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CAPACITY AUDIENCE ENJOYS "INSTITUTIONAL INSANITIES"

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A record breaking audience, a perfect show, and splendid dancing all contributed their share in making the Second Edition of the *Institutional Insanities* a huge success, both socially and financially.

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Splendid lighting effects were created by Mr. Abraham Rhine and Mr. M. Miller.

The Arista Club, who were the sponsors of the affair worked conscientiously and industriously in the sale of tickets. The music was furnished by Solly Alper and his Rainbow Lodge Orchestra.

Mr. Isidore Bookbinder coached and directed the entire production. We wish to thank the Misses Sylvia Rosenberg and Sara E. Taitz for their kind co-operation.

The Cast included: the Misses Yetta Margulies, Flo Rosen, Susan Panken, Doris Tishkin, Lillian Siegel, Emily Sokol, Isabella Young, Helen Siegel, Mathilda Kohn, Ann Nussbaum, Rita Goldberg, Martha Nahmias, Daisy Nahmias, Martha Schoenberg, Priscilla Rosen, Jean Lasky, Gert Schor, Jessie Berman, Bella Strickman, Etta Sylvia Greenstein, Franklyn Weiss, Sylvia Rosen, Blanche Tishkin, Vivian Schoenberg, Sylvia Holtzer, Sylvia Dobrow, Rita Goldberg, Priscilla Rosen, Blanche Tishkin, and Martha Schoenberg.

Messrs. Sidney Geller, Abraham Rhine, Irving Golowesky, Jack Swibel, Bernie Feinberg, Jack Wainer and Herbert Molinas.

Among those present were Rabbi and Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Congressman and Mrs. Isaac Siegel, Mr. Aaron Wartels, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bernstein.

All the proceeds of this affair was turned over to the Home Camp Scholarship Fund.

You are cordially invited to attend the S'losh Sudos this Saturday afternoon, at 3:30, at the West Side Synagogue, which will be given by Mr. William L. Bassier in honor of Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

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YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Your co-operation is needed to insure the success of the Annual Rummage Sale and Bazaar of the Women's League of the Institutional Synagogue which will be held in the latter part of December.

The Women are actively engaged in gathering new and old merchandise from private individuals and business concerns. But more is needed. You undoubtedly have some merchandise which you can donate to this worthy cause. If so, phone UNIVERSITY 4-6729 and the ladies will be pleased to call for same.

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week: "To'ldos"

By RABBI HERBERT S. GOLDSTEIN

Chapter 25, Verse 22. "AND THE CHILDREN STRUGGLED WITHIN HER." The Midrash tells us that when she passed a Jewish house of worship she felt a struggle, and when she passed a house of idol-worship she also felt a struggle. She was therefore greatly worried lest the child would be partially disloyal to the traditions of Abraham. She thought, naturally, that she was carrying only one child, but when she was informed that she was going to have a pair of twins, her mind was greatly relieved. She felt sorry, of course, that one of her children would be an idol worshipper, but she was happy in the thought that the other child would be completely loyal to the faith, not assuming the middle role of a compromiser.

Verse 22. "AND SHE WENT TO INQUIRE OF THE LORD." She went into the school of Shem and Eber, who were still living at that time. To pay a visit to a scholar of the law was considered equivalent to beholding the Divine presence.

Verse 23. "AND THE ONE PEOPLE SHALL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER PEOPLE AND THE OLDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER." Rebecca is told that she will give birth to twins, of opposing and contending characters. They became afterwards the progenitors of two different peoples. Jacob and the Jewish people, "dwellers in tents," were custodians of the revealed word; Esau, on the other hand, who was not merely the ancestors of the known Edomites, a roving nomadic people having a small kingdom in the south of Palestine, but also the ancestor of the founder of the Roman empire. According to a tradition permeating the Rabbinic literature, Zepho, the son of Elifaz and grandson of Esau, went, in the time of Joseph, and founded a colony on the banks of the Tiber, which, in the process of time, swallowed up other tribes and races till it grew into a world power, destroying in its growth Greece, Carthage, and the Temple of Jerusalem, and bringing untold misery upon the Jewish people. This polity received the appellations of the "wicked kingdom," the "terrible beast," etc., mentioned in our liturgy. We read in our prayers, "And the deliverers will ascend

Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau." Thus it is predicted, "That one people will prevail over the other." Ultimately, the elder will serve the younger." Mind you, it is not hoped that the older shall be destroyed. Far be that from the Jewish spirit. We pray merely "that the sins (and not the sinners) shall be consumed out of the earth." See Psalm 104, verse 35.

We are praying for universal righteousness which is possible only under the belief in one God. Hence in our liturgy on the solemn High Holy Days we pray, "And then the righteous will see and rejoice and the upright will be glad, the pious will be merry with the song when iniquity shall close her mouth and all the wickedness shall vanish like smoke. When Thou wilt remove the domination of arrogance from off the earth." This refers to the time when polytheism and all its forms and manifestations will be discredited and given up, and the people will be ashamed of their old cruel credulity, in behalf of which they murdered and instituted inquisitions, and when they will renounce all these merciless follies and will become converted to the notions and world conceptions of the young, then "the older will serve the younger."

Verse 25. "AND THE FIRST CAME OUT RED ALL OVER LIKE A HAIRY GARMENT AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME ESAU." The name Esau is derived from the Hebrew word "made," which means that Esau was born red and developed, that is, fully made. He was full of blood, full of fighting, hunting, and of intemperate lust.

Verse 26. "AND HIS HAND TOOK HOLD ON ESAU'S HEEL." Symbolizing that they have different points of view, that they differ in the valuation of values. What one prizes highly the other underestimates. Thus, matters spiritual, which Esau holds of little esteem, to be trodden upon, Jacob siezes and holds dear. To Jacob, they are at the head, to Esau they are at the heel of things.

Verse 27. "AND THE BOYS GREW AND ESAU WAS," ETC. The Rabbits, in this connec-

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"POINT SYSTEM" INAUGURATED FOR CLUBS

A new method of arousing competition among the clubs has recently been inaugurated and received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

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Every one is eligible, there are no rules or restrictions, only activity and results count.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION CELEBRATES ARMISTICE DAY

At the services of the Junior Congregation on Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M., in accordance with American tradition, the children stood in silent devotion for a period of one minute. Following this a sermonette on "The Jew and Peace" was delivered by Rabbi Goodman. In the afternoon the children visited the Block-house in Central Park.

Mrs. Levitt, Mrs. Levine, and Mrs. Pearlman were present at the Sh'losh Sudos, which was given by the Parents Association. Mrs. Stein, President of the Parents Association, announced that the officers of the Junior Congregation would be given special awards.

WEEKLY BASKETBALL GAMES AND DANCES TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 19th

On November 19th, the Institutional Synagogue Basketball Team will meet the Henry Street Settlement Team in the first Basketball Game of the season. The I. S. team is composed of many expert players and the game will prove to be an interesting one, as the Henry Street Settlement is also well prepared for the contest.

These Basketball Games and Dances will be a regular weekly activity and will continue throughout the season.

FEDERATION PLANS CHARITY LESSON FOR CHILDREN

A mass religious school lesson in charity for the children under instruction in the synagogues and talmud torahs will be held Sunday morning, December 3, at the Roxy Theatre, 50th Street and 7th Avenue. It will be conducted by the Junior Federation of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies with the assistance of the Jewish Education Association. About 5,000 children will participate in the lesson which will be given from the stage, and about sixty will take part in a series of tableaux which will illustrate the ancient and traditional forms of Jewish charity.

The purpose of the mass lesson is to bring home to the children of today the underlying traditions of philanthropy which have been the inspiration of succeeding generations in caring for the poor and needy, and to imbue youth with the same fervor for charity which has animated all giving from tribal times up until the present.

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(Aboth II.2)

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Several Jews were among those who were swept into office along with Fiorello LaGuardia in the New York City elections on Tues., Nov. 7. Bernard S. Deutsch was elected President of the Board of Aldermen on the Fusion ticket over his Jewish opponents for that office. Samuel Levy, Democrat, was retained as President of the Borough of Manhattan, and Aaron Jacoby, candidate on both the Democratic and Recovery tickets, was re-elected register of Kings County. Samuel Rosenman, who was appointed by Governor Lehman to the Supreme Court Bench, was reelected to that post. I. J. P. Adlerman and H. G. Shackne, both Democrat-Recovery men, were elected to the Municipal Court's Bench.

Among the city assemblymen were: Carl Pack, D.; Samuel Weisman, D.; B. Gladstone, D.; Magnus Lipton, R.; Albert D. Schanzer, D.; S. Inselbuch, R.; W. Breitenbach, D.; A. F. Goldstein, D.; Irwin Steingut, D.; C. H. Breitbart, D.; J. H. Livingston, D.; Albert M. Cohen, D.; L. Farbstein, D.; I. D. Neustein, D.; S. S. Streit, D.-I. C.; J. Hammerman, D.; I. Arnold Ross, R.; W. Schwartz, D.; Meyer Alterman, D.; Robert Berstein, D.; W. Lieberman, R.; F. L. Zimmerman, D.; and Sidney Jacobi, R.

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tion, give the following simile. The myrtle and the thistle grew together. Prior to the blossoming there was no difference in odor to testify which was which. But when they blossomed then they began to emit their respective odors. One sent forth the fine fragrance of the myrtle, and the other the offensive smell of the thistle. So it was with these children. When they were young, little distinction could be drawn between the two, but when they grew up, as we read in our verse, then great differences were discernible.

Verse 28. "AND ISAAC LOVED ESAU BECAUSE HE DID EAT OF HIS VENISON!" The Rabbis say he used to deceive his father by submitting to him religious questions implying extreme scrupulousness, which made his father believe that he was a son of his own heart. But Rebecca, with that critical sense which is stronger in her sex, detected the make believe of Esau and therefore showed her love and affection to Jacob.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

EDITORS NOTE: *In view of the fact that the 66th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be this Sunday, November 19th, we are re-printing this world known speech.*

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here; but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us—the living—rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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