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Our President's Message

Members and Friends

The Institutional Synagogue:

Within three weeks, we shall usher in the year 5696. In the meantime, let us push forward the cause of the Institutional Synagogue, by promptly paying for our seats for the High Holy Days, by devoting some of our time, by bringing home to those we meet, the splendid service we are rendering at our West 116th Street Building and reminding our co-religionists, that our suffering and persecuted co-religionists must not be forgotten in this critical hour.

We shall have hundreds occupying seats for the High Holy Days at our West 116th Street Building, who are unable to pay anything, but our doors will be open and they will be received and treated with every courtesy.

The wheel will turn and in the course of time, many of them will be in a position to, and will do their full share. May the One Above, give all, the courage to carry on, in the prayer of all who love their fellow human beings, for are we not told "Thou shalt love thy fellow man as thyself." (Levit. XIX;18).

As citizens, we must encourage every movement which helps the public good and stands for public order, for therein lies the safety of the maintenance of our institutions. The loyalty, devotion and patriotism of the Jew in America, can never be questioned. It is a record of which we have ever been proud. So it shall always be.

The Institutional Synagogue once again calls upon you, as we are about to enter the New Year, to advance the cause for which it stands and will always continue to stand—Love of God and Country.

ISAAC SIEGEL.

We mourn the loss of our late member and benefactor, Harry Eisenberg, who passed away on July 28, 1935.

May his soul rest in peace.

ADDITIONAL QUARTERS ENGAGED FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

I.S. to Accommodate Its Many Friends at Three Synagogues

Make Reservations Immediately for Choice Seats

Due to the demand and pressure of numerous friends of the Institutional Synagogue in the West Side neighborhood, additional quarters have been taken to accommodate them for the High Holy Days services. The new annex is located at the Lorraine, 2307 Broadway, between 83rd and 84th Streets. The beauty and attractiveness of the Synagogue will lend dignity and grace to the divine services.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, LESTER UDELL

We are indeed happy to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Udell our heartiest congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Maxine. May God bless you with joy and happiness in the years to come.

HARLEM TALMUD TORAH TO HOLD OPENING RALLY THIS MONDAY

Puppet Show Features Program

A gala event and a real treat is in store for the children living in Harlem, who, together with their parents, are invited to attend the opening rally of the Talmud Torah to be held in the Main Building Auditorium this coming Monday, at 4 P. M.

Puppet Show!

A screamingly funny puppet show will be the main attraction of the program. This show has been procured through the courtesy of the Drama Department of the D.P. W. Delightful refreshments will be served to all of the children attending.

This rally will precede the opening of the Talmud Torah registration at the Main Building. During the coming week, registration will be accepted daily between the hours of three and seven in the afternoon.

Parents are urged to attend with their children and become acquainted with the program and activities of the Talmud Torah. Rabbi Philip Goodman, Principal, has announced that extensive plans for extra-curricular activities have been made, which include arts and crafts, athletics, swimming, game room, outings, and journalism.

Well Known Cantors to Officiate

In addition, services will be held as usual at the Main Building Synagogue, 37-43 West 116th Street, and at the West Side Branch, 148 West 85th Street.

The services at the West Side Branch will be conducted by Cantor Zalmon Yavneh, whose melodious voice always enhances the services, while, Cantor Samuel B. Taitz will officiate at the Main Building. Cantor Isidor Lauer, well known to I.S. friends, will officiate at the services in the Institutional Annex.

Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein will preach sermons in his usual inspiring manner and will bring the New Year's messages to the hearts and minds of every worshipper. Rabbi Goldstein will be assisted by Rabbi Philip Goodman.

The Institutional Synagogue is famed for its beautiful congregational singing, led by able cantors. Uniform prayerbooks distributed to each seatholder, facilitates the participation of the worshippers in the service. Dignity and decorum are the keynotes of every service.

Seats Now Available

Adequate arrangements have been made to accommodate and serve the many members and friends of the I.S. residing in the vicinity of all three synagogues. Reservations and inquiries concerning seats can be made at the Main Building office, 37-43 West 116th Street or phoning Executive Director, Abraham Bernstein at UNiversity 4-6729—6730. The office is open daily from nine in the morning to ten in the evening. Mr. Bernstein will be ready at all times to meet the desires of everyone. A phone call to him this week will save you the needless bother of a last minute rush.

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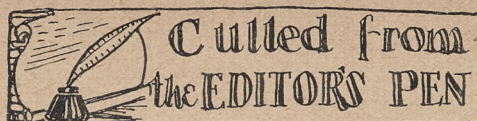
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Sedrah for Week, "Tetzeh"

RUSSO-JEWISH EDUCATION

Among the Jews of Poland and Russia, there was no learned estate, not because there were no scholars, but because the people itself was a nation of students. The ideal type for the Russian Jew was the Lamdan, the scholar. The highest ambition of the Russian Jew was that his sons, and if he had only daughters, that his sons-in-law should be Lomdim; and the greatest achievement of a man's life was his ability to provide sufficiently for them, so that, relieved from economic cares, they might devote themselves unrestrictedly to Jewish learning. To be sure, this learning was one-sided. Yet it was both wide and deep, for it embraced the almost boundless domain of religious Hebrew literature, and involved the knowledge of one of the most complicated systems of law. The knowledge of the Hebrew prayers and the Five Books of Moses would not have been sufficient to save the Russian Jew from the most terrible opprobrium—that of being an Am-Haaretz, an ignoramus. The ability to understand a Talmudic text, which demands years of preparation, was the minimum requirement for one who wanted to be of any consequence in the community.

I. FRIEDLANDER, 1913



revenue to the post office or adorn your wastebasket.

The Institutional Synagogue is the brain, heart, and soul-child of a group of idealists lead by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Congressman Isaac Siegel. Its activities bespeak its purpose. Of course, the Synagogue comes first. Following in its wake are our many and diversified activities which exemplify the fact that the life and habits of the good Jew are consistent with reasonable mental and physical culture, and not only consistent with progress but showing the way to progress.

Yet a number of our good friends are conspicuous by their absence. This publication seeks to round out our program by reaching as many as possible, in the hope of arousing their enthusiasm in our functions.

However, the Postal Regulations require that we publish fifty per cent "outside matter," that is, news not concerned with Institutional Synagogue matters or activities. Therefore, it has been decided to enlarge the size of the "Institutional" and in that manner make it more attractive and meaningful to its readers.

The question now arises, "In what manner may we all help the 'Institutional'?"

To Our Clubs

Surely, among our keen, energetic, and enthusiastic young men and women, many would enjoy newspaper work. How many of us, deep down in our hearts, would not be tickled with the idea of walking up to the editor and saying: "Here is a report of the Zionist Convention. I attended it and I know what I am talking about." Isn't it a fact that our athletes could give us a more vivid description of our contests? And how about our budding cartoonists, poets and novelists? Let them get busy.

To Our Talmud Torah

Here we have a group of scholars in being and scholars to be, eagerly absorbing the great spiritual lessons of Judaism. How absorbed they are drinking in the moral teachings and history of their great race. They are invited to write commentaries, contribute biographies and historical sketches, yes, even tell us their thoughts and feelings. Let us show the world what the I.S. is accomplishing.

To Our Adult Organizations

Earnest ladies and serious men, devoting their leisure time (and a lot of time filched from the home and business too) helping to carry on the unselfish and noble work of our beloved Rabbi and our devoted President, and our equally devoted Board of Directors! We appeal to you to send us reports of your activities, your plans, your hopes, and your original contributions.

THE RUSSIAN JEW

Scientists tell us that coal is nothing but concentrated sunlight. Primeval forests that for years out of number had been drinking in the rays of the sun, having been buried beneath the ground and excluded from the reviving touch of light and air, were gradually turned into coal-black, rugged, shapeless, yet retaining all its pristine energy, which, when released, provides us with light and heat. The story of the Russian Jew is the story of the coal. Under a surface marked by oppression and persecution he has accumulated immense stores of energy, in which we may find an unlimited supply of light and heat for our minds and our hearts. All we need is to discover the process, long known in the case of coal, of transforming latent strength into living power.

I. FRIEDLANDER, 1915

THE JEWISH QUESTION

To base the appeal for justice to present day Jewry upon the cultural services of ancient Israel, would be treason to the inalienable rights of man. A people may for a time be robbed of these rights, but, whatever the alleged political reason for such a crime, it cannot be legally or equitably deprived of them.

M. STEINSCHNEIDER, 1893

In a free State, it is not the Christian that rules the Jew, neither is it the Jew that rules the Christian, it is Justice that rules.

LEOPOLD ZUNZ, 1859

Happy is the old age that atones for the follies of youth; but happier still the youth for which old age needs not to blush.

CAMP TA-A-NOOG COMPLETES SECOND SUCCESSFUL SEASON

OVER ONE HUNDRED CAMPERS ENJOY PLEASANT SUMMER AT HOME CAMP.

Camp Ta-a-noog, the Home Camp project of the Institutional Synagogue, completed its second successful season of activities on August 23rd with a farewell banquet. Forty-eight campers were presented with awards for outstanding achievements in the various activities of the camp program.

Exceeding all expectations, more than one hundred children attended Camp Ta-a-noog.

The Camp provided the necessary relief for many over-burdened parents by taking care of their children from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, for five days a week, as well as providing a safe, cheerful, and interesting refuge for the children from the hot, barren, and dangerous city streets.

Diversified Program Provides for Individual Needs.

The diversified program of activities made ample provisions for the individual needs of each child who attended the Camp. The well balanced program which included activities from Hebrew Class to editing a newspaper, allowed each camper opportunity for self development. An outstanding feature of the camp was the imaginary trip to Palestine, undertaken by one of the groups. After shopping, purchasing tickets, arranging passports and visas, they set sail for Palestine via lectures, talks, books, periodicals and pictures. While in Tel Aviv the girls planned and executed a miniature Macabiah in which, at their invitation, the other members of the Camp participated. (We hope that the girls really make this trip some day).

The activities included baseball, handball, volleyball, hockey, swimming, arts and crafts, dramatics, story telling, treasure hunts, camp rallies, puppet shows, and motion pictures. Hebrew instruction was a daily feature of the Camp Program. Friday services, blessings before and after meals, were regular parts of the religious training. The Fast of Tisha B'Ab was observed according to the spirit of the day. A special service book, edited by Rabbi Philip Goodman, made clear to even the youngest camper the significance of the Fast. The campers published a bi-weekly publication, containing the news and gossip of the Camp. A twenty-three page farewell edition, dedicated to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and Hon. Isaac Siegel, summarized the activities and achievements of the campers.

The members of the staff were as follows: Rabbi Philip Goodman, Director; Morris A. Urieff, Head Counsellor; Dr. Rosenbaum and Dr. Lubowe, Physicians; Mrs. A. Behme;

Counsellors: Benjamin Borko, Richard Einhorn, Ruth Goodman, Ethel Grumer, Morris Grumer, Bertha Greenstein, David Martin, Shirley Maer, Yetta Margulies, Mildred Rosenberg, Milton T. Rosenberg, Lena Saslavsky, Reba Taitz and Mollie Gerstein.

Wit and Wisdom

"We Are Comfortable Now"

There once came a poor Chasid to the famous and distinguished Rabbi Dovid'l Talner, complaining about his ill state of affairs, saying:

"O Rabbi, pray for me; I have a wife and ten children, and only one room to dwell in; it is unbearable!"

"Have you a goat?" inquired the Rabbi, gravely.

"Yes," answered the Chasid in astonishment.

"Then," said the Rabbi, "take it into your house."

The Chasid did so, but a few days later came back to the Rabbi crying, that the conditions were still worse, that now he had nowhere that he could lie down. The Rabbi was not affected by his pleas but interrogated and said:

"Have you chickens?"

"Yes."

"Take them also into your house." The Chasid did so wonderingly, but he dared not disobey the holy and beloved Rabbi.

After a few days the Chasid returned again, his pleas and cries raised to a tremendous pitch.

"Rabbi, Rabbi, for pity's sake, I cannot stand it any longer! It is beyond human endurance!"

"Well, drive out the goat and the chickens," replied the Rabbi.

A few days later the Chasid returned with joyful reports.

"Holy Rabbi," said he, "we are so comfortable now; may the Lord prolong your days! You have saved my wife, my children and myself!"

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"Foolish Sinner"

To the famous Chasidic Zaddek, Rabbi David of Talna, known as "Rab Dovid'l Talner," there once came a young man inquiring what "Teshuba," or penance, should be imposed upon a young friend of his who had committed such and such sins, and explaining that his friend had sent him on the mission because he was ashamed to come himself.

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GYM PROGRAM FOR THE COMING YEAR

The organization will again emphasize the physical phase of its educational program for all members in an endeavor to achieve that hygienic development which is essential for a normal and successful adjustment in adult life, tending toward good morals, wholesome living, and good character and citizenship.

The activities will be programmed to allow regular time to calisthenics, basketball, handball, swimming, boxing, individual interests, and house teams. Inter-club tournaments and competitions will be held. Also, games will be arranged with neighboring community houses, and those of near-by cities. Personal supervision and assistance of the staff will be given in individual cases, or where asked for.

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You will want to write us about it? Why not? We would welcome your letter and suggestions.

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Bears Ago - This Week Chapters of Jewish History

SEPTEMBER 10th

Death of Sabbatai Zevi, 1676. It was the Day of Atonement, as both his enemies and supporters noted with superstitious concern. For over ten years the pseudo-Messiah had disturbed the Jewish world. Even his conversion to Islam (September 14th, 1666) had failed to shake the devotion of his followers. At last, it was to be expected that even the most credulous would be disillusioned. This, however, was not the case. All over the Jewish world, and especially in the Levant, there remained groups or individuals who refused to be undeceived. They comforted themselves with the illusion that it was not their Messiah who has apostasized and died, but a mere phantom which had assumed his appearance. Nathan of Gaza, his prophet, travelled about, encouraging believers not to lose faith: Abraham Michael Cardoso, a Marrano physician who had returned to Judaism, carried the good news to North Africa, where for many years the Ninth of Ab, the pretender's birthday, continued to be observed as a feast: Nehemiah Hayyum brought the controversy to London and Amsterdam, where he gained a goodly measure of support; while Mordecai of Eisenstadt, more daring, proclaimed himself the true Messiah whose coming it had been Sabbatai's mission to proclaim. As late as the second half of the eighteenth century, Jacob Frank found in Eastern Europe sufficient smouldering belief in the pseudo-Messiah of a century previous to be able to put forward his claims as his reincarnation, and to found the sect of Zoharists which he led over to a hybrid Christianity after the disputation of Kameniec (June 20th 1757). Even today, the Domneh of Salonica cover by a transparent disguise of Mohammedanism a religion which has as its centre the romantic figure of Sabbatai Zevi.

WHOLESONE ADVICE

The more simply you live, the more secure is your future; you are less at the mercy of surprises and reverses. An illness or a period of idleness does not suffice to dispossess you; a change of position, even considerable, does not put you to confusion. Having simple needs, you find it less painful to accustom yourself to the hazards of fortune. You remain a man, though you lose your office or your income, because the foundation on which your life rests is not your table, your cellar, your horses, your goods and chattels, or your money. In adversity you will not act like a nursing deprived of its bottle and rattle. Stronger, better armed for the struggle. . . . less advantage to the hands of your enemy, you will also be of more profit to your neighbor.

CHARLES WAGNER

September 11th

Foundation of the Jewish Colonial Association, 1891. It was through the agency of this body, which he endowed with a capital of £2,000,000 and incorporated at London, that Baron Maurice de Hirsch hoped to fulfill his object 'to assist and promote the emigration of Jews. . . from countries in which they may. . . be subjected . . . to disabilities. . . and to form and establish colonies in various parts of North and South America.' He imagined that by this means it might be possible to transplant three million Jews from Russia within twenty-five years, and to restore them to a predominantly agricultural life. After the founder's death, the J. C. A. (as it is generally called) came into the possession of a fund amounting to £6,000,000—incomparably the greatest sum which has ever been devoted by one man to any Jewish charitable purpose. Colonies were founded in Canada, Cyprus, Asia Minor, Russia, Roumania, and Galicia; but the greatest part of the work has been done in the Argentine, where whole tracts are now in the hands of Jewish farmers. If the results, taken as a whole, have been disappointing, this does not detract from the debt of gratitude which Jewry must owe to the memory of the founder.

WIT AND WISDOM

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Rab Dovid'l thought, however, that young man was the sinner himself and put the matter in that form in order to his identity; so he said to him: "W foolish man your friend the sinner is! did he need to reveal his sins to you; he not just as well come to me himself said that he had come on behalf of s one else?"

This shrewd thrust on the part of Dovid'l broke down the young man and confessed that he was the sinner.

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He who has no inner nobleness, has ing, even if he be of noble birth.

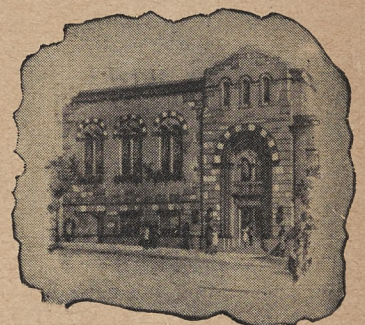
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