITINGS

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it.

God must like common people, or he would not have made so many of them.

The most enviable of all titles is the character of an honest man.

No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty.

As was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on.

I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. Inf the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

There is a mighty difference between studying with the outside of your eyeballs, and studying with your eyes open clear to the bottom of your brain.

Let none falter who thinks he is right;

I know the Lord is on the side of right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

Come what will, I will keep my faith with friend and foe.

On that name a eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible.

Let us make up our mind that when we do put a new star upon our banner, it shall be a fixed one.

Nowhere in the world is presented a government of so much liberty and equality.

STAFF WILL HONOR SEACS

In recognition of their merit as a Junior club, the Staff will tender a party to the Seacs on Saturday night, February 27th, in the game room. The Seacs is one of the oldest of our Junior clubs. They have been in this building for almost four years and during that time they have dominated in all Junior educational and athletic activities.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION WELCOMES RABBI HOME

Last Monday night Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein were tendered a welcome home party by the Parents Association. Rabbi Goldstein, Dr. Kapner, and Mrs. I. Stein spoke. Cantor Yavneh sang at the well attended function. The Parents Association donated thirty prayer books to the I. S. in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Goldstein. Refreshments were served.

ANNUAL DINNER OF INSTITUTIONAL SYNAGOGUE TO BE SEASON'S HIGHLIGHT

Fifteenth Annual Event to Be Held Sunday
Evening, April 10th, at W. S. Branch

With the slogan, "The Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner Must Be A Success," the Dinner Committee has set the ball rolling for what will undoubtedly be the most outstanding function in celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the founding of the Institution.

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 always 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.

I. S. STUDENTS HONORED IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

At the graduation exercises conducted last week by the Fenimore Cooper Junior High School commendations for excellent scholarships were announced for six Jewish boys, five of whom are members of the Institutional Synagogue. The Honorable Isaac Siegel, President of the Institutional Synagogue and guest speaker at the graduation, must have been elated with pride as he recognized the familiar faces of the I. S. boys as they received tribute.

The highest scholarship award, sum cum laude, was presented to Emanuel Weinstein. Emanuel also delivered the valedictory address. He is the brother of Miss Henrietta Weinstein, one of our club leaders.

Cum laudes were awarded to Bernard Cohen, Sidney Goldberg, Sol Zaslovsky and Marvin Livingston. Marvin is the son of our director, George L. Livingston.

The purposes of the Almighty are perfect and must prevail, though we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance.—A. Lincoln.



I. S. BENEFACTRESS HONORED BY JUNIORS

In appreciative memory of the late Mrs. Fanny Henning's interest in the objectives of the Institution, the Agudath Naarei Israel Branch 24, changed its name to the Henning's Social, Religious and Athletic Club.

The Hennings are one of our most active Junior clubs. At present time they boast an active participating membership of 26 juniors. Their club leader is Mr. M. Jerry Bueler. Mr. Bueler is a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is the recipient of the Leopold Schepp Scholarship at the Seminary. At present the Hennings are busily engaged in rehearsing for the One Act Play Contest. The Hennings meet Monday nights and visitors are invited to attend their meetings.

The recipients of the Fanny Henning Scholarships are planning to organize a permanent group. The details of their organization will be announced shortly.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN RESUMES RADIO BROADCAST

Rabbi Goldstein resumed his radio broadcast last Sunday over Station WPCH. He spoke on "Good Will Between Jew and Christian."

As his guest speaker this Sunday, Rabbi Goldstein has invited Mr. Emanuel Hertz, distinguished scholar and authority on Lincoln. Mr. Hertz's topic will be "Lincoln and the Jew." On the 21st, the Honorable Isaac Siegel will deliver an address on George Washington.

Rabbi Goldstein's radio feature is broadcast every Sunday afternoon from 5:00 to 5:15 through Station WPCH.

THANK YOU

"Institutional" wishes to express thanks to the "American Hebrew" for the loan of the Lincoln photo in this issue.

HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

The naming of the bridge now under erection at the mouth of the Chicago River as the Julius Rosenwald Bridge, is suggested by the "Chicago American" as a fitting memorial to the late philanthropist. The actual expenditure of the millions given to philanthropies by the late Julius Rosenwald will be ended in fifteen years—ten less than the maximum specified by the merchant prince. Thus will the cardinal principle of the great philanthropist, who was militantly opposed to the "dead hand in philanthropy" be carried out. Mr. Rosenwald's gifts since 1910 total in excess of \$70,000,000.

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Two popular books of Jewish interest, "The Last Days of Shylock," by Ludwig Lewisohn, and "Jews Without Money" by Michael Gold, have been issued in one dollar editions.

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Thirty thousand Jewish families in Soviet Russia receive monthly support almost exclusively from American relations through the "Torgsin," Soviet stores for foreigners.

The funds handled by the Torgsin, for this purpose, average \$20,000 daily and represent 75 per cent of the total money transmissions through the organization. The Torgsin maintains sixty distributing centers within the Soviet union where the Jews sent aid by their American relatives are able to purchase food and clothing.

The Torgsin will handle the distribution of matzoth for the Passover holidays, the vice-director of the Torgsin, George Wishniak, stated.

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The upbuilding of Bira-Bidjan as a Jewish unit has been undertaken in behalf of the Russian Jews and the Soviet government has no intention of admitting large masses of Jews from abroad, it is stated in the "Emes" of Moscow, by M. Diamenstein, president of the Ozet.

Only such Jews will be admitted from abroad, he declared, as may be required to help increase the tempo of upbuilding work by virtue of their specialized ability and knowledge.

The number of these specially qualified Jews, he stated, is not considerable.

A committee has been named by the Conference of Jewish Agriculturists at Warsaw, Poland, to study a plan for the settlement of two hundred thousand Jews, to be recruited primarily from the declassed merchant classes, as an emergency undertaking to help alleviate the present sharp economic distress of the Jewish populace.

Jewish farmers in Poland own approximately six thousand acres of Jewish land. These farmers would be willing to parcel their holdings for a close Jewish settlement, stated Mr. Isaac Engelman, a member of the committee. Granting twenty acres to each family, the settlement of 30,000 Jewish families would be possible at the very outset.

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The public prosecutor of Vienna recently confiscated Christian Socialist anti-Jewish boycott circulars and will bring action against the agitators. The action is in the nature of a test case to ascertain what legal punishment may be meted out to those who are agitating an economic boycott against the Jews.

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A literary year book in Hebrew entitled "Sefer Hashana" was published recently. It is edited by Menachem Ribalow and Zwi Scharfstein. Forty prominent American Hebrew writers, poets and publicists contributed to the volume which contains more than three hundred pages. It includes articles on Sokolow, Solomon Gabirol, the Messianic ideas of Solomon Molcho, Jacob Kahn, Iben Giath and literary essays, poetry and articles on education, philosophy and the labor movement, as well as essays on the scope and content of Hebrew literature.

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