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MOTION PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY

A record attendance is expected at the first mass activity of the Institutional Synagogue for this season. The demand for tickets, which are available gratis, has exceeded all expectations. Those desiring invitations should apply on Saturday night or all day Sunday at the office.

The movies will be shown in the auditorium of the Main Building, at 37-43 West 116th Street, on Sunday evening, October 1st, at 7 P.M. The films to be shown will certainly be enjoyed by the audience. This will inaugurate a series of motion picture entertainments to be held at intervals throughout the season.

This is an opportunity of having all those affiliated with the I. S. introduce their friends and acquaintances to the activities sponsored by the building.

CALENDAR OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Friday Afternoon	3:00 P.M.
Friday Evening—Kol Nidre	5:15 P.M.
Saturday Morning	7:00 A.M.
Yiskor Services	10:00 A.M.

In Memoriam



We cherish the everlasting memory of
our esteemed benefactress

Mrs. FANNY HENNING

whose Yahrzeit occurs on the Day of
Atonement.

RABBI GOLDSTEIN DELIVERS MOVING SERMONS ON ROSH HASHONAH

*Dr. Kapner and Rabbi Goodman Preach
at Harlem*

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein delivered the Rosh Hashonah sermons at the West Side, both in the main synagogue and in the overflow service. Cantor Zalman Yavneh officiated at the service. Credit is due to Executive Director Abraham Bernstein, and to the Committee for the efficient manner in which they disposed of every seat at the West Side.

Dr. Zadok Kapner preached on the first day of Rosh Hashonah at the Main Building, while Rabbi Philip Goodman delivered the sermon on the following day. Cantor Samuel Taitz conducted the services. On the afternoon of Sabbath Shuvah, Dr. Kapner delivered his annual pilpul to an appreciative audience, who recognized his profound Talmudic knowledge.

Rabbi Goldstein delivering his sermons on "Let Us Be Aroused," Thursday morning at the West Side, said in part,—

"I regard the NRA as singularly Providential for the restoration of the observance of the Sabbath. It will bring on I am sure, (if only we seize its possibilities), a religious revival to both Jew and Christian. Work and physical enjoyments were rapidly supplanting rest, and the religious exhilaration of the Sabbath. With the introduction of the five day work week throughout the nation, there will be one day for the recreation of the body and the other for the recreation of the soul.

We were fastly becoming a Sabbath-less people. A Sabbath-less people means a pagan people, with pagan desires and pagan pleasures. A Sabbath-observing people means a people inspired and led on to the practice of the Divine truths of Holy Writ. A Sabbath-observing people, will mean a law-abiding God-fearing people."

ATTRACTIVE SUCCOTH PLANNED BY I. S. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The Sisterhood, Women's League, and Parents Association, are making preparations for the erection and decoration of beautiful Succoth for the Main Building and the West Side in accordance with their annual custom. Donations of flowers, fruits, cakes and other dainties are invited.

Sentholders, Talmud Torah pupils, members of the Department of Center Activities, are anxiously looking forward to partaking of the hospitality offered them by the Women's Organizations. Plans are being executed for the various festivals to take place in the Succoth.

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Friday Evening Light Candles: 5:22

Sedrah for Week "AACHRE MOHS"

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, Day of Forgiveness, or—as it is usually called—Day of Atonement,—is the greatest day on the Jewish calendar. It is an unbroken fast and yet a festival. This year it will be ushered in shortly before sunset on Friday, September twenty-ninth, and will last through Saturday, September thirtieth, that is to say, till the appearance of stars following the setting of the sun of that Saturday. In preparation for this great day it is important to understand the significance of the "Selichoth" of the penitential days, and of the ceremonies associated with "Erev Yom Kippur," the days preceding Yom Kippur.

The "Selichoth" of the Penitential Days

Many a pious Jew rises before dawn during the days intervening between New Years and the Day of Atonement to recite "selichoth," as on the days preceding New Years. The approaching Day of Judgment impels the scrupulous Jew to pray day and night for forgiveness.

Erev Yom Kippur, or the Eve of the Day of Atonement

The day that precedes the Day of Atonement is a very important holiday. The sages of old told us that it is as much of a good deed to eat on the Eve of Yom Kippur as it is to fast on Yom Kippur, proper, and that he who observes both properly, is credited with having fasted two days. The chief features of Erev Yom Kippur are the asking of forgiveness and the meal before the fast.

The Asking of Forgiveness

Repentance, praying, and even charity cannot remove the effects of a sin committed against a fellow human being. To accomplish that end the injured party must be appeased. For this reason the morning of the Eve of Yom Kippur is used to establish peaceful relations between quarreling parties as well as to remove all possible animosities by asking the forgiveness of those whom we may have offended in anyway.

The Meal Before the Fast

The approach of the Day of Atonement causes a spirit of sanctity to pervade the Jewish home. There is something holy in the serious look of every pious Jew as he is seated at the table taking part in the last meal before the fast; there is something suggestive of reverence and awe in every soft word uttered; and there is something particularly soul-stirring in the recitation of the grace after-meals. After the meal the oldest male member of the family blesses the children. He pats his hands on the heads bowed in reverence and with subdued tears and unsubdued emotion pronounces a short blessing. After this ceremony is completed the entire family proceed to the synagogue; while the setting sun spreads its dying rays upon them.

Yom Kippur Proper

Yom Kippur is a most solemn day. On it we are prohibited not only to eat and drink; but we are also forbidden to wash for pleasure, to anoint ourselves for pleasure, to wear leather shoes, or indulge in any form of marital relations.

"Kol Nidre"

"Kol Nidre," with which the Yom Kippur evening services begins, is an absolution of vows made unwillingly at moments of excessive zeal. Taking into consideration the human weakness of vowing, at certain moments, more than one can fulfill, the Torah authorized the rabbis to absolve such obligations, when all parties involved agree. The starting of the first service of the Day of Atonement with this prayer may be viewed as an appropriate introduction to our supplications for forgiveness. Our recognition of our weaknesses makes us feel humble and contrite; while the almighty's recognition of the same encourages us to plead for a total forgiveness of all sins committed in the past.

"Kol Nidre" is followed by a much longer "maariv" or evening service than usual. After that most people go home; but some pass the whole night in the synagogue, reciting psalms. Early the following morning services begin again; and the whole day is passed in prayer and fasting.

The "Avodah"

As on every other holiday there are two morning services,—the "schacharith" and the "mussaf," between which a portion of the Torah and of the prophets are read. In the "mussaf" or additional services there is a special set of prayers called the "Avodah." The Hebrew word "Avodah" simply means service; but in the case under discussion it is applied specifically to the rabbinic description of the Temple sacrifices of the Day of Atonement. The morning Torah reading deals with the Temple sacrifices, and the "Avodah" supplements it by a detailed account of the same. The "Avodah" proper is finished with prayers, in which we express our sorrow for the loss of the Temple and its services.

Minchah and "Maftir Jonah"

The additional service is followed by the "mincha" or afternoon service. In the course of which we read "Maftir Jonah." This supplies us with an excellent illustration of the efficacy of confession and repentance, which occupies a very important part in all the services of the Day of Atonement. In the "Maftir Jonah," we are given an account of how the great city of Nineveh was saved from destruction through the repentance and confession of its inhabitants. The change in the conduct of the inhabitants of Nineveh, who were not Jews, was brought about by the warning call of the Jewish prophet Jonah, who was forced by the divine Will to carry out this mission. This teaches us how important it is for every one, who is capable of influencing his fellow human beings, to issue a call of warning, and how important it is for all to confess their backslidings.

"Neilah"

After "Mincha" we have the concluding service which is called "Neilah." The day is declining, and the last rays of the sun are falling on the pale

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CLUB NEWS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following clubs back to the Department of Center Activities of the I. S.:

The Aristas

The Aristas contemplate having their most successful season since their inception in 1927, and plan to join most of the activities offered.

You are welcome to come to the Arista meetings, on the Sunday afternoons that they will have prominent people give short talks on interesting and instructive subjects. The first lecture will be announced shortly.

The officers of the club are: Sidney Geller, President; Al Nathan, Vice President; Sol Kash, Secretary; Sol Baron, Treasurer. Dr. William Garfield is their Director.

The Versatile Club

Living up to their name, the Versatile Club, is anxious once again to make themselves known in the building.

They have already met twice and are laying plans for an active and interesting season. The officers of the club are: Irving Golowesky, President; Sol Golowesky, Secretary; and David Fox, Treasurer.

The Seacs Club

The Seacs Club could not resist the balmy weather they have been having recently and have been out practicing with their football. We expect them to be proficient at the game . . . soon.

Although interested in sports, these boys do not allow themselves to be easily defeated in other activities. They gave a fine account of themselves in the One-Act Play Contest last year and they hope to repeat it again.

The officers of the club are: Isidore Margulies, President; R. Eisenberg, Secretary; J. Barouch, Treasurer.

Varsity Girls

Under the capable directorship of Miss Sara E. Taitz, the Varsity Girls once again plan to participate in the activities the I. S. can extend to them.

These girls were particularly active in the Intermediate Council as well as other functions in previous years. Keep up your good work!

The officers of the club are: Frances Schwartz, President; Betty Josephson, Secretary; Gertrude Pecker, Treasurer.

Pickwick Girls

Considering the fact that the season has just started the Pickwick Girls deserve commendation for their excellent work they have already accomplished. On October 8th they plan to present an entertainment.

The officers of the club are: Florence Rosen, President; Frances Schulman, Secretary; and Gertrude Reichman, Treasurer.

Tranquillity Cardinals

After a tour of inspection through the building the Tranquillity Cardinals decided to affiliate themselves with the I. S. Miss Ruth Goldberg, an experienced social worker, is their leader.

We look forward to big doings among the members of the Cardinals.

MUSICAL COMEDY TO BE PRODUCED BY DEPT. OF CENTER ACTIVITIES

The second edition of *The Institutional Insanities* is scheduled for November 12th. Those of us oldtimers who recall the first edition of *The First Musical Comedy* produced in this institution have nothing but praise for that excellent production. Arrangements have been made with the well known and popular Solly Alper and his far-famed Rainbow Lodge Orchestra to work on the music and the dance to follow in the gymnasium. A cast of approximately 35 will commence this Sunday, October 1st. A pony chorus and several boy and girl choruses will be featured. We hope this will serve as a reminder and a clarion call to those people interested in taking part in this gala production. The skits and specialties will be of a better type, hence an early call is being made to all embryonic Eddie Cantor's, Al Jolson's or such. Get on the Wagon and Let's Go.

GIRLS' GYM AND POOL

The Girls' Gym and Pool classes will meet for their opening session on Sunday, October 1st. Let's get together for a banner year! We want as many girl clubs as possible to take advantage of our gym facilities. The activities will be more advantageous this year as we are getting a new set of equipment.

The Department of Center Activities is happy to announce that Miss Florence Meltzer will once again be the Directress of Girls' Gym and Pool activities.

As a special feature we offer a special rate to non-club members. A small fee entitles you to two gym periods a week; Tuesday afternoon from 4-6 and Sunday afternoon from 4-6.

PICKWICK GIRLS SPONSOR SUCCOTH PROGRAM

The Pickwick Girls are sponsoring the First One-Act Play of the Current season with a vehicle called *Two Goyim*. Judging from the hard, earnest and sincere efforts of this really fine and progressive group, Samuel Grossman's Brain Child will be done in really fine style. The Pickwicks are extremely enthusiastic and are working assiduously on the program. This affair is scheduled for Sunday Night, October 8th, and will be part of the Succoth Celebration for the clubs of the I. S. In addition, the Pickwicks will entertain with specialties, act as usherettes and do the varied honors that are required of Hostesses.

A pretentious programme for these little ladies but we're certain it will be a memorable evening for both guests and the Pickwicks. Since Mr. "Booky" Bookbinder is coaching the Girls, they need no further recommendation.

Hennings Club

The Hennings Club under the direction of Rabbi Goodman conducted memorial services for Mrs. Fannie Henning, on Wednesday evening.

The Yahrzeit of Mrs. Henning, after whom the Club is named, occurs on Yom Kippur.

After listening to a short sermon the members read appropriate Psalms.

RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN ON "COMPROMISE"

"There is need for militant religion. We have become altogether too flabby. We are guilty more of the sins of omission than commission. We do not as a rule commit grave crimes, but we fail to speak out against corruption and loose morals. We are blinking at the bright light of truth in the hope that all will right itself. This has led to a gradual but positive weakening of the moral fibre.

Expediency is supplanting righteousness. It is only "righteousness which exalteth a people." We are serving expediency even in religion. Expediency is pervading the synagogue, through compromise with the "Schulchan Aruch,"—the law of Judaism. Expediency may be a good umbrella, a temporary protection, but not a roof, a permanent security. We have never been in such religious chaos as we find ourselves today. I am reminded of the period of the Bood of Judges, "When everybody did that which was right in his own eyes" and forsook the word of God. There is compelling need to heed the words of the prophet Jeremiah "Stand ye in the old way and see, and ask after the old path, where the way is good, and walk therein, and find rest for your soul."

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countenances of the worshippers weakened (by the fast), but no one thinks of leaving the house of worship. The gates of heaven are about to be closed; the final decree for the coming year is unknown; and the last effort to improve it must be made before the sun sets. Such is the atmosphere in the synagogue, when the concluding service, "Neilah," is held. How can any one slacken his efforts at this time? When is the human being in a better position to give expressions to his devotion? There are tears and supplications in every eye; there are tremblings and hopes in every heart; and the air is resounding with the pleadings of the worshippers, "Open for us the heavenly gates, at the closing of the gates, for the day is declining!"

Behold the service is over; firm proclamation of our acceptance of the Divine Ruler are repeated; a triumphant blast of the horn is heard; our hope of being in Jerusalem next year as a redeemed people is loudly proclaimed; and a happy glow covers the face of every worshipper. If time permits, the worshipers indulge in a little bit of joyful singing; if not, the day's task is immediately finished by the praying of the ordinary week day "maariv." Yom Kippur is a fast and yet a joyful festival; the consciousness of spiritual accomplishments makes every worshipper feel happy. He who has experienced such a joy needs no explanation of it; and he who has not experienced it, has missed one of the most blissful sensations which man is privileged to enjoy in this world.

HOW MANY CAN YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY?

1. What do the words "Rosh Hashonah" mean?
2. When is Rosh Hashonah observed?
3. What does "Yom Kippur" mean?
4. On what day in the Jewish calendar does Yom Kippur fall?
5. By what special Hebrew name are the High Holy Days called?
6. By what three names is Rosh Hashonah known?
7. What is a Shofar?
8. When is the Shofar blown?
9. By what Hebrew names is the person who blows the Shofar known?
10. Name three occasions in the life of the Jewish people on which the Shofar was sounded in ancient times.
11. What special greeting do worshipers extend to each other at the end of the Service, on the eve of Rosh Hashonah?
12. What custom is observed at the evening meal of Rosh Hashonah?
13. What are the Aseres Y'me T'shuvah?
14. When do the Aseres Y'me T'shuvah occur?
15. What is the Sabbath which occurs between Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur called?
16. Describe the ceremony known as "tashlich."
17. What is the origin of the custom of "tashlich"?
18. What is the "Kol Nidre"?
19. What kind of oaths are annulled by the recital of Kol Nidre?
20. How is the Biblical admonition "Ye shall afflict yourselves" on Yom Kippur, interpreted traditionally in practice?
21. How long does the period of fasting last?
22. For what kind of transgressions does Yom Kippur atone?
23. What is the "Avodah"?
24. What two great Jewish personalities of ancient times are said to have been born on Rosh Hashonah?
25. When is the section of the Yom Kippur Service known as "Neilah" recited?

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