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I. S. FRIENDS PLEDGE SUPPORT AT KOL-NIDRE AND YISKOR SERVICES

In harmony with the sombre strains of Kol-Nidre and in concord with the solemn spirit of the Yom Kippur, the I. S. friends and seat holders again pledged their moral and financial support of the projects of the Institutional Synagogue.

Our Talmud Torah, our Social-Educational Department, our numerous Social Welfare enterprises, are recipients of the donations pledged at the Kol-Nidre and the Yiskor services at the West Side and Harlem Branches. Congressman Isaac Siegel, our President, Rabbi Goldstein and Mr. Max E. Sanders, conducted the appeal at the West Side. Dr. Kapner conducted the appeal at the Main Building.

Executive Director Abraham Bernstein expressed pleasure at the response of the friends who pledged. He requests that these pledges be mailed in as soon as is possible, because of the very critical condition confronting the Institution at the present time.

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I. S. WOMEN SPONSOR COLORFUL SUCCAH CELEBRATIONS AT BOTH BUILDINGS

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Invited as Guests

As long as the I. S. has been in existence it has always been the proud possessor of its own Succah. This year the combined membership of the Sisterhood and the Women's League of the West Side have undertaken to build a Succah at both the main building and the West Side.

It is expected that the I. S. Succah will again be as accommodating and as beautiful as it was in years heretofore. Those who visited the Succah of the past years will pleasantly remember the work of art that was usually presented.

Succah Framework Complete

The framework of this year's "hut" has already been constructed on the roof extending from the third floor. In the meantime the women's organizations are gathering necessary fruit and vegetables which later will be used as embellishments. Donations of flowers, fruits, cakes and other dainties are invited.

Expect Many Visitors

It is expected that the same number of visitors that were there last year will again make use of the Succah. Old folks, Talmud Torah pupils, and Social-Educational members will once more come to partake of the bounties afforded by those noble organizations, the Sisterhood and the Women's League.

Succah Services

	Harlem	West Side
Friday Evening	5:00	5:00
Saturday and Sunday Morning	8:45	9:00
Saturday and Sunday Afternoon Services ..	5:00	5:00
Saturday and Sunday Evening Services	5:30	5:30

FRIDAY EVENING LIGHT CANDLES, 5:03

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Succoth

The Feast of Tabernacles will be ushered in this year at the setting of the sun of Friday, October 14th. This festival lasts seven days, the first two days, which are complete holy days, and correspond this year to Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, and the five days of "Chol Hamoed" or semi holy days. It is followed immediately by another holiday, called "Shemini Atzereth," which lasts two days, corresponding to October 22 and 23. Popularly, however, all these nine days are known as the Succoth Festival.

The main feature of Succoth, as well as its explanation, is found in Leviticus (XXIII, 42-43), where we read as follows: "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days—that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt." This Biblical explanation was given different interpretations.

Historically

Succoth means booths or tabernacles and commemorates the wanderings of our ancestors in the desert of Sinai, which followed their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Since they had to change their place of abode constantly, they were compelled to dwell in temporary shelters or booths.

Succah

The Succah is a temporary structure built especially for the festival, either in the yard or on the roof of a house. The roof of the Succah is not covered with boards—but with detached branches, called in Hebrew "schach." They are sparsely laid to allow the sun and stars to shine through them. The sun by day and the stars at night to remind us of the special signs of God's providence and love which guided the Israelites in the wilderness, while the frailty of the structure is symbolic of the goluth (exile), our precarious existence full of forced migrations. In the Succah we take our meals, study, rest and sleep, if health permits. Its construction and decoration is usually a family function. It is a fine custom to commence building the Succah on the night after Yom-Kippur.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES AT W. S. BRANCH

Bible study classes are conducted every Monday afternoon and evening by Rabbi

Herbert S. Goldstein. The Women's League sponsors the afternoon class; the Men's Club, the evening class. All are welcome to attend.

HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SEATS FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS?

COOKING CLASS TO BE AN OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY OF GIRLS DEPARTMENT

One of the outstanding activities planned for the Girls' Department will be a course in cooking and associated domestic sciences. These classes will be conducted every Monday evening in the kitchen on the second floor of the main building.

Cooking demonstrations, diet and recipe analysis and actual practice will be the order of the session.

The Cooking Class will be under the direction of Miss Leah Lieber, recently appointed Directress of Girls' Activities. Members interested may submit their names to Miss Lieber or any member of the staff.

THE INSTITUTIONAL INVITES ALL INTERESTED TO JOIN STAFF AND JOURNALISM CLUB

Many I. S. Members have expressed their desire at one time or another to write for the "Institutional." The opportunity is now afforded those who have the ability and the inclination. The "Institutional" staff will receive intensive training in all phases of journalism; Lectures, visits to newspaper plants, practice in writing, proof-reading and layout, and sympathetic and intelligent criticism, will be some of the advantages accruing to those who make the grade.

The Journalism Class and Staff will be under the supervision of Miss Celia Fingerhut. Miss Fingerhut was the feature editor and featured columnist of the St. Louis "Y" journal. She was considered by the editors of the 92nd Street "Y" Bulletin, who were then conducting a notable survey of institutional publications, as the outstanding center columnist in the U. S. Members may register immediately.

IN THE WORLD OF JEWISH BOOKS

Dayve De Waltoff has published a volume of his reminiscences entitled "Life Links." The author, who is a patriotic American, brings a background of experiences abroad in contrast to those which are his in America. His story is told in simple but graphic language. He tells of life in Russia during the nineteenth century as well as this country. The author is familiar with all sorts and conditions of men and his experiences both here and abroad have a dramatic touch. The Cossacks and pogroms are vividly pictured, for Dr. De Waltoff is a first-rate story teller. His varied and colorful experiences here and in Europe constitute an unusually interesting volume.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN'S YOM KIPPUR SERMON

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, preaching his Day of Atonement Sermon on "Philanthropy" at the Institutional Synagogue, Monday morning, said in part:

"Philanthropy is the best life insurance policy. It is the elixir of life. It is a guarantee for long life. The Bible says in the Book of Proverbs, 'And charity saves one from death.' Think of the great philanthropists, living or dead, and you will recall the names of men who reached a ripe old age.

"Charity, according to Jewish law, is not a voluntary but a mandatory affair. We are commanded in Holy Scriptures to tithe, to leave a corner of the field for the poor, not as a matter of generosity, but as payment of dues to the needy. This brings the giver into harmony with his Heavenly Father, and his less fortunate brethren. It engenders a peaceful relationship between man, his God and his fellowmen.

"I am of the opinion that even in these depressing times, if we all tithed our incomes, depleted as they are, our charity federations would not be in such sore need as they find themselves today. I also believe that if in prosperous times, we tithe our incomes for charity, our eleemosynary institutions will become so endowed as to stand the stress of financial depressions. Let us then in the future use the foresight and statesmanship of Joseph of old, and prepare for lean years by storing up or endowing worthy causes in years of plenty. May this desire on our part presage an era of unprecedented prosperity."

A volume of much interest has appeared recently, "The Zohar in Moslem and Christian Spain," by Ariel Bension with an introduction by Sir Denison Ross, principal of the School of Oriental Studies. Dr. Bension shows how deep an impression was made upon The Zohar by the great Christian and Moslem mystics of the period, as well as the influence it exerted on non-Jewish thinkers in Spain. He has succeeded in making this obscure but important work, with its purely Jewish contents, not only accessible but interesting to the general reader.

A new volume by Edmund Fleg, "My Palestine," will appear shortly. The English translation has been made by Louise Waterman Wise.

THE I. S. SERVES ALL AND DESERVES YOUR SERVICE

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE JEWISH WORLD

Early in November the Louis Marshall Memorial Scientific Building will be dedicated on the campus of the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, who is chairman of the board of trustees, is scheduled to be one of the participants. Mr. Marshall died three years ago.

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Attacks upon Jews in the city of Tunis are daily occurrences, while the entire country of Tunisia itself has been in a disturbed state for the past two months. Several Jews have been wounded in these af-frays.

Premier Edouard Herriot in Paris has offered assurances to the League to Combat Anti-Semitism that the authorities would take measures to prevent any recurrence of the anti-Jewish attacks, but that very night a gang of Arabs armed with knives attacked a cinema in the Jewish quarter in Tunis.

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Cuban Jewry has established a central Jewish organization to deal with the needs of the island community. This step was taken at a conference held in Havana with the participation of representatives of various Jewish groups. A second conference will be held soon when plans for the constitution will be formulated.

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Members of the British Parliament are daily flooded with leaflets and pamphlets containing violent and hysterical outbursts against the Jews, according to the "London Jewish Chronicle." The source of this mysterious anti-Semitic propaganda was not named.

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The Moscow "Emes" in a ringing editorial, has called for an end to the chaos in Biro Bidjon Soviet Jewish Republic. The paper points out that 1315 workers, particularly builders, can obtain immediate employment there. A total of 8,000 immigrants arrived since January 1st.

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According to a statement by Jakob Lestschinsky of Berlin in the Menorah Journal, during the last hundred years the world's Jewish population has grown from 3,000,000 to 16,000,000.

Mr. Lestschinsky, who is an authority on Jewish statistics, stated: "Never before were the Jews so numerous, nor to such a great extent gathered in metropolitan centres. Almost a third of the Jewish people now live in the fourteen largest cities of the civilized world."

"In the course of the century huge Jewish migrations took place from East to West; from the agrarian to the industrial countries, from political despotisms to democratic nations, from the spheres of Slavic-Arabian culture to those of English-German culture."

He further states that "more than 6,000,000 of the world's Jewry, or 38.6%, are engaged in trade, contracting and banking."

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Prof. F. Baer, whose research work has been concentrated on a history of the Jews in Spain during the Middle Ages, received an invitation to attend a Congress of Spanish History of Law held in Madrid during the past summer.

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