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"H.M.S. PINAFORE" SAILING GLORIOUSLY

Bound for a successful presentation at the Institutional Synagogue the rehearsals of the "H.M.S. Pinafore" are sailing over calm waters. The sailors and officers of the cast are faithfully performing their duties to insure the arrival of the ship into the port of success.

The fair Captain, Miss Regina Feiner, Musical Directress, is standing at the helm of the ship guiding its destiny. Her knowledge of musical compasses is standing her in good stead in avoiding the dangerous reefs and other nautical terrors that abound in the dangerous waters of light operetta production.

Don't miss the "H.M.S. Pinafore", under the command of Captain Regina Feiner, when it arrives at the port of the Institutional Synagogue on the evening of April 8th. The dock will undoubtedly be filled to capacity, so secure your visitors' pass to the ship in advance.

MANY CELEBRATIONS MARK CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHEVAT

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein
Addresses All Functions

The Parents Association opened the festivities in celebration of Chamisho Osor B'Shevav, last week, with a fruit party. Mrs. I. Stein introduced Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, who spoke on the "Spiritual Meaning of the Jewish Arbor Day." Mr. Herman Cohen entertained with several violin solos. Rabbi Philip Goodman delivered a talk on "The Holy Places in the Holy Land."

Rabbi Goldstein then addressed the "Surprise Night" gathering of the club members. The youngest club in the building, the "Pals", led by Mr. A. Rhine, held a party.

On Wednesday afternoon the students of both the West Side and Main Building Talmud Torahs held gatherings. At the West Side Building the pupils engaged in an opportunity contest and a Chamisho Osor B'Shevav baseball game in which Rabbi Goodman was pitcher and Mr. Fier the umpire. Miss Mintz was kept busy dishing out loads of goodies. At the Main Building the Parents' Association distributed bags of fruit to every child. In the evening the Hebrew High School held another celebration.

BON VOYAGE

The "Institutional" wishes to take this means of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Ratkowsky "Bon Voyage" upon their leaving for Palestine on Wednesday.

JOEY ABRAMS TO APPEAR THIS TUESDAY NIGHT AT WEEKLY SURPRISE NIGHT

Joey Abrams, well known and popular entertainer, who has just returned from a vaudeville tour, will be the Guest of Honor this Tuesday night, our weekly Surprise Night. Joey has promised also to bring several members of his troupe with him. What a treat in store!



JOEY ABRAMS

Those who have seen Joey Abrams perform at the Seventeenth Annual Theatre Party of the I.S. will be happy to know that he will again perform his famous impersonations of popular actors and band-leaders.

In addition to Mr. Abrams, local talent will take the spotlight for a short period. Dancing will follow, as usual.

Last Tuesday evening Jack Lawrence, author of "Play, Fiddle, Play" and "Gypsy Rhapsody", was the Guest of Honor. His renditions were greeted with continued bursts of applause.

Our President, Hon. Isaac Siegel, will speak this Saturday morning at the West Side Building on "Abraham Lincoln".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish to extend our sincerest felicitations to our beloved spiritual leader, Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, on the occasion of his birthday, February 8th.

May God grant him many more happy years.

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BIBLE COMMENTS

Sedrah for Week "Mishpatim"

by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Chapter XXIII, Verse 1. "THOU SHALT NOT TAKE UP A FALSE REPORT." This is an injunction against the malpractice of giving a full hearing to the witnesses on one side of a case in the absence of the witnesses of the other side.

"PUT NOT THINE HAND WITH THE WICKED MAN TO BE AN UNRIGHT-EOUS WITNESS." The Torah wants us to keep away from the company of the wicked. The Rabbis tell us in the Mechilta that the nobility in Jerusalem would not give their signature to a bill of divorce unless they knew who else besides themselves was going to sign the document. They would even decline invitations to banquets unless they knew who the other guests were to be.

Verse 2. "THOU SHALT NOT FOLLOW A MULTITUDE TO DO EVIL." The Rabbis interpret this to mean that a majority of one is not sufficient for a verdict of capital punishment. A minimum of two is required for a verdict of guilt. Another lesson to be derived from this verse is that one should not refrain from giving his honest opinion because he sees that a majority is against him. If one is convinced that the majority is wrong he should not conceal his views, for by doing so he relieves the mob of any opposition and thus indirectly helps them along. For good, however, one should be influenced by the majority. The Rabbis decreed that a majority of one is sufficient when the judges decide a case favoring the indicted one.

"NEITHER SHALT THOU SPEAK IN A CAUSE TO DECLINE AFTER MANY TO WREST JUDGMENT." The Rabbis in the Talmud in Sanhedrin interpret this verse as indicating that the least influential members of the court should render their opinions first. For, if the leading members utter their opinions first, the less

influential and the disciples might hesitate to express a contrary opinion, even if they have any, fearing a quarrel with their superiors. Hence, in order to avoid dissension or rebellion and at the same time to insure the benefit of the independent wisdom of the many, the subordinates and the younger members should be heard first.

Verse 8. "AND THOU SHALT TAKE NO GIFT FOR THE GIFT BLINDETH THE WISE AND PERVERTETH THE WORDS OF THE RIGHTEOUS." When one has accepted a gift which was intended as a bribe he is apt to misinterpret the text of the lawbooks. Once he becomes an interested party instead of a neutral party his mind may become blinded to the real meaning of the text of the law and he is apt to see only that point of view which he is eager to find therein.

Verse 19. "THOU SHALT NOT BOIL A KID IN HIS MOTHER'S MILK." This the Rabbis interpret to mean that meat and milk must not be boiled together, and if they have been boiled together, so that one has absorbed some of the substance or taste of the other they must not be eaten by observant Jews. Hence, we must have one set of vessels for milk foods and another set for meat foods.

Verse 25. "AND YE SHALL SERVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HE SHALL BLESS THY BREAD AND THY WATER, AND I WILL TAKE SICKNESS AWAY FROM THE MIDST OF THEE." The Rabbis explain this to mean that though many a disease has its source in food and drink, either on account of the impurities contained therein or the immoderate consumption thereof, yet when food is partaken of in accordance with God's prescription, that is, the dietary laws, many causes of sickness are removed.

Personals

Jack Greenfest's Boy Scout Troop are making rapid strides . . . most of the boys are already bedecked in uniforms . . . their first hike was a huge success . . . Congrats, Jack, and you Boy Scouters . . . The "Varsity Girls" insist that their name be seen in print . . . well . . . there you are . . . and we know that your affaire will be a huge success . . . George Kojac, one of America's leading swimmers and one of our Swimming Instructors, just shattered another Backstroke Record . . . The Avalons and Versatiles had a "blowout" the other night . . . loads of laughs and fun . . . Well, how's the kid sister? . . . Alfie Wolken, the popular Swimming Coach, passed his Physical Educational Exams by studying in a Law Library . . . Who is that maiden who persists in calling our Jerry Beuler so often? . . . Upon what meat doth this lad feed? . . .

Gertrude Stein has been an infrequent visitor of late . . . stop hiding and pay us a visit . . . The Versatiles claim that they are what they call themselves . . . and . . . are now busy editing a club paper . . . May we have one for our collection of famous documents? . . . Indications point to very lively sessions on Tuesday evenings . . . Arrangements have been made for three successive weeks with Jack Lawrence, Joey Abrams, Al Woods of Station WOR, and Jack Zero as Guest Stars . . . Jessie Maron was an unexpected and superbly pleasant guest at the last Surprise Night and did excellent service in her cycle of songs . . . Several stars well known on Broadway have offered their services for The Purim Festival and Floor Show scheduled for Saturday night, March 3rd . . . In talking of originality . . . let's not forget Izzy Margulies and his Noel Cowardlike Trait in writing a One-Act Playlet for The Seacs . . . Incidentally . . . nine clubs have signified their intentions of entering The One-Act Play Contest . . . Fortunately . . . the rivalry is bloodless . . . Bernie Wolken . . . Long Beach's Leading Life Guard . . . is bringing his Basketball Squad into prominence in that sphere . . . The Amici Girls are certainly doing their share for the Home Camp . . . keep going, Girls.

RESERVE MARCH 3rd FOR PURIM CARNIVAL

Many Surprises In Store

On Saturday evening, March 3rd, a Purim Carnival will be held in the Gymnasium of the Main Building. A Gala Floor Show of professional entertainers is now being arranged for that evening.

Many surprises will also feature this evening. On the program thus far is a dancing contest, spotlight dancing, and refreshments. The all-inclusive price of tickets for the evening is thirty-five cents.

HOW MANY ADS
HAVE YOU SECURED FOR
THE DIARY-JOURNAL?

Health Habits

IRWIN I. LUBOWE, M. D.

THE GLOW OF YOUTH

The present period of economic stress and financial strain that the country and world are facing is without any doubt the severest of all times. Those individuals who will suffer most are the youth—the future makers of the destiny and success of this country.

They are being deprived of the necessities which aid in the development and maintenance of good health and proper body building. In spite of the fact that the majority of people in moderate circumstances are being compelled to cast aside all luxuries, and barely exist on the few material things that hold their bodies and souls together, it is essential that the adolescent youth and the growing young man engage in these correct health habits with the ultimate formation of a good, sound healthy mind and body.

If they indulge in these vital and essential procedures for health maintenance, they will be better equipped to meet the exigencies of later life, that they will eventually be compelled to battle face to face.

Follow the ideas of life and health that are presented to you, and your existence will be brighter, and the glow of active youth will be permeated. For the human mechanism to exist, it must continuously activate the production of mobile energy from the food, which is really latent energy. Three simple meals eaten at regular hours, every day, must constitute part of the daily routine. The articles of diet should be easily digestible and assimilated. Also, there should be enough calories furnished to maintain the normal health-balance from day to day.

Exercise will cause the proper stimulation and acquisition of tone of the muscles and nerves of the skeletal and central nervous system. Indulgence in setting-up exercises and in the different sports, as basketball, baseball and swimming, is ideal if performed in moderation and not excess. Walking in the brisk, refreshing and purified air invigorates the lungs and peps up the sluggish circulation and the entire system.

It was necessary to postpone the meeting of the Board of Directors, scheduled for February 7th to Wednesday evening, February 14th, because many of the Directors were out of town.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

The Annual One-Act Play Contest will be held this year on March 10th and 11th. Final arrangements have been made by the following clubs: "Amici Girls", "Amigos", "Avalons", "Boy Scout Troop 699", "Pickwicks", "Seacs", "Senippahs", the "Tranquility Cardinals", and the "Acme Club".

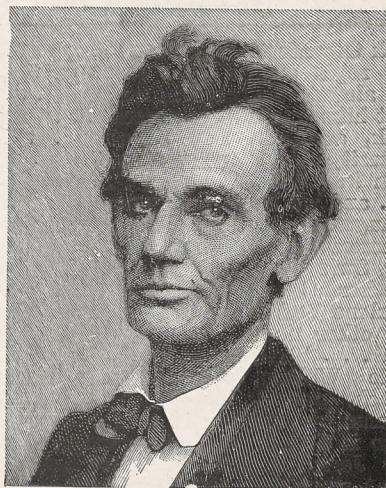
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

No religious hero ever entered upon his mission to conquer the world for an idea or creed with more reverence and a deeper feeling of the need of divine assistance than did Lincoln, when he was about to leave his home and his old associates and associations, good and evil, for his new home and his new life in Washington. "I leave now," he said in his farewell address to his fellow citizens at Springfield, Ill., "not knowing when or whether I may return, with a task before me greater than which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well." This sounds like a prayer; but the concluding lines of his inaugural, given in Washington on the fourth of March, 1861, rise to the heights of a mystical hymn.

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

"Higher criticism" attributes these lines to a suggestion of Seward, but it was Lincoln, as admitted even by the "higher critics", who gave them life and spirit and who transformed them in an illustration of perfect tender beauty . . .

The half century that has well nigh elapsed since his death has dispelled the mists that encompassed him on earth. Men now not only recognize the right which he championed, but behold in him the standard of righteousness, of liberty, of conciliation and truth. In him, as it were personified, stands the Union, all that is best and noblest and enduring in its principles, in which he devoutly believed and served mightily to save. When, today, the world celebrates the century of his existence, he has become the ideal of both North and South, of a common country, composed not only of the factions that once confronted each other in war's dreadful array, but of the myriad thousands that have since found in the American nation the hope of the future and the refuge from age-entrenched wrong and absolutism. To them Lincoln, his life, his history, his character, his entire personality, with all its wondrous charm and grace, its sobriety, patience, self-abnegation and sweetness, has come to be the very proto-type of a rising humanity.



A certain Jewish saint who had the misfortune to survive the death of his greatest disciple, is recorded to have exclaimed. "O, Lord, thou shouldst be grateful to me that I have trained for you so noble a soul." This is somewhat too bold; but we may well be grateful to God for having given us such a great soul as Lincoln, "who, under God, gave this nation a new birth of freedom," and to our dear country, which by its institutions and its people rendered possible the greatness for which Abraham Lincoln shall stand forever. (Prof. Solomon Schechter's Memorial Address. Delivered at Lincoln Centennial Celebration.)

MUSIC CLASSES STILL OPEN

Both the violin and piano classes are still open for new pupils. Registration is taking place from 4 to 10 P.M. daily during the coming week.

Instruction in piano is being given by Mr. Max Schwarzmans, and the violin class is being led by Mr. Herman Cohen.

All classes of the Music Department are free to members. Those interested in registering for these classes should see Rabbi Goodman.

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